



# GFCA NEWS

GREAT FALLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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October 2011

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<h2>Prepare for Voting in the November Elections</h2> <h3>ELECTION DEBATES AT GRANGE</h3> <h3>OCT 11 and OCT 25 at 7:00 PM</h3> <h3>Submit your Questions and Hear Directly from the Candidates!</h3> <p>Because the ballots for 2011 are packed and we will be hearing from a larger number of candidates, Q&amp;A time will, unfortunately, need to be shorter this year. Therefore, to save time, all Q &amp; A questions will be pre-selected by a bi-partisan Committee and read by the Moderator.</p> <p><u>The Great Falls community is encouraged to send proposed local, regional, and state-wide questions for the Committee to consider, via Email, to Ralph Apton, GFCA Election Committee Coordinator, <a href="mailto:rapton1@verizon.net">rapton1@verizon.net</a>, by October 5 for the first meeting and by October 20 for the second meeting.</u></p>	
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William C. Harvey II Shawn Khorshidi Stella Koch Robin Rentsch Amy Stephan Blair Watters	<u>Tuesday, October 11</u> Town Meeting election debates will feature: Chairman, Board of Supervisors (Sharon Bulova vs. Spike Williams); Dranesville Supervisor (John Foust vs. Dennis Husch); 31 <sup>st</sup> Dist. VA State Senator (Barbara Favola vs. Caren Merrick); 34 <sup>th</sup> Dist. VA State Delegate (Barbara Comstock vs. Pamela Danner).	<u>Tuesday, October 25</u> Town Meeting election program will feature: County Sheriff (Stan Barry vs. Bill Cooper); Dranesville School Board Member (Janie Strauss vs. Louise Epstein); 3 County School Board At-Large Members (Ilryong Moon, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Lin-Dal Kendall, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Ryan McElveen, Steven Stuban, & Ted Velkoff.) 3 N. VA Dist. Soil & Water Conservation Directors (Johna Gagnon, George Lamb, John Peterson, Tom Crammer, and Peter Marchetti).
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	Each candidate will give a five-minute presentation followed by paired debates.  The 31 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District, including all of Great Falls, has been significantly redrawn to include Potomac River border portions of three counties, Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun. It has the only local position with no incumbent.	Each candidate will give a five-minute presentation. Debates will be limited to the Sheriff and Dranesville School Board candidates.  The School Board Bond issue, pro and con, will be briefly explained.
<b>Land Use and Zoning</b> Bill Harvey, Dianne Van Volkenburg		
<b>Environment/Parks/Trails</b> Bill Canis & Stella Koch		
<b>Transportation</b> Eric Knudsen & Joan Barnes		
<b>Long-Range Planning/Development</b> Doug Cobb, Glen Sjoblom		
<b>Communications</b> TBD		
<b>Membership/Outreach</b> Pam Grosvenor-Members Ed Behrens-Outreach		

**Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committee Report**  
Bill Harvey & Dianne Van Volkenburg, Co-chair

The GFCA Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committee will be holding a committee meeting in October to greet new members and provide updates on its investigation of three matters referred to LUZ. Most of that meeting will be devoted to Great Falls Lacrosse's Update on Leo Santaballa Filed Initiative. Please join us on 10/13/11 @ 7:30 pm at the Old Schoolhouse in Grange Park, next to the Library

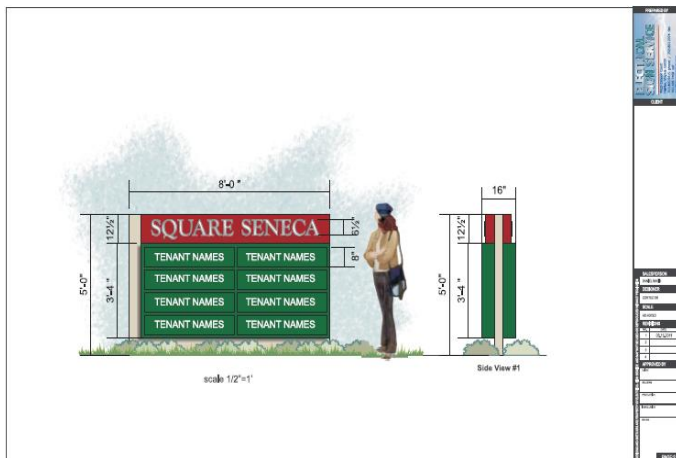
The matters to be addressed at the October meeting include:

