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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from, Jan. 12-18, 2018.

INCIDENTS

Stolen Vehicle Recovery – 100 block of Kingsley Road SW, Jan. 11, 9:25 a.m. Vienna Police Detectives assisted an officer from a surrounding jurisdiction with the recovery of a stolen vehicle which was located in the Town of Vienna.

Natural Death – 1000 block of Moorefield Creek Road SW, Jan. 11, 12:29 p.m. A citizen asked police to check the welfare of a Town resident. Police responded to the house and located a deceased elderly person inside the residence. The death appears to be from natural causes.

Assault – 300 block of Jade Court NW, Jan. 12, 8 a.m. A citizen came into the Vienna Police Station to report that he had been assaulted. The person was advised how to request an arrest warrant from the magistrate.

Domestic Dispute – 1100 block of Cottage Street SW, Jan. 12, 8:59 p.m. A resident requested police assistance with a domestic dispute. Police investigated the situation and determined that no violation of law had taken place.

Arrest - Elude Police/DWI – 200 block of Lawyers Road NW, Jan. 13, 1:51 a.m. While on patrol Officer Reedy observed a vehicle speeding. When the Officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver attempted to elude police resulting in an off-road crash. The driver was taken into custody at the scene. While searching the crashed vehicle drugs were located inside the vehicle. The passenger was arrested nearby a short time later. A 33-year-old man from Harbor Town Drive in Fairfax, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Five arrest warrants (Speeding to Elude Police Resulting in Serious Injuries, Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal of the Breath Test 2nd Offense, Destruction of Property and Possession of Marijuana) were issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies. A 33-year-old man from Plum Street in Vienna, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Four arrest warrants (Possession of Schedule I, Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Arrest by Fleeing and Drunk in Public) were issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Arrest - Drunk in Public – 900 block of Country Club Drive NE, Jan. 13, 6:01 a.m. A resident requested police to assist with an unknown man who was knocking at their door. Police responded to the area and located the man in front of a nearby home. While talking with the man officers determined that he was obviously drunk and unable to care for himself. The 23-year-old man from Country Club Drive in Vienna, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A warrant for Drunk in Public was issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Property Lost – Church Street NE / Mill Street NE, Jan. 13, 1 p.m. A citizen reported some lost property.

Petit Larceny – Vienna Dog Park, 700 Courthouse Road SW, Jan. 13 between 1:15 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. A citizen reported that while she was at the dog park someone smashed a window on her vehicle and took her purse.

Domestic Dispute – 400 block of Blair Road NW, Jan. 14, 9:45 a.m. A resident requested police to assist with a domestic dispute. Police investigated the allegations and determined that no violation of law had taken place.

Open Door/Window – 900 block of Lauren Lane SE, Jan. 14, 1:52 p.m. The owner of a property found an open door when she came to check up on her renters. Police searched the house and did not find anything suspicious or out of place.

Threats – Vienna Dog Park, 700 Courthouse Road SW, Jan. 14, 2:45 p.m. A citizen reported a heated argument with a man over a dog fight that had just taken place. The man made threats to harm the other dog and the owner. The man left after he made the verbal threats.

Emotionally Disturbed Person – 400 block of Colin Lane NW, Jan. 15, 3:06 a.m. A citizen requested that police respond to do a welfare check on possibly emotionally disturbed person. Police responded to the residence and spoke to the person. After speaking with the person police officers determined that the person was fine and did not need medical assistance.

Assist Fire EMS – 200 block of Locust Street SE, Jan. 15 between 4:40 a.m. and 4:48 a.m. Officers responded to a life alert alarm. A forced entry was made into the residence. An elderly person was found inside the residence suffering from a medical emergency. The elderly person was stabilized on scene and transported to the hospital for observation.

Phone Threats – 400 block of Colin Lane NW, Jan. 15 between 2:05 a.m. and 3:06 a.m. A citizen reported that she received phone threats from her ex-boyfriend.

Vandalism – Vienna Dog Park, 700 Courthouse Road SW, Jan. 15 between 3:10 p.m. and 3:27 p.m. A citizen reported that someone smashed a window of her vehicle while she was at the dog park.

Arrest - Trespassing – 400 block of Yeonas Drive SW, Jan. 15 6:50 p.m. A resident requested an Officer to assist with an unknown vehicle on their property. Officers located the owner of the vehicle. While officers spoke to the owner they were able to determine that he was obviously drunk. The owner was advised that he was under arrest and became extremely combative and resisted the arrest. The owner struck one of the officers before he was subdued. His vehicle was towed from the scene. The 54-year-old man from Yeonas Drive SW in Vienna, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Two arrest warrants (Trespassing and Assault on Law Enforcement) were issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Assault – 100 block of East Street NE, Jan. 15, 7:27 p.m. A resident requested police assistance with an assault. Police spoke to both parties involved in the incident. There was no physical evidence for police to determine an assault took place. The caller was advised on the process to request an arrest warrant.

Grand Larceny – Sally Beauty Supply, 329 Maple Ave. E., Jan. 15, 5 p.m. An employee reported a shoplifting case.

Weapons Violation – 1000 block of Echols Street SE, Jan. 16, 5:53 p.m. A citizen requested a welfare check on an emotionally disturbed person. Officers responded to the residence and made contact with the person. During the investigation it was learned that the person had discharged a firearm inside the residence. No one was injured during the incident. The person agreed to get medical assistance. The person's weapons were removed from the residence and taken to the police station for safe keeping.

Arrest - Drunk in Public – McDonalds, 544 Maple Ave. W., Jan. 16, 7:20 p.m. An employee requested police assistance with an intoxicated man inside the restaurant. While speaking with the man, officers were able to determine that he was extremely intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The 21-year-old man from Cherry Blossom Court in Oakton was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. An arrest warrant for Drunk in Public was issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

From left: PFC Christina Gaizick and PFC Sheila Ayers of Traffic Safety Services, Fairfax County Police Department, were the guests at the January meeting of Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling, held at the Patrick Henry Public Library in Vienna.



