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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the Summer 2011 edition of the Dranesville Dispatch.

I hope that you and your family are enjoying a fun and safe summer. I also hope you are able to take advantage of the wonderful summer activities available here in Dranesville. Many of them, like the summer concert series in Herndon, McLean and Great Falls, are free of charge. You can read about some great upcoming and recurring community events in this newsletter.

The Hot Lanes project and Phase I of the Metrorail Silver Line continue to make good progress. We can see early benefits of the Hot Lanes project with completion of the W&OD trail bridge over the beltway and sound walls completed along much of the HOT Lanes. The new Lewinsville Road bridge over the beltway will open in August and additional sound walls are planned and under construction along both the HOT Lanes and rail projects.

The renovated and expanded Dolley Madison Library reopened on July 9. Construction of the library was completed on time and within budget. The result is a beautiful, larger and more energy efficient building that I know you will enjoy.

We recently achieved a major milestone on the project to underground utilities near the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Chain Bridge Road. This project was initiated and funded in 1988. When I took office, no easements had been obtained from the property owners along the proposed route. Now, due to the diligence of the McLean Revitalization Corporation with the assistance of my staff, the 43 easements needed have been acquired and the project will move forward.

The public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on Shelter Development, LLC's special exception application for an assisted living facility on Colvin Run Road in Great Falls is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on July 26. A public meeting to discuss the application and revisions recently proposed by the applicant will take place on July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Forestville Elementary School.

More details about these and other projects and events can be found inside. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on any issues affecting you and your community. And I thank you for the opportunity to represent and serve you.

Best wishes,

John Foust
 Dranesville District Supervisor

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm.

Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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New W&OD Trail Bridge over Capital Beltway Opens

Transurban-Fluor and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opened the new Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail bridge crossing the Capital Beltway on June 15. As part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project, the approximately 40-year-old W&OD Trail bridge was replaced, improving access for bikers, runners and pedestrians and enhancing regional mobility.

The new bridge is nearly 30 feet longer and 4 feet wider than the former structure allowing bike and pedestrian traffic to travel smoothly and safely over the bridge. The improvements align with the Fairfax County Trails Plan and bring the bridge up to American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. In addition, costs to maintain the old bridge, built in the early 1960s, were rising. The new bridge will incur little to no maintenance costs in the near future.

The new W&OD Trail bridge is just one of the many bike and pedestrian improvements the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project will deliver. The project will provide bike paths and sidewalks on every new Beltway crossing including Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike, Gallows Road, Oak Street Bridge, Idylwood Drive, Lee Highway, Leesburg Pike, Westpark Bridge, Jones Branch Drive, and Lewinsville Road.



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MEGAPROJECTS
Transportation improvements by **VDOT** • **DRPT**

New Lewinsville I-495 Bridge to Open Late August

Final work is being completed on the new bridge over the I-495 Beltway on Lewinsville Road, with its opening scheduled for late August. Heavy spring rains and complications in re-locating major utility lines contributed to the delay in the opening of the new bridge, originally scheduled for late May. The new bridge was needed to accommodate the wider span of the Beltway; the HOT Lanes project will add four additional lanes to the existing Beltway. In addition to new automobile lanes, bike lanes and pedestrian walkways on both sides are included in the bridge project.

“I am thrilled to have these new bike lanes and pedestrian walkways on Lewinsville Bridge. They were a critical step in helping us expand our trail network and provide non-auto dependent links among our McLean neighborhoods,” said Supervisor Foust.

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 (TTY 711) or by email at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Transurban-Fluor Awards Community Grant to McLean Pedestrian Task Force

On May 16, McLean civic leaders received a \$2,500 grant from Transurban-Fluor's Capital Beltway Community Grant Program for the design of four new entrance signs into McLean's Community Business Center. The signs are an effort by the McLean Pedestrian Task Force to make downtown McLean a safer place for people to walk and bike.



*Supervisor Foust joined Task Force, McLean Chamber of Commerce and Transurban-Fluor representatives for the presentation of a \$2,500 check to McLean Pedestrian Task Force.
(Photo by Brian Trompeter)*

Local officials accepted the check in a ceremony on Old Dominion Drive near McLean Drive. In attendance was Supervisor John Foust who complimented Transurban-Fluor for its contribution and ongoing support of the McLean Community.

Supervisor Foust thanked Transurban-Fluor for coming into our neighborhoods and demonstrating that they really care about the community. "Your involvement has been spectacular," said Foust.

Dranesville Says Goodbye to One Precinct and Welcomes Another

Recent redistricting of Fairfax County magisterial districts has resulted in the removal of one precinct and the gaining of another for the Dranesville District. The redistricting plan, adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on April 26, removed the Colvin precinct, south of Route 7 near Hunter Mill Road and added the Coates precinct, south of the Dulles Toll Road and Herndon.

Fairfax County's population of approximately 1.1 million as counted by the 2010 U.S. Census, was divided by the redistricting plan into nine magisterial districts of approximately 120,000 people each. These and other precinct changes were made to equalize the nine districts.

Residents of the Coates precinct may subscribe to the electronic Dranesville Dispatch newsletter by sending a request to dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov. The latest edition of the Dranesville Dispatch as well as archived previous editions, are available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/newsletters.htm>.



View of utility wires near Exxon station at intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive.

All Easements for Utility Undergrounding in Downtown McLean Have Been Obtained

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has announced that the effort to secure easements from property owners to underground utilities at the intersection of Old Dominion and Chain Bridge Road has been completed, thereby making it possible for the long-planned undergrounding project to move forward.