1. *NewPath Networks 2232-D10-18 Application* for the addition of three distributed antenna systems (DAS) to be placed on top of utility poles and the replacement of three equipment boxes attached to each pole. The location of the poles at issue is Pole #HB81 (near 9600 Beach Mill Rd.), Pole #GG68 (near 10903 Beach Mill Rd.), and Pole #BH73 (near 11198 Beach Mill Rd.).

This application was approved by the Fairfax County Planning Commission on September 15, 2011 and the work will be commencing shortly.

2. *Application to install a directory listing sign at Seneca Square* regarding the installation of a directory listing sign and up lighting along center's frontage on Georgetown Pike, just north of the intersection with Seneca Rd.

This application was vetted and approved by LUZ after the sign specifications were altered in keeping with community input.



3. *Update on the Leo Santaballa Field Initiative by the Great Falls Lacrosse Association* regarding the plan to install an eco-friendly synthetic turf field at the park.

This application is pending and updated information can be found on GFCA's web site. The Great Falls Lacrosse Assoc. (GFLA) will be making a presentation regarding its plan to divert all run off away from Innsbruck Ave. and to install FieldTurf and FutrFill products at the field. These will be presented at the Land Use and Zoning meeting on Thursday, October 13.

**Transportation Committee**  
Joan Barnes and Eric Knudsen, Co-Chairs  
**Article Submitted by Candice Burt**  
**Update Beach Mill Road Bridge and Towlston Road Bridge**

On September 12, Nick Roper, VDOT's Bridge Engineer, spoke at the Great Falls Citizens Association Transportation Committee Meeting. Mr. Roper informed the attendees that the bridges on Beach Mill Road and Towlston Road had collapsed during the recent heavy rains. VDOT is currently working on designs to install temporary bridges. Mr. Roper stated that he hopes to have both temporary bridges in place by the end of October. Until then, detour signs are in place to direct traffic around the collapsed bridges. Plans continue to be made for the permanent replacement of both bridges in 2012.

In addition to Beach Mill Road Bridge and Towlston Road Bridge, the bridges on Walker Road and Hunter Mill Road sustained a lot of damage. Walker Road was repaired and reopened but Hunter Mill Road probably will not be reopened for another six weeks.

If you see any road problems or safety issues that need VDOT's attention, please call 1-800-FOR-ROADS (1-800-367-7623) to report a problem.

**Our next meeting will be**  
**Tuesday, October 4; 7-9 pm at the library.**



Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection  
**Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch in Great Falls: A contract will be awarded next week to install a temporary culvert. The posted detour is approximately six miles long.**



Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection  
**Towlston Road remains closed west of Old Dominion Drive due to the Sept. 8 flooding. The road is expected to be repaired within six weeks, according to VDOT.**

**Environment Committee**  
Bill Canis & Stella Koch Co-Chairs

**NOTE: BILL CANIS IS THE NEW CO\_CHAIR!** - Starting immediately, Bill Canis will assume the role of Co-chair of the Environment Committee, joining Stella Koch. Bill is a member of the GFCA Executive Board and lead the Heritage Tree Census Project in 2004-2005. Robin Rentsch will continue to be active on the committee and the GFCA board but has decided to step down from the co-chair position. Thank you Robin for your years of leadership on this GFCA committee.

**AMAZING NEWS – Fairfax County became the forth National Wildlife Federation Habitat Community in the nation**

On September 13, 2011, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, the National Wildlife Federation presented the County with a plaque of achievement. Great Falls, Reston and Mason district qualified as did the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. It was a happy occasion for the Board and all participants.

