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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 May 2014 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the final FY 2015 Budget on April 29, going into effect on July 1. This was another difficult budget year. In this issue, I have included an article with a detailed discussion on how the Board arrived on the budget.

After all the recent rain, roadside vegetation is getting tall. Fortunately, VDOT has begun its road-side mowing program. See the article inside for details. VDOT will also be closing a section of Towlston Road in Great Falls this summer to replace the bridge over Rocky Run. You may have noticed transportation projects recently completed at Churchill Road and Dolley Madison Blvd. in McLean, and on Walker Road in Great Falls. See details in this issue.

This issue also includes an article about the completion of the Fairfax County Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission report, as well as numerous other news items, recognitions and

announcements. I hope you enjoy reading about your community and the many good things that are happening.

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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DRANESVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

Supervisor Foust on the Adopted FY 2015 Budget

After extensive public outreach and lengthy consideration, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the final FY 2015 Budget on April 29, going into effect on July 1. You can review the budget details at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

Arriving at a budget this year was particularly difficult because of numerous cuts and efficiencies implemented in previous budgets, following the Great Recession. Because of increased enrollment and other factors, the Fairfax County Public Schools asked for an increase in the transfer amount from the County of \$98 million (5.7%). We also needed to address compensation increases for County employees who have taken on increased responsibility with only minimal salary increases over the last several years. As always, we needed to provide for those most in need and fund our libraries and parks. In addition, any budget must maintain the County's financial soundness and ability to respond to future unknown challenges.

Significant increases in residential property assessments while commercial property assessments were flat presented another challenge.

The Board conducted an extensive review of the County Executive's proposed budget plan. In Dranesville, I held three public meetings to hear residents' concerns, in addition to the three nights of County-wide public hearings held before the Board of Supervisors. I also gave careful consideration to the reports of the Dranesville Citizen Budget Task Force, which I convene annually to assist me in evaluating and providing detailed input on the County and School budgets. In addition, I heard from the McLean and Great Falls Citizens Associations and many Dranesville residents with their thoughts on budget priorities.

My Alternative Budget Proposal

On April 18, the Board's Budget Committee met to mark up the County Executive's Advertised Budget. At that meeting, in an effort to provide more money for Schools and employee compensation while avoiding a tax rate increase, I presented a proposal with three recommendations:

- **Increase the amount of the school transfer to 3.5%**
- **Increase employee compensation from 1.29% to 2.29%**
- **Hold the tax rate at \$1.085 per \$100 property value**

In order to accomplish this, I proposed a number of cuts in the budget and use of a portion of reserves the Board had previously funded.

While there was some support for my approach, it was not a majority of the Board. However, the Board did decide to increase compensation for County Employees to 2.29%.

Approved FY 2015 Budget

The Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2015 Budget on April 29 with the following major provisions:

- The Real Estate Tax was increased \$.005 from \$1.085, to \$1.090 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Fairfax County Public Schools received a transfer for operations in the amount of \$1.77 billion (an increase of \$51.5 million, 3% higher than FY 2014). In addition, \$177.14 million is transferred to School Debt Service. The total County transfer to support School Operating and Debt Service is \$1.95 billion or 52.4% of total County Disbursements. While a 3% increase in the FY 2015 transfer amount does not fully meet the School Board's request, when combined with the approximate \$30 million in additional funding anticipated from the State, the remaining gap is much more manageable.
- General Fund Disbursements, including Schools, will be \$3.72 billion, an increase of \$17.4 million or 0.47% over the FY 2014 Revised Budget Plan and an increase of \$130 million or 3.62% over the FY 2014 Adopted Budget Plan.
- The Personal Property Tax rate remains unchanged at \$4.57 per \$100 of assessed value for most classes of personal property.
- The Stormwater fee increased from \$0.02 to \$0.0225 per \$100 of assessed value.
- County employees will receive a salary increase of 2.29%. Eligible public safety employees will receive a 1.29% COLA and a step increase on their anniversary date, beginning July 1.
- Additional cuts to expenses were made in the amount of \$16.5 million.

