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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

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



This **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of elections to select members of the 2020-2021 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (the Governing Board) is given to residents of Small District 1A of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia (referred to as "Small District 1A"). The McLean Community Center (MCC) operates as a Special District Agency of the Fairfax County Government through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Governing Board. On February 8, 1984, the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which authorizes the elections. The MCC is funded by residents of Small District 1A in Greater McLean for their use through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 Small District 1A bond referendum.

Elections are held on **McLean Day** at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA, 22101, on **Saturday, May 16, 2020. Voting on McLean Day takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Candidate Qualifications:

The Governing Board is a volunteer service. Each resident who lives within Small District 1A is eligible to run for a seat on the Governing Board. If you need help determining whether you reside in Small District 1A, please contact the MCC at **703-790-0123, TTY: 711**, or by emailing elections@mcleancenter.org.

ADULTS: Candidates must be residents of Small District 1A and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before May 16, 2020.

TEENS: Candidates must be 15, 16, or 17 years old on or before May 16, 2020, live within Small district 1A, and live in the boundary area for either Langley or McLean high schools. You **do not** have to attend either high school. You may attend another school, including one that is outside of Small District 1A, or you may be home schooled. You can only run for the seat representing the high school boundary area where you live.

Available Governing Board Seats and Terms:

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

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

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

Candidate Petition Requirements:

ADULTS: Must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 18 years old or older on or before May 16, 2020.

TEENS: Must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 15, 16, or 17 years old on or before May 16, 2020, and who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Candidate Packets containing a petition, instructions, and all pertinent paperwork may be obtained at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA, 22101, starting on **Tuesday, Jan. 21**. Candidates must pick up and return their own petitions in person.

DEADLINE: Each resident seeking election to the Governing Board shall file a completed candidate petition with the MCC at the address shown below **by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020:**

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1234 Ingleside Ave.
McLean, VA 22101**

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“Morning of Service” will be held Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) in Vienna is hosting its 2nd community service Dr. MLK Day. All ages are invited to take part in a variety of hands-on service projects, including making no-sew blankets for the Ronald McDonald House in Falls Church.

Vienna Church to Hold ‘Morning Of Service’ in Honor of Dr. King

Join in the “Morning of Service” to help members of the community on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20 at The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) in Vienna. The event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will include a variety of hands-on service projects for all ages. The church is located at 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna.

A highlight of the church’s second such event is asking the community to bring in plastic tops and caps for a recycling project that’s been underway for several months. The church’s youth members have already sorted more than 109 pounds of plastic collected toward the goal of 200 pounds needed to make a community bench.

“It’s great to see our community come together to help others, and I’m particularly excited that we’re adding the recycling project to help teach children to take care of our planet,” said Pastor Eric Song. “We invite all ages to help with these service activities that will assist local families and schools and honor the legacy of Dr. King.”

Mariella Walker, who is coordinating the church’s event, noted that the Morning of Service also “is a great way for middle- and high-school students to

accrue volunteer hours.”

Some of the other activities will include tying no-sew blankets for sick/injured children at the Ronald McDonald House in Falls Church and no-sew scarves for the Bethany Women’s Center in Washington, D.C.; collecting and sorting food, diapers and other personal care items for distribution to pantries in Reston and Herndon; painting and decorating “Kindness Rocks” to distribute in the community; collecting, sorting and delivering children’s books to Title I schools in Fairfax County; and creating artwork and thank-you notes for first responders, teachers, veterans and injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Community members are encouraged to drop off plastic caps/lids, canned food, diapers and gently used children’s books (for details, see www.GoodShepherdVA.com).

For more information on this event, visit the church website at www.GoodShepherdVA.com or at www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdVienna.

The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist)

2351 Hunter Mill Road
Vienna, www.GoodShepherdVA.com

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 Jan. 3 – Jan. 9, 2020.

