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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, Virginia Police Department from Sept. 27 – Oct. 3, 2019.

### INCIDENTS

**Fraud** — 100 Block East Street, NE Between March 25 at 12 p.m. and Sept. 10 at 12p.m. A resident reported that an unknown person used two of her credit accounts to make unauthorized purchases.

**Grand Larceny** — Anita's Restaurant 521 Maple Avenue, East Between Sept. 24 at 12 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 12 p.m. An employee reported US currency missing from a cashbox in the office of the restaurant.

**Fraud** — 800 Block Meadow Lane, SW Sept. 25, 12 p.m. A resident was notified by the bank of a fraudulent check that someone attempted to cash on her account.

**Assault** — Battle Street and Cottage Street, SW Sept. 26 between 6:53 a.m. and 7 a.m. On Sept. 29, residents reported that their juvenile son was assaulted on Sept. 26 by other juveniles while riding the bus to school.

**Suspicious Person** — Caffé Amouri Sept. 26 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. On Sept. 27, a resident reported an incident that she observed the prior day while she was in Caffé Amouri. The resident advised a man was in the cafe taking pictures of women in and around the establishment. The man would hide the camera if anyone seemed to notice him. The resident reported the man to employees. The owner of the café was alerted to the man's behavior; he watched the man and confirmed the

resident's account. The owner approached the man and advised him he could not be taking pictures inside the café. The man left the area without incident.

**Destruction of Property** — 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE Sept. 26 between 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. A resident reported that an unknown person forced entry into her storage unit in the basement of her condominium. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Vienna Caboose** — 520 Mill Street, NE Sept. 27, 11:06 a.m. A resident turned in a set of keys that was found on the bike trail near the Caboose.

**Narcotics Violation** — 600 Block Kearney Court, SW Sept. 27, 3 p.m. A resident observed two juveniles in a black Mercedes SUV smoking from a drug paraphernalia device.

**Juvenile Case** — Meadow Lane Park 400 Courthouse Road, SW Sept. 27, 4:18 p.m. A teenage juvenile ran from her mother at the Vienna Dog Park, 700 Courthouse Road, SW. The juvenile went to Meadow Lane Park and requested to speak to an officer. The juvenile is in treatment for emotional issues. The juvenile agreed to go home with her mother. A short time later, the juvenile called the police from the Walgreens, 225 Maple Avenue, West. The juvenile advised that while she and her mother were on their way home, she exited the vehicle at a stoplight. The mother responded to the Walgreens to pick up her daughter.

**Natural Death** — 100 Block Wilmar Place, NW Sept. 27 5:36 p.m. Officers responded to assist rescue personnel

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People dance to 70s disco hits, which was a popular music choice at the event.

## Oktoberfest Celebrated in Vienna

**B**rats, beer, and a beautiful community: the recipe to having a great Oktoberfest. Dogs, children, families, food and crisp Fall air were in abundance at Vienna's Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 5.

"This is the 12th year for Oktoberfest," said Carey Sienicki, Councilwoman of Vienna. "The event is sponsored by Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna." Vendors selling homemade crafts, services, clothing, and food dotted historic Church Street, beginning at Mill Street NE and ending at Center Street N. On the Town Green there were children's activities such as a bouncy house, corn hole, face painting, mini basketball, slime making, and a wack-a-mole station. Food trucks

lined up outside of Vienna Presbyterian Church selling all types of cuisines. One food truck in particular was a BBQ truck from Charlotte, N. C. whose owners had driven up to Vienna in the early hours of the morning and were heading home in the evening.

Pete and Rita Walters of Springfield have been coming to Vienna's Oktoberfest for the past ten years. "We never miss any festivals," said Rita. "I know a handful of the bands that play here during the festival. I used to sub at the School of Rock and I love to watch the kids that I taught play here," said Pete. The music flowed from all three stages set up for Oktoberfest. The Center Street N stage had acoustic hits, the Town Green pavilion featured homegrown acts such as Adrenaline



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Caroline Garrett, 10, poses with Finn, the fluffy dog.



Pete and Rita Walters pose in their German themed aprons.



Diane Greenbaum with Kidcreate Studio hands out bags of slime that children have made at the stall.



Nancy Moats and Christina Wren of Ayr Hill Garden Club use their free plungers given out by My Plumber as beer holders.

Dance Studio, and the center stage by the caboose featured many bands, one of the more popular ones being a disco band that played popular 70s hits that got people on their feet dancing. As people left Vienna with

painted faces, full stomachs, homemade goods, and smiles on their faces, the sun set on yet another successful Vienna Oktoberfest.

—LISA FAY



Angelina Rosso, 5, sits in a car from the Autobahn Indoor Speedway from Manassas.

# OPINION

## Capstone to Four-Years of Police Reform

BY PHIL NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER AND  
ADRIAN L. STEEL JR.

