Shepherd's Center volunteer, Matthew Humphrey, Executive VP, Head of Wealth & Investment Management, United Bank; of Wealth & Investment Management, United Bank; Jayne Young, Interim Executive Director, Shepherd's Center; Erin O'Reilly, Operations/Volunteer Manager, Shepherd's Center

Photos courtesy of Shepherd's Center

Holiday Meals for Area Seniors

During Thanksgiving week, the Shepherd's Center serving Oakton-Vienna-Reston-Herndon (SC) was able to share Thanksgiving meals with local isolated senior clients. SC's Thanksgiving dinner delivery initiative was welcomed by their clients.

“This is a wonderful example of everyone of all ages in the community helping each other. The volunteer delivery drivers all said they got more out of the experience than they gave,” said Jayne Young, Interim Executive Director, Shepherd's Center.

In addition to the holiday meal prepared by Bazin's on Church, SC also delivered goodie bags complete with masks, hand sanitizer, greeting cards created by the fifth grade Girl Scout troop at Wolf Trap Elementary and snack bags with fruit compiled by the K-6 graders at Emmaus' Children's Ministry.

This event was funded by Northrop Grumman and Susan Lorand. Meal deliveries were made by Board members Rich Deusterhaus, Bill Farrell, Patti Vaughn, Leigh Banducci, Scott Schroth and Jayne Young. Also delivering were volunteers Matthew Humphrey, Executive VP, Head of Wealth & Investment Management, United Bank, Joe Young, Matthew Banducci, Susan Garvey, Director of Community Outreach, The Kensington Reston and Thom Garvey.

To volunteer, donate or learn more about how you can help, or how we can help you, visit www.scov.org or, contact the office at 703-281-0538, office@scov.org.

Week in McLean

Student Publications, Journalists Win Peacemakers Awards

The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) has awarded Peacemaker Awards to two Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) publications.

Winners of the 2020 Newsmagazine Peacemaker are:

- TODAY, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; editors: Justin Chang, Irina Lee, and Grace Mak; adviser: Erin Harris.
- The Highlander, McLean High School; editors: Nicholas Lohman, Dasha Makarishcheva, and Ava Rotondo; adviser: Lindsay Benedict.

Additionally, staff members from The Highlander were awarded several individual awards in a variety of categories.

Social Justice Reporting, second place, Coming Clean, Heran Essayas, Kyle Hawley, Nicholas Lohman, and Ava Rotondo.

Story of the Year: News Story, fourth place, Supporting Future Changemakers, Marina Qu.

Newsmagazine Cover, fifth place, Coronavirus edition, Dasha Makarishcheva.

Portfolio: Artist of the Year, fifth place, Darya Makarishcheva.

Local Climate Change Reporting, honorable mention, A Scorched Earth, Ben Brooks, Dua Mobin, Marina Qu, and Rebeka Rafi.

Photos of the Week

From left -- Julie and Patrick Bazin, Owners Bazin's on Church, and Jayne Young, Interim Executive Director, Shepherd's Center

POLICE REPORT

Alert: Mail Stolen from Collection Boxes

The Vienna Police Department would like to warn citizens that mail has been stolen from the US Post Office collection boxes at the corner of Church St NW and Layyers Rd NW after being broken into several times this year. The most recent incident occurred overnight from Nov. 22 to Nov. 23. If you used these mailboxes during that time, please ensure that any checks, banknotes, or other important mail reached its intended destination. Mail theft or tampering is investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service and may be reported via their website at https://www.usps.gov/report/. The Vienna Police department cooperates fully with their investigations and forwards all mail theft reports to the Postal Inspection Service. If you see suspicious activity at the mail collection boxes, contact the Vienna Police Department for an immediate response.

To avoid theft, citizens are advised to use the collection mailboxes at 200 Block Lovers Lane, NW inside the post office.

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Nov. 25, 2020 – Dec. 3, 2020.

Between Jan. 1, 2018 at 12 a.m. and Nov. 25, 2020 at 2:09 p.m. A resident reported that in 2018, he was notified by a bank that a fraudulent account was opened by an unknown person using his personal information. He resolved the issue with the bank's security department at that time. He is now receiving notices from a collection agency regarding the fraudulent activity on the account.

Fraud -- 200 Block Cherry Street, SW, Between Sept. 1 at 12 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 12 p.m. A resident reported that a check she mailed was stolen, forged, and cashed.

Suspicious Event -- 400 Block Orchard Street, NW, Between Nov. 3 at 12 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. A resident reported that a check she was supposed to receive in the mail never arrived. The resident was advised to contact the US Postal Service to file a report.

Fraud -- 500 Block Gibson Drive, SW, Between Nov. 6 at 12 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 12 p.m. A resident contracted a company to paint a home that he owns in North Carolina. The resident received an email requesting payment for the work from someone that he worked for the painting company. The resident wired the payment, believing it was going to the company performing the work, but the company never received the payment. The contractor, the resident was working with, did not know the person who sent the email.

Fraud -- 600 Block Alma Street, SE, Between Nov. 22 at 3 a.m. and Nov. 23 at 5 p.m. A resident reported that she mailed a check from the mailbox at Church Street and Layyers Road that was stolen, forged, and cashed.

Police Service -- 900 Block Westwood Drive, NE, Nov. 25 11:45 a.m. A resident turned in a BB gun for destruction.

Arrest - Emotionally Disturbed Person and Emergency Custody Order -- Moore Avenue, SW, Nov. 25 7:33 p.m. Ofc. McElhattan served an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. The resident was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment. During the transport and medical evaluation the man exhibited violent and erratic behavior toward the officer and medical staff. A Temporary Detention Order was issued and a Fairfax County Officer took custody of the man at the hospital.

Emotionally Disturbed Person -- Owaisina Road, SE, Nov. 26 10:59 a.m. Officers responded to assist mental health personnel with a resident. The resident refused to exit his home to speak to anyone.

Domestic Assault -- Nutley Street, NW, Nov. 26 11:41 a.m. A resident reported that her two adult grandsons were fighting in her home. One of the men left the house before the officers arrived. The resident reported her concerns about the grandson who resides with her. Officers provided the resident with resources available to assist her grandson.

Grand Larceny -- 400 Block Holmes Drive, NW, Nov. 26 between 1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. A citizen reported that someone entered her vehicle and stole several items from a purse, including an iPhone, a wallet, US currency, gift cards, and various identification and debit cards. The citizen believes her vehicle was locked, however, there were no signs of forced entry.

Emotionally Disturbed Person -- Nutley Street, NW, Nov. 26 11:17 p.m. PFC Gucwa transported a resident to an area medical facility for assessment. After the assessment, the resident was released by medical staff and the officer transported him back to his home.

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