



Dranesville Happenings

February 2016

*Announcements and Upcoming Activities in and
Around the Dranesville District*



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EVENTS

January 31: Rotary Club of McLean to Host Chocolate Festival

The Rotary Club of McLean will host its 5th Annual McLean Chocolate Festival.

Event Details:

Sunday, January 31
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave

Love chocolate? Join the Rotary Club of McLean at the 5th Annual McLean Chocolate Festival. Learn about the history of chocolate in America with a demonstration of colonial chocolate making, take advantage of the children's game room with chocolate-themed games, taste chocolate from several vendors, and take home your favorites.

Admission is free for children 6 and under and \$2 for adults. Proceeds from this event will go to benefit local charitable organizations.

For more information please email mcleanrotary.va@gmail.com.

February 1: McLean Community Foundation Grant Request Deadline

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is accepting proposals for its current grants cycle now through February 1, 2016. Applicants can access an application form on the MCF's website at mcleancommunityfoundation.org.

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is a non-profit formed in 1980 by the McLean Citizen's Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. Its focus is entirely and specifically on the McLean community and was established solely as a charitable foundation to benefit the residents of the McLean Planning District of Fairfax County.



A recent grant of \$4,600 was awarded to the 1st Stage Theater in Tyson's. This grant will be used to reconstruct the theater's costume closet and other needs. Pictured are MCF Vice President Joann Berkson presenting the award to 1st Stage artistic director Ari Levine.

February 2: Great Falls Senior Center Speaker

Join the Rotary Club of Great Falls for lunch and guest speaker Carla L. Easter, Ph.D., Chief of the Education and Community Involvement Branch at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Dr. Easter will be speaking on the Human Genome Project.

Event Details:

Tuesday, February 2

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church Doylestown

10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Admission is free and lunch is included. Space is limited so make sure to reserve your spot by emailing Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or calling 703-759-4345.

For more information please visit visit www.rotarygreatfalls.org or gfseniors.org.

February 3: VDOT Public Hearing on Walker Road Bridge Replacement

Join Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff on February 3 for a design public hearing on plans to replace the existing bridge and approaches of Walker Road (Route 681) over Piney Run in Great Falls. The public is invited to review and discuss plans with the project team, who will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Event details:

Wednesday, February 3
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Forestville Elementary School
1085 Utterback Store Road
Great Falls

(Please note that this meeting was rescheduled from December 15.)

Citizens may provide comments at the hearing or submit them by March 1, 2016 to Mr. Terry L. Yates, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Comments may also be emailed to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 681 over Piney Run" in the subject line.

The \$4.1 million project is scheduled to begin construction in summer 2018.

View more information on the project at
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/walker_road_bridge.asp

February 11: Dranesville District Community Resiliency Tabletop Exercise

In partnership with Fairfax County, Volunteer Fairfax is calling upon representatives from nonprofits, houses of worship, homeowner and civic associations, private industry, PTA's and community-based organizations in Dranesville District to safeguard our community and support disaster recovery efforts by joining a Community Resiliency Group.

Come together to learn about community resiliency through an educational seminar and a corresponding hands-on tabletop exercise. Though the seminar was held in January, participants that did not attend are still welcome at the upcoming tabletop exercise. No organization is too small to answer the call. In both an emergency and on a day-to-day

basis, it's about a sense of community; through this initiative we strive to promote and strengthen a sense of community across all of Dranesville. Together we can build a more resilient community.

Tabletop Exercise Event Details:

Thursday, February 11
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
8991 Brook Road
McLean, VA 22102

Admission is free and dinner is included.

Register for this event at dranesvilleresiliency.eventbrite.com. For more information contact Maria Bernadzikowski at 703-246-3553 or email emergency@volunteerfairfax.org.

February 13: Fairfax County Public Schools to Host Instructional Job Fair

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is searching for educators with a strong academic background and a passion to make a difference in the lives of students during the 2016-17 school year. To meet growing [critical field areas](#), especially in special education, math, and science, principals and program managers will interview candidates at the [specialty area job fair](#) on Saturday, February 13 (inclement weather dates: Saturday, February 20 and 27).