**J**ust in time for the Oct. 8 fourth anniversary of the 2015 release of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission Final Report, the Board of Supervisors approved full implementation of body worn cameras (BWC) by the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). This is one of the Commission's most significant and consequential recommendations. While a potential aid to criminal prosecution, the body worn camera's equally important contribution is to foster greater transparency and accountability of all parties during the interactions of the police with the public. Full implementation will begin in May 2020 and take three years to phase in countywide.

The Board's decision followed the completion of a 2018 pilot study chartered by Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. and conducted by the American University, which found that there was "... overwhelming support among community members for the widespread adoption of body worn cameras..." and "... consensus among the officers involved in the pilot that body worn cameras will increase the gathering of evidence and help settle complaints against officers."

The Board's decision is a fitting capstone to a four-year successful effort by the Board to oversee the transformation of the Police Department from one that was excellent to now being on a clear path to becoming "best in class."

The Commission's formation by the Board of Supervisors followed a few high-profile po-

lice use of force incidents, with the ultimate catalyst being the August 2013 shooting death of unarmed Springfield resident John Geer in his doorway.

Board Chair Bulova formed the Ad Hoc Commission and her office closely oversaw the Commission's work over an intensive five-month period in 2015. Charged with "... assessing the (Fairfax County) Police Department's performance against national best practices," the Commission made more than 200 recommendations for strengthening the public's trust and confidence in the Department.

Public Safety Committee Chair Supervisor John Cook combined forces with Board Chair Bulova and Chief Roessler to drive the Board and Police Department to embrace the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations. As they complete their many years of service to our community, Bulova's and Cook's police-reform efforts will certainly be a key legacy.

The significant reforms for which all can be proud will increase police accountability, divert those who suffer from mental illness into treatment rather than incarceration, reduce use-of-force injuries and deaths, open public access to incident information, and engender public confidence.

Body worn cameras will now complement the dashboard cameras mounted in each FCPD patrol vehicle. The Department's policy enshrines sanctity of human life as an organizing principle, with de-escalation as the strategy of first resort when confronted with a threat rather than the use of force. Constraints and strengthened supervisory oversight are now in place on police use of vehicle pursuit.

"Diversion First" offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

An Independent Police Auditor (IPA) automatically reviews investigations of death or serious injury cases as well as uses of force when a citizen complaint is filed. A Civilian Review Panel reviews investigations of civilian complaints regarding "abuse of authority" or "serious misconduct" by an FCPD officer and holds public forums to hear from the community. Policies regarding release of information provide for increased public visibility into the Department's daily activities and performance, with a predisposition to disclose information, regardless of incident controversy. Intense efforts are underway to recruit talented personnel that better reflect Fairfax County's population diversity.

Sustained effort and energy are still required to move decades-old engrained practices into a "new normal." Further, those who are "best-in-class" constantly seek to improve.

Tough questions still need to be asked as the County implements body worn cameras. Should an agency other than the Department, for example, control access to the massive amount of data to be collected? Should the IPA or an independent third party audit the program? Heightened expectations alone should give our policymakers pause, particularly when we know that no technology deployment is mistake and error free. Not collecting video data during a controversial use of force incident is bad, missing video data under the Department's control is worse.

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## Evolution of American Democracy

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



### COMMENTARY

**F**our hundred years ago is a long time, but what happened four centuries ago has implications for us today. Virginia is in the midst of a year-long series of programs and experiences based on events that happened a dozen years after the first permanent English colony was settled at Jamestown in 1607. All the activities taken together are referred to as American Evolution 1619-2019. There are many events scheduled for the remainder of this year. (americanevolution2019.com).

The planners of the commemoration are to be commended for recognizing that while the historic events that occurred are noteworthy and interesting, the real lessons to be learned come after the actual dates of historic events as we discuss and consider their resulting impact. Many references are made to America's beginning as being 1776, but it can be argued that the beginning of America as a representative democracy began in the Virginia colony with the meeting

of the first representative body meeting in Jamestown in 1619. Remembering that date in 1619 should cause us to reflect all that has happened after that date that led us to the society and government we have evolved into today.

Similarly, the arrival of 20 or so Africans at Old Point Comfort just down the James River from Jamestown Island four hundred years ago in August of 1619 must be noted. They came not with steamer trunks of fancy dress; they came in shackles having been captured in Africa and brought here at the beginning of a slave trade that would fuel the economy of the colony and then the Commonwealth of Virginia for the next 250 years. To look at African Americans then and now without an examination of what happened in between is to miss a tragic part of our evolving history—the racism that gripped our country for its entire history and is still with us today.