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions with me during this process. This is how we ensure that the County budget reflects our community's priorities.

Chesterbrook Shopping Center Gains Approval to Expand Uses

At its April 29 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal for the Chesterbrook Shopping Center, near the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Kirby Road, to expand the permitted uses associated with the small retail building on the west side of the property. Among the 16 new approved uses are: eating establishments, financial institutions, health clubs, offices, repair services, and retail services. The center was previously limited to retail uses only.

The 6,812 square foot building, constructed in 1991, faces away from Old Dominion Drive and has shared access and parking with the previously existing shopping center constructed in 1967. According to shopping center representatives, the center has experienced difficulty renting out the tenant spaces for many years due to poor visibility from Old Dominion Drive. Two of the five tenant spaces are currently occupied.

Based on input from the McLean Citizens Association and nearby groups, the owners of the shopping center agreed to several upgrades to the property including conforming to current County lighting standards, constructing a new concrete bus pad and bench, constructing a new pedestrian path with handrails near the building, installing a new crosswalk with accessible features near the Starbucks coffee shop, and various landscaping improvements.

For more information on the project visit

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=PCA&seq=4176119>

or contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at

Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Electoral Board Responds to Election Improvement Recommendations

On May 13, the Fairfax County Electoral Board presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, its report: "Response to Recommendations of the Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission". The Electoral Board's report was prepared in response to the March 19, 2013 recommendations of the Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission. This Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors in November 2012 in response to voter complaints about long lines and other concerns during the November 2012 election.

The Commission's report included 50 election improvement recommendations. The Electoral Board and the Office of Elections initiated a review process to determine a response to the bipartisan Commission's recommendations and develop implementation plans where appropriate. The Electoral Board's report provides updates on the implementation of recommendations as well as a discussion of long-term issues and additional actions that address concerns raised by the Commission.

[View the full report here.](#) (PDF).

Park Authority Board Approves Tobacco-Free Play Zones

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board has established **Tobacco-Free Play Zones** in local parks. This summer, FCPA will post signage that notifies the public of this new designation and asks for the **voluntary cooperation** of park visitors at skate parks, playgrounds and athletic fields. The action will help parks remain clean and safe outdoor environments for children and their families.

In June 2011, the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax conducted a Community Health Status Assessment. That report found that 20 percent of Fairfax County residents listed tobacco use as the most important health-related issue. With that in mind, this initiative was implemented in coordination with the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax and the Fairfax County Health Department.

Partial funding for the signs is anticipated from the Live Healthy Fairfax initiative funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Community Transformation Grant. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

Towlston Road Bridge Replacement Coming

Summer-long closure starts June 25

VDOT will close a portion of Towlston Road this summer to rebuild the bridge over Rocky Run while Fairfax County schools are on summer break. Crews will close the road to through traffic June 25 and open the new bridge in late August.

Plans were underway to replace the original bridge, built in 1949, when it was washed out by Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011. Under an emergency contract, crews built five steel pipe culverts as a temporary structure to re-open the road to traffic as soon as possible. The current crossing is sound but does not have the hydraulic capacity to handle high water during storms.

The new bridge project also features:

- Additional two feet of shoulder on each side
- Aesthetic treatments on railings and abutments
- Stream restoration to stabilize Rocky Run and guide the creek through the restored opening
- Overhead and underground utility coordination

Traffic Impacts

The summer-long construction necessitates closing the Towlston Road between Old Dominion and Georgetown Pike. During this time, through traffic will be detoured via Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike. [View the detour map here.](#)

See more project details online at

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/towlston_road.asp.

95 Express Lanes Educational Campaign Kicks Off

Scheduled opening date is early 2015

The 95 Express Lanes, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, has launched an educational campaign to prepare travelers for the changes coming to I-95 when the existing I-95 HOV system is converted to an Express Lanes system. The 95 Express Lanes project will bring new choices and added capacity on I-95, but will also mean changes for travelers who currently use the HOV facility. To learn more about E-ZPass and how the new Express Lanes will work, drivers are encouraged to visit the Make a Plan section of the 95 Express Lanes website at 95ExpressLanes.com/makeaplan.

