

District Residents Can Vote for MCC Governing Board Candidates at McLean Day 2024

Four Adult, Two Teen Positions Open.

esidents of Dranesville Small District 1A who support the McLean Community Center (MCC) will have an opportunity to meet and vote for the 10 adults and five teens who are running for seats on the MCC Governing Board at McLean Day 2024. The Governing Board election will be held at the festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

The all-volunteer Governing Board provides oversight of MCC through policy guidance, strategic planning and financial stewardship. MCC divisions include the Robert Ames Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. Four adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. The adult candidates who receive the three-highest vote counts will serve three-year (3) terms. The adult who receives the fourth-highest vote count will serve a one-year, unexpired term. Youth candidates, one from the Mc-Lean High School boundary area and one from the Langley High School boundary area, will serve one-year (1) terms. Youth candidates do not have to attend these schools to serve on the board.

Adult Candidate Personal Statements

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Tarek Atia

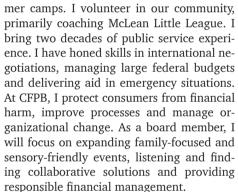
I am a longtime resident McLean seeking to use my passion for the arts to benefit my community. If elected, I will collaborate with fellow board



members to advance MCC's critical mission. Throughout my career, I have leveraged my diverse experience as a journalist, entrepreneur and teacher to drive cultural engagement at home and overseas, most recently as director of a major arts and culture center at the American University in Cairo. An alumnus of Churchill, Cooper, Langley and UVA, and father of two adult sons, I am currently writing a book called "Ten Days in America's Next Great City."

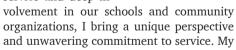
Jonathan "Slade" Broom

I moved to Mc-Lean in 2013 with my wife, Katie. Our three children perform at the Alden Theatre and enjoy the Old Firehouse and the MCC sum-



Matt Colsia

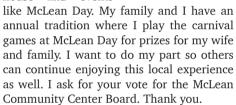
member of the MCC Governing Board, I've championed accessibility, modernization, and fiscal responsibility. With 26 years of Army service and deep in-



vision is to foster a thriving, inclusive community center that enriches the lives of residents. I'm excited to shape MCC's 50th anniversary celebration and beyond, ensuring it remains a beacon of learning, growth, and unity. With your support, I will continue to lead with integrity, advocate for your needs, and tirelessly work towards a stronger, more vibrant community.

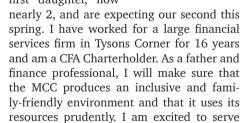
Mike Drabyk

My name is Mike Drabyk. As a McLean resident for more than 25 years, I have watched my family grow and thrive. The benefits of being here include the McLean Community Center, the Old Firehouse and events



Doug Jeffery

I moved to Northern Virginia in 1997. I attended Chantilly High School and later the University of Virginia. In 2019, my wife and I decided to make McLean our home. Since then, we welcomed our first daughter, now



our community!

Ronald Keesing

As a 20-year resident, I feel fortunate to live in Mc-Lean. I've raised two daughters who received world-class educations here. Our family has spent countless hours en-



joying local performances, events, classes, parks and the library. I believe the quality of life we've enjoyed is only possible through decades of responsible, non-partisan, inclusive leadership. Now, I'd like to give back, continuing that tradition while serving on the MCC Governing Board. I believe I have much to offer, particularly through my expertise in technology and ethics. I'm excited to continue MCC's important work bringing arts, events and education to our diverse community.

Lisa Mariam

It has been an honor to serve on the McLean Community Center Board for the last three years. I helped guide MCC through strategic planning and chaired the 50th Anniversary Committee. I look



forward to continuing to support McLean traditions and exploring new opportunities to engage residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. With over 20 years of experience in nonprofit programs and administration, I bring a broad community perspective to represent the residents of our special tax district. I'll prioritize increasing awareness of MCC, being responsive to community needs and interests and bringing people together to strengthen our community.

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MCC Governing Board Candidates

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Michael Monroe

It would be an honor to serve McLean and I was thrilled to be asked to do so. I live, work and raise my three children here in the Langley pyramid. My finance experience over the past 20 years and relationships in multiple industries, including Hollywood, can help



drive amazing activity and efficiency at MCC. I'm a graduate of Leadership Fairfax and the Political Leaders Program through UVA Sorenson, have a master's in real estate from Georgetown University and a bachelor's from James Madison University. I'm a life member of Sharon Lodge #327. I'd appreciate your vote.