Apparently it's always cycling weather. Bitter temperatures and slick roads did not keep Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling member Ken Lutz of Vienna from riding his bike to the January meeting from work in Falls Church and then to his home afterwards. At the meeting, Lutz indicated he was ready and willing to help advocate for "Safe Towns" — training facilities that are designed to look like mini-towns so that youngsters, in particular, can learn safe riding techniques and habits in a realistic setting.

Promoting Safe Bicycling

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

At its first monthly meeting of the New Year, the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) got right to work, inviting two Fairfax County Traffic Safety Police Officers to attend and expand the dialogue between law enforcement and cyclists in the county.

FABB member Charlie Bobbish introduced Officers PFC Sheila Ayers, and PFC Christina Gaizick and began the conversation by asking them to comment on the "state of traffic safety" in Fairfax County.

Safety of all county residents is a priority, according to Ayers, be they drivers, cyclists or pedestrians, but the officer added that she and her colleague were particularly pleased to be invited to the FABB meeting to gain a better understanding of the concerns of the pedal-powered citizenry and to have an opportunity to discuss safe cycling practices and education.

According to Ayers, statistics show a de-

crease in cycling-related incidents, with only one fatality recently reported in 2015. Early figures for 2017 indicate 72 reportable bicycle incidents, although the fact that there are no clearly defined categories for bicycle accidents in the statewide reporting system TREDIS (Traffic Records Electronic Data System) and that "reportable" incidents must meet a \$1,500 damage or a reportable injury threshold in order to be included in the TREDIS data, left some attendees somewhat in doubt as to the accuracy or usefulness of the information.

Jeff Anderson, president of FABB, Steve Ward, the organization's secretary, and board member Bruce Wright all indicated that advocating for more specific reporting tools might be on the FABB work menu in the future.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS were posed to the officers regarding how to stay safe as a cyclist on the road, and what to do when witnessing or experiencing interaction with aggressive drivers.

Cycling advocacy group hosts county law enforcement reps at monthly meeting.



Sally Smallwood is the Safe Routes to School coordinator for the Fairfax County Public Schools. Smallwood brought the FABB members up to speed on school-related bicycling events and activities and encouraged people to nominate a School Crossing Guard of the Year by the Jan. 26 deadline.

Although the answers did not provide the cyclists with many solutions, Ayers and Gaizick both stressed that the first thing to

do was "get out of the way and be safe." Even when the incident is not deemed "reportable," the officers still encouraged the riders to "be the best witness you can be and call it in." Calling in and providing as much detail about the alleged offender is still helpful, and could cause the police to issue a "look out" for the vehicle.

In addition to the presentation and conversation with Ayers and Gaizick, a report by Sally Smallwood, Safe Routes to School coordinator for Fairfax County Public Schools was on the agenda. Smallwood brought the members up to speed on educational events scheduled for Fairfax County schools, a significant donation that would allow for a number of shareable bicycles to be purchased for several elementary and middle schools, and preparation for this year's "Bike to School Day" scheduled for May 18.

Smallwood also wanted to spread the

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Iconic Potomac School Statue Vandalized

A statue that has long had a place of honor on the campus of The Potomac School in McLean was damaged on Dec. 21, 2017. Sometime between dusk on the Dec. 21 and 5 a.m. on the Dec. 22, the concrete statue of three llamas in a circle was vandalized, with all three heads forcibly broken off. Two were left on the ground nearby, and the third has not been recovered.

The llama statue, created by noted artist Una Rawnsley Hanbury, has been at Potomac since 1970. Originally located on a campus playground, it served as a climbing and play structure for young children. When the school underwent significant renovation in the early 2000s, the statue was moved to the front of the campus.

Dr. Marjorie Brennan, chair of Potomac's Board of Trustees, notes, "It really is a beloved icon for our community — something that generations of Potomac students remember. On sunny days, it's not unusual to see students sitting on the llamas,

reading or chatting. And when Potomac alumni come back to visit the campus, they almost invariably stop to take a photo with the llamas — often perching their own young children up there for the picture. To see something that holds memories and meaning for so many people senselessly destroyed is heartbreaking."

Fairfax County Police are investigating the vandalism, and The Potomac School is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual or individuals responsible. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer A. Block of the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-556-7750.

The Fairfax County Police Department also accepts anonymous tips, providing cash rewards of \$100-\$1,000 if the information leads to an arrest. Tips can be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

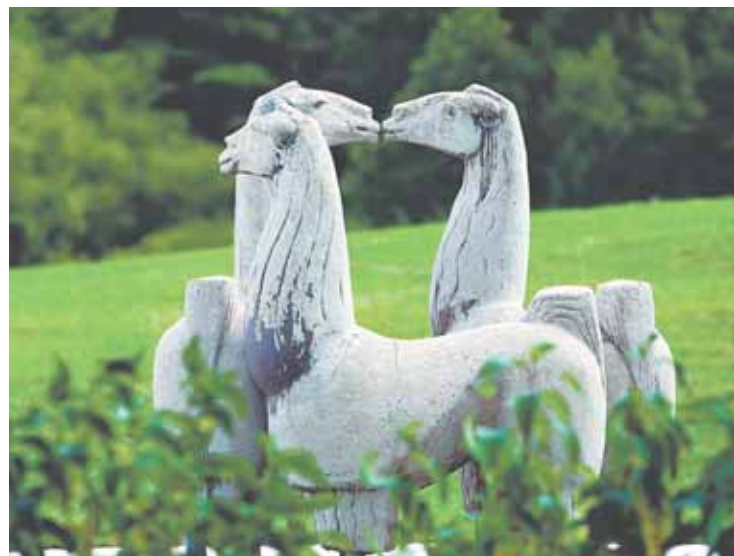


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The Potomac School is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual or individuals responsible.

OPINION

What's Wrong with This Picture?

