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Sharing Sense Of Community

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The crowd at Atlantis Waterpark, located at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, hearing the dinging bell race to stand underneath the 500 gallon dumping bucket — one of the many features of the waterpark. The splash pad offers water cannons, showers, sprinklers, buckets and more. More on parks, pages 12-14.

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ROUNDUPS

Help Plan Centreville Day

Centreville area residents, businesses, churches, schools, crafters, and non-profits and other groups are invited to celebrate the 220th anniversary of the chartering of town of Centreville this 20th annual Centreville Day on Saturday, Oct. 20. Proceeds from Centreville Day will help support Centreville Historic Park and the Centreville Historic District, where the town started 220 years ago in 1792. More information, sponsorship and marketplace applications are available at www.CentrevilleVA.org. Help plan this community event on Monday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 at the Frank Room in the Sully Government Center & Police Station at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd or contact Cheryl Repetti at ccf@centrevilleva.org.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of oil (48 oz. or smaller); flour (2-5 lb. bag); sugar (2-5 lb. bag); rice (2 lb. bags); canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned peas, beets and mixed vegetables; canned soup and baked beans; dry pasta and beans; ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup; hot and cold cereal and coffee. In addition, the Food Pantry would appreciate fresh produce from local gardens.

Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and baby wipes. WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards. Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Thrift store: Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to receive donations. Contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

NEWS

Another Death-Row Victory for Wolfe

Federal judge vacates murder and drug convictions.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Message from the court system to Prince William Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert: Be fair and play by the rules, or convictions you've obtained by skirting the boundaries of what's right may eventually be overturned.

And in the case of Chantilly High grad Justin Wolfe — convicted of a murder-for-hire scheme in 2002 and sentenced to death — that's just what's happened.

In July 2011, a federal court in Norfolk ruled that Wolfe's due-process rights had been violated before and during his capital-murder trial in Prince William County; so he overturned Wolfe's convictions and sentences. Then last Thursday, Aug. 16, because of "prosecutorial misconduct," the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld that ruling.

It's now up to the state Attorney General's Office to either retry Wolfe or set him free. It may also appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. But as far as Wolfe's mother, Terri Steinberg, is concerned, enough is enough.

"The commonwealth should not appeal the court's ruling," she said. "This case has already gone on too long, wasted too much taxpayer money and destroyed too many lives. Justin is innocent. He has spent 11 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. It is time for the commonwealth to stop pursuing this wrongful conviction and for Justin to come home to his family."

Now 31, Wolfe has spent more than a decade on death row in Sussex No. 1 State Prison in Waverly, Va. But when 21-year-old, Centreville High grad Danny Petrole was murdered in his car in front of his Bristow townhouse — on March 15, 2001 — it was the night before Wolfe's 20th birthday.

The shooter was Centreville's Owen Barber IV, then 21. When Petrole arrived home, Barber fired 10 shots from a 9 mm Smith & Wesson, through Petrole's passenger-side window, with all but one bullet striking him. Driving away, Barber flung the gun in a nearby intersection. Both he and Wolfe then fled the state, but were arrested that April.

Petrole was the son of a former Secret Service agent. But when police searched Petrole's belongings, they discovered nearly \$1,000 in his wallet and \$17,460 in the trunk of his car. In his townhouse were guns, \$120,366 and nearly \$500,000 worth of ecstasy and marijuana. It was later revealed that Petrole spent \$360,000/month buying marijuana from Seattle, pocketing \$100,000 to \$140,000/month from selling it.

Barber and Wolfe were 1998 Chantilly High grads; Petrole graduated in '98 from Centreville. During Barber's and Wolfe's trials in Prince William County Circuit Court, much of the testimony came from young, self-admitted drug dealers and users in the local area.

Both Barber and Petrole sold marijuana. According to court testimony, Wolfe, too, had a high-level operation, buying marijuana from both of them and dealing it to others. Initially facing the death penalty for killing Petrole, Barber agreed to testify against

Wolfe. He said he hadn't known Petrole, but killed him because Wolfe had hired him to do so; in return for his testimony, Barber's charge was reduced from capital to first-degree murder.

In January 2002, Wolfe was convicted of capital murder, since murder-for-hire is a capital offense. Five months later, Wolfe was sentenced to death, as his jury had recommended, plus 30 years in prison for drug distribution and three years for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. On Aug. 6, 2002, Barber was given 38 years in prison.

Wolfe has always maintained his innocence, and Barber provided the only evidence directly linking Wolfe to the murder. But during a November 2010 evidentiary hearing in Federal Court in Norfolk, U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Jackson heard evidence not presented in 2002.

In his July 2011 decision to overturn Wolfe's convictions and sentences, Jackson wrote that the commonwealth "failed to disclose evidence indicating Barber had a relationship with Petrole" prior to his death. This disclosure, he wrote — plus statements from a confidential informant that "Barber owed Petrole money [and] Petrole had a hit out on Barber" — could have impeached Barber's testimony.

Furthermore, prosecutors failed to disclose a report from Det. Samson Newsome explaining that, during his first interview with Barber, he told Barber that implicating Wolfe "could mean the difference between execution or life in prison."

The prosecution also withheld evidence indicating that Barber told his roommate, Jason Coleman, that he acted alone on the night of Petrole's murder. But at the evidentiary hearing, Coleman testified to that effect.

Jackson also agreed with defense attorneys' claims that the prosecution withheld evidence of and never pursued alternate theories of the crime, including a Washington State drug dealer with a possible motive to kill Petrole.

In the Aug. 16 opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, Judge Robert B. King, wrote, "The single, momentous item of suppressed Barber-impeachment evidence on which we rest today's decision is a written police report reflecting that — before Barber ever asserted that Wolfe hired him to murder Petrole — Prince William County Det. [Samson] Newsome advised Barber that he could avoid the death penalty by implicating Wolfe."

The Newsome report documents the detective's April 14, 2001 conversations with Barber following his arrest. Newsome told Barber the police knew he'd killed Petrole, but believed he'd done it at Wolfe's behest.

"I told him he was potentially facing a capital murder charge and he needed to help himself," said Newsome. "[Barber] then said, 'What do I get if I name the higher up?' I told him it could be the difference between capital murder or first degree, execution or life in prison, or that the commonwealth may be willing to make a recommendation in sentencing."

"The Commonwealth inexplicably withheld the Newsome report from Wolfe until these proceedings



Justin Wolfe

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Looking Ahead: Many Projects Are on the Horizon

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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New and exciting projects are on the horizon in the Sully District. Below are some of them:

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

❖ Inova Fair Oaks Hospital

Currently, many local residents needing radiation or other oncology treatments go to Inova Fairfax Hospital to receive them. But a new, fourth, medical office building on the Inova Fair Oaks Hospital campus would bring these services closer to home. Inova Fair Oaks plans to construct that building, plus more parking and a new entrance from Rugby Road. Hospital representatives hope to have the medical office building completed and occupied by the end of 2013.

The office building would be four floors and 90,000 square feet, with a 25,000-square-foot cellar. It would house a new oncology center made possible by the relocation of a portion of the radiation/oncology services from Inova Fairfax to Inova Fair Oaks. The plan also entails some 450 new parking spaces — 150 in a new, surface-parking area on the northwestern part of the campus, plus about 300 in an existing garage with extra space. A new, five-level parking garage is slated for construction in a future phase.

Also on the horizon is an addition to house more patients, Inova Fair Oaks already has approval for a 160,000-square-foot, hospital-bed tower expansion north of the existing hospital. But it wants to increase it by 39,175 square feet for a total of 199,175 square feet within the same footprint of what's already approved.

❖ Fairfax County Public Safety



A northbound view of the bridges under construction on Fairfax County Parkway in Chantilly. In the foreground is Fair Lakes Parkway, the bridge in the rear goes over Monument drive. The bridges will be open to traffic in December 2012. When the bridges open in December, there will be three northbound and three southbound lanes on the parkway. The roads that currently serve traffic on Fairfax County Parkway will become ramps for local traffic to Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. Further North, the bridge that crosses Route 50 is being widened to add an additional north and southbound lane.

Complex: Projects still to be completed at the campus along West Ox Road, near Route 29 in Fairfax, include:

❖ A 20,000-square-foot expansion of the existing Fire and Rescue Academy facility. On the bottom floor, men's and women's locker rooms will be enlarged and improved and more lockers will be added. More classrooms will be built on the top floor. Construction should start this fall.

❖ A full renovation of the existing, 15,600-square-foot Animal Shelter and a 13,400-square-foot expansion to increase its total size to 29,000 square feet.

❖ **Office building:** The Aerospace Corporation (TAC) is constructing a seven-story office building with a garage at 14725 Lee

Road in Chantilly.

❖ **Bank:** BB&T plans to build a 3,221-square-foot bank, with two drive-through windows and a drive-up ATM, at one end of the Sully Station Shopping Center on Stone Road in Centreville. The layout will be similar to the existing BB&T Bank in the Franklin Farm Shopping Center.

❖ **Restaurant:** Coyote Grille is slated to open a new location in Centreville in September. It will be in Centrowood Plaza, where the Shade Tree Restaurant used to be. Billing itself as "a culinary adventure of southwest cuisine," its menu will include items such as fajitas, enchiladas, burritos and chimichangas, along with a wide variety of soups, salads, beverages and desserts.

RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE PROJECT

❖ **Ridgewood:** Developer Kettler has plans for two parcels of land between Ridge Top and Waples Mill roads, along the northern and southern sides of Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Center. Some 39 townhouses will be built on the southern parcel, and 30,000-35,000 square feet of community-oriented offices will go on the northern parcel. The rear of the office site will include a community park at the intersection of Ridge Top Road and Government Center Parkway.

The townhouses will each have two-car garages, plus parking on their driveways. They'll be three, finished levels with either three or four bedrooms. The office building will contain about 20,000 square feet of community-serving retail as amenities for nearby residents. The offices will be for doctors, dentists and other professionals.