Those Africans who arrived in 1619 were slaves. Soon after their arrival that first legis-

lative body passed laws that defined their enslavement and the limitations on their very existence. The few efforts like Nat Turner's rebellion that attempted to gain freedom for slaves were put down harshly with further slave codes being passed to limit them from being taught how to read and write and allow for more cruel punishments to keep them in line. When the constitution was written for the new country after the Revolution, slaves were to be counted as three-fifths of a person, despite Jefferson's words in the Declaration of Independence proclaiming that "all men are created equal." It was not until the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s that the descendants of the slaves of 1619 could claim anything close to equality.

We did not start with a perfect union; we have not achieved one today. We have been on an arc of history that in another context suggests that it is bent towards justice. The American Evolution 1619-2019 program is providing an important context for understanding the stream of history that is our past and upon which we must strive to build a more perfect union.

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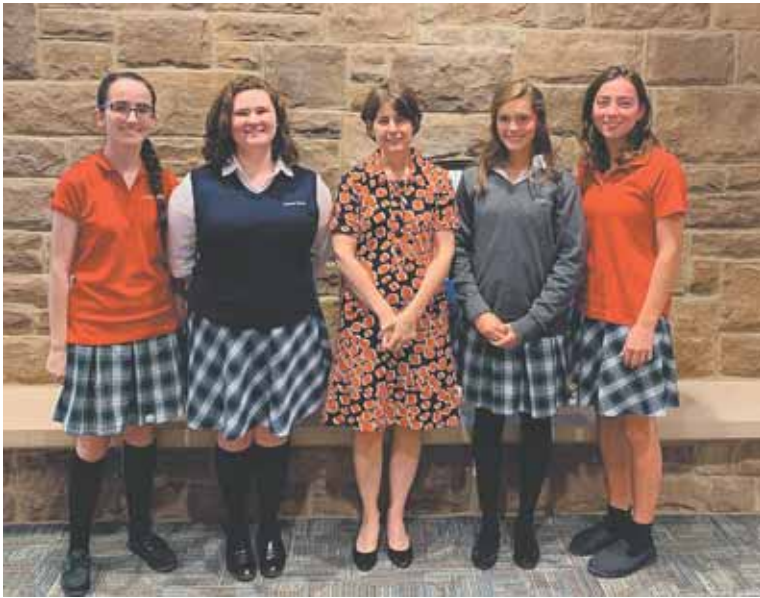
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## NEWS



**Julia Fischer, Elizabeth Crishock, Head of School Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, Madelyn Mislock, and Angela Diaz-Bonilla.**

### Oakcrest Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

**O**akcrest Class of 2020 students Elizabeth Crishock, Angela Diaz-Bonilla, Madelyn Mislock, and Julia Fischer have been named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students.

They are among the 34,000 commended students nationwide who have been awarded this honor for showing exceptional academic promise. 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 four students are leaders in the Oakcrest community with wide-ranging academic and extra-curricular interests. Both Elizabeth and Julia compete on Oakcrest's Science Olympiad team and were part of the first ever all-girls team to go to the Virginia State Science Olympiad competition in the spring of 2019. Both have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award, and Julia serves as President of Na-

tional Honor Society and Vice President of the Math and English Honor Societies. Angela is Oakcrest's Executive Student Council Vice President, a Student Ambassador, and has performed in several Oakcrest theatre productions. Madelyn is an accomplished Latin scholar, having earned *Magna Cum Laude* in the National Latin Exam and a Bronze Medal on the National Classical Etymology Exam. In addition, she plays on Oakcrest's Varsity Soccer team and is a sprinter for the Track team. "I am proud of our students," says Head of School Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, "Because this honor reflects so well on their strong work ethic, good study habits and desire to use the gifts they have been given to serve others."

With a rigorous liberal arts curriculum offering both depth and breadth in an array of subjects, including sixteen Advanced Placement courses, Oakcrest prepares its students for academic success after graduation.

Learn more at [Oakcrest.org](http://Oakcrest.org).

### Vienna Police Highlights

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with a medical emergency after a relative found the elderly resident unresponsive. It was determined that the elderly woman was deceased from natural causes.

**Suspicious Event** — Cottage Street and Moore Avenue, SW Between Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 6:58 a.m. A resident reported a moped lying in the roadway close to the curb. Officers contacted the owner who advised they had parked the moped in their driveway in the 100 block Moore Avenue, SW and were unaware the vehicle had been moved.

**Petit Larceny** — Subway 222 Maple Avenue, West Sept. 27, 9:20 p.m. On Sept. 28, the manager re-

ported that on the previous day, three men entered the restaurant, distracted the employee, and took US currency.

**Animal Case** — 700 Block Nutley Street, SW Sept. 27, 9:22 p.m. A resident reported an injured deer that had fallen into the drainage ditch in his yard. It appeared the deer had been struck by a vehicle and was gravely injured. Due to the extent of injury, an officer euthanized the deer.

**Arrest - Assault** — 100 Block Wilmar Place, NW Sept. 28, 2:28 a.m. A resident reported that her adult son was intoxicated and acting irate. The son fled the home before officers arrived. Officers searched the area for the man but were unable to locate him.