The other certified counties are our neighbor, Arlington, Sonoma County, California and Broward County, Florida.

**An Outdoor Treetop Adventure Facility at Riverbend Park?**

At the September 13 GFCA Town Hall meeting, GFCA Environment Committee co-chair Robin Rentsch introduced representatives from the Go Ape company ([www.goape.com](http://www.goape.com)), who made a presentation about its proposal to install an innovative treetop facility at the county's Riverbend Park. Its tree-friendly system includes the installation of high wires, zip lines, ladders, walkways, bridges and tunnels suspended high in the air among the park's large trees. Visitors reportedly can feel like an ape swinging from one high perch to another.

The company charges a fee for this treetop adventure, and requires all customers to attend a half-hour safety instruction and to wear safety harnesses to prevent a fall. A Go Ape facility is currently in operation in Rockville, MD in Rock Creek Regional Park. The original concept has been in use in forests in England, Wales and Scotland since 2002.

The county would receive income from the operation of this facility, and 12 local jobs would be created. Its facilities include an educational component about the value of forest assets and native wildlife. Company representatives will be making similar presentations this fall to Great Falls Trailblazers and Friends of Riverbend Park.



(in the photo, Go Ape reps brief GFCA members on 9/13: L to R: Dan D'Agostino, Jenny D'Agostino and Chris Swallow).

**Long Range Planning Committee**  
Douglas Cobb and Glen Sjoblom, Co-Chairs

**THE DRAFT LONG RANGE PLAN FOR GREAT FALLS IS READY TO BEGIN THE REVIEW PROCESS**

By Glen Sjoblom and Douglas Cobb, co chairs, Long Range Planning Committee

The completed draft of the document "Draft Great Falls Planning –Possibilities" is undergoing a final review by the Core Group that prepared it over the past few months. It will then be sent electronically to 56 members of the Community who are leaders of businesses and volunteer organizations, that we are calling the Great Falls Leaders Group. 30 people from this group met last November to brainstorm ideas that should be included in the plan development, and many good ideas received have been included in the document.

The draft document is also being sent to the Board of the Great Falls Citizens Association. We are also meeting with organizations in the Community Center that are most affected by our proposal. It should be clearly understood that this begins a process of reaching out to the public for additional ideas that can make our Community a greater place. We are also planning to upload the document to the GFCA website, at [gfca.org](http://gfca.org). We will put up small kiosks at the Library and other places in Great Falls where people can pick up a flier, and learn how to provide their input to the planning process. We expect the planning process will continue for quite some time.

The Committee is expecting some excitement during the public review, including a full presentation at the November 15, 2011 membership meeting, because presented in one place will be planning ideas for a Community Center/Performing Arts Center, Senior Living in the Community Center, Sports fields, a town plaza, beautification including underground utilities, space for a first class farmers market, concepts for modifications to roads and traffic lights to make the Community Center more walking friendly and safer, sewer, better utilization of our existing Community Facilities, and alternative means of funding of these long term objectives, including private funding and special tax concepts.

**We will have a map of the Great Falls Commercial Center which shows how all these planning ideas can possibly work together to make our Community a better place.**

The Great Falls Community has not had a long-range plan, and this plan is intended to provide a means by which all interested groups and citizens can work together to meet more of the goals of our Community.

**Therefore, we urge All Members of GFCA and non-members to mark November 8 on your calendar and all come out to the Grange at 730 PM to participate in the planning process.**

## Membership & Outreach Committee

Ed Behrens & Pam Grosvenor, Co-chairs

The Outreach and Membership Committee is focused on the development of a program to substantially increase GFCA's membership over the next year.

There are four targets:

- Re-enrolling existing members;
- Replacing members who have moved;
- Identifying and contacting all new residents of Great Falls;
- Enhanced recruiting of the non-member residents of Great Falls.

