



## Dranesville Happenings

November 2015

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



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### **October 31: Stop Hunger Now Needs 1,000 Volunteers**

Every day 21,000 people, mostly children, die of hunger and hunger related disease. Undernourishment kills more people every year than malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS combined.

The McLean community will come together on October 31 to package nutritious meals of rice, soy protein and vitamins that will be shipped to schools and orphanages in developing countries.

#### **Event details:**

Saturday, October 31

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

1545 Chain Bridge Road

McLean

**McLean Stop Hunger Now** would like to enlist 1000 volunteers to work one of three shifts:

- 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pick a time and encourage friends and family to work beside you. Please register your attendance at the link below.

A meal costs 29 cents. Please make a donation to help make this event possible. Many families decide to set aside some of the money they spend for snack foods for a donation to children who don't have enough food.

For more information, to register to volunteer, or to donate, visit the Stop Hunger Now website at

[https://stophungernow.secure.force.com/events/SA\\_EVENTS\\_Home?id=70170000000d3eIAAQ](https://stophungernow.secure.force.com/events/SA_EVENTS_Home?id=70170000000d3eIAAQ)

**November 3: Judy St. Ledger-Roty Speaking on  
Art Stolen or Destroyed During Wars or Civil Unrest**  
*Sponsored by the Great Falls Senior Center*

On November 3, the Great Falls Senior Center will welcome as its guest-speaker, Judith St. Ledger-Roty, speaking on art, artifacts, and architecture which has been stolen or destroyed during wars or civil unrest.

Event details:

Tuesday, November 3

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Grange

9818 Georgetown Pike

Great Falls

*(Includes lunch.)*

This event is sponsored by Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort & Spa. Reservations are a must. To reserve email Polly Fitzgerald at [pollyfitz1@verizon.net](mailto:pollyfitz1@verizon.net) or call 703-759-4345.

The Great Falls Senior Center is partnered with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services in all ventures and events. For more information, please call Diane Drewry at 703-759-5829 or Marietna (Mimi) Mascolo at 703-404-0124.

## **November 3: Election Information**

On Tuesday, November 3, General and Special Elections will take place across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **Here is some useful information relating to the election:**

**Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Do you know where to vote?**

Link to the Virginia Department of Elections website for polling places at <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/search>.

#### **Absentee voting deadlines:**

**October 31:** Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting  
**November 3:** Absentee Ballot Return Deadline (7:00 p.m.)

#### **Only registered voters are eligible to vote.**

To determine whether you are registered to vote, please visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/search>, or call the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776. *(If you are already registered at your current address, you do not need to register again.)*

#### **Do you have proper voter identification?**

New voter ID requirements went into effect on July 1, 2014. View the new requirements at

<http://elections.virginia.gov/index.php/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/>.

**Sample Ballots** (In PDF format and listed by Supervisor District):

[Braddock District Sample Ballots](#)

[Hunter Mill District Sample Ballots](#)

[Dranesville District Sample Ballots](#)

[Lee District Sample Ballots](#)

[Mason District Sample Ballots](#)

[Mount Vernon District Sample Ballots](#)

[Providence District Sample Ballots](#)

[Springfield District Ballots](#)

[Sully District Ballots](#)

**Candidate information:**

Find a list of candidates by office at the Virginia Department of Elections *Election Search*

website: <https://voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicElections.asp>  
[X](#).

**Bond Issues on the ballot:**

There are two Fairfax County bond questions on this year's ballot. One is for public safety and the other is for schools. View the questions at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/bondquestion.htm>.

## **November 6: Annual National Adoption Awareness Month Celebration:**

**"It's a Family Affair"**

*November is National Adoption Awareness Month*

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed November as National Adoption Month, a month set aside each year to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care. Through adoption, children and families gain lifelong support, love and a brighter future.

**Fairfax County Adoption Facts**

- Last year, 34 children were adopted through the Fairfax County Department of Family Services.
- Seventy-four percent of adoptive families began as foster parents, then committed to adopting the children in their care.
- There are currently eight children, ranging from six to 17 years of age, in need of adoptive homes in Fairfax County.

#### **Five Myths About Adoption:**

**1. Only married couples can adopt.**

Adoptive parents may be married or single, childless or already parenting other children.

**2. Only homeowners can adopt.**

You are not required to own your own home or to have a high income in order to give children what they need - permanence, stability, a lifetime commitment and a chance to be part of a family.

