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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addresses the packed Westwood Ballroom during the Sunday's celebration of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna 20th anniversary.

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## POLICE

### 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 Oct. 12 – Oct. 18, 2018.

#### INCIDENTS

**Juvenile Case** — Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, SW Between Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 12 p.m. The staff reported that two students made threats toward their teachers. The school administrators are following up on each of the incidents.

**Arrest – Driving on Revoked License** — Center Street and John Marshall Drive, NW Oct. 10, 9:43 a.m. MPO Mangan observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. The officer determined the driver was operating his vehicle after his license had been revoked in Virginia. The officer arrested the 30-year-old man from Center Street, North in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving on Revoked Operator's License DUI Related and held on a \$1500 secured bond.

**Fraud** — 200 Block Maple Avenue, East Oct. 10 between 3:40 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. A citizen reported that he was approached by a man who advised he was stranded and needed assistance. The man stated that he had a check for a large sum of money but had no identification and was unable to cash it. The citizen agreed to deposit the check into his account and give the man money. Afterward, the citizen realized he had been defrauded. **Civil Matter** — 500 Block Lincoln Street, NW Oct. 10, 3:59 p.m. A resident reported an ongoing dispute regarding the property lines with her neighbor. **Shoplifting** — CVS 337 Maple Avenue, East Oct. 12, 1:45 a.m. An employee reported a man concealed two bottles of wine then left the store without paying for them. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

**Police Service** — Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, SW Oct. 12 between 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Officers were requested to assist school officials with a juvenile student who was acting out. The juvenile's mother responded to the school and transported him home.

**Vehicle Tampering** — 500 Block Glyndon Street, NE Between Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been stolen. **Missing Adult** — Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW Between Oct. 12 at 7:20 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 6:28 a.m. A citizen reported his elderly father was missing. The father was following his son to a service station when he took a wrong turn. The citizen made several attempts but was unable to contact or locate his father. The man was entered into the national law enforcement database as a missing person. Several hours after the report was made the man was located by the Frederick County Sheriff's Department who returned him home safely.

**Suspicious Event** — AT&T Store 211 Maple Avenue, East Oct. 13, 2:30 p.m. Two employees advised that four weeks prior they paid an acquaintance for the purchase of new sneakers for them.

The employees have not yet received the shoes, and they want the acquaintance to refund their money. The two employees were advised of the civil process to handle the matter. **Arrest – Juvenile Case / Underage Possession of Alcohol** — 400 Block Echols Street, SE Oct. 14, 1:18 a.m. Ofc. Colligan observed a male juvenile walking down the street. The officer stopped to check on the welfare of the juvenile and, upon his interaction with the juvenile, he detected a strong odor of alcohol. The juvenile was transported to the Vienna Police Station. Ofc. Colligan notified the juvenile's parent who responded to take custody of him.

The juvenile was issued a summons charging Underage Possession of Alcohol and released to his parent.

**Fire** — Marco Polo 245 Maple Avenue, West Oct. 14, 1:15 p.m. Officers responded with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for

the report of a building fire. Traffic in both directions of Maple Avenue was shut down for several hours as the crews attempted to extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported. The fire investigation is being handled by our investigators and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office.

**Open Door** — 500 Block Meadow Lane, SW Oct. 14, 6:46 p.m. A resident reported a fire alarm sounding from an unoccupied home. Officers found an unsecured door, searched the residence and found no issues. The owner was notified, and the home was secured.

**Suspicious Person** — Vienna Town Hall 127 Center Street, South Oct. 15, 12:02 p.m. Officers located a woman sleeping in the bushes at Town Hall. The woman did not appear to be in need of any medical assistance. The officers transported the woman to her home.

**Assist EMS** — Ware Street, SW Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an elderly resident who had overdosed on prescription medication. The resident was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

**Civil Matter** — 200 Block Audreys Court, SE, Oct. 18, 10:42 a.m. Two neighbors were in a dispute over property lines after one of the neighbors began trimming branches hanging over his property.

#### CRASHES

**300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE** — Oct. 9, 10 a.m. Vehicle-2 (a Town of Vienna garbage truck) was traveling eastbound on Ayr Hill Avenue and legally stopped on the roadway to pick up residential garbage. Vehicle-1 was traveling in the same direction behind Vehicle-2. Driver-1 attempted to pass Vehicle-2 slowly but came too close, and sideswiped the rear corner bumper, causing minor damage.

**Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE** — Oct. 12, 8:57 a.m. Vehicle-1 (an 18-wheeler) was traveling in the right westbound lane of Maple Avenue.

Vehicle 1 turned right onto northbound Beulah Road. Driver-1 cut the corner short, drove over the curb and struck the pedestrian crosswalk sign. Driver-1 continued northbound on Beulah without stopping.

**Beulah Road and Church Street, NE** — Oct. 15, 7:04 a.m. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Beulah Road with the green traffic light at Church Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Church Street and proceeded into the intersection against the red traffic light.