The project requires a total of forty three (43) easements for Dominion Virginia Power, Cox Cable and Verizon from 14 property owners. The scope of the project is along Old Dominion from the Shell gas station to Center Street (beyond the PNC Bank), along on the southeast side of Chain Bridge Road from just beyond

McLean Cleaners to Laughlin Avenue (at the corner where Chicken Out and Capital One Bank are located) and from Boston Market to just beyond Starbucks and 7-11 on the northwest side. The undergrounding project will tie in with the undergrounding along Lowell and Emerson Avenues that was completed as part of the Palladium project.

The genesis of the undergrounding project dates back to 1988 when County voters approved commercial revitalization bonds that included \$2 million for McLean.

When Supervisor Foust took office in January 2008, none of the easements needed for the utility undergrounding project had been obtained. In order to move the project forward, Supervisor Foust committed staff from his office to work with McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC) members in a renewed effort to secure the easements. During that effort, a number of the properties changed hands, and the project team had to regroup on several occasions. Original designs as to where poles and transformers would be located had to be discarded because of concerns raised by property owners.

Now that the design has been completed and easements obtained, engineering plans will be submitted to VDOT for approval. "It is our goal to have shovels in the ground by June 2012," said Bill Sudow, President of the MRC.

In addition to the County's bond funds, the MRC will contribute nearly \$1.3 million to the project. The MRC received \$1 million from the developers of the Palladium in 2002. That money has been held in escrow pending a decision by the MRC as to how the funds would be invested in McLean revitalization. In 2009, the MRC informed the County that it intended to commit the funds to the undergrounding project. In addition, as part of its redevelopment, Exxon contributed \$350,000 toward future undergrounding in downtown McLean, and that money will also be used for the undergrounding project.

"When I took office, I made the utility undergrounding project a major priority," said Supervisor Foust. "I know the task of obtaining all the easements was very difficult. I greatly appreciate the efforts of Bill Sudow, Dan DuVal, Virginia Foley and the late Lane Gabeler of the MRC. I also wish to thank all the property owners who granted easements at no cost to the project. As a result of their combined efforts, McLean residents will see a greatly improved intersection in the not too distant future."

For more information, contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551 or by email at jane.edmondson@fairfaxcounty.gov.



View of utility wires near BP station and Firestone at intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive.



Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko speaks with Stop Hunger Now Board member Lee Warren. (Photo courtesy of Alan Greilsamer for the Rotary Club of McLean.)

McLean Community Comes Together to Stop Hunger Now

Over 600 Volunteers Package More Than 150,000 Meals

On Saturday, June 11 more than 600 local volunteers worked in three shifts over an 8-hour period to package more than 150,000 meals to help eradicate hunger worldwide. The event benefitted Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to countries around the world.

The meal-packaging activity brought together multiple faiths and multiple generations, ranging from Northern Virginia Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and McLean Little Leaguers to World War II veterans from American Legion Post 270 in McLean.

The volunteers also comprised members of the Rotary Clubs of McLean, Tysons Corner and Dunn Loring-Merrifield as well as students, parents and administrators from McLean, Langley and Marshall high schools and The Potomac School as well as several local middle and elementary schools. Additionally, five local congregations participated: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, the McLean Islamic Center, Temple Rodef Shalom and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The event raised more than \$37,500—or 25 cents a meal—from individuals, organizations and corporations to help eradicate hunger. Corporate sponsors included Chain Bridge Bank, Deloitte, West Financial Services and Applied

Predictive Technologies.

Stop Hunger Now sends 90 percent of the meals to schools in impoverished regions and the remaining 10 percent going to disaster relief areas.

This event marked the second time that the McLean community has supported Stop Hunger Now in less than a year. In November 2010, the Rotary Club of McLean, along with McLean and Langley high schools and Luther Church of the Redeemer, as well as several McLean area service organizations and companies recruited more than 500 volunteers to package 100,000 meals.

Bob Hahne, the event organizer for the November 2010 and June 2011 activities, learned about the Stop Hunger Now meal-packaging program while attending the Rotary District 7610 Conference in April 2010. He and his wife, Barb, worked with dozens of other Rotarians to package 20,000 meals.

The Hahnes' long-term goal is to package one million meals in McLean.



Event organizers at the June 11 event. (left to right) Assistant District Governor Tom O'Bryon, Rotary Club of McLean's Immediate Past-President Glenn Yarborough, John Hewko, McLean Rotarian Pamela Danner and McLean Rotarian and event organizer Bob Hahne. (Photo courtesy of Alan Greilsamer for Rotary Club of McLean)

Salona Park Task Force Created

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has announced the nine members of the Salona Park Task Force formed by the Supervisor and Fairfax County Park Authority Board member Kevin Fay. The task force will provide input to the Park Authority for development of a Master Plan for the future Salona Park in McLean. The mission of the task force is to work with the community and stakeholders to identify, evaluate and recommend alternative uses for the Park.

The Salona property comprises approximately 52 acres, including a residential core of approximately 7.8 acres. The residential core is protected in perpetuity by a 1971 easement granted to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Salona is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and on the Virginia Landmarks Register. In December 2005, the property owners, Dan and Karen DuVal, placed approximately 41.5 acres of the Salona property under a conservation easement. The Fairfax County Park Authority was named as the grantee, and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust was designated as the party with standing to enforce the terms of the easement.