Peter Pin

It is my pleasure to submit my application for candidate for the MCC Governing Board. As a resident of McLean for 24 years and Northern Virginia for 40, I have a deep commitment to the wellbeing of our community. Having served for over 30 years as a leader in the business community, I hope to



bring my spirit of innovation and collaboration along with my skills in leadership and communications to create and advance a wonderful agenda for the community. I thank those that have been here before me and look forward to serving you.

Peggy Richardson

My name is Peggy Richardson, and I would be honored to serve on McLean Community Center's Governing Board. I've lived in the area for over 20 years and have always enjoyed being an active member of my community. Having served on several different volunteer boards such as the



Women's Civic Alliance and the Arlington Community Foundation, I'm confident that my 25-plus years of experience spearheading fundraising campaigns and coordinating philanthropic events would directly benefit MCC and its constituency. As a board member, I would ensure that the programs represent the needs and wants of all the McLean community.

Youth Candidate Personal Statements Langley High School Boundary Area Candidates

Anastasiia Dudnik-Dubiniak

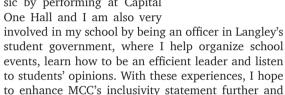
I am Anastasiia Dudnik-Dubiniak, a freshman at Langley High, and I am running for the MCC Board. My candidacy is rooted in genuine desire to enhance McLean's liveliness, vibrance and responsiveness to the diverse needs of its residents. I aim to create a lively and welcom-



ing community, uniting us all by organizing inclusive and engaging events, such as cultural festivals, movie nights, outdoor activities, parties, fundraising events and promoting teen nonprofit startups. With my fresh perspective and dedication, I intend to amplify the voices of teens, fostering a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for McLean youths.

Sonya Thott

My name is Sonya Thott and I'm a junior at Langley High School. My ambition to incorporate cultural diversity and inclusivity within our community is the core of my campaign. I have showcased my culture via dance and music by performing at Capital One Hall and I am also very



support the betterment of the community for all.

Luke Understein

I am running for board member because I want to make a difference in our community and promote MCC's outreach, growth and innovation as a cultural resource for residents of McLean. I am familiar with the interests of young people in McLean, and I will bring the perspectives of



my peers to aid the decisions of the board. I will also make strong contributions to the committees I serve, because I have good communication and organizational skills and I am very detail oriented. So, I am asking for your vote to represent the Langley district.

McLean High School **Boundary Area Candidates**

Hello, I'm Aanya Jain and I'm running for MCC Governing Board. I was born in McLean and MCC has played a pivotal role in my active involvement within my community. I was exposed to summer activities and plays sponsored by MCC (and let's not forget



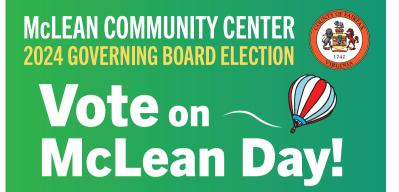
McLean Day)! I realized the importance of community engagement and advocacy and am part of Raising Student Voices and Debate clubs, which strengthened my skills in diplomacy, advocacy and teamwork! By serving on MCC's Board, I'll strive to promote the magnificent programs MCC offers to those of all backgrounds and will represent my fellow Highlanders!

Aaron Stark

My name is Aaron Stark. I'm a junior and the president of the class of 2025 at McLean High School. I've had extensive experience working alongside the MCC and oth-







The Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center (MCC) strongly encourage all qualified residents to vote for members of its 2024-2025 Governing Board.

WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, May 17, 4-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE

- 1. You must be a resident of the MCC tax district (Dranesville Small District 1A); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
- 2. You must be at least 18 years old on Friday, May 17, to vote for an adult candidate. Adults may vote for up to four candidates.
- 3. You must be 15 through 17 years old on Friday, May 17, to vote for youth candidates. Youth voters have two votes: one candidate in McLean High School boundary area and one candidate in Langley High School boundary
- 4. You must bring identification as proof of residency in the tax district, such as a driver's license, passport or utility bill, or you must sign a sworn affidavit statement.

In-person voting at McLean Day is open only to individuals who did not vote early by absentee ballot.

QUESTIONS? elections@mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123/TTY: 711.





