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Arla Albers, a Vienna artist known for her elaborate body designs, paints the face of Hannah Shaeffer, 7, of Fairfax, with colorful dolphins during a summer festival at Fairfax Corner to celebrate the grand opening of FANFARI, a new sports-themed eatery created by Glory Days owners.

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Sisters Jennifer Loeb (right) and Kerry Petrauskas danced to Cotton-Eyed Joe during the City of Fairfax's annual Old-Fashioned Fireman's Day event on July 4.



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A creative chocolate confection at the 2012 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Explore & Enjoy Fairfax

A sample of the area attractions.

Spotlight on the Arts—City of Fairfax

Dedicated to showcasing the very best of the visual and performing arts in the City of Fairfax, Spotlight on the Arts is an annual three-week festival of artists at local venues each April. The event includes more than 40 diverse events—with enough variety to please all audience palettes.

A cooperative effort by the City of Fairfax and George Mason University, Spotlight was formed in 1985 with two aims in mind: to enhance the community's awareness of the many arts and cultural opportunities offered in Fairfax, and to encourage the expansion of the arts through support of fledgling community arts organizations. For more, call 703-352-ARTS.

Historic Blenheim

A place for history and romance, 3610 Old Lee Highway, 703-591-0560

The City of Fairfax purchased the historic Blenheim estate, an 1855 central-hall-plan brick farmhouse on 12 acres, in 1999 to preserve and develop into a Civil War house museum and open-air park. The site hosts the Fairfax Civil War Weekend held annually the first

weekend in May. The historic house is a must-see for one of the best-preserved examples of Civil War graffiti in the nation, a "diary on walls" containing more than 100 signatures, art and poetry created by Union soldiers during their occupation of the Fairfax Court House area in 1862-1863. The site also includes a newly constructed 5,000-square-foot Civil War Interpretive Center with exhibits, an assembly hall, outdoor pergola patio, gift shop and restrooms that are all ADA-accessible. The center is also a popular spot for weddings as well as history buffs.

Forget love—We'd rather fall in Chocolate!

Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival in Old Town Fairfax
www.chocolatefestival.net

For all things chocolate, plan to attend the Chocolate Lovers Festival, a two-day event that takes place each March in Old Town Fairfax. A family-friendly favorite, popular events include the Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling anything and everything chocolate; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts extravaganza where pros and amateurs compete for prizes; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring chocolate chip pancakes; historic re-enactments;

children's activities; open houses at historic buildings and much more.

Scoop it Up

Woody's Ice Cream, 10435 North Street, Fairfax
703-277-9553

Woody's, a Fairfax landmark, is a perennial "insiders" favorite. Started in 1998 by retired mechanic Woody Lashley, the atmosphere is casual with seating for almost 50 customers inside and locally-inspired paintings as décor. A spacious deck outside with plenty of picnic tables is both child and dog-friendly. When it's one of those humid summer afternoons (like now), locals stop at Woody's for sundaes, milkshakes, cones and other Woody's classics. Open April through October, when Lashley throws a party to close the season.

Piano recitals, arts classes and more...

The Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway,
Fairfax, 703-591-0560

Since opening its doors in 2010, the Stacy C. Sherwood Center has been booked with cultural performances, benefit events, weddings and arts and recreation classes for



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) with husband Robert and children Jeremy and Alana.

My Favorite Places

State delegate shares tips on places to see, things to do.

BY EILEEN FILLER-CORN
STATE DEL. (D-41)

Dear Connection Readers:

Since 2010, I have been honored to serve the 41st District as your representative in the Virginia House of Delegates. The Virginia House is the Western Hemisphere's oldest continuously operating legislative body, a heritage extending back to 1619.

Although the Virginia General Assembly is a part-time citizen legislature, members serve year-round. Our annual session in Richmond is held over 6-8 weeks, beginning each year in mid-January. As your representative, I am always available to address any questions you may have regarding State Government, or assist with any problem you may be experiencing with such agencies as the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Virginia Department of Social Services or other governmental services.

On a personal level, I have lived in Fairfax County for over 20 years, and my husband and I have raised our two children (now 16 and 18) in this area. While we are always finding new restaurants and interesting sites to visit, we have some favorite activities in the area that you may want to consider. When our children were younger, we always enjoyed

taking them to Burke Lake Park. This exceptional community facility offers beautiful natural scenery, a miniature golf course, a sightseeing train and carousel rides. Regardless of the ages of your young ones, the park offers entertainment options for everyone.

In October, the Burke Nursery and Garden Centre holds a Fall Festival and Pumpkin Play-

ground. All those who attend receive a small carveable pumpkin as well as hay rides around the area. My

own personal favorite annual events include the Mantua Community Association Parade and Picnic in June, the Orange Hunt 4th of July Parade, National Night Out events in August and the Burke Centre Festival in September.

As part of my responsibilities as State Delegate, I regularly travel throughout the 41st District—Burke, West Springfield, Fairfax and Fairfax Station—meeting with constituents and organizations and attending events.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can ever be of service. You can reach me at Eileen@EileenFillerCorn.com or by phone, at 571-249-3453. You can also visit my website at www.EileenFillerCorn.com.

Again, welcome to the 41st House District of Virginia. I look forward to seeing you out and about.

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youth and adults, including rehearsal space. The 5,000 square-foot Sharpe performance hall is state-of-the art, and one of the few official Steinway piano venues in the area. Benefactor Geraldine Sherwood donated \$5 million to ensure the building of the center, which is named in honor of her husband Stacy, a member of the Fairfax Town Council and City Council who died in 2002. The center is available for rental.

Eat, Splash, Shop at Fairfax Corner

Monument Drive and Government Center Parkway, Fairfax
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For a night on the town, Fairfax Corner has it all—upscale shops, a variety of restaurants, a movie theater, a summer concert series and various festivals. There's also a fountain square where children love to splash during the summer and parents can relax on benches.

Patriotic Celebration

City of Fairfax Annual July 4th Fireworks & Parade

If you spend more than a year in the area,

and don't make it to the most spectacular display of fireworks in the region, you really haven't lived here. Festivities begin in the morning with the annual Independence Day Parade that starts in the Fairfax Historic District. After the parade, there's the Old-Fashioned Fireman's Day, where local firefighters compete in games involving fire hoses. (Spraying the crowd is part of the fun.) Fireworks are held at Fairfax High School, with games and activities for children, food vendors and live performances that include favorites such as the City of Fairfax Band and cover bands.

Catch a Game or a Concert at GMU

The Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, 703-993-3000

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Deadline for Senior Olympics Entries

Saturday, Sept. 1., register at www.nvso.us for the 2012 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, to take place throughout Northern Virginia, Sept. 15-26. Participants can compete in over 40 events anywhere from swimming to yo-yo tricks. Events will take place on Sept. 15-26 at 18 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Registration fee of \$12. For more information, call 703-228-4721 or go to www.nvso.us.