The nine task force members are:

Name:	Representing:
Beth Chung	Dranesville Supervisor John Foust
Ed Pickens	Dranesville Representative to the Park Authority Board
Whit Field	Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
Margaret Malone	McLean Citizens Association
Mark Turner	Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce
Joel Stillman	McLean Youth Athletics
Carole Herrick	Fairfax County History Commission
Sybil Caldwell	Surrounding Neighborhood
Dan DuVal	Conservation Easement Grantors

“We have a very talented and diverse group. The members represent a wide range of public interests, and I expect great work from them,” said Supervisor Foust. “This is an exciting opportunity to receive community input to the master planning process for Salona.”

The organizational meeting of the task force met in late June and adopted the procedures it will follow to carry out the mission set forth in the task force charter. Margaret Malone was chosen to chair the task force.

Cheryl Patten, from Supervisor Foust’s office, is providing the administrative support requested by the task force; Park Authority staff is also available to support the task force as needed.

For more information, contact Cheryl Patten in Supervisor Foust’s office at 703-356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Contract is Awarded for Construction of Wolftrap Fire Station

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has awarded Milestone Construction Services, a contract in the amount of \$5,388,000 to construct the new Wolf Trap Fire Station. The new fire station will be located at 1315 Beulah Road in Vienna. A total of ten sealed bids were received, with Milestone Construction Services the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The total project cost, including construction, contract administration, inspections, utility relocations, and upgrades and fixed equipment, is expected to be \$6,795,480. The estimated completion date for the project is summer of 2012.

VDOT Mowing Focuses on Overgrown Areas that Obstruct Driver Line of Sight

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for maintaining 58,000 miles of roadsides in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Responsibilities include mowing grass, pruning trees, cutting brush and removing litter along roads throughout the commonwealth.

Most roads will see up to three cycles of mowing this year, but local VDOT maintenance crews may increase that frequency in locations where safety issues and weather patterns demand it. The roadside maintenance plan for 2011 remains similar to recent years, when repeated mowing was decreased in areas where sight distance and motorist safety were not issues.

“While we stretched our mowing cycles the last few summers because of economic conditions, the safety of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians remains our first priority,” said Emmett Heltzel, P.E., VDOT’s state maintenance engineer. “We are always seeking ways to make sure our operations are as frugal as they can be, but our current mowing practice also has the appropriate flexibility to ensure our crews and contractors can continue to maintain roadside grass and vegetation so that everyone who uses state roadways has a clear and unobstructed view of their route.”

Crews will continue to address areas along all roads as needed where vegetation may limit the sight of drivers, cyclists or pedestrians. Residents are encouraged to report any roadside vegetation causing sight distance issues by filling out VDOT’s “report a road problem” page at <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp> or by calling (800) 367-7623 (800-FOR-ROAD). TTY users, call 711.

VDOT manages vegetation on state right-of-way only, which includes roadsides along interstate highways and most primary and secondary roads.

Langley Oaks Stormwater Pond Retrofit Project Completed

The Langley Oaks Pond 1 Stormwater Management Pond Retrofit Project was substantially completed on April 26. This project, located near Sunny Hill Court and Ridge Drive, provided for the retrofit of a stormwater detention pond and included the removal of sediment to restore pond volume, improve emergency spillway, install outlet control structure, and construct a permanent access road for maintenance. The completion of this project will improve the water quality benefits and downstream protection.



Before



After

Tysons Corner Open House Held June 15

Representatives from various developers and County agencies associated with the Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan were on hand to provide project updates and answer questions at an open house held at Spring Hill Elementary School on June 15. The event, sponsored by Fairfax County, gave an opportunity for residents to discuss one-on-one with staff and developers topics ranging from transportation, urban design guidelines, pedestrian connectivity, and park and public facility planning.

The open house came nearly one year after the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner. The emphasis of the plan is to take advantage of the four metro stations being built by creating a 24-hour urban center with a concentrated mix of residential and commercial development at each metro station.

For a history of the planning efforts in Tysons including descriptions of the projects being reviewed by the County, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/>.

Public Meeting Scheduled for July 21 on Proposed Assisted Living Facility in Great Falls

Supervisor John Foust will hold a public meeting to enable residents to comment on proposed changes to an application to construct a 90-unit assisted living facility at 10200 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls.

Meeting details:

July 21 at 7:30 pm

Forestville Elementary School

1085 Utterback Store Road

Great Falls

Shelter Development, LLC is requesting a Special Exception to develop a 90-unit assisted living facility to be called Brightview on the 3.6 acre site. The parcel is split zoned commercial (C8) and Residential (R1). The application received a positive recommendation from the County's Health Care Advisory Board and Planning Commission. County staff has also recommended approval.

At the Planning Commission hearing, a number of Great Falls residents raised concerns about the project. Those concerns led to a public meeting sponsored by Supervisor Foust on June 1. Representatives from the County's Planning and Zoning Department, Shelter Development, and the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) along with many Great Falls residents attended the meeting.

Following the public meeting, Supervisor Foust met with the applicant and representatives from the GFCA and the surrounding neighbors to review the applicant's proposed changes to the site plan. Those proposed changes will be the subject of the meeting on July 21.

Supervisor Foust requested a postponement of the Board of Supervisors' hearing originally scheduled for June 21. The Board of Supervisors hearing is now scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on July 26 in the Board auditorium located at the Government Center.

For more information on the project, please call Ben Wiles at (703) 356-0551 or email at benjamin.wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov.



2011-2012 Area Plans Review Retrospective Is Underway!