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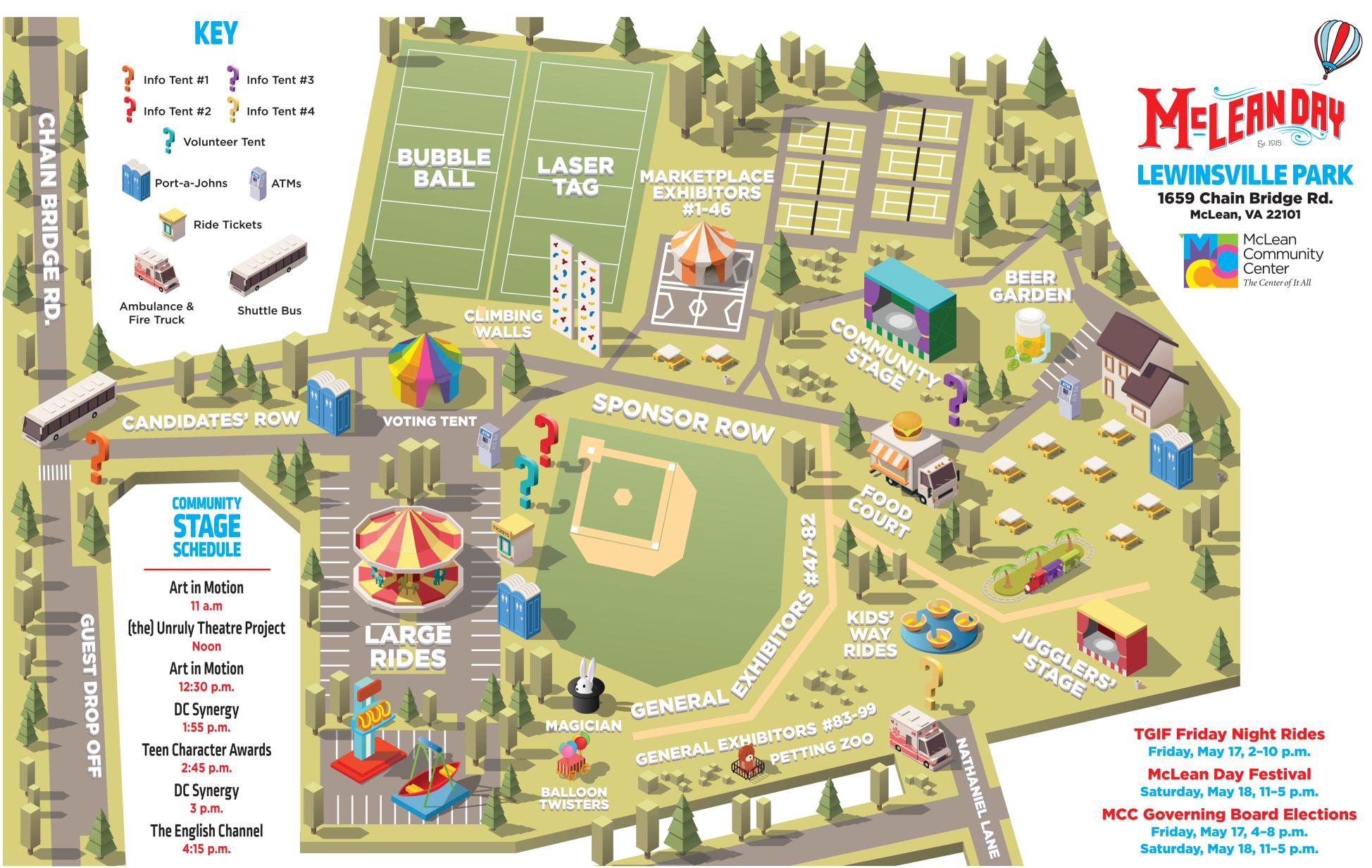
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Avoid Parking Problems by Taking Free Shuttles to McLean Day 2024

cLean, Va. —McLean Community Center (MCC) encourages residents who plan to attend McLean Day 2024 to avoid traffic and parking problems by using three satellite parking lots. Parking is prohibited at Lewinsville Park and is extremely limited on the surrounding streets. The free shuttle bus service is the best transportation option for patrons and will help relieve congestion around the park.

The free festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 18. The park is located at 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

With the help of community partners, event producer MCC has secured the use of the following parking locations. The shuttles will run between the hours of 10:25 a.m. to 6 p.m.

❖McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., patrons should meet the shuttle at the front entrance.

❖Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain

Bridge Rd., at the corner of Westmoreland and Chain Bridge Rd. Patrons should meet the shuttle at the front entrance to the church.

❖McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, across from Franklin Sherman Elementary School and Langley Shopping Center. Patrons should meet the shuttle in the parking lot at the church entrance.

All Fairfax Connector shuttles to McLean Day are air-conditioned, ADA and wheelchair accessible, have low floor ramps or are lift-equipped, have two bike racks and allow service animals. Patrons can also take Fairfax Connector Route 721 to the festival (Stop ID 5429) for just \$2 each way.

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: mcleancenter.org/special-events or call MCC at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711. MCC's telephone will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.