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Alexandria based designer Quintece Hill-Mattauszek designed this "Boys Club" space using vintage finds.

## Local Designers Create Dream Home for Charity

Proceeds will help preserve historic sites such as an Underground Railroad stop and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

A few of the area's top interior designers were tapped to transform a grand home into a showcase house to raise money for charity. Designers Quintece Hill-Mattauszek of Studio Q Designs, Rhonald Angelo of Rhonald Angelo Interiors and Sheryl McLean of McLean and Tircuit Designs will unleash their collective creative talent to create a library, a teenage girl's bedroom and a lounge space for a family of six.

"I envision this to be a sophisticated ... entertaining space, but not necessarily a man-cave," said Alexandria-based Hill-Mattauszek, who used vintage finds to bring-to life "The Boys' Club," the space she was tasked with transforming. "I envision poker nights [and] Oscar parties."

"I designed the library for how a family of six will actually function within it," said Angelo. "New walnut flooring and paint changed the look. The room felt unbalanced beforehand, which I corrected in the final design."

Sheryl McLean of Bethesda, Md. added bold artwork and vibrant colors to the home's sitting room.

Interior design aficionados who are up for a short road trip can see the creations of the three local designers and others during the Historic Ellicott City, Inc.'s 33rd Annual Decorator Show House. Proceeds go toward preserving historic sites including a stop along the Underground Railroad and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

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Bethesda-based designer Sheryl McLean, of McLean and Tircuit Designs, created this sitting room.

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**Countless Shades of Black.** Through Oct. 12, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna. Countless Shades of Black features local artist Alfredo Milian and Discovery Graphics. Free. Visit [www.theframefactory1.com](http://www.theframefactory1.com) for a slideshow.

**The Glow: A Pumpkin Wonderland.** Through Oct. 27, Thursday-Sunday nights in Lake Fairfax Park, 140 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy an immersive Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-a-likes of iconic landmarks, musicians, movie stars, superheroes and princesses. Advanced tickets are required. \$16.99 for children; \$22.99 for adults, at [www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc](http://www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc).

**Pop-Up Selfie Museum.** Through Nov. 3, on select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center, Lower Level near Lord & Taylor. The American Scream Selfie Museum will feature interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more.\$15-\$18. Visit [www.american-scream.com](http://www.american-scream.com) for timed tickets and schedule.

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**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.

**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).

**Mah Jongg Cards.** Order cards through Jan. 15, 2020, from Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. 2020 Mah Jongg cards are \$8 for small cards and \$9 for large cards. Official cards and will be sent directly from the National Mah Jongg League in late March/early April 2020. Go to [bit.ly/mahjonggcards2020](http://bit.ly/mahjonggcards2020) or email [iva.gresko@gmail.com](mailto:iva.gresko@gmail.com) to order.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 10

**Celebrate “Hitchcocktober.”** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax.North by Northwest (1959). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of PSYCHO on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit [www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com](http://www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com) for more.



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**The picture is one of the HO gauge steam engines stopping at the Salisbury station. This is an award winning model of the real station in Salisbury, NC.**

## Open House

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 11

**Great Decisions Talk.** 1-3 p.m. At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Part of Great Falls Seniors' discussion: Great Decisions: The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested. Visit the website: [www.gfseniors.org](http://www.gfseniors.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 12

**Celebrating Lady Liberty's Birthday.** 6-8 p.m. at The Garden by Building Momentum, 5380 Eisenhower Avenue, #Suite C, Alexandria. A night of music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auctions and more. Party hosted by local non-profit Just Neighbors to support legal services for low-income immigrants and refugees.Childcare will be available at Scramble next door to the venue. More information at Just Neighbors ([www.justneighbors.org](http://www.justneighbors.org)).

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## SUNDAY/OCT 13

**Washington Symphonic Brass.** 4 p.m. At Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The power and romance of brass is on display in this tour-de-force of brilliant and dynamic sound. This all-star ensemble brings virtuosity, color, and even humor to their imaginative take on the expressive side of Beethoven's musical heirs. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.amadeusconcerts.com>. Students 17 and under and active military are admitted free of charge. A pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m.

## MONDAY/OCT. 14

**Trip to Baltimore Aquarium.** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Meet at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$80/\$70 MCC district residents. Part of the Old Firehouse Teacher Work Day Trip. Experience the aquarium like you have never before. Join The Old Firehouse staff as they go behind the scenes to feed and encounter some of underwater friends. Following the aquarium, become musical legends and dine at Hard Rock Café. Total aquarium package and lunch are included in the fee.

