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Jenee Lindner, chair of the 10-day county-wide commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, in front of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, the site of many of the events.

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The Lorton Workhouse Arts Center campus

## Explore, Enjoy

A sample of attractions the area offers.

### Hop Aboard Burke Lake Train

**Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station**

For more information on the park, train or other rides, call 703-323-6600 or go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark)

The miniature Central Pacific Huntington steam engine at Burke Lake Park has been a popular ride for 40 years. Last spring, the ride got even better when the train and tracks underwent some improvements. "I remember riding my bike here when I was a kid, through what's now Burke Lake Center...We were adventurers," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). "Generations of families come here every year. It's one of our most popular parks."

"This train never goes out of style," said Charlie Reagle, Burke Lake Park Manager, who estimates about 90,000 people ride the train each year. The train takes riders over 1.75 miles of track in about 10 minutes and reaches speeds of 10 to 12 miles per hour. After the chug-along, there's more old-fashioned fun at Burke Lake Park, including a spin on the carousel, a hand-dipped cone at the Ice Cream Parlor and a hike on the park trail rated one of the 10 best urban fitness trails in the nation by the American Hiking Society.

### History Lessons

**Burke Historical Society**

Meetings are held monthly at the Silas Burke House, 9595 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
[www.burkehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.com)

The Burke Historical Society (BHS) was first established in 1978 as an advocate for preserving Burke's rich heritage. The society procures and maintains the area's historical markers, collects community artifacts for display and sponsored the book

"Memories of Beautiful Burke," co-authored by Nan Netherton and Ruth Rose. According to Suzi Fowler Neal, president of BHS, society members recently raised enough money to reprint the book, which will be for sale at this year's Burke Centre Festival in September. The historical society also inspired artist Barbara Thelin Preston to paint and donate a painting depicting Old Burke, which the society framed and donated to the Burke post office. Meetings and forums take place the last Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Silas Burke House, 9595 Burke Lake Road.

### Obon Festival

**Ekoji Buddhist Temple,**  
6500 Lakehaven Lane,  
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The only "Jodo Shinshu" Buddhist temple in Northern Virginia, Ekoji celebrated its 31st anniversary in July at its annual Obon Festival. Obon, which means "In Gratitude," is a popular festival featuring children's games, Japanese folk dancing, tours of the temple and gardens, Japanese, Hawaiian and American food and performances by the Nen Daiko drummers and the Aloha Boys. For more information on the temple and upcoming events, go to [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org).

### Arts Liberated

**Lorton Workhouse Arts Center,**  
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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](mailto:Eileen@EileenFillerCorn.com) or by phone, at 571-249-3453. You can also visit my website at [www.EileenFillerCorn.com](http://www.EileenFillerCorn.com).

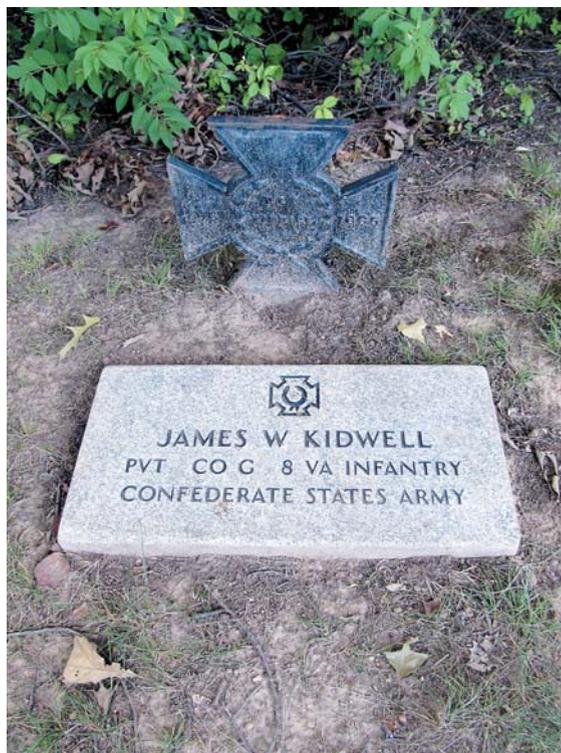
Again, welcome to the 41st House District of Virginia. I look forward to seeing you out and about.

INSIDER'S  
PERSPECTIVE

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



Historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax Station.



