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Join us Monday May 11th at our **Military Appreciation Monday (MAM)** event at The Old Brogue in Great Falls. We will be hosting **Great Falls Girl Scout Troop 3651's efforts to raise money in support of the WWII Veterans Honor Flights**

* The Old Brogue is located at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Walker Rd. in Great Falls. Call (703) 759-3309 to reserve your table at either the 5:30 or the 7:30 seating. (Bob and his Co-Sponsors will each make a 10% matching donation of your dinner tab!)

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Idyllic but controversial. More than 1,400 residents oppose a proposal to develop Brooks Farm off Springvale Road into 20 cluster houses. Planning and Zoning is expected to hear the proposal in a public hearing in June.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION
Langley High School is currently being renovated in a project approved by a bond referendum in 2013.



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BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

❖ Brooks Farm, near Springvale Road/Parkerhouse Drive RZ 2014-DR-022

Basheer/Edgemoore-Brooks continues to fine tune its proposal to rezone a 51.9 acre property from the R-A zoning district to R-E Cluster (Residential Estate), at a density of 0.5 dwelling units/acre. The applicant now proposes to build 20 single family detached homes. Great Falls Citizens Association has held three meetings in the last five months on the proposal. Supervisor John Foust coordinated staff presentations at two Great Falls Citizens Association meetings, which have touched on environmental questions including septic, well, stormwater and tree canopy. Planning and Zoning is currently scheduled to review the application in time for a public hearing in June.

See <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4194460>.

❖ 3509, 3514 (sign) 6520 Georgetown Pike Langley High School Renovation

Three more years of construction at Langley High School will completely modernize the McLean/Great Falls school that was originally built in the 1960s. Fairfax County voters approved the \$68 million project in

a 2013 bond referendum. The School Board awarded \$60 million to Dustin Construction last November. Langley High School continues to give updates on renovation progress on its website at fcps.edu/LangleyHS

❖ 1528, 1524, 1510, 1509 Turner Farm 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls, 22066

The Mark Turner House at 10609 Georgetown Pike, built in 1892, is one of "only two surviving examples of the Queen-Anne architectural influence in Great Falls," according to the Great Falls Historical Society. John Turner (1808-1892) bought the original farm in 1869 and his grandson Mark Turner (1889-1959) purchased the 163 acres from his grandfather.

Mark Turner, first Master of the Great Falls Grange, member of the Virginia Milk Commission and Fairfax County School Board Member and Board of Supervisor, sold 11.69 acres along Springvale Road to the United States Government. In 1973, he sold 100 acres, which became the Falls Manor Subdivision, according to the Historical Society.

Great Falls Citizens Association wants to save the house at Turner Farm through the residential curatorship program, which is still being developed by the county.

The land was saved from development by

More than 1,400 residents oppose Brooks Farm redevelopment; citizens association calls for resolution.



Great Falls sites and developments to look at: 1 Brooks Farm, Springvale Road/Parkerhouse Drive; 2 Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road; 3 Langley High Renovation, 6520 Georgetown Pike; 4 Pedestrian Path, Georgetown Pike.

a public private partnership started in 1994 to "Save the Farm."

The Observatory Park on the land off Springvale Drive is open which provides four permanently mounted telescopes. The Analemna Society partnered with the Park Authority to develop recreational and educational astronomy programs at Turner

Farm, including Friday night star-gazing with summer viewing hours are from sunset to 10:30 p.m.

Equestrian facilities are also available at Turner Park for general riding. Use of the facilities is free and reservations are not required, but riders do need to bring their own horses.

Great Falls Citizens Association Calls Vote on Brooks Farm Development

More than 1,400 residents have petitioned to oppose the rezoning, according to Great Falls Citizens Association.

The Board of the Great Falls Citizens Association have called for its membership to vote on a resolution to oppose the Brooks Farm rezoning.

"We have not been convinced enough is being done to prevent damage to neighboring homes and pond," said

GFCFA president Eric Knudsen.

"Brooks Farm is an environmentally-sensitive area and the source of the headwaters of Pond Branch Stream watershed," he said. "GFCFA has extensively studied the rezoning plans and discussed them in depth with Fairfax County staff, weighing arguments both for and against the Brooks Farm development. The resolution reflects the results of this inquiry into density,

stormwater erosion and possible impact on water pressure in neighboring properties."

The resolution will be presented to the GFCFA membership for action at the next general meeting on May 12, 2015, at 7:30 pm at Forestville Elementary School.

"GFCFA has studied this application for many months, and public interest has remained high throughout the process. The input the committee has received from resi-

dents is that the current proposal does not sufficiently address their concerns," said Jennifer Semko, chair of GFCFA's Land Use and Zoning Committee.