Instructional candidates interested in becoming a part of a dynamic and diverse community that offers a challenging academic program for all students are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.fcps.edu/employment/>. Instructional positions include teachers, counselors, librarians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech pathologists.

FCPS offers support to new instructional employees through an intensive mentoring program, professional development opportunities, and outstanding health and retirement benefits.

Job fair interviews are by invitation only. Questions should be directed to the FCPS Department of Human Resources at 571-423-3000.

**On Exhibit through February 14: Threaded with Green Exhibit
Quilts from the Center Street Cotton
Collective**

Opening Reception: January 31, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ArtSpace Herndon
750 Center Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170
Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5 :00 p.m.

Eighty quilts are exhibited in a stunning display of talent, dedication, and attention to detail from nineteen invited fiber artists. Every quilt in the show has an element of green. The exhibit features the challenge "There is a Season" from twelve fiber artists creating a quilt for each season, winter, spring, summer, and fall. Each of the quilts in the year-long challenge is more sophisticated than the last.

Seniors are invited to visit the gallery to view the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea on Friday, February 12, 1-2 pm. All teas are free and open to the public.

For more information, email info@artspaceherndon.com, call 703-956-6590, or visit <http://bit.ly/1QpKjvI>.

Now through February 15: Stuff the Bus to Help Feed Fairfax Families

While area food pantry shelves are full during the holidays, later supplies run dangerously low as "giving fatigue" sets in. To help fill the need, Fairfax County runs "Stuff the Bus" -- a food pantry giving-program that partners with nonprofits, grocery stores and MV transportation to restock depleted shelves.

Stuff the Bus runs from Martin Luther King weekend through Presidents Day at 14 local grocery stores, including Giant, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, and Walmart. Volunteers for local nonprofit food pantries are on hand at each store to collect donated food from local shoppers. The food is then placed in an MV Transportation FASTRAN bus and delivered to the benefiting food pantry. In 2015, food for more than 30,000 meals was collected and distributed through these food pantry networks.

Each week a FASTRAN bus staffed by MV Transportation personnel will park at a different location and collect food donations.

Here are the remaining Stuff the Bus dates and locations in or near the

Dranesville District:

Donation hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30

Falls Church Giant

1230 West Broad Street
Falls Church, VA 22046

Benefiting Falls Church Community Service Council

McLean Giant

1454 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22101

Benefiting Share, Inc.

Monday, February 15

Village Center at Dulles Shoppers

2425 Centreville Road
Herndon, VA 20171

Benefiting St. Anne's Episcopal Church

For more information and additional Stuff the Bus locations, visit
fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus/.

February 16 - March 13: 2016 Fine Art Photography Exhibit

Awards Reception: February 20, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

ArtSpace Herndon
750 Center Street
Herndon, Virginia 20170

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Each year ArtSpace Herndon invites photographers from Virginia, DC, Maryland, and West Virginia to participate in a Fine Art Photography Competition.

The competition is open to fine art photographers age 18 or older working in any medium and using any printing technique. Fine Art Photography of any subject is welcome, with no required theme for entries. Competition finalists' work is exhibited at ArtSpace.

For more information, email info@artspaceherndon.com, call 703-956-6590, or visit <http://bit.ly/1QpKjvL>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Voter Registration Deadlines

February 8: Deadline to Register to Vote for March 1 Primary

New address? Name change? Make sure to update your voter registration by 5:00 p.m. (by mail) or 11:59 p.m. (online) February 8th to ensure that you can vote in the Tuesday, March 1 Primary. Voters will be required to choose a Republican or Democratic Ballot for the Primary only.

Register online: Virginia Department of Elections - www.vote.virginia.gov

February 23: Deadline to Register to Vote Absentee for March 1 Primary

Absentee Voting Schedule

Register on-line at www.vote.virginia.gov

Vote by mail: January 15, 2016 - March 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County In-Person Absentee: January 15, 2016 - February 27, 2016

Fairfax County In-Person Absentee Voting Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed holidays

Fairfax Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Last day to vote in-person absentee: February 27, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For satellite locations and more information about absentee voting:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm

Fairfax County Approves New Bikeshare System for Reston, Tysons *26 New Stations, 212 Bikes Coming Fall 2016*

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved a \$1.7 million plan to bring [Capital Bikeshare](#) to [Reston and Tysons](#). This investment will help get cars off the road, boost local economy and contribute to a healthier community.