**Male, 60 percent; female 40 percent;
less than 2 percent poor; less than 2 percent
African American; less than 2 percent Latino.**

If these are the demographics to something, you know it needs to be fixed, no matter what "it" is. Especially something paid for with public dollars.

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Less than 2 percent poor.

Less than 2 percent African American.

Less than 2 percent Latino.

These are the demographics of this year's freshman class at our Governor's school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, known as TJ.

We also know that there are geographic disparities (some middle schools have many more students admitted than others; some have none).

State Sen. Scott Surovell represents a part of the county that tends to be under represented at Thomas Jefferson, and he is kicking off what no doubt will be a lively discussion

by introducing SB787, Governor's Schools; enrollment, which would use both economics and geography to change the admissions dynamics at Jefferson.

EDITORIAL

Summary:
"Requires any academic school Governor's School that has a focus on math, science, and technology and that has an overall enrollment of over 1,000 students to accept for enrollment (i) a sufficient number of students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals such that the total of such students is at least 50 percent of the weighted average of the participating divisions' percentage of such students in the previous school year and (ii) at least five students but no more than 15 students from each middle school in each school division eligible to matriculate students to such Governor's school who have completed at least two full years at such middle school."

The school divisions currently participating

in TJHSST are: Arlington County, Fairfax County (includes City of Fairfax), Falls Church City, Loudoun County, Prince William County.

We've said this before, because these demographics have been trending in this direction for more than a decade.

Fairfax County Public Schools has a single elite magnet school, Thomas Jefferson, and TJ is frequently referred to as the top high school in the country. Dramatic disparity in the makeup of admissions at TJ is an indicator of disparity in early identification of students as gifted and talented, of access to advanced classes and enrichment, and in the basic education that the Fairfax County Public school system offers to all of its students.

School leadership can't continue to act like there are things they can't do anything about. Surovell deserves credit for giving an incentive to get started.

Learn about the referral and screening and selection process for full-time (Level IV) and school-based (Levels II-III) Advanced Academic Programs at www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS

Our American Story

To the Editor:

One hundred years ago, my grandparents left eastern Europe to take a chance in making it in America. They were poor, spoke no English, had little formal education and were probably not seen as particularly desirable immigrants.

They worked hard and started small businesses, a laundry and a candy store. Their sons fought in WWII and then they, our parents, got mostly blue-collar jobs. They, in turn worked hard, made sure we studied hard and we all got college educations.

Now, three and four (and beginning five!) generations into our American Story, we are teachers, social workers, engineers, counselors, and business people, working to improve our country and our communities.

Our family story has been repeated millions of times over. It may be your story, too.

All because America saw the value of allowing a large, diverse influx of people who were willing to work hard for the American Dream. The value of continuing that diversity is as true today as it was 100 years ago.

Mark Menzer
Reston

A Matter of Style

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The experiences of the Virginia colonists with King George III taught them a lesson not forgotten even until today. Executive authorities are not to be trusted. Monarchies are likely to try to take away the people's rights and property.

The assertions of the Declaration of Independence were to make it clear that the people of America had sworn off monarchical government. They were not about to replace a king with a president or a government who might try to exert the kind of absolute executive power they had under the king.

Instead, controls were incorporated in the U.S. Constitution as well as state constitutions to keep the executive authority in check. Virginia's limitations on the governor were especially limiting. For example, the governor's term was one year. He could run for re-election more than once, but likewise he could be turned out after just one year.

We have loosened up somewhat in modern times by extending the term to four years, but there is a limitation of one consecutive term. The governor can run for an additional term, but it cannot be consecutive with the first. I think the one-term limitation is unnecessarily restrictive and have voted on more than one time to allow the governor to run for a second consecutive term. One term may keep a governor under control, but it can also limit his or her effectiveness.

Governor Terry McAuliffe was a high-energy, strongly motivated, hard-charging governor whose accomplishments exceeded those of his predecessors. He accepted the fact he had just one term, and he



worked energetically to get all he could done in the relatively short four-year term.

He pushed the legislature to get things done, and he did not hesitate to use executive authority when necessary. He was taken to court by the Republicans for restoring citizenship rights to those who had been incarcerated, but he won and restored citizenship rights to 172,000 ex-felons. He brought about a New Virginia Economy of high employment, job growth, and attractiveness to those seeking to locate a company here.

Governor Ralph Northam who served under the shadow of Governor McAuliffe as lieutenant governor was always recognized as being extremely able but without the show of high-energy and flair of the Governor. No one questioned his ability, but it was widely concluded that he would bring a different style to the governorship. Most expected a mild-mannered, cordial leader who would govern more by consensus.

Clearly the styles are different, but there may have been a bit of selling short Governor Northam because of his easy Eastern Shore manner. His inauguration speech as well his first speech to the General Assembly was anything but mild or equivocal. It was as strong and as direct as any that Governor McAuliffe delivered.

Calling upon his background as a physician, he built a hard case for the expansion of health services to the people in need in the Commonwealth. He is as direct as anyone I have heard speak about the need for common-sense gun control measures. He is emphatic in his defense of women's reproductive rights.

We may not have a second term for the governor in Virginia, but we have a governor taking over who is going to continue the policies of the first. The difference in the two will simply be a matter of style.

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Oakcrest School Chorus Joins the Sistine Chapel Choir on New Year's Day

What is it like to sing with the Sistine Chapel Choir in Rome at St. Peter's Basilica on New Year's Day at a Mass celebrated by the Holy Father? Ask any of the 30 members of the choir from Oakcrest School in Vienna, who recently returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Eternal City, and they will happily share their life-changing experiences. Hannah Carter, a sophomore, said, "Singing at the Papal Mass was one of the most incredible things I've ever experienced because not only were we singing for the Pope, we were singing in one of the most beautiful churches in the world built on over 2000 years of Catholic history."

