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News and Information for Dranesville District Residents



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A Message from Supervisor John Foust ...

Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the March 2014 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch.

It's budget season in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors is in the process of evaluating the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, presented to the Board by County Executive Ed Long on February 25. You will be receiving a separate email from me, summarizing and discussing important aspects of the budget.

Included in this issue are several articles on the subject of public safety, including information on gun safety and a new crime reporting system for the public.

Also in this issue is information on several important upcoming meetings. On March 31,

the County will hold a public workshop to gather your views on pedestrian and bicycle access to the future Herndon Metro Stations. On April 1, the Great Falls and McLean Citizens Associations will welcome Virginia Transportation Secretary, Aubrey Layne, to the McLean Community Center at 6 p.m. And on April 24, the Virginia Department of Transportation will hold its 6-Year Transportation Plan Public Meeting at their Fairfax offices. See below for details.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to best serve the Dranesville community. Please feel free to contact my office with your suggestions and concerns. It is an honor to serve you.

John Foust
Dranesville District Supervisor

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March 31: Herndon Metrorail Stations Access Management Study (HMSAMS) Public Workshop

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is holding public workshops to discuss pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements designed to improve access to and around future Silver Line Metrorail Stations in Herndon. One workshop meeting was already held on March 26 at Herndon Middle School. The second will be held on March 31 at McNair Elementary School.

Your input at these meetings will be used to set priorities on multi-modal improvements within a three-mile radius of the future Herndon and Innovation Center Metrorail Stations.

- Where would you like to see on- and off-street bicycle accommodations?
- Where are there gaps in the pedestrian network?
- Where are the difficult or unsafe locations to walk or bicycle?
- Which projects should be prioritized for funding and implementation?

Join members of your community to share your thoughts on walking and bicycling access to the future stations.

Workshop Details:

Monday, March 31

6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

McNair Elementary School

2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive

Herndon

Follow the project online at www.hmsams.com.

For more information, contact Jenny Phipps in the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at 571-232-6058 or email Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov.

April 1: Roads, Traffic and Tolls:

MCA/GFCA Public Meeting with Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne

Sponsored by the McLean Citizens Association and

Great Falls Citizens Association

The McLean Citizens Association Transportation Committee, in collaboration with the Transportation Committee of the Great Falls Citizens Association, cordially invites you to an April 1 meeting with the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Layne, to address these issues.

Meeting Details:

Tuesday, April 1, at 6:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center Community Hall
1234 Ingleside Drive
McLean

The meeting will address a number of issues:

- Toll increases on the Dulles Access Road
- The use of local roads to access I-495 to avoid the tolls
- Widening of Route 7 between Jarrett Valley Drive and Reston Avenue
- A possible "Outer Beltway" to cross the Potomac west of Fairfax County
- The overall increase in traffic gridlock in McLean and Great Falls
- Other discussion topics that Sec. Layne would like to include

This will be an opportunity for residents of the area to get an understanding of the views of the new Virginia Secretary Transportation. There also will be time to have your questions addressed. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors.

April 5: McLean Citizens Association Richmond Update

With Delegate Bob Brink and Senator Barbara Favola

The McLean Citizens Association is hosting a Richmond Update with two of six McLean representatives to the Virginia General Assembly - Delegate Bob Brink and Senator Barbara Favola. There will be ample time for you to ask questions and share your concerns.

Event Details:

Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Drive
McLean

Delegate Bob Brink, whose 48th House District includes a portion of McLean, has served in the House of Delegates since 1998. He serves on the House Appropriations, Education, Privileges and Elections, and Transportation Committees.

Senator Barbara Favola, whose 31st Senate District also includes a portion of McLean, has served in the Virginia State Senate since 2012. She serves on the Senate Education and Health, General Laws and Technology, Privileges and Elections, Rehabilitation and Social Services, and Transportation Committees.