Discover Pond Life at Walney Pond. 10-11 a.m., Walney Pond, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover pond life and all sorts of creatures such as tadpoles, water scorpions, dragonfly nymphs etc. at the park. meeting with a naturalist at Walney Pond will help you find out what is living under the water at the pond's edge. \$2.50 per person. 703-631-0013. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Adults only, call for more information, 703-249-1520.

Computer Basics Training. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. 703-644-7333.

Computer Basics Training. 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. 703-644-7333.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Meet and practice your English conversation skills. 703-978-5600.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m., at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation, www.lostdogrescue.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Learning English. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Adults. 703-293-6227.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Adults. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Improve balance/core muscles. Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Monday and Friday, heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required, 703-667-9800.

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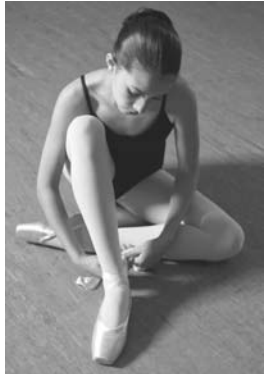
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What every newcomer should know about living, working and playing in the Braddock District.

By Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and his staff of "Insiders"

Braddock is very much a district of neighborhoods, a rarity in busy and booming Fairfax.

Stretching from Annandale to the far edge of Fairfax by the Fairfax County Government Center, we are located in the center of Fairfax County. Braddock District contains key roads for the County such as Route 50, Route 29, Little River Turnpike, Braddock Road, the Fairfax County Parkway, Old Keene Mill, Rolling Road and 495. We are proud to have two institutes of higher learning, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, which attract students from all over the world. Here's a short list of some must-do, must-see places, events and opportunities for newcomers (and old-timers).

POPULAR EATERIES:

- ❖ Kilroys in the Ravensworth Shopping Center, Springfield
- ❖ Great Harvest Bread Company in Burke Town Center, Burke
- ❖ Josies Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt in Burke Town Center, Burke
- ❖ Brions Grill in University Mall, Fairfax
- ❖ Swiss Bakery in Ravensworth Shopping Center, Springfield

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HOW WE CAN HELP YOU: THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT STAFF

Our office is located at 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Contact us at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or

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❖Ann Sharp, Senior Staff Assistant for Constituent Services: Braddock District Council (BDC), HOA's and Civic Associations, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, Zoning Complaints, Health Code Violations, Road Maintenance, Traffic Calming, Parking Districts, Utilities, Crime and County History.

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❖All Ages

❖Observatory

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Web: physics.gmu.edu/~hgeller/observing.html

The Observatory at the Fairfax Campus building Research 1 offers a number of informal night sky observing sessions throughout the academic year, and is open to the public. There is a 16-inch diameter Dobsonian telescope in the observatory atop the pier; a 12-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope used on the patio; and a 6-inch refractor originally built by Mason students in 1975. Observing sessions will be canceled if the sky is more than half overcast one hour before the session is scheduled to begin, or if it is too windy (more than 35 miles per hour) to open the observatory dome. Please check the website for the observing schedule and/or cancellation information. Observing sessions last approximately one-and-a-half hours weather permitting.

❖Potomac Arts Academy

Phone: 703-993-9889

Web: www.potomacacademy.org

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❖Youth

Summer Camps and Programs

Phone: 703-993-1005

Web: summercamps.gmu.edu

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❖George Mason Institute of Forensics

Phone: 703-993-4119

Web: www.gmuforensics.org/gmif/index.htm

Hosted in the summer, the Institute of Forensics is open to any area high school student who desires to learn more about forensics.

❖High School Debate Tournament and Institute

Phone: 703-993-1093

The George Mason University Debate Union sponsors the following:

The High School Debate Tournament

The tournament, hosted in January, is open to all regularly enrolled high school students throughout the United States. The tournament includes five divisions of debate: novice, junior varsity and varsity policy debate, and Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum debate.

❖The Patriot Classic High School Debate Institute

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❖Northern Virginia Writing Project Student Summer Institute

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Here in Braddock I am continually encouraging folks to become active participants both in their community through my Community Engagement Initiative, and in their local government, through my Citizen Governance Initiative. We established citizen policy committees on Land Use and Environmental Management, Transportation and the County Budget, where citizens can advise me. So come on out, step up and become an involved Braddock District resident.

INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to the City of Fairfax!

Creative, historic and fun.

BY R. SCOTT SILVERTHORNE
MAYOR/CITY OF FAIRFAX

As a Fairfax native, I've seen many changes in and around the City of Fairfax. In my role as mayor, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to share my personal thoughts about our community—and what makes this a special place to live, work, play and raise a family.

Nestled in the suburban expanse of the Washington, D.C. metro region, the City of Fairfax, Virginia, with its hallmark landscaped and leafy street medians, is an oasis, unique and brimming with vitality that recently has been recognized by Forbes as one of the top three places to live in the nation.

Our residents aren't surprised with the city's many top rankings on "quality-of-life" lists. It simply comes with the territory for this small city of nearly 24,000 known for its superior "small town" community feel situated in a world class metropolitan region.

Whether being recognized for receiving the nationally-prestigious gold medal for our parks and recreation programs, achieving the coveted AAA bond rating for our financial strength or placing 12th among all jurisdictions nationally for the percentage of city occupations in the "creative class," the city has a reputation for achievement, as well as a place of enjoyment and fun for its residents.

Our city is widely known for outstanding cultural amenities. Every year the city sponsors world-class events such as Fall for the Book, Spotlight on the Arts and a fun two-day Chocolate Lovers Festival. This is in addition to our three annual flagship events:



Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne

the day-long Independence Day Celebration, long recognized as having the best parade and most colorful fireworks in Virginia; our brilliant October Fall Festival where our closed-off downtown streets are filled with hundreds of renown craft merchants and thousands of visitors, and our Holiday Craft Show that fills our high school with amazing handcrafted wares that bring shoppers from surrounding states.

I'm proud that the City of Fairfax has experienced tremendous progress over the past decade. We have invested in many new amenities including a new community center, public library, four public schools and purchased an additional 56 acres of open space. All of these, combined with an unprecedented private sector interest in our historic downtown and the redevelopment of Fairfax Boulevard, make this one of the most exciting times in our city's history.

Perhaps one of the most important areas of all, the city is rightfully proud of its support for the educational opportunities afforded its children. Fairfax High School recently received US News and World Report's Gold Award, its highest recognition, for placing in the top 250 out of more than 22,000 schools nationally. Broad-based community support for schools is evidenced by a recent passage of a General Obligation bond referendum by more than 80 percent of those at the polls. Acclaimed George Mason University sits on the city's southern border and, through a cooperative town-gown relationship, provides world-class thinkers, musical and cultural events, and nationally recognized sports teams with Olympic-caliber athletes.

I'm certain you will discover why our many residents, visitors, and business owners consider our community the "Heart of Northern Virginia."