Vienna Theatre Company's production of “One Man, Two Guvnors” premieres at 8 p.m. Friday, October 18. Other performances will be staged at 8 p.m. October 19, 25, 26, and November 1 and 2. Matinee performances will be staged at 2 p.m. October 27 and November 3. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the Vienna Community Center.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 19

**Halloween at Town Green.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave, E, Vienna. Children ages 2-10 are invited to get their spook on with the Town of Vienna at Halloween on the Green. At this free event, kids can enjoy arts and crafts, games, tricky treats, a moon bounce, tales dramatically told by Historic Vienna, Inc. volunteers, and a limited quantity of pumpkins to paint.

**Valeclub Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. At Vale Schoolhouse, Corner Fox Mill and Vale Roads, Oakton. Bar-B-Q, bake sale; children's games, activities and pony rides, costume parade, haunted forest; Fairfax County Police car-touch and explore and more. Free. Visit the website: [www.Valeschoolhouse.org](http://www.Valeschoolhouse.org).

**The Pop-Ups Perform.** 1 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. From three-time Grammy nominees, The Pop Ups, “The Great Pretenders Club” takes family audiences of all ages on a scavenger hunt for the best imaginative play games your mind can dream up! This highly interactive show unfolds, propelled by award-winning music and dance beats that will catapult both young and old out of their seats. Cost is \$15/\$10 MCC district residents.

**Fearless Girls.** 2-3 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. “Fearless Girls”: An Afternoon of Storytelling. Folk stories of brave women and fearless girls can be found around the world. Kristin Moyer will tell two stories about Molly Whuppie, from the collection The Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales, with a musical interlude. Visit <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/>.

**Christian Concert.** 7-8 p.m. At Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. “One Waypoint” Christian Band Concert at Great Falls United Methodist Church. The program will include a variety of traditional and contemporary Christian music. Cost is \$10 advance/\$15 door. Pay Online at <http://www.greatfallsumc.org/giving.html> (Click on VANCO, Concert is last item on the list).

**Bingo.** 7-10 p.m. At Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The community is invited to join Unity of Fairfax for an evening of fun and connection as they play different Bingo games. Snacks and drinks are available for sale. Participants can make donations at the door to play. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth under 18. Additional cards will be available for an extra donation. The pot will be split between the church and winners of the various games. Visit <https://unitybingooctober.eventbrite.com>.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 20

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m. to noon. At Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. Call 703-938-6580.

**McLean Pet Fest.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Free admission. The McLean Community Center has created the “purrfect” event for local pet owners and their beloved animals. Learn valuable information and get tips on a variety of pet products and services that can enhance the lives of your pet and improve your experience as a pet owner. A variety of pet care related exhibitors will be participating.

**Grinding Demos.** Noon to 3 p.m. At Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. See and hear 19th century technology at work as the miller grinds grain or corn. The mill tour and demo costs \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; and \$6 for children and seniors. No reservations are required. While you're at the mill, don't miss the “Blacksmithing Demonstrations” from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch as the blacksmith fires up his forge and works with hammer and tongs to make iron tools and utensils. This demonstration is free for all ages, and no reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

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Victoria Bloom and director Eric Stock review the dancing sequence.



The props table is full of play materials, each with a label.

## Vienna Theatre Uses Timeless Slapstick in Fall Comedy

**‘One Man, Two Guvnors’ runs Oct. 18 through Nov. 3 at the Vienna Community Center.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Vienna Theatre Company’s fall production of “One Man, Two Guvnors” is a community binding production that includes comedy, music, choreography and Commedia dell’arte as they “break the fourth wall,” by including the audience.

“You got to keep trying new stuff,” said Micheal O’Connor, who shares the role on the production manager side with Laura Fargotstein at VTC.

According to the VTC description, the Servant of Two Masters is set in 1963 Brighton. Recently fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall scrambles to find work in this working-class British beach town, where the ladies liberation movement has just begun to bloom. High and low humor collide in this British farce complete with live Beatles-inspired music. It is an English adaptation of Servant of Two Masters a 1743 Commedia dell’arte style comedy play by the Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni.

“There are some strong female roles in the play,” said Eric Storck, the director who lives in Oakton, and mans the wheel at the BladeRunner landscaping business when he’s not directing. Brittany Stane plays Dolly, who is very opinionated, and Gabrielle Grant, a Merrifield resident plays Pauline Clench.

For Stane’s roll as Dolly, there is a good fit. “I think Dolly tells it like it is, and I’m like that sometimes,” said Storck. There is a similar fit with some of the other characters, and when dealing with community theater in general, that fit is needed, said Stane. “That’s the only way they can make it real,” he said. One part calls for a light-headed, carefree type and Storck had to find a real life example when he was working with the staff. “One woman has to do a part that’s kind of vacant and I said to look at Suzanne Somers in Three’s Company,” he said. Somers was famous in the late 1970s for the television role of Chrissy Snow on Three’s Company – a dinghy blonde

### When & Where

**ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS** by Richard Bean, based on The Servant of Two Masters by Carlo Goldoni; Directed by: Eric Storck.