April 24: Virginia Department of Transportation 6-Year Transportation Plan Public Meeting

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will be conducting public hearings in Northern Virginia to give citizens the opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program, including highway, rail, and public transportation initiatives. These projects and programs represent important improvements to address safety, congestion, and preservation of Virginia's transportation network.

Details on the public hearing for citizens in our region:

April 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Virginia Department of Transportation
Northern Virginia District Office
Potomac Conference Center
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax

If you cannot attend the hearing, you may send your comments to:

Programming Director
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

or email them to Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Joan Morris, Public Relations Manager, at 703-259-1799.

Great Falls Citizens Association Survey on Deer Population and Forest Management

The Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) is now conducting the first community survey on deer population and forest management. The woodlands of Great Falls are a valuable asset, as are the wildlife that inhabits it. Increasingly, deer seem to be impacting

the health of area forests, and playing a role in the increase of Lyme disease and vehicle collisions. To gauge community views, GFCA is conducting this survey as well as holding a second Town Hall meeting on these topics on April 8. All Great Falls residents are encouraged to participate in the survey and in upcoming meetings on the subject. **The survey will be open through the end of March.**

Please take the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VLCRO8Y>

Joint Committee on Infrastructure Financing of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board Issues Final Report and Recommendations

The Joint Committee on Infrastructure Financing of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board (FCPS) released its final Report and Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its March 4 meeting. The Committee was established in April 2013 as a result of the School Board's request for an additional \$25 million per year in Capital Funding for FCPS and longstanding County infrastructure needs. Braddock District County Supervisor John Cook and School Board member Kathy Smith co-chaired the Committee. Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and School Board members Sandy Evans and Patty Reed also served on the Committee. The report acknowledged that current County and School infrastructure needs exceed funding currently available to address them and recommends strategies to help address this shortfall. The Committee utilized detailed reviews provided by the staffs of the County, Schools and Parks.

Included in the report were these principal policy recommendations:

- Both the County and Schools should make funding of Operations and Maintenance clear budgetary priorities.
- Establishment of County and School infrastructure replacement funds, "Capital Sinking Funds", as the new budgetary mechanism for funding Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrades Requirements. (For example, roof or HVAC replacement.)
 - Principal funding would come from a joint commitment to devote a designated amount of Budget Carryover funds to this Fund, beginning with the FY 2014 Carryover.
 - The goal is to reach 20% of the unencumbered Carryover balance of both the County and School budget not needed for critical requirements.
 - The fund would allow Schools to limit funding of these needs through bonds or proffers. Schools have used an average of \$13.1 million from bond funds annually to pay for Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrades. Over time, proffer and bond funds used for these purposes would be replaced by

the Capital Sinking Fund.

- If the Schools adopt the recommendation, the County would increase the transfer to the School Construction Fund by \$13.1 million per year, beginning in FY 2016, deposited in the School's Capital Sinking Fund.
- The increase in transfer shall not affect consideration of the County's transfer to the School's Operating Fund.
- In addition to the Capital Sinking Funds, establish additional "Pay as you go" funding of approximately \$20 million annually. After a comprehensive review of the condition of School and County facilities, a joint working group of County and School staff will recommend an appropriate formula for fund distribution.

On March 18, Supervisor Cook presented the report on behalf of Supervisors Foust and McKay, at a joint meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board.

On March 25, the Board of Supervisors adopted these recommendations and directed the County Executive to develop a work plan to effect their implementation, including follow-on recommendations to the Board for any budget and policy changes that would be required. The Board also directed the County Executive to establish a process of regular collaboration with the Superintendent of Schools to further implement these policies. The recommendations and follow-on directives to the County Executive will be effective only upon parallel approval by the School Board.

"This was an important collaboration between the Schools and the County resulting in several recommendations for addressing long-overdue infrastructure needs," said Supervisor Foust. "I want to thank Supervisor John Cook and School Board Member Kathy Smith for their leadership and everyone who helped produce this report. I look forward to the next steps taken to complete some of these long needed improvements."