Vehicle-2 struck the rear driver side of Vehicle-1. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

**Locust Street and Courthouse Road, SW** — Oct. 15, 4:52 p.m. Vehicle-2 stopped for the stop sign on Locust Street at Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2 and failed to stop in time, striking the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**500 Block Kingsley Road, SW** — Oct. 15, 7:10 p.m. Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Kingsley Road, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Kingsley when the driver drifted to the right and struck the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

**300 Block Maple Avenue, East** — Oct. 16, 6:23 p.m. Four vehicles were traveling westbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue approaching Glyndon Street. Vehicle-4 came to a stop for the red traffic light with Vehicle-3 and Vehicle-2 stopping behind him. Vehicle-1 was unable to stop in time and struck the rear of Vehicle-2. V

ehicle-2 then struck Vehicle-3, and Vehicle-3 struck Vehicle-4. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Nutley Street near Maple Avenue, SW** — Oct. 17, 9:35 a.m. An unknown vehicle was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, turned right onto Nutley Street, jumped the curb and struck a utility pole.

The driver continued southbound on Nutley Street without stopping.





On Sunday, Oct. 21, 250 people attended the Shepherd's Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala.



The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's 20th Anniversary Gala was celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 21.

## Helping Neighbors Age in Place Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

By CJ GRECO  
THE CONNECTION

**A** scene set in a country club ball room flush with valuable sports memorabilia and jewelry could easily be misconstrued as a purely materialistic one, yet this event was anything but.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past Sunday, Oct. 21 with gala held in the ballroom of Westwood Country Club.

"The aging population is growing," said Irma Gennaro, manager of marketing and communications for the organization. "There's a lot of talent here, ... and those that are on the younger side, like me, want to help those who are really frail".

Per the SCOV website, it is a "volunteer-based organization dedicated to promoting and supporting purposeful, independent living for mature adults through: volunteer opportunities, transportation assistance, support services, lifelong learning and cultural enrichment opportunities.

"Now, these are our pioneers," said Chair of the Shepherd's Center's Board of Directors Bill Farrell as he addressed the crowd, "the ones that did an experiment twenty years ago.

"And the experiment was: can we engage older adults to volunteer their time, their skills, and their energy to help other older adults in the community. Good for the volunteers because it gives them a meaning and purpose in their life – good for the community.

"Well," reminisced Ferrell, "I guess the experiment worked, because here we are twenty years later, celebrating its existence."

Those valuables strewn about the apron of the ballroom bar: items up for charitable sale in the evening's silent auction. Signed Elena Delle Donne and Dmitry Orlov posters, Steelers tickets, and a collection of jew-



Del. Mark Keam (D-35) addresses the crowd.

**"I guess the experiment worked, because here we are twenty years later, celebrating its existence."**

**— Chair of the Shepherd's Center's Board of Directors Bill Farrell**

eled accessories were among the items to bid for. The auction was such a hit, that it only took half of the night for the maxi-

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mum bidding amount to be reached. All proceeds went towards SCOV's operating costs.

Among those speaking at the anniversary gala were Del. Mark Keam, as well as U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly.

"The Shepherd Center is an easy one to explain," said Keam. "As we age, we don't want to age alone."

"When I think about the history of our community in Fairfax County," said

Connolly, "we started out as a suburban community, and built ourselves for young families. We never thought ... that a larger and larger group of people would actually age in place.

"Ending isolation and depression; healing contact is so important, for so many people in our community who have lost their partners, whose families don't live here. And, the work you do is lifesaving to those people."



Easeled SCOV testimonials could be found in every corner of the Westwood Ballroom.



## Responding to Climate Change Warnings

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



### COMMENTARY

Last week I wrote about the dire warning of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change about the more immediate consequences of climate change than had originally been predicted. Avoiding the damages to our planet and to our way of life would require "transforming the world economy at a speed and scale that has no documented precedent," according to the report.

The greatest economies in the world must lead the changes necessary to preserve our planet and the quality of life for our families rather than dismissing or debating its findings. The time for action is now with the report describing a world of worsening food shortages and wildfires and a mass die-off of coral reefs as soon as 2040, a little more than two decades away.

What we have instead are politicians at the highest level of the federal government making promises at political rallies in West Virginia

to bring back coal, the greatest offender of climate change, and in Iowa to increase corn production for ethanol that when added to gasoline may release more carbon from the lands than it saves. Scores of regulations intended to reduce climate change have been rescinded to gain favor of those who see them as interference in their quest to make more bucks or to gain more votes from a political constituency.

Absent little or no help on this concern at the federal level for the next couple of years, what can be done in the meantime? At the state level I will be pushing for a strengthening of a commitment by state government to increase its efforts at energy conservation, eliminating any subsidies for coal production, intensive economic development in green jobs for areas previously dependent on coal, a tax on carbon, accelerating the use of renewable energy, and establishing Virginia as a green state in its policies as well as reforestation. There are

many reasons to take this immediate action in Virginia if for no other motive than that we stand to be among the first states to lose a significant chunk of our land mass with climate change and sea level rise.

I am pleased that Fairfax County has made a nod in the direction of concern about sea level rise, but there is reason to believe that one of the wealthiest counties in the country can find the will and the resources to do even more. We have been planting trees, but we need to plant many more. We have been working to get people out of their individual cars, and we must incentivize more people to use cleaner transit. Thanks to School Board Member Pat Hynes for her resolution calling for state and federal action on climate change. It is a beginning, but the locality must budget as a social cost for the county and not for the school district the addition of solar panels on the millions of square feet of roof space on our schools. Also, our school lots should be forested and not lawns.

