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Guests gather after celebrating on Aug. 21, the 2019 placement of a historical marker by the Fairfax County History Commission, commemorating the McLean Volunteer Firehouse.



Engine No.1 was used by McLean Fire Station No. 1 until it was retired in the 1980s. It is currently featured in McLean parades and serves as Santa's sled.



Carole Herrick and Scott L. Spitzer, Esq.

Old Firehouse Center Historic Marker Celebrated

Honors McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

More than two years after installation, on Sunday, Aug. 21, the Fairfax County History Commission and others celebrated the dedication of the 32-inch-by-42-inch historical county roadside marker commemorating the McLean Volunteer Firehouse. The historical marker is affixed to a 10-foot pole in front of the McLean Old Firehouse Center, streetside at 1440 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. According to Fairfax County Historic Preservation and Heritage Resources, the ceremony was scheduled for 2020, but pandemic restrictions postponed the event.

"This old firehouse stands as a reminder of McLean's early history in civic pride. It is a testament to the countless number of volunteers, both men and women whose dedication and spirit honor we celebrate today," read Mary Lipsey, a representative on the Fairfax County History Commission and chair of the marker program, from a letter by Supervisor John Foust (D).

Local officials attended the celebration, among them Paul Kohlenberger, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; Anne Stuntz, president of Historic Vienna, Inc.; Evan Braff, acting executive director of the McLean Community Center; and Clyde Clark. Clark has been with the Volunteer Fire Department for 60 years and has served 20 years as the volunteer chief at the Mc-



Anne Stuntz, president of the Vienna Historical Society

Lean Station.

Representatives from the Fairfax County History Commission and the McLean Historical Society, two of the organizations that sponsored the marker, prepared to ceremonially "unveil" the buff and blue historical marker emblazoned with the Fairfax County seal. The county's distinctive colors are derived from the Fairfax Militia uniform worn by George Washington. Members of the McLean Community Center and McLean Volun-



Paul Kohlenberger, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce president

teer Fire Department provided event assistance, and the public joined the celebration at the Old Firehouse Center.

According to Carole Herrick, president of the McLean Historical Society and member of the Fairfax County History Commission, the area surrounding the fire station was once farmland. Locals recognized the need for firefighting services in 1916. However, they did not incorporate as the Volunteer Fire Department until 1923.

The station was designated Company No. 1 because it was the first chapter of its kind in Fairfax County. A two-bay cinder-block



Carole Herrick, president of the McLean Historical Society and member of the Fairfax County History Commission

station was constructed in 1925 and expanded in 1932.

Herrick retold stories she heard from old-timers about weekly chicken dinners upstairs in the firehouse. According to Herrick, a four-sided cupola on the firehouse was used to spot potential enemy aircraft during World War II. As the population grew, a larger, expanded station became essential. In 1948, a station with four bays replaced the previous structure.

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Far left, Thomas Brooke, Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 128, with troop members who serve as the color guard for the commemoration.



Scouts of BSA Troop 128 post the colors.



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Guests listen to the speakers.



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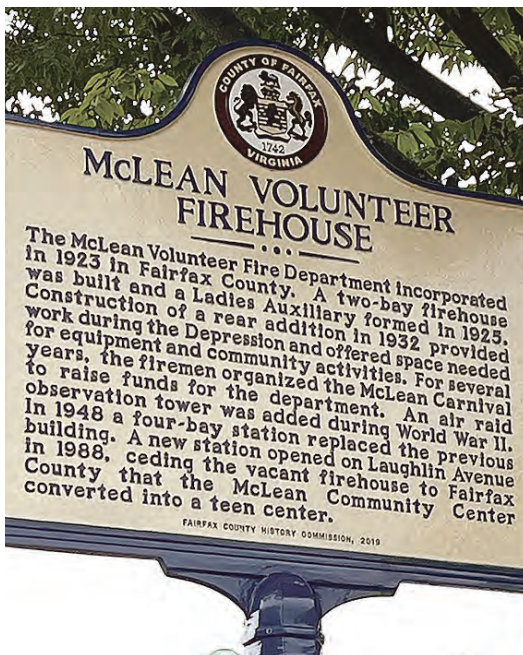
Herrick described in-station Thanksgiving turkey shoots. She said people aimed their firearms out sight windows at a target placed in a field roughly where CVS is now. "I guess if you hit the target, you got a turkey. I'm not sure really how it worked, but there were turkey shoots, and they were a big deal," she said.