For more information contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

New Development Approved in Great Falls Village

At its February 25 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a special exception for a financial institution operated by TD Bank N.A. on the former Exxon gas station at the south-western corner of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road.

While a bank could be built on the site as a matter of right on the split zoned C-6 and C-8 property, a special exception was required because the proposal included a drive-through.

The 2,616 square foot bank has been custom designed to complement the character of the

Village Center. Local residents, Karen Washburn, John Colby, and Bob Mobley provided valuable input on the design of the building. Some of the bank's architectural features will include a clock tower, large front porch, and exterior materials consisting of red brick, cast stone, and standing-seam metal roof.

Of particular concern to residents during the review process was the remediation of a gas spill that occurred at the former gas station. The first part of the remediation, which is overseen by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and occurred in 2009, included the removal of the gas tanks along with some of the contaminated soil. Ground water

monitoring was also initiated, and fortunately, there have been no confirmed detections of petroleum containments from offsite potable wells. In January 2014 DEQ approved a remediation plan that will address the remaining contamination. "While there is no official role for the County in regards to the remediation," says Supervisor Foust, "this application gave residents more influence over the clean-up process".

Construction of the bank is expected to begin in the summer of 2014. As a condition of approval, TD Bank has agreed to construct a missing sidewalk connection and landscape the VDOT Right-of-Way along Georgetown Pike. They have also agreed to exceed stormwater and open space requirements.

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.



East Elevation

February 21, 2014



TD Bank - GREAT FALLS
9901 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, Fairfax County, VA



Comprehensive Plan Amendment Approved for Downtown McLean

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved at its March 25 meeting, an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for a portion of downtown McLean near the intersection of Elm Street and Fleetwood Road. The new plan language recommends a mix of uses to include office, multi-family residential, and ground floor retail uses.

The Planning Commission voted 11-0 on March 6, to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the amendment. The McLean Planning Committee and McLean Citizens Association also supported the amendment.

The 4.7 acre area, located within the McLean Community Revitalization District, currently consists of two office buildings, one eight-story and one three-story, surrounded by surface parking lots. The amendment envisioned by the Plan would add new residents as well as ground-floor uses, such as retail and community uses to promote a pedestrian-friendly character to the area.

The proposed intensity would be similar to the current densities of the adjacent McLean House and the Ashby Apartments to the northeast of the subject area. Building height in the range of six stories is recommended in the Plan.

"The Plan amendment represents the first redevelopment opportunity in central McLean in many years," said Supervisor Foust. "I'm pleased that we have language in the plan that takes into account, and is sensitive to, impacts on abutting residential development," he added.

A concurrent rezoning application (Elm Street Residential, LLP) is under review, which proposes to rezone a portion of the area to Planned Residential Mixed-Use (PRM) District, in order to allow infill residential and retail uses around the eight-story office building. Concurrent consideration of the Plan amendment and rezoning are allowed in a revitalization district in order to promote redevelopment. The hearing on the rezoning by the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 7 followed by the Board of Supervisors on May 13.

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

VDOT is STILL Repairing Potholes in Northern Virginia

Report your favorite potholes to VDOT now

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) crews are out in full force patching potholes following recent winter storms. Patching operations are prioritized by pothole severity and location, with potholes on high-traffic roads filled within 24 hours of being reported. Drivers should watch for crews and lane closures during off-peak hours.

To report a pothole, citizens should visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp> or call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623). TTY users, call 711. Northern Virginia drivers can also e-mail novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

Crews in northern Virginia patch potholes on roads in Fairfax, Prince William and

Loudoun Counties. If the pothole is in a city, town, or Arlington County, please call the public works department in that location.

Safe driving tips, pothole patching videos and other useful information on potholes are also available on VDOT's website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-potholes.asp>.