My Favorite Places

Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread in Fairfax

Q: Favorite Restaurants?

A: "We have so many great ones in Fairfax City! We hardly ever leave the city to go out to dinner. I like supporting locally owned businesses!"

❖Cho's Korean BBQ: authentic experience, fresh food and great service.

❖Courtside Thai: flavorful and fresh dishes, using produce from their sidewalk garden.

❖Woody's—who doesn't love Woody and his famous ice cream?

❖The Wine House—hip atmosphere and knowledgeable staff.

❖Bollywood Bistro—The crunchy spinach appetizer and Okra dish are my favs.

Q: Must-Do Activities?

❖Biking along the Accotink Trail from Arties to Accotink Lake and back—25 miles I think.

❖Take a class at the lovely Sherwood Center—I take yoga on Thursdays—love the instructor (who lives in the city too!).

❖Jog along the Daniels Run Trail—you feel like you are deep in the woods within city limits.

❖Join a neighborhood pool—most have strong summer swim teams and a relaxed atmosphere.

❖Farmers Markets on the weekends.



The Factory Vintage T-shirt shop at 10409 Main Street in the City of Fairfax sells vintage and custom t-shirts and other apparel.

Q: Great stores in the city?

❖Oasis Bike Works—cannot beat them for quality service.

❖The Factory Vintage T-shirt shop is a favorite of my teen rocker.

❖Fair Trade Winds—diverse cool stuff and you know someone is getting paid fairly for their work. Love that. Owners are wonderful too.

❖Campers Trophies—dependable and wide selection of plaques and trophies.

❖Macro Systems—small IT networking company that is reliable and knowledgeable.



State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34) with his family in the annual 4th of July Parade in the City of Fairfax.

State Senator Shares Places-to-See

Virginia State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34) represents central and western Fairfax in the Virginia State Senate. He grew up and lives in Fairfax City.

Q: What tips do you have for someone getting to know your community?

A: Get involved! Join an athletic league, a house of worship or an advocacy group. There are hundreds to choose from.

You can't make friends sitting in front of a TV.

Q: Do you have a favorite restaurant or mom-and-pop bakery?

A: P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax. I'm a steak and potatoes man.

Q: Do you have a favorite park or bike/hiking trail?

A: I enjoy going for long runs or bike rides with my kids on the W&OD Trail in Vienna.

Q: Is there an organization or group you would recommend to newcomers?

A: Leadership Fairfax is a great resource for those "Type As" who want to be involved in leading Fairfax County. If you're an athlete, my rugby team, the NOVA "Old Boys," is always looking for players over 35 years old.

Q: Any government service, website, blog, etc. that you

think is particularly useful to newcomers?

A: Mine, of course! My constituent website is fairfaxsenator.com and my blog is oxroadsouth.com. Otherwise, check out vamegaprojects.com for info on local transportation projects—it has a ton of information.

Q: What are the must-see/must-do events or festivals coming up in your community?

A: The annual St. Mary's Labor Day Picnic is a great community tradition. (And don't miss the "Blessing of the Tools" which takes place that morning.)

Q: If you were crafting a "bucket list" of places to see, things to do before you move out of town, what would be on it?

A: 1. Visit the Manassas Battlefield. If possible, take a guided tour.

2. Have a drink in Old Town Alexandria (that's where I met my wife).

3. March in the Fourth of July Parade in Fairfax.

4. Have a chili dog at the Vienna Inn.

5. Ride a Harley Davidson in the Memorial Day "Ride to the Wall."

—VICTORIA ROSS

OPINION

About the Connection

Newcomers and Community Guide 2012-2013

The paper you're reading, the Vienna Connection is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., 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

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.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail with feedback about our coverage. You can read and comment on our stories online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know 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 bi-

cycle 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.

Thanks for making Fairfax County your home!

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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❖Adults

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The Center for Global Education (CGE) is the university's study-abroad office and provides a wide array of opportunities for Mason students and the general public. CGE services include advising, issuing International Student ID Cards, a travel and study-abroad resource library, as well as study-abroad information sessions. The center's various educational opportunities are open to students and the general public for credit and audit.

❖Short-term Study Tours. CGE's short-term programs are the most popular and are offered during the spring, summer and winter academic breaks. Study tours are led by Mason faculty and cover a variety of topics, including business, ecology, politics, geography, theater, history, culture and trade in more than 30 countries. Short-term programs also include intensive language programs.

❖Office of International Programs and Services

Phone: 703-993-2970; Email: oips@gmu.edu

Web: oips.gmu.edu

International students, faculty and staff are a vital part of the Mason community, representing approximately 135 countries. The Office of International Pro-

grams and Services provides a variety of services, resources and events to this segment of our population, including working with local community groups to facilitate connections between international students and local families and enabling international students to visit local public schools for cultural learning activities. Please call if you are interested in participating.

❖Seniors

❖Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Phone: 703-503-3384

Web: www.olli.gmu.edu

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a non-profit organization affiliated with Mason, offers a variety of daytime courses, special events and other activities for older adults. There are no exams or college credit and no college degree is required. Members pay annual dues. Programs are offered at Tallwood House adjacent to Mason's Fairfax Campus; Lake Anne in Reston, Virginia; and the Mason in Loudoun site.

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What is the best thing about living in Fairfax?

—ANAGHA SRIKANTH & HANNAH BUNTING

Nery Larrazabal,
business advisor,

Fairfax (pictured with son)

"The community is very attractive. I mean we have theatres, activities for kids every week. There are many different activities, concerts. There's always something to do and that's the reason we live here."



Gagandeep Bajwal,
business owner (Bombay Café),
Fairfax, resident 21 years

"We like this area because it's nice, a nice neighborhood, everything is nice. My kids went to Fairfax High School, they've grown up here and I have my grandkids here now. [My kids] went to George Mason, which I like also. So it's a good place to live and to raise the kids."



Olivia Serio,
rising senior (Fairfax High School),
barista (Caribou Café), Fairfax,
resident 6 years

"The reason I love it here is places like this, like Caribou, the sense of community. It's not just a coffee shop. Because of the people, the friends, it's more like a second home. Plus, you know, the fact that there's coffee helps."



Sarah Sertic,
photographer,
resident 4 years

"I'm centrally located to everything. There's good food, a good farmers market and a good community to the arts."



Jessica Moore (left),
hairstylist (Bubbles Salon),
Fairfax, resident 25 years

"The fact that you can escape whether you want to be on the countryside or to be somewhere busy, there's always something to do. [I like being] mostly in the middle, it just depends."

Jenny Vo (right), hairstylist
(Bubbles Salon), Fairfax, resi-
dent 2 months

"[I like] the diversity. You get so many different things and everything is in the area. You can go down the street and get Mexican food and Chinese food; everything is very multicultural."



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❖Braddock Nights Concert Series

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tact 703-425- 9300.