The bikeshare system will allow individuals in Reston and Tysons to [check out](#) a bike and ride short to moderate distances from station to station. There will be 132 bicycles available in Reston at 15 stations located between the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station and Reston Town Center; and 80 bicycles available in Tysons at 11 stations located east of Route 7, north of Route 123, and south of the Dulles Toll Road. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is working to identify and refine the exact locations for the stations in Reston and Tysons, and will be moving forward with the equipment purchase for the program. The first phase of the system is expected to open in the fall of 2016.

For more information on this project, contact FCDOT at 703-877-5600, TTY 711 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike>.

McLean Community Center Seeks Community Service-Minded Candidates to Run for Seats on its 2016-2017 Governing Board

Nominating Petitions Available Monday, January 25

The McLean Community Center (MCC) is seeking candidates to run for seats on its **2016-2017 Governing Board**. The board provides oversight and guidance for MCC programs and facilities, which include the Robert Ames Alden Theatre (The Alden) and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

To run for a seat on the 11-member board, a candidate must reside in the Center's tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville). To have their names placed on election ballots, candidates are required to obtain the signatures of ten McLean tax district residents in their respective categories (either adult or youth).

Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. The three adult candidates who receive the three highest vote counts will serve three-year terms. Youth members will serve one-year terms. Adult candidates must be at least 18 years of age as of McLean Day (May 21). **Youth candidates must be 15-17 years of age** as of McLean Day. One youth member will be elected from the McLean High School boundary area and one will be elected from the Langley High School boundary area. **Youth candidates are not required to attend either school**, but they must reside in the boundary areas served by one of the schools as defined by Fairfax County Public Schools.

Key Election Dates:

- **January 25:** Petition Packets are available.
- **March 25:** Completed Petition Packets are due at MCC by **5:00 p.m.**
- **April 11:** Absentee Voting begins at MCC and the Old Firehouse Teen Center.
- **April 13:** Candidates' Orientation.
- **May 1:** Meet the Candidates reception sponsored by Friends of the McLean Community Center from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- **May 18:** Absentee Voting ends at MCC and the Old Firehouse Teen Center at **5:00 p.m.**
- **May 21:** Elections at McLean Day from **10:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m.**

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit <http://bit.ly/1ZQ7OAK>.

**Herndon Town Council Approves
Creation of Arts District in Historic Downtown**
Coincides with major redevelopment in Herndon's downtown

The Herndon Town Council has authorized the creation of an arts district in the downtown area, a move designed to attract arts-related businesses into the downtown commercial mix.

New businesses focused on performance art, art instruction, visual arts and more, as well as existing arts-related businesses that undergo expansion of at least 20 percent in gross square feet, will be eligible for arts district incentives, which include waiver of planning, zoning, and building permit fees (up to \$2,000) as well as special signage provisions. The district and related incentives go into effect on July 1, 2016.

Herndon's new arts district will include the area bordered by Center and Jefferson streets to the north and west, Elden and Locust streets to the south and Van Buren Street to the east.

The establishment of an arts district coincides with plans for major redevelopment in Herndon's downtown. In November 2015, the town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for redevelopment of 4.675 acres of land in historic Herndon into an attractive, mixed-use downtown. The town's vision for the redevelopment calls for four-story (mixed-use/residential) and three-story (mixed-use/commercial) structures, a jointly-funded public/private parking structure, and an 18,000 sq. ft. arts center, among other features. The town anticipates that a contract will be awarded by the end of 2016.

"Establishment of an arts district complements our vision for a vibrant, energized downtown that draws people from around the region," said Mayor Lisa Merkel. "We look forward to welcoming eclectic, arts-focused businesses to our downtown."

Businesses interested in learning more about Herndon's arts district may contact the town's Community Development Department at community.development@herndon-va.gov or 703-787-7380.