Small actions taken by many can produce significant results. We have our warning. No time for hand wringing. We need to get to work.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Comstock Fails SNAP Test

To the Editor:

Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) has taken a hard core right wing stance in supporting President Trump and the House's Farm Bill version that would gut the vital SNAP nutrition program.

In contrast, state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33), the Democratic nominee in the 10th Congressional District, has endorsed the moderate, bipartisan Senate version that preserves the SNAP program and passed with overwhelming support by most US senators of both parties, 86-11. The House version barely passed by 2 votes, 213-211.

We have asked several times if Rep. Comstock would move to the Senate version to avoid the House bill that would cut benefits and inevitably result in kicking deserving Virginians off of this key nutrition program. All we have received is a generalized comment that she supports a compromise that ends the impasse, and this does nothing to answer the question about SNAP.

The SNAP nutrition program is vital for all demographic groups, including the large Latino community which makes up approximately 13 percent of the population in the 10th District.

We received feedback on key safety net issues like SNAP at our nonpartisan forum for 10th District candidates in McLean in late May, and the Comstock campaign was the only one of the then eight campaigns from both parties that

was not represented by either the candidate or a senior surrogate.

As many nonprofits and anti-hunger and poverty advocates in northern Virginia know, even in our relatively prosperous area there are substantial numbers of people who are immigrants, economically under stress, homeless, or otherwise in need of nutrition assistance.

The Farm Bill is essential for the SNAP nutrition program that is the key bulwark against hunger and malnutrition, as well as agriculture provisions that are important for farmers in the western part of the 10th District. SNAP promotes food security, enhances health, improves child development and learning, lifts households above the poverty line, helps people facing temporary setbacks, and stimulates local economic activity.

We have not gotten any meaningful feedback from either the Comstock Congressional or campaign offices despite repeated efforts, and Virginians need to know that Comstock not only voted for the House version earlier in the year that would harm SNAP, but published a statement praising the House's reactionary bill.

Comstock and Congress as a whole can't evade responsibility for taking a stand on this crucial issue by kicking the can down the road and saying, "Trust us, we'll come up with a resolution after the election." The SNAP vote reportedly will now take place some time

after mid-November or later.

We have commended many thoughtful Republicans in the US Senate who voted for the constructive Senate version.

Billing the House version as pushing allegedly "lazy" people to find work is demagoguery, because the great majority of SNAP recipients are either people who already have low-wage jobs, seniors, people with disabilities, or unemployed people who are doing their best to find work, and SNAP already has programs to help people to find work.

SNAP benefits are very small at approximately \$1.43 per person per meal, so there is no incentive

for people to avoid work and try to "live off" SNAP, formerly known as food stamps.

This program has a waste and abuse level of a little over 1 percent, which is very good for such a huge program. There are always a few bad actors in any program involving about 39 million recipients and about 766,000 people in Virginia, and government officials are doing their best to eliminate waste and abuse. The program is sound.

**Lee Powell**, Economic Equality Caucus Virginia Committee  
**J. Walter Tejada**, Virginia Latino Leaders Council

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**Free Sober Rides.** Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

#### THROUGH NOV. 9

**Food Drive.** Drop-off canned goods at Sheehy INFINITI of Tysons, 8527 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Sheehy Auto Stores will collect canned goods and non-perishable food as part of the company's annual Fall Harvest Food Drive to benefit food banks serving each community. Benefiting food banks include the Oxon Hill Food

Pantry, ECHO, Manna Food Center, Central Virginia Food Bank, Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES), Fauquier Food Bank, House of Mercy, Emmaus Center, Samaritan Project, The Light House, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Perry Hall United Methodist Church, SERVE, Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and Food for Others.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

**Tysons 2050.** 4-8 p.m. at Hilton Tysons, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons. Tysons 2050 is a community-building event, focused on sharing insights and visions from thought-leaders helping transform Tysons. Panelists will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and developments that are on the immediate and distant horizon. \$75. Call 703-281-1333 or visit [www.tysonschamber.org/tysons-2050](http://www.tysonschamber.org/tysons-2050) for more.

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# LETTERS

## Revisiting Definition of Socialism

To the Editor:

Any government run public program can be characterized as being socialized, but a limited, or localized, program is not the same as socialism, as Mr. Donahue seems to suggest in his letter to the editor ('Socialized' Healthcare Works, Connection, October 17-23, 2018). Under a government of socialism, an entire public program, such as single payer health care, is national in scope and a monopoly with no checks or incentives to keep it honest, efficient, and competitive. One need only look at Venezuela and all the socialist experiments that came be-

fore to appreciate socialism's effect on the economic sector and the people living under such a system. It has always been the people, not the governments that have been hurt under socialism. It is this that Republicans reject, not the scope-limited government programs that help our citizens. Mr. Donahue himself needs to revisit the definition of socialism. While he's at it, he might want to review his candidate, Jennifer Wexton's "results." None of her bills have been signed into law.