New Bus Stop Pad Installed

Old Dominion Drive and Cooper Drive, McLean

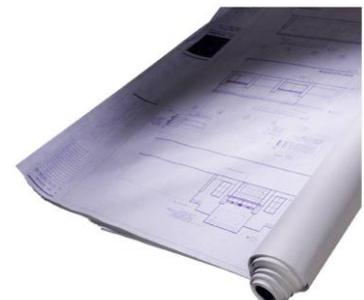
Fairfax County Department of Transportation recently finished installing this bus stop cement pad at the corner of Old Dominion Drive and Cooper Drive. This is one of 16 bus stop improvement projects currently underway across the Dranesville District.



Upcoming Land Use Cases in Dranesville

The following land use applications are under review by Fairfax County. The review process includes public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

William Weiss (PCA 86-D -108)
9416 Atwood Road, Vienna



The applicant seeks approval of a partial Proffered Condition Amendment application to amend the proffers associated with RZ 86-D-108. The amendment would permit the removal of the existing dwelling on the property and the construction of a new single-family detached dwelling, necessitating the removal of trees and modifications to the limits of clearing and grading. The applicant also requests approval of a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit to be located within the proposed dwelling.

- The applicant has been meeting with adjacent property owners, Ciara Estates Homeowners Association and the McLean Citizens Association.
- The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Supervisors at its November 21, 2013 meeting.
- Board of Supervisors hearing: April 8, 2014.

Federal Realty Investment Trust (PCA 85-D-081-02)

*6252 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
(Chesterbrook Shopping Center)*

Applicant proposes to amend proffers associated with an approved 1986 rezoning application for the Chesterbrook Shopping Center located in McLean. The amendment would allow for a wider range of permitted uses including eating establishments, financial institutions, offices, repair services, and others. The applicant proposes no changes to square footage, gross floor area, parking or any other physical improvements.

- The applicant has been meeting with, adjacent property owners, the McLean Citizens Association, and the Franklin Area Citizens Association.
- The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Supervisors at its March 13, 2014 meeting.
- Board of Supervisors hearing: April 29, 2014.

Elm Street Residential, LLP (RZ/FDP 2012-DR-019)

6862 Elm Street, McLean

Proposal to to rezone parcel in the Community Business Center from C-3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use (PRM). Applicant proposes to develop an existing surface parking lot with a 240-multifamily mid-rise and a separate two-story building with up to 8,720 square feet of retail.

- The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners.
- Rezoning Planning Commission hearing: May 7, 2014.
- Rezoning Board of Supervisors hearing: May 13, 2014.

CWS VII, LLC (SE 2013-DR-019)

1301 Trap Road, Vienna

Applicant seeks Special Exception approval to construct a telecommunications facility housed within a 140-foot tall bell tower on a 7-acre property zoned R-1. Application is

associated with Special Permit SPA 83-D-045-03. The Special Permit, reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals, is required to amend a previously approved permit for the existing church use. The application will undergo Planning Commission review under Fairfax County's 2232 Process, which applies to all public areas, public buildings or structures and public utility or public service corporation facilities, whether publicly or privately owned.

- The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, Windsor Meadows HOA, and adjacent property owners.
- Planning Commission hearing: May 21, 2014.
- Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced.

JLB DULLES TECH LLC (PCA 79-C-037, RZ/FDP 2013-DR-017, SE 2013-DR-022)
South side of Dulles Technology Drive approximately 450 feet east of its intersection with River Birch Road.

JLB Realty LLC proposes to develop a vacant 11-acre property located within the Dulles Technology Center for residential use. The proposal includes two mid-rise residential buildings containing a total of approximately 500 dwelling units. A Partial Proffered Condition Amendment is required as well as a rezoning to the Planned Residential Mixed-Use District. This application also includes a Special Exception Application request to allow an extension of the development into the existing floodplain.

- The applicant will be meeting with the Coppermine Crossing Condo Association and adjacent property owners.
- Planning Commission hearing: June 5, 2014.
- Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced.

Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to applications in the monthly Dranesville Happenings publication found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/newsletters.htm>.

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

Dranesville "Aging in Community" Update

"Aging in Community" is a national movement whereby communities are exploring ways for seniors to stay in their own homes, or "age in community" and more fully enjoy their senior years. Supervisor Foust and his staff continue to work with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors as they facilitate "aging in community". Here is an update on the ongoing Aging in Community efforts in Dranesville:

Great Falls

The Great Falls Senior Center without Walls (GFSC) and its Board of Directors were created to enrich the lives of the Great Falls community's mature adults with stimulating programs and social networking opportunities. The group is comprised of 193 members. GFSC's next event will be heading to Chez Francois for a luncheon in April. The May event will be a guest speaker who is a storyteller. This event will be held at lunchtime at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. If you would like more information about GFSC or future events, please contact Polly Fitzgerald by email at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345.

Herndon

The Herndon Village Network (HVN) committee meets each month to discuss Herndon's aging in place program. HVN is made up of volunteers with support from the County to help support Herndon's residents, aged 55 and over. Current plans include working on transportation issues. For more information about the Herndon Village Network, please email HerndonVillageNetworkInfo@gmail.com.

McLean

- The McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA) will present an AARP Workshop, "Aging in Place: Modifying your Home to Fit your Changing Life Style" at the McLean Community Center on Monday May 19 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Become educated on making your home livable and a place to age in place by incorporating universal design concepts
- The McLean Senior Source (MSS) has been busy providing McLean seniors with phone referrals to County and non-County resources on a wide range of issues, including such topics as daily living assistance and transportation options. To reach MSS, call 703-300-1751 or visit the McLean Community Center lobby (1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean) Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The McLean Village Exchange (MVE) meets approximately every three months and will be holding its third meeting in April. MVE is comprised of representatives from service-oriented McLean organizations and constituent groups, and will recommend solutions and new programs that respond to needs identified by the McLean Senior Source users and other community members. Courtney Nuzzo, Administrator of Lewinsville Retirement Residences, is coordinating the effort for the MVE.

For more information about Dranesville's Aging in Community activities, please contact Jenny Phipps in the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at 703-471-5076 or by email at jenny.phipps@fairfaxcounty.gov.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Gun Safety Starts at Home

Gun Safety Suggestions from Police Department

The Fairfax County Police Department has seen an increase in firearms-related accidents occurring in homes. As a result, the Fairfax County Police Department has published gun safety suggestions for the public to follow when handling firearms in their home.

The safety recommendations cover these topics:

- Basic gun safety rules for the home
- Parental responsibility
- Code sections that relate to firearms in the Commonwealth of Virginia

To view the full description of gun safety suggestions, please visit the Franconia District Station's website at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/bulletins/20121011gunsafety.htm>.

For more information, contact Officer Roger Henriquez at 703-922-0889.

Help Protect Your Neighborhood

Report Crimes Online with New Updated System

Fairfax County police are urging residents to take advantage of an [updated online reporting system](#). Online reporting is the quickest, most convenient way of documenting incidents. Although the police department has had online reporting capacity for almost a decade, this new, easier, more user-friendly system was installed in December 2013. Police remind residents that no crime is too insignificant to report and that often these figures and incidents are used by crime analysts to detect trends and insert proactive, preventive measures.

Residents may use the system to report crimes at any time. After reporting, they will be provided with a report number that may be used for insurance purposes. If appropriate, an officer will notify and/or respond to the complainant.

Use the online reporting system to report the following non-emergency crimes/incidents:

- Bicycle theft
- Larceny/theft under \$5,000
- Telephone harassment/threats
- Trespassing

- Lost property
- Civil disputes
- Unoccupied hit & run crashes
- Solicitor violations
- Destruction of private property/vandalism
- Larceny/theft from motor vehicles or parts
- Suspicious persons/vehicles

The new online reporting system is available at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/120413citizenreportingsystem.htm>.