In 1949, the county started hiring firefighters. Samuel Redman was the first paid firefighter. According to Herrick, Redman was issued badge #1 and as-

signed to Station 1, McLean. Redmond Drive is named after him and is located adjacent to the station.

When the new station opened on Laughlin Avenue in 1988, the vacant firehouse was ceded to Fairfax County. The McLean Community Center converted it into a teen center.

"Today, it remains a vibrant part of our community serving not only teens but seniors and individuals with physical challenges. Old-timers I spoke to earlier would be pleased," Herrick said.



The Fairfax County History Commission's historical marker commemorates the McLean Volunteer Firehouse.



Volunteer Mike Paris stands beside Engine 1.

Back to School with FCPS

A snapshot of
Aug. 22, 2022

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The first day of school for Fairfax County Public Schools was breathtakingly early — Monday, Aug. 22. Here are a few photos from the scene around the county.

Dr. Michelle Reid, Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent, chats with a student at Kilmer Center in Vienna.

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Dr. Michelle Reid, Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent, visits Forestdale Elementary School in Springfield.



Back to School at Stenwood Elementary School in Vienna.



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McLean AAUW to Hold Jewelry Sale Fundraiser

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is holding a sale of gently used jewelry on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the McLean Community Center's parking lot. The event, which runs from 9-1, will offer a wide selection of items, including vintage, contemporary, ethnic and one-of-a-kind pieces.

The jewelry sale is the first in a series of fundraising events planned for 2022-23 to support AAUW's mission of promoting the advancement of women and girls through education, gender equity and greater economic security.

For 50 consecutive years, AAUW McLean held an annual used-book sale that raised significant funds for scholarships. The popular community event had to be postponed during the Covid epidemic. Since then, the book sale has not resumed because space donated in the past by a local business is no longer available and AAUW McLean has been unable to secure a new location at which to collect,

sort and store the tens of thousands of donated books.

Anyone in the community willing to offer an empty storefront or other space for several months to support the used-book sale can contact AAUW McLean through the organization's website, at <https://mclean-va.aauw.net/>.

Founded in 1969, the McLean Branch of AAUW sponsors a range of programs in public policy, advocacy, education and gender equity. The Branch currently provides scholarships for women returning to Marymount and Trinity universities and Bennett College. To promote girls' achievement in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math), AAUW McLean sponsors awards programs at the Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair and at McLean and Langley high schools.

The group recently introduced a new program to recognize local high-school students for their efforts to make their school environments welcoming to students of all backgrounds, races and abilities.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics: Deadline To Register is Aug. 31

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year,

Sept. 10-24," says Chairman Herb Levitan of Arlington. "We are enthused by the number of folks who are registering for more than one event," said Levitan. The deadline for registering online is Wednesday, Aug. 31. The registration fee is \$20 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 31 and live in one of the eight Northern Virginia jurisdictions which sponsor NVSO.

The opening day ceremony, followed by seven track events will take place in Arlington at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd Street at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited.

Over 70 individual events will take place in 25 different venues throughout Northern Virginia. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded after each event. Most events are played by gender in five and 10 year age groups. All events are

open to the public.

NVSO is sponsored by the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVSO is also supported by Gold Patrons who contribute \$1000 enabling NVSO to purchase and replace equipment and services, promote participation and provide awards of recognition. 100% of money donated is used entirely for NVSO activities. It is a non-profit 501-C-3 organization.