The Oakcrest Chorus was invited to sing as part of the assembly choir and also had the privilege of singing a prelude, Ave Maria by Zoltan Kodaly. "This opportunity was beyond any honor or privilege I would imagine for our choir," said Oakcrest Music Director Anne Miller. The Cappella Musicale Pontificia Sistina, under the direction of Msgr. Massimo Palombella, is the choir of the liturgical celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff. Present since the first centuries of the Church, it is one of the



After the Papal Mass, students waited in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus. From left: Simonne Lenseigne, Meredith Klote, Olivia Mann and Brooke Dawn.

oldest choirs in the world. While in Rome, the Oakcrest Chorus celebrated daily Mass at various holy sites including in front of

the tomb of St. Peter. Students and accompanying adults visited the Vatican Museums, and the major basilicas of St. Mary

Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. They also attended a Papal audience with Pope Francis where they were publicly welcomed by representatives of the Vatican.

The music pilgrimage included singing at Mass at the Basilicas of Santa Chiara and San Francesco in Assisi, as well as a day trip to Orvieto, where the travelers were blessed to be present during one of three times each year that the sacred corporal is exposed in Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta. The high point of the trip was singing at St. Peter's at the Jan. 1 Mass. Oakcrest's chaplain, Fr. Marty Miller, was invited to concelebrate the Mass. Pope Francis has gained a reputation for being approachable, and down-to-earth. Some have called him "The People's Pope."

Sophomore Julia Fischer said, "The most impactful moment of the trip for me was when we sang with the Sistine Chapel Choir at the Papal Mass. It was such a wonderful and awe inspiring experience, and it was amazing to be celebrating mass at St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God."

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Adventures in Learning Continue in Oakton

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna continues its Adventures in Learning (AIL) line up of classes with their Winter 2018 semester schedule that includes 40+ classes with a wide range of subjects - from a Health and Wellness series to Potpourri series and World Affairs series to T'ai Chi or Intermediate Contract Bridge. T'ai Chi is being offered twice each week. Students may attend one or all of the AIL Winter classes for one \$45 fee and are encouraged to create their own schedule - attend classes all day or attend only one class. Not sure? Students are welcome to sample a class for free.

ALL Winter classes beginning Thursdays, Jan. 18 run through March 15. Classes are held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For details call the office at 703-281-0538. To view full class schedule visit www.scov.org/files/ail/ail_schedule_2018_winter.

Golf cart transportation will be provided to assist those in need of help traveling from the parking lot to open house/classes. The following classes are but a few of the classes, to date, to choose from.

- ❖ T'ai Chi classes
- ❖ Intermediate/Advanced Bridge
- ❖ Potpourri Series includes History of Radio and TV Broadcasting; French Gothic Cathedrals, etc.



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The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna announces the kick off to their 20th anniversary celebration with their Adventures in Learning (AIL) the Winter semester beginning Jan. 18. The picture was taken during a previous AIL class.

❖ The Health Series includes Travel Tips and Tools for Adults, Brain Health and Memory etc.

❖ The World Affairs Series includes Gerrymandering, The Relationship between the State Dept. and the U.N., Military Constitutional Responsibility in Turbulent Times etc.

To volunteer, donate or learn more about how you can help, visit their website at www.scov.org or contact the office at 703-281-0538, office@scov.org.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna to Host Town Hall Meeting with Legislators

The Town of Vienna will host a Town Hall meeting, an annual roundtable discussion with local state representatives Del. Mark Keam (D-35) and state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), on Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m., at the Town Hall (127 Center St. S.). This public meeting provides an opportunity for citizens to meet and engage with state and local elected officials.

Old Courthouse Road Meeting Set for Feb. 1

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host a community information meeting to discuss design updates on the Old Courthouse Road Realignment Project on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in the cafeteria of Wolftrap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Road, Vienna. Information will be on display in an open house format, with a presentation at 7:30 p.m., followed by a question and answer period at 7:45 p.m.

Public comments will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 16, 2018. For more information on the Old Courthouse Road Realignment Project and to send feedback, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/old-courthouse-realignment.

FAITH NOTES

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

Vienna Assembly of God, 100 Ayrhill Ave, NE, Vienna, will hold Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, services on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. There will be no evening services. Installation of new Pastor Brenda Burns will occur on January 7, 2018 dur-

ing the 10:30 a.m. service.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring St., SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of

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WINTER FUN



Tim Caron stars as a UPS driver and Julie Edwards as Jenna in "One Click Away."

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Angelena LeBlanc stars as an EMT, Joseph LeBlanc as an EMT, Jason Malm as the husband, and Tim Caron as the man in "Death Be Not Loud."

Four One-Act Plays in Vienna

Vienna Theatre Company presents "Eclectic, Essential... Relationships."

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

The Vienna Theatre Company is presenting "Eclectic, Essential... Relationships," a group of four one-act plays from Jan 26 through Feb. 4, 2018 at the newly remodeled Vienna Community Center.

According to Tom Epps, president of the Board of Directors and co-producer, "There are four comedies and they're all about relationships between people. What we want to do is provide a wonderful evening of theater for theater-goers to get a potpourri of different styles of playwriting, approaches to comedy, what someone does in a short time frame versus a long timeframe."

He added, "What's also been fun about it is you get to do four different takes on personal relationships. Some of them are longer than others; some short. It's very interesting when you have an evening of one-acts to see how different playwrights tackle the short format as opposed to say a two-and-a-half-hour show. It's also interesting to work with four different directors, and we have some overlap of cast members so I think it would be fun for the audience to see actors play multiple parts."

THE PLAY, "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls," by Christopher Durang is directed by Haley Murphy. In this parody of "The Glass



Jenelene Nowak stars as the Wife and Jason Malm as the Husband in "Death Be Not Loud."

Menagerie," the fading southern belle, Amanda, tries to prepare her hyper-sensitive hypochondriac son Lawrence for a feminine caller.

"You don't have to know anything about 'The Glass Menagerie' to come and find it extremely hilarious," said Murphy. "It's a lot of physical comedy. It's basically the story of a mother who is sort of bitter about life and trying to kind of launch her children and find a life of her own, and it's all told

through her perspective."