The historic cemetery at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, where there will be a candlelight vigil on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. as part of the 150th anniversary commemoration events of the American Civil War.

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The grotto at the historic cemetery at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, where there will be a candlelight vigil on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. as part of the 150th anniversary commemoration events of the American Civil War.

## Remembering Their Sacrifice

### Fairfax Station Railroad Museum commemorates first mass Civil War evacuation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

“By midnight, there must have been three thousand helpless men lying in the hay. All night long we made compresses and slings and bound up and wet wounds when we could get water...” —From the writings of Clara Barton, after tending to the wounded in the battles of Second Manassas and Ox Hill in late August, 1862.

For the first time, the stories of the soldiers and the courageous woman who nursed them, Clara Barton, will be told through reenactments, exhibits and demonstrations during a special exhibit at the historic Fairfax Station Railroad Museum beginning Aug. 25. The event is part of a 10-day county-wide commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

“This is an exciting event for the community,” said Jenee Lindner, chair of the event and a Clara Barton re-enactor. “Now we take mass evacuations for granted, but what was important was this was the first time we used the railroad for mass disaster relief in an organized fashion.”

Lindner said the event will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25 with an opening ceremony at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum during which Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at Large) will welcome the public to the event. During the weekend event, there will be costumed Civil War re-enactments as

well as artifacts and displays inside the museum from the Civil War highlighting the medical evacuation of the wounded during the Civil War and on-loan museum artifacts from Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross.

Lindner said she and Ron Beavers, co-chair of the event, have been working with the National Building Museum and the National Park Service to obtain historical artifacts for the exhibit, including Clara Barton’s bodice, “The Record of the Federal Dead”—a book prepared by Barton which contains the names of 488 soldiers who died in hospitals during the American Civil War—and some of Barton’s handwritten letters discussing her hospital work.

“After the second battle of Manassas, Clara Barton nursed the wounded for three days and nights as heavy rains fell and doctors operated at St. Mary’s Church and the station, two of the few dry places where doctors could perform amputations,” Lindner said.

**THE SECOND BATTLE** of Bull Run was fought Aug. 28–30, 1862. It was the culmination of an offensive campaign waged by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia against Union Maj. Gen. John Pope’s Army of Virginia, and a battle of a much larger scale than the First Battle of Bull Run fought in 1861 on the same ground.

“Casualties in the three-day battle were horrendous,” Lindner said. Pope’s army suffered 14,462 killed, wounded or missing

soldiers, while Lee’s forces lost more than 9,000.

As the Union Army withdrew before Lee’s troops, a field hospital was established along a hillside between St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the Fairfax Railroad station. Although 20,000 Confederate soldiers had begun the push toward Fairfax Station, Clara Barton, her volunteers and the doctors remained until the 3,000 wounded were evacuated. As a result of her experiences at Fairfax Station, Barton would later create a plan for a civilian society to care for war wounded, which became the American Red Cross.

“Her dedication and achievements were remarkable,” Lindner said.

Beavers said the entire 10-day exhibition is designed to give residents a unique opportunity to experience the significance and impact of the American Civil War. It remains the deadliest war in American history, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 750,000 soldiers and an undetermined number of civilian casualties.

He said many of the exhibits and events underscore the famous words of President Abraham Lincoln that “a house divided against itself cannot stand.”

#### OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE:

❖ **On Aug. 29** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, there will be a historical marker dedication during which Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) will be the guest speaker.

❖ **On Sept. 1**, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ox Hill will be commemorated at Ox Hill Battlefield Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4134 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Admission is free. The event will include flag presentations, children’s activities and

### Walk in their footsteps...150th Civil War Events

#### 10 DAY SPECIAL MUSEUM EXHIBIT

**Fairfax Station Railroad Museum**  
11200 Fairfax Station Road

**Aug. 25–26:** Union and Confederate Re-enactors will perform outside, and the museum will be open for exhibits and displays.

**Aug. 27–Sept. 3:** Museum exhibits Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 to 8 p.m. Outside exhibits and demonstrations – free Museum fee - \$5 for adults; \$1 for children ages 5 to 10; children 4 and under free For more information, visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org)

crafts, artillery and infantry demonstrations, period medical displays, Civil War re-enactors and special guest speakers. For more information, go to [www.fairfaxcount.gov/parks/oxhill/](http://www.fairfaxcount.gov/parks/oxhill/)

❖ **On Sept. 2**, there will be a candlelight vigil at the cemetery of St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5612 Ox Road in Fairfax Station, where many of the wounded were laid out on the hillside and on pews taken from the church, Lindner said. For more information, go to [www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org](http://www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org).