2022 Gold Patrons are Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Chesterbrook Residences, Advanced Hearing Services, Greenspring Retirement Community, Westminster at Lake Ridge, Goodwin Living, Facial Plastic Surgery Center, The Jefferson, Ashleigh at Lansdowne, Heatherwood Retirement Community, Paul Spring Retirement Community, Wellington at Lake Manassas, Koons Arlington Toyota, Chesterbrook Residences and Aaron-dale Assisted Living.



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NOW THRU DEC. 31

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Four Weeks and Counting



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To invoke one of my late mother's favorite expressions, which most definitely applies to this patient's current tenure in the hospital: "It's enough already." But it's not, unfortunately. It is about slow incremental progress which enables the doctors to contemplate a more substantive plan going forward. The next two steps (not literally) involve the patient being able to breathe on his own, and in so doing, disconnect him from the ventilator. Then, and in what order I haven't a clue, eliminate the need for kidney dialysis. Once the patient can breathe normally and exhibit stable kidney function, he will have succeeded where none of the doctors initially treating him in SICU thought he would. I remember one critical care doctor's assessment of this patient very clearly: "He's the sickest patient in the hospital." (At last check, there are over 900 beds in this hospital.) And yet, here we are, relative calm with the patient getting better every day or so it seems (comparatively speaking). As his recovery continues to improve, a different physician from his treatment past and present: critical care, internal medicine, pulmonology, cardiology, nephrology, general surgery, and burn surgery to the physical, occupational, and respiratory therapists, and of the course all the nurses who have seen him at his worst; and to a man/woman, they are all amazed at how far he's come. Apparently, septic shock is all it's cracked up to be.

We are so proud of his will to survive and we're constantly reminding him of how amazing his progress has been. Nevertheless, it's not having the desired effect. Oddly enough, the better and more back to normal he gets, the more aware he is of situation/hospital confinement. Though he's hooked up to a lot less stuff (at one time, he had eight different I.V.s connected to his body, plus a feeding tube, a 24-7 dialysis machine, a heart monitor with a 24-7 heart rate, pulse, and oxygen measures, along with a full time blood pressure cup, a ventilator and a wound vac for the leg where the infection that precipitated this near disaster in the first place and what am I forgetting? Something, I'm sure. In addition, his arms are still restrained (because he's pulling at - and out, some of his tubes) and so he can hardly move and certainly hasn't had any food or water down his throat because of the trach tube inserted just below his Adam's apple. And what's worse, as he improves every day and becomes more aware of his current condition, he is becoming increasingly frustrated by his limitations. And what's even worse, we can't do anything about any of it except talk and try to reassure and encourage him. But as they say: "Talk don't feed the bulldog."

Moreover, I know he's sick of us talking, trying to keep his spirits up. We try to keep him current on news, weather, and sports, to the minimal extent to which he's interested. But mostly, he wants his car keys so he can go home. (To say that's not possible is the understatement of the year.) The dilemma is that what's likely to lead most to a speedy recovery and return home, is exactly what he or the doctors absolutely can't rush: time. Until his body/bodily functions become more normal, he can't do anything but lay in waiting, so to speak. There is a television in the room but his interest in watching anything is negligible. We can tell however that his mind is beginning to process information as he's asking more questions, especially the existential kind: "What am I doing here?" But it's only over time that we'll be able to put his thoughts, plans, hopes and dreams into practice. And on his best day, before any of this happened, he's kind of impatient. On his worst days: now; well, let's just say it's becoming increasingly more difficult to placate him (understandably so). He's come so far, but I worry that these next few steps (some literally, actually), might be his toughest yet. However, from what I've witnessed over this last month, I have no doubts that he'll be up and at'em eventually. It just won't be soon enough for him. Still, he's lucky to be alive, really, and you can be sure that we'll tell him, repeatedly.

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McLean, 22101
\$1,400,000**



**1623 Woodman Drive
McLean, 22101
\$2,850,000**



**1858 Patton Terrace
McLean, 22101
\$1,900,000**



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