**Marty P. Smith**  
McLean

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## Longest-Working Rosie the Riveter to Be Honored in Oakton

**O**n Sunday, Oct. 28, hundreds of Girl Scouts and Elinor Otto, the nation's longest-working Rosie the Riveter, will come together at Camp Crowell in Oakton to dedicate the state's first Rosie the Riveter Memorial Garden — and to celebrate Ms. Otto's 99th birthday. Organized by iWitnessed->iRemember, a local organization committed to remembering American heroes of World War II, the event will feature the CEO of the largest Girl Scout Council in the country, Lidia Soto-Harmon, Sharla Rausch of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a host of activities that support today's servicemen and women and honor the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation. After the United States entered World War II in 1941, approximately six million women entered the nation's factories to build aircraft and other equipment essential to the war effort.

These Rosies the Riveters, as they became known, were pioneers in the nation's technological workforce at a crucial time in U.S. history. With the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II imminent, the national organization Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive decided to launch a campaign to honor all these Rosies by planting memorial rose gardens throughout the United States. Already, 15 states have planned or planted Rosie gardens, but the campaign was brought to Virginia by

iWitnessed->iRemember and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. iWitnessed->iRemember, or iWiRe, is an organization founded by Fairfax County student Madeleine LeBeau as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Through iWiRe, LeBeau has coordinated dozens of events all over the D.C. metropolitan area that have brought the teenagers that fought and won World War II together with hundreds of today's teens. As part of this effort, iWiRe has teamed with the Girl Scouts and Spirit of '45, which is headed by Warren Hegg, to help today's students appreciate that many of the values that won World War II still remain essential 75 years later.

For example, as part of the upcoming event, beginning at 1 p.m. participants will make blankets for injured servicemen and women, write notes or make flowers to thank military families, and learn about how teens in the 1940s joined the U.S. military. They also will get to speak directly with Ms. Otto and learn, first hand, how the war changed her life and the lives of many women. Schedule of events: 1 p.m.: Service projects in honor of the Rosies; wooden construction projects; storytime for the youngest scouts; 2 p.m.: Garden dedication ceremony; 2:30 p.m. Birthday celebration for Ms. Otto. Location: Camp Crowell, 10900 Vale Road, Oakton.

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## NEWS

### Three Oakcrest Seniors Named as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

**O**akcrest Class of 2019 students Helen Molteni, Alexandra Murphy, and Julka Syska were among 34,000 students who were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students nationwide. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year.

All three students are active leaders in the Oakcrest community. Helen currently serves as president of the Oakcrest student council and is a four-year Varsity Soccer and Track team member. She also participates in Science Olympiad, Junior States of America, and Math Honor Society. Alexandra is Varsity Soccer captain and a Track team member, and participates in Latin Convention, Science Olympiad, and Math Honor Society. She has earned gold medals on the National Latin II and III exams. Julka is president of both the Oakcrest Student Ambassadors Program and the Spanish Honor Society, a Varsity swimmer, and has been a member of the Science Olympiad team for the last three years.

In addition, all three girls pursue interests outside the classroom. Alexandra



**From left: Julka Syska, Alexandra Murphy, Helen Molteni and Mary T. Ortiz**

earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. Helen volunteers in a home for senior citizens and tutors students in math and writing. And Julka is active in the Polish community—she serves as a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and translates interviews of Polish Holocaust survivors into English for the Museum's Oral History program.

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## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

**72nd Annual Halloween Parade.** 7 p.m. On Maple Avenue in downtown Vienna. Don't miss out on the costumes and floats, the marching bands, the performances, and the sense of camaraderie and community as the parade moonwalks down the road for the 72nd time. Costumed children and families who wish to march in the parade should meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of United Bank, 374 Maple Avenue E. The parade is sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Vienna Business Association. Contact the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 26

**McLean Farmers Market.** Fridays through Nov. 16, 8 a.m.-noon at 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean).

**Riverbend Bird Walks.** 8-10 a.m. at Riverbend Park - Visitor Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Riverbend Park is offering free birding walks in October. Participants should be prepared to walk about two miles in comfortable, closed-toed shoes. There likely will be gentle uphill and downhill stretches on slightly uneven terrain. Bring binoculars. Rain or shine. Call 703-759-9018, or stop by the Visitors' Center front desk to register.

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Naomi Chung, a semi-

# Langley High Orchestra to Perform Halloween Music

BY ALEX MONTANO  
LANGLEY HIGH SENIOR

**H**alloween just isn't the same without great music to fit the occasion, and nobody knows this better than the award-winning Langley High School Orchestra, which will present a Spookfest concert on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Langley High School Auditorium.

The Freshman Orchestra will begin the night with classics such as the soundtrack from "The Phantom of the Opera."

Immediately afterward, listeners will be riveted by a performance of the famous "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by a unique ensemble of more than eighteen cellists known collectively as The Cello Choir.

The Philharmonic Orchestra will dazzle the audience with dark 19th-century masterpieces by composers Saint-Saens and Liszt, featuring a violin soloist, three virtuoso pianists, and musicians from the accomplished Langley High School Band.

Finally, the night will be capped off by a rendition of Michael Jackson's iconic "Thriller," played by the Symphonic Orchestra.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HELEN BECKNER

**The Langley High School Orchestra will perform Halloween music on Tuesday, Oct. 30**

Before the music, concert-goers are encouraged to admire the work of the Langley photography department, which will be displaying their own Halloween-themed photography in the hall adjacent to the auditorium.

This concert is free to the public and designed for all ages. Appropriate costumes are welcome for performers and audience members alike.

If you dare, come out and enjoy the show.