She continued, "But it's very silly, very funny, a lot of physical comedy with four very powerful actors that are pretty experienced in comedy, so it should be quite funny."

The next play, "Death Be Not Loud" by Thierry Sagnier, is directed by Stuart Fischer. In it, a husband reads in the obituary section of the newspaper that his wife is dead. He and others refuse to believe oth-

erwise even though the wife is still very much present and alive.

"'Death Be Not Loud' is a very funny comedy, which makes fun of how people believe everything they read in the newspaper," said Fischer. "A husband reads in the morning that his wife has died and believes it even though his wife is in the bedroom, and he actually calls her out to tell her that she's actually dead. Needless to say, she doesn't take it well, but everybody else believes that she's dead. It's very, very funny."

The next play, "Capsmittment" by Jean Koppen of Alexandria, is directed by Juli Tarabek Blacker. It's about an issue that comes up between two devoted ice hockey fans. Will this development destroy their bromance – or enhance it?

"It's about these two 20-something guys who have been friends for years and their friendship very much revolves around the Capitals [ice hockey team]," said Tarabek Blacker. "And so they've been watching Caps games for years...And one of them has gotten season tickets so it turns into this almost romantic thing of are they going to share the tickets or not. It's a very funny play; it's a 12-minute show, it's very short. But it's a fun look into the life of 20-somethings in D.C. It's very much a millennial show."

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Sarah Cusenza stars as Ginny and Sally Cusenza as Amanda in "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls."



Julie Edwards stars as Jenna and Hope Slonim as Veronica in "One Click Away."

DINING

Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant (Vienna) is located at 2531 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna.

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Sunflower Offers Tempting Treats

Review: Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant in Vienna.

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE CONNECTION

An old-timer in Vienna, this all-veg eatery continues to draw in big lunchtime crowds. And it is easy to understand why: the prices are reasonable; the portions are immense; and the flavors combine well. Even if someone craves a burger — there's a McDonald's nearby — the food is refreshingly good, and minus fatty meats and probably loads of calories.

On a recent day, the small dining area was packed, and even a few folks dropped in for take-out. So what's the menu offer? It is actually rather extensive, with the obvious — and lengthy — selection of appetizers and soups, to salads, noodles, sandwiches (yes, even a veggie burger), sushi, and entrées that are composed of assorted vegetable combinations plus soy protein, and special rice dishes that may contain either vegetables, fruit, or both. Patrons can even order up “meaty” fare, such as the fried “chicken” appetizer or the “shrimp” garden sizzling rice. In such cases, so no one is fooled, the “meat” source is really soy protein, dressed up to take on a meaty characteristic.

Faced with such an appealing menu, one wonders: where to begin? Tempting treats such as the steamed or fried dumplings, or perhaps the spring rolls crammed with

veggies might be good beginnings. Of course, a cup of miso soup or their take on the Thai tom yum goong soup could set the meal of right. The latter is chock full of mushrooms, organic tofu, bamboo shoots, and now peas.

For noodle fanciers, the selection is rather interesting, with choices that are Chinese, Japanese, Indian or even Italian sourced and seasoned. Consider the Bolognese sundried tomato combo over penne pasta or rice. And sushi or rice entrées include many tasty options. For sandwich lovers, why not just turn to the orange “chicken” or avocado-jicama sandwich — the menu notes that all sandwiches are served on ciabatta bread and are garnished with lettuce and more.

The restaurant also offers a special lunch section on its menu, and there, fans of Chinese flavors, can order the organic ma po tofu entrée. This is a Sichuan classic — a bit fiery in Chinese restaurants. The traditional dish contains cubed tofu and ground pork, which here is a meat lookalike, and it is chock full of Sichuan peppercorns, which add the fire to the dish. This version is a good vegetarian option for fans of ma po tofu, and the fiery heat is tempered down.

To wrap up the meal, try to include a dessert. The list is short, and does include a chocolate cake, but one of the more unusual options is this: an avocado and lemon pie — the pale green slice comes drizzled in a sweetish lemon sauce. Unique!

Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant (Vienna), 2531 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Phone: 703-319-3888. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Note: There is a Falls Church location as well.

games, worship, and diving deeper into the Word. During the summer, Youth Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9 a.m. in the upper room.

To receive the newsletter or for more information contact youth@wesleyvienna.org.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, at the intersection of Lewinsville and Brook roads in McLean, invites you for a casual Saturday Service at 5 p.m., followed by conversation and fellowship or for Sunday Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday School for Youth and Children takes place during the 10 a.m. Service. Check www.stthomasmcleanva.org for special events and services through the year. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, has Sunday services at 8 a.m. — Holy Eucharist Rite I without music, and 10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist Rite II with music. 703-759-2082.

FAITH NOTES

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Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellowship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

Youth Activities at Wesley United Methodist Church. Activities are open to all 6th-12th graders. Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the upper room. Youth Bible Study will meet every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. off-site. Following bible study, ride together to the church for youth group. Email the Youth Ministry Staff for the address. The Anchor meets every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for dinner,

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ONGOING

The 2018 Eclectic Essentials production features four plays that focus on relationships: For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, Death Be Not Loud, Capsmittment and One Click Away. Eclectic Essentials: Relationships runs through Sunday, Feb. 4. Tickets are general admission and available for \$14 at the Vienna Community Center, online at viennava.gov/webtrac, or at the door, if still available. Visit viennatheatrecompany.org or e-mail vtcshows@yahoo.com for more information.

Friday Night Telescopes. The Roll-Top observatory is available to the public for viewing the skies on Friday Jan. 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Analemma Society holds Friday Night Public Viewing Sessions at Turner Farm on Springvale Road in Great Falls. The public may use the newly mounted telescopes or bring their own telescope or binoculars to use outside. There is a lot to see in the night sky. Events are weather dependent. Please check the Analemma tweet page (or directly at @AnalemmaSociety) for updates on Friday viewing if the weather looks questionable. Visit www.analemma.org.