McLean Senior Source: A Great Resource for Older Adults & Adults With Disabilities

Are you over 55 or concerned about an older adult or an adult with disabilities? Then you should contact McLean Senior Source (MSS), winners of the 2014 Non-Profit of the Year Award from the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. Founded to help neighbors find information on resources and services from Fairfax County government, faith-based, and other non-profit organizations, MSS offers information on these areas and more:

- Practical Living Concerns
- Daily Living Solutions
- Financial Help and Management
- Health and Wellness
- Housing Solutions
- Insurance (Health and Other)
- Legal Services
- Transportation

Activities:

- Community Involvement, Volunteering
- Entertainment/ Relaxation
- Learning
- Recreational Facilities
- Social Connections

Since it was founded, MSS's trained staff has served hundreds of community members by helping them find information on a myriad of senior and disability resources.

To find out more, contact McLean Senior Source:

1. **Phone: 703-300-1751** You can call at any time and leave a message that will be returned during the next help-desk operating hours (T, W, TH from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).
2. **Email: McLeanSeniorSource@gmail.com** Submit a request 24/7 and let them know how you would like to be contacted.
3. **Visit: the McLean Community Center lobby** during help-desk operating hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

About McLean Senior Source (MSS):

MSS, a free, non-emergency, volunteer-managed information source, is supported by the Dranesville District Supervisor, the Fairfax County Health Department Long Term Care program, the McLean Community Center, the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, the Dolley Madison Library, with funding and volunteer support from the Chesterbrook Residences, the Lewinsville Retirement Residences, the Vinson Hall Retirement Community and Virginia AARP.

Learn more about MSS at www.McLeanSS.weebly.com. McLean Senior Source is a program of McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA).

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

If you worked in 2015 and earned less than \$54,000, you may qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program -- a program where IRS certified volunteers help you receive the maximum tax refund and determine if you are eligible for the earned income tax credit.

Assistance sites will be open mid-January through April. For locations and hours of operation, visit: <http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=locations>.

For more information

visit: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/news/free_income_tax_prep.htm.

Become a Volunteer Tax Preparer

The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program can't be successful without volunteers.

Qualified preparers are needed from late January to April 15, 2016. To volunteer, visit the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance website at <http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=Become a Volunteer>.

For more information, please contact Tatyana Chambers at 703-533-5702; TTY 711 or email Tatyana.Chambers@Fairfaxcounty.gov.

Town of Herndon Seeks Economic Development Advisor Committee Members

The Town of Herndon is seeking representatives from the Town's business community to serve on a newly-created Economic Development Advisory Committee. The committee will advise the Town Council on matters related to economic development, which include business retention and expansion, new development and marketing opportunities. The committee will meet as needed, with no more than eight meetings a year. Members will be appointed by the Town Council and must own or manage a business in the Town or live in the Town and have expertise in their business sector.

The Town of Herndon is also seeking applicants interested in serving on the Town's other boards, commissions, and advisory and ad hoc committees. Applications are available via the Town's website, www.herndon-va.gov (Government/Town Council), and at the clerk's office in the Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn Street. A description of all boards and commissions is included on the application.

For more information or to update an application already on file, citizens may contact the clerk's office at (703) 435-6804 or town.clerk@herndon-va.gov.

Hypothermia Shelter Program Provides Critical Refuge

For Fairfax County's chronically homeless and vulnerable men, women and children, the frigid winter temperatures can be frightening and life-threatening. Last winter, the county's Hypothermia Shelter Program provided more than 1,000 homeless community members with a warm and safe place to stay.

To help our vulnerable neighbors survive this winter, Fairfax County will be providing overnight shelter with a "no turn-away" policy at all [emergency homeless shelters](#) during freezing weather. Through March, the County also provides the [Hypothermia Prevention Program](#), a County-wide community network of overnight shelters. Through this program last winter, nonprofit and faith-based community partners provided 1,061 men and women with a safe, warm place to sleep.

Call If You See Someone in Need

If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of [hypothermia](#), call the County's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Provide Your Time, Talents and Donations

The County's community partners need your help this winter. Contact the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and receive information on where the need is greatest or the nonprofit partner that is closest to where you live or work. Call 703-324-9492, TTY 711, or send an [email](#).

