

February 2 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the 4Ps in Falls Church to plan activities for 2017.

Falls Church Boy Scout Earns All 141 Merit Badges

Last Sunday, January 29th, Boy Scout **Michael William Holland**, of Crew 820, Chain Bridge District, National Capital Area Council was honored for earning all 141 Boy Scout Merit Badges.

Michael set the goal to earn every single merit badge as a way to focus his mind and efforts while his father, **Major Eric W. Holland**, was deployed to Afghanistan with a Route Clearance Unit in April of 2010. Michael spent the past six and a half years working diligently to complete the merit badges and finished the last merit badge, Woodwork, on December 4, 2016, one day before his 18th birthday. His father returned home safely after 13 months in Afghanistan.

Fashion Stylist to Give Advice at Fashion Show

More than 30 carefully selected designers and artisans will offer a wide variety of women's fashion, fine and artisan jewelry, and fashion accessories at the McLean Community Center's **Better Than Bling Jewelry & Fashion Accessories Show**. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 4 at the

best designs and designers whose clothes translate beautifully for women with nontraditional body types. She uses accessories as a simple, and sometimes more affordable way to create a personal fashion statement. Blarcom is especially welcoming women veterans who are transitioning to civilian life and others who are returning to work or making a career change. Patrons may sign up for a limited number of appointment times at the event.

For more information, call 703-790-0123.

FIRSTfriday of Falls Church Returns This Week

Come to FIRSTfriday of Falls Church and join in on the fun with dining specials and retail discounts. This month's highlights include art exhibits, musical performances, tastings, and more with Irish Balladeer at Ireland's Four Provinces and additional live music at Clare and Don's Beach Shack.

FIRSTfriday of Falls Church is a monthly, year-round event that creates and promotes a business and social synergy for the arts and artists in and around the City of Falls Church, attracting people to view local artwork, attend musical and theatrical performances, learn about the City's history, and shop and dine in downtown Falls Church.

Dine Out, Do Good at Plaka Grill on Feb. 6

at Plaka Grill the flyer (found at ow.ly/BTSZ308sMq5) and they'll count the sale toward the donation. Plaka Grill is located at 513 W. Broad St, Falls Church, and will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Falls Church Students Earn Academic Honors

F.C.'s Flor Jasmin Chavez-Cruz and Sheila Maureen Evans earned honors recognition from McDaniel College (Md.) for the fall 2016 semester.

New Private School to Open in Arlington

While Falls Church school leaders are grappling with computer technology budget decisions, and residents are demanding smaller class sizes, local families have a new private option at their disposal for fall 2017.

The Sycamore School in Arlington, just off of I-66 in Ballston, offers extremely easy access to Falls Church residents. The Sycamore School is the direct result of local families demanding access to a small, secular, progressive school model.

Upcoming Open Houses for The Sycamore School will highlight "pop-up" classrooms where students can participate in experiential learning and parents can talk with staff about the curriculum and admissions.

Wednesday, February 8th, 6-8 p.m.



MICHAEL HOLLAND WITH LES BARON, CEO and Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council. Holland was honored on Jan. 29 for earning all 141 Boy Scout Merit Badges.