"Local Color." Through Jan. 31, Wednesdays 12-4 and Saturdays 10-2 at The Art of Great Falls School Gallery, located at 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. NOVA Plein Air Artists is a group of Northern Virginia artists who regularly paint together in outdoor settings; in local public and private gardens, parks, farms, wineries, and at other local sites. This show features their recent paintings showcasing floral still lifes, landscapes and florals, painted en plein air. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/school-of-art.

Art Exhibit. Through March 31 at Great Falls Library (Small Conference Room), 830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. View an exhibit of watercolors by Artist Betty Ganley featuring her love of nautical scenes. Visit bettyganley.com.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players through April. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit www.goldengirls.org.

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 for more.

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 www.FreeTaiChi.org for more.

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

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. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

THURSDAY/JAN. 25

Genealogy Meeting/Program. 7:30-9 p.m. at Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Fairfax Genealogical Society monthly member meeting and program. Librarian Leslie Anderson will discuss the Alexandria Library's resources and help available to family history and other researchers. Open to members and public. Snow date, Feb. 1. Free. Email education@fxgs.org, call 703-644-8185 or visit www.fxgs.org for more.

The Unruly Theatre. 7 p.m. at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The area's hottest professional teen improv troupe will bring you a hilarious night of



Eclectic Essentials: Relationships

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Combining Irish and American folk styles, The John Byrne Band is led by former Patrick's Head front man and Dublin native John Byrne.

Winter Traditional Celtic Concerts

The Old Brogue presents a series of six celtic concerts beginning Sunday, Feb. 4, 4 and 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the link at oldbrogue.com: \$18 general admission/\$12 children under 12. Season ticket: \$96/\$60 children. The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Call 703-759-3309.

comedy. Come help them spread some joy while being wildly entertained. Sponsored by The Alden. Free admission. Visit mcleancenter.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 26

Splitsville & Paragon Village. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Old Firehouse teacher workday trip. Teens can experience glow-in-the-dark bowling with big screen video walls and a booming surround sound system that plays their favorite songs. It's a non-stop, high-fiving, unforgettable good time. Following bowling, the group will unwind with a movie. \$65/\$55 MCC district residents. Fee includes bowling, shoes, lunch and movie tickets. Bring additional money for movie concessions as desired. Visit mcleancenter.org.

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Meg MacKenzie, known for her paintings of horses, will be the featured artist. Visit www.mcleanartsociety.org.

Artists Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, 2905 District Ave, Suite 115, Fairfax. Jan. 24-Feb. 25. Visit torpedofactory.org

for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 27

Genealogy Education Session. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2149 Gallows Road, Vienna. Librarian Leslie Anderson presents "Private Live, Public Records, and the 'Free Negro' Dilemma in Virginia—a discussion of the history and records available on the US Colored Cavalry, as well as on the Free Black community in Virginia. Snow date, Feb 3. Email education@fxgs.org, call 703-644-8185 or visit www.fxgs.org for more.

Artists Reception. 4-6 p.m. at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. Jazz It Up! Exhibit open until March 3. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org for more.

A Winter Serenade. 4 p.m. at Carderock Falls Manor, 1323 Calder Road, McLean. Tysons McLean Orchestra presents A Winter Serenade Programme Musicale, a wine and hors'd'oeuvres reception with Carlos Ibay, pianist and tenor. With a special preview of Patrons' Gala 2018 "April in Paris." \$80 per person, \$150 per couple. RSVP by Saturday, Jan. 20 to 703-893-

8646.

"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." 8 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. This 2004 comedy film starring Will Ferrell is a tongue-in-cheek take on the culture of the 1970s, particularly the new "action news" format. Join The Alden staff to quote along with the dialogue, recreating scenes with the help of props and onscreen subtitles and cues. Admission and popcorn are free. Prop bags are \$5 each. Visit www.mcleancenter.org or for Old Firehouse activities, call 703-448-8336.

Helping Hearts and Changing Lives. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chi Beta Omega Chapter of Falls Church City is partnering with Lilly Pulitzer of Tysons Corner to elevate awareness of heart health to the Northern Virginia community. The Lilly Pulitzer store of Tysons Corner will host an all-day shopping event with 10 percent of retail sales for the day going directly to the American Heart Association. Visit www.chibetaomega-aka.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 28

7th Annual McLean Chocolate Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Taste the specialties of 17 area chocolatiers and the Children's Game Room features the bluegrass music of local artist Mike Mitchell, popular with all ages at last year's festival. Admission is \$2. Visit www.mcleanchocolatefestival.com for more.

"Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened." 2 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened" tells the story of "Merrily We Roll Along," the Stephen Sondheim/Hal Prince musical that opened to enormous fanfare and closed after just 16 performances. Directed by one of the musical's original cast members, it features interviews with the creators and original cast of the now-classic show as well as rare and never before seen footage from the rehearsal process. Free admission. Visit www.mcleancenter.org or for Old Firehouse activities, call 703-448-8336.

MONDAY/JAN. 29

Teacher Workday Trip: Skiing & Snowboarding. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. leaving from The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Let's hit the slopes! Ski/snowboard rental, lift ticket and charter bus transportation are included in the fee. Goggles highly recommended. Helmets are available upon request. \$140/\$120 MCC district residents. Visit www.mcleancenter.org or for Old Firehouse activities, call 703-448-8336.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/JAN. 29-30

Open Auditions for The Alden Spring Production. 7-9 p.m. at MCC Class Programs Office, 6645 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The Alden's spring production is "The Snow White Variety Show" with a script by Brian D. Taylor. Students between the ages of 10-16 who live in the MCC tax district may audition for this production. Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., from early February through mid-March. Performances will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11, and 17-18, at 2 p.m. at the Old Firehouse Center. To schedule an audition time, contact Alden Youth Theatre Programs Director Danielle Van Hook at danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov.