INCIDENTS

Animal Case – Quarantine — 600 Block Park Street, SE Dec. 20, 12 p.m. On Dec. 30, at the request of the Health Department, ACO Barker followed up on a dog bite report that they received. The 10-day quarantine had past and the dog’s owner advised the dog was in good health. No further action was needed.

Lost Property — Magnolia Dessert Barr & Coffee 431 Maple Avenue, West, Dec. 23 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. On Jan. 6, a resident reported that she lost her wallet at

Magnolia’s.

Vandalism — 300 Block Mashie Drive, SE Between Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. and Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. A resident reported vandalism to his property. Windows were broken and graffiti was found inside the vacant house that is scheduled for demolition.

Petit Larceny — Caffé Amouri 107 Church Street, NE Jan. 1, 3:42 p.m. A resident reported that he was in Caffé Amouri and placed his gloves, cap and food on the table. The man stepped away and when he returned, the items were gone.

Vandalism — Burke & Herbert Bank 302 Maple Avenue, West, Jan. 3, 8:15 a.m. An employee reported that a man went up to the ATM machine and vandalized it with paint.

Grand Larceny — T-Mobile 216 Maple

Avenue, West, Jan. 3 between 11:55 a.m. and 12:38 p.m. An employee reported that an unknown man came into the store, waited until the employee was busy with another customer, then took two iPhones from the display and fled the area.

Lost Property — Exxon 395 Maple Avenue, East, Jan. 3, between 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. A resident reported that she lost her wallet in the area of the gas station.

Telephone Case — 100 Block East Street, NE Jan. 3, 7:42 p.m. A resident reported several months ago, she had problems with a man that she contracted to do work at her home. At that time, a protective order was issued against him. The resident stated that the man was now making telephone calls to her home.

Major Janickey Graduates From FBI National Academy

Vienna Police Chief James Morris congratulates Major Daniel Janickey on graduating from the 278th FBI National Academy (N.A.) Class on Dec. 20, 2019.

Major Janickey was among the two hundred and fifty-eight law enforcement officials who graduated the National Academy in Quantico, Va. Internationally known for its excellence, the National Academy invites top law enforcement leaders and managers from state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and foreign partner nations to attend.

Major Janickey attended the 10-week intensive academy that focuses on leadership development, law, forensic science, terrorism, communication, health, and fitness.

Physical fitness was a daily task for the N.A. students and concluded at the end of the ten-week academy with the 6.1 miles “Yellow Brick Road.” This grueling



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From left — Vienna Chief of Police James Morris and Major Daniel Janickey.

course designed by the Marines earns the competitors, if they complete it, an actual yellow brick to memorialize their achievement.

Graduates take back their newly acquired skills and knowledge to their departments to enhance services to the community they serve and leave the academy gaining lifelong friends and a network of global partners.

From left: Miss Ainsley McCabe of Arlington; Miss Lauren Dorfman of Reston; Miss Emma Wetmore of Ashburn; and Miss Farrah Greeves of Vienna.



Old Dominion Cotillion Holds Annual Tea

The Old Dominion Cotillion (ODC) 29th Annual Tea was held on Jan. 12 at the home of Mrs. Justin Greeves in Vienna. Attending the festive event were Pages, Future Debs, Debutantes, Post Debs, Alumnae, Patrons, and guests.

Following Cotillion tradition, this event honored the Debutantes who will be presented at the annual ball in July. The four 2020 Debutantes are Miss Lauren Elizabeth Dorfman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dorfman of Reston; Miss Farrah Brennan Greeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Greeves of Vienna; Miss Ainsley Lauren McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicklas McCabe of Arlington; and Miss Emma Catherine Wetmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wetmore of Ashburn.

The Old Dominion Cotillion is a women’s organization that was established in 1991. Young women are educated in the social graces through enrichment, social and philanthropic activities. ODC’s

social development activities include social graces, dress code and conversation for all occasions, networking etiquette, sports etiquette, car maintenance, interview skills, manners in public places and much more. Dance lessons and seminars in stationery and dinner etiquette always round out the program. In addition to enrichment activities, the young women and their families enjoy numerous social events throughout the year.