Now in its 109th Year, McLean Day Offers Refreshing Days of Family Fun in the Sun May 17 and 18

ocal families are invited to come out to play on May 17 and 18 for the McLean Community Center's (MCC) annual party in the park, McLean Day. This year's festival begins with an expanded T.G.I.F. Carnival Rides event from 2-10 p.m. on Friday, May 17. Some of the new features of the full-day event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 include a beer garden, a relocated main stage and enhanced musical offerings. The festival is held at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd. Admission to the festival is free; ride tickets, food and beverages will be for sale.

109 Years of Bringing the **Community Together**

McLean Day has been in existence for 109 years. It began in 1915 as a school and community fundraiser put on by the McLean School and Civic League at Franklin Sherman School. Over the years, a host of community organizations kept it going until the mid-1970s when MCC began producing it and then moved it to its current home, Lewinsville Park, in 1988.

Vote for MCC Board Candidates

The McLean Community Center's 2024 Governing Board Election will be held at the park on two dates this year. Voting will be held on Friday, May, 17, from 4-8 p.m. during the T.G.I.F. Carnival Rides event, and on Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the festival. Fifteen Dranesville Small District 1A residents are running for seats on the board. Ten adults are vying for four vacant adult seats and five teens are vying for two vacant student seats (one for the Langley High School boundary area and one for the Mc-Lean High School boundary area). Only residents of Dranesville Small District 1A are permitted to vote in the election. For more information, visit MCC's website, mcleancenter.

Friday Night Activities Expanded

Patrons can enjoy carnival rides on Friday, May 17, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the park. Ticket prices vary, and some rides have height requirements. The rides are in two areas of the park, the parking lot to the right of the main entrance and toward the back of the park, where small carnival rides are located. This year, patrons can also enjoy free climbing walls, bubble ball and laser tag on Friday night. Ride tickets can be purchased in advance from Cole Rides through a link on the center's website, mcleancenter.org, or onsite on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday Festival Features

The carnival amusements and rides are a big draw at McLean Day. Large rides are in the parking lot at the right of the entrance. The Kids' Way area of the park offers ticketed rides especially for younger children. Costumed characters, including popular superheroes, will be available to interact with patrons and pose for photos. Other free activities include laser tag, Bubble Ball, two rock-climbing walls, balloon twisters, a magician and a petting zoo.

Live Performances Onstage

Free performances will be offered throughout the festival on the Community Stage, which is now more centrally located closer to the house in Lewinsville Park. Students enrolled in dance classes at MCC will open the show at 11 a.m. by performing several routines they have learned. At noon, (the) Unruly Theatre Project, The Alden's teen improv group, will perform. MCC dance students will return to perform again at 12:30 p.m. DC Synergy's young, hip and energetic entertainers will perform the latest songs on the chart and the best dance tunes from the past at 1:55 p.m. McLean Citizens Association will present the Teen Character Awards at 2:45 p.m. DC Synergy returns to the stage for a second show at 3 p.m. and the final performance at 4:15 p.m. will be by the English Channel Band that plays British hits of the 1960s and 70s, along with classic rock and pop. There will also be a Jugglers' Stage, located in the children's ride area, with free performances throughout the event.

Food and Beverage Options Abound

New this year is the McLean Day Beer and Wine Garden offering a variety of beer and wine for patrons age 21 or older. In addition, some of the area's best gourmet food trucks will be on hand to serve the crowds in Lewinsville Park. At press time they include: Big Cheese (Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches), DC Slices (Cheese, Pepperoni, Meat Lovers Pizza), Frosty Softy (Ice Cream, Bubble Tea, Milkshakes, Shaved Ice), Momos and More (Momos, Chowmein, Samosas, Choila, Alu Dum), Peruvian Brothers (Chicharron, Asado, Pollo, Choripan, Fish Sandwiches, Empanadas), Ribeye Philadelphia Steak (Cheesesteaks, Chicken Steak-cheese, Hand Cut Fries, Chicken Tenders, Steak Quesadillas, Carna Asada, Cheese Fries), Sweet Frog (Frozen Yogurt, Sorbet, Ice Cream), Yummie Food Company (Vietnamese Crepe, Spicy Grilled or Fried Squid, Chicken or Vegetarian Thai Fried Rice, Chicken and Vegetable Egg-

Transportation Options Abound

Parking is not available at Lewinsville Park on the day of the festival. Patrons can take free Fairfax Connector shuttles from three satellite locations to McLean Day. Free shuttle buses will run from the parking sites to the park starting at 10:25 a.m. and running through 6 p.m.