Performance dates and times:

Friday and Saturday 8 p.m.: Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2; Sunday Matinees 2 p.m.: Oct 27, Nov. 3.

Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. For more information: visit [www.viennatheatrecompany.org](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org)

Ticket prices: General Admission \$14. Tickets may be purchased in advance at VCC or by cash, credit card or check at the door before each performance if still available.

with a high-pitched voice.

On stage, there are seven scene changes, which is a lot for a production like this, and one scene in a restaurant, the waiter is running back and forth, Storck calls the “hilarious dinner scene.”

Katie Boone is a stand-in stage manager that isn’t a regular at VTC but took on the role when the regular stage manager couldn’t make it. She made a graduation picture of Blake Gouhari as a prop, and had a table full of other things including meat balls that need to be eaten in the show. One set of meatballs is fake and the other set is made from donuts. “He does have to eat some so we used donut holes,” she said.

The comedy vehicles are Shakespearean, and timeless, said Storck, and it follows a traditional plot. “The fools seem to know what’s going on and the smart people and rich people are clueless,” he said.

The most important thing about the Vienna Theatre Company, it involves the community,” Storck said.

The VTC is the resident, non-profit performing company at the Vienna Community Center in Vienna, VA. VTC brings residents of Vienna, as well as the surrounding Northern Virginia/D.C. metropolitan area, the opportunity to participate in theater as a viewing audience or as working members of a local theater company dedicated to fine entertainment in the best traditions of community theater.

## Here’s What’s Happening at MCC!

### Closing Notice

**Columbus Day Holiday  
Monday, Oct. 14**

### The Old Firehouse Teacher Work Day Trip



**Behind the Scenes at  
Baltimore Aquarium  
Monday, Oct. 14, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.  
\$80/\$70 MCC district residents**

### The Old Firehouse Friday Night Trip



**Haunted Trip  
Friday, Oct. 18, 4:30-11 p.m.  
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.  
\$60/\$50 MCC district residents**

### Presented by The Alden



**The Pop Ups  
“The Great Pretenders Club”  
Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.  
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents**

### An Outdoor, Family and Pet-Friendly Event



**McLean Pet Fest  
Sunday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
McLean Central Park  
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.  
Free admission**

### Presented by The Alden



**“Brush Up Your Shakespeare”  
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.  
\$7/\$5 MCC district residents**

### MCC Governing Board



**MCC Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Open to the public**



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Community Center  
[www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)

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[www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org)

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**The Fairfax County 911 Call Center team before the start of the Out of the Darkness Fairfax Walk.**

## Out of the Darkness Walk Held in Fairfax

The Out of the Darkness Fairfax Walk to fight suicide occurred on Oct. 5 in Fairfax. The Fairfax Walk began at Fairfax City Hall and continued through the surrounding neighborhoods. The two-mile journey brought the community together and drew attention to the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected their lives and loved ones. More than \$100,000 was raised by 90 teams and 718 participants for the

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to use towards new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. AFSP has set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20 percent by 2025. The best way to prevent suicide is through early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of depression and other mental health conditions.

—TOM MANNING



**Participants gather at the Veterans Amphitheater for the opening ceremony.**



**From left, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and supervisors Kathy Smith, and John Cook are recognized during the opening ceremony.**

## Providence District Candidate Forum to Be Held on Oct. 16

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold a Providence District Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax.

The certified candidates have been invited and are listed here as they appear on the Virginia Department of Elections' website: Board of Supervisors Member candidate Dalia A. Palchik (D); School Board Member candidates Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (Independent); Jung Byun (Independent) and Karl V. Frisch (Independent).

This event is free and open to the public, and

questions for the candidates will come from the audience. Questions can be submitted in advance by accessing: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWVFA2019](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWVFA2019)

Following the formal session, an informal Meet and Greet session will allow direct audience interaction with the candidates.

Send any questions about the event to [PR@lwv-fairfax.org](mailto:PR@lwv-fairfax.org).

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues.



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**From left, Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, Lieutenant Tu Farhan, Officer Dale E. McElhattan, Colonel James Morris and Lieutenant Thomas Taylor**

## Vienna Police Welcomes New Officer

On Sept. 27, 2019, Officer Dale E. McElhattan joined the Town of Vienna Police Department. Before joining the department, Officer McElhattan served with the United States Diplomatic Security Service for approximately 28 years, where he worked short and long term assignments in 65 different countries around the world. Officer McElhattan is a recipient of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association National Award for Bravery. He also served in the Navy Reserves from 1998-2006. Officer McElhattan was born in Evanston, Ill., and has lived in the Vienna area for the last

29 years. He graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in English and History, where McElhattan received a full athletic scholarship for being an exceptional swimmer. McElhattan has been married for 32 years to his wife, who currently works for the State Department Diplomatic Security Service in a civilian capacity. Their three children learned how to swim and play football, baseball, and T-Ball in the Town of Vienna parks. McElhattan is eager to give back to the community that helped shape his children's lives.