“Our committee has been working so hard on this event since April. We could not have done this without our interns and volunteers,” Lindner said. Committee members include: Alexandra Bradshaw, James Esson, Matthew Barnes, Ashley Beavers, Jeff Mitulla, Michael Chinworth and Joan Rogers, President of the Friends of Fairfax Station.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Senior Olympics Deadline**

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.**

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.

**SATURDAY/AUG. 25**

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

**THURSDAY/AUG. 30**

**Workhouse Farmers Market.** 3:30-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats and poultry; and local foods. Every Thursday through Oct. 25. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 8**

**Yard Sale and BBQ.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. 703-971-5151.

**MONDAY/SEPT. 10**

**Disability Accessibility Presentation.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-324-5421. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/dspd/

**WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12**

**NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting.** 1 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield. 703 313-9387, jkadelg@yahoo.com.

**THURSDAY/SEP. 20**

**NVRPA Strategic Plan Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority releases its draft five year Strategic Plan. executiveoffice@nvrpa.org.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 22**

**Flu Shot Clinic.** 10-11 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. Cost is \$30 (cash or check) or Medicare B (bring your card). bbartolain@yahoo.com.



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**SUNDAY/SEPT. 9**  
**New and Prospective Member BBQ Picnic.** 5 p.m., at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6949 Conservation Drive, Springfield. Learn about the members of Congregation Adat Reyim. RSVP by Aug. 31 to [office@adatreyim.org](mailto:office@adatreyim.org).

**MONDAY/SEPT. 17**  
**Adat Reyim Tashlich Service and Ice Cream Social.** 4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Join on Rosh Hashanah to cast off sins. Ice cream treats to follow. RSVP to [religiouspractices@adatreyim.org](mailto:religiouspractices@adatreyim.org).

**Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton,** offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton,** conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or [www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield,** offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or [www.poplc.org](http://www.poplc.org).

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield,** supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

**JCNV Mother's Circle program,** for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or [LaurieA@jcnv.org](mailto:LaurieA@jcnv.org).

**Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria,** offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or [admin@franconiaumc.org](mailto:admin@franconiaumc.org) or [www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

**St. Anthony's American National Catholic Church, 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax,** holds mass for Contemporary Catholics every Sunday at 5 p.m. St. Anthony's is an independent Catholic parish, inclusive and accepting of all people. Experience true acceptance and true Catholicism. [www.MySaintAnthonys.org](http://www.MySaintAnthonys.org).

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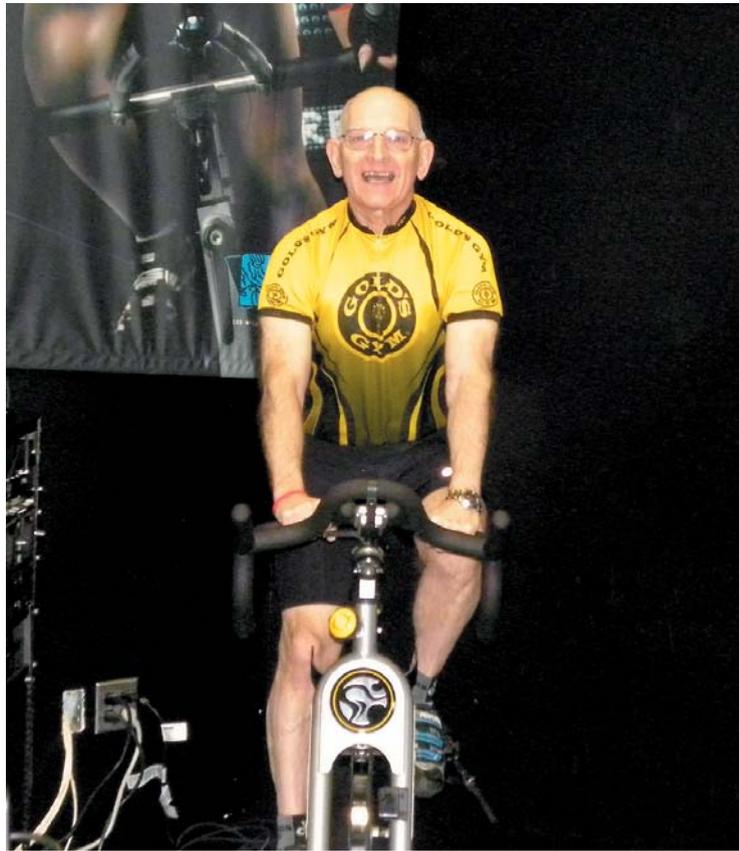
“I’m too old for that.” These are words that make Gold’s Gym Lorton personal trainer and group exercise instructor Joe Kramer smile. Kramer will be 70 years young this September and he has no plans to slow down and is actually eager to challenge Father Time for another decade.