Fairfax County Police Introduce New Awareness Tool: FCPD News Blog

Keep our County safe and stay updated on the latest public safety information with the new Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) News Blog. The Blog is replacing the FCPD traditional "news release". As of April 1, Fairfax County will no longer send email releases; all information will be posted on the new, easy-to-read blog found at <http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com>. Residents are urged to subscribe to the blog.

In the future, all police news releases will immediately be pushed to the agency's Twitter feed. The Public Information Office issues dozens of releases each year, covering crime, traffic issues, public events, community concerns, trends and a wide variety of other relevant and important safety issues. All of this information will now be found in one spot; [the News blog](#).

For more information on this and other public safety information, call the Public Information Office at 703-246-2253 or email fcpd-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov.

RECOGNITIONS

Langley HS Student Harris LaTeef Named Student Representative to Fairfax County School Board

Harris LaTeef, a junior at Langley High School, has been elected by the county-wide Student Advisory Council (SAC) to serve a one-year term as student representative to the Fairfax County School Board, beginning July 1. LaTeef will participate in School Board meetings as a nonvoting member. LaTeef will be the 44th student representative to the School Board.

La Teef cited three issues as being critical for FCPS students: reducing any negative effects of budget cuts on students, amending high school start times, and ensuring that any changes to the district's disciplinary policy are "just, yet firm when addressing serious infractions."

At Langley, LaTeef is co-chairman of the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, serves as director of public relations for The Saxon Scope, is on the student advisory team of the Newseum and volunteers at the Reston Hospital Center maternity and surgical waiting wing.

Longfellow Middle School "Lego Legion" Team Wins First in Age Group at 2013 Virginia/DC First Lego League Championship Tournament

The Lego Legion team from Longfellow Middle School in McLean won first place in its age group at the 2013 Virginia/DC First Lego League Championship Tournament held at James Madison University this past December. At the regional tournament held in November, team members took home first place for their robot design.

First Lego League is an international competition created in 1998, designed to generate excitement about science and technology for 9-16 year olds. This year's theme for the competition was Nature's Fury. The team developed a mobile app prototype called the "Road Condition Reporter" that allows people to report all kinds of traffic issues, even the presence of dead animals. The app has maps that show alternative routes and frequently asked questions.



Judges at the state competition were impressed with the app and expressed interest in how Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) might use some of the concepts. As a result of their accomplishments, team members met with VDOT officials on January 24.

The Lego Legion Team, their coaches, Chris Hunter and Jennifer Simpson, and other school officials were honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 11.

Dranesville Students Honored with Fairfax County Peace Award

The Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, in its ninth year, invited all public and

three private County high schools to select a junior or senior who has made a substantial contribution to peacemaking and/or conflict resolution. The selected students each receive \$150, plus another \$100 to be given to any organization of his or her choice that operates in a spirit that is in keeping with the Peace Awards.

Dranesville recipients receiving honors:

John Strangfeld, Senior

Herndon High School

For two summers John went on missionary trips to Brazil, sponsored by the Reston Bible Church youth group. He worked in Benavidez, a small, impoverished village, where he helped to build two houses and worked with the other volunteers to run a summer camp. He wants to continue helping those in need find better ways to live.

Huong 'Helen' Tran

Langley High School

Helen is recognized for helping her fellow ESOL students express themselves in English and feel comfortable at Langley. Although she had arrived from Vietnam with no knowledge of English only three years ago, she volunteered last year to star in the ESOL skit on International Night and encouraged other ESOL students, many quite shy about their English, to participate as well. Her constant, lighthearted and sincere encouragement motivated the ESOL students to achieve a great performance.