**3. Only stay-at-home parents can adopt.**

Adoptive parents may work outside the home.

**4. It takes years to become approved to adopt.**

Adoptive parents must complete a 27-hour training program and a home study. The process typically takes about four months.

**5. Most children in need of homes are infants or toddlers.**

The majority of children in need of homes in Fairfax County are older youth.

To learn more about adoptions in Fairfax County, please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreneyouth/fca.htm>.

#### **"It's a Family Affair"**

To celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month, Fairfax County Department of Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Program is holding a special event: "It's a Family Affair". Attend to have family fun and learn more about adoptions in Fairfax County. Enjoy music, prizes, cotton candy, games, pizza & popcorn, family photos, activity stations, and more.

#### **Event details:**

Friday, November 6  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax  
RSVP to [Ann Kim](#) or call 703-324-7486.

### **November 7: Children's Flea Market at McLean Community Center**

Come to the McLean Community Center (MCC) on November 7 and scope out the bargain prices at the Children's Flea Market! Children's toys, clothes, games and other items will be sold by those who know them best ... the kids! Whether you plan to get your holiday shopping done early or fill the toy chest with new goods, come help support local youths' entrepreneurial ventures. Admission is free.

#### **Event details:**

Saturday, November 7  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean

### **November 9 through December 4: 2015 Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees**

Fairfax County is pleased to participate in the regional effort coordinated by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission to collect clean, gently used blankets and coats for refugee families of Syria and Iraq, impacted by the violence of civil war and ISIL. Last year nearly 18,000 blankets were collected and shipped to assist these families. This year's collection has been expanded to include coats of all sizes (infants through adults).

Between November 9 and December 4 you can drop off new and/or gently used blankets and coats at the following Dranesville area drop off locations **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:**

**McLean Governmental Center**

1437 Balls Hill Road

McLean

**Hunter Mill Governmental Center**

12000 Bowman Towne Drive

Reston

For additional collection sites, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/blanketdrive](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/blanketdrive).

**House of Worship Collection Event**

On Saturday, December 5, you can drop off new and/or gently used blankets and coats at the following Houses of Worship:

- **ADAMS Center**, 46903 Sugarland Road, Sterling
- **Annandale Stake Center**, 3900 Howard Street, Annandale
- **Centreville Stake Center**, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville
- **McLean Stake Center**, 2043 Great Falls Street, McLean
- **Mt. Vernon Stake Center**, 6219 Villa Street, Alexandria
- **Oakton Stake Center**, 2719 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton

**November 10: Author Douglas C. Waller Discusses Book:  
"Disciples: The World War II Missions of the CIA Directors Who  
Fought for Wild Bill Donovan"**

*Event Hosted by McLean Historical Society*

At the November meeting of the McLean Historical Society, best-selling author Douglas C. Waller will discuss his new book "Disciples: The World War II Missions of the CIA Directors Who Fought for Wild Bill Donovan." A former captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, Waller enjoyed a 20-year career covering Washington for Newsweek & Time. An author of nine books, Waller's last work, "Wild Bill Donovan: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage," was a New York Times bestseller, a Washington Post Best Book and a Wall Street Journal Notable Book of 2011. A native Virginian, Waller holds degrees from Wake Forest

University and the University of North Carolina, and currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Event details:**

Tuesday, November 10

7:30 p.m.

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

A book sale and signing will follow the program. The community is invited to this free event. For more information, contact Paul Kohlenberger at 703-980-0885 or [paulkohl@msn.com](mailto:paulkohl@msn.com).

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**November 14 and 15: McLean Antiques Show and Sale**

The 39th annual McLean Antique Show & Sale will be held on November 14 and 15. This event will feature an exceptional group of dealers representing American, English and European antiques, decorative accessories, furniture, folk art, porcelains, silver, paintings, prints, linens, Oriental carpets and rugs. Glass repair service will be available on site, and much more. Proceeds benefit the James C. Macdonald Scholarship Fund.

**Event details:**

Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

For more information and a list of dealers, see [www.dfshows.com](http://www.dfshows.com).

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## **November 16: VDOT NOVA District Meeting of Commonwealth Transportation Board**

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will conduct public meetings across the state in November to give stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on transportation projects and priorities. This meeting will be co-hosted by Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Lane, and Helen Cuervo, VDOT Northern Virginia District Administrator.