Who's Knocking on Your Door? Beware of Scammers and "Woodchucks" *A message from Fairfax County Police Department*

Fraud offenses accounted for 14% of property crimes in Fairfax County in 2014. Financial scams can be committed over the telephone, through e-mail, and even in person. Police have responded to reports of scams that include phone calls claiming they are from the IRS, Microsoft or a computer company, or a power company. They threaten to arrest you, fix your computer for a fee when it's not really broken, or shut down utilities if you don't pay up.

One common type of fraud is known as "Woodchucks." These are criminals who go door to door looking for residents to manipulate or con out of money for very little, or no, services rendered. They particularly target the elderly and neighborhoods that seem affluent and heavily lined with trees. We encourage everyone to be aware of these types of crimes and protect yourself from becoming a victim. Do you know who's knocking on your door? Here are some helpful safety tips:

- Ask to see a solicitor's license if someone is at your door selling a service. They are required by [law](#) to present it.
- If someone is at your door that you don't recognize and offering a service that you didn't request, please do not answer the door.
- If your phone rings and the person on the other end is asking for personal information and/or money, do not give out any information.

Here's an example of a solicitor's license:



NAME Tina Norris			
ADDRESS 9677 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030			
HEIGHT 5'5"	WEIGHT 110	EYES Blue	HAIR Brown
DOB 12/10/1982		DRIVER LICENSE # T65-15-1111	

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW

1. To not have this license in your possession when peddling/soliciting.
2. To refuse to show this license to a purchaser or a police officer.
3. To peddle/solicit before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
4. To peddle/solicit upon property where signs prohibit such activity.
5. To peddle/solicit from a state highway right of way.
6. To violate the provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act or the Home Solicitation Sales Act.

FAIRFAX COUNTY DOES NOT BY THE GRANTING OF THIS LICENSE, ENDORSE EITHER THE QUALITY OF THE LICENSEE, BUSINESS OR PRODUCT.

PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS LICENSE

TEMPORARY

Director, Consumer Protection Division
Dept. of Cable Comm. and Consumer Protection

CA-138

Need more tips to be safe? Follow this link:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/protect-yourself.htm>

We encourage you to report anything that seems suspicious of this nature to the police. Anyone with information on suspected fraud or financial crimes is asked to contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637), call 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Reports can also be made online through Financial Crimes Information and Reporting System: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/financialcrimes/>

Fairfax County Expands Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Businesses in Fairfax County that generate small amounts of hazardous waste (ignitable, toxic, corrosive, and reactive materials) are invited to participate in a safe, legal, and affordable program created as a solution for businesses that generate 220.26 pounds of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per month. Waste may include batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, products containing mercury, paint, cleaning products, and other chemical products.

The Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) program is run by the Solid Waste Management Program and has been expanded to include six disposal events in 2016. Events will be held at the household hazardous waste disposal facility at the I-66 transfer station (4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Phone: 703- 631-1179) and run 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Business, or commercial, waste will only be accepted during disposal events.

Remaining Dates for the 2016 Schedule of CESQG Events at the I-66 Transfer Station:

- Wednesday, March 2
- Wednesday, May 4
- Wednesday, July 13

- Wednesday, September 14
- Wednesday, November 2

Answers to questions about proper storage and disposal of hazardous waste may be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphazcomm.htm> or by calling 703-803-9614 or 703-803-6158, TTY 711.



3 Easy Steps to Report Streetlight Outages

Please help your community by reporting streetlight outages in your neighborhood and in other areas you frequent. Reporting an outage is simple and helps keep neighborhoods safe; it also helps [keep pedestrians visible and safe](#) (especially this time of year with an early sunset).

Streetlights along public roadways in Fairfax County are typically maintained by Dominion Virginia Power or the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges.

Three Steps to Report a Streetlight Outage:

1. Look for the pole ID number, which can be [found on the pole](#). Write it down or take a photo.
2. If you can't find the pole number or if you notice a streetlight outage while driving, use the map found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/3-easy-steps-to-report->

[streetlight-outages/](#) or the [online streetlight locator tool](#) to find pole numbers.

Zoom in on the map to see streetlight locations.

3. After finding the streetlight on the map, call 1-866-366-4357 or report it online at <https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-concern>.

If a particular streetlight is not on the map, it may be privately maintained by a homeowners association or other group.