120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Kathleen Barth makes her Vienna Theatre Company directorial debut the final two weekends of October and the first weekend of November. Tickets are \$14. Advance tickets may be purchased online at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the community center; if available, tickets may be purchased at the door.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Fall Festival.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at George C Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. George C Marshall HS Dance Team presents a Fall Festival and Craft and Vendor Bazaar. Food, shopping, raffle prizes, and entertainment, free activities for children. Admission is free. Email [kristen.farrand@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.farrand@gmail.com) or call 913-680-7902.

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, through Nov. 3 at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. The Vienna Farmers Market, hosted by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, has more than 30 vendors from across the region, the Vienna Farmers Market provides locally-sourced fruits and vegetables and homemade eats. Visit [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/) for more.

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** Year-round 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](mailto:kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org) for more.

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abstract landscape painter in oils will be the presenter. Chung has a B.F.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a member of The McLean Project for the Arts and The

Art Council of Fairfax County. She will focus on "working toward abstraction." Guests are welcome. Call 703 356-2998 for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 26-27

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## News

Members of the Oakcrest Chamber Orchestra play at Sunset Hills Assisted Living.



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# Oakcrest Holds All-School Service Day

School-wide project sends students all over D.C. and Northern Virginia to serve.

On Oct. 5, Oakcrest School held its annual All-School Service Day, dedicated to projects that serve the surrounding community. All Oakcrest students performed service projects on campus or volunteered at charitable organizations around the Northern Virginia/D.C. area.

All-School Service Day is a tradition at Oakcrest that always takes place during Fall Spirit Week, a weeklong celebration of school spirit, healthy competition, and friendship. Middle School students helped with gardening projects or spent the morning at D.C. Central Kitchen, a community kitchen that runs a variety of programs to fight poverty and hunger. Students in the Upper School had their pick



Seventh graders write letters as part of their service project.

of seven different service projects. These included assisting at Early Steps bilingual preschool in Vienna; making learning resources to aid the visually impaired in a Fairfax County school; as well as organizing and sorting donated items at Clock Tower Thrift Shop in Falls Church. The Oakcrest Chamber Orchestra and the Concert Chorus performed for residents at Sunrise Assisted Living locations in Hunter Mill and McLean. Learn more at Oakcrest.org.



Students help out at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna.



The eighth grade students prepare food at D.C. Central Kitchen.

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## CALENDAR

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**Oakton Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit [community-foodworks.org](http://community-foodworks.org).

**Genealogy Fall Fair.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Cost is \$45/\$55. Program topics include: Genealogy in the Digital Age, presented by Genealogist James Beidler; "Digital Databases bringing Libraries to your desktop;" "Ancestors Seen through Newspapers;" "Headline to Bylines: sing all the Newspaper in your Genealogy." Email: [conference@fxgs.org](mailto:conference@fxgs.org) or call 703-644-8185. Visit the website: [www.fxgs.org](http://www.fxgs.org).

**Trunk or Treat.** 4-6 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Lewinsville is hosting a Trunk or Treat Block Party event for the community, safe fun for the whole family. Trick or Treaters go from car to car and trunk to trunk, collecting candy from the volunteers who have decorated their vehicles to serve as a backdrop for this spooktacular event. Free and open to the public. Call 703-356-7200 or visit [lewinsville.org](http://lewinsville.org) for more.

**Together Under the Northern Lights Gala.** 6 p.m.-midnight. At Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Sponsored by Arlington Free Clinic. This year's event will celebrate the Clinic's commitment to providing free, high-quality medical care to low-income uninsured Arlington County adults. For event details and to purchase tickets and sponsorships, please visit [www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org](http://www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 28

**Halloween Outing.** 2-6 p.m. At Krop's Crops, 11110 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Krop's Crops and Safespot have partnered for a fun family Halloween outing. Select your favorite pumpkin from Krop's pumpkin patch, carve or decorate your pumpkin with help from Safespot volunteers, take a hayride and snack on s'mores, a treat for kids and a treat for Safespot! All proceeds go to Safespot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax. Cost is \$15/per person. Early registration at <https://conta.cc/2xzKusT>.

**"Emilie: La Marquise Du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight."** 2 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. See above. Advance tickets online at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the community center; if available, tickets may be purchased at the door.

**"Grant Us Peace."** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. New Dominion Chorale will begin its 28th season with a program titled "Grant Us Peace." The concert, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will feature Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem," Felix Mendelssohn's "Grant Us Peace," and two works by Franz Schubert: "Psalm 23" and "Mass in G Major." Vocal soloists will be soprano Annie Schwartz, tenor Benjamin Pattison, and bass-baritone James Shaffran. \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (62+), and \$15 for students up to age 22. Purchase tickets at [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) or at the door.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

**Hitchcocktober: Psycho (1954).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween.

Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmmcenter.com).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 1

**Submission Deadline.** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax will be accepting work for its next open art exhibit in December. This artwork will illustrate *Mystery and Solstice* - the theme for worship at UUCF in the month of December. All types of media qualifies, including painting, photography, mixed-media, and the written word. The deadline to submit a jpeg image and application is Nov 1. Artwork will be hung on Friday, Nov. 30 and should be picked up by Jan. 6 and 7. All sales will be handled by UUCF with a 20% commission given to the organization. Email [artspeaks@uucf.org](mailto:artspeaks@uucf.org) to request a submission form.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 2-4

**"The Story of Hansel and Gretel."** Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At The Stage at Holy Trinity Church, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Cost is \$10. Purchase tickets at [bit.ly/oshanselgretel](http://bit.ly/oshanselgretel). Visit the website [www.oakcrest.org](http://www.oakcrest.org).