### **Northern Virginia Regional Meeting details:**

November 16

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VDOT Northern Virginia District Office

4975 Alliance Drive

Fairfax

The meeting format will be an open house format beginning at 6:00 p.m., where attendees can review and provide feedback on projects and strategies under consideration for both the High-Priority Projects Program and the Construction District Grant Program. Following the open house, at 7:00 p.m. there will be an opportunity to engage with Secretary Layne in a town hall style format for the public and transportation stakeholders. These meetings are intended to be interactive; there will be no formal public comment. Meeting materials will be available on the web at <http://www.virginiadot.org/2015fallmeetings> starting on November 2.

Representatives from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, and Office of Transportation Public-Private Partnerships will be available to provide information on current initiatives and to answer any questions.

If you can't attend a meeting, you may send your comments to Infrastructure Investment Director at 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or email them to [Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov) by December 11, 2015. Comments on rail and public transportation projects may be sent to DRPT Public Information Officer at 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or email them to [drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov).

## **November 22: McLean Citizens Association Presents Free Family Movie: "How to Train Your Dragon 2"**

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) is presenting a free family movie, "How to Train Your Dragon 2", at the McLean Community Center on November 22. Come and share a light moment with your family and other McLean-area families.

### **Event details:**

Sunday, November 22

2:00 p.m.

McLean Community Center Hall

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

For more information, please email MCA Membership at [mcamembership@gmail.com](mailto:mcamembership@gmail.com) or visit the MCA website at [www.mcleancitizens.org](http://www.mcleancitizens.org).

## **December 5 & 6: Book Sale to Benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library**

The Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on December 5 and 6. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

### **Event details:**

Saturday, December 5

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

*(Bag Sale/Clearance will be on Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)*

The library is also accepting donated media.

For more information email [TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TysonLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or call 703-790-4031.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Town of Herndon Goes Mobile With Official "ON the GO" App**

The Town of Herndon is pleased to launch "ON the GO," the official platform for town citizens to access their government in a single location from their mobile devices.

With this new tool, citizens can submit, track and view nearby service requests through their smartphones. On the backend, town staff redirects and responds to submitted requests through a customized workflow management system. The town also uses the backend system to provide residents real-time status updates and comments on requests as they are submitted.

Citizens can also use the in-app widgets to find information about town events, town news, police news, town meetings, employment opportunities and more. Widgets also connect app users to [DineONHerndon.com](http://DineONHerndon.com), the town's restaurant website, town places such as parks, and the town's Facebook page.

"ON the Go" is part of an overall program for the town to enhance citizen communications and service delivery. "We are thrilled to offer this new app for the many, many people who rely on their smartphones to stay informed," said Mayor Lisa Merkel. "'ON the Go' incorporates the town's brand, our request response capabilities and the information available through our website onto one convenient mobile location."

"ON the Go" is downloadable for free through iTunes and Google Play. The app is powered by PublicStuff, the town's vendor for its customer relationship management (CRM) interface.

Visit the town online at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

## It's Deer Season: Drive Safely

White-tailed deer are on the move as breeding season is here. Drivers may expect to see increased numbers of the deer on and near roadways. Fairfax County crash data indicates that there have been almost 400 reportable deer-vehicle collisions in the past five years. Deer movements and behaviors are unpredictable and deer-vehicle collisions are a serious public safety concern.

Deer-vehicle collisions can cause extensive damage/injury. The Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist and Fairfax County Police urge motorists to be alert, drive with caution and remember these safety tips:

- Always drive the posted speed limit.
- Always wear your seat belt when in a vehicle.
- When driving, particularly at dusk and dawn, slow down and be attentive.
- Watch for eye shine along roadsides. Deer travel in herds. If you see one, others may be near.
- Use high beams when traffic permits, to spot deer at a greater distance.
- Be aware of posted "Deer Crossing" signs. Signs are placed in areas known for high deer traffic and/or deer-vehicle collisions.
- If a deer is stopped in the roadway, reduce speed and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.
- If a deer jumps in your vehicle's path, continue to reduce speed and grasp steering wheel firmly with both hands.
- Never swerve to avoid deer on the road. Swerving can cause loss of control of your vehicle and greatly increase the chance of more serious damage or injury.
- Take foot off brake at time of impact. This action reduces the likelihood of deer crashing through a windshield or windows upon impact.
- Never depend on hood whistles, car horns, or other devices to scare deer out of your path. Several studies have shown that these methods do not always work.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the collision to the Fairfax County Police Department (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131.

