

Psychiatric/Drug Treatment Facilities Being Installed Across the Street From McLean High School

- Monroe Operations LLP – which does business under the name Newport Academy -- recently purchased three residential homes (1620, 1622, 1624 Davidson Road, McLean) and intends to use each as a **psychiatric and/or drug treatment facility**.ⁱ
 - Fairfax County Zoning informed concerned callers that **each unit may house up to eight residents**.
 - See www.newportacademy.com for the company's website and description of its programs – including a staff to resident ratio of 5:1 – **meaning each residence could employ up to 40 individuals**.
 - Monroe's real estate broker was subject to a non-disclosure agreement and did not inform sellers of the properties' intended uses.
- Fairfax County's position is that this seemingly commercial use of these properties is PERMISSIBLE under residential zoning laws (with no apparent traffic impact study – these homes are on Davidson Road, **across the street from McLean High School**).
 - Monroe has also purchased at least one additional property in McLean, and could be looking for others.
 - Monroe has erected high fences around the three homes and installed parking lots at two of the three where green space previously existed.
- **Complaints** about Newport Academy facilities in Connecticut were documented in an article (excerpted here) as follows:

Emergency services said they are being stretched too thin, and that's because the school accounts for 20 percent of calls.

"Went into [a local restaurant], jumped over the bar, grabbed a couple bottles of vodka and ran off and drank them down. When we got to him, he was totally comatose," said Peter Dzielinski, of the Bethlehem Ambulance Association. That was just one of the stories that came out of the meeting on Tuesday.

"We're basically giving someone a ride to the hospital. It's almost become like a taxi service," Dzielinski said.

"You'll find them laying in the middle of the road, stealing cars, escaping all over town," Radauskas said. ... "Youths in town, from Newport Academy, had stolen my wallet out of my own car. We were told that by the state police," said Lori Szumigala, of Bethlehem.

The biggest issue residents and town officials have is keeping the students on campus. They say runaways have been seen sitting in the road, trespassing and even committing more serious crimes. "The worst call we've had was the theft of the vehicle," said CT State Police Trooper Como D'Elia.ⁱⁱ

If you have concerns, make your voice heard by contacting the following ASAP:

Sharon Bulova, Chairwoman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Hughes Melton, Commissioner and Jae Benz, Director, Office of Licensing, Virginia Dept of Behavior Health & Developmental Services:

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- **As of April 4, the license applied for by this entity remains PENDING. Make your voice heard prior to approval!**

Leslie Johnson, Zoning Administrator, Fairfax County – ordadmin@fairfaxcouthy.gov phone: 703-324-1314

Join Facebook Group – Davidson Road Rehab Facility Discussion

ⁱ <http://www.psychyellow.com/n/mental-health-facilities/psychiatric-residential-treatment-facility/monroe-operations-llc-1624-davidson-rd-mc-lean-949-432-4622/va-1841770849>

ⁱⁱ https://www.wfsb.com/news/neighbors-raise-concerns-about-school-for-troubled-youth/article_231fc9cd-f594-5cfe-9d0c-c4dfc0903aa6.html