The ODC program is open to all girls in grades seven through twelve. Membership is open for the 2019-2020 Social Season, which concludes with the 29th Anniversary Debutante Ball in July 2020.

If interested in learning more about ODC contact Lynn Williams, ODC Director, at williamslynn@gmail.com, or visit the website at <http://www.olddominioncotillion.org> or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OldDominionCotillion.

OPINION

VIEWPOINTS

Legislators Reflect on the First Days of the 2020 Session

—MERCIA HOBSON

PHOTOS VIA VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sen. Jennifer Boysko (D-33): My top priority is recovering the local funding for our regional transportation.

Today (*Monday - Jan. 13), I cast my first votes on the Senate Judiciary Committee and was able to vote for four life-saving bills to prevent gun violence: universal background checks, giving municipalities local control about allowing firearms in government buildings, a red flag law and restricting gun purchases to one gun a month. Last week I cast my first vote on the Senate Privilege and Elections Committee to make Virginia the 38th state to Ratify the ERA.



Del. Ibraheem Samirah (D-86)- introduced *HB 152 Middle housing allowed on lots zoned for single-family use*. “Middle housing is defined as two-family residential units, including duplexes, townhouses, cottages, and any similar structure. Such structures shall not require a special use permit or be subjected to any other local requirements beyond those imposed upon other authorized residential uses.” Samirah said, “Across the country, there is a shortage of affordable units that is putting a squeeze on working families and contributing to rises in rents for existing units...I will certainly get pushback for this”



Del. Mark Keam (D-35) *HB 572 Distributed renewable energy; promotes the establishment thereof*. Del. Keam said, “This bill would free up the solar market, not only for local governments... but also for residents, businesses, schools, institutions and non-profits that want to install solar for their own use... (It would) remove the rule that limits customers to installing only as big an array as would have served their needs in the past year ... Today, residential customers are penalized with so-called “standby charges” if they install more than 10 kilowatts of solar (enough for a larger home, or a modest home with electric vehicles) ... Many Virginians do not have access to solar at all, especially if they live in rental apartments or condominiums, because the building owners are not allowed to install solar panels and sell the output to tenants. My bill would make this legal.”



Del. David Bulova (D-37) introduced HB 1012 Early childhood care and education; establishment of system, licensure. “A child’s earliest experiences - and particularly those in the critical years between birth and age five - have lifelong impacts on their likelihood of success. However, according to statistics from the Virginia Department of Education, 40 percent of students entering kindergarten lack the key literacy, math and social emotional skills that predict success. Further, only 25 percent of Virginia’s early childhood programs that receive public funding participate in the state’s voluntary quality measurement system. I am pleased to be carrying House Bill 1012 on behalf of the Governor, which directs the Board of Education to consolidate and simplify Virginia’s early childhood education programs and create a uniform quality rating system for programs that accept public funding. This will improve quality, foster continuous improvement, and help parents better understand their options. As the parent of three children, this is very important to me. I have personally witnessed the difference that a quality pre-school program has made on my children.”



ASSEMBLY - WEEK ONE

Highlights of Some of the Bills Proposed

—MERCIA HOBSON

PHOTOS VIA VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Del. Karrie Delaney (D-67) introduced *HB 547 Virginia Energy and Economy Transition Council; established, report*. The bill establishes the Virginia Energy and Economy Transition Council, consisting of 28 members, to develop plans to assist the Commonwealth in transitioning from the use of fossil fuel energy to renewable energy by 2050



Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), Chair Senate Finance and Appropriations, introduced *SB 581 Minors; allowing access to firearms, Class 6 felony* which provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any person under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 6 felony.



Sen. J. Chapman Peterson (D-34) introduced *SB 26 Plastic bags; tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed* which imposes a five-cent per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers in localities located wholly within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and directs revenues to be used to support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan.



Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) introduced *HB 15 Public school buses seat belts*. The bill requires the Board of Education to make regulations to require each new public school bus purchased for the transportation of students to be equipped with a seat belt consisting of a lap belt and shoulder strap or harness in every seat. He also introduced *HB 16 Safety belt system; all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize*.



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HOME LIFE STYLE

Beautiful, Bold, Soothing: Classic Blue

Dependable, stable and calming are the characteristic of the Color of the Year for 2020.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Dependable, stable and calming are the characteristic of the Color of the Year for 2020. For the past 21 years, Pantone Color Institute has announced a "Color of the Year," which the self-proclaimed authority on color says will be on trend during the year ahead. Local designers share how the color can be used in a home's interior.

"Classic Blue is a beautiful and bold, yet soothing color reminiscent of the evening sky and the deep blue ocean," said Keira St. Claire of Anthony Wilder Design/Build in Bethesda, Maryland. "Soft, rich and versatile, this color has the potential to inject creative confidence into your interiors."

From an accent wall in a child's bedroom, throw pillows or a kitchen backsplash to a home's front door, mailbox or shutters, Allie Mann, designer and senior interiors specialist at Case Design/Remodeling suggests a variety of ways to use classic blue. "Perhaps as a ceiling color to draw your eye up or add interest," she said. "As a powder room wall color or vanity, this bold color will work well in the tiniest of spaces including the back of a bookcase or built-in, a reading nook, a laundry room or mudroom or as cubbies."

Whether bold or subtle, St. Claire said the design options are plentiful. "Opt to incorporate this color in your home with decorative accents like throw blankets, pillows, rugs, and artwork and even kitchenware to add a pop of color without feeling



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A Classic Blue sofa is complemented by other shades of blue in this living room designed by Keira St. Claire



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

For this Arlington, Virginia breakfast room, designer Allie Mann incorporated Pantone's color of the year by using Classic Blue fabric on the chairs, window seat cushion and pillows.

over-saturated," she said. "Repurpose old pieces [or furniture]. A fresh blue lacquered coat of paint would magically transform an old chair or dresser into a unique statement piece."

For the courageous homeowner, St. Claire suggests a bolder approach. "Paint your walls or refinish your kitchen or bathroom cabinets in blue or upholster a large piece of furniture like a sofa or armchair in blue," she said. "Introduce other complementary colors like olive greens, golds or magenta to really offset the color and make a statement. Classic blue doesn't have to be the only pop of color."

Adding the color gradually is what Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria, Virginia suggests. "Infuse it into your home and fashion design in bits and pieces," added "Maybe you paint an accent wall classic blue and let that be the focus. The color blue is kind to many colors and

therefore easy to use in a room as an accent color. You can also mix varying shades of blue."

"Classic blue is just that, it's classic and timeless and can be weaved into many design schemes," said Mann. "Do not be afraid of color."

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The Cougars would tie it up early in the second period 2-2 but with additional scoring and a strong penalty kill on the Cougar two-man advantage, the Warhawk defense would hold on to the win. Additional goals came from Taku Ceasari, George Bilidas and Matt Hetherington. Assisting on the goals were Ben Cowell (2), George Bilidas (2), Michael Crespy, JT Gary and TJ Ezzard. Madison would outshoot the Cougars 31 to 8.

Madison players Ben Cowell, Nick Willey and Goalie Justin Wood stand guard in the game against the Oakton Cougars.



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Forward Michael Crespy awaits the faceoff during Friday's game vs. Oakton. The Warhawks would defeat the Cougars 5-3.