❖Concerts at the Corner

Live Music concerts at the Plaza Stage at Fairfax Corner on Thursday nights 6:30–8:30 p.m. in June, July and August. For schedule check www.FairfaxCorner.com. Fairfax Corner is located on Monument Drive.

❖Oak Hill Day—Sept. 29, Noon to 4 p.m. at Oak Hill House on Braeburn Drive. Celebrate our local history and historians at Oak Hill Day. Come enjoy the unique opportunity to tour the grounds and first floor of the house and celebrate the beautiful 18th Century Georgian-style home. Call 703-425-9300 for more information.

❖Burke Centre Festival—Sept. 8 & 9—The 35th Annual Burke Centre Festival Conservancy, 6060 Burke Centre Pkwy. Admission is free. For additional information: burkecentreweb.comsub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival.

❖Taste Of Braddock—First Wednesday in December, the Braddock Supervisor hosts an Open House for all Braddock District residents. Food is provided by area restaurants.

❖Mason Day—George Mason University's longest standing tradition now includes carnival rides, food and local entertainment. Held the last week in April on the Mason Campus, it is open to the public. Mason faculty and students may attend free. There is a fee for all others. Check www.gmu.edu for more information.



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www.nps.gov/grfa
Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

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 amphitheaters 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
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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. Aantis 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 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.



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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
This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and





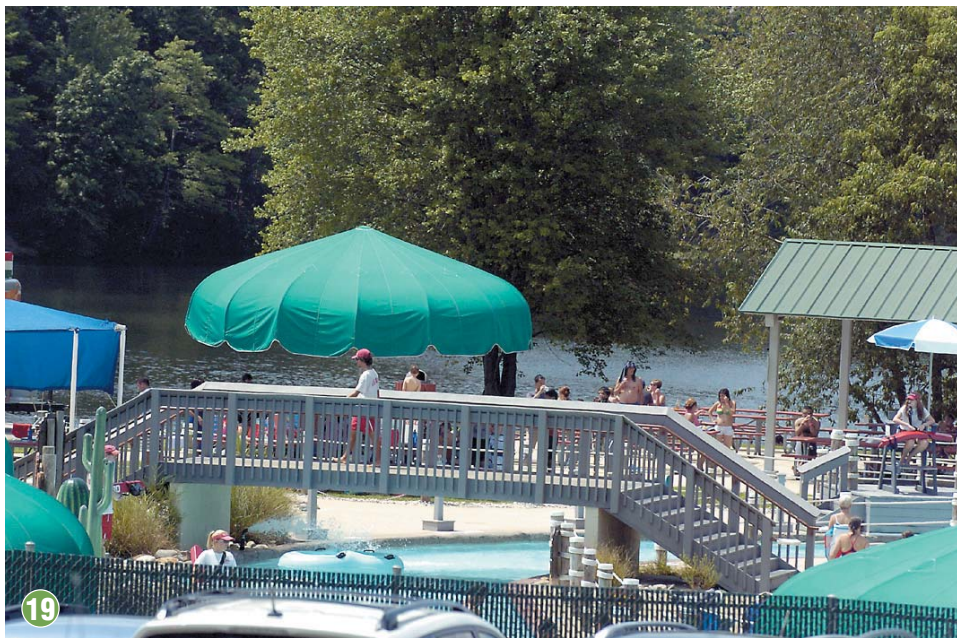
12 **Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon**

apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392
The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

Arts Center

WAC Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900
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.



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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.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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

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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

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. 703-293-6227.

Haley Cemetery Cleanup. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Haley Family Cemetery, 4422 San Carlos Dr., Fairfax. Dress appropriately for possible exposure to poison ivy, heat, and bugs. Parking limited to street parking only. For questions contact Mary 703-321-2824 or e-mail christopherlipsey@verizon.net.

GMU Student BBQ. 12:30-2:30 p.m., in the Veteran's Amphitheater at City Hall, Fairfax Campus, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. The City of Fairfax welcomes new students to George Mason University with free food from local area restaurants, music, giveaways and plenty of locals to welcome students to their new city. www.welcomeweek.gmu.edu.

Butterfly Tagging Program At Hidden Oaks. 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. 7701 Royce St., Annandale. Meet monarch caterpillars and butterflies up close and personal at the Monarch tagging and waystation gardening program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Learning about the butterfly's metamorphosis and their preparations for autumn travel. 703-941-1065. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.

Summer Dance Party! 6:30 p.m. Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Pkwy., Burke. A free dance party for preschool and elementary children and their families. www.burkeumc.org, 703-250-6100.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Golden Reunion. 4-7 p.m. Ernst Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Celebrate achievements of adult learners and commitment of volunteers. info@lcnv.org.

Music on the Lawn. 6-8 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. A family-friendly community event. Over Under, Down Yonder plays live music. Activities for children. Bring a dinner, blanket or chairs for lawn. www.BurkePresChurch.org, 703-764-0456.

MONDAY/AUG. 27

Make Something Mondays! 10 a.m. Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway. A free craft for preschoolers, elementary students and parents. www.burkeumc.org, 703-250-6100.

Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament. 8 a.m. Fairfax Army Navy Country Club, Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Sponsored by City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation. Register at 703-385-7858 or www.legacyforfairfax.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Tuesday Night Book Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell and join for discussion. Age 15-18. 703-249-1520.

Presidential Biography Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read any biography of 8th U.S. President, Martin Van Buren. and come and discuss. Adults. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

150th anniversary of the Battle of Ox Hill Commemoration. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Civil War reenactor soldiers, officers and civilians, artillery and infantry demonstrations and a souvenir craft for children. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill.

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

Encore Chorale of Potomac Academy. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. For singers age 55+. http://encorecreativity.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

13 the Musical. 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. www.metrotheater.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Wakefield Skate Park Opening. 11 a.m., Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Watch demos, enjoy light refreshments and live music and hear brief remarks by officials as they cut the ribbon. 703-324-8662 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/skatepark.

13 the Musical. 4 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. www.metrotheater.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Model Train Display. 1-4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK group will have running table top (T-Trak) model trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

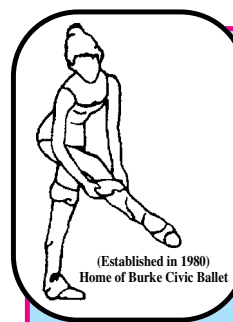
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SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks I. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman and pianist Jeffrey Biegel perform Adams' The Chairman Dances, Zwilich's Shadows for Piano and Orchestra, Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from "On the Town" and Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F Major. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Solo Guitarist David Rogers. 8 p.m. Epicure Cafe 11213-A Lee Highway, Fairfax. 703-352-9193.



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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
THE CONNECTION

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.