While others his age frequently discuss their neverending medical appointments and numerous medications, Kramer talks about the next cycling event he plans to ride. At Gold’s, he represents the gym’s mission: living a physically active life to maintain health and fitness, creating a quality of life allowing him to do things well into those senior years. Gold’s Gym wants every person that walks through their doors to develop a fit and healthy lifestyle that will allow them to live a long and active life.

One may think that Kramer is one of those genetically gifted people and that this has allowed him to maintain a high level of physical activity at his age, but truthfully Kramer is just a guy that likes to get out and do things. While many people settle into more sedentary routines as they get older, Kramer looks to try another sport. From his early 20’s, he enjoyed bowling, tennis, billiards and skiing, often competitively. At 50, Kramer decided to try rollerblading. Within three years he was teaching it.

At 60, he started running 10K races, which was when Kramer decided to join Gold’s Gym. At Gold’s, he discovered another passion in indoor cycling. Within a year, he was teaching the classes at Gold’s. Kramer currently teaches three cycling classes each week. Of course that wasn’t enough for him. Before long he found himself participating in outdoor rides that included 100 mile cycling events.

Kramer also spearheaded the gym’s efforts to raise money for the American Diabetes Tour de Cure cycling fundraiser. Gold’s Gym Lorton raised over



Joe Kramer teaching Indoor Cycling.

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\$13,000 this year earning fourth place in the annual nationwide Gold’s Gym event.

Kramer couldn’t help but notice many others his age were slowing down, doing less, gaining weight and becoming ill more frequently. He could not understand why so many people work to reach retirement only to find themselves in a physical condition unable to enjoy it. So at age 63, Kramer became a certified personal trainer. Since then, he has helped dozens of people overcome the physical effects of aging, from hip replacements, obesity, to back issues. As one might guess, Kramer helps make it easy to encourage prospective members that the gym can be a place for everyone regardless of age or fitness level.

So Gold’s Gym know not to ask if he is getting too old for that, at least for another ten or twenty years.

Jim Elbe is Personal Training Director, Gold’s Gym Lorton.

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**Lynn Garvey Hodge of Clifton autographs copies of her book during a Burke Historical Society event at the Silas Burke House.**

# Explore, Enjoy

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## Spend Fridays in Paradise

**Paradise Springs Winery,**  
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Locals call it the best “wind-down” in Northern Virginia. Every Friday, guests can sip wine and enjoy live music on the newly-renovated rustic stone patio of Paradise Springs Winery, Fairfax County’s only winery. The winery is nestled on 36 acres in Clifton on the edge of Fairfax County. The property borders Hemlock Regional Park with the Bull Run River flowing only steps through the woods. Originally, the property was part of a one-thousand-acre land grant from Lord Fairfax in 1716 to the family’s direct ancestors and has been passed down through the generations since. Several hundred acres still remain in the family today. It’s a place for wine lovers, history buffs and architecture aficionados. Influences of Frank Lloyd Wright’s work can be seen throughout the renovated property, including the indirect lighting, hidden spaces, intricate electrical switches, small entrances into large rooms and the concept of bringing nature indoors. In 1956 a red barn that sat just off Main Street in downtown Fairfax, was taken apart, individually numbered, and reassembled piece by piece on the property.

## George Washington Hunted Here?

Creative American Cuisine at Trummer’s On Main

Clifton is the place that George Washington and Lord Fairfax hunted; the spot the Confederate and the Union met