

McLean CONNECTION

New Dominion Women's Club continues to support arts in the community. After sponsoring children's art walk at the MPA artfest in McLean on Oct. 1 – with children like Vasav Ramineni, 4, of McLean exhibiting their artwork – the Club is hosting the 'Arts Night Out' fundraiser at the McLean Project for the Arts on Thursday, Nov. 16.

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Renting Out Homes Through the Net

Proposed zoning rules would allow residents to operate short-term lodging as an accessory use of a home.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Nick Ploutis developed his backup plan during tough economic times when fewer people contracted him to paint their houses.

"It has saved me," said Ploutis of Springfield, a father of four who rented out his Alexandria property through a short-term rental platform. "Airbnb has helped me to pay my bills."

Fairfax County Planning Commission held a workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1 to address issues associated with allowing short-term rentals, such as who can operate lodging, the number of days permitted, whether homeowners or occupants must be present during the rental period, fees and necessary permitting for registering homes for short-term rentals, and if a log of overnight adults guests must be maintained and available to county staff.

"I think a lot of [short-term rentals] are flying under the radar," said Dranesville District Commissioner John Ulfelder. "Technically, they are illegal right now."

Currently, short-term lodging is not a permitted use under the existing Zoning Ordinance.

Laurie Arrants, of the Mason District, expressed comfort that the county will examine this new rental industry before rushing ahead: "Adding risk associated with lodging into the residential communities is a huge paradigm shift," when local zoning code has protected residential areas from commercial activity, she said.

Right now, the county is considering limiting the number of nights in a range of 30 to 180 days annually; planners said they want the rentals clearly defined to be an accessory use, that the property's primary use will still be somebody's domicile.

Gail Henry of Fairfax asked why there would be a limit to the number of days residents could rent out home spaces. "I imagine there are many positives," said Henry, referring to widowers, military members, people laid off or underemployed, or trying to remain in an expensive county.

She voiced concern over a negative undertone she sensed in the county's initial discussions on the topic.

But planning commissioners have not taken any stand, said Planning Commission Chairman and Springfield District Commissioner Peter Murphy.

"No one on the commission is calling balls and strikes right now, we are simply asking questions," said Murphy, during the public workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING parking, noise, and insurance liability dominated the queries from the planning commissioners



Julie Strandlie, Mason District Commissioner



Nick Ploutis, Springfield



James Hart, At-large Commissioner



Timothy Sargeant, At-large Commissioner



Don Hinman, Mount Vernon



Gail Henry, Fairfax

Proposed Standards

Related to Operation:

- Short-term lodging allowed as **accessory use** to the primary residential use
- ✓ Limited to overnight rentals of not more than **30-180 calendar days/year**
- ✓ Operator must be present during all rental period except for a maximum of **14-60 calendar days/year**
- ✓ Limited to one contract per night
- A log of all overnight adult guests must be maintained & must be available upon request by County Staff
- ✓ Indicates provision to be advertised with flexibility

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This chart shows a range of proposals for the zoning ordinance regarding short-term rentals.

to Department of Planning and Zoning staff during the two-hour meeting.

Liability insurance must be addressed, said Don Hinman, of Mount Vernon District, who spoke on behalf of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. The federation advocates that homeowners (or residents) must be present when renting out

for short-term rental.

At-large Commissioner James Hart called the short-term rentals analogous to child care centers operating in people's homes.

He asked if inspections will be made, but county officials said they intend the responsibility to be placed on the homeowner or occupant hosting the short-term renter.

"It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short term rentals]."

— Julie Strandlie, Mason District Planning Commissioner

Regulating, Permitting Short-Term Rentals

Fairfax County is moving forward with a process to permit and limit short-term lodging like Airbnb and other platforms. This would regulate who can operate short-term lodging, impose limits on the operation and develop a permit process for seeking approval of short-term lodging as an accessory use to the occupancy of a dwelling.

The county's Department of Zoning Ordinance process allows time to fine-tune additional language of short-term rentals; the county will advertise public hearings to give all residents an opportunity to voice opinion. The county conducted an online survey and have conducted several public meetings already, including last week's public workshop at the Planning Commission.

For more, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/shorttermrentals/shorttermrentals-calendar.htm.

"If we're approving a registry of these, maybe there's some expectation in the public that somebody at some point has checked to make sure there's a working smoke detector and that there's a fire exit that meets code," said Hart. "I hope that there's not a false sense of security by us approving a registry for these, that yes, you can sleep overnight there ... and we don't know if it's a firetrap or not."

Lee District Commissioner James Migliaccio would like to see "a more draconian approach" taken with violators.

"I'm looking to protect the neighbors a bit more," said Ellen Hurley, Braddock District Commissioner.

THE STRONGEST request came from Mason District Commissioner Julie Strandlie. She implored the county to conduct a survey of HOAs and condo associations.

"I think it is imperative that we do a survey to find out what our communities existing HOA and condo language says," said Strandlie. "It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short-term rentals]."

At-large Commissioner Tim Sargeant said he has concerns for small HOAs that might not have the resources to pursue legal costs should the need arise.

"We're not precluding any HOA in any way from saying no?" asked Commissioner Hart.

"That is correct," answered Lily Yegazi, senior assistant to the zoning administrator.