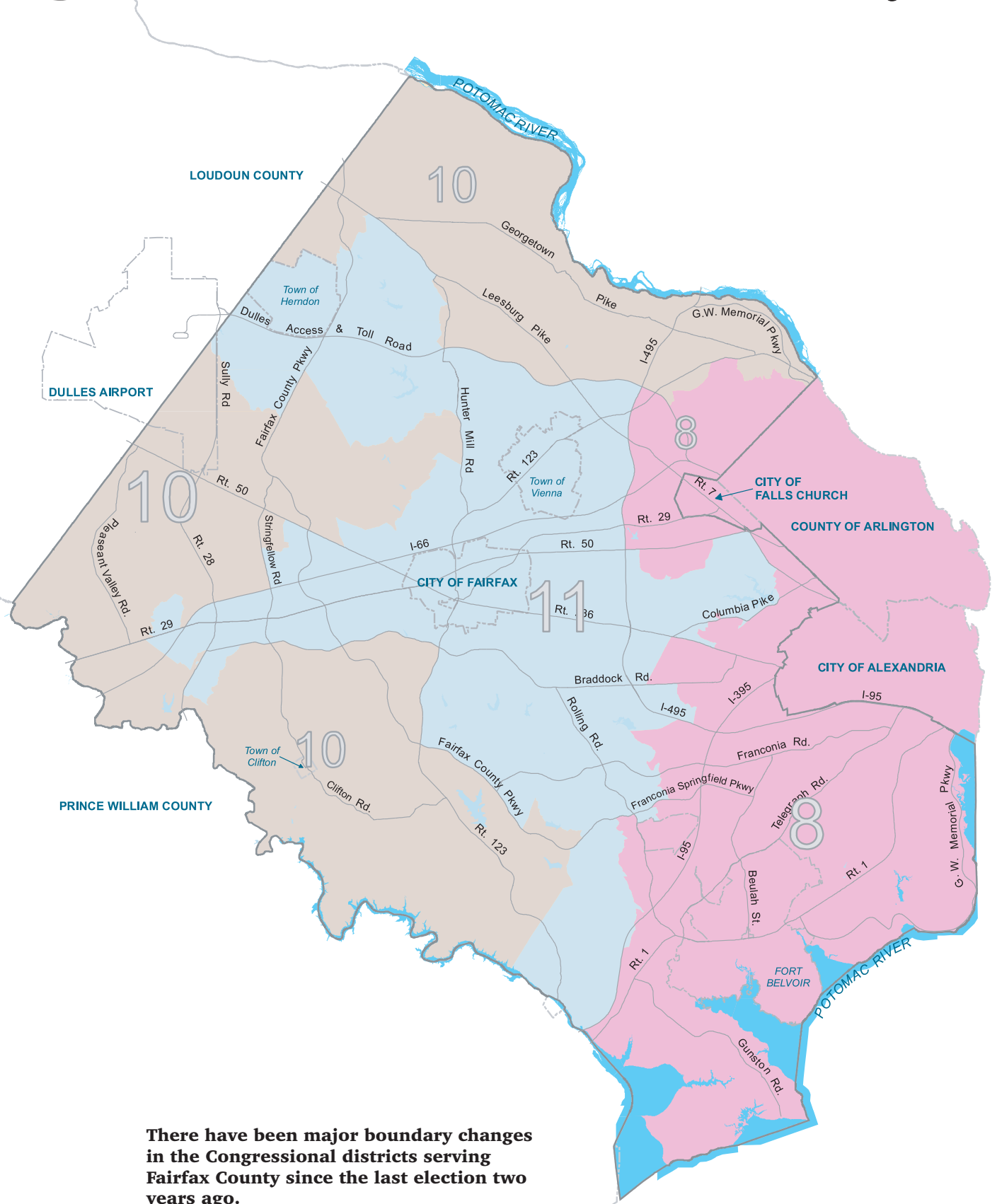
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

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



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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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10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Kristin A. Cabral
(D)



Frank Wolf
(R)*

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Gerry Connolly
(D)*



Chris Perkins
(R)

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❖ Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

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

❖ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA

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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>



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A Year in Fairfax County

A sampling of some of the cherished, annual events of the county.

AUGUST

Restaurant Week, Fairfax County
National Night Out, Fairfax County
Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair, Herndon
Old Firehouse Teen Center Block Party, McLean, Aug. 25
La Sandia's Chile Relleno Festival, McLean, through Aug. 31
2nd Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition, Lorton, through Aug. 26
Pakistan Festival, Centreville, Aug. 26

SEPTEMBER

Clifton Car Show, Sept. 3
Herndon Labor Day Jazz and Wine Festival, Sept. 3
St. Mary's 137th Labor Day Picnic, Fairfax Station, Sept. 3
Burke Centre Festival, Sept. 8-9
Great Grapes Wine, Arts and Food Festival, Reston, Sept. 8-9
Reston Triathlon, Sept. 9
Fall Festival and Taste of Falls Church, Sept. 15
Dulles Day Plane Pull, Sept. 22
Reston Multicultural Festival, Sept. 22
Fall for the Book Festival at GMU, Fairfax, Sept. 26-30
Walk to End Alzheimer's, Reston, Sept. 30

OCTOBER

18th annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground, Burke, Oct. 1-31
Octoberfest Reston, Oct. 5-7
Fifth Annual Oktoberfest, Vienna, Oct. 6
Farm Day, Falls Church, Oct. 6
Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax, Oct. 13
Ninth Annual Great Falls Art Studio Tour, Oct. 20-21
Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair, McLean, Oct. 20-21
Vienna Halloween Parade, Oct. 24
VolunteerFest, Fairfax County, Oct. 27
Halloween Carnival, Falls Church, Oct. 27
South Run RECenter 5th Annual Arts & Crafts Show, Springfield, Oct. 27-28
Halloween Spooktacular, Great Falls, Oct. 31

NOVEMBER

The Washington West Film Festival, Herndon and Reston, Nov. 1-4
The Robinson Marketplace, Fairfax, Nov. 10
52nd Annual Holiday Bazaar, Vienna, Nov. 10
Joyful Noise Holiday Bazaar and Bakeshop, Sterling, Nov. 17
Bull Run Festival of Lights, Centreville, begins Nov. 21
Civil War Thanksgiving, Falls Church, Nov. 24
Christmas at Mount Vernon, begins Nov. 25
30th Annual Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Art & Craft Showcase, Vienna, Nov. 25-27

DECEMBER

Great Falls Tree Lighting, Dec. 1
City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols, Dec. 1
46th Holiday Homes Tour, McLean, Dec. 6
Great Falls Celebration of Lights, Dec. 8
Church Street Stroll, Vienna
Fairfax County's Third Annual Frostival, Chantilly, begins last weekend in December
Fairfax Four Miler, Dec. 31
Watch Night, Falls Church, Dec. 31



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Vehicles are parked all along Main Street during the annual Labor Day car show in Clifton. This year's show will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 3

Bull Run Festival of Lights, Centreville, Cont.
Christmas at Mount Vernon, Cont.