The GFCFA resolution also calls for state-of-the-art stormwater management on every lot and in common areas, with development conditions, proffers and covenants imposed to ensure that sensitive environmental areas will be cared for during construction and well into the future, said Knudsen.

— KEN MOORE

Great Falls Farmers Market Celebrates 'Field to Table'

Opening day highlights local, sustainable food source in residents' backyards: deer.

By LISA COLBURN STEWART
FAMILYANDFORKS.COM

On Saturday, April 25, Great Falls restaurants helped kick off opening day for the summer season at the Great Falls Farmers Market with a focus on a local, sustainable food source in residents' backyards, deer. Local chefs John Conway, executive chef at The Old Brogue, Zamarod Owner and Chef Dor Niaz, and High View Farm's Owner, Craig Hagaman presented dishes to share with Farmers Market shoppers to demonstrate the possibilities and versatility of venison.

Conway adapted one of The Old Brogue's signature dishes to create a venison bourguignon utilizing hind-quarter cuts stewed in a succulent wine sauce and surrounded by local carrots and potatoes. Any potential gaminess of

the venison is removed by slow cooking, making Conway's Venison Bourguignon almost impossible to distinguish from his more familiar Beef Bourguignon version.

"Although we don't serve venison at The Old Brogue, this venison stew is a great example of how home cooks can incorporate a local and sustainable meat source into our favorite dishes without sacrificing flavor."

IN HIS OTHER DISH sampled at the market, Smoked Venison Tenderloin, Conway marinated venison tenderloins for a day, then pan fried to create a crust. He finished grilling the tenderloins on the smoker provided to the event by Sam Gadell. "Venison is very lean so marinating the meat in advance is another great way to

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The Old Brogue's Executive Chef John Conway Prepares Venison for Great Falls Farmers Market Opening Day "Field to Table" celebration.



Zamarod's Dor Niaz preparing grilled venison for Great Falls Farmers Market Opening Day "Field to Table" event.

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Venison Served at Farmers Market

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tenderize and add flavor," Conway said.

Zamarod's approach to venison, as shown by Dor Niaz, uses bold spice combinations and a hot grill. The exotic aromas of Niaz's venison kabobs and burgers permeated the unseasonably cold air and quickly drew a crowd who waited patiently in anticipation.

Niaz's venison tenderloin kabobs feature meat cubes marinated the day before in a spiced yogurt, and then grilled on a skewer over a hot grill. On a plate, the tender meat cubes practically melt to the slightest pressure of a fork. Niaz served the kabobs over a bed of spinach rice and with a side of spinach from Zamarod.

In another very different dish, Niaz utilizes ground venison and mixes it with the bold flavors of coriander, turmeric, smoked paprika and red pepper for spicy venison burgers. The crowd quickly embraced the platter of burgers redolent of earthy spices and aromas.

"Using bold spices is a great way to address any gaminess imparted by venison meat. It also provides tremendous aroma and flavor to the very lean meat," suggested Niaz.

Craig Hagaman of High View Farm, a farmers market vendor who raises cows, pigs and chicken on his farm in Berryville and brings exceptional beef, pork, chicken and eggs to the market each week, going on his fifth year, barbecued kabobs with his "mystery" sauce which he declined to reveal, and venison roasts prepared with olive oil and a dry rub. Hagaman loves to both hunt and grow happy, well-cared for animals for our local food supply.

Green Fire, a local Great Falls 501(c)(3) non-profit company dedicated to effective deer management in Great Falls, donated the locally caught venison. Owner Jerry Peters was also at the market informing residents of their options to help control the deer population in their backyards.

THE GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET coordinated this educational program in support of sustainable approaches to deer management. Among those present were the Great Falls Citizens Association, providing information on their deer survey, and the Great Falls Historical Society, emphasizing culi-

Craig Hagaman with kabob in hand.



PHOTOS BY LISA STEWART



The Great Falls Farmers Market was abuzz with a bouquet of venison recipes to taste.

nary customs typical at the turn of the last century, as presented in their historic pre-1900 cookbook, full of wild game recipes. The farmers market opens every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next to the Wells Fargo Bank in the Great Falls Village Centre. One of the few year-round farmers markets in the region, the Great Falls Farmers Market vendors offer fresh local produce, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs and meat, as well as fresh cheeses, pickles, hot sauces, and more.

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Sunday, May 3 from 2-4 p.m.

Where:
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Who:
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teens from the McLean High
School boundary area, and
two teens from the Langley
High School boundary area.

Format:
Informal Reception

Four adults are vying for adult votes to fill three seats on the Governing Board. Two teens from the McLean High School boundary area and two teens from the Langley High School boundary area are vying for teen votes to fill one board seat from each high school boundary area.

Refreshments will be served. For planning purposes, please let us know if you will attend by emailing paulkohlenberger@mcleancenter.org. **See you there!**



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