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### SATURDAY/NOV. 3

**Bulb Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon at Town of Vienna Farmers Market, on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center. The Ayr Hill Garden Club presents its annual bulb sale supporting the community gardening efforts of the Ayr Hill Garden Club. Email [emilielarson@rcn.com](mailto:emilielarson@rcn.com) for more.

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**Great Gatsby Night.** Cocktails and dinner, 6 p.m.; performance, 7:30 p.m. at Vinson Hall Community Ballroom, 1735 Kirby Road, McLean. The Tysons McLean Orchestra will feature Pianist Thomas Pandolfi performing Rachmaninoff and selections from the 1920s and '30s. Dinner and performance, \$200 per person. Contact [info@tysonsmcleanorchestra.org](mailto:info@tysonsmcleanorchestra.org) or call 703-893-8646.

**Cancer Research Fundraiser.** 7-10 p.m. At Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept - Flame Room, 400 Center Street, South, Vienna. Come to a wine tasting and silent auction hosted by Upsilon Gamma. Have fun while raising money for cancer research. Cost is \$20 per ticket includes two wine/beer, hors d'oeuvres, and several door prize opportunities. A Wine Pull and a cash bar will be available. Auction Items include restaurant gift cards, specialty baskets, massage services. Get tickets at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sip-and-shop-mission-possible-fundraiser-tickets-50561085568>

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Public Meetings\* to be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

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| <b>Monday, October 15, 2018<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Culpeper District Office<br>1601 Orange Road<br>Culpeper, VA 22701  | <b>Wednesday, October 17, 2018*<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Blue Ridge Community College<br>Plecker Center for Continuing Education<br>One College Lane<br>Weyers Cave, VA 24486 | <b>Monday, October 22, 2018*<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Southwest Higher Education Center<br>One Partnership Circle<br>Abingdon, VA 24210                |
| <b>Thursday, October 25, 2018*<br/>at 2 p.m.</b><br>(Note: Start time has changed)<br>Holiday Inn - Valley View<br>3315 Ordway Drive NW<br>Roanoke, VA 24017 | <b>Tuesday, November 13, 2018<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Hampton Roads District Office<br>7511 Burbage Drive<br>Suffolk, VA 23435   | <b>Thursday, November 15, 2018<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Homewood Suites-Chester<br>12810 Old Stage Road<br>Chester, VA 23836                           |
| <b>Monday, November 19, 2018<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Lynchburg District Complex<br>Ramey Memorial Auditorium<br>4303 Campbell Avenue<br>Lynchburg, VA 24501     | <b>Wednesday, November 28, 2018<br/>at 4 p.m.</b><br>Fredericksburg District<br>Office Auditorium<br>86 Deacon Road<br>Fredericksburg, VA 22405                           | <b>Thursday, November 29, 2018<br/>at 5:30 p.m.</b><br>NOVA District Office<br>Potomac Conference Room<br>4975 Alliance Drive<br>Fairfax, VA 22030 |

\*These meetings will be held in conjunction with planned I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meetings. Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2018.

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| If you cannot attend a meeting, you may send your comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov">Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov</a> . | You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov">DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov</a> . |
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Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

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## NEWS

### Santa Fe Artist Bette Ridgeway Creates Epic Masterwork for the Boro Tower in Tysons

Bette Ridgeway has just completed her largest and most significant work (to date). The corporate commission from The Meridian Group/Rockefeller Group/Gensler Architects measures 15' high x 21' wide – a stunning, highly visible, “poured” painting on canvas. Throughout the four decades of her artistic career, Ridgeway’s artwork has been exhibited, collected, written about and lauded. Thus far, in 2018, she has enjoyed fourteen exhibitions and has been featured in fifteen global publications. Her work has always been, and continues to be, about seeking new frontiers – and this commission is in furtherance of that awareness. Pushing the boundaries of light, color and design, Ridgeway is best known for her large-scale, luminous poured canvas – a process that she terms “layering light.”

In February of 2018, Ridgeway was selected and given full artistic freedom to create the signature artwork for The Boro Building, located in the heart of The Boro, a premier, multi-phase development in Tysons Corner. This vibrant, new live/work/play town concept is being co-developed by The Meridian Group and Rockefeller Group, with design by Gensler Architects. The painting will be installed in the lobby upon completion of the building in January 2019.

For the past eight months, Ridgeway and her team of four assistants have been creating this masterwork, an engineering feat, which required constant innovation, research and development. The process of pouring on canvas is painstaking, in that each layer



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**Bette Ridgeway’s painting will be installed in the lobby upon completion of the building in January 2019.**

is poured separately. Ridgeway uses Golden Fluid paint and layers color over color to achieve a limpid suffused quality that resembles watercolor. The pouring process requires a complex set up. The large canvases are suspended on supports of varying heights, then meticulously draped and formed for each individual pour.