TUESDAY/JAN. 30

Once in a Blue Moon at Riverbend. 5:30-7:30 at Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Plan for great viewing of the next supermoon in the dark skies at Riverbend Park. It will be the third supermoon in a row, and because it's the second full moon in one month, that also makes it a blue moon. \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Meet at the visitor center at Riverbend Park. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

FRIDAY/FEB. 2

Family Fun Bingo. 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Every member of the family can enjoy this game of skill and luck. Players can win a variety of kid-friendly prizes and enjoy light refreshments. Register online or at the Center, using Activity No. 4703.318. \$10/\$5 MCC district residents. Preregistration is recommended. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/teens.

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WINTER FUN

One-Act Plays

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THE FINAL PLAY, "One Click Away" by Dean Fiala, is directed by Sue Bevine. After being fed up with the dating process, Jenna seeks a more permanent solution with the help of the Internet.

"The play is about a 30-something young woman who is tired of the dating scene through these social networks. She's ready to just give up. Her friend comes over and tells her about a brand new way of meeting men. You can buy one on Amazon. And the story unfolds from there," said Bevine.

She added: "At first she doesn't believe it and then she decides she's going to try it because she's really kind of desperate. And a series of men show up who are hysterical. They're very funny. One doesn't show; the next two she's got to send back. And there's a big surprise at the end because she does wind up getting married."

The Vienna Theatre Company presents "Eclectic, Essential... Relationships," Jan. 26 through Feb. 4, 2018. Show times are Jan. 26, 27 and Feb. 2, 3, at 8 p.m. Also Jan. 28, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Performances are at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Tickets are \$14. Visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS MCLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD SMALL DISTRICT 1A OF THE DRANESVILLE DISTRICT FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA



This **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of elections to select members of the 2018-2019 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (the Governing Board) is given to residents of Small District 1A of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia (referred to as "Small District 1A"). The McLean Community Center (MCC) operates as a Special District Agency of the Fairfax County Government through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Governing Board. On February 8, 1984, the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which authorizes the elections. The MCC is funded by residents of Small District 1A in Greater McLean for their use through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 Small District 1A bond referendum.

Elections are held on **McLean Day** at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. This year, McLean Day is on **Saturday, May 19, 2018. Voting on McLean Day takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Candidate Qualifications:

Each resident who lives within Small District 1A is eligible to run for a seat on the Governing Board within the appropriate category. If you need help determining whether you reside in Small District 1A, please contact the MCC at 703-790-0123, or by emailing elections@mcleancenter.org.

ADULTS: Candidates must be residents of Small District 1A and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before May 19, 2018.

TEENS: Candidates must be 15, 16, or 17 years old on or before May 19, 2018, live within Small district 1A, and live in the boundary area for either Langley or McLean high schools. You **do not** have to attend either high school. You may attend another school, including one that is outside of Small District 1A, or you may be home schooled. You can only run for the seat representing the high school boundary area where you live.

Available Governing Board Seats and Terms:

Three (3) adult Governing Board seats will be filled through the election. The candidates who receive the three (3) highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms on the Governing Board.

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One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the McLean High School boundary area will be filled for a one-year term.

Candidate Petitions Requirements:

ADULTS: Must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 18 years old or older on or before May 19, 2018.

TEENS: Must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 15, 16, or 17 years old on or before

May 19, 2018, and who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Petition Packets containing a petition, instructions, and all pertinent paperwork may be obtained at the McLean Community Center Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia, 22101. Candidates must pick up and return their own petitions.

DEADLINE: Each resident seeking election to the Governing Board shall file a completed petition with the MCC at the address shown below **by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018:**

**McLean Community Center Administrative Office
6631 Old Dominion Drive
McLean VA 22101**

For more information about the elections, please call 703-790-0123, go to www.mcleancenter.org/about/candidates, or email the MCC at elections@mcleancenter.org.

Kat Kehoe, Chair
Elections & Nominations Committee
McLean Community Center Governing Board

NOTICE: Due to the ongoing renovation of the Ingleside Avenue facility, MCC has temporarily relocated to the McLean Square Shopping Center. The majority of MCC's classes will be held at 6645 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22101. MCC's administrative offices are located at 6631 Old Dominion Dr. (on the first floor of the Century 21 New Millennium building).

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NEWS

Fairfax-Loudoun Site Makes First Cut for Amazon HQ2

A site straddling Fairfax and Loudoun counties is one of the locations that has been selected for further consideration as Amazon's second headquarters. Fewer than 10 percent of the 238 sites proposed for "HQ2" are on the short list of locations that Amazon announced last week.

As part of the northern Virginia proposal, Loudoun and Fairfax counties collaborated with developer Open-Rebees to submit the largest non-developed site on Metro that checks all of the boxes that Amazon and other corporate users want and need. As home to a major backbone of the Internet, a top-notch workforce and Washington Dulles international Airport, the two counties are convinced that northern Virginia has all of the assets needed to merit serious consideration.

"We are very excited that northern Virginia is included on the short list as a potential location for Amazon's second headquarters. Fairfax and Loudoun counties are able to offer a great quality of life coupled with an innovative and business friendly culture for future Amazon corporate neighbors and employees. With our highly educated and talented workforce and a location close to Dulles International Airport and a new Silver Line train station, we hope we will have the opportunity to welcome Amazon HQ2 to Virginia," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Phyllis Randall, the chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, said, "This is a great example of how a region working together can tell a powerful story. The partnership between Loudoun and Fairfax County on a metro accessible site highlights our commitment to provide the best solution where Amazon and their employees can live, work, learn and play."

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, noted that Amazon already has chosen Fairfax County for an east coast campus of Amazon Web Services (AWS). "We are excited to learn that Fairfax and Loudoun counties made the short list of sites that Amazon will consider for HQ2," Gordon said. "The Economic Development Authority, Loudoun County and partners stand ready to demonstrate to the company why our combination of business and quality-of-life assets make this a great location for HQ2 in addition to the mission-critical services AWS provides to the private and public sectors."