While the 95 Express Lanes will extend and improve the performance of the existing HOV system, they will also bring major changes to I-95 including:

- All travelers will need an E-ZPass to access the 95 Express Lanes. Learn more about where to obtain a pass by calling 1-877-762-7824.
- To travel toll-free, all travelers will need three or more people in the vehicle and an E-

ZPass Flex set to HOV mode.

- The 95 Express Lanes will end north of Edsall Road on I-395. Standard HOV rules will apply on the I-395 HOV lanes.

The 95 Express Lanes are on schedule to open in early 2015.

For more information, please visit 95ExpressLanes.com.

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.

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

6862 Elm Street, McLean

Proposal 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 with approximately 6,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

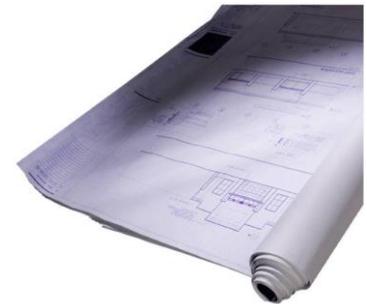
- The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners.
- Planning Commission hearing: June 18, 2014.
- Board of Supervisors hearing: July 1, 2014.

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

1301 Trap Road, Vienna

Applicant seeks Special Exception approval to construct a telecommunications facility housed within a bell tower on a 7-acre property zoned R-1. 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, nearby homeowner associations, and adjacent property owners.
- Planning Commission hearing: June 25, 2014
- Board of Supervisors hearing: July 29, 2014.



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.

**Aging in Place: Modifying Your Home
to Fit Your Changing Life Style**

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. For more information about GFSC or planned 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. The group is currently 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) held an AARP Workshop, "Aging in Place: Modifying Your Home to Fit your Changing Life Style", at the McLean Community Center on May 19. The workshop was attended by more than 100 participants who were instructed on ways to make their homes 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. 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.



Supervisor Foust addresses "Aging in Place: Modifying You Home to Fit Your Changing Life Style" workshop participants

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.

The Independent Living Project

Helping older people live independently in their homes

A partnership of County agencies and community programs and businesses are sponsoring the **Independent Living Project**. This workshop series helps older people continue to live independently in their homes for as long as they are able. The program consists of weekly two-hour sessions and lasts six to eight weeks. Participants may also sign up for a home safety inspection.

Workshops cover:

- Fire and Fall Prevention
- Finding Services for Older Adults -Where to Begin
- Recognizing the Signs of Dementia
- Your Medications Should Make You Feel Better - Not Worse
- Getting the Most out of Your Next Doctor Visit
- Aging Eyes/Aging Ears
- 50+ Nutrition
- Food Safety
- Getting Around in Fairfax
- Are You Ready? Fairfax Prepares for the Unexpected

(Each session has a workshop and a gentle exercise program that focuses on fall prevention.)

Upcoming Sessions

Mondays, June 2 through July 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Herndon Senior Center
873 Grace Street
Herndon

[Register online](#) or call 703-324-5429, TTY 711.

The Independent Living Project is held at various venues throughout the County including libraries, senior centers and churches.

Call **703-324-5429**, TTY 711 or email [Jennifer Rodriguez](#), if you are interested in attending a session or hosting a program in your area.

Stress Less, Laugh More *Helping Students Perform Better on Exams*

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and staff supported the "Stress Less, Laugh More" activities that were conducted during exam time, April 26 through May 10, in Cooper Middle School, Longfellow Middle School, Langley High School, McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Students participated in activities that promote physical and mental well-being in times of stress. Everyone agrees that students should give full attention to SOLs, ERBS, AP Tests and final exams, but they perform better with a full night's sleep, nutritional food and study breaks that help them clear their heads. Stress Less, Laugh More supports students by promoting physical activity, healthy eating and Stress Less activities in local schools.