The 2011-2012 Area Plans Review (APR) Retrospective, a review of the most recent APR cycle, has begun, and the County needs your input. As many community members are aware, the APR process is the primary means to regularly review and update the County's Comprehensive Plan, which is the community's long-range vision for future development and preservation of natural and cultural resources. The Retrospective will suggest improvements to this process, and community input is needed to help document the changing nature of APR. A community survey, conducted earlier this year, already has shown a continued need to expand public outreach and education, enhance the land use and transportation analyses, and develop a more holistic planning approach. Further community input will be combined with ideas from regional and national planning models, and identification of County-wide planning trends.

How can you participate? As part of the study, County planners are seeking input from property owners, neighborhood groups, developers, and other interested community members. There are several ways you can offer feedback:

- Attend a public meeting in the Dranesville District, September dates will be announced shortly at the APR Retrospective website (a link to the Retrospective website is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr).
- Explore the APR Retrospective website for background information, initial findings from the APR Retrospective survey, and progress of project.
- E-mail your thoughts and comments to county planners at DPZaprRetrospective@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The review began earlier this year and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012. Introductory community meetings are being planned throughout the County for September with another set of meetings to discuss preliminary recommendations in 2012. Planners anticipate implementing the revised APR process in 2013, which is the year for the next scheduled APR review.

If you have questions, call the Department of Planning and Zoning, 703-324-1380, TTY 711.

Dolley Madison Library Renovation Completed

After a construction period of a little more than a year and a temporary home at McLean Square Shopping Center, the stunning, state-of-the-art renovated Dolley Madison Library was reopened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 9. Present at the ceremony were members of the public, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, State Senator Janet Howell, Supervisor John Foust, Delegate Barbara Comstock and others. The new facility added 10,500 additional square feet to the existing library and includes a multi-story glass wall offering library users an unobstructed view of the adjacent parkland. The new floor plan includes a comfortable, open reading room and shelving for adult and children's collections, 24 public use computer stations, public meeting spaces, and group and quiet study rooms. Built to the US Green Building Council's LEED Silver rating, library visitors will enter a building filled with environmentally friendly features: low-flow toilets, optimal use of natural light, sensors which will control interior lighting and temperature and a truly green and growing roof.



Supervisor Foust, Senator Howell, Chairman Bulova and Delegate Comstock cut the ribbon to reopen the renovated library. (Photo credit Alex McVeigh)

Special exterior features include new pervious pavement parking spaces, rain gardens and extensive new landscaping showcasing native plants.

"This new library is a wonderful representation of how modern building practices can embrace and blend into the beautiful natural surroundings of McLean Central Park," said Supervisor Foust. "I'm happy that we were able to preserve the parkland and produce such a wonderful facility for our residents to enjoy for generations to come."



South Elevation



East Elevation and Pervious Pavement Parking Spaces



Curtain Wall with Sunshade Screening

Library Time Capsule Contest

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Dolley Madison Library staff want McLean students to become contemporary historians. A time capsule to be opened 50 years from now, will be part of the newly renovated Dolley Madison Library. Supervisor Foust invites students in grades 1 through 12 (as of fall 2011) to participate in a contest to describe life in McLean 2011.

A total of eight contestants from among the age groups will be selected to have their written or art entries enclosed in the time capsule which will be opened in 2061.

Contest rules:

- The contest is open to all students who are/will be in first through twelfth grades in the 2011-2012 school year AND who either attend school in the McLean area (public, private, or home schooled) or who reside in McLean and attend school elsewhere.
- For judging purposes, eligible entries shall be placed in four grade groupings: 1-3; 4-6; 7-8; 9-12.
- The contest will consist of theme-directed art or writing entries.
- All entries must be on paper (entries in electronic format cannot be accepted), limited to 2 pages for writing and one page for art, and paper size may not exceed 8 ½ X 14 inches.
- All entries must be identified on the front upper-right-hand corner for writing, and on the back for art, with the following information: Name of Student; Home Address; Date of Birth; Grade for the 2011/2012 School Year; School Attending or Home Schooled designation.
- Contest submissions (only ONE per student, please) will be accepted at the Dranesville District Supervisor's office in the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101, with a **DEADLINE of 5PM on MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2011**. Submissions cannot be returned.

Dranesville Photo Gallery



Supervisor Foust addresses residents at a meeting of the Franklin Park Homeowners Association held at Vinson Hall on May 11.



McLean Day drew a large crowd at Lewinsville Park on May 21. Supervisor Foust is shown here with Dranesville residents.



Supervisor Foust presents a Certificate to the Rotary Club of McLean in recognition of the organization's contributions to the Stop World Hunger event held on November 6, 2010. (Left to right) Rotary Club of McLean Immediate Past President Glenn Yarborough, Director and Rotary Foundation Chair Robert Hahne, and Supervisor John Foust. (Photo credit: Tom Mangan)



Supervisor John Foust updates the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Board on the status of McLean projects on June 6.



Lewinsville Retirement Residence Celebrates its 30th Anniversary on May 1. (left to right) William Cochran, Doug Cochran, Chair of Lewinsville Retirement Residence Board, Supervisor John Foust and Delegate Jim Scott.



Supervisor Foust at Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Education Awards Luncheon with Teacher of the Year Lonnie Bickell. Other honors went to Sandy Hamilton, also Teacher of the Year, and Students of the Year Kais Sorells and Caitlyn Cox. (Photo credit William B. Folsom)



Chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Penny Gross, Supervisor Pat Herrity, Supervisor John Foust and State Senator Chap Peterson ring the newly installed Korean Bell on May 14.



Newly installed Korean Bell sits under the custom built Bell Pavillion of the Korean Bell Garden, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna.



Girl Scout Lexa Hummel and Cub Scout Nick Hodge kneel next to saplings later planted near the Old Schoolhouse in Grange Park, Great Falls on Arbor Day, May 7. The saplings were planted to replace two large trees that recently fell. The cross-section of one is shown here. Rings reveal its age to be about 250 years.