Helping Keep Homeless Warm this Winter

Hypothermia Prevention Program gearing up for 2017-2018 season.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The first semi-cold snap just hit the region, but it's just a taste of colder days and wintry weather yet to come. It's also a reminder that some of people will be braving the season without the ability to simply turn the temperature up on a heating unit. In a region that is consistently described as having one of the healthiest economies in the country, there are still hundreds who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.

Fairfax County and surrounding communities operate shelters for individuals and families year-round and serve a large clientele with their efforts, but when winter arrives, it becomes apparent that there are many more homeless throughout the area, and without the Hypothermia Prevention Program their lives would be in danger.

During the 2016-2017 season, Abby Dunner from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness reports that at least 1,057 people utilized one of the shelters for at least one night.

THE PROGRAM is an integral part of the county's commitment to prevent and end homelessness, offering shelter – and more – during the coldest months of the year. The non-profits New Hope Housing (NHH), FACETS, Cornerstones and Northern Virginia Family Services operate the program under contract with Fairfax County, dividing their efforts and offerings into five service areas, with the help of some 44 faith-based communities who have volunteered not only their congregants to assist, but also offered their facilities as shelter venues during the program's season.

New Hope Housing handles the task in the South County Route 1 area, the Central area, including Annandale and Seven Corners, as well as within the City of Falls Church, in partnership with Friends of Falls Church Homeless Shelter.

In South County, NHH goes into high gear starting Dec. 1 with their overnight shelter program through the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program (VIC-HOP) at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria. An army of volunteers, many from faith-based agencies, assist staff with meal preparation and service for dinner and a to-go breakfast. NHH also offers housing assistance and employment skills at both shelters.

The City of Falls Church program will kick off on Nov. 15 and run through March 31, 2018 at the Falls Church Homeless Shelter at 217 Gordon Road. from 6 p.m.-8 a.m. daily. Like the South County facilities, case management services will be available, in addition to hot meals and a warm and safe sleeping environment.



On a day like this, many appreciate that Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria offers their facilities to the homeless during the Hypothermia Prevention Program Season through their Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program, with New Hope Housing coordinating the services for the region.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY SHERRY EDELKAMP



Thousands of volunteers make the Hypothermia Prevention Program possible each year, offering a warm meal and a warm place to sleep. A cheerfully decorated lunch bag from some of the region's youngest citizens, can help warm the heart as well.

Contact Information

How to make contact in your area to receive assistance or to offer it:

- ❖ South County – www.newhopehousing.org.
- ❖ City of Falls Church – www.newhopehousing.org
- ❖ Central – www.newhopehousing.org
- ❖ North County – www.cornerstonesva.org. To donate or volunteer, contact ❖ Susan Alger at Susan.Alger@cornerstonesva.org.
- ❖ Western/Central – www.facetscares.org.

In the Central region, from Dec. 1 through March 31, 2018, NHH operates their seasonal program out of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter (BCCS), starting at 4:30 p.m. Faith communities offer their facilities on a weekly rotation, enabling NHH to greatly expand the numbers they can assist. Clients can access meals, laundry, showers and cold-weather clothing and supplies at BCCS, before some are transported to a volunteering faith community for overnight accommodation in the care of NHH staff. Guests are then transported back to BCCS the following morning.

Cornerstones coordinates the efforts in the North County area, including Herndon and Reston, operating out of the Embury Rucker Community Shelter. The main Hypothermia Prevention Program opens at the North County Government Building on Dec. 1, where guests are directed after visiting the Embury Rucker facility. Case management, supplies, meals, showers, laundry, and even bus tokens are available to guests. During the 2015-2016 season, FACETS and their partners served 385 guests.

The Western and Central region, which includes Fairfax and Centreville, is operated by FACETS. Their prevention program begins on Nov. 26. Accommodations vary, as guests are hosted by various partnering faith communities. The first four weeks will be hosted at one site, then, beginning on Dec. 24, the program utilizes two community sites rotating each week. FACETS provides case management services at each location. FACETS also encourages community members to volunteer at a location, or to donate items like food and clothing. The organization offers volunteer and staff training sessions "with the goal of making sure everyone involved feels safe and confident in providing shelter to those experiencing homelessness this season."

IN ADDITION to offering accommodation and life skills services, the Hypothermia Prevention Program includes visits – at least once per week – to the venues by nurse practitioners from Fairfax County's Homeless Healthcare Program. Basic medical care can be offered onsite, and flu vaccines will be offered free of charge. Outreach personnel will also visit, helping to assist clients wishing to enroll into the Community Health Care Network's free clinics.

News



Laissez Foure played light jazz.



Nina Lane and Jim Talens enjoyed some great food.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH ENDE

Adults and children have fun at Oktoberfest.

Chesterbrook Woods Residents Celebrate Fall

Approximately 300 neighbors attended Chesterbrook Woods Citizens Association's (CWCA) annual Oktoberfest Block party on Oct. 22. Oktoberfest party planners, Lara Bakewell, Melissa Burnison and Katie Crowe, set up a party that was fun for residents of all ages. There were moonbounces, games, and a costume contest to entertain kids. Kids Party Face provided exquisite face painting and Ken Caplan created clever balloon art. In addition to hotdogs and brats, residents enjoyed side dishes, salads and desserts. Laissez Foure, a jazz quartet, provided delightful music to entertain the adults. A number of CWCA residents also donated laundry detergent which along with leftover unopened food and beverages was donated to Share of McLean (www.shareofmclean.org).