Two such efforts have been planned within the Committee. Their success is going to substantially depend on the involvement of as many key Board and individuals within GFCA as can participate. (Ralph Apton and Blair Watters will spearhead effort for GFCA with the Non-Profit Organizations. Ed Behrens will coordinate Association contacts with the HOAs. Semi-annual meetings will be held with HOAs and GF Nonprofit Orgs. The fall 2011 meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 16 (HOAs) and December 8 (nonprofits).

Additionally, Pam Grosvenor will be coordinating the Fall 2011 GFCA Membership Drive, scheduled from Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, November 19, 2011. During this period, GFCA members working in collaboration with the Outreach & Membership Committee will be conducting outreach to residents in selected neighborhoods. While the primary focus of these "walkabouts" is to provide information on the GFCA to residents who are not members and ask existing members to renew, we will also be encouraging residents to become involved with GFCA activities. In addition, we will be asking residents whether they have any concerns or issues that they would like brought to the Board's attention.

Other activities under consideration are to increase the "brand" exposure of the GFCA name, logo and personnel on an ongoing basis.

The Committee and Board of GFCA believe that increasing membership is the most important means for better serving our Members and the community. The key challenges in successfully recruiting members from among the community of non-members are 1) that the Great Falls Citizen's Association be viewed favorably within the community as a whole and 2) expanded contact between the principals of the GFCA and individuals within the community. Members who would like to be involved in this effort are asked to contact Pam Grosvenor (703-757-5438, [srisook100@msn.com](mailto:srisook100@msn.com)) or Ed Behrens (703-759-0927, [behrensel@cox.net](mailto:behrensel@cox.net)).

**(See Page 5 for GFCA Membership Drive Announcement)**

### Join GFCA on Facebook!



We have established a GFCA Facebook page for GF residents to discuss local issues and share their thoughts about our community. [GFCitizensAssociation@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/GFCitizensAssociation@groups.facebook.com)

## GFCA Board Unanimously Passed Resolution Supporting New Historic Preservation Program at the September 20th GFCA Board Meeting

### Resolution in support of a Fairfax County Resident Curatorship Program

- *Whereas Great Falls has been a settlement for over two centuries; and*
- *Whereas many of the area's original farm buildings have disappeared due to neglect and development; and*
- *Whereas only a few such buildings are left in our community; and*
- *Whereas residents are more likely to value the semi-rural nature of our community if some vestiges of the farm era are left in place; and*
- *Whereas the Commonwealth of Virginia has recently enacted a new law to permit "resident curators" to lease and invest in county-owned historic local properties, thus preserving them for the next generation; and*
- *Whereas in Great Falls there are several historic farm-era properties which are owned by Fairfax County, including the Turner farm house and barn; and*
- *Whereas no historic preservation through the resident curatorship program can take place until Fairfax County puts in place regulations, rules and guidelines for such a program;*
- *Therefore be it resolved by the Great Falls Citizens Association that Fairfax County officials are urged to place a high priority on developing such rules and regulations within the next few months so our historic assets can be better preserved for future generations.*

#### Background:

On September 20, the GFCA board adopted this resolution supporting the establishment of a Fairfax County "resident curatorship" program, a new tool for preservation of historic buildings.

Earlier this year, the Virginia legislature passed new enabling legislation that allows counties to enter into long-term resident curatorships with private persons or organizations, for lease of historic properties.

Interested curators would make a proposal that would provide for preservation of a building in accordance with national preservation standards, and if accepted, county officials would enter into a long-term lease agreement. Curators would commit to invest their own funds in the upgrading and restoration of the historic building and would be able to live in it during the term of the lease. Similar programs have been successful in Maryland, Ohio and other states. In a time when public funds for such investments are scarce, the resident curatorship program offers a way to restore and maintain certain historic buildings.

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# ATTENTION PLEASE!

## Special Announcement:



### Need to Enhance your resume or college application?

#### Potential Intern Opportunity with GFCFA

GFCFA needs an individual to serve as the GFCFA Communications Coordinator with the local press and EDITOR/Reporter of the "GFCFA NEWS". Of critical interest will be enhancing or maintaining the continuity, responsive, informative and interesting "GFCFA News" publication. This Editor/reporter may be expected to cover and report on various GFCFA activities and collect pictures to include in the newsletter.