Dranesville office staff members Ben Wiles and Patti Dinkelmeyer, Supervisor John Foust and staff members Jennifer Boysko and Julie Ide.

Fairfax County Public Schools Presents
Upcoming Meetings on Later High School Start Times

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) invites you to attend one of eight community meetings to gather feedback on four scenarios that would move high school start times after 8 a.m.

The Fairfax County School Board adopted a resolution in April 2012 to seek solutions that will establish high school start times at 8 a.m. or later. In March 2013, the School Board voted to award a contract to Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) to develop a proposal to achieve this goal. Working with a diverse stakeholder committee, CNMC's Division of Sleep Medicine initiated a process to develop a Blueprint for Change (available [here](#)). The committee studied many scenarios to start FCPS high schools after 8 a.m. to improve students' mental and physical health, academic performance, and safety. The School Board reviewed four scenarios at its work session on April 23, and now seeks the community feedback on these options. (*Meetings have already been held at Hayfield Secondary School, Langley High School, South Lakes High School and Madison High School.*)

Community Meetings and locations:

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Poe Middle School

http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=1016

Monday, June 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

South County High School

http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=2022

Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

West Springfield High School

http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=2020

Wednesday, June 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Centreville High School

http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=2002

If you are unable to attend a community meeting, FCPS invites you to use an online form to submit your feedback. The online form can be found on the Later High School Start Times website at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml>.

VDOT Roadside Mowing Underway

Drivers asked to slow for mobile crews

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is asking motorists in northern Virginia to slow down and stay alert in work zones where crews are now mowing grass, pruning trees, cutting brush and removing litter.

Most roads will see up to three cycles of mowing through the fall, but crews may increase that frequency in locations where safety issues and weather patterns require. The first round of mowing in northern Virginia is expected to be complete by mid-June.

- Roadsides along interstates, primary roads and high-volume secondary routes are scheduled to be mowed three times through late October. Litter will be removed at the same frequency. Crews mow up to ten feet from the pavement's edge or to the center of the adjacent ditch.
- Roadsides along low-volume primary and most secondary routes will be mowed twice between now and late October. Crews mow up to nine feet from the pavement edge.
- Roadsides along unpaved routes and low-volume subdivision streets will be mowed once between now and late October, unless safety issues require more frequent attention. Crews mow up to nine feet from the pavement edge.

Keeping Crews Safe

Many of VDOT's maintenance crews and contractors mow in a slow-moving mobile operation, with tractors followed by crash cushion trucks to provide protection from traffic. Drivers are asked to:

- Watch for posted signs, slow-moving trucks, and crews along roadsides and in medians
- Slow speeds
- Move into the opposite lane where possible when approaching the work zone.

Residents are encouraged to report safety issues where vegetation blocks line of sight at VDOT's "report a road problem" page at <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.aspor> or by calling 800-367-7623 (800-FOR-ROAD), TTY 711.

PHOTO GALLERY

Walker Road "Road Diet" Project Completed in Great Falls Village Center



Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed a road project on Walker Road south of Georgetown Pike. The project included the following:

- Narrowing lanes to slow traffic using "road diet" techniques: parking spaces, turn lanes and extended curbed bulb-out.
- Two-way turn lane down the center of Walker Road between the two shopping centers on west and east side.
- New signed crosswalk between the two shopping centers.
- Right turn lane into Columbine Street from Walker Road.
- Left turn lane from north-bound Walker Road.
- Lower speed limit closer into the Village Center from 35 mph to 25 mph.

The Road Diet project originated with the Georgetown Pike, Route 193 Traffic Calming Study, prepared in 1999 by the Georgetown Pike Working Group and VDOT. The study concluded that because the road was wider than necessary, speeding was a chronic problem, and recommended reducing speeding by narrowing the roadway with a "road diet". During the course of the study, there were a number of public information workshops to collect citizen comments on the draft plan.

At the request of the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA), Supervisor Foust obtained funding for the project in 2009, working closely with the community through the GFCA, County engineers and VDOT representatives to arrive at a design that satisfied all the parties. Prior to construction, the plans for this project were available for review at several public meetings.