JANUARY

Fairfax County's Third Annual Frostival, Chantilly, through the first weekend of January
Bull Run Festival of Lights, Centreville, through Jan. 6
Christmas at Mount Vernon, through Jan. 6
Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Chantilly, Jan. 25
Second Annual McLean Chocolate Festival, Jan. 27

FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Days

MARCH

Annual Chocolate Lover's Festival, Fairfax
Fairfax Brewfest
Herndon Park Egg Hunt
Chantilly Egg Hunt
Northern Virginia Artists League 11th Anniversary, Herndon
Herndon Bluegrass Concert Series

APRIL

Reston Founder's Day Fest, April 13
22nd Annual Best of Reston Gala, April 11
Historic Garden Tour, Fairfax County, April 20-27
ValeArts Spring Fine Art Show, Oakton, last weekend in April
Fairfax Fine Arts Festival, last weekend in April
Mason Day, Fairfax, last weekend in April

MAY

Great Grapes Wine, Art and Food Festival, Reston
22nd Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, Reston, May 17-19
McLean Day, May 18
Civil War Day, Falls Church
Springfield Days
Viva! Vienna
Memorial Day Festival and Parade, Falls Church
Herndon Festival, begins May 30

JUNE

Herndon Festival, through June 2
Vintage Virginia Wine Festival, Centreville, first weekend in June
Great Falls Days, first weekend in June
Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, June 7-9
Taste of Reston, June 14-16

JULY

Fairfax Salutes America, July 3
Old Town Fairfax 4th of July Independence Day Parade, July 3
Patriotic Picnic, Lorton, July 3
Town of Vienna 4th of July Celebration, July 4
An American Celebration at Mount Vernon, July 4
Lake Fairfax Fireworks Spectacular, July 4
Obon Festival, Fairfax Station
Herndon Friday Night Live!
Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series
The 3rd Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition begins, Lorton

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3482 ROSE CREST LN	4	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.91	22033	OAK HILL ESTATES	06/29/12
9407 OLD RESERVE WAY N	5	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.27	22031	PICKETT'S RESERVE	06/28/12
3813 DANIEL'S RUN CT	5	...	5	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.20	22030	FARRCROFT	02/03/12
3807 DANIEL'S RUN CT	6	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.20	22030	FARRCROFT	06/28/12
12394 FALKIRK DR	5	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.67	22033	DARTMOOR WOODS	06/27/12
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4098 ORCHARD DR	6	...	5	...	0	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.25	22032	HALEMHURST	05/17/12
3412 TILTON VALLEY DR	4	...	3	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.92	22033	MARY RIDGE	03/07/12
10094 DANIELS RUN WAY	5	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.16	22030	FARRCROFT	04/04/12
3831 FARR OAK CIR	5	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.11	22030	FARRCROFT	05/20/12
3837 FARR OAK CIR	4	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.11	22030	FARRCROFT	03/22/12
12704 HUNT MANOR CT	4	...	3	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.30	22033	FAIR OAKS HUNT	02/27/12
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13006 RED ADMIRAL PL	5	...	4	...	1	FAIRFAX	Townhouse	0.12	22033	WILLOW OAKS AT FAIR LAKE	05/31/12
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4103 HALSTED ST	3	...	3	...	1	FAIRFAX	Townhouse	0.03	22033	CENTERPOINTE III	05/31/12
4273 MCCLAIN HILL CT	4	...	3	...	1	FAIRFAX	Detached	0.06	22033	CARR AT CEDAR LAKES	06/29/12
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Getting to Know Area High Schools' Sports

Robinson Secondary: Boys' soccer team won Northern Region title in 2012.

*School: James W. Robinson Secondary School.
Mascot: Rams.
School Colors: Blue and gold.
Athletic Director: Jeff Ferrell, 703-426-2126.
Football Coach: Trey Taylor (second year).*
The Rams qualified for the 2011 playoffs despite a 1-5 start and a 4-6 regular season record. They lost to top-seed Westfield in the first round. Taylor enters his second season with Robinson after coming over from Woodson to replace long-time head coach Mark Bendorf.

*Volleyball Coach: Jill Pearson.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Nelson.
Girls' Basketball Coach: T.J. Dade.
Wrestling Coach: Bryan Hazard.
Baseball Coach: John James.
Boys' Soccer Coach: Robert Garza.
Rival School: Lake Braddock.*

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The wrestling team finished state runner-up. The boys' basketball team won a Concorde District championship. The boys' soccer team won a Northern Region championship. The baseball team won a district title. The girls' soccer team finished district runner-up and advanced to the region quarterfinals.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Rob Muzzio (1982 graduate) won back-to-back NCAA decathlon titles at George Mason University in 1984-85. He finished fifth in the decathlon for the United States at the 1992 Olympic Games. He is now an assistant coach for the Robinson track and field team. Chris Warren (1985) played running back at Division III Ferrum College before being drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in the fourth round of the 1990 NFL Draft. He played 11 seasons in the NFL with the Seahawks, Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles, finishing with 7,696 yards, 52 touchdowns and four 1,000-yard seasons on the ground, and more than 12,000



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The Robinson boys' basketball team won a Concorde District championship in 2012.

all-purpose yards. He was a three-time Pro Bowl selection. Shawn Camp (1994) is a relief pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Javier Lopez (1995) is a relief pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

❖ **Quotable:** "His first two years he had a losing record. His father took him all over the country. He traveled and trained six to seven days a week for the last two-and-a-half years and it paid off. He made good decisions socially; he did all the right things that you ask of a kid. He is the poster child for what hard work can do because he has put in more work than any kid you will ever see in the state." —Robinson wrestling coach Bryan Hazard about 2012 138-pound state champion Santiago Valdez.

Lake Braddock Secondary: Baseball program won its first state title in 2012.

*School: Lake Braddock Secondary School.
Mascot: Bruins.
School Colors: Purple and gold.
Athletic Director: Mark Martino, 703-426-1001.
Football Coach: Jim Poythress (ninth season).*

Coming off back-to-back Northern Region titles, the Bruins finished the 2011 regular season with a 6-4 record, qualifying for the postseason while sharing the Patriot District title with South County and West Potomac. Lake Braddock defeated Oakton in the regional quarterfinals before falling to eventual state runner-up Centreville in the semifinals.

*Volleyball Coach: Aubrey Eaton.
Field Hockey Coach: Amy Worrest.
Cross Country Coach: Michael Mangan.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Metress.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Leigh Janis.
Baseball Coach: Jody Rutherford.
Boys' Soccer Coach: Joe Soos.
Girls' Soccer Coach: Adam Soos.
Rival School: Robinson.*

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team won a Patriot District championship and advanced to the Northern Region semifinals. The volleyball team finished district runner-up. The boys' cross country team won a district title and the girls' team finished third. Sophie Chase won an individual girls' cross country state championship. The girls' gymnastics team won a district title. The baseball team won district and state championships. The girls' soccer team won a district championship. The boys' soccer team finished district and region runner-up. The girls' lacrosse team finished district runner-up. The softball team was district runner-up.