### PEOPLE

## Marshall High Graduate Completes Basic Military Training

U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Caroline Loynd graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED  
**Caroline Loynd**

training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Loynd earned distinction as an honor graduate.

She is the daughter of Robert and Debra Loynd of Sandwich, Mass.

The airman is a 2013 graduate of George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church.

# BULLETIN

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

## THROUGH OCT. 23

**How to Build a Better Budget.** At the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board invites residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville to engage with planning Center's fiscal year 2021 budget. All meetings of the Governing Board are open to the public. The preliminary consolidated budget will be posted on the Center's website and available at the Center's reception desk. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org/news-items/404-board-holds-meetings-on-fy2021-budget-proposal](http://www.mcleancenter.org/news-items/404-board-holds-meetings-on-fy2021-budget-proposal) for more.

♦ Residents may submit written comments through Monday, Oct. 21 - by mail to McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101; fax 703-653-9435; or email to [george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov).

♦ The Board will approve the FY2021 budget when it meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The final budget will be approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in spring 2020.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 10

**Social Media Wellness.** 7-8:30 p.m. At Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Safe Community Coalition hosts a free community showing of the IndieFlix Original Documentary "LIKE." The movie explores the social impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. After the film, discussion will be led by Dr. Cliff Sussman, a DC-based psychiatrist and expert on helping people achieve a more balanced relationship with digital technology. This event is free and recommended for adults and students of any age who have phones. Visit [www.mcleanscc.org](http://www.mcleanscc.org)

# Police Reform

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As to the revised vehicular pursuit and stopping policies, it will be important for the FCPD to provide a detailed report to the Board and the public in early 2020 as to the effects of the revised policies, details of 2019 pursuits and vehicle stops, and whether any further changes are needed. It will also be important for the Board to monitor and take any appropriate action with respect to the racial disparity study underway by the Independent Police Auditor.

On this fourth anniversary of the Ad Hoc Commission Report, Fairfax County and its Police Department have achieved many reforms of which to be proud. The temptation will be to declare the mission accomplished. This would be a mistake. The new Board of Supervisors come January must provide vigilant monitoring through performance expectations and progress reports. Not because enough has not been accomplished, though more improvements are needed, but because that's the norm for best-in-class police departments.

*Niedzielski-Eichner and Steel were chair and vice-chair of the Ad Hoc Commission's Use of Force Subcommittee and spent many hours with a small, loosely configured group of former Commission members dedicated to implementing Commission recommendations, working with FCPD leadership. Steel oversaw as chair the formation of the Civilian Review Panel.*

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## Apparently, Not a Stable Genius



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Let me get this out of my system because until I do, I won't be able to write about anything else. Not to worry. This is not a cancer column. I am fine until they tell me otherwise which occurs every eight weeks after my bi-monthly CT scan tells the tale of the tape.

No, this column is about my lack of understanding and business acumen which twice has led me down the garden path only to be asked to leave before I got to smell any of the pretty flowers. Once (twice, actually) had to do with attempts at refinancing this old house (carbon dated to approximately 1750, according to a plaque the previous owner hung to the right of the front door), and most recently (also twice) to do with reverse-mortgage financing this same now older house.

With respect to the attempts at refinancing, I will make this short and not particularly sweet. Without getting into the lead paint, bathrooms, roof, door and window issues, it always perplexed me that if I could afford to pay \$1800 per month at 6.75% interest, I could probably afford to pay \$1400 per month at 3.75% interest. However, and this is where my lack of common banking sense manifests itself; my presumptive inability to pay \$400 less per month was problematic for the lenders to be. And an over 800 credit rating did nothing to dissuade the lender's notion that whatever financial wherewithal I had exhibited over the previous 30-plus years was irrelevant borrowing forward.

As concerns the current issue: the reverse mortgage. To say my financial life depends on its approval might be a bit of an exaggeration, but not if you're in my shoes, even occasionally. I can understand the need for the installation of safety rails on the left and right side of the staircase going down to the basement. And grudgingly, I can understand the need for the structural integrity fix relating to the five wooden pillars sitting atop the cracked concrete slab which floors our front porch and apparently prevents the house from falling forward. But I can't understand why the old stable matters so much to the appraiser/underwriter.

It is not used or functional in any way other than as a repository for junk and as a landing spot/vantage point for the Turkey Vultures who nest there. This building is approximately 50 yards from our house and 10 to 15 yards from our neighbor's house. If it fell, like our barn did years ago, it would land on part of our two acres. Given its age, likely over 100 years, it was not, nor has it ever been covered by our home owner's insurance. "Too old," they said. The structural engineer who submitted the report about our house did a walk-around the stable with me and made note of its peculiar structural fixes which included cinder blocks and some rocks. However, in response to my "What do I do?" question; his answer: "We don't certify the structural integrity of 100 year-old buildings." Now I'm being told by my reverse-mortgage banker that I have to fix/secure the foundation of the stable or else the deal is likely dead. Dead over an out-building that nobody uses and was likely built before two century's turned?