TRANSPORTATION

❖ **Stringfellow Road:** The part of Stringfellow between I-66 and Route 29 was four-laned in the 1990s by Fairfax County's Department of Transportation. But the section from I-66 to Route 50 will also go from two to four lanes, providing a quicker, wider conduit between Route 50 in Chantilly and Route 29 in Clifton/Centreville.

Stringfellow Road currently carries some 23,000 vehicles a day, and that figure is only expected to increase. So the goal is to reduce traffic congestion there, especially during evening and morning peaks.

Planned are four travel lanes — two, 12 feet wide, and two, 14 feet wide; a 10-foot multipurpose trail, a 6-foot sidewalk and a raised, 16-foot, grass median. And bicyclists will not only share the trail with pedestrians, but also pedal side-by-side with cars,

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Supervisor Michael Frey's View of Centreville

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Michael Frey has lived in Centreville's London Commons community for more than 20 years and has been the Sully District supervisor since the district was created in 1992. So Centre View asked him to explain what he believes makes Centreville so special.

"An awful lot of community life is built around the schools," he said. "People love them and the PTAs have tremendous support." He also praised the volunteers who put on Centreville Day and other community events at E.C. Lawrence Park and its mill and visitors center.

But what especially left an indelible mark on him, said Frey, was "the way people came together after the May 8, 2006 shooting at the Sully District Police Station. That, to me, says as much about the character of the community as anything."



Frey

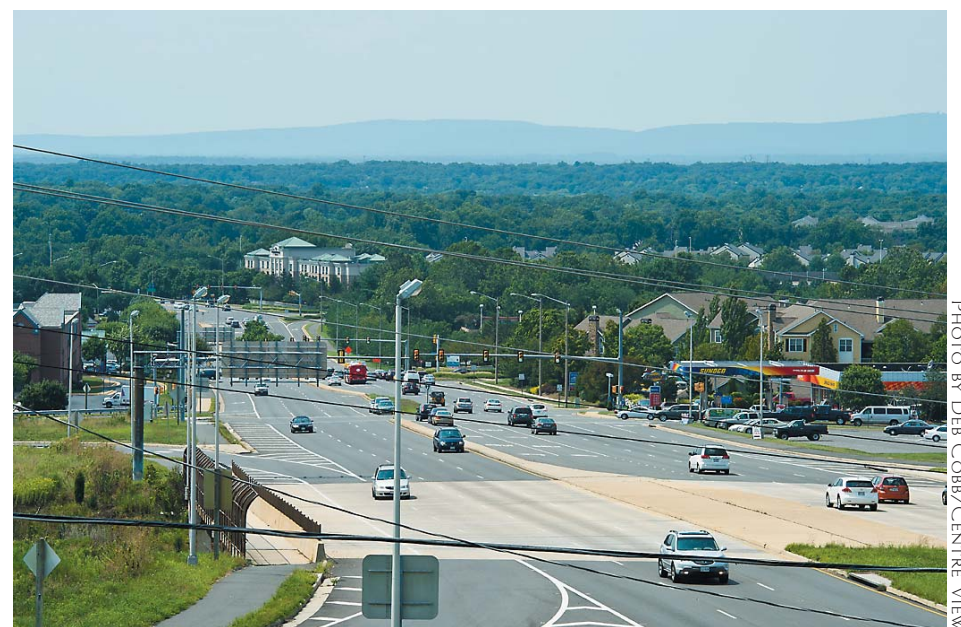
53, died nine days later; both left spouses and children.

"The day after the shooting, Westfield High students took a huge roll of butcher-block paper and strung it on the fence outside the station," said Frey. "It was signed by hundreds of students saying, 'We love you.'"

Then came the April 16, 2007 tragedy at

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That day, a heavily armed and mentally deranged teenager opened fire in the station's parking lot, killing two police officers, Det. Vicky Armel and MPO Michael Garbarino. Armel, 40, died that day, and Garbarino,



Supervisor Michael Frey's favorite view in Centreville is from Route 29 looking down toward the Shenandoah Mountains.

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Building, Road Construction Ahead

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trucks and buses on each outer, 14-foot lane. Utility relocation has already been done; construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

❖ **Fair Lakes Interchange Project:** The Fairfax County Parkway will be widened within the existing median to six lanes — three in each direction — between I-66 and Route 50. But an interchange is also needed to handle the congestion and rush-hour backups. And now, the funding has finally come through to build this project that's been on the county's to-do list for years. Construction is anticipated to take about 2 1/2 years.

The signalized intersections at Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive will be eliminated. And the additional lanes on the Fairfax County Parkway will improve traffic flow from south of I-66 to north of Rugby Road. A split-diamond, grade-separated interchange will have a free-flowing Fairfax County Parkway bridging over Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive.

Fair Lakes Parkway will be widened to accommodate the necessary left-turn lanes for the interchange. Beginning at Fair Lakes Parkway, a multi-purpose trail is anticipated along the east side of Fairfax County Parkway with a connection to the existing trail at Rocky Run Stream Valley Park.

Project completion is slated for 2013.

❖ **Route 50 Widening West of Chantilly:** Construction began last fall to widen Route 50 from four to six lanes between Poland Road in Loudoun County and Route 28 in Chantilly. The 3.7-mile design-build project will take three years to complete.

There will be no lane closures on holidays or during rush hours, but drivers can expect lane closures overnight and mid-day. During all other times, all lanes and turn lanes will remain open.

Currently, Route 50 narrows from six lanes to four just west of Route 28 in Chantilly. But increased development and congestion in Loudoun County creates backups during much of the day on the existing four-lane segment, especially during morning and evening rush hours.

When completed, traffic-clogged Route 50 will have three lanes in each direction, improved turn lanes and traffic signals, curb and gutter on the outside lanes, crosswalks and pedestrian signals, widened and upgraded bridges, and pathways on both sides of the road. The road will also be more level and provide wider buffers between travel lanes and roadside hazards.

The \$100 million improvement project includes



Construction on Fairfax County Parkway in the Fair Lakes area of Fairfax County continues. This image shows the southbound view of Fairfax County parkway from the Route 50 bridge on Aug. 17. The Route 50 bridge is being widened, and two bridges are being built, one over Monument Drive and one over Fair Lakes Parkway.

\$8.3 million for preliminary engineering; \$24.5 million, right-of-way acquisition; \$9.9 million, utility relocation; and \$57.2 million, construction. Shirley Contracting is the contractor for this project. It should be done in early 2014 and should then be able to handle increased traffic demands for many years to come.

❖ **Route 29 Bridge Replacement:** VDOT plans to replace the Route 29 bridge over the Little Rocky Run stream in Centreville. Besides improving the bridge, itself, the project will also result in a new sidewalk and shared-use path. The new bridge will go from .2 miles east of Pickwick Road to Union Mill Road and will be just under a half-mile long.

The existing bridge is 22 feet long, was built in 1932 and is structurally deficient. It's not unsafe, but requires an increasing amount of monitoring and maintenance. It'll be brought up to state standards by lengthening it to 150 feet and elevating it some 3

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The Church of the Ascension is a parish of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States of the Anglican Catholic Church. Our mission is to bring the Word of God and the seven sacraments: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Penance, Unction, Marriage and Holy Orders to our neighborhood and to offer the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. We are a Bible-believing local church that worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness using the King James (Authorized)

Version of the Bible (with Apocrypha), the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and the 1940 Hymnal. Our building is a beautiful and historic place of worship. The Old Stone Church has served many throughout its eventful existence. The main building of the Old Stone Church was built by members of the Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1854. We welcome you to come and worship with us! If you would like more information, please visit www.thechurchoftheascension.org.

INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE



From left are Leslie Jenuleson, PFC Raza Zaidi with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and Dan Jenuleson at Sully Station II's National Night Out event.

Importance of Neighborhood Spirit

Sully Station II, Centreville, is a very active and friendly community with a lot of great events and programs for all ages. Being Neighborhood Watch Coordinators for Sully Station II and surrounding communities gives us a chance to work with community residents and businesses, the Sully District Police, and Fire Station 438. Crime is really, really low in Sully District thanks to the Fairfax County Po-

lice, and having a Neighborhood Watch program helps educate neighbors to be aware and look out for each other. Events like National Night Out, which we have been hosting since 2003, is a great opportunity to show neighborhood spirit and demonstrates our community's commitment to fight crime.

— LESLIE AND DAN JENULESON
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The paper you're reading, the Centre View is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md. Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

This spring, our papers won some very special awards, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, and the Fairfax County Media Partnership Award, along with dozens of others.

We're proud of our commitment to community service, and delighted when it results in awards. We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. While the last few years have brought many challenges to the newspaper business everywhere, affecting us as well, we continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the local news you need, to gather information about the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an insider's look at the

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parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections. Many voters will be surprised when they look at the map on our elections page and discover that their Congressional district has changed.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. You can even call.

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about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA

CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Greetings and welcome to Fairfax County! Fairfax County is an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have a range of fantastic parks, trails, and recreational attractions as well as one of the best public school systems in the country. We are also one of the safest jurisdictions of our size in the United States. I'm sure that after experiencing what Fairfax has to offer, you will see why so many families, professionals, and top-tier businesses call Fairfax County home.

The Fairfax County Public School system, with a budget this year of \$2.4 billion, is consistently ranked among the top public school systems in America. Twenty-three Fairfax county high schools have been featured in the Washington Post's 2012 list of 1,800 top high schools in the nation, putting these Fairfax County schools in the top nine percent nationwide.

Fairfax County is also home to George Mason University, which is centrally located and an easy commute from all parts of the County.

Mason has become one of Virginia's premier universities and was recently added to Kiplinger's list of best value universities in the country.