❖ **Historic Achievements:** The boys' soccer program won state titles in 1982, 1983, 1988, 1989 and 1995. The girls' soccer program won state championships in 1987, 1989, 2003, 2006 and 2007. The baseball program won its first state title in 2012.



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Thomas Rogers and the Lake Braddock baseball team won a state championship in 2012.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Mia Hamm (1989 graduate) is considered one of the greatest women's soccer players of all time. She led the University of North Carolina to four national championships. She won Olympic gold medals with Team U.S.A. in 1996 and 2004, won World Cup titles in 1991 and 1999, and was named FIFA World Player of the Year in 2001 and 2002. Hubert Davis (1988) played basketball at the University of North Carolina and was selected by the New York Knicks in the first round of the 1992 NBA Draft. The 6-foot-5 guard also played for the Toronto Raptors, Dallas Mavericks, Washington Wizards, Detroit Pistons and New Jersey Nets during his 12-year career. He led the NBA in three-point shooting during the 1999-2000 season, shooting 49.1 percent as a member of the Mavericks.

❖ **Quotable:** "He was on today. In his past two or three starts, including this one—I've been playing with him since Little League—that's the best I've ever seen him pitch—Lake Braddock catcher Garrett Driscoll about pitcher Thomas Rogers, who threw a four-hit shutout in the state championship game.

West Springfield High: Girls' basketball program reached state playoffs last three seasons.

*School: West Springfield High School.
Mascot: Spartans.
School Colors: Blue and orange.
Athletic Director: Andy Muir, 703-913-3861.
Football Coach: J.T. Biddison (fourth season).*

The Spartans won their first two games and started 4-2, but closed the 2011 season with four straight losses to finish 4-6.

*Volleyball Coach: Stephanie Noriega.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Jason Eldredge.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Bill Gibson.
Baseball Coach: Jason Olms.*

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The girls' basketball team won a Patriot District championship and finished Northern Region runner-up. The baseball team won a region championship.

❖ **Historic Achievements:** The baseball program has won three state championships, the last coming in 2010. The girls' basketball program won the district championship and reached the state playoffs each of the last three seasons.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Bryn Renner (2009 graduate) was a highly-touted prep quarterback who is now the starting signal caller for the University of North Carolina. Kara Lawson (1999) was a star guard on the Spartans girls' basketball team before playing for the University of Tennessee and the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs and Connecticut Sun. Lawson was a first-round selection (No. 5) of the Detroit Shock in 2003, but was traded to the Monarchs. She was part of Sacramento's 2005



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The West Springfield baseball team won a Northern Region title in 2012.

championship team. Pitcher Joe Saunders (1999) led the Spartans to the 1998 state title and went on to pitch at Virginia Tech, where he compiled a 27-7 record. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim selected the left-hander in the first round (No. 12 overall) of the 2002 MLB draft. He now pitches for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

❖ **Quotable:** "Every elimination game, they played their best baseball. You can't ask for more than that from a team. They just love being in these situations. They play loose and they have a good time. They all love each other and that's what it takes to win games like this against a great team." —West Springfield baseball coach Jason Olms after the Spartans defeated Lake Braddock to win the 2012 region title.

South County Secondary: Football team finished state runner-up in 2011.

*School: South County Secondary School.
Mascot: Stallions.
School Colors: Navy blue, forest green and silver.
Athletic Director: Mike Pflugrath, 703-446-1675.
Football Coach: Gerry Pannoni (second season).*

The Stallions started 0-3 in 2011, losing to Hayfield, Oakton and West Potomac. But led by a stout defense, South County rebounded with 11 consecutive victories and a trip to the Division 5 state championship game. The Stallions finished state runner-up, along with securing a Northern Region championship and a share of the Patriot District title.

*Volleyball Coach: Trista Barnhart.
Field Hockey Coach: Leah Conte.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Wendell Johnson.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Noel Klippenstein.
Baseball Coach: Mark Luther.
Softball Coach: Gary Dillow.
Rival School: Hayfield.*

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team won a Northern Region championship and reached the state semifinals. The boys' basketball team finished Patriot District runner-up. The boys' lacrosse team was district runner-up. The softball program won its sixth consecutive district championship and advanced to the region semifinals.

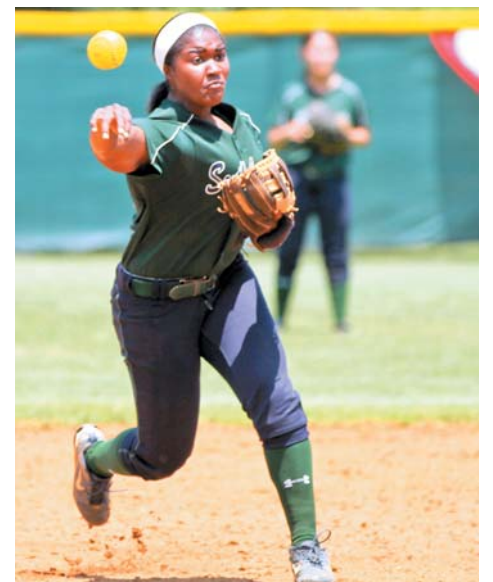


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Whitney Burks in 2012 helped the South County softball team win the program's sixth consecutive Patriot District title.

❖ **Quotable:** "I feel like a champion. We worked so hard to get here since our sophomore year—everybody worked hard." —South County's Devin Vandyke after the Stallions defeated Yorktown to win the 2011 Division 5 Northern Region football title.

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Rivalry Blossoms in Area High Schools' Sports

Fairfax High: Field hockey program has won three consecutive district titles.

School: Fairfax High School.
Mascot: Rebels.
School Colors: Blue and gold.
Athletic Director: Nancy Melnick, 703-219-2201.

Football Coach: Kevin Simonds (third year).
The Rebels won six of their first seven games in 2011 and qualified for the Division 6 playoffs with a 6-4 record. Fairfax lost to No. 2 seed Centreville in the regional quarterfinals.

Volleyball Coach: Tyler Freiheit.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Mike Barbee.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Marcus Konde.
Wrestling Coach: Craig Franklin.
Baseball Coach: Richard Freeman.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team won its third consecutive Liberty District championship. The boys' basketball team finished district runner-up and advanced to the Northern Region semifinals.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Bill Pulsipher (1991 graduate), a left-handed pitcher, was selected in the second round of the 1991 MLB Draft by the New York Mets. He was part of a promising young Mets pitching trio known as "Generation K," which included Jason Isringhausen and Paul Wilson.



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Austin Perryman (4), Anthony Bowen (25) and the Fairfax football team made the Division 6 playoffs in 2011.

Isringhausen found success as a closer, but each pitcher's career was affected by injuries. Owen Schmitt (2003) is a fullback for the Oakland Raiders. He played collegiately at West Virginia University and was a fifth-round selection of the Seattle Seahawks in the 2008 NFL Draft. He also played for the Philadelphia Eagles. "Good Morning America" weather Anchor Sam Champion (1979) attended Fairfax High School.