The position requires a close working relationship with the Association Committees and Board, especially the President, and the community overall in coordinating the development of written reports by various committees and officers of the Board and generating stories of general interest to the community.

A second potential internship may be available to enhance the GFCFA website and membership applications. We would be interested in hearing proposals for the approach of either and leadership to make it happen.

**If you know a high school or college Journalism or Communication major that need a boost for their college application or resume, please contact President, Jackie Taylor at 703-759-4737 with any questions**

### (Continued from Page 4 ) GFCFA Board Resolution Background

The new program will begin once Fairfax County develops the rules and regulations for it. That effort is already underway.

In August, the Great Falls Historical Society (GFHS) passed a resolution supporting the program. It strongly recommended its early application to the Mark Turner House on Georgetown Pike, which is owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA).

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has directed the county staff to develop an ordinance to implement the new law by the end of 2011. Supervisors Foust and Herryty pressed for this directive. GFCFA and GFHS are working with the supervisors and FCPA to enact timely regulations and also to preserve the Turner House in a manner which promotes its constructive reuse.

### Fire Station Update By Joan Bliss, Great Falls VFD

The handsome bi-fold steel doors have just been installed on exterior of the truck bays at the fire station. They look like wood, but are actually steel, and so contribute to the barn-like appearance of the new building (see picture below). Most of the kitchen, bathroom and bunk room cabinets are in place. The bathrooms are in the final phase. They should be starting on the "green roof" in the next week. November 7 is still the targeted move in, with official opening in March 2012.



**NEW ADDITION TO GFCA NEWS!**

**Members Speak Up!**

**“MEMBER SUBMITTED IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS!”**

Send us your ideas each month and help us advocate for the community. Direct your comments to Jackie Taylor, [jtaylor703@aol.com](mailto:jtaylor703@aol.com). Please indicate if we can use your name or just initials and street.

To get us started, here are some comments that came in this month with new GFCA members and renewals on their applications. (Because we have not asked permission to use the applicant’s name, for this month, we publish initials only.) The section and question on the application is:

**“YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GREAT FALLS Suggestions please! Tell us what you would like to see GFCA advocate or work on for our Community:”**

COMMENTS BY NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS (Since 8/1/11) included these:

Re: “Beautification” – (at 7/11 Center) exterior is an eyesore! They need only one neon sign (not all the signs tape up). This would be a big.... K.V.

Relationship with Camp Fraser/Fraser Preserve...W.O.

-----Keep up the Good Work! (2)

Look at/explain the rules on clear-cutting of trees on private property. Do owners/developers have the right to clear-cut forests on land they own? Any policies/guidance on management of private gravel roads? .....M.

Lose that 25 mph speed zone. It’s ridiculous! ...J.M.

Please lower taxes in Great Falls and for the elderly – lower taxes in the County – AMEN! Doug – no renewal or anything – just the note....JD,

Extend Fairfax County sewer system to neighborhoods near Route 7 corridor. ...KJ

Continued low-density – preservation of Georgetown Pike’s State Historic Byway status,...KM

Trails & Sidewalks ...IR

Traffic pattern at Georgetown Pike/Walker Road has become quite challenging. Left hand turn lane onto Walker Road from eastbound Georgetown Pike is too short – many drivers ignore the lanes! –SW

Stop supporting use of residential land for commercial use like that senior living facility we don’t need

- Sewer for Village, more Brightviews ...MV

**Member Submitted Ideas and Suggestions (Continued)**

Walking/bike trails/paths connecting commercial district to outlying areas...SC

Under bridge on creek – Springvale & Walker Road – Expand to 2 lanes...CB

Walking paths on Georgetown Pike & keeping the Pike a Byway...GQ

Trails in GF & advocate for equestrians...MQ

**SEND YOUR COMMENTS IN FOR NOVEMBER!**

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**THE CIVIL WAR YEARS 1861-1865 - MANY PERSPECTIVES**