**CrisisText from FCPS: Text 85511 or use FCPS Mobile App**  
*(A message from Fairfax County Public Schools)*

**If you are feeling depressed or thinking about hurting yourself, send a text and receive immediate support**

**Send a text message to: 85511 with the keyword NEEDHELP.**

***NOTE: The CrisisText number has changed.***  
*Please edit or add CrisisText 85511, Keyword NEEDHELP*  
*to your phone contacts.*

Dear Parents:

Last year we introduced **CrisisText**, a messaging tool for students and parents who need help with mental health, depression, or thoughts of suicide. It is a confidential, safe, and non-judgmental resource when you need someone to talk to. Trained crisis counselors who respond can also provide information about emergency resources in the community.

CrisisText is now available on the FCPS Mobile App or by sending a text message to: **85511** and entering the keyword **NEEDHELP**. This is a new number that will enable us to provide additional support and proactively enhance privacy and security.

CrisisText is a 24-hour resource that has been very successful in providing support and resources to those who used it last year.

Remember, if you are feeling depressed or thinking about hurting yourself, send a text and receive immediate support. You are not alone. We can and want to help.

Concerned about a friend or someone you know? Telling is not getting someone in trouble, but may get them the kind of help they need. Hit send and help a friend. It is a confidential, safe, and non-judgmental resource when you need someone to talk to. Trained crisis counselors who respond can also provide information about emergency resources in the community.

You can also access CrisisText via the FCPS Mobile App, as well as check out lunch menus, find your school in the directory, or get easy access to the school calendar, news, and much more. The FCPS Mobile app is FREE and available for download

on Android devices, iPhones and iPads through [Google Play](#) and the [iTunes App Store](#).

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is committed to providing families information about mental health resources that are available within FCPS and from our partners in the community.

CrisisText is provided as a community resource through a partnership with FCPS, Fairfax County Government, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and CrisisLink ([www.crisislink.org](http://www.crisislink.org)).

## 2015 Champion of Character Awards Presented at October 27 Ceremony

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Athletic Council (FCAC) recognized the winners of the annual Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards at a ceremony held on October 27. These awards honor youth, coaches and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor -- awarding outstanding youth and adults who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

[Here are the Champions of Character from the Dranesville District:](#)



**Conor Grammes, Male Athlete, McLean High School**



**Katherine Murray, Female Athlete, McLean Youth Soccer**



**Dylan Murphy, Coach, Reston Soccer Association**



**Vickie Trunnell, Parent, McLean Youth Athletics**

## **New Roadside Historic Marker in Chesterbrook, Former Location of Lincolnvile**

On September 19, Supervisor John Foust joined Dranesville District School Board member, Janie Strauss and area historians at a ceremony dedicating a new historic roadside marker at the intersection of Park and Kirby Roads. The event was hosted by Fairfax County History Commission and McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. The new sign marks the location of the community known after the Civil War as Lincolnvile, until the year 1897, when its name was changed to Chesterbrook.



(from left): Elaine Strawser Cherry, FCPS Board member Janie Strauss, Carole Herrick, Virese Hall Thornton, Peggy Stalcup Byers, Supervisor John Foust and Janet Beall.  
(Image credit: Lloyd J. Flood)

## Fairfax County Police Participating in "Street Smart" Campaign

*A regional pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative*

The Fairfax County Police Department is participating in a regional pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative, known as the Street Smart Campaign. Along with state and local partners, the Department's goal is to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

During this campaign, officers assigned to each of the eight district stations and the Department's Traffic Division will be on the lookout for motorist and pedestrian behaviors that have historically been known to contribute to pedestrian-related crashes. Examples of some behaviors include, but are not limited to the following:

- failure to cross at a marked crosswalk or intersection,
- pedestrians unlawfully using the roadway for travel where sidewalks are available
- distracted driving
- failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk
- reckless driving
- driving while intoxicated
- speeding

Figures published by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reflect 4,735 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in 2013. In Fairfax County, there have been over 400 pedestrian-related crashes since 2012.