We are a business-friendly community. Fairfax County is home to nearly 600,000 jobs, with companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 companies, ten of which have located their headquarters here. Our range of business start-up resources via the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority makes it easier for firms of any size to thrive. In fact, about 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$1 million in annual revenue. When a corporate leader recently moved his medium sized technology company to Fairfax County, he announced that he did so because he liked the "mood" in Fairfax, explaining that he wanted to be close to others who were as excited as he about their work and engagement in the community.

Accredited and nationally recognized for excellence by the award of the prestigious Gold Medal for Parks and Recreation, Fairfax County's parks are ranked among the best in the nation. We have more than 22,500 acres

in 416 parks, with 80 percent of residents utilizing our park services each year. Fairfax County also boasts more than 500 miles of bicycle and walking trails. The bicycle trail system is tied into the county transit system to make it easier to reach destinations without using a car. Fairfax Connector buses are all equipped with bicycle racks and VRE and Metro stations have bicycle racks or lockers – commuting by bicycle has never been easier!

Fairfax County also has a vibrant and growing arts community. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, an historic county attraction and now converted arts space, allows visitors to watch artists perform their craft, and hosts many events ranging from exhibitions to plays.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by all registered voters in Fairfax County. Community engagement is my hallmark. Visit my website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/> to be kept up-to-date on what is going on in the County. Whenever you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or call my office at 703-324-2321.

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Schools Committed to Excellence

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The Fairfax County School Board sets general school policy and, within the framework of state regulations, establishes guidelines and rules that will ensure the proper administration of the county school program. The Division Superintendent works closely with the deputy superintendent and the assistant superintendents who oversee the day-to-day operations of the schools. As a world-class school system, FCPS inspires, enables, and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

Despite the economic challenges our school system has faced over the past four years, our students have continued to succeed at the highest levels. Our commitment to the achievement of all students is reflected in our students' SAT scores; FCPS' SAT average of 1654 exceeds both the state average of 1516 and the national average of 1500. For the 2010-11 school year, FCPS' pass rates for the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments were 93 percent in

English and 92 percent in mathematics, and the achievement gap continued to narrow in reading for Black students and in mathematics for Hispanic students. About 92 percent of FCPS graduates plan to continue on to postsecondary education. In the

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By ILRYONG MOON
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER AT LARGE
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD



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Welcome to Fairfax County! One of the primary reasons you chose to live here may be the excellent reputation of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). As chairman of the Fairfax County School Board, I am pleased to inform you that our reputation as one of the best public school systems in the country is well deserved.

FCPS is the largest school division in Virginia and the 11th largest in the United States out of more than 15,000 school divisions. The organizational structure of FCPS is focused on meeting the needs of more than 180,000 students while managing 196 schools and centers.

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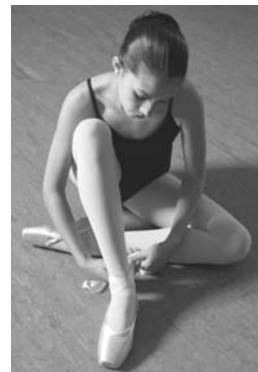
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Federal Judge Vacates Murder and Drug Convictions

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in 2010, after Wolfe's first appeal and during contentious discovery proceedings," wrote King. "During the Nov. 12, 2010 evidentiary hearing, Barber recanted his trial testimony while under oath."

At that time, Barber said the police, prosecutors and even his own attorney had influenced what he said to implicate Wolfe in a murder-for-hire scheme. King noted that Barber also had the following exchange with the commonwealth's lawyer during cross-examination:

Lawyer: "Wasn't their statement to you that they wanted the truth?"

Barber: "They said they wanted the truth. But at the same time, they said this is what you have got to say or you are getting the chair."

Explaining his actions, Ebert told the court that his office doesn't have an "open-file policy," providing criminal defense attorneys access to entire case files against their clients. But, wrote King, "The Newsome report is material because it reflects that Barber had a motive to misrep-

resent the facts regarding Petrole's death."

Furthermore, he wrote, "Wolfe had to labor for years from death row to obtain evidence that had been tenaciously concealed by the commonwealth and that the prosecution should have disclosed prior to Wolfe's capital murder trial."

King also stated that, whatever evidence exists of Wolfe's alleged drug-dealing is "inevitably tainted by the prosecutorial misconduct in this case. The conduct of the prosecution in concealing the Newsome report undermines confidence in the fair-

ness and propriety of the entire trial, including the drug-conspiracy conviction, rendering that misconduct a sufficient independent basis for vacating each of Wolfe's convictions and ordering his unconditional release or retrial."

Afterward, Wolfe's attorney, Ashley Parrish, said he's hopeful that Virginia will "stop pursuing this wrongful conviction and allow Justin to return home to his family." Wolfe's mother said her heart goes out to Petrole's family and she's "grateful to the courts for doing justice in Justin's case."

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Welcome to FCPS

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2011 ranking of public high schools in the nation by the Washington Post, nearly all FCPS high schools were listed in the top 6 percent. Complete implementation of full-day kindergarten during the 2011-12 school year has been a vital success for the division, ensuring that all of our youngest students will benefit from the same educational opportunities. The commitment to serve our students is evident, with a majority of resources directed to the classroom. In FY 2013, 93 percent of our employees will be based in schools, and a majority of the operating budget, nearly 86 percent, will be spent on instruction. Hiring and retaining the very best teachers and divisionwide staff is also an essential component of our success.

FCPS values its diversity and a well-rounded education that

goes beyond basics and encompasses the arts, literacy, technology, and preparation for the world of work. In return, the residents of Fairfax County embrace their schools. Businesses and community members generously volunteer their time and resources to help students. Schools are integrated into the fabric of the community, and residents take pride in the success of FCPS. Additionally, FCPS facilities and athletic fields are available for use by the community, and adult and community education classes are offered throughout the year at locations throughout the county.

Once again, welcome to Fairfax County. Enjoy all that our community has to offer including our world-class school system!

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How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 6, but you can vote as early as Sept. 21.

BY MARY KIMM
CENTRE VIEW

Why does it matter? How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical “battleground” state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County’s population is under 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

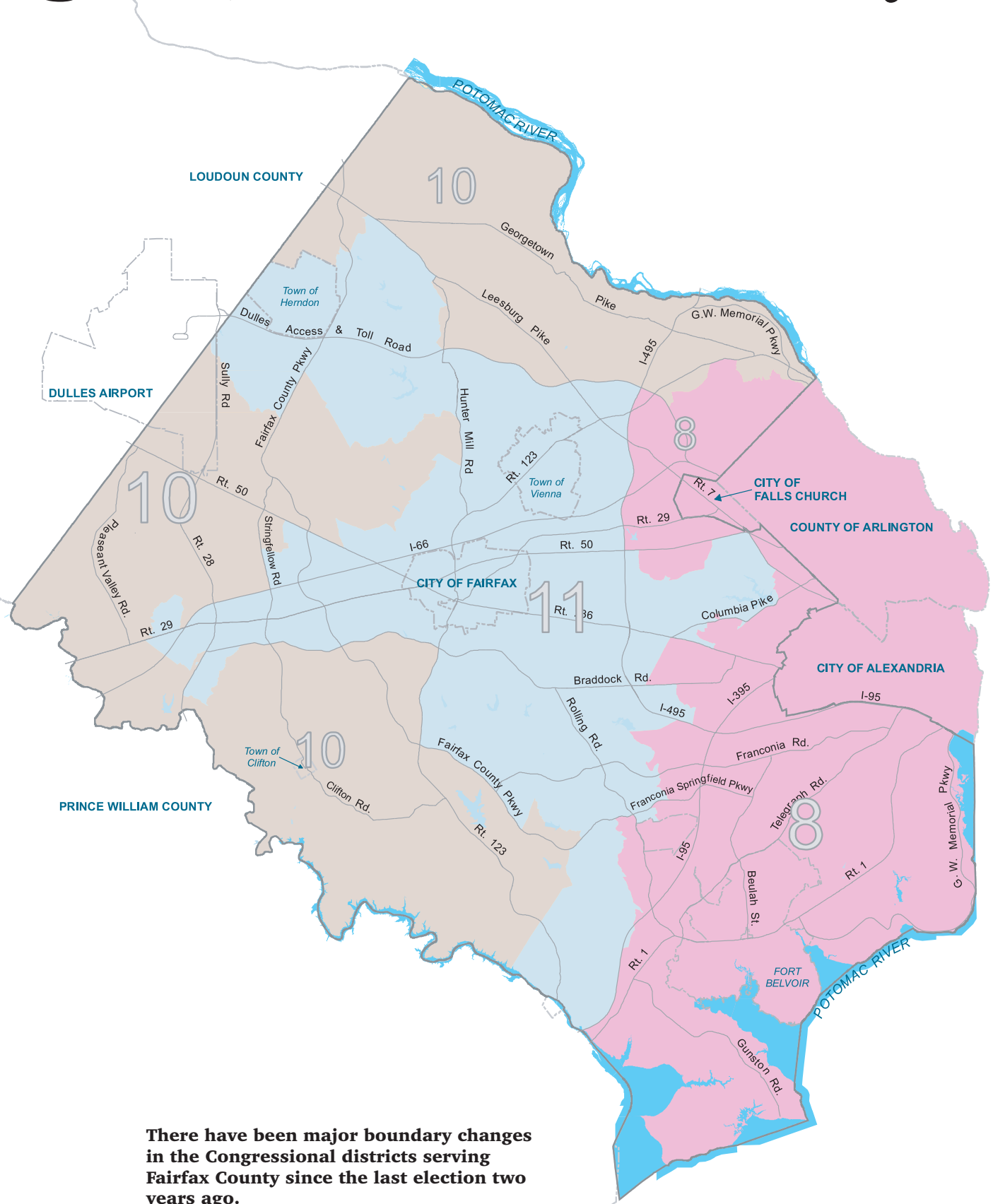
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

Voter ID: New laws also affect what identification voters must bring with them to the polling place. Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card; valid Virginia driver’s license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality’s electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. Call 804-864-8901 or toll free 800-552-9745, TTY toll free: 800-260-3466. According to the State Board of Elections at presstime, some of the voter identification requirements listed are pending



There have been major boundary changes in the Congressional districts serving Fairfax County since the last election two years ago.

MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

preclearance from the Department of Justice.

VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most

broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: “Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).”

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete

list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote “absentee in person.”

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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Frey Reflects on Sully District

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Virginia Tech in which Westfield graduates Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson lost their lives. "We were all torn up by losing them," said Frey. "I went to the first prayer vigil for them at Centreville Presbyterian Church, and dozens of police officers were there because of the support the Westfield students had given them."

On a lighter note, when asked which view of Centreville he likes best, he said his favorite spot is coming south on Route 29 by the CVS store at Pickwick Road. "On a clear day, you can see the Shenandoah foothills — that's the vista I always love," said Frey. "And that's why there was a fort

there during the Civil War, because it was the highest point."

Although Centreville doesn't actually have a town center or main gathering place, he has hopes that the Trinity Centre might someday fill the bill. "More office buildings will eventually come to Trinity Centre to completely ring the lake," he said. "That will open up more public spaces there once the walkway around the lake is completed."

Then, said Frey, that area can serve as much more of a public center and focal point than it is now. "It currently has Movies under the Stars in August," he said. "But one day, it could be a draw for community events such as picnics, fund-raisers and concerts."

Building, Road Construction Ahead

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feet higher than it is now.

The bridge will be built six lanes wide to accommodate future traffic, but will initially be striped for four lanes. A 16-foot-wide, raised, grass, median strip will separate north- and southbound lanes. Each outer lane will be 15-feet wide, with the outermost three feet earmarked for bicycle riders.

On the bridge's south side, a path will connect to existing trails. The north side will have a 5-foot-wide sidewalk connecting to the Faircrest community and existing sidewalks. Estimated cost is \$14.5 million and the project is fully funded. Anticipated completion is fall 2015.

❖ **Walney Road Bridge:** Built in 1980, the

Walney Road Bridge over Flatlick Branch in Chantilly carries more than 21,000 vehicles a day. Trouble is, it often floods, is disintegrating structurally and surpassed its life expectancy 15 years ago. So VDOT plans to replace it with a wider, sturdier and safer bridge.

It's about 500 feet from the Walney Road/Westfields Boulevard intersection. Walney will be four-laned to Willard Road. And the downhill curve on north-south Walney will be smoothed out significantly to make it descend gradually.

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GW The George Washington Memorial Parkway
www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500
The GW Parkway includes more than 25 sites, ranging from historic homes to wildlife preserves. Join a ranger for a free program or explore sites independently. Some park sites, including Turkey Run Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Great Falls Park, etc., close at dark. The Parkway itself remains open 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic.

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts
1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/
The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park
7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov
The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park
7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. Hours vary.

Atlantis Waterpark (at Bull Run Marina Regional Park)
7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Family of Waterparks. Atlantis also features picnic pavilions, a deck great for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124
The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead



FH Fountainhead Regional Park

commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park
13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;
Hemlock Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631
This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin. A picnic area beside the Gardens is available to visitors. Meadowlark

presents gardening and horticulture workshops, tours, field trips, concerts and volunteer programs.

OB Occoquan Regional Park
9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park
6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. For those interested in swimming, the park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile

land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Nature lovers can expect to see blue birds, osprey, heron, deer, beavers and rare sightings of river otters.

Pirates Cove Waterpark (at Pohick Bay Regional Park)
6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102
Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain's Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585
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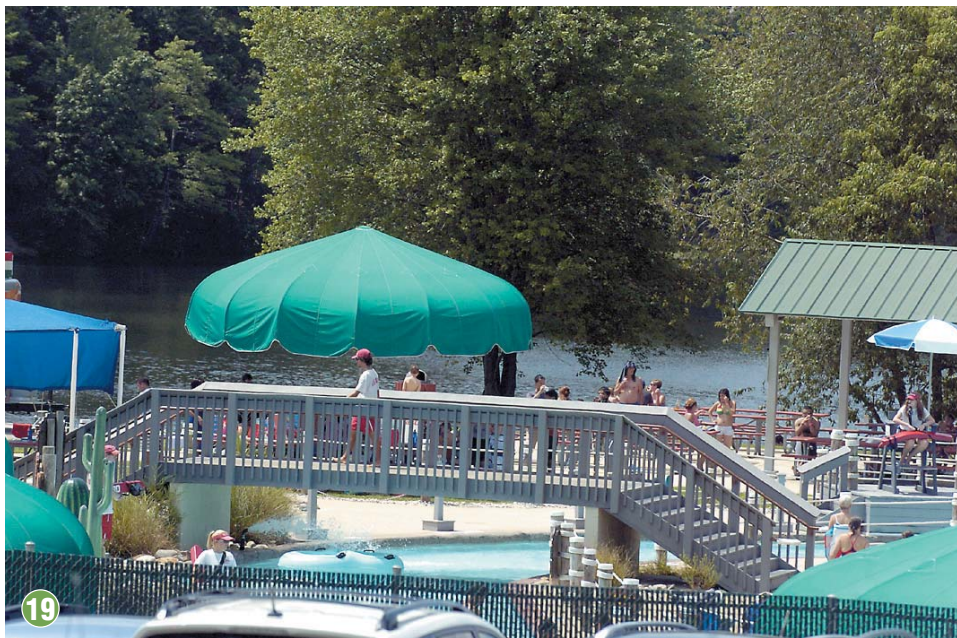
SR **Sandy Run Regional Park**
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

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Arts Center

WAC **Workhouse Arts Center**
9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
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The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.



19 **Lake Fairfax Park**

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Fairfax County Parks

- 1 Annandale Park**
7701 Royce Street, Annandale
nature center
50.7 acres, district park
- 2 Baron Cameron School Site**
11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
softball (unlit), soccer/football (unlit), biking/
hiking trails, picnic area, playground
60 acres, district park
- 3 Braddock Park**
13451 Braddock Road, Clifton
Softball field (lit), soccer/football (unlit and lit),
minigolf, biking trail, equestrian trail, hiking
trail, open picnic areas
227.1 acres, special purpose park
- 4 Burke Station Park**
6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke
basketball, tennis (lit), hiking trail, playground, tot
lot
18.1 acres, community park
- 5 Centre Ridge North**
Field Encampment Road And St. Germain Drive,
Centreville
basketball (lit), tennis (lit), biking/hiking/nature
trails, playground
8.9 acres, community park
- 6 Clarks Crossing**
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
soccer/football (unlit), biking/equestrian/hiking
trails, open areas
143.8 acres, district park
- 7 Collingwood Park**
8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria
soccer/football, basketball, tennis, playground
12 acres, community park
- 8 Cub Run RECenter**
4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
pool, water playground, fitness center, trails,
playground
9.3 acres, special purpose park
- 9 Dranesville Tavern**
11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
historic structure, natural/picnic areas, meeting
room
14.6 acres, cultural resource park

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Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Craig Sterbutzel.



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Sharon Bulova in Fairfax Villa Park.

'My Favorite Parks'

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

The tree I am standing next to in this photo is one of a number of large American Beech trees that populate the forests in Villa Park where I like to hike and jog. Villa Park is located in the central Fairfax area, with an entrance into the park off of Park Drive near Shirley Gate Road.

This park is unique. It has been left in its natural wooded condition and designated a Heritage Resource park to preserve features such as Native American quarries and work/chipping areas. It also contains remnants of the never-completed Independent line of the Manassas Gap Railroad. While no track was ever laid along this rail line, it played a significant role in the Civil War, serving as a little-known transportation route for both Confederate and Union soldiers. The earthworks served as protection during skirmishes.

A number of years ago a Civil War historian told me that he believed soldiers had carved their initials into trees located in Villa Park. The trees near my running path are covered with initials and symbols carved into the smooth grey bark. On the larger trees, the markings have become pretty much unreadable. I don't know if it's true or not, but I like to think these may be the trees my history buff friend was referring to.

When running along this trail, I imagine passing Native American Indians chipping arrow heads out of hunks of quartz and Civil War camp sites with soldiers drawing water from the Popes Head Creek and passing time by carving their initials or troop insignia in the smooth-barked Beech trees growing nearby. The experience is a perfect marriage of my love for history and nature.

Some other favorite Fairfax parks that

interpret our county's fascinating history and showcase its environmental beauty:

❖ Riverbend Park in Great Falls, includes more than 400 acres of forest, meadow and ponds. Trails include a 2.5-mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail linking national and regional parkland. Kayakers and canoeists can enjoy exploring many islands in the Potomac River.

Riverbend's visitor center overlooks the Potomac River and has an outdoor deck that is an ideal place to relax or have a snack after a hike. It has a wonderful interpretative display about the historic Native American presence in the area.

❖ In the South County Hybla Valley area, Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,425 acres of majestic forests, wildflower-speckled meadows and vast wetlands bursting with life. Some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area is enjoyed here. From the wetland boardwalk trail and observation tower, people have excellent views of beavers, frogs, dragonflies and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with more than 200 species identified in the park.

❖ Lake Accotink Park, located on 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, is one of my favorite parks. Not only is this 493-acre park one of the most scenic in the county, it is also one of the most fun. In addition to boating, hiking, canoeing, and mini-golfing, you can always find a nice quiet spot to enjoy a picnic on the lake. Children love the beautiful antique carousel.

Lake Accotink was originally created to provide drinking water for troops stationed at Camp Humphries (which is now Fort Belvoir) during the early 1900s. The Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks carry D.C.-bound VRE commuter rail passengers over the Lake Accotink Dam. Remains of an older former railroad trestle make up part of the four-mile trail that winds around the lake and park.