Shuttle Satellite

Routes are as follows:

Red - McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101, McLean, VA 22101. Patrons should meet the buses at the church entrance in the parking lot.

Yellow - McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101. Patrons should meet at the main entrance of the center where signage indicates.

Blue - Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA 22101. Patrons should meet the buses at the church entrance in the park-

Patrons can also take Fairfax Connector Route 721 to stop ID 5429 for just \$2 each way. All Fairfax Connector Shuttles to McLean Day are air-conditioned, ADA and wheelchair accessible, have low floor ramps or are lift-equipped. They also have two bike racks and allow service animals. For more information, visit the MCC website, mcleancenter.org.

Sponsors Help Make McLean Day Happen

McLean Day is produced by the McLean Community Center (MCC). Community-minded local businesses enhance festival offerings. To date, this year's sponsors are: Wheat's Landscaping (Park Beautification), Fairfax County Connector (Event Transportation); Fairfax County Park Authority (Venue), Giant Food (Marketplace), MARS, Inc. (Kids' Way), McLean Properties (Picnic Tent - Food Court), Johns Hopkins Community Physicians (Picnic Tent -Kids' Way), Northwest Federal Credit Union (Balloon Twisters) and Partner MD (Climbing Walls).

Clean and Comfortable for All

For a third year, MCC has taken efforts to help McLean Day stay clean and green by hiring a company to manage and process all the waste and recyclable materials generated at the event. Patrons are encouraged to help by using the proper bins when disposing of items throughout the event.

Candidates

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er McLean-based service programs, including the MCC's Youth Ambassador Program and the Safe Community Coalition's Youth Advisory Council. I've spent nearly all my life growing up in the area, so I figured it was about time to start giving back. As a member of the Governing Board, I would work to add resources and activities for older teens. Vote Aaron Stark for the MCC

Governing Board!

Write-in candidates are allowed. Write-in candidates must receive at least 10 votes from 10 residents of the center's tax district to have their votes counted. For youth writein candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711 or visit mcleancenter.org.

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Guide to Sponsors, Exhibitors and Food (See Map, Pages 4&5)

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2	Craftsman Auto Care
3	National Capital Lyme Disease Association
4	Family Of Nuts
5	Lewinsville Retirement Residence
6	Prince William Home Improvement
7	DC Paper Arts
8	Friends of Pleasant Grove
9	Mivaglo Aesthetics
10	Stix & Stone
11	Alyssa Mae Crafts
12	Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
13	Bulls Hardwood, LLC
14	Charles Schwab
15	AARP Livetech
16	Dolly Madison Library
17	Sand & Stone Jewelry & Crafts
18	Musicfully
19	Skin Lab Med Spa
20	McLean Historical Society
21	US Peace Corp
22	Young Engineers Fairfax County
23	Portrait Sketch
24	McLean Youth Athletics
25	Heidi Pix
26	Child's Play
27	Remark
28	Handicans LLC
29	Crumbl Cook
30	Kitchen Saver
32	Tysons Trial Law
33	Weichert, Realtors
34	OneLife Fitness
35	Nothing Bundt Cakes
36	Enae Company
47	American Legion Post 270
48	VFW Post 8241
49	AAUW
50	Nova Spine and Rehab Center

Booth	Exhibitors
53	Capital Remodeling
54	Golden Boot Soccer
55	Tutoring Club of McLean
56	Expressions Music Academy
57	McLean Trees Foundation
58	Ornamental Weldings
59	Dance Academy of Virginia
60	Argent Bridge Advisors
61	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
62	McLean Citizens Association
63	McLean Racquet and Health Club
64	Renewal By Andersen
65	Fairfax County Republican Committee
66	Mathnasium of McLean
67	Alejandra Jewelry
68	Purposely Elite Nanny Agency
69	McLean Animal Hospital
70	Brooksfield School
71	McLean Baptist Church
72	Stem Tree
73	Gwen's Blends
74	Paw Mind Body LLC
75	Kids Inspiration LLC
76	Washington Sports Medicine Institute
77	My Gym McLean
78	Trinity Preschool of McLean
79	Scentsy
80	Peruvian Collection
81	Alora Pure LLC
82	McLean Community Players
83	Montessori School of McLean
84	Tooba Art Gallery
85	Adamson Woodworking
86	Riverbend Park
87	Redeemer Lutheran Church
88	Safe Community Coalition
89	MUNAY
90	LuArting
91	Bach to Rock
92	Dranesville District Democratic Committee
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94	McLean Family Dentistry
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96	Pet Wants Falls Church
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