For more information, please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

Pedestrian Improvements Completed at Churchill Road and Dolley Madison Blvd.



Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed several pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Churchill Road and Dolley Madison Blvd. in McLean. The improvements include crosswalks and pedestrian walk signals in all four directions.

Supervisor Foust obtained funding for this project in 2009, through the County's Commercial and Industrial Tax revenues.

For more information, please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

McLean Day 2014 at Lewinsville Park

On May 17, Supervisor Foust and staff took the Dranesville District Supervisor's office on the road to McLean Day, held at Lewinsville Park in McLean. Many residents dropped by the Supervisor's booth to discuss Dranesville issues while enjoying the beautiful spring weather.



Staff member Jennifer Boysko, summer intern, Romina Tapia, Supervisor John Foust, and staff member Patti Dinkelmeyer.



Chief of Staff to Supervisor Foust, Jane Edmondson, and staff members Ben Wiles and Julie Ide.

RECOGNITIONS

Board of Supervisors Recognizes McLean Volunteer Fire Department on 91st Anniversary

On May 13, the Board of Supervisors recognized the McLean Volunteer Fire Department/Fairfax County Fire Station Number 1 for its recent placement on the Inventory of Historic Sites by the Fairfax County History Commission.

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department received its charter in 1923, ninety one years ago. Since this was the first charter of its nature in Fairfax County, the fire department was designated as "Company 1".

Construction on the original firehouse, located on Chain Bridge Road, began in October 1924 and was completed early the following year at the cost of \$5,000 plus another \$2,000 for furnishings. The Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1935 to help support the station in its fundraising efforts. The auxiliary helped raise money to pay for the first ambulance in Fairfax County.

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department lead the way on several fronts: purchasing and

installing the first aerial platform in Northern Virginia in 1973, admitting the first female volunteer firefighter, and the first County minority firefighter in 1974, and employing the first career woman firefighter in 1981.

In the spring of 1947 the original cinder block firehouse was demolished and a one-story structure with 4 bays and costing \$43,950 was constructed.

In 1988 Fairfax County built a new state-of-the-art station with much larger capacity one block away from the original site. Fairfax County retained the former station and turned over usage to the McLean Community Center. It was transformed into the Old Fire House Teen Center where it still serves the McLean youth as a hub of social activity today.



Longfellow Middle School Science Bowl Team Recognized for Excellent Academic Achievement by Board of Supervisors



On May 13, the Board of Supervisors recognized Longfellow Middle School Science Bowl Team and their teacher, Jim Bradford, on its 1st place win in the regional competition sponsored by the U. S. Department of Energy and held in Newport News on February 1.

Science Bowl is an academic competition for middle and high school students that tests their knowledge, via a question and answer format, in biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy and math. Since its inception 24 years ago, the Office of Science's National Science Bowl has attracted more than 225,000 students and has become one of the nation's largest science competitions.

The Longfellow team placed first in a field of 16 middle school teams, winning a \$750 prize to support science programs at the school.

Board of Supervisors Honors Retiring Congressmen Jim Moran and Frank Wolf

At its April 29 Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors recognized and thanked retiring 8th District Congressman Jim Moran and 10th District Congressman Frank Wolf for their years of service. Both congressmen have, for a time, represented portions of the Dranesville District of Fairfax County. Congressman Wolf held his office for 33 years and Congressman Moran for 23 years.



Langley High School Students Earn Organizational Awards at International Science and Engineering Fair

Two students from Langley High School were among those winning Organizational Awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, recently held in Los Angeles.

The awards were as follows:

- **Jason Cui** - Award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Novel Single-Cell Screening: Optimized Droplet-Based Microfluidics for High-Throughput Screening of Adherent Cells.
- **Conor Maddy** - White House Presidential Fellow SmartAmerica Challenge, Pneumatic Electromyographic Exoskeleton.

Complete results are available online at <https://www.societyforscience.org/>.

For more information, contact Myra Thayer at 571-423-4785 or mthayer@fcps.edu.