Recognitions

Dranesville Resident One of Three County Employees to Receive Onthank Award

Three employees, including Dranesville resident, Sandra Chisholm, have been selected to receive the Onthank Award, the highest honor Fairfax County bestows on its employees.

The Onthank Award was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1966 to honor the memory of Col. A. Heath Onthank, the first chairman of the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission (1957-1962) and guiding force of the County's career merit system.

The award recognizes accomplishments of outstanding worth by an individual county employee in advancing and improving public service in Fairfax County Government and the school system.

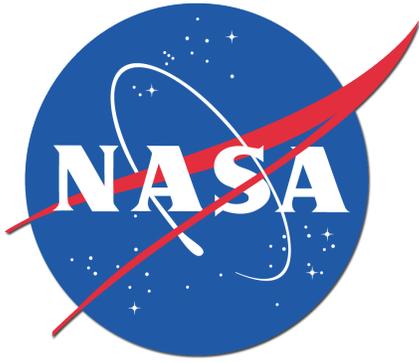
2010 awardees:

Desiree (Desi) Baltimore, Management Analyst, Department of Tax Administration.

Sandra Chisholm, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services.

Gary Quinn (Retired), Network Telecommunications Analyst, Department of Information Technology.

Since its inception, 313 employees have received the Onthank Award. Recipients have included managers, public safety employees, administrative assistants, human services personnel, custodians, librarians, school bus drivers, building inspectors and others from agencies throughout County government and the school system. Nominations come from residents, fellow employees, civic groups, and business and professional organizations.



Herndon High School Teacher Selected for NASA SOFIA Science Flight

Mary Blessing, a teacher of astronomy and biology at Herndon High School, was one of six teachers nationwide—and the only one on the East Coast—selected to work with scientists aboard NASA’s Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) during research flights this summer. Blessing is part of the first team of educators selected to participate in SOFIA’s Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors program.

Blessing, who has taught at Herndon High School since 1993 and has been an employee of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for 22 years, is also the director of Herndon High’s planetarium. She has already had the opportunity to watch STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education in action on SOFIA, observing astronomers gathering data to answer questions about star formation and active galaxies. Blessing says she hopes to bring back to the classroom the excitement of doing astronomical research as well as information about STEM careers that support scientists such as pilots, engineers, technical science writers, professors, and videographers.

SOFIA is a joint program between NASA and the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and is managed at NASA’s Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, Calif. For more information about SOFIA, visit http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/SOFIA/index.html.

Herndon Mayor’s Volunteer Appreciation Night Honors Volunteers for Service

On April 17 over 368 volunteers were honored for service to the Town of Herndon from 36 service organizations and groups. The 27th Annual Mayor’s Volunteer Appreciation Night was held at the Herndon Community Center. Top honors were awarded to Marvin “Pete” Lindsay, Bob Thomas and Barbara Glakas.

Citizens joined Herndon’s Mayor, Steve J. DeBenedittis, members of the Town Council, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Thomas Rust and Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust in celebrating the spirit of volunteerism. The evening’s keynote speaker was Scott Thuman, ABC7 News and News Channel 8 reporter.

Each year, the Town honors up to three distinguished volunteers by presenting them with the Distinguished Service Award. The award is the highest level of recognition awarded in the Town to those individuals who have demonstrated exemplary levels of service over several years or in projects which required significant levels of leadership, service and effort. The service must be provided in the Town of Herndon and/or provide a direct benefit to the Town.

The three Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the ceremony to:

Marvin "Pete" Lindsay who has served the Council for the Arts of Herndon for over 25 years.

Bob Thomas whose extensive volunteer duties as Commissioner for Herndon-Reston Youth Softball have been performed on a year round basis for the past five years.

Barbara Glakas who is well known for her participation in her homeowner’s association and volunteer work with NatureFest and at ArtSpace.

The Mayor’s Volunteer Appreciation Night is held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, which is sponsored nationwide by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov, and click on parks and recreation, or call (703) 787-7300.

Supervisor Foust Announces Dranesville District 2011 Lord and Lady Fairfax

Eric Knudsen and Joan Barnes were selected as 2011 Dranesville Lord and Lady Fairfax by Supervisor John Foust. Mr. Knudsen and Ms. Barnes were honored, along with other district awardees, at events on June 7. Supervisor Foust selected Mr. Knudsen and Ms. Barnes because of their tireless commitment to preserve and improve the quality of life in the Great Falls community.

Joan Barnes has served as her local homeowner's association president, Great Falls Citizens Association board member, and Great Falls Trail Blazers co-founder. As a member of the Dranesville Supervisor's 1998 Great Falls Task Force, she participated in the trails and traffic calming projects initiated along Georgetown Pike. She successfully obtained federal funding for the Georgetown Pike trail, and obtained the Park Authority's approval for the first volunteer-constructed trail. Ms. Barnes was instrumental in the 2008 revision of the Heritage Resources section of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to recognize the eligibility of Georgetown Pike for the National Register of Historic Places. Since identifying concerns on behalf of the Great Falls community with the 2007 plans to widen Route 7, and becoming co-chair of the GFCA Transportation Committee in 2008, Ms. Barnes has led a successful four-year community-wide effort resulting in a revised plan that significantly reduces the potential impact to historic Georgetown Pike.