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO AREA PARKS

Visit www.connectionnewspapers.com for more Fairfax County parks.



Scotts Run, McLean

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10 Fairfax Villa Park

4420 Belden Street, Fairfax
historic structure, biking/historic/hiking trails, natural areas
59.7 acres, community park

11 Fred Crabtree Park

2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
Little league (lit), soccer/football field (unlit), historical structure, biking/equestrian/hiking/nature trails
208.5 acres, district park

12 Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

13 Great Falls Nike Park

1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
baseball field (lit), soccer/football field (unlit), basketball (unlit), tennis (unlit), playground, biking/hiking trails
45.5 acres, district park

14 Grist Mill Park

4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, biking/hiking trails, playground
75.5 acres, district park

15 Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
nature center, historic structure, biking/hiking/nature trails, observation tower, boardwalk
1444.8 acres, natural resource park

16 Hybla Valley Park

3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
tennis, hiking trails, open areas
1.2 acres, neighborhood park

17 Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic
448.1 acres, multiple resource park

18 Lake Braddock School Site

9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke
soccer/football (unlit), fitness trails, open areas
13.1 acres, community park

19 Lake Fairfax Park

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters
479 acres, multiple resource park

20 Lake Mercer Park

9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station
historic structure, biking/hiking/historic trails, fishing
196.5 acres, multiple resource park

21 Langley Fork Park

6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean
baseball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), biking/fitness trails
54 acres, district park

22 Laurel Hill Park

8515 Silverbrook Rd., Lorton
baseball (unlit), softball (unlit), clubhouse, driving range, 18 hole, disc golf, picnic areas, hiking/biking
1197.5 acres, countywide park

23 Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse
138 acres, district park

24 Lewinsville Park

1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
baseball, soccer/football (lit), basketball, tennis, biking/fitness trails, picnic, playground, tot lot
37.7 acres, district park

25 Mason District Park

6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

26 Muddy Hole Farm Park

7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria
soccer/football, basketball, tennis, hiking trails, picnic areas, playground
13.6 acres, community park

27 Newington Heights Park

8590 Heller Road, Lorton
soccer/football, basketball, tennis, biking/hiking trail, playground
69.3 acres, district park

28 Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

29 Patriot Park

12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax
little league (lit), soccer/football (lit)
130.5 acres, district park

30 Pope Head Park

5635 Rivercomb Court, Clifton
soccer/football, basketball, tennis, biking/fitness/hiking trails, picnic, playground
75.6 acres, district park

31 Poplar Tree Park

4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), biking, hiking, picnic, playground
48.3 acres, district park

32 Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craft room
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

33 Rolling Valley West Park

6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke
softball, soccer/football (lit), basketball, tennis, biking, hiking, playground
20.7 acres, community park

34 South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

35 Spring Hill Park

1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean
swimming, fitness rooms, racquetball, picnic, playground, soccer/football
46.1 acres, district park

36 Wakefield Park & RECenter

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Chantilly



Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon



Burke Lake Park, Fairfax Station

SCHOOLS

Centreville ES will host its Annual Welcome Back Picnic on Friday, Sept. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Flock (CES's own staff band) will perform as students and family enjoy food from Chick-fil-a, Baja Fresh, Cici's Pizza and Rita's or their own family picnic. Community organizations including Southwestern Youth Association, Boy/Girl Scouts, FC Library, Police and Fire, Park Authority, CES Green Team and PTA will be sharing their information and services.

Michelle Colandro, a senior majoring in biological systems engineering, was named Outstanding Graduating Senior in the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Department of Biological Systems Engineering for the 2011-12 academic year.

The University of Mary Washington has announced its Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year. The following Centreville area students are among the 796 students who have been named to the Dean's List:

- Andrea M. Castro**, a senior
- Gabrielle D. DeVincenzo**, a sophomore
- Caroline E. Filippone**, a sophomore
- Eun-Mi K. Ju**, a freshman
- Danica R. Leninsky**, a junior
- Shirley N. Martey**, a sophomore
- Mohammad H. Mesbahi**, a senior
- Kelsey L. Trumble**, a junior
- Katherine C. Vennergrund**, a junior

The University of Mary Washington has announced its President's List for the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year. The following area students are among the 106 students who have

been named to the President's List: **Peter G. Hawes**, a senior, of Centreville
Meena Sediqi, a freshman, of Herndon

Stacy Logsdon of Clifton received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech's graduation on May 11.

The following students graduated with honors from James Madison University during the May 5 commencement exercises.

Stacy Morrisette graduated cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

Margaret Kiely graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

Yanan Wu graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

Patrick Fiely graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

Sarah Lott graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biotechnology.

Tracy Carter graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Robert Yeo graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in communication studies.

Sara Dolinger graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in international affairs.

Meredythe Fallon graduated cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in management.

Sarah Elliot graduated cum laude with a bachelor of fine arts degree in

studio art.
Kellie Ferrick graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in theatre and dance.

Evan McGrew graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in writing, rhetoric and technical communications.

Reagan Cerisano, a freshman French major has been named to the Dean's List with High Distinction for the spring 2012 semester at Grove City College. Reagan is a 2011 graduate of home-schooling and is the daughter of John and Anette Cerisano of Centreville.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) graduates from the class of 2012 have been named winners of college-sponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Recipients, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

Rebecca Holley of Westfield High School (Music/Education), National Merit University of Rochester Scholarship.

Ian Van Pelt of Westfield High School (biology), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship.

The following students from Centreville enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

Matthew J. Anderson is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Erin E. Balaban is a sophomore majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Brian L. Bowden is a senior major

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TUESDAY NIGHTS

World-Class Jazz. 6-9 p.m. Paul Langosch on bass and Rick Whitehead on guitar. At the Copper Canyon, 5815 Trinity Pkwy. Call 703-830-6600 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Men's Chorus. 7:30-10 p.m. Sing "Acappella" with the Fairfax Jubilaires men's barbershop chorus. Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church (West), 13421 Twin Lakes Dr. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or contact Aaron Watts at 703-793-7166 or adwatts78@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Needle Craft. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Centreville Stitchers welcome adults who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other needlework crafts, and conversation. At the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr. Free. Contact Jo at 703-803-0595 or email joknitter@verizon.net.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24 TO SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Conference. Rebuilding Christendom: Towards a Vision of Reconstruction Amidst the Ruins. The Conference will include presentations by 10 speakers, a Friday reception, Continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, full breakfast on Sunday, Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Early Bird registration of \$150. At the Dulles Marriott Hotel. Visit



Cole Bros. Circus will be at Special Events Field in Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr. Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Tickets start at \$16. Visit www.GoToTheCircus.com.

www.rebuildingchristendom.com to register.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Civil War Reenactment. Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Medical Evacuation of wounded soldiers will be held at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. This Commemoration will honor Clara Barton, "Angel of the Battle Field" and Founder of the Red Cross. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Rd. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside activities are free. Museum fee is \$5 adults; \$1 children 5-10. Under 5 are free. Call 703-425-9225 or visit

www.fairfax-station.org.

Concert with "Heritage Brothers" from West Virginia. 6:30 pm. Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. The church is located on Route 50, 1/5 mile east of the Route 28 overpass on the corner of Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle. Call 703 631-1799.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Open House. Caring Hands Animal Hospital of Centreville is holding their 16th Annual Open House and Dog Wash from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dog wash for donation, silent auction, freebies, children's games, pet contests and more. Open to the



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public, proceeds will be donated to local animal rescues. 5659 Stone Rd. Call 703-830-5700.

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Best Buddies Fundraiser. Noon-6 p.m. The 2012 Best Buddies Challenge Little Rascals Team members present their All afternoon Music Jam FUNdraiser at Sully's Restaurant, 14513 Route 50 in Chantilly. Cost is \$20 at door, or \$15 online: <http://bestbuddies.ticketbud.com/sullys>. Call 202-350-9658 or email dawn@sciarrinola.com.

"Winning with Roses." John Smith and Marti Youmans, award winning National Rose Exhibitors will demonstrate rose preparation, grooming techniques and arrangement creations. Bring greenery and any roses you may have, cut long stems. ARF will supply

vases and additional roses so you can practice. 2 to 4 pm. Upstairs at Merrifield Garden Center-Fair Oaks. Free. 703-371-9351.

MONDAY/AUG. 27

Greenbriar Garden Club. 7:30 p.m. Multimedia presentation by Master Gardener Jo Ann Benson of four of the most important flower and horticultural locations and events, including Flora Holland—the largest flower and plant auction in the world; the Chelsea Flower Show in London; Floriade, occurring every 10 years; and Monet's gardens at Giverny in France. Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Rd.

AUG. 31-SEPT. 3

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Battle of Ox Hill 150th Anniversary Commemoration. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include costumed Civil War reenactor soldiers, officers,

and civilians, artillery and infantry demonstrations, and a souvenir craft for the kids. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

CVHS Fundraiser. 6-9 p.m. Support the Wildcat Band at Tropical Smoothie, 14220-B Centreville Square, Centreville. Students are raising funds towards their spring trip and for band programs.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8 AND 9

Home & Lifestyle Expo. Fair Oaks Mall, immediately off I-66 at Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy). The Expo will feature more than 20 exhibitors focusing on products and services for residential buyers for use in and around the home in the fall and winter months. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com or call 703-359-8302.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

CVHS Fundraiser. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Support the Wildcat Band at the car wash. Colonnade Shell Gas Station, 5784 Union Mill Rd, Centreville. Students are raising funds towards their spring trip and for band programs.