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WEDNESDAYS THRU JAN. 29

Active Aging Wellness Exercise Class. 11 a.m. to noon. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. The classes focus on low impact aerobics, balance, coordination and stretching. Class meets for 1 hour, once a week. Cost is \$40 for 8 week session – payable to Sun Fitness LLC. Questions or to Register contact Casey Tarr, eileentarr1@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 15

Breakfast Honoring MLK. 7:45 a.m. At Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, McLean. Help honor Dr. Martin Luther King on his birthday, Jan. 15. Attendees will receive a briefing from Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) on the recently formed House of Representatives Suburban Caucus and the legislation the Caucus is championing including his chairmanship of the Task Force on Infrastructure and Transportation.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) hosts a support group for caregivers of adult family members with dementia the first and third Thursdays of each month, year round. SCOV support group meetings are free. Contact a facilitator, Jack Tarr, at jtarr5@verizon.net or see the SCOV web site: www.scov.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

Open House — Adventures In Learning Registration. 10 a.m. to noon. At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Stop by the Open House and check out what's in store for the Shepherd's Center's Winter semester of Adventures in Learning. Classes begin January 30 – March 26. Stay for one or all classes that day. \$45 per semester. Call 703-281-0538. View the schedule of classes and registration form at <http://www.scov.org/ail-open-house>.

FRIDAY/FEB. 7

Preschool Transition to Kindergarten for Students with Disabilities. 10 a.m. to noon. At Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. The transition to kindergarten is a big one for kids and can be even more so for children with disabilities. Learn how parents can collaborate with FCPS to ensure their students have a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

TUESDAY/FEB. 11

Valentine's Day Luncheon. 12 noon to 2 p.m. At Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Cost is \$18/person. Hosted by SCOV and The Vienna Community Center. Registration required by Feb. 3. Call 703-281-0538. You must be registered to attend. No walk-ins please.

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Still Waiting for “Canswers”



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I half expected, with my oncologist out on vacation this week, he and the endocrinologist didn't speak. As a result, after sitting in the examining chair, the first question the doctor asks is “So you have thyroid cancer?” I snickered and said something like “Hopefully,” before I began to elaborate. Though she had access to my medical records, I can't say she was prepped and ready for our appointment. As she listened to my story, I could she see was simultaneously trying to review my medical history on her computer. In fact, as I hemmed and hawed in response to some of her medical questions, I kept saying/pointing to her computer for her to get the proper answer.

Nevertheless, eventually we were able to move forward in the determination of exactly what kind of cancer I have: thyroid cancer or lung cancer - or both (it's possible, she said). To that end-result, the doctor performed a biopsy on my “Adam's Apple” tumor, as I call it. The biopsy I had two weeks prior was from a lymph node. The results from which caused my oncologist to call me with his “exciting news.” Apparently, those results were not enough for the endocrinologist (who had never seen me before) to make a definitive judgment, so in her office, that day, this second biopsy was performed. Fine with me since a second biopsy from a different tumor is absolutely moving the ball forward, as if is so often said these days; I just hope it leads to a touchdown instead of another possible fumble.

For the last nearly 11 years, I've been diagnosed with non small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Now after two biopsies, not so much. Right now, the assessment of my cancer status is somewhere between a definite maybe and a confirmed I don't know.

Will I now know - in another week's time (when the results of this most recent biopsy are confirmed) whether my non small cell lung cancer is actually thyroid cancer or will there be additional biopsies, additional diagnostic scans, injections of isotopes, etc., to make a once-and-for-all confirmation of what the heck is going on (or has been going on) in my body? If so, it's been a long time coming. I first went to the Emergency Room Jan. 1, 2009 so it's sort of an anniversary of sorts as I write this column. I'd just as soon we get it right this time, if in fact it was ever wrong.