**A Civil War Film Festival on the Village Green**

**Oct 8th, 15th and 22nd**

**At the Great Falls Village Centre's Green**

Address: Georgetown Pike & Walker Road

Times: 7 to 11 pm

Phone: (703) 759-2485

Admission: FREE

The Great Falls Historical Society invites you to join us in remembering the 150 anniversary of the Civil War (1861 to 1865) as reflected in the many perspectives of award-winning feature films. A collection of top civil war films will be presented on a large outdoor movie screen. (Bring your own chair, picnic, etc.) By examining the many nuances of war from differing vantage points, with the objectivity that a "look back in time" allows, the rich tapestry of passions, political beliefs, resistance, betrayals, injuries, strategies, tactics, courage and leadership meld together into a robust and fresh insight into this challenging period in our nation's history. (Double features on 10/8 and 10/15)

**10/8 Shenandoah** (Civil war from a Virginia farming family's perspective)

**10/8 Friendly Persuasion** (Civil war from a Indiana Quaker family's perspective)

**10/15 Glory** (Perspective of the 1st African American Soldier Regiment) (Rated R)

**10/15 Red Badge of Courage** (Perspective of a young soldier) (Rated R)

**10/22 Gettysburg** (The decisive battle at Gettysburg from both Confederate & Yankee perspectives)

**SPONSORS:**

Ralph Apton, John Burke, Great Falls Tea Garden (, Old Brogue & Katie's Coffee House and Robert Wilson Mobley AIA

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREAT FALLS:  
October 2011**

**Every Friday, Sunset to 10:30 PM until October 31 – Observatory Park is open for viewing.** Sponsored by the Analemma Society. Watch for special observing events on other dates to be announced via [www.analemma.org](http://www.analemma.org) pau

**Every Saturday, 9 am -1 pm, Weekly GF Farmers Market** opens for the season, at a new location on Walker Rd., at Village Green Day School parking lot.

**Saturday, Oct. 1 – St. Francis Country Fair – Free Admissions/Free Child Care – 10 AM to 4 PM at 9220 Georgetown Pike Great Falls (Rain or Shine: Music, Fun, Food & Auction).**

**Saturday, October 8 – Rescheduled from Saturday, Sept 24: Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War:**– Civil War Movies – *Shenandoah* (Civil war from a Virginia farming family's perspective); *Friendly Persuasion* (Civil war from a Indiana Quaker family's perspective)  
The Great Falls Village Green at Sun Down.

**Saturday, October 15 - Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War:** Civil War Movies: *Glory* (Perspective of the 1st African American Soldier Regiment) (Rated R)  
*10/15 Red Badge of Courage* (Perspective of a young soldier) (Rated R) The Great Falls Village Green at Sun Down.

**Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m.** GFCA Town Meeting featuring candidates for: Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Dranesville District Supervisor, 31<sup>st</sup> District State Senator, 34<sup>th</sup> District State Delegate. (See Page 1; Submit your questions in advance to [Rapton1@verizon.net](mailto:Rapton1@verizon.net) ).

**Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16 – Great Falls Studios Annual Tour** - 48 artists open their studios across Great Falls, Virginia. Admission is free! Meet the artists in their own studios; See demonstrations of how they create their works; and check out exhibitions of their most recent work. Details, maps, and directions available at [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).

**Saturday, October 22 - Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War:** Civil War Movie – *Gettysburg* (The decisive battle at Gettysburg from both Confederate & Yankee perspectives), The Great Falls Village Green at Sun Down.