McLean Resident Margaret Malone Awarded Volunteer Fairfax's 2014 Community Champion for the Dranesville District

Other Dranesville Residents Recognized

McLean resident, Margaret Malone, has been selected by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust as the 2014 Volunteer Fairfax Community Champion for the Dranesville District.

Several other Dranesville residents were also recognized at the ceremony:

- Receiving the award for "Integrate Individual" was **Roberto Quinones**, who in 2003, created the DC Hispanic Employee Network as an online community to help individuals and organizations connect. Mr. Quinones contributed significantly to the Aging in Place community movement in McLean.
- **Sharon Page** received the "RSVP Northern Virginia Award" as a dedicated volunteer at Hogar Immigrant Services, serving as a volunteer for the English for Speakers of Other Languages, or ESOL, program at St. Joseph's in Herndon.
- Also recognized was Dranesville resident, **Laurie Turner**, along with at-large award recipient **Scott Wheatley**, who worked with the Church of Later Day Saints to collect and send blankets to Syrian refugees in Turkey.

Ms. Malone received the award for her outstanding efforts as chairman of the Salona Park Task Force, established by Supervisor Foust and former Fairfax County Park Authority Dranesville Representative, Kevin Fay. The award was presented to Ms. Malone at the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards on April 25.

The Salona Park Task Force was charged with soliciting and developing recommendations to be incorporated into the Park Authority's Master Plan for Salona Park, a 41.5 acre historic property in the heart of McLean. The Task Force members represented many different organizations in the community and held a variety of ideas for how Salona should be developed. In addition, community interest in the work of the Task Force was significant. The Task Force report, issued in December 2013, will provide valuable guidance to the Park Authority as it continues its work on developing a Master Plan for Salona.

Speaking about Ms. Malone's contributions, Supervisor Foust said, "We could not have had a better chair of the Task Force than Ms. Malone. Dedicated, collaborative, patient and enthusiastic, Ms. Malone worked tirelessly for two and a half years on developing recommendations for how Salona, a jewel in the heart of McLean, should be developed. Our community will forever be in her debt."



Jennifer Boysko, staff member to Supervisor Foust, and Community Champion, Margaret Malone, at April 25 award ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 29 through June 1: 34th Annual Herndon Festival

Make plans to be a part of the largest free event in Northern Virginia. This award-winning event takes place in Historic Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn Street. As always, there is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival.

2014 Festival Hours:

Thursday, May 29, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 30, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There is something for everyone:

[Live Entertainment on Three Stages](#)

[Carnival Rides and Games](#)

[Fireworks Displays](#) on Thursday and Saturday

[Arts & Crafts Show](#) including a Fine Arts Division

[Children's Hands-On Art Activities](#)

[Business Exposition](#)

[10k & 5k Races](#) (at the Herndon Community Center)

[Model Railway Exhibit](#)

[International Foods](#)

[New this year - NoVA E-Sports Cup](#)

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For additional information visit the [festival website](#).

Great Falls Village Centre 2014 Summer Concerts on the Green

Sunday evenings in the summer mark the beginning of the concerts on the Green. Come out with your picnic baskets for an entertaining evening of live music at the Great Falls Village Centre. The concerts are sponsored by local merchants and feature a full range of musical talents from eclectic rock/pop to Country, Jazz and more. All concerts are free to the public.

Event Details:

Sundays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Great Falls Village Center

Georgetown Pike and Walker Rd

Great Falls

This summer's line-up of entertainment:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
June 1	Mike Terpak	Roz Drayer, Realtor
June 8	SRO & Emma Bailey	Loebig Chiropractic & Rehab
June 15	Daryl Davis	--
June 22	Four Star Combo	--
June 29	The Dusty 45s	The Old Brogue & Katie's Coffee House
July 6	Diamond Alley	Dr. Donna Greco
July 13	The Remedy	Bic DeCaro, Realtor
July 20	Ruthie & the Wranglers	Great Falls Auto Service
July 27	The Morrison Brothers	AOG Wealth Management
August 3	Atlas Road Crew	Glynis Canto & Kevin Canto, Realtors
August 10	Tom Principato	Capital One
August 17	High Five Worldwide	The Simmons Team, George Mason Mortgage

For more information please contact the Village Centre Property Manager at gfvcca@aol.com.