Prizes were given for costumes, including the fam-

ily costume award which went to the Cumberland family who for the fourth year in a row, went all out on their costumes. This year, Wendy, Winson and son, Tucker, came dressed as Lock, Shock and Barrel from the Tim Burton movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Wendy said, "We bought our home in Chesterbrook Woods in October 2008 and this event was our first introduction to the neighborhood. As we made our way down the street that first year, we were floored by the turnout and thrilled with prospect of so many future friends for ourselves and playmates for our son. We love that Chesterbrook Woods Oktoberfest embraces all ages and interests, with live music, games, loads of food, and a ton of fun. The sense of community here is strong and we love going 'all-in' to celebrate!"



Wendy, Tucker and Winson Cumberland aka Lock. The Cumberlands won family costume award.

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OPINION

Be Part of Children's Issue 2017

Get creative and send art, poetry and more.

During the last week of each year, this newspaper devotes its pages to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View) is a tradition of well over a decade.

EDITORIAL

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of

your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever been given? Ever received?

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- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

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Please send all submissions by Friday, Dec. 1. The Children's Edition will publish the last week of 2017.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to: Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View), 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Poll Favors Housing

Voters strongly believe that people who work in their community should be able to find a home there.

BY MICHELLE KROCKER,
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EAST VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE
HOUSING ALLIANCE

The first-of-its-kind public opinion poll on housing was conducted recently by the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University to gauge Virginians' thoughts on policies and programs that address housing affordability in the Commonwealth. The poll was commissioned by the Campaign for Housing and Civic Engagement (CHACE), a statewide housing advocacy network led by the Virginia Housing Alliance and the Virginia Poverty Law Center.

A majority (54 percent) of respondents favor public sector investment in affordable housing at the state and local government level. That support in-

cludes maintaining and expanding the uses for the Housing Trust Fund, reducing homelessness, facilitating "aging in place" modifications, and promoting energy efficiency in affordable housing.

A summary of some of the more salient points raised in the survey include:

- ❖ 82 percent of voters strongly believe that people who work in their community should be able to find a home there (economic diversity; access to opportunity);

- ❖ 56 percent of voters agree that housing affordability is vital to their community's economic success (economic competitiveness; diversity; access to opportunity);

- ❖ 58 percent of voters also believe that ending homelessness is an important

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Churches Getting Ready for Company

BY JOE FAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF FACETS



The warm fall masks what's ahead: a cold winter that jeopardizes the lives of those who have no home. Despite the warmer than average temperatures, the annual community effort to protect and provide for Fairfax residents who are living in the woods, on the streets, in cars, and abandoned buildings is gearing up.

Since 2003, FACETS' Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program has provided a safe place to sleep and nutritious meals to men and women who are experiencing homelessness. This program is operated across Fairfax and Falls Church in partnership with the Fairfax County government and approximately 40 faith communities.

Planning starts months before as our team at FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping those who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax, meets with faith community and county partners on the

logistics needed to serve hundreds of guests. Throughout the winter, each faith community partner takes a week when they open their doors to provide shelter. In anticipation, churches and temples are preparing their facilities to welcome

people in need during the cold months ahead — cleaning, getting supplies, and making fixes and upgrades. Other volunteers are planning menus and meals to serve.

Over the years, the program has evolved from solely offering a safe haven to also offering life-enhancing programs. The cold winter means demand for our services goes up. It also means we have the opportunity to address these needs in a very personal way as more people come in from the cold through our hypothermia prevention effort. We use these interactions to connect even more people with housing solutions and critical services.

Last year, we served nearly 300 guests through the hypothermia

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NEWS

Used Book Sale Raises Money for Scholarship, Academic Awards

Thanks to the community's support in donations and purchases, the McLean Area branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) 48th annual used book sale was a success.

The proceeds from the sale enabled the branch to award a total of \$32,000 toward scholarships to women returning to college, awards to the top junior girls in math and science at three local high schools, an award for a senior girl at the Fairfax County Science Fair, support of branch leadership development, and contributions to several AAUW Funds.

The branch thanks Spring Hill Recreation Center for allowing them to host the event and plans to return there for the 2018 sale. As a branch of the American Association of University Women, McLean AAUW promotes equity and education for all women and girls.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The McLean Area branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) thanks Marcellous Cooper and his Spring Hill Recreation Center staff for supporting their used book sale. Gathered around Cooper are Caroline Pickens, Marsha McMullin, Aroona Borpujari, Juanita Cullen, Marge Degnon and Betsy Schroeder.

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Home LifeStyle

Light Up the Season

Tastemakers create holiday trees, mantel-pieces, wreaths and a menorah for charity.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Some local designers are collaborating with patients at Children's National Health Center to deck the hall for charity. The tastemakers are creating holiday trees, mantle pieces, wreaths and a menorah for a community fundraiser called "Light Up the Season." The Creative & Therapeutic Arts Services at Children's National worked with the Children's Health Board to pair designers with patients for inspiration.

"We were very excited to learn about Light Up the Season and be able to take part," said Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design. "Over the years we've been regular participants in the DC Design House, another charity event benefitting Children's National. However, with this event we got the chance to interact and collaborate with the children that these events benefit. It's been a much more hands on experience for us. And who doesn't love decorating holiday trees?"