The initiative also aims to identify engineering improvements that could potentially make pedestrian travel safer. If, during our efforts, an officer observes a crosswalk that needs re-painted, street lamps that need replaced, or an area where additional signage or lighting may be needed, we urge officers to make the appropriate notifications to remedy those issues.

For additional information on the Street Smart Campaign, click on the following link: <http://www.bestreetsmart.net>.

## Fairfax County Public Library Offers Interlibrary Loan Service

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a cooperative resource sharing service that allows library customers to borrow materials from other library systems within the United States that are not owned by Fairfax County Public Library.

All ILL materials are courtesy loans from lending institutions so they determine the availability, due date, lending period, renewal possibility, restrictions on use, loan fees and replacement costs for all borrowed items.

Fairfax County Public Library cardholders who live, work, attend school or own property in Fairfax County and have an account in good standing (not barred or blocked) are eligible to borrow through interlibrary loan. Reciprocal borrowers are not eligible to borrow interlibrary loan material through Fairfax County Public Library. They will need to contact the library in the jurisdiction in which they live to borrow ILL items.

All interlibrary loan requests are placed through an Internet accessible system called ILLiad.

### **Interlibrary loan borrowing reminders:**

- Time frame to receive material is two to eight weeks;
- Keep yellow wrapper on item;
- Handle ILL material with extreme care;
- Do not return ILL items in bookdrop;
- Return by due date; overdue fines are \$1/day;

- Three active ILL requests are allowed at one time;
- Replacement costs for damaged or lost items range from \$50-\$300+.

For more information, visit <https://fairfaxcounty.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/FAQ.html>.

## **Dominion Virginia Power Has a New Interactive Outage Viewer**

Dominion Virginia Power has launched a new power outage viewer map that gives customers more up-to-date outage information. This map offers many new features, including:

- mobile capability.
- faster updates - refreshing 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, visit <https://www.dom.com/outagemap>.

## **Kiss & Ride Lot at Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride Moves to Temporary Location November 2**

Dulles Corridor Metrorail project reports that beginning on or about Saturday, October 31, Dulles Corridor Metrorail crews will relocate the Kiss & Ride lot located at the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride facility on Sunrise Valley Drive. This will clear the area needed for the installation of the water and sewer utilities that will serve the future Herndon Metrorail Station, now under construction in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway (DIAAH).

### New Kiss & Ride Location, Effective Monday, November 2:

A temporary Kiss & Ride lot will be located in the surface lot directly across from the Park & Ride facility's garage entrance. Ten parking spaces have been

reserved for Kiss & Ride Drop-Off. Vehicles entering the temporary Kiss & Ride Lot will turn right and follow a counter-clockwise pattern through the lot.

- To access the Temporary Kiss & Ride Lot from Sunrise Valley Drive, take the first right into the surface parking lot and bear right. Follow the circulation pattern to the reserved parking spaces or continue around the lot to the Kiss & Ride Drop-Off curb.
- To access the Temporary Kiss & Ride Lot from the Eastbound Dulles Toll Road, take Exit #11 and stay to the right. Follow the directional signage to the Temporary Kiss & Ride Lot.
- To return to Dulles Toll Road eastbound from Temporary Park & Ride Lot, turn right out of the lot and turn left at the intersection. Follow the roadway around to the Dulles Toll Road Toll Booth.

#### SEWER and WATER Utilities | Relocate Kiss & Ride Lot



*The current Kiss & Ride lot will be closed for construction and relocated to the surface lot directly across from the entrance to the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride Garage. Cars entering the temporary Kiss & Ride Lot will turn right and drive counter-clockwise through the lot.*

## **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Recognizes Organizations for Outstanding Achievement**

### **McLean Little League Recognized for Winning State Championship**

On October 20, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the members of the McLean Little League 10-11 Softball All-Stars for winning its first state championship. With the victory, every McLean Little League age level softball team has won a state championship, for an impressive total of 22.



### **Adams Center Recognized for Outstanding Community Service**

On October 6, the Board of Supervisors recognized the Adams Center for its many outstanding contributions to our community. Through its programs of civic engagement, social welfare, interfaith activities and youth programs, ADAMS has made and continues to make significant contributions to the relationships between diverse ethnic and religious groups in Northern Virginia as well as to the welfare and quality of life in the Fairfax and surrounding communities.