The whole point of this application was to spend nothing and get something. It was not to spend something and get nothing. This stable, either structurally sound or not provides me nothing as a living benefit. We're not moving into it. Nor are we selling the property. We're here for the duration. The stable, if it matters at all, will matter to whomever sifts through our financial remains, and since we have no children, those 'remains' are not really our concern. Yet according to the most recent email I received, either I make it my concern or stew in my own juices and slowly wither away.

When I began this process, I had hoped there would be an end in sight. I didn't realize it would be my own.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

# Building Community that Works for Everyone

**Maj. Gen. Carl H. McNair Jr. receives community leadership award.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Community Foundation for Northern Virginia held its 2019 Raise the Region Gala at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner on Friday evening, Oct. 4. Organizers described the gala as a homecoming, an elegant, uplifting event that brought together business, community and philanthropic leaders to celebrate the Community Foundation and raise critical funds to support its work in the region.

Under the theme, Building a Community that Works for Everyone, 650 guests celebrated the charitable work of The Community Foundation and supported the organization's mission to respond to need; seed innovation, and lead and convene the community.

"This gala is so important to The Community Foundation. It is a mission-critical event," said Tara Nadel, of The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. "The gala is also an opportunity to celebrate this community in particular, the 650 plus guests who attend are only a small sample of the number of people it takes to build a community that works for everyone." The Foundation gala honored Major General Carl H. McNair Jr. (RET) with the 2019 Community Leadership Award for his lifetime of community leadership and public service.

According to The Community Foundation, the award is the longest standing community-based recognition award in Northern Virginia and is presented annually to an individual for outstanding commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians.

**ON STAGE,** Honorary Chair, Ki Ho Kang, CEO of KIHOMAC, asked the crowd if they ever wondered if they made a difference. Turning to Major General McNair, who Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia described as "one of the most generous local philanthropists Northern Virginia has ever seen," Kang said, "Sir, be assured you have made a lifetime of difference to your family, to your friends, to the United States Army, to your community, to your country and all of us."

McNair, who was awarded two Distinguished Service Medals, three awards of the Legion of Merit, four awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with "V" devices (denotes bravery), among commendations. When he retired from the Army, McNair joined DynCorp.

Surrounded by family and friends seated at his banquet table, McNair sat ramrod straight, eyes focused forward. When he walked on stage, Kang presented him with the award, which McNair graciously accepted. However, in his remarks, McNair, the first Chief of the Army Aviation Branch, turned the spotlight off himself and onto others.

McNair spoke highly of the guests present,



**Major General Carl H. McNair Jr. (RET) joins his tablemates, Saffiatu Janneh and Kadiatu Kamara, before the start of 2019 Raise the Region Gala produced by The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner on Friday evening, Oct. 4.**



**From left, Fairfax County Park Foundation supporters Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications; Del. Mark Sickles (D-43); Bobbi Longworth, Fairfax County Park Foundation; Lynn Tadlock, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation; and Del. Ken Plum (D-36).**

their unceasing generosity qualified once again as seen during the evening's Live Auction and Stand Up and Pledge, led by Matt Quinn of Quinn's Galleries.

Guests flashed their bidding cards with flurries of multiple cards in the air, bidding against one another, raising bid after bid. In thirty minutes, Quinn broke last year's record by nearly \$10,000, raising \$57,500 to support the critical needs of the Northern Virginia community.



**Cathleen Kennedy and Brad Jeter of Great Falls at the Silent Auction**

"We want to support The Community Fund of Northern Virginia and raise funds so organizations can reach their objectives in the community."



**Ki Ho Kang of Vienna and Honorary Chair; CEO of KIHOMAC:**

"There is no one else like Major General Carl H. McNair Jr. I don't think I've ever come across anyone in my life so incredible. His military records are mind boggling. Very successful businessman and an incredible philanthropist."

**MCNAIR** praised The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia. "The Northern Virginia Community Foundation is our good friend... It's been a tremendous asset to northern Virginia and also an example for all of Virginia...The Community Foundation raised \$400,000 worth of grants and provided critical service to the residents of Northern Virginia," he said.

Not forgetting who did the work, McNair praised staff. "None of this

would've been possible without the great and significant staff of The Foundation... What they do here is well beyond our imagination... I give a special thanks obviously to Eileen, Tara and all the staff for their work." Jokingly McNair added, "And I'm so grateful for somebody out there who had the gumption to at least nominate me to be this year's awardee...Eileen told me now I have to work for them every Saturday."