**Tuesday, October 25th, 7:00 p.m.** GFCA Town Meeting featuring candidates for County Sheriff; Dranesville School Board Member; Three County School Board At-Large Members; Three Northern VA District Soil and Water Conservation Directors (See Page 1; Submit your questions in advance to [Rapton1@verizon.net](mailto:Rapton1@verizon.net) )

**Monday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Optimists Family Fun Photos at the Village Green by Dan Smith, Hill Portrait Studio.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (continued):  
October 2011**

**Optimist and Friends'  
Annual Barn Danc**

**Where: 964 Walker Road, Great Falls, Va.  
When: October 1, 2011, 7:00 to 11:00 PM**

**Time is Running Out!**

[Single tickets](#) and [couples tickets](#) are still available too, but with **October 1st** quickly approaching, don't delay! There is limited capacity for the Great Falls Barn Dance so ensure your seat for Dinner & Dance by ordering your tickets today **(IN ORDER TO BE BE SURE WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WE NEED TO KNOW BY WEDNESDAY 9-28-2011)**

**Come Rock and Roll in the Hay!**

Featuring Classic Country and Rockabilly  
by Berry Potter and Western Electric  
\$60 donation includes dinner, soft drinks, and dancing,  
Beer/wine cash bar, and Raffle  
Proceeds to benefit Great Falls Optimist Youth Fund

Registration or Questions? Contact Linda Thompson 703-759-2959; or T R Cook 703-938-1609; [trcookphoto@aol.com](mailto:trcookphoto@aol.com), or [gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org](mailto:gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org).

**Amadeus Concert Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A reception will follow the concert.

Also note: A pre-concert lecture, part of the Insider's Guide to Music be held the previous day (Saturday) at 4:00 pm at the Dolly Madis Library in McLean

**Tempest & Tranquility**

Amadeus Orchestra, A. Scott Wood, conductor  
Josef Spacek, violin; Petr Spacek, cello  
Brahms: **Double Concerto**;  
Beethoven: **Symphony No. 6**  
Sunday October 2, 2011 – 4:00 pm  
Saint Luke Church, McLean, VA



**Beethoven's beloved "Pastoral Symphony" brings the freshness of the outdoors into the concert hall.**

**Impressive performers!**

- The Amadeus Concert's newly-crowned "Timothy Rowe Emerging Artists" for 2011-2012, Josef Spacek and Petr Spacek, perform the singing "Double Concerto" by Brahms.
- Josef Spacek has just been named the concertmaster of the Czech Philharmonic. His brother, Petr Spacek, founded the Prague Cello Quartet.

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### Upcoming GFCFA MEETINGS: All are Welcome!

#### Tuesday, Oct. 4:

- **Transportation and Roads**  
7:00 p.m., GF Library, Large Conf. Room

#### Wednesday, Oct. 5:

- **Senior Services Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., GF Library, Small Conf Room

#### Thursday, Oct 6

- **The Environment Committee and the Great Falls Trails Blazers - joint meeting**  
7:30 at the library, Large Conf. Room

#### Tuesday, Oct 11

- **GFCFA Candidate Forum #1 (See page 1)**  
7:00 p.m., Grange, Upstairs

#### Thursday, Oct 13:

- **Land Use & Zoning**  
7:30 p.m., Old – Old School House
- **Membership & Outreach**  
7:30 p.m., GF Library- Large Conf Rm

#### Tuesday, Oct.18 :

- **GFCFA Executive Board**  
7:30 p.m., Executive Suites Office

#### Tuesday, Oct 25

- **GFCFA Candidate Forum #2 (See page 1)**  
7:00 p.m., Grange, Upstairs

#### Tuesday, Nov 8 (at GFCFA Town Mtg) :

- **Long Range Planning presents proposal for Community Long Range Plan for input**  
7:30 p.m., GF Grange - Upstairs

### GFCFA Hosts 2011

#### ELECTION DEBATES AT GRANGE OCT 11 and OCT 25 at 7:00 PM (See Page 1 for details)

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Your questions should be submitted in Advance!  
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#### PLEASE NOTE:

Cards will be passed out at the door the night of the event for questions to be put into a lottery for that evening. From these cards we will choose some of the questions. Any un-asked questions will be given to the candidate who will respond to the person asking at a later time.

#### ADVICE:

Your questions will be more likely to be asked if you submit your questions by October 5 for the first meeting and by October 20 for the second meeting