Herndon "Friday Night Live!" on the Herndon Town Green

Friday Night Live! is a FREE outdoor concert series on the Town Green in Herndon.

Location:

Friday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Herndon Town Green
(behind the municipal building)
777 Lynn Street
Herndon

Entertainment Line-up:

June 6	Gonzo's Nose
June 13	Burnt Sienna
June 20	Bryen O'Boyle & Friends + Lloyd Dobler Effect
June 27	2U + Shane Gamble
July 11	Blue Label
July 18	JunkFood + South Bay
July 25	Kristen & the Noise
August 1	Laura Lea & Tripp Fabulous
August 8	The Reflex
August 15	Right on Band
August 22	Almost Journey + the Fuzz

Sorry - No Pets Allowed

Call for weather and other updates.

Friday Night Live! is presented by Volkswagen Group of America.

For more information visit www.herndonrocks.com.

Alden Theatre's Free Summer Sunday Concerts in McLean Central Park: "Do-Over" Summer

Bands are performing Sundays in July at McLean Central Park as part of the Alden Theatre's Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park series.

Mother Nature likes to throw a wrench in plans. Whether it's a derecho or just plain old rain, it seems like one or more Concerts in the Park are cancelled each summer. The Alden Theatre thinks you deserve a do-over, so they are bringing back three acts whose concerts have been canceled or moved indoors in recent years. (Plan on singing the blues with Tom Principato just in case it happens again.)

Concert details:

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Gazebo of McLean Central Park

1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.

(Free parking is available at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue)

Schedule (Subject to Change):

July 6

The Aloha Boys

July 13

The English Channel

July 20

Washington Balalaika Society

July 27

Tom Principato

For more information, call the Mclean Community Center at (703)790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

Let Us Entertain You

Free Outdoor Events at Palladium McLean Civic Place Green

The Palladium at McLean's Civic Place Green Committee, in cooperation with surrounding communities and the McLean Revitalization Corporation, is continuing its art and music events at its fountain area at the corner of Laughlin and Lowell Avenues. Come grab a light meal, beverage, or fine dessert and enjoy live outdoor entertainment with family and guests in the heart of downtown McLean.

Concert series details:

Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Palladium Civic Place Green

1445 Laughlin Avenue

Mclean

The Grandsons

May 31

Barbara Martin Trio

June 7

Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers

June 14

Alte Kameraden

June 21

The Seekers

June 28

Rick Thompson Quartet

July 5 **Bach to Rock Teachers**

July 12

The Folsom Prisoners

July 19

Artist TBA

July 26

Jody Marshall

September 6

The Grandsons

September 13

No Better Off

September 2

McLean AAUW 45th Annual Used Book Collections

In preparation for its 45th Annual Used Book Sale to be held September 19 through 21, the McLean Area AAUW will have four used book collection Saturdays.

Highly desirable contributions include musical CDs as well as DVDs of television series and movies; recent editions of histories, including military histories, biographies, political analyses, gardening, health, general literature and business and economics books. We also need travel books published since 2009 and, as always, we need treasured collectibles and special art books, mystery stories, children's and general interest adult books.

Collection event details:

Saturday May 31, June 21, July 19 and August 9

from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sun Trust Bank

515 Maple Avenue East

Vienna

Please note that the collection hours are shorter than in previous years and books cannot be left at the Bank outside of the collection hours. Sale proceeds support the professional development and scholarships for women. For more information send an email to aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703-527-4206.

Find Deals at Fairfax County Surplus Auction

Graduating from college and furnishing your first apartment? You can buy a few chairs and a table, desk and bookcase, all for under \$100. Buy used from Fairfax County's auction for a small fraction of what they cost new. Inventory is constantly changing - start shopping today at <http://www.publicsurplus.com/sms/fairfaxco,va/list/current?orgid=50663>

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