I have a few questions, some of which were answered by the endocrinologist. Yes, I can have two types of cancer. Could my lung cancer have changed to become thyroid cancer? No. And the underlying curiosity/question: During this cancer life that I have lived, I have been told - and seen multiple times on discharge-type paperwork I've received that I have “metastatic cancer” meaning that the cancer has moved. Moreover, when one considers the staging aspect, my cancer was stage IV. Stage IV means, among “relevancies,” (like inoperable) that the cancer has moved from its “primary” location. I remember asking my oncologist where did my lung cancer come from (I'm a lifelong non-smoker with no cancer history in my immediate family). His answer, if I recall correctly, and I may not due to “chemo brain,” a confirmed side effect of chemotherapy) was that he didn't know, and if I further recall correctly, he wasn't particularly interested in finding out and accordingly no additional tests were ordered. Perhaps we misunderstand the need to know now or misunderstood the answers we were given then (Feb., 2009). But as of this past Friday, Team Lourie is sort of wondering as was the endocrinologist.

As of this moment, our focus is on hearing back from the endocrinologist. Until then, we'll try to move forward. What's done is done and we'll hear back when we hear back. I have what I have (and have had what I've had) and right now, all we can do is wait.

That being said, we are having a little difficulty restraining ourselves. We can't get past the fact that my oncologist called us in the first place, and in the last place, if he wasn't so sure, why call us and get our collective hope sky high? Why go out on such a presumptive limb? In spite of that call, somehow, we have to internalize and compartmentalize and try to synthesize fact from fiction. So far, it's proving extremely difficult.

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

CALENDAR

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

TUESDAYS/JAN. 14-FEB. 18

Beginners Mah Jongg Class. 12:30-2:30 p.m. At Great Falls Library, 9830 VA-193, Great Falls. Learn to play the fun, fast-paced game of Mah Jongg. Registration is now open for an Adult Beginners Mah Jongg class. The class will run for six weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 p.m. beginning January 14 through February 18. Attendees should plan to attend all six sessions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 15

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Have fun with your little one while building early literacy foundations for reading success. Age 3-5 with adult. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. At Mylo's Grill, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean. The cost of the luncheon is \$30 per person. Clare Cushman of the Supreme Court Historical Society will discuss Supreme Court food traditions and recipes. To attend, pay at <https://squareup.com/market/mclean-newcomers-club>. Prospective members are invited. No reservations will be accepted after Friday, Jan. 10. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 16

Monthly Book Club. 10:30 a.m. to noon. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Open activities and games at MCC are subject to change and may be canceled due to center wide special events, programs, activities and holidays. In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of these activities and games will follow the MCC inclement weather policy. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, or visit the website, www.mcleancenter.org.

Oakton Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The January selection is Go, Went, Gone by Jenny Erpenback. Everyone is welcome to join. Adults. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

FRIDAY/JAN. 17

Unruly Theatre Project Improv Performance. 7 p.m. At The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. Free admission The Unruly Theatre Project is The Alden's professional teen improv company dedicated to bringing comedic

productions to the community. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, or visit the website, www.mcleancenter.org.

JAN. 17-FEB. 1

"Leading Ladies." At The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. The romantic comedy "Leading Ladies" centers on two down-on-their-luck English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, reduced to performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in 1950's rural Pennsylvania. They hear an old lady in a nearby town is about to die and leave two-thirds of her fortune to her two long lost English relatives, Max and Steve. They resolve to pass themselves off as these beloved relatives and get the cash. However, they make a critically incorrect assumption about Max and Steve. Mayhem, madness and mirth ensue. Show times are 8 p.m.: Jan. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Feb. 1; 2 p.m.: Jan. 26, and Feb. 2. Tickets are \$15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at VCC or by cash, credit card or check at the door before each performance if still available. Visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org

JAN. 17-26

Joshua's Hands Quilting Event. Location TBA in Purcellville. Joshua's Hands is a non-profit in Loudoun County that hosts free quilting events to support wounded servicepeople. Joshua's Hands will host 10 days of quilting fun to make handmade quilts for servicemen and women wounded while serving our country. All are welcome. No sewing experience or registration needed. Come for an hour or the day. Monday-Saturdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays 1-9 p.m. Purcellville. Check website for exact location. Info@JoshuasHands.org, or call 540-454-7827, or visit www.JoshuasHands.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 18