Subaran, along with Megan Padilla and Kelly Emerson also of Aidan Design created a holiday tree design called "A 'Wimpy' Tree - A Tree in Cartoons," which was inspired by a patient named Wesley and his favorite book series, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

"Our tree will explore a black and white theme in keeping with the graphic novel genre," said Subaran.

The design team says that they used 2- and 3-D interpretations of classic Christmas décor combined with "striking graphic visuals, pops of color, and a good dose of wit, the tree will be both a throwback to a simpler time and on trend for young readers."

"A Guiding Light" is the name of the mantel design created by Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc.

and inspired by a patient named Cheyenne. In creating her mantel, the designer said that she, "tied in biblical references to light, which are shown throughout the display, and incorporated Cheyenne's favorite color: red for a red, white and silver-themed mantel."

Two sisters named Leilah and Ava were the inspiration for a tree design called, "A Colorful Family Christmas" by Annie Elliott and Christy Maguire of Annie Elliott Interiors. "When asked what they liked best about Christmas, the girls agreed that being together with their entire family was tops," said Elliott. "In that spirit, they inspired our theme, 'A Colorful Family Christmas.' Playing board games, reading stories, sitting around a fire and decorating the tree also are favorite family activities. You'll see all of these holiday traditions reflected in our



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Annie Elliott (right) and Christy Maguire (left) of Annie Elliott Interiors, (pictured with Leilaha and Ava) will collaborate on a holiday tree for Light Up The Season 2017.

tree's decorations."

"Leilah and Ava have many favorite colors, but a winner for both is teal," added Maguire. "Therefore, teal drives the tree's color palette, and other of the girls' favorites, purple, blue, and green, also are included."

Other area designers include Lena Kroupnik of Lena Kroupnik Interiors, Allie Mann and Alexandria Hubbard of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., Camille Saum of Camille Saum Interiors of Bethesda, Md.; Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home, Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron, Ashley Greer of Atelier Ashley Flowers of Alexandria; Pamela Harvey of Pamela Harvey Interiors of Herndon; Josh Hildreth and Tara Price of Josh Hildreth Interiors of Reston and Lisa Tureson of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill.

The holiday designs will be on display during a family-friendly community fundraising event to benefit Children's National at Four Seasons in Georgetown, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. There will be activities for all ages, such as holiday cookie decorating, ornament making, a visit from Santa and Children's National Dr. Bear mascot, musical performances and youth entertainers, silent auction, and light fare and libations. In addition, guests will be encouraged to write holiday cards for Children's National patients. Visit childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason for more.




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House No. 1

House No. 2

McLean's Holiday Homes Tour Set for Dec. 7

Preparations for this year's annual Holiday Homes Tour are nearly complete, with the tour set for Thursday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A 51-year tradition of the McLean Woman's Club, the event will focus this year on four large, elegant homes in varied architectural styles on half- to one-acre lots in three neighborhoods.

Woman's Club members have been working on arrangements since February – selecting the tour homes, securing ads for the ticket book, preparing publicity, and planning seasonal decorations in consultation with the homeowners.

At the same time as the tour, the Woman's Club will host its free, annual MarketPlace at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will feature numerous vendors and silent-auction donors, jewelry and accessories, home-baked goods, holiday gifts and décor and Homes Tour

tickets. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and drinks all day.

Tour tickets will cost \$25 before Dec. 7 and \$30 on tour day. They will be for sale at Mesmeralda's Gifts of McLean, Karin's Florist, in Vienna; and Great Dogs of Great Falls. Tickets will also be available at the tour houses and at the MarketPlace.

All proceeds will be donated to local charities, including Second Story (formerly Alternative House), Fisher House, the Wounded Warrior program, Capital Caring, Share Inc., the McLean Project for the Arts, and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, as well as used for scholarships and education.

Tour Houses

❖ House No.1 (2114 Virginia Ave., in Franklin Park) exemplifies the potential warmth and comfort of a conventional architectural

style. Its 10,000 square feet boasts handsomely modern facilities, refined materials and décor, an open staircase with windows, high ceilings, six ensuite bedrooms, a theater, five working fireplaces, and a beautifully landscaped, 2,000-square-foot outdoor living space.

❖ House No. 2 (1309 Calder Road) was custom built in a rustic Mediterranean style with a low-level tile roof and an arch motif with columns on the exterior. The two-story home has 10-foot ceilings, great rooms on the first and second floors, a music room, five large ensuite bedrooms, a music room, a large rec room downstairs, and a four-car garage. The main level has heated Brazilian cherry floors, which keep the lower level warm in the winter.

❖ House No. 3 (8118 Spring Hill Farm Drive) displays unique architecture, with arches and rooflines unlike those of any other home in the subdivision and is positioned at the end of a 1/8-mile-long, tree-lined brick driveway. The floors of the home are white marble with

black granite and dark-wood trim. The ceilings are all decorated or display unique designs, notably in the family room and living room. There are a large party room and theater room on the lower level. The house has a four-car garage with an inlaw suite above.