SUNDAY/ SEPT. 16

Troop 1983 Eagle Scout Project, Senthil Kannan. Noon- 4 p.m. Bikes for the World Used Bike Collection. Donate your used bike (and bike parts) to make a difference in someone's life. A \$10 donation along with a donated bike (both are tax-deductible) covers shipping and handling, and the donation will help reduce landfill waste. REI Fairfax in Fairfax Corner, 11950 Grand Commons Ave. Contact Senthil at senthil.kannan.61109@gmail.com. Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Local Grants. If you have an idea or project to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, Fairfax County is now offering up to \$5,000 in matching grants to neighborhood or civic groups, homeowner's associations or nonprofits through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP). Applications are due by Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Call Rachel Robinson, Fairfax County Department of Administration for Human Services, at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.

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MONDAY/AUG. 27

Blood Drive. Virginia Tire & Auto is partnering with Inova Blood Donor Services as it hosts a blood drive from noon-6 pm at the Ashburn/Dulles (44285 Ice Rink Plaza) and Centreville (14611 Lee Hwy) facilities. Customers who donate blood will receive a voucher for a free oil change at any of its 11 locations (or \$30 off any service). Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be welcome at the two Virginia Tire & Auto facilities. To schedule an appointment visit inova.org/donateblood, click donate blood 2x, and enter sponsor code 8000 for Ashburn/ Dulles or enter sponsor code 7929 for Centreville or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Metabolism Boost. 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. In this seminar you will learn how to fuel your body, fire up your metabolism, and get the most from

your exercise program. At The Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle. Pre-registration required; call 703-817-0700 or email womensclub@aol.com to reserve.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 12-1 p.m. Volunteers for Change invites community members of all ages to attend an orientation where volunteers can choose from more than 50+ monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. At the Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave. Register for the next orientation at 703-246-3895 or email jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

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Election Day Is Nov. 6; Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 21

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Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oct. 17-Nov. 2, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov. 3

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

Voting in the following seven locations is available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

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❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

Absentee In-person Voting in the City of Alexandria:

In-person absentee voting starts Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (the office is closed on Monday, Oct. 8).

Beatley Library will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25.

More details, including dates of extended hours at <http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

Arlington In-person Absentee Voting:

Will be available starting Sept. 21 and ending 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Lobby Level, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, (closed Oct. 8) with some extended hours, and Saturdays beginning Sept. 29.

Two satellite locations, Barcroft Sport and Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive and Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., will have in-person absentee voting from Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. For hours, visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationabsenteevoting.aspx>

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for U.S. senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives, in addition to President of the United States and two constitutional questions.

For Senate, Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is retiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Senate/>

Two constitutional questions will appear

on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by the assembly. See <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf>.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, while last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage of congressional races is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives>.

In the 8th District, incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In the 10th District, Frank Wolf (R), elected to office in 1982, will face Democrat Kristin A. Cabral and independent J. Kevin Chisholm. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to Congress in 2008, will face Republican Chris Perkins and Independents Joe Galdo and Peter M. Marchetti. The 10th district now includes the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon, Reston, central Fairfax County including parts of Burke, Springfield and Lorton.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf

IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, voters will also choose a mayor, members of the city council and school board.

The Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Council members who are elected at-large for three-year terms. Incumbent mayor Bill Euille (D) will face Andrew H. Macdonald (I) in the race for mayor.

Voters will choose six City Council members from the list of 12: Frank H. Fannon IV (R)*, Alicia R. Hughes (R)*, John R. "Bob" Wood (R), John Taylor Chapman (D), Timothy Lovain (D), Del Pepper *(D), Allison Silberberg (D), Paul C. Smedberg❖ (D), Justin M. Wilson (D), Glenda B. Davis (I), Robert Krause (L), Jermaine A. Mincey (I). ❖ means incumbent.

The Alexandria City School Board is a nine-member elected body that adopts policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed. The city is divided into three voting districts, and three Board members are elected from each district. Each member serves a three-year term. Incumbents marked *.

School Board District A: Stephanie Amann Kapsis, William E. "Bill" Campbell*, Karen A. Graf, Helen F. Morris*, Joyce D. Rawlings, Heath E. Wells

School Board District B: Michael A. Brookbank, Chyrell D. Bucksell, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Justin P. Keating, Marc Williams❖

School Board District C: Ronnie M. Campbell*, Patricia A. "Pat" Hennig, Christopher J. Lewis, Jeff N. Zack.

IN ARLINGTON, voters will choose one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots.

Incumbent Libby Garvey (D) will face Matthew A. Wavro (R) and Audrey R. Clement (I) for the seat on the County Board.

For School Board, incumbent Emma N. Violand-Sanchez will face Noah L. Simon.

Arlington voters will also decide yes or no on four bond questions, whether to authorize raising \$32 million public schools, \$28 million for community infrastructure, \$50 million for local parks and recreation, and \$32 million for Metro and transportation. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/forms/Bonds2012ENG.pdf>