Brooke Inglese, Senior

McLean High School

Brooke established the McLean High School Amnesty Human Rights Club, with the goal of "increasing awareness of human rights abuses, both locally and globally." Brooke has helped lead fundraising activities for Amnesty International including participation in a five-kilometer 'Run for Rights' in Arlington last fall and soliciting donations at tables outside area stores. The members of the club also collected \$350 for the 'Pennies for Peace' project to provide school supplies for impoverished children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Brooke is also the Head Service Coordinator of her church organization that provides aid to the homeless.

**William Thomas from McLean Named one of
Virginia's "Top Youth Volunteers"**

McLean resident and Gonazaga College High School ninth grader, William Thomas, has been named one of Virginia's top two Youth Volunteers of 2014 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. William raised more than \$100,000 for charities that contribute to US Special Operations Forces by organizing several basketball "shooting challenges".

For his efforts, William will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and participation in four days of festivities in Washington DC with honories from the other states and the District of Columbia.

**Herndon HS School Band plays at
Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade**
*Senior Blake Morgan Named
All-American Drum Major for US Army Band*

The Herndon High School Band was selected by the U.S. Congress and the Marine Corps Marching Band, to perform in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on December 7, and to serve as Virginia's official ambassador. Very few schools in the country have earned the honor to perform in this parade, which honors and pays respect to Pearl Harbor Survivors, our veterans, active duty military and their families. The band is under the direction of Kathleen Jacoby.

In addition, Herndon High School senior, Blake Morgan, was selected as the All-American Drum Major for the US Army Band. Blake conducted the band during halftime of the All-American Bowl football game in San Antonio on January 4. The bowl game is the premiere high school football game. More than 1,000 students were nominated for the band; only 125 were selected. Selection criteria included performance ability, grade point average, community service and demonstrated school leadership.



The Herndon High School Band, Blake Morgan, Band Director Kathleen Jacoby, and other school officials were honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 25.

**Langley High School's Girls Volleyball Team Wins
2013 State Championship**

*Alex Andrejev Named Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year
Coach Susan Shifflett Named Washington Post All-Met Volleyball Coach of the Year*

The Langley High School Girls Volleyball Team won the Virginia High School League's

6A State Championship last November in Richmond. The Saxons clinched the title with a 3-0 victory over the First Colonial Patriots. Along with the honor of being this year's state champions, the team became the first from Fairfax County to win the highest classification level in girls' volleyball. The Saxons finished the 2013 season with a school-record 27 wins.

In addition, senior setter and right-side hitter, Alex Andrejev, was singled out by the Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA Today High School Sports, as its 2013-14 Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Player of the year. She is the first student from Langley High school to receive this honor.

Winning the state title was particularly sweet for Coach Susan Schifflett, who became the coach of the evolving volleyball club program in 1998. In 1999, the sport achieved varsity status. Coach Schifflett was named by the Washington Post as the Fall 2013 All-Met Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Throughout its 15-year history, the Saxons have been a volleyball powerhouse, having won multiple district and regional titles, and in 2007, were the state tournament runner-ups.

The Langley High School Girls Volleyball Team, Coach Susan Shifflett and other school officials were honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 11.



Thomas Jefferson HS TJ₃ Satellite Lunched on Orbital Minotaur I Rocket from NASAs Wallops

In 2006, students at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ), started a project to design a small, cube shaped satellite. Initially started as an extracurricular club, the TJ₃Sat project evolved into a Systems Engineering class, then a senior research project. Over the years, roughly 50 students have worked on this project.

It has survived school budget cuts, a recession, and even delays from the government shutdown. Finally, seven years later, the satellite was launched on November 19, 2013, aboard an Orbital Minotaur I rocket launched from NASA's Wallops Island on the Virginia Eastern Shore. The TJ3Sat is the first satellite designed and built by high school students.

The Orbital Sciences Corporation supported the project by contributing an initial donation of \$30,000, continuing to collaborate with the students, and launching the TJ3Sat with its rocket's payload.

TJ Principal Evan Glazer, Adam Kemp, the TJ3Sat Project Advisor, and representatives from Orbital Science Corp and TJ students and alumni who worked on this project over the years were honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at its January 28 Board meeting.