❖ **Quotable:** "We have the mentality and the attitude of we are not the Fairfax of 2006, 2007, 2008. We are a different team, and we are one that needs to be reckoned with." —Fairfax football coach Kevin Simonds after the Rebels beat Washington-Lee early in the 2011 season.

W.T. Woodson High: Boys', girls' lacrosse teams win districts in 2012.

School: W.T. Woodson High School.
Mascot: Cavaliers.
School Colors: Navy blue and white.
Athletic Director: Dan Checkosky, 703-503-4681.

Football Coach: Joe Dishun (second year).
The Cavaliers, two years removed from a region runner-up finish, started 0-5 in 2011 en route to a 2-8 campaign. Woodson's wins came against T.C. Williams and Annandale.

Volleyball Coach: Len Palaschak.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Craig.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Pat Neri.
Field Hockey Coach: Becky Preston.
Baseball Coach: Chris Warren.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The volleyball team won a Patriot District championship and finished Northern Region runner-up. The boys' basketball team reached 20 wins and earned the top seed in the district tournament, but lost to T.C. Williams in the semifinals. The boys' and girls' lacrosse teams won district championships. The girls' soccer team finished district and region runner-up.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Andy Heck (1985 graduate) was a three-sport athlete who went on to play football at Notre Dame. He switched from tight end to offensive tackle and was a team captain and first-team All-American on the Fighting Irish's 1988 undefeated national championship team. The Seattle Seahawks selected Heck in the first round (No. 15 overall) of the 1989 NFL Draft. He played 12 seasons in the pros for the Seahawks,



PHOTO BY DAN STEGNER

Grace Finnerty helped the Woodson girls' lacrosse team win a Patriot District championship in 2012.

Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins. He played in 185 games and made 139 starts. Abe Thompson (2000) played soccer at the University of Maryland. FC Dallas selected him in the second round of the 2005 MLS Supplemental Draft. Michael Lahoud (2005) played soccer at Wake Forest University, where he helped the Demon Deacons win the 2007 national championship. Chivas USA selected Lahoud in the first round (No. 9 overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft.

❖ **Quotable:** "Our motto is we're turning the butterflies into rhinos. We have butterflies in our stomach, we've just got harden it up and play to the end." —Woodson's Rachel Conway after the volleyball team clinched a state tournament berth in 2011.

Hayfield Secondary: Softball team won 2012 National District championship.



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Emily Ryan and the Hayfield girls' lacrosse team finished National District runner-up in 2012.

School: Hayfield Secondary School.
Mascot: Hawks.
School Colors: Orange and white.
Athletic Director: E.W. Nowland, 703-924-7472.
Football Coach: Roy Hill.

The Hawks finished 8-2 during the 2011 regular season and qualified for the postseason, where they lost to Lee in the Division 5 region quarterfinals.

Volleyball Coach: Jeff Berggren.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Carlos Poindexter.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Rudy Coffield.
Baseball Coach: Michael Shore.
Softball Coach: Ron Giovannucci.
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Sarah Burrowbridge.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The softball team won a National District championship. The girls' lacrosse team finished district runner-up to Yorktown for the third consecutive season.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Offensive lineman Tony Mayberry (1985 graduate) played football at Wake

Forest University and was a fourth-round selection of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 1990 NFL Draft. He played 10 seasons as a center with Tampa Bay and was selected to three Pro Bowls. Darnell McDonald (1995) played receiver at Kansas State University and was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft. Larry Asante (2005) played safety at the University of Nebraska, where he was a first-team all-Big 12 coaches selection as a senior in 2009. The Cleveland Browns selected Asante in the fifth round of the 2010 NFL Draft. He spent time on the Cincinnati Bengals practice squad and saw playing time for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, recording an interception.

❖ **Quotable:** "The frustration feels like [a product of] it could have been anyone at the end, and we're the ones that haven't gotten it in so long. That's where I feel frustrated. It's not a frustration [about] the way my team played, at all. —Hayfield girls' lacrosse coach Sarah Burrowbridge after the Hawks lost to Yorktown in the district final for the third straight season.

Robert E. Lee High: Football program rebounded from 1-9 season in 2010 with playoff berth in 2011.



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Michael Jolly, with ball, and the Lee football team reached the playoffs in 2011.

School: Robert E. Lee High School.
Mascot: Lancers.
School Colors: Blue and gold.
Athletic Director: Lori Barb, 703-924-8352.
Football Coach: Clarence Martin (second year).

The Lancers won their first four games of 2011, qualified for the Division 5 playoffs with a 6-4 record and reached the region semifinals.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Kosa So.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Harold Jackson.
Baseball Coach: John Dowling.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** Gymnasts Leah Michetti and Katie Stewart qualified for the

state meet.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Melissa Belote Ripley won three swimming gold medals as a 15-year-old in the 1972 Olympics, including setting a world record in the 200-meter backstroke.

❖ **Quotable:** "The team's ecstatic right now. Last year they went 1-9, so we're still trying to learn how to win and we're still trying to learn how to finish off teams, but the sky is the limit for these guys. They have so much confidence right now that they're going to keep rolling. They're very confident in what they can do and they know they can come out and compete with any team in the region." —Lee football coach Clarence Martin after the Lancers improved to 3-0 in 2011.

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Paul VI Catholic High School: Girls' basketball team has won six consecutive state titles.

School: Paul VI Catholic High School.

Mascot: Panthers.

School Colors: Black and gold.

Athletic Director: Billy Emerson, 703-352-0925 ext. 318.

Football Coach: Gordon Leib (second year).

The Panthers lost their first six games of 2011, but rebounded to win their final three to finish 3-6. Paul VI defeated Bishop Ireton, St. Mary's Ryken and Bishop O'Connell.

Volleyball Coach: Sam Farrar.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Glenn Farelo.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Scott Allen.

Wrestling Coach: Tom Healy.

Rival School: Bishop O'Connell.

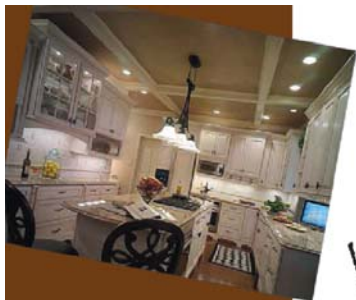
❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The girls' cross country team won a state championship. The boys' basketball team won Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, state and city championships. The girls' basketball team won the program's sixth consecutive state title. The baseball team won conference and state championships. The softball team reached the state semifinals.

❖ **Famous Alumni:** San Diego Chargers receiver Eddie Royal and Oakland Raiders fullback Owen Schmitt attended, but did not graduate from Paul VI.



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The Paul VI boys' basketball team defeated Coolidge in the 2012 City Title game in the Verizon Center.



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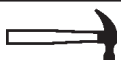
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