## **Langley High School Boys Soccer Wins Virginia Group 6A State Championship**

On October 6, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor recognized the Langley High School Boys Soccer Team for winning its first Virginia Group 6A state championship. The Saxons clinched the title on June 13 at Robinson High School and finished the season with a 20-1-1 record and an 18-game unbeaten streak.

The victory was especially sweet for Coach Bo Amato as it marked his 100th win.



## **Record Number of FCPS Students Named 2016 National Merit Semifinalists**

Two hundred thirty-seven Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 19 high schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2016, an all-time high for FCPS.

All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,400 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$32 million, to be awarded in spring 2016.

**These students from Dranesville District high schools, were named as semifinalists:**

**Herndon High School:**

Matthew Kim, Jessica Nielsen, Justin Spiegel, and Olivia Strahan.

**Langley High School:**

Shanell Fan, Yasmin Khodaei, Tyler Larkworthy, Nikhil Sakhamuri, Jing Wang, and Lyric Wu.

**McLean High School:**

Nicholas Anthony, Jatin Dasgupta, Iris Gou, Abraham Haji, Kathryn Howley, Adam Katwan, Sam Kim, Andrew Ko, Grace Lee, Gulenay Saydahmat, Matthew Steelberg, Catherina Suh, Gillian Wright, Kun Xing, Jin Yong Yoo, and Liam Zeya.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has 163 semifinalists - some of whom reside in the Dranesville District.

Approximately 16,000 high school seniors were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2016.

## **Dranesville Resident and Organization Receive 2015 Receive Environmental Excellence Awards**

Each year, the Fairfax County [Environmental Excellence Awards](#) recognize county individuals and groups that dedicate time and energy to benefit the environment and support county environmental goals and initiatives. Award recipients are selected by the [Environmental Quality Advisory Council](#).



The 2015 awards were presented at the October 6 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

### **Dranesville District recipients were:**

#### **Stephen Robinson**

Mr. Robinson serves as the Grounds Committee Chair of the Spring Hill Community Association. He supports environmentally-sensitive maintenance practices, including tree and lawn care and a snow-removal program that minimizes the use of chemicals. His other initiatives have included managing the annual spring cleanup event, supporting the installation of two advanced weather sensors to reduce

irrigation needs by an estimated 25-30 percent, and leadership to obtain grant funds to build a 1,200 square foot rain garden.

### **McLean Trees Foundation**

The McLean Trees Foundation was founded in 1970 as a semi-autonomous working committee of the McLean Citizens Association before incorporating in 2004 as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. The organization is recognized for its efforts in support of the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of McLean's urban forest, both on public and private property, including planting of thousands of trees and shrubs in parks, on school grounds, at government sites, in commercial corridors, in residential areas, on traffic islands and along sidewalk rights-of-way; community outreach and volunteer efforts supporting tree maintenance/care; and creating the McLean Neighborhood Tree Program through which trees are planted in front yards of residences.

## **Free Seminars and Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities**

### **Fall 2015 free Seminars for Family Caregivers**

The Fall 2015 free Seminars for Family Caregivers are designed to help family caregivers of older adults and/or adults with a disability manage the day-to-day issues that caregiving presents. Register online, email [Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711. To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5868, TTY 711.

#### **Upcoming seminars include:**

##### **Strategies for Difficult Conversations**

Monday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Directions: 703-256-3800, TTY 711

##### **Prepare to Care**

Thursday, November 5, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

Directions: 703-765-3645, TTY 711

**Scams and Financial Crimes Against Seniors**

Tuesday, November 10, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston

Directions: 703-478-0283, TTY 711

**Five Questions to Consider About Paying for Long-Term Care - WEBINAR**

Wednesday, November 18, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Your computer or telephone. You will receive an email with access instructions.

**Fairfax County's Free Caregiver Telephone Support Group**

This telephone-based support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Register online or call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

Upcoming dates and topics include:

**November 10**

**National Family Caregiver Month: Update on Resources and Advocacy.**

**December 8**

**Caregiving During the Holidays.**

For information on how to reach locations for upcoming events using public transportation, visit [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com). (703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608); or [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) (202-637-7000, TTY 202-638-3780).

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

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

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 Herndon Senior Center needs Social Visitors, a Trivia Group Leader, and a Baked Goods Table Manager. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators for routes throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Korean Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals. (Speaking Korean not required.)

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](mailto: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](mailto:Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov).*