If you need additional assistance, call 703-324-5111, TTY 711.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Closing for Renovations January 31

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library will close for renovations on January 31, 2016. The renovation is expected to take a minimum of 18 months. A temporary location will open at 7700 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church to serve customers in the area during the renovation. The temporary branch will open about six weeks after the branch closes, possibly mid-March.

Additionally, beginning February 1, Dolley Madison Library will extend its hours to match regional branch hours. The new hours will remain in effect while Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is closed for renovation.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library first opened in 1974 and moved to its current location in 1985. The renovation will be designed as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The branch will have multiple meeting and group study rooms, a quiet study room, Wi-Fi bars, and seating areas. The funding for the renovation is from a library bond referendum approved by voters in 2004. The total project is estimated to cost \$5,610,000.

The Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library still welcome donations while the library is closed for renovation. The Tysons Friends have already opened a temporary office in suite 137 of 7700 Leesburg Pike and have a donation bin outside the 7700 to accept donations 24/7. The bin is located in the parking lot between the South & North lobbies.

For further information or to arrange for large donations please contact the Tysons Library Friends at TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or 703-338-3307.

Dominion Power Launches New Outage Viewer Map

Dominion Power has launched a new outage viewer map in its website Outage Center to provide customers with more up-to-date outage information.

This map offers many new features, including:

- mobile capability;
- faster updates - refreshes every 15 minutes;
- customizable street-level or satellite imagery, weather radar, and service territory map views;
- improved search options, including searching by address, intersection, and landmark;
- bookmarking options to save addresses and areas;
- an icon to indicate when a crew has arrived on a site and is working on an outage.

[To view the new map, click here.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities and Events at County Division of Adult and Aging Services

Meaningful volunteer opportunities and events are available to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County.

Events

- Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** *meets by phone* on **Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.** We will discuss Balancing Safety and Your Loved One's Self-Determination. Register beforehand at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm> and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Groups. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.
- Fairfax County's **Independent Living Project** helps older adults remain safely in their homes. Each session includes a fall prevention presentation and a gentle exercise program that focuses on fall prevention. The series takes place on **Thursdays, February 25 - April 21, 10 a.m. to 12:00 pm**, at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, **Springfield**. Call 703-324-7210, TTY 711 or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm> to register for this free program.
- The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, February 17 at 12:00 pm** at the **Patrick Henry Library**, 101 Maple Avenue East, **Vienna**. The public is

welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm>. Call 703-938-0405, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Volunteering Opportunities

Below is a sample of volunteer opportunities available in the Dranesville district. For a complete list visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions."

- The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs instructors for the following classes: **Art, Pilates, Chair Exercise** and **Zumba Gold**. Volunteer instructor positions **could** lead to part-time employment.
- **Nutritional Supplement Delivery** - Pick up and deliver Ensure Nutritional Supplement to older adults.
- The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs Instructors for the following classes: **Basic Italian, Country Western Line Dance, Hula Hoop, African Style Dance** and **Mosaic Art or Jewelry Making**.
- The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in **McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Line Dance, Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art** and **Basic Spanish**.
- **Meals on Wheels** needs **drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators** for routes throughout the county.
- The **Lorton Senior Center** needs a **Computer Lab Assistant**.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs.
- The **Mott Community Center Senior Program** in **Fairfax** is looking for volunteer instructors for the following classes: **Tai Chi** and **Art**.
- The **Sully Senior Center** in **Centreville** needs a **certified personal trainer**, preferably with experience working with older adults.
- The **Little River Glen Senior Center** in **Fairfax** needs a **Computer Lab Assistant**.
- The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs instructors for the following classes: **Basic Guitar, Italian** and **Ballroom Dance**.
- The **Herndon Senior Center** needs **Social Visitors** daily.

- **Korean Meals on Wheels** needs drivers to deliver meals. (Speaking Korean not required.)
- The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** in **Alexandria** needs a **Bingo Caller/Assistants, Word Activity Assistants, a licensed beautician, a front desk volunteer** and **social companions**. (English and Spanish-speaking social companions needed.)
- **Vietnamese Meals on Wheels** needs drivers in **Annandale** to deliver meals. (Speaking Vietnamese not required.)
- **Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To volunteer, please complete an online registration form at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/volunteer/VolReg/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>. For more information please call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

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