Eric Knudsen began his volunteer service with the Great Falls Trail Blazers Committee and the Great Falls Swim and Tennis Board. Upon election to the Great Falls Citizens Association, he gravitated to the Land Use and Transportation Committees. He is currently co-chair of the Transportation Committee and vice president of the Association. Along with his co-chair, he spearheaded the collection of petitions for the protection of Georgetown Pike and has successfully negotiated with VDOT for traffic lights on the Pike, safer intersections, and changes to plans for the widening of Rt. 7 that would have adversely affected the historic nature of the Pike. Mr. Knudsen has worked on the traffic calming and crosswalk plan for Walker Road. Mr. Knudsen continues to guide resources of the community to educate, support and protect Georgetown Pike as Virginia's first recognized historic byway and the first engineered road in the County now celebrating nearly 200 years of use.

"Ms. Barnes and Mr. Knudsen have made tremendous contributions to the community over the years," said Supervisor Foust. "Their leadership was particularly invaluable in helping to reach resolution with VDOT regarding the configuration of the intersection at Georgetown Pike and Route 7."

The Lord and Lady Fairfax Program was founded in the mid-1980's by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Each Fairfax County Supervisor annually nominates a Lord and Lady from their district; So far, more than 500 individuals have been honored.

All 2011 Lords and Ladies were recognized at a special presentation during the June 7 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Celebrate Fairfax! Salute to the honorees was that evening.

For more information contact the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.



2011 Dranesville District Lady and Lord Fairfax Joan Barnes and Eric Knudsen (front row, 8th and 7th from right) are 2 of the 20 who received this honor. On June 7 they were recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Cappie Awards Go to Langley and McLean High School Students

Two high school students from the Dranesville District were presented with Cappie Awards at the Kennedy Center on June 12 at the 12th Annual Cappies Gala. Langley High School Freshman Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf was awarded the Rising-Critic Cappie and McLean High School Sophomore Damian Leverett took home the Creativity Cappie for composing the score to the McLean production of “The Terrible Tragedy of Peter Pan.”

Fairfax County Declares June 2011 Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The Great Falls Optimist Club, a nonprofit organization under the umbrella of Optimist International, prides itself on “Bringing Out the Best in Kids” and is dedicated to supporting activities that contribute to a better future for our children; promoting an active interest in good government; encouraging community service among young people; and developing optimism as a philosophy of life. In this its 31st year of service, the club is particularly focused on the elimination of childhood cancer, the number one disease killing children today, and has raised funds for a national childhood cancer campaign.

Just a few of the many activities that the club has undertaken are: organizing and staffing the annual Great Falls Spring Festival; supporting Reach for College, an organization that provides instructional materials and books to under-privileged students; and conducting a fundraising effort for a young high school student paralyzed in a swimming accident.

In recognition of the efforts of the Great Falls Optimist Club to eradicate childhood cancer, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors declared June 2011 as Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



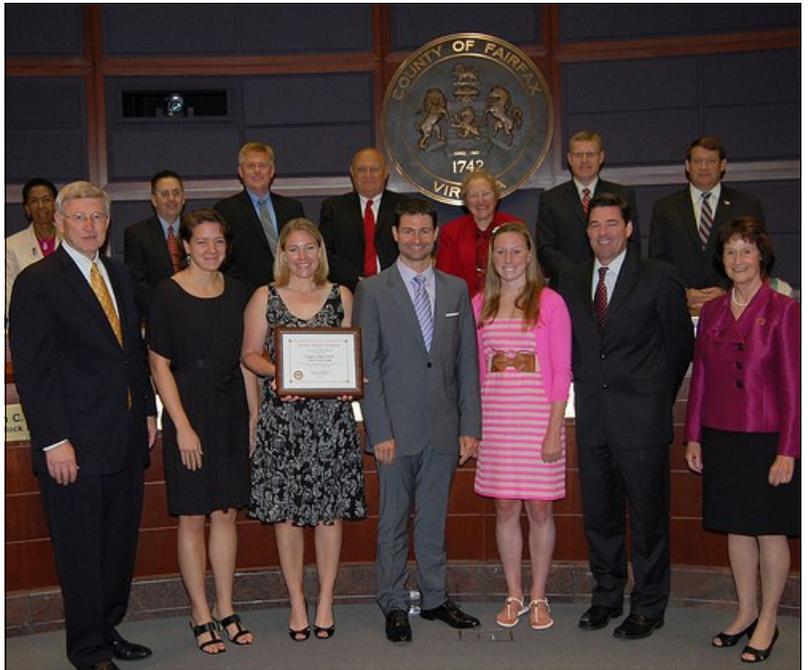
Supervisor Foust presents a certificate recognizing the Great Falls Optimist Club and June 2011 as the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Present were (left to right) Optimist Club member Tom Moore, Optimist Club member Sara Darness, Optimist Club President T.R. Cook and Supervisor Foust.

McLean High School Girls' Soccer Team Wins 2011 State Championship

The McLean High School Girls Soccer Team won the 2011 Virginia Group AAA state championship. Led by first-year McLean Coach Rob Bouchard, the Highlanders secured the title on June 11 with a 3-2 victory over Frank W. Cox High School. This is the first state soccer title for the McLean women. The team will be honored at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors July 26 meeting.

Langley High School Girls Swim Team 2011 State Champions

The Langley High School Girls Swim Team, under the direction of head coach Ryan Jackson, won the 2011 Virginia Group AAA state championship in Virginia Beach. The Saxons clinched the title on February 19 with 187 points. With the win, the Langley girls accomplished a triple crown, also winning the Northern Region and Liberty District championships. This is the first state title for the Langley women since 2001.



The Langley High School Girls Swim Team and school administrators were recognized by Supervisor Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on June 7.