Until the piece was completed, only days ago, Ridgeway and her team had never seen the massive piece in its entirety. Due to the immense scale of the artwork, limitations in the work space, and the complex nature of her pouring technique, the artwork was created in sections, with parts of the canvas rolled at all times. When the entire painting was hung to view in its totality for the first time, the Ridgeway team wept.

With a strong history and connection to the D.C. metro area, Ridgeway is gratified that this work will have a permanent home in The Boro.

Ridgeway speaks on the concept behind the project, “This process touched me as our society is undergoing great and dynamic change. I believe that the outcome can be very positive as we free ourselves from the old way of thinking and being, and step into a new chapter of freedom, compassion and beauty.”

## Lake Anne Plaza to Host ‘Harvest Festival’

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What: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake Anne Harvest Festival  
When: Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018  
Where: Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront) - 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston  
Cost: Free  
Weather: Rain or Shine

**L**ake Anne Plaza announced a new annual event, Harvest Festival, which will take place the weekend before Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The free festival is family friendly and will showcase holiday tips and treats, Virginia wine and beer and a collection of everything fall at 11 eateries and shops on Lake Anne. Enjoy live music, sales on Halloween costumes and more from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Line-up of Specials during the Harvest Festival:  
Café Montmartre: Virginia wine pairing and specials on Vienna Lager and Devils Backbone IPA  
Chesapeake Chocolates: Free wine tasting featuring Virginia wines from 2-4 p.m. Virginia treats and chocolate apple dipping and first annual Fall for Peeps Display.

Kalypso’s Sports Tavern: Specials on all Virginia wine and beer plus wine pairing/tasting

Kustard & Co: Buy one get one Seasonal Harvest Flavored Pumpkin scoops

Lake Anne Brew House: 20 percent off growlers refills and special prices on seasonal beers

Lake Anne Coffee House and Wine Bar: Dinner special inspired by Virginia Wines and Beers.

New Trail Cycling Studio: Sneak Peak of New Space, Membership Discounts and Bike Trail Maps

Reston Historic Trust & Museum: Happy Birthday Museum! Fall refreshments and sale on mugs, t-shirts, and memberships.

Reston Art Gallery and Studio: Hosting a fall craft project for kids from 10am-Noon.

Reston’s Used Book Shop: Sale on all Virginia Books and books about wine.

Small Change Consignment: 80 percent off Halloween Costume Sale and extra 20 percent off toys and books.

The festival is produced by Friends of Lake Anne.



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### SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

**Free Sober Rides.** Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

### THROUGH NOV. 9

**Food Drive.** Drop-off canned goods at Sheehy INFINITI of Tysons, 8527 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Sheehy Auto Stores will collect canned goods and non-perishable food as part of the company's annual Fall Harvest Food Drive to benefit food banks serving each community. Benefiting food banks include the Oxon Hill Food Pantry, ECHO, Manna Food Center, Central Virginia Food Bank, Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES), Fauquier Food Bank, House of Mercy, Emmaus Center, Samaritan Project, The Light House, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Perry Hall United Methodist Church, SERVE, Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and Food for Others.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

**Tysons 2050.** 4-8 p.m. at Hilton Tysons, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons. Tysons 2050 is a community-building event, focused on sharing insights and visions from thought-leaders helping transform Tysons. Panelists will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and developments that are on the immediate and distant horizon. \$75. Call 703-281-1333 or visit [www.tysonschamber.org/tysons-2050](http://www.tysonschamber.org/tysons-2050) for more.

**MCC Governing Board.** 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Administrative Offices, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. All meetings of the Governing Board are open to the public. Tax district residents (Dranesville District-1A) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Public Comment Deadline.** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) announces a 45-day public comment period for its proposed policy and guidelines for transit capital prioritization and urban transit agency strategic plans. The proposed plans are available online at [drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/public-comment](http://drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/public-comment). Comments on the plans can be sent to Jen DeBruhl at [DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov) or DRPT, 600 East Main St., Suite 2012, Richmond, VA 23219.

### SATURDAY/ OCT. 27

**VolunteerFest.** A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 30

**Learn to Prevent Bullying.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Entrance 1, Room 100. You Can Help Prevent Bullying: Strategies for Parents. Workshop to learn what is bullying, bullying in a cyber world, bullying vs. harassment, signs to look for and ways to prevent and support. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) to register.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 2

**Introduction to Special Education.** 10 a.m.-noon. At Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring; Entrance 1 - Room 100. Workshop that will serve as an orientation for parents new to Special Education. The workshop will outline the special education process and resources will be shared. Knowledgeable staff will be able to answer your questions. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) to register.

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## Resorting to Radio



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There I was, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, around 6:30, sitting on my living room couch, club sandwich in hand, preparing for the League Championship Series game 5 between my Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros when as I've done a thousand times before, grabbed the remote to turn on the television. Pressing the usual button, I was distressed to see no picture and hear no sound. Having experienced this kind of disappointment numerous times before, I didn't panic yet. I went about the diagnostic process first.