2012 Top Sales in Centreville

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold
5142 PLEASANT FOREST DR	5	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$1,500,000	Detached	1.02	20120	PLEASANT VALLEY	06/21/12
14924 CUB RUN PARK DR	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$1,190,000	Detached	5.02	20120	SULLY ESTATES	06/20/12
5452 CHANDLEY FARM CIR	5	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$950,000	Detached	5.47	20120	SULLY ESTATES	03/16/12
5884 IRON STONE CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$908,000	Detached	0.91	20120	THE RIDINGS AT VIRGN RUN	04/16/12
6613 PEACEFUL MEADOW LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$876,000	Detached	9.08	20120	FAIRFAX NATIONAL	02/29/12
5815 RIDINGS MANOR PL	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$815,000	Detached	0.85	20120	THE RIDINGS AT VIRGN RUN	04/09/12
6611 SMITHS TRCE	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$755,000	Detached	0.57	20120	WELTMAN ESTATES	06/29/12
6209 POINT CIR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$734,900	Detached	0.35	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	04/20/12
13477 CONEFLOWER CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.19	20120	FAIRCREST SOUTH	06/28/12
5101 HIRST VALLEY WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.24	20120	FAIR LAKES CHASE	06/29/12
5021 VERONICA RD	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$720,000	Detached	0.16	20120	FAIRLAKES CROSSNG	06/29/12
5106 BEBE CT	5	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$716,000	Detached	0.24	20120	FAIRLAKES CROSSNG	03/20/12
6613 PELHAMS TRCE	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$710,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/07/12
5056 WORTHINGTON WOODS WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$705,000	Detached	0.21	20120	FAIR LAKES CHASE	04/05/12
13639 SWEET WOODRUFF LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$699,000	Detached	0.25	20120	FAIRCREST	05/31/12
5521 AJUGA CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$675,000	Detached	0.22	20120	FAIRCREST SOUTH	03/14/12
5332 SAMMIE KAY LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$675,000	Detached	0.15	20120	FAIRCREST	04/20/12
15405 MARTINS HUNDRED DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$675,000	Detached	0.32	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/15/12
6306 LEE FOREST PATH	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$650,000	Detached	0.36	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/22/12
6516 TRILLIUM HOUSE LN	6	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$635,000	Detached	0.31	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/14/12
14158 COBLE LASKEY CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$630,000	Detached	0.22	20121	COMPTON VILLAGE	04/25/12
6480 GRISTMILL SQUARE LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$625,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/29/12
13340 WISTERIA ARBOR LN	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$622,000	Detached	0.13	20120	FAIRCREST	04/25/12
15533 EAGLE TAVERN LN	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$587,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/19/12
6406 GUARD MOUNT CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$585,000	Detached	0.32	20121	CENTRE RIDGE	06/04/12
15247 SURREY HOUSE WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$584,500	Detached	0.32	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/17/12
15413 MEHERRIN CT	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.34	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	02/29/12
5654 LIERMAN CIR	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.10	20120	SULLY MANOR	04/23/12
5632 SHEALS LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.10	20120	SULLY MANOR	06/15/12
6404 STORE HOUSE CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$574,900	Detached	0.44	20121	CENTRE RIDGE	02/29/12
14367 ROUND LICK LN	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$571,200	Detached	0.35	20120	SEQUOIA FARMS	03/30/12
15237 SURREY HOUSE WAY	4	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$568,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/04/12
5318 SAMMIE KAY LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$565,000	Detached	0.12	20120	FAIRCREST	04/26/12
5671 LIERMAN CIR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$556,000	Detached	0.10	20120	SULLY MANOR	02/15/12
6410 GRISTMILL SQUARE TRCE	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$556,000	Detached	0.31	20120	WESTPORT	04/30/12
5301 GORDON DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$555,000	Detached	0.22	20120	SULLY STATION II	06/15/12
14815 HUNTING PATH PL	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$550,000	Detached	0.35	20120	SULLY STATION	04/26/12
15118 STILLFIELD PL	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$550,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	04/26/12
15410 MARTINS HUNDRED DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$549,900	Detached	0.30	20120	PLEASANT HILL	06/22/12
14710 HANNA CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$549,000	Detached	0.21	20121	HANNA ESTATES	04/11/12
15111 STILLFIELD PL	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$547,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/23/12
5643 POWERS LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$545,000	Detached	0.10	20120	SULLY MANOR	01/05/12
15337 JORDANS JOURNEY DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$545,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VA RUN	01/31/12
15328 OAKMERE PL	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$544,000	Detached	0.40	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	04/30/12
15065 BROWN POST LN	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$542,500	Detached	0.68	20121	GATE POST ESTATES	02/09/12
14802 DEER POND CT	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$542,000	Detached	0.17	20120	SULLY STATION	05/15/12
5230 FERNBROOK DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$540,000	Detached	0.24	20120	FOX MEADOW	02/24/12
15208 HONSENA DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$540,000	Detached	0.24	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	06/13/12
5221 WOODLEAF CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$538,000	Detached	0.18	20120	SULLY STATION	06/22/12
14317 BROOKMERE DR	5	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$536,000	Detached	0.17	20120	SULLY STATION	03/23/12
15167 STRATTON MAJOR CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$535,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/15/12
15466 MEHERRIN DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$535,000	Detached	0.32	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/23/12
15092 WETHERBURN DR	4	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$535,000	Detached	0.34	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	06/18/12
6805 MOUNT OLIVE CT	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$534,900	Detached	0.34	20121	HANNA ESTATES	02/15/12
6437 MUSTER CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$531,000	Detached	0.23	20121	CENTRE RIDGE	05/04/12
14350 MAPLE ROCK CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$530,000	Detached	0.20	20121	COMPTON VILLAGE	05/01/12
6450 WOODMERE PL	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$529,900	Detached	0.35	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	02/10/12
5618 ROWENA DR	4	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$525,000	Detached	0.30	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	05/07/12
5453 JOSEPH JOHNSTON LN	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$520,000	Detached	0.14	20120	FAIRCREST	03/15/12
14951 RED POST CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$520,000	Detached	0.60	20121	GATE POST ESTATES	05/24/12
15411 EAGLE TAVERN LN	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$515,000	Detached	0.30	20120	WESTPORT	01/10/12
6803 MASSAPONAX PL	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$514,888	Detached	0.22	20121	CONFEDERATE RIDGE	05/03/12
5206 BRAYWOOD DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$510,000	Detached	0.16	20120	SULLY STATION	04/27/12
14002 WOOD ROCK WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$505,000	Detached	0.26	20121	GREEN TRAILS	04/19/12
5308 CALIPER CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$495,000	Detached	0.20	20120	XANADU ESTATES	04/27/12
5266 ELLICOTT DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$495,000	Detached	0.25	20120	CABELLS MILL	05/25/12
5724 FLAGLER DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$490,000	Detached	0.19	20120	SULLY STATION2	02/24/12
14108 WOOD ROCK WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$485,000	Detached	0.16	20121	GREEN TRAILS	01/31/12
13439 WOOD LILLY LN	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.06	20120	WINCHESTER AT FAIRCREST	06/01/12
13700 LELAND RD	5	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$485,000	Detached	1.71	20120	CENTREVILLE FARMS	06/26/12
14566 RIVERWIND TER	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$483,000	Townhouse	0.00	20120	THE COURTS AT RIVERWIND	02/24/12
13937 MALCOLM JAMESON WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$480,000	Detached	0.07	20120	VILLAGE AT MOUNT GILEAD	05/11/12
15180 WETHERBURN DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$480,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	05/31/12
15106 HONSENA DR	4	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$478,000	Detached	0.27	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	06/28/12
14810 DEER POND CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$475,000	Detached	0.22	20120	SULLY STATION	02/13/12
14402 FLY CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$470,000	Detached	0.21	20120	BELLE POND FARM	06/08/12
5342 BLUE ASTER CIR	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	WINCHESTER AT FAIRCREST	01/09/12
5724 ROCKY RUN DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$462,000	Detached	0.25	20120	ROCKY RUN	06/25/12
5474 SERVICEBERRY ST	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	WINCHESTER AT FAIRCREST	02/28/12
5504 FENCE POST CT	4	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$460,000	Detached	0.21	20120	XANADU ESTATES	06/11/12
14568 RIVERWIND TER	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.00	20120	THE COURTS AT RIVERWIND	06/18/12
5551 VILLAGE CENTER DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$455,000	Detached	0.21	20120	SULLY STATION	02/22/12
6531 WHEAT MILL WAY	4	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$450,000	Detached	0.23	20121	OLD MILL	02/17/12
15155 STRATTON MAJOR CT	4	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$450,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN	03/09/12
6526 HARVEST MILL CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$450,000	Detached	0.16	20121	OLD MILL	04/10/12
14926 KAMPUTA DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$449,900	Detached	0.23	20120	CHALET WOODS	05/10/12
6520 WHITE POST RD	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$445,000	Detached	0.50	20121	GATE POST ESTATES	02/25/12
13260 MAPLE CREEK LN	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.06	20120	TOWNES AT FAIR LAKES GLE	03/21/12
13980 SAWTEETH WAY	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.07	20121	OLD CENTREVILLE TOWNES	06/12/12
14011 TANNERS HOUSE WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$436,000	Townhouse	0.07	20121	TANNERS RIDGE	05/10/12
5216 WOODLEAF CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$435,000	Detached	0.16	20120	SULLY STATION	02/23/12
14601 LOCK DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$435,000	Detached	0.29	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	04/30/12
14706 ALGRETUS DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$430,000	Detached	0.20	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	02/24/12
14006 SAWTEETH WAY	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.07	20121	OLD CENTREVILLE TOWNES	03/29/12
14534 OAK CLUSTER DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$427,500	Detached	0.39	20120	ROCKY RUN	03/09/12
13713 EASTCLIFF CIR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$427,000	Detached	0.34	20120	CABELLS MILL	05/25/12
5212 KNOUGHTON WAY	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$425,000	Detached	0.22	20120	BELLE POND FARM	04/27/12
14402 ROCKYMOUNT CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$424,900	Detached	0.26	20120	ROCKY RUN	03/28/12
5555 SEQUOIA FARMS DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$420,000	Detached	0.20	20120	SEQUOIA FARMS	04/03/12
5430 CLUBSIDE LN	3	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$420,000	Detached	0.20	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	04/25/12
15501 COMPTON RD	2	...	0		CENTREVILLE	\$415,000	Detached	2.22	20121	CUB RUN	03/20/12
5608 SCHOOLFIELD CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$415,000	Detached	0.12	20120	SULLY STATION	06/29/12
5611 FAIRCLOTH CT	3	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$414,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	20120	SULLY MANOR	05/16/12
5643 FAIRCLOTH CT	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$412,000	Townhouse	0.05	20120	SULLY MANOR	06/27/12
14628 CRENSHAW DR	4	...	1		CENTREVILLE	\$410,000	Detached	0.20	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR	03/28/12
15323 BLUE RIDGE VIEW DR	4	...	2		CENTREVILLE	\$410,000	Detached	0.24	20120	PLEASANT HILL	05/09/12

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SPORTS

Getting To Know Centreville Sports

Football team won Northern Region title, finished state runner-up in 2011.

School: Centreville High School.
Mascot: Wildcats.
School Colors: Columbia blue, black and silver.
Athletic Director: Jim Sanabria, 703-802-5416.
Football Coach: Chris Haddock (third year).

The Wildcats were the Division 6 state runner-up in 2011. They went 9-1 during the regular season, losing only to Westfield. Centreville avenged the loss by beating the Bulldogs in the Northern Region final.

Field Hockey Coach: Demby Banbury.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Drew Murphy.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Thomas Watson.
Baseball Coach: Morgan Spencer.
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Brian Newell.
Rival Schools: Chantilly, Westfield.

What Happened Last Year: The boys' basketball team reached the Northern Region quarterfinals. The girls' lacrosse team finished Concorde District runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The



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Mark Behne and the Centreville football team finished Division 6 state runner-up in 2011.

baseball team went 18-6, but lost in the district semifinals and the first round of regionals.

Famous Graduates: Will Montgomery (2001 graduate) is a center for the Wash-

ington Redskins. He played collegiately at Virginia Tech and was a seventh-round selection of the Carolina Panthers in the 2006 NFL Draft. He also played for the New York Jets. Marcus Hamilton (2002) played three seasons in the NFL. The cornerback was a seventh-round choice of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 2008 NFL Draft. He also played for the Chicago Bears. Hamilton played his college ball at the University of Virginia. Colin Miller (2006) is a center for the Oakland Raiders. He played collegiately at Central Michigan and was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2011.

Quotable: "But I couldn't be more pleased with our team this year. [In 2008 and 2009 Centreville] won four games total. Now we're playing in a state championship game. We're really happy. We've changed the direction of the program. We have great kids and, in my opinion, the best fan base. These guys are great football players, but also great individuals." — Centreville football coach Chris Haddock after the Wildcats lost to Oscar Smith in the 2011 Division 6 state final.

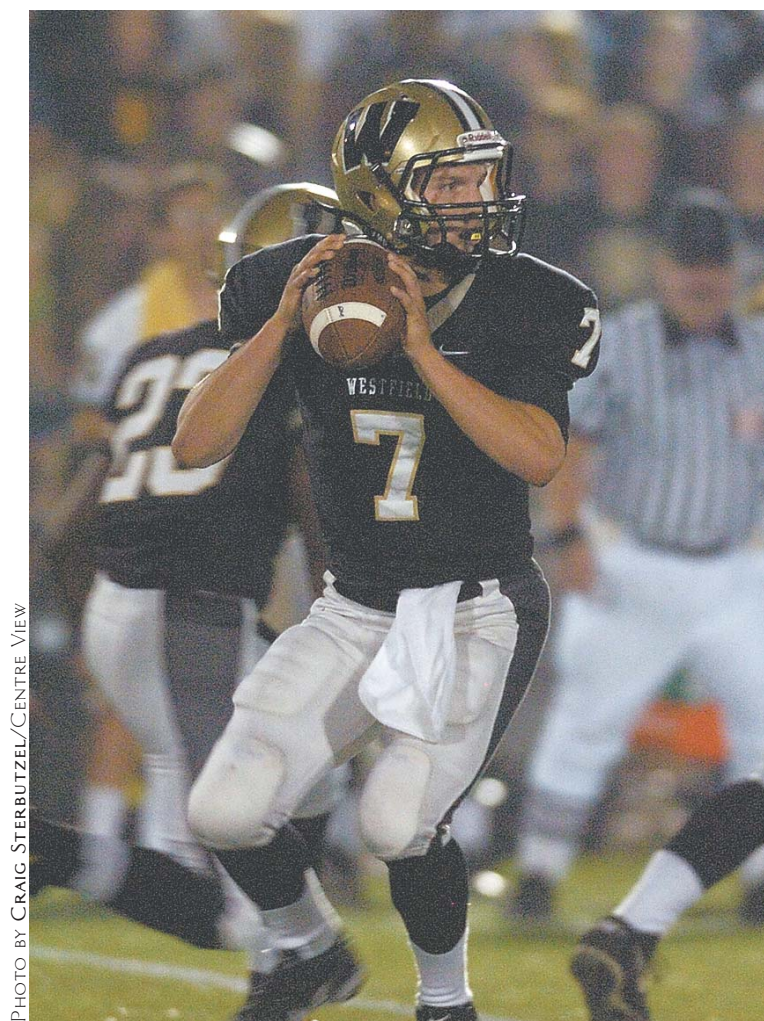


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Matthew Pisarcik and the Westfield football team finished region runner-up in 2011.