Read to the Dog. 10:30 a.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Gain reading confidence by reading to one of the therapy dogs. Age 5-11. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

Be Fit McLean Health & Wellness Fair. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At McLean

Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Focusing on aspects of healthy living, such as fitness, dance, nutrition, physical and mental health and wellbeing, Be Fit McLean offers participants of all ages the opportunity to learn more about how to create their path to a healthy and active life. Attractions include: health screenings provided by Virginia Hospital Center; lectures on health-related topics such as coping with stress, time management and sleep education; a relaxation room with massage chairs and aromatherapy; clean eating cooking demonstrations and interactive exercise demonstrations of yoga, Body Sculpt, Total Fitness, Aerobic Dance, Tai Chi and others. Exhibitors from local health services and Fairfax County Government offices are participating. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-event.



"Leading Ladies" is Jan. 17-Feb. 1 at the Vienna Community Center

In rehearsal of VTC's upcoming production of "Leading Ladies," the character Doc, portrayed by Steve Rosenthal, disapproves of the relation his son Butch, portrayed by Ric Anderson and Audrey portrayed by Dana Gattuso.

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NVMR Model Train Open House. 1-5 p.m. At Vienna Historic Train Station, 231 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. Stop by the Historic Vienna Train Station where you can see and hear HO scale model trolleys and trains including Thomas and some of his friends on display and in operation. Great family fun. Free. Visit the website www.nvmr.org

Unicorn STEAM Party. 2 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Unicorn STEAM activities. Ages 5-8. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

How to Thrift. 2:30-4 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Are you overwhelmed on where to begin to find second-hand clothes for work, or stuck on how to thrift well? This workshop will cover these topics, and more. Registration required. Free. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5757776>

Community Tea Party. At Great Falls Library, 9830 VA-193, Great Falls. Join us at the library for an all ages Tea Party celebrating Hot Tea Month. There will be trivia, crafts, games and of course tea and refreshments. Dress up in your high tea finest and join us. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov

SUNDAY/JAN. 19

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, 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.

Annual Salzman Lecture. 6:30-9 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "The #MeToo Reckoning: Facing the Church's Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct" will be the topic for the annual Salzman

Lecture at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ruth Everhard, author, speaker, and Presbyterian pastor will be the speaker. She has been writing about sexual abuse and faith since 2012, when she began her memoir, Ruined, a deeply personal story of being raped at gunpoint at age 20, and her decade-long journey to build a new faith. The event begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the Lecture at 7 p.m. Visit <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/salzman-lecture-series/>

MONDAY/JAN. 20

Morning of Service. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Join in the "Morning of Service" to help members of the community on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event will include a variety of hands-on service projects for all ages. Visit the website www.GoodShepherdVA.com

TUESDAY/JAN. 21

Unique and Spontaneous Floral Designs. 10 a.m. At Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE, Vienna. The Five Hills Garden Club presents a program titled Unique and Spontaneous Floral Designs with Jeanne Ha, co-founder of DC Metro Flower Design School and co-owner of Park Florist, one of the oldest florists in the DC area. A silent auction of her designs will follow.

Toddler Tales. 10:30 a.m. At Oakton Library, 10304

Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Have fun and build early literacy foundations for reading success. Books, songs and rhymes. Age 18 months-3 years with adult. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

Canasta Group. 12:30 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Enjoy socializing while you play Canasta. Beginners welcome. Adults. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

Job Club. 4 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Have questions about finding or excelling in a job? Receive one-on-one help from a specialist. Presented by Service Source. Age 16-Adult. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

Teen Knitting Club. 5 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn knitting techniques to make beautiful creations. Teens. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

JAN. 21 AND JAN. 22

Auditions. 7-9 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden's youth production open auditions for "Dorothy Meets Alice or The Wizard of Wonderland" on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 21 and 22, 7-9 p.m. To schedule an audition time, email danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Have fun with your little one while building early literacy foundations for reading success. Age 3-5 with adult. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

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