I checked my remote to see if the batteries were firmly connected, which they were. I then pointed the remote back at the television, but still no response.. Next, as I have been prompted previously under similar circumstances ("Your X-1 platform ..."), I pulled the plug and waited 30-plus seconds before reconnecting. Thirty seconds later, I re-plugged and still my television sat idle. Next I went into my home office to check the status of my computer since they're "cableized" together. The lights on my modem were flashing (a hopeful sign) so I clicked on one of my desk top icons and was met with the dreaded "No internet connection," confirming my worst suspicion. For the moment, 90 minutes before game time, I was out of service (heck, I was out of luck). Finally, I called my cable provider for clarification/further confirmation when I was met with the equally dreaded pre-recorded message: "There has been a service interruption in your area. Service is expected to be restored tomorrow afternoon." "TOMORROW AFTER-NOON? THE GAME IS TONIGHT!" That was the exclamation I can print. What came next was not particularly complimentary.

For the next hour or so I puttered and muttered and did nothing to improve my circumstances. At 9:30 pm I called my brother to get a score. (He lives in Washington, DC and has a smart phone. I live in Maryland and have a flip phone, a k a "stupid phone"). Unfortunately, he had left his cell phone in another room and didn't hear my call. Frustrated, I swore yet again and trudged upstairs to go to bed. After getting into my "jammies," I laid down in bed and rolled onto my left side to set the alarm on my clock radio when it hit me (not the clock radio); the baseball game is being broadcast on the radio! And so I scrolled the dial on the clock radio until I heard ESPN radio broadcasters John Shambee and Jessica Mendoza calling the game. If I can't watch the game, I can certainly listen to it. And so I did, just like I did as a "little-leaguer" all those many years ago listening to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin of the "Boston Red Sox radio network" while living on Athelstane Road in Newton Centre, Ma. Except this time, I wasn't clutching a transistor radio. I was hands free, listening.

For the next nearly three hours, I laid in bed and listened. Most of the broadcast I heard and some of it I missed as occasionally I fell asleep. But for a time I was transported back in time sort of, before cable television proliferated when the games were broadcast almost exclusively on radio and baseball was seen through the eyes of those sitting in the "Catbird seat," to quote the legendary Red Barber. Listening to how they described what they saw during the game was how many of my generation - and the preceding generation, fell in love with baseball: "How about that!" to quote the late, great, Mel Allen.

It was a late night, but happily, for me and Red Sox Nation, the Sox won and will now be returning to the World Series for the first time since 2013. Game one will be Tuesday night, Oct. 23. I can't imagine that there will be a repeat non-performance from my cable provider, but if there is, and I am forced to go to plan "B", radio, I will do so. The circumstances got us a win in game five, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't get us a win in game one, too. After all, it's not only the ballplayers that are superstitious.

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**Thomas Pandolfi, soloist and renowned pianist performing at Tysons McLean Orchestra's "Great Gatsby Night."**



**Miriam Burns, musical director and conductor, Tysons McLean Orchestra**

## Music from the Magical Age

**Tysons McLean Orchestra to perform 'Great Gatsby Night' at Vinson Hall in McLean.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
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### Where and When

With its byline, "Community in Concert," the professional Tysons McLean Orchestra is celebrating its 48<sup>th</sup> performance season. "We are an orchestra for the community. Great music can be a powerful force in people's lives," said Miriam Burns, music director and conductor.

"Music speaks to us in ways that words cannot," added Burns. "Music can unite and heal a community and bring people together and has the power to affect all of us in such overwhelming ways."

With a full, new season of concerts, and in anticipation of its 50<sup>th</sup> season soon to come, the Tysons McLean Orchestra (TMO) will have a special gala and fundraiser with music of the 1920s and 1930s. It is titled a "Great Gatsby Night." The evening will be headlined by the pianist Thomas Pandolfi.

"Thomas Pandolfi is one of our most beloved and popular soloists. Our audiences love hearing him perform," said Burns. "He draws the audience closer by talking about the music he is about to play. It will be an unforgettable evening in support of the Tysons McLean Orchestra."

"My belief is that every performance, no matter how profound the music, should never lose the element of entertainment," said Pandolfi. "Audiences must feel emotionally moved, inspired, dazzled — they must feel a sense of enjoyment."

Tysons McLean Orchestra to present "Great Gatsby Night" featuring Thomas Pandolfi at Vinson Hall Community Ballroom, 1735 Kirby Road, McLean, Nov. 3, 2018 at 6 p.m. with cocktails and dinner. Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$200 per person. Detailed information about the gala and the entire Tysons McLean Orchestra 2018-19 season are at [www.TysonsMcLeanOrchestra.org](http://www.TysonsMcLeanOrchestra.org) or call 703-893-8646.

The music to be performed at the TMO "Great Gatsby" event "is energetic, sophisticated, jazzy," noted Pandolfi. "Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue' will be featured as the centerpiece work, as well as a Medley of that composer's best loved songs. Other music from that magical era will be showcased as well."

If the name Tysons McLean Orchestra (TMO) is new to you, it is the new name for the McLean Orchestra. "The name change was a decision that acknowledges the growth opportunity to strengthen and solidify its position with the community," said James Baker, TMO board president. "With the speed at which the region is forecasted to grow, the TMO has begun planning for its next 50 years."

Beyond its own concert schedule, the TMO is also the founder of the McLean Youth Orchestra (MYO).

This youth orchestra was created to provide the finest possible musical education to students who represent the future of classical music. "With the MYO, students learn important life skills that they will use the rest of their lives, regardless of what profession they end up in," added Burns.

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