❖ House No. 4 (1204 Daviswood Drive) is conventional but modern in design. On the first floor are a formal living room and dining room, as well as a great room and library, all tastefully decorated by the owner, who herself is an interior designer. The home has a two-story marble foyer with a spiral staircase and a crystal chandelier. Upstairs are four ensuite bedrooms. The lower level has a media room, a billiard room, and a gym; the backyard has been handsomely landscaped.

For more information on the tour and the MarketPlace, call 703-556-0197 or visit www.mcleanwomensclub.org.

— LAURA SHERIDAN
MCLEAN WOMAN'S CLUB



House No. 3



House No. 4

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

Mom's Group meets second and

fourth Thursday of the Month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Join the group for coffee and fellowship. The group meets in the Lillian Croy Room, near the Church Office.

Childcare will be available just across the hall in the Childcare Center. If you are interested in joining the group, contact the Church Office at 703-938-6521 so that we can plan appropriately for materials and childcare.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Human Trafficking Seminar at Madeira

"Human trafficking is real and it is happening in Fairfax County," said Just Ask President and former Fairfax County Police Detective Bill Woolf, noting that, "Teen sex trafficking is the second fastest growing crime in Fairfax County."

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) will kick off a Human Trafficking awareness seminar on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at The Madeira School that includes training from Woolf. Sponsored by the Great Falls Rotary and open to community members, Great Falls Rotary President Vishal Chawla said, "We have invited several human trafficking awareness leaders to come together to help our community prevent and protect their families from human trafficking. Education is the best and most important tool."

The evening includes personal stories from survivor Alicia Kozakeiwicz, and author, advocate, and survivor, Barbara Amaya, as well as information on how to recognize and report potential human trafficking happening in Virginia.

Featured speaker Nancy Rivard, president of Airline Ambassadors said, "Each young person, parent and community member interacts with hundreds of people in their daily lives, at school, at the mall, grocery store and sporting events and knowing how to recognize trafficking indicators can help stop trafficking before it begins."

Recognizing the importance of highlighting teen sex trafficking locally, Madeira Head of School Pilar Cabeza de Vaca, said, "Madeira's seminar on human trafficking awareness brings to light the scope of human trafficking, and empowers participants to act locally and play an important role in the prevention of modern day slavery."

Participants will be given resources for support including handouts, wallet cards and fact sheets to assist them in recognizing and reporting potential human trafficking.

To register for the free Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar at Madeira, go to madeira.org and register in the events section.

NEWS



PHOTOS BY KIM MORAN

Churchill Road students Devin Diba, Brady Millar, Edwin Gaulding, Kaylin Janardhanan and Joe Proctor work together to make sandwiches for Martha's Table.

Making Sandwiches for Martha's Table

Churchill Road Elementary School continued its community service tradition by making sandwiches for Martha's Table, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., that serves sandwiches to those in need. On Wednesday, Oct. 18 Churchill Road first, third and fifth graders, along with family members and teachers, made nearly 2,000 sandwiches during this

inaugural sandwich-making event of the year. The school cafeteria was a beehive of activity during the event. The sandwiches were hand-delivered by the PTA Community Service Committee co-chairs Jill Farah and Christie Stute. Cooper Middle School eighth graders Spencer Schwartz and Ulaina Ahn coordinated the event on behalf of the PTA.



Clockwise from left: Churchill Road third graders Matthew Berkland, Reed Kahn, Junseok Kim and Tyler West formed an assembly line to make sandwiches for Martha's Table.

A Lucky Dog Indeed

Oliver wags his tail to the tune of "Sweet Georgia Brown" played by the Adam Acosta band at the Fall Heritage Festival held at Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park on Military Road in Arlington. Five-year-old William Miller Incardona from McLean gives Oliver a hug as his father, Chris, explains Oliver is a new family arrival, a shelter dog from South Carolina rescued by Lucky Dog. Since the South Carolina facility was a state evacuation site, they had to move out dogs so that dogs impacted by Hurricane Irma had a place to go. Oliver was a lucky dog; Chris says most of the other dogs in the shelter didn't make it.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Broadway Exhibit. Through Nov. 18, various times at Broadway Galleries, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Local photographer, Silvia Gonzalez Roman with a variety of work. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Vienna-Wide Food Drive. Through Dec. 31, bring food contributions to Vienna Town Hall - 127 Center St. S; Vienna Arts Society-115 Pleasant St. NW; Bikes@Vienna-128-A Church St. NW; Caffè Amouri-107 Church St., NE; Evolution Fitness- 216 Dominion Road, NE; Rexall Drug Store-150 Maple Ave. W; Drs. Covell, Stack and Henon- 120 Beulah Road, NE; Patrick Henry Library (co-sponsored by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins) and the Vienna Community Center. Girl Scout Troop 2684 will be helping NEVCA by picking up the food. Sponsored by Committee for Helping Others. Call 703-281-7614.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

McLean Farmers Market, Fridays, through Nov. 17, 2017; 8 a.m. to noon, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site to answer questions about plants in your landscape

Fit for Life Classes. Wednesdays through Nov. 22, 11 a.m.-noon at Bruen Chapel United Methodist Church, 3035 Cedar Lane, Fairfax. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults, taught by instructor, Michele DeGarmo. \$5. Call 703-281-0538 or email eileentarr1@verizon.net

Free Tai Chi. Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit FreeTaiChi.org.

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 8

Great Falls Historian. 7 p.m. at the



‘Much Ado About Nothing’

Oakton High School Theater presents Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing,” Nov. 9-11, 7 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. \$10. Visit www.oaktondrama.org for more.

Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Joan Wehner will speak about the purchase, restoration and transfer of the Schoolhouse to the Fairfax County Park Authority. \$5. Visit gfhs.org.

Astronomy Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Topics may include planets, open clusters, double stars, stellar color spectrum, globular clusters and galaxies. After class, view the objects that were discussed through the observatory's telescopes, if weather allows. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turnerfarm/.

THURSDAY/NOV. 9

Wildflower Folklore. 1-3 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Alonso Abugattas is a well-known naturalist, environmental educator, and storyteller will present “Wildflower Folklore” at the Great Falls Garden Club meeting. Call 703-759-2367 or visit www.gfgardenclub.org.

Meet the Artists. 7-9 p.m. at the McLean Project for the Arts, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. “Nature as Prototype” exhibition by Yoko K, Adam Nelson and Gretthe Whittrock. “Nature as Prototype” runs through Dec. 23. Visit mpaart.org.

NOV. 9-11

Oakton High School Theater. 7 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. Oakton High School Presents: Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing.” \$10. Visit www.oaktondrama.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 10

On Eagles’ Wings Veterans Day 10K race. 10 a.m. at Grace Christian Academy, 3233 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Proceeds benefit Grace Christian Academy Scholarship Fund and Decorate a Vet. \$40. Visit www.gracechristianacademy.org/10K.

SATURDAY/NOV. 11

Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 400 Center St., South. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring this event with crafts, bake sale, holiday items. Email

dancers1023@aol.com or call 703-309-3468.

Bowman House Pottery Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St. S. Pottery on sale from teachers and students from parks and recreation pottery classes. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Great Falls Veteran’s Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. The event will include a Marine Corps color guard, patriotic songs by the Langley Madrigals, and remarks by Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Timothy F. Ghormley. Call 703-248-0390 or email bruce@newdream.net.

TUESDAY/NOV. 14

Vienna Oakton Chapter of NARFE. 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will have Margaret Mensch of Arlington Ladies speaking. Call 703-938-9757.

Meet the Author. 7:30 p.m. at the Balls Hill Government Center 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Author and historian William Connery will address “Mosby’s Raids on Civil War Northern Virginia.” Call 703-356-8223.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 15

Meet the Silhouette Artist. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Barston’s Childs Play, 1382 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Third Generation Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson will be on hand to create hand cut silhouettes. Call 703-448-3444.

NOV. 16-18

Christmas Craft Show. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Oakton Church of the Brethren’s 24th Annual Christmas Craft Show is a three-day event featuring a wide variety of handmade creations and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. Visit www.oaktonbrethren.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

Meet the Artist. 10 a.m.-noon at the

Dolley Madison Library, rooms 1 and 2, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Rachel Collins, a local watercolor artist and member of the National Watercolor Society, will be the presenter. Collins teaches classes at the Art League School in Alexandria, Va. and the Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, Md. Call 703 653-9519.

Movie Double Feature. 3:30-10 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. Trip to AMC Tysons for two movies and dinner at the food court. \$35/\$25 McLean Community Center members. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Smart Driver Class. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road. The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna is sponsoring a refresher two-day driver course geared for drivers age 50 and older. \$15 for AARP members (bring AARP membership card) \$20 for AARP non-members. Call 703-281-0538.

NOV. 17-19

Big Sale, Small Works. Various times at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. A variety of art available. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate. 2 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Live production with a pirate named Peggy. Free. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Turkey Trot. 8 a.m. Start and finish at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept., 400 Center St. S. Visit www.viennaturkeytrot.org/.

American Legion Breakfast. 8 a.m.-noon at Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Buffet includes omelets, blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon and more. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580.

Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate. 2 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Live production with a pirate named Peggy. Free. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Emerging Artist Concert. 4 p.m. at Saint Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Oscar

Paz-Suaznabar, age 12, on the piano, and Julia Angelov, from Alexandria, play orchestra favorites. Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 21

Female Re-Enactors of Distinction. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Re-enactment, dramatic readings and various other educational programs in Civil War period clothing transport you back in time to share their stories. Email karen.emami@globalinfotek or call 703-938-6471.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24

Wagon Ride at Dusk. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Sunset trip through the park. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

MONDAY/NOV. 27

Explore the Moon by Telescope. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Explore the lunar surface is marked by craters and lava flows billions of years old. Call 703-324-8618 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turnerfarm/.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Home for the Holidays Musical. 7:30 at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. Tysons McLean Orchestra performs with Melissa Mino. Call 703-893-8646.

STARTING DEC. 8

Watercolor Workshops with Joe Phillips. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Class each Friday until Jan. 1. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Blue Christmas Service. 3:30 p.m. at Katie’s Coffee House 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. A non-traditional service of remembrance and hope, brought to you by Great Falls Area Ministries. Call Carol Wright 703-582-1640.



Meet the Artist

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 meet Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson who has done celebrity silhouette’s in his career including this one of J Lo. Johnson will be at Barston’s Childs Play, 1382 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-448-3444 for more.