Getting To Know Westfield Sports

Boys' basketball team won a Northern Region championship in 2012.

School: Westfield High School.
Mascot: Bulldogs.
School Colors: Black, gold and white.
Athletic Director: Terri Towle, 703-488-6400.
Football Coach: Kyle Simmons (second year).

The Bulldogs went undefeated during the 2011 regular season, capturing a Concorde District championship along the way, but lost a rematch with Centreville in the Northern Region championship game. Westfield finished 12-1.

Field Hockey Coach: Starr Karl.
Volleyball Coach: Jim Bour.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Ewell.
Wrestling Coach: Chuck Hoskins.
Baseball Coach: Chuck Welch.
Rival Schools: Centreville, Chantilly.

What Happened Last Year: The field hockey team won a Concorde District title and finished Northern Region runner-up. The boys' basketball team won a region championship. The baseball team finished

district runner-up and advanced to the region semifinals. The wrestling team won its fourth region title in five years. The boys' lacrosse team finished district runner-up.

Famous Graduates: Eddie Royal (2004 graduate) is a receiver for the San Diego Chargers. He played collegiately at Virginia Tech and was a second-round choice of the Denver Broncos in the 2008 NFL Draft. Sean Glennon (2004) played quarterback for Virginia Tech. Brent Bowden (2005) was a first-team all-ACC punter for Virginia Tech. Brandon Snyder (2005) was selected with the 13th pick in the first round of the 2005 MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles and reached the Major Leagues in 2010. He is now in the Texas Rangers system. Evan Royster (2006) is a running back for the Washington Redskins. He played collegiately at Penn State and was selected by the Redskins in the sixth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. Mike Glennon (2008) is the starting quarterback at North Carolina State.

Quotable: "We've been working for this for like three years. We just played as a team all 32 minutes and poured our hearts out. This is the happiest moment of my life." — Zach Elcano after the Westfield boys' basketball team captured the 2011-12 Northern Region title.

SPORTS



CVHS Golf

The Bryan Gunter Memorial was played at Rock Harbor and Winchester Country Club golf courses in the Shenandoah Valley on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16 -17. CVHS's final score was 633: 316 on first day, 317 on second day. The team is scheduled to play in the VSGA Invitational at Independence Golf Club in Richmond Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 20-22. After that, a Concorde District Preview match will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23 at Chantilly National Golf Club.

CVHS XC Names Runners of the Week

The Wildcat Cross Country team began preparation for the upcoming season with a full slate of practices and an early season time trial. The first two "Runners of the Week" recipients have demonstrated the hard work they've already invested in the season, and have also displayed great team attitude. Sophomore Brady Madden is a returning veteran who has already made great improvements since last fall. Joining him is a rookie runner, freshman Hannah Huggins. Hannah has shown a "can do" spirit throughout the month and should bring that enthusiasm to the team's competitions.

The CVHS XC season kicks off with a scrimmage at Robinson Secondary on Saturday, Aug. 25, followed by the first Invitational meet, the PR Kick Off Invitational at Bull Run Regional Park on Thursday, Aug. 30.



Hannah Huggins and Brady Madden

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SCHOOL NOTES

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INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

What Makes Centreville Special

BY PRISCILLA KNIGHT

I have loved living in Centreville for 24 years, but my family's history in the village goes back 150 years to the Civil War. In August 1862, my great, great grandfather McGraw marched with New York's 157th Infantry to the tiny town. The Republican state senator and abolitionist had one goal: end slavery. When Lieutenant McGraw arrived, he found thousands of soldiers bivouacked in the desolate village where a second battle in Manassas had just tinted Bull Run's water red with the shredded bodies of approximately 25,000 men in blue and gray. Little did he know that his new home — a tent — would transform into a peaceful house for his great, great granddaughter a century later.

Today, Centreville's historical markers are the few reminders of The War Between the States. Our village, once bald after Union and Confederate soldiers cut down every tree for firewood and barricades, now explodes with colorful leaves and blossoms instead of bombs. Magenta Crape Myrtles along Stone Road and mighty trees that burst into orange, red and yellow every fall throughout the Cub Run Stream Valley represent a beautiful, thriving community where Yankees and Southerners work and play with people from all over the world.

While living 14 years in Virginia Run and 10 in Sully Station II, I've seen our village grow from one grocery store and a couple traffic lights to — well — a lot more. New schools, churches, stores, and restaurants have come along with people looking for groomed communities and nice neighbors. No longer do people say Centreville must have been the home Jed Clampett's family before they moved to Beverly Hills that is;

swimming pools. Ha! We have lots of "cement ponds." And who needs movie

stars when you have Redskins! I work for NOVEC. Our underground power lines in many Centreville communities have allowed for a better vista of trees, as well as fewer power outages when storms roll through town.

As a former member of the Virginia Run Board of Trustees for seven years and a current member of the Sully District Council, I've seen how community leaders have made sure developers built handsome homes and developed business areas with manicured landscaping. I like how Centreville is free of billboards and commercial clutter.

Our town offers its residents excellent schools, worship houses for various denominations, theatre opportunities, delicious restaurants, sports, and extensive bike trails. When you need to get away from it all, you can escape to the quiet, resourceful Centreville Regional Library. I love that place.

My family has enjoyed multiple social events in Virginia Run, Sully Station II, and Centreville including: July 4th parades and fireworks, National Night Out picnics, Cox's Farm Fall Festival, breakfasts with Santa, horse-drawn hay rides, and Easter egg hunts. For exhilarating spring and fall events, we've trekked to nearby Great Meadow in The Plains for the annual Gold Cup horse races.

If my great, great grandfather McGraw could come back to see Centreville today, I would thank him for his war service. And I'd show him how the once ravaged village has grown into a resplendent, wonderful place to live.



nZone To Host Hoops of Hope

Hoops of Hope is coming to the nZone on Saturday, Aug. 25 to raise money for children around the world orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Hoops of Hope is a free-throw marathon. Similar to a walk-a-thon, participants raise awareness and funds for children who have been orphaned

by HIV/AIDS by shooting free throws. All of the funds raised through the free throw marathons go directly to care for orphan children in highly affected areas.

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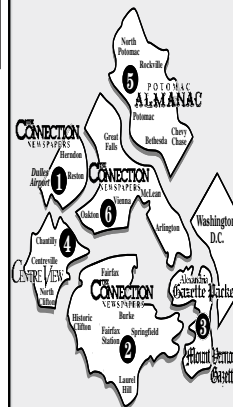
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Life in the Cancer Lane



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not to look a reasonably good result from my anti-cancer oral medication in the mouth, but however good I feel, however asymptomatic I am (other than the dry skin and pimply rash on my face), the results from my next CT Scan in early September will tell me how I should really feel. If the tumors (one in particular) have not grown or moved – or have even shrunk, I will feel Tony-the-Tiger “Great!” If on the contrary, the tumors have grown again, as they had in June – after my two previous chemotherapy infusions, then whatever I think I feel now will be replaced by what I don’t want to think about ever: the presumably inevitable, now-what?

“Now what” as in “what next,” has rarely been a discussion I’ve had with my oncologist, the scenario question as I refer to it. Whenever I would ask the perfectly logical question – to me, about what we might do if so and so happens or if such and such occurs (medically speaking relating to the cancer, that is) my doctor would always defer, and advise patience and caution, not wanting to get too far ahead of where we were but rather wait until we got there – considering that “there” is hardly a straight line. As difficult as it was for me to not always have clear options and strategies outlined for the future, what did become clear to me was that trying to anticipate such outcomes and plan treatment protocols accordingly, was not something my oncologist was comfortable doing, given the variability and unpredictability of how my body (cancer) would respond to whatever we had been doing. In a professional way, sort of, it was kind of a waste of his time to discuss treatment for eventualities which had not yet manifested themselves. The plan/his thinking was – as I soon learned, preempt what we could, treat what we knew, and wait for results to know what, or what not to do, next.

Presuming facts not yet in evidence and/or reactions not yet diagnosed/confirmed was natural for me – as a salesman. For an oncologist however, it would be unethical almost, to tell me things which are not yet true but might be or might not be, depending on... And so I’ve come to accept that (for awhile, I continued to ask except-type scenario/what if questions). Eventually, I grew comfortable with these perimeters and knew that waiting – and hoping – and wondering, was going to be the currency with which I was going to pay my emotional dues. Once having assimilated these dos and don’ts into my understanding and expectations, the planning of my present and future life became less stressful, oddly enough. Once I knew the limitations of our conversations projecting medically (into a very uncertain future), I could work it into my head and better manage the emotional roller coaster which had/had become my life. Oh sure, we had general discussions about treatment options, and there was a road map of sorts, but specifically visiting and discussing scenarios A, B and C either in person or electronically was rarely how our time together has been spent.

If I hadn’t learned to sit tight and wait for results – and then discuss those results and future treatment options, I might have driven myself and all those around me crazy. Now I’m waiting again – until September. Having been there and done that now for three and a half years certainly helps. And however familiar it may be and/or has become, it doesn’t exactly help to pass the time or affect the results, unfortunately. Cancer sucks! That much is clear. Now and in the future.

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