Langley High School Boys Lacrosse Team are 2011 State Champions

For the third consecutive year, Langley High School Boys Lacrosse Team won the Virginia High School League's state tournament. The Saxons, led by Langley head coach Earl Brewer, won this year's title on June 11 against the Chantilly Charges at Westfield High School with a score of 17-8. The team will be honored at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors July 26 meeting.

Announcements

The Great Falls Village Centre 2011 Summer Concerts on the Green

This year Great Falls Village Centre offers another exciting concert season. Sit on the Green and enjoy the show:

Sunday Evenings

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Georgetown Pike and Walker Road in Great Falls



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| July 10 | Tom Principato (Blues)
Sponsored By: Drs. Loza/Loza Dental and Hill Signature Portraits |
| July 17 | Western Electric/Bennie Potter (Western)
Sponsored By: True Ventures and Ackerman & Assoc of Great Falls/Dr. Greco |
| July 24 | Emma Bailey and Standing Room Only (Variety/Classic Rock/Blues)
Sponsored By: Great Falls Newcomers and Women's Club |
| July 31 | The Remedy (Rock)
Sponsored By: Bic DeCaro, Realtor |

Free Outdoor Concerts at the McLean Paladium Civic Place Green



Saturday evenings

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Paladium Civic Place Green

Corner of Laughlin and Lowell Avenues in McLean

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| July 9 | The Tommy Lepson Band (soul) |
| July 16 | Rick Thompson Jazz Quartet (jazz) |
| July 23 | Martinez and Guthrie (alt. rock) |
| July 30 | The Folsom Prisoners (country) |
| August 6 | Jody Marshall (celtic/folk) |
| August 13 | Emy Tseng (Brazilian jazz) |
| August 20 | The Grandsons (mixed rock) |
| August 27 | Billy T's Time Machine (rock/blues/country) |
| September 3 | Dulcie Taylor (folk, blues) |

PALLADIUM
AT McLEAN



Presented by The Palladium at McLean
Co-sponsored by McLean Revitalization Corporation

Supervisor Foust to Host McLean “Aging in Place” Public Forum Planned for October 15

An effort is currently underway to make it possible for many more seniors to stay in their homes, or “age in place” and more fully enjoy their senior years. Supervisor Foust and his staff are working with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors in the Dranesville district and facilitate “aging in place”.

McLean area residents and representatives from local businesses, houses of worship, non profit organizations and County agencies have been meeting to plan an “Aging in Place Public Forum” in the McLean area.



*Supervisor Foust speaking to McLean
Aging in Place Forum organizers.*



*Supervisor Foust and
attendees at a recent Great
Falls Aging in Place
Community Meeting*

Saturday, October 15
(Time to be announced)
Capital One
1670 Capital One Drive
McLean

Dranesville residents interested in the “aging in place” concept should mark their calendars and plan to attend.

For more information or to get involved in the process, please contact Jennifer Boysko in Supervisor Foust’s Herndon Office by email at jennifer.boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at (703) 471-5076.

Clemyjontri Park Introduces New Website

Founded in 2006, Clemyjontri Park is Virginia's first park where children of all abilities can have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration! The park is located at 6317 Georgetown Pike in McLean.

And now Clemyjontri Playground has a new website at <http://www.friendsofclemy.com>. It is the perfect resource for all of your Clemy needs including:

- Park hours & directions
- General information & pictures
- Special event announcements
- Pavilion rental information
- Donation & Volunteer opportunities

Clemyjontri is a playground where every child is welcome. It is a place filled with joy and wonder. Clemyjontri serves as an inspiration to all who believe in the magic of play and the smile of a child.

Friends of Clemyjontri, Inc. is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization. 100% of all donations go directly to Clemyjontri Park's expenses.

Contributions may be sent to:
Friends of Clemyjontri, Inc.
8500 Leesburg Pike Suite 7200
Vienna, VA 22182
(703)506-8980



*A ceremony celebrating the installation of the
Clemyjontri Liberty Swing, which enables people in
wheel-chairs to experience the joys of swinging.
This is one of only a handful of similar swings in the
country.*

Our Daily Bread's Back to School Program Helps Needy Children

Our Daily Bread (ODB) has announced its participation in a new pilot program to help provide school supplies to needy children in the Fairfax County area. ODB has entered into a partnership with Kids R First and numerous community-based organizations in the Fairfax County area to work together to provide the supplies children need for school in a more effective and efficient way. The program is facilitated by the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships and Fairfax County Public Schools.



Guiding Our Neighbors
Toward Self-Sufficiency

This year, ODB is working directly with the schools in the Fairfax High School pyramid to provide 350 of their neediest students with what they will need to be successful in the classroom. As the program grows, they hope to expand the outreach to even more schools to serve as many children as possible throughout the County. The new County-wide partnership will allow ODB to purchase high-quality school supplies at an extreme discount from Office Depot and Wal-Mart. In fact, ODB will be able to fill a backpack for high school kids for about \$15 (and less for younger students)!

Supplies needed are:

- Backpacks: New and empty. Preferred colors are: Green, Orange, Pink, Purple (*These colors are considered "gang-neutral" and are "safe" for students to carry, without worry of confrontation from gang-members.*)
- Calculators: TI-83 or TI-84 only, please.