Buddy Rizer, executive director of Loudoun Economic Development, explained, "The site Amazon is considering is near Loudoun's Data Center Alley – the largest and fastest-growing data center market in the world. It will be more than fitting for an international e-commerce corporation of Amazon's stature to locate its second headquarters here."



PHOTO BY ROB PAINE/RSVP NORTHERN VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX

Peter Beeman of Oakton and his daughters Charlotte, a sixth grader at Waples Mill Elementary School and Grace, a senior at Oakton High School (and a Waples Mill alumni) make Valentine's Day cards during Volunteer Fairfax's Give Together 2018 event, held Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia in Annandale. The deadline for nominations for the 26th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards presented by Volunteer Fairfax is Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Deadline Nears for Volunteer Service Awards Nominations

The deadline for nominations for the 26th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards presented by Volunteer Fairfax is Thursday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.

If you know of a deserving volunteer or volunteer group that has made a positive impact on the Fairfax County community you are encouraged to visit www.volunteerfairfax.org and complete a service award nomination form today. The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards is a community-wide celebration of volunteerism that culminates in a breakfast hosted by Volunteer Fairfax, Friday, April 27, 2018, at The Waterford at Springfield.

There are now more than a dozen competitive categories open for nominations including for awards that recognize the top adult and youth volunteer groups; a lifetime achievement honor that recognizes an individual for his or her entire body of volunteer work and the RSVP Volunteer of the Year award that recognizes an outstanding RSVP Northern Virginia senior volunteer.

For a complete list of categories and guidelines and to access a short podcast that includes helpful tips on how to make a nomination shine, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call Kristen Moore at Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3531.



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John Finney #4 led all scorers with 15 points.

Madison Defeats Westfield in Conference Game

The Westfield Bulldogs and Madison Warhawks faced off for a conference game on Jan. 12; Madison proved victorious 58-51.

In the first quarter the visiting Warhawks got off to an early 16-12 advantage.

In the 2nd quarter Westfield would hold the Warhawks to 6 points while scoring 18 points to take a 30-22 advantage into the locker room.

Madison would claw their way back cutting the deficit to 2 points, 41-39.

Madison would pull away in the 4th quarter, scoring 19 points while holding Westfield to just 10 points.

Madison was led by John Finney with 15 points, Aaron Darab's 10 and Nick Hugie's 10 points. Westfield was led by Aaron Opoku's 13 points and Jordan Hairston's 11.



Madison's Nick Hugie #23 releases the ball over Westfield's Aaron Opoku.



Westfield's Cris Scruggs #20 defends Madison's Damon Koskovich #33.



Johnny Hecht and DJ Gregory stare each other down in a conference game between Madison and Westfield.



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Oakton junior Stephanie Suh swimming the backstroke leg of the 200 medley relay.

Oakton Swim/Dive Bounces Back with Win over Chantilly

During the past week, Oakton has been preparing for their double-header weekend to conclude the 2017-2018 season. The first of these meets were against the Chantilly High School Chargers, and the Cougars were able to add another win under their belts. On the boys' side of the meet, Oakton won with 190 points to Chantilly's 125, while the girls also won with a score of 169-145.

Junior Sam Walters and freshman Carl Blakney started the meet with four second drops in the 200 freestyle and 200 IM, respectively, to earn fourth place finishes. Junior Daniel Gyenis won both of his individual events (200 IM and 100 butterfly). Freshman Anthony Grimm came out with a win in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.78, and junior Matthew Sargent dropped a second from his 50 freestyle, allowing him to crack a 25 for the first time. Anthony Arcomona and Zach Wolsborn, both juniors, had season bests in the 100 backstroke to place first and third respectively. Albert Xu, junior, also had an impressive anchor leg of the 400

freestyle relay to hold off a late charge by Chantilly in the night's final event.

As for the girls, two freshmen girls paved the way for the lady Cougars. Maddie Flickinger, for a second consecutive week, had another huge time drop of 18 seconds in the 200 freestyle, and her classmate Lindsey Kotarski dropped 12 in the 500 freestyle. Sophomore Brynn Curtis won both of her individual events, the 100 and 200 freestyle, with lifetime bests. Junior Charlotte Cai finished second in the 100 backstroke with a season best. Senior Sarah DeLoach earned a region cut in the 100 breaststroke in a neck-and-neck race with Chantilly. Stephanie Suh, a junior, dropped four seconds in her 100 breaststroke for an impressive swim. The girls' depth was on display as they finished first and third in all three relays. On the diving board, Lily Chireix, a sophomore, led the way with a first place finish.

Next week is the first week of the postseason with Districts on Friday (prelims) and Saturday (finals). Both will be at Oak Marr Recreation Center.

Warhawk forwards TJ Ezzard and Keegan Sweeney pressure Woodgroves goalie with a shot from the slot. Madison beat Woodgrove/Clarke Co. 5-2



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Warhawks Ice Hockey Defeats Loudoun Teams

The Madison Varsity and JV teams were both victorious last weekend with wins against Woodgrove/Clarke Co. and Loudoun Valley. The varsity team got off to a tough start with Woodgrove scoring in the first 20 seconds of the game. Woodgrove followed that with another goal half way into the first putting the Warhawks down 0-2.

The Warhawks were able to regroup and tie the game at the end of first with goals from forwards Sammy Thompson and Tom

Hetherington assisted by forwards Michael Crespy and TJ Ezzard. The Warhawks stepped up the offensive pressure in second with two additional goals from forwards Keegan Sweeney and Luke Pohlman assisted by forward Jeffrey Hunter and Captain Jason Calem. Calem finished off the Warhawk scoring in the third with an assist from defensemen Nick Willey for a 5-2 final.

Goalie Ben D'Haiti, turned away 21 shots. The JV squad had a much easier time, with a dominating 10-1 win over Loudoun Valley.