Fairfax County Students Sweep Team Titles at Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships

Students from three Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) won team championships in all four K-12 divisions at the Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships held recently in Roanoke. FCPS students also won individual championships in the K-3 and K-5 divisions.

Among the winners were two students and one elementary school team from the Dranesville District:

Pranav Prem

Hutchison Elementary School
K-3 Individual Champion

Andy Huang

Colvin Run Elementary School
K-5 Individual Champion

Haycock Elementary School
K-5 Team 2nd Place

What's Going On At The Mill? **Colvin Run Mill Undergoing Full Restoration**

(Extracted from the Colvin Run Mill website.)

When the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site first opened to the public in 1972, it was the culmination of over four years of preservation, restoration and recreation efforts. Thanks to the hard work and craftsmanship of many individuals, the mill proudly featured an operational pair of millstones capable of grinding grains. Now, some 42 years after that date, the rest of the mill is being restored.

The Colvin Run Mill Restoration Project will complete the work started during the Nixon administration. With functioning grain elevators, wooden line shafts, grain cleaners and product sifters, the fully restored mill will stand as living testament to America's industrial infancy, all the while producing wheat flour and cornmeal as it did over 200 years ago. The massive oak timbers and hand-crafted gears of the mill will once again provide a working link between the past, present and future of Fairfax County.

Funded in part by a Partners in Preservation grant from American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the restoration started in January and has an anticipated completion date of November 2014. During this time, special tours featuring not only the history of the mill but also the restoration work in progress will be given.

Read more about the Mill's restoration work at
<http://ourstoriesandperspectives.com/2013/12/19/keeping-promises-at-colvin-run-mill/>.

90th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 128

This year marks the 90th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 128. The troop was organized on March 1, 1924 as the very first Boy Scout troop in McLean. Troop 128 began under the sponsorship of the Lions Club with only 10 to 12 boys. Today the troop has over 50 boys and is under the sponsorship of St. John's Episcopal Church. Throughout its history, the troop has produced over 125 Eagle Scouts.

On February 24, 2014, Troop 128 participated in a joint Court of Honor and 90th Anniversary celebration at St. John's Episcopal Church, where a resolution signed by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust was presented to them.

Great Falls Garden Club Honored by Community Appearance Alliance for Meadow and Garden at Great Falls Library

On March 14, the Great Falls Garden Club received an award from the Community Appearance Alliance (CAA), for its work on the meadow and garden at the Great Falls Library. Supervisor John Foust nominated the Club because of their extensive and ongoing efforts to beautify the area surrounding the Library.

The Club planted the Wildlife Meadow in 2011 with native grasses and flowers, helping to hide an unattractive but necessary drainage basin located behind the library. It provides a wonderful source of food and shelter for wildlife.

The more formal Library Garden was planted in 1999 and has been maintained by club members ever since. In 2007, it was certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

CAA is a citizens' group dedicated to recognizing outstanding projects that make a positive contribution to the visual quality of the communities in Northern Virginia.

"Our Military Kids" Recognized by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

At its February 25 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized Our Military Kids for the outstanding work it does each day on behalf of children in our community and throughout the United States.

Our Military Kids provides grants to the children of wounded and fallen warriors from all branches of service as well as to children of deployed National Guard and Reservists. These grants pay the associated fees for athletic, fine arts, and academic tutoring programs. The extra help and attention during a parent's deployment or recovery from a severe injury engages the child in an activity of his/her choosing and goes a long way toward enhancing self-esteem and minimizing the anxiety of these children.

Our Military Kids was founded ten years ago by two McLean residents and operates in Fairfax County with many local volunteers. Throughout its history, the organization has provided over 45,000 grants, and 95% of all donations go directly to support the children.



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If you would like your community announcement included in Dranesville Happenings please send an email to Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov.