Make donations in the following ways:

1. Order supplies from the ODB "wishlist" on Amazon.com at http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/30A5MCLIRONCH/ref=cm_sw_su_w.
2. Deliver supplies to OMD offices between now and August 12 to the new ODB office address listed below.
3. Deliver supplies to the local businesses listed below during normal business hours between now and August 12
 - Bertucci's Restaurants (Alexandria, Herndon, Springfield, and Tysons Corner locations only.)
 - Merrifield Garden Center (Fair Oaks location only – 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA)
 - Virginia Heritage Bank (Fairfax Branch only – 11166 Fairfax Blvd. Fairfax, VA 22030)
4. Donate cash on-line at http://www.our-daily-bread.org/Back_to_School_Program.html or send a check to the address below. Please specify "Back to School" in the comments or check memo line.
- 5.

Massey Building Annex
4080 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030,
Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you have any questions regarding the new Back to School program, please contact Jennifer Rose, Seasonal Programs Manager at 703-273-8829.

Call for Volunteers

Fairfax County's **Volunteer Solutions** needs volunteers to help older adults and adults with disabilities. Current needs include:

- Meals on Wheels drivers
- Drivers to transport older adults to medical appointments

Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186.

If It's Summer, Can WinterFest 2011 Be Far Away?

The McLean WinterFest holiday parade steering committee is rearin' to go. Planning meetings began in July. Early registrants to the parade will get the best places in the parade line up, and they won't have to worry about deadlines during the busy fall season. Register at www.mcleanwinterfest.org.

This year WinterFest will run for the entire weekend! On Friday evening, the new, big, hardy holiday tree will be lit with caroling and special offers from nearby retailers. Then on Saturday morning, everyone's favorite Reindog Pageant will be held in Langley Shopping Center. The fourth year of McLean's only community parade, WinterFest, will be on Sunday, December 4. Mark your calendars for all the family fun events.

Schools and businesses should take the Cardinal Bank challenge: Enter a float in the parade! Cardinal Bank and McLean Project for the Arts were our first floats last year; this year we want more! If you are interested in more information on McLean WinterFest or want to serve on the steering committee, contact Trish Butler at tbutler@sagecommunications.net or Clyde Clark at clark10131@verison.net.



Cardinal Bank's 2010 parade float

Helpful Information

Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Free Children's Services

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic is offering free children's services for those eligible. Children visiting the clinic must be 3-19 years of age, living in Fairfax County, have no medical insurance (including Medicaid), and a family income 200% or less of the poverty level. Services include but are not limited to flu shots, anemia screening, sick visits with a medical provider, and school and sports physicals.



Clinic hours for children:

Monday – Tuesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Periodic Evening Clinics. Walk-in appointments are sometimes available, but appointments are preferred. A parent or legal guardian must be present during the appointment. Please bring proof of income.

For an Appointment Call: (703) 481-8160

13525 Dulles Technology Drive

Herndon

703-481-8160

www.jsfreeclinic.org

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic provides full primary health care for adults with high blood pressure and diabetes in addition to services for children.

Emergency Planning: Are You Ready? *New On-Line Tool is Available to Help You Plan*

Do you know how to respond if disaster strikes where you live or where you work?

- If your family is in different locations when the disaster strikes, do you have a plan that shows how you will contact each other and how you can reunite at a safe location?
- If your business is directly impacted by a disaster, do you have a plan to re-establish business operations at another location?
- How will you inform your employees of the new operations, procedures and processes?

If you haven't thought about the answers to these questions, take action now by making an emergency plan. Not only will your emergency plan answer these questions, but it will be a critical tool that empowers and guides you, your family, or your business in a crisis.

ReadyNova.com is an on-line tool designed to assist Fairfax County residents and businesses in developing an emergency plan that follows basic and accepted emergency management practices. The Family Preparedness Planner and the Business Preparedness Planner provides easy to use tools in developing your emergency plan.

**Go to www.readynova.com
to get started on your plan today!**



*Your **PRIVACY** is important! The website and both Planner applications do **NOT** save your personal or business information.*



Free Summer Meals Program for Kids *Because Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation*

In Fairfax County approximately 44,000 kids receive free and reduced meals during the school year. For many of these kids, when the school year ends, so does the opportunity for consistent, nutritious meals.

The Summer Food Service Program is designed to fill that gap and make sure children can get the nutritious meals they need.

To find meals and sites in your community, call the National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or (877) 8-HAMBRE. By calling this toll free number, you will be given information on where you can find summer sites in your area, as well as additional food assistance information.

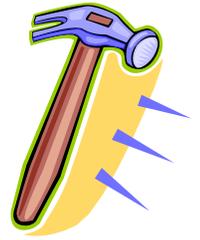
Home Repair Crews for Eligible Elderly, Handicapped and Disabled Homeowners

Do you have elderly residents in your neighborhood having trouble taking care of simple home improvement issues? There are now a limited number of grants available for home repair to qualified elderly, handicapped or disabled residents.

The Home Repair for the Elderly Program is designed to provide minor home repairs and maintenance for eligible low and moderate income homeowners. Fairfax County will provide a crew to do up to one week's labor and provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance.

Homeowners meeting these qualifications are eligible to apply for the Home Repair Program:

- Resident of Fairfax County, owning and residing in the home needing repair
- Homeowner is 62 years of age or older, OR disabled, OR have disabled family members (Disabled family members are only eligible for accessibility modifications.)
- Maximum income of \$42,000 for 1 person
- Maximum income of \$48,000 for 2 persons
- Income maximums are higher for larger families.
- When total family assets (excluding your house) exceed \$20,000 either actual or projected earnings are added to your income in considering eligibility.
- Monthly housing expenses must be greater than 25 percent of monthly income.
- Households with yearly income below \$10,000 have no housing expense requirements.



Other requirements may apply. For more information please call 703 246-5155 (TTY: 385-3578).