NEWS

'Arts Night Out' at MPA

The New Dominion Women's Club will host "Arts Night Out," an evening of art and appetizers along with a silent auction on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7-10 p.m. at McLean Project for the Arts (MPA). The evening offers a special curated tour of MPA's latest exhibition, "Nature as a Prototype." The works on display examine the role of nature and biology as a source of inspiration for art and design. The artists included in this exhibition are Adam Nelson, Yoko K. and Grethe Wittrock. All proceeds from this benefit will be donated to local charities.

Now celebrating its 50th year, The New Dominion Women's Club is a member of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs as well as the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. NDWC is a 501(c)3 civic organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in the community through volunteer service and financial contributions while providing an opportunity for fellowship among women. In support of its mission, the club plans several community fundraisers, service projects and activities throughout the year. NDWC members select a minimum of four local non-profit organizations to support annually. Funds raised through club initiatives are awarded directly to those beneficiary organizations, which in 2016-17 totaled more than \$20,000. Founded in 1968, the New Dominion Women's Club was named Outstanding Non-profit Organization of the Year in 2004 and Volunteers of the Year in 2013 by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be held at the MPA@ChainBridge location: 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean (next to Giant / CVS) Ticket price is \$25. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.ndwc.org.



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New Dominion Women's Club continues to support arts in the community. After sponsoring children's art walk at the MPAartfest in McLean on Oct. 1 – with children like Vasav Ramineni, 4, of McLean exhibiting their artwork – the Club is hosting the 'Arts Night Out' fundraiser at the McLean Project for the Arts on Thursday, Nov. 16.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Alexander Vuong Pham, from McLean, was awarded an undergraduate degree in business administration from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.).

Amelia Ely, of Vienna, has completed freshman orientation and is prepared to enroll in the fall 2017 semester as part of the class of 2021 at University at Albany (N.Y.).

Two hundred twenty-three Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students

from 17 high schools have been named semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 145 semifinalists. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$32 million, to be awarded in spring 2018. FCPS 2018 National Merit semifinalists are:

♦ Marshall High School: **Oliver Church, Donald Daniel, Mikayla Huffman, Isaac Karachunsky, Grant Martin, Holly Waters, Shaun Yu.**

♦ Oakton High School: **Bruce Bui, Kira Buttrey, Maggie Chen, Ethan Huang, Courtney Tern, and Jessie Yu.**

♦ South Lakes High School: **Rohan Chandra and Eshaan Sarup.**

Katherine Marie Hyland, from Vienna, was awarded an undergraduate degree in business administration, cum laude, from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.).

Amanda Kaitlyn Serpico, from Vienna, was awarded an undergraduate degree in political science, cum laude, from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.).

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Experiencing Japanese Culture

This summer, McLean High School students participated in the High School Diplomat program and learned about Japanese culture, food, politics, and made life-long friends, as well as learned to make sushi, as pictured here. The program is held at Princeton University with an opportunity to go to Japan the following year. The application for summer 2018 is now open, and due in January. Go to www.highschooldiplomats.com to learn more and apply. This program is sponsored in an effort to foster global appreciation and understanding for the future.

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government priority (access to opportunity);

❖ 89 percent of Virginians favor holding energy companies accountable by requiring them to meet energy saving goals for their customers (sustainability);

❖ 61 percent of those surveyed are also willing to pay a 50 cent surcharge on their utility bill to help fund weatherization and energy efficiency programs (sustainability).

The CHACE campaign was planned to coincide with the November 2017 elections for all 100 members of the House of Delegates and the Governor's

race. We applaud this effort and hope it's the beginning of a multi-year endeavor to speak more broadly and frequently about the community and economic benefits of housing affordability to the Commonwealth. We urge all housing and community development organizations and individual housing activists to promote this survey and utilize the messages incorporated by the CHACE campaign. It is only through our collective efforts that we will move the issue of housing to a higher priority in local and state government planning and resource allocation.

See the full survey results at chaceva.files.wordpress.com/2017/09/chacesurveyreport.pdf.

Fay

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prevention program. In addition, our case managers worked with 125 of these guests to connect them with health, housing, and job placement services as well as veterans and Social Security benefits.

In addition, we connected some guests with market-rate apartments or houses in the community, where they received rental subsidies and/or services that were tailored to their specific needs, including a caseworker to help ease the transition. Last winter, 34 hypothermia prevention program guests found a home through the interaction.

Fairfax has the second largest population in the region experiencing homelessness, a surprise for many who live in this county with so much abundance. But we also have a caring, strong community filled with volunteers willing to give of their time and talents to make life better for all. These volunteers — who are cooking and cleaning to prepare for company that will arrive after Thanksgiving — are great hosts and an important part of our community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

To learn more or volunteer, visit us at www.FACETSCares.org.

Joe Fay is Executive Director of FACETS, a Fairfax-based nonprofit working to prevent and end homelessness.

BULLETIN

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

THURSDAY/NOV. 9

Transportation Project Closes Oakton Community Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority has closed Oakton Community Park to all visitors effective immediately. Oakton Community Park and all facilities including the playground, parking lot, and historic schoolhouse will be closed through April 2018 due to a transportation improvement project to be built by the Fairfax Utilities Design and Construction Division. Call 703-324-8662 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir152-17.htm for more.

Lecture: Saving, Investing and Avoiding Fraud. 7:30-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Experts from the US Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) will teach how to be an informed investor, avoid scams and save effectively for retirement. Free. Email dsm11@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-938-0405 for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 11

SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference. 9-11 a.m. at the Virginia International University, Conference Room (VD-301), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Sister Simone Campbell, will be the keynote speaker on “21st Century Poverty: Needed Action.” Del. Ken Plum will address “Advocacy is moving to the state levels, Are you moving with it?” and Gay Gardner, with Interfaith Action for Human Rights will speak to “Making Solitary Confinement Truly a Last Resort.” Free. Visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 13

Community Meeting. 6-8:30 p.m. at the Oakton High School Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Design Public Hearings on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project regarding plans for the 22.5 mile corridor from I-495 to University Boulevard in Gainesville. Visit transform66.org for more.

DEADLINE NOV. 13

Apply for Fuel Assistance. The Virginia Department of Social Services is currently accepting applications for fuel assistance. To qualify for fuel assistance, the maximum gross monthly income for a one-person household must not exceed \$1,307. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income is \$2,665. Families and individuals can apply through their local department of social services office. To apply online or to check eligibility for services, visit the CommonHelp website at commonhelp.virginia.gov. Applications may also be submitted by telephone by contacting the Enterprise Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 855-635-4370.

TUESDAY/NOV. 14

Community Forum. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Inn, 120 E. Maple Ave. Laurie DiRocco will host her quarterly “Mayor at Your Service” meeting. There will be a round table discussion about the history of the Vienna Inn with several panel members, including the Inn’s original owners, Molly Abraham, as well as the current owner, Marty Volk. Visit www.viennainn.com/ for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 227 Meeting. 7 p.m. at Neighbor’s Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Gregory D. Foster, West Point graduate and Vietnam War veteran, will discuss senior U.S. military constitutional command responsibility. Visit www.vva227.org for more.

Police-Public Forum. 7-9 p.m. Heritage Human Resources Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The forums will provide information on the panel as well as the Independent Police Auditor, the scope of their responsibilities, how complaints can be submitted, and how complaints will be investigated and processed. Another forum will be held Dec. 12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ for more.

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Infusion Schedule is all Fowled Up

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Previously, chemotherapy only had anecdotally-described memory loss: “chemo brain” as proof of a missing fragment. Recently however, clinical studies have confirmed the link. Yet, I still feel as if I haven’t forgotten that I don’t recall any prior infusions occurring on the day after Thanksgiving, as my next infusion is presently scheduled. If I remember correctly, and there are occasional disputes, this would be the first Friday after a holiday when I’ve needed to be local, and infused. And yes, the Infusion Centers are open for business on the weekdays following major holidays.

Having recently had my quarterly, post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist and survived the ordeal, we moved on from discussing the scan results to being examined to scheduling future appointments – including a brain MRI and CT Scan, and of course, my next infusion. And looking at the calendar, Nov. 24 is that next date. Generally speaking, per previous conversations with my oncologist, rescheduling my infusions by a week or two, here or there, had not been much of a problem (my oncologist is a strong proponent of quality of life), and pretty much up to me. However, as I’ve gotten older and presumably wiser – and well aware of my creatinine level/kidney issues, my current infusion schedule is what it is for a reason – protecting my kidneys. Moving the infusion up a week or back a week is not an arbitrary, Kenny-made decision any more, despite my holiday wish least. Sure enough when I asked my oncologist if he had any thoughts on my possibly rescheduling my next infusion to five weeks or seven weeks (vs. the current six weeks), he had a specific preference: five weeks. This would mean infusing the Friday before the following Thanksgiving Thursday (the effect of which would likely cause some eating challenges for yours truly – on my favorite meal of the year no less) rather than extending the infusion interval to seven weeks.

His thinking, as he explained it to us was: he didn’t want me to wait any longer for my infusion/medicine than was absolutely necessary. Not that I don’t realize how precarious my situation is but I am sort of going merrily along of late. His rebuke, so to characterize, to me about not extending my next interval to seven weeks reminded me yet again of the seriousness of my underlying diagnosis. The last thing one can do is take cancer’s inactivity for granted. Even though I’ve been stable for four years since I was last hospitalized in August 2013, I do have an incurable disease: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, and I was initially characterized as “terminal,” so hardly am I “N.E.D.”, no evidence of disease.

So my next infusion date is up to me, just not as ‘up’ as I thought it was/has been. Either I can keep my original six-week interval infusion appointment as currently scheduled or I can advance one week to five weeks (my previous regular interval). Extending it to seven weeks is not recommended. According to my oncologist, this is good news. Since my creatinine level/kidney function has not appreciably improved while extending the interval from five to six weeks, shortening the interval back to five weeks is not a concern to him which means my kidneys are up to the challenge, which is very reassuring since kidney damage is permanent.

And even though waiting a seventh week for my next infusion might allow my kidneys more time to filter the chemotherapy a bit longer, it might also give the cancer some time to activate – and we certainly don’t want that.

However, nothing lasts forever, and cancer cells in particular are pretty resourceful and often figure out what’s being done to them and start doing something else which leads to different treatment. At the moment, the drug I’m infusing, alimta, is working miracles. Perhaps the next drug will be as successful, perhaps not; and that of course is the problem, the unknown.

What I do know is this: a definite is better than a maybe. If I infuse the previous Friday, I definitely won’t feel like eating on Thursday. If I infuse on the Friday after Thanksgiving, maybe I won’t feel like driving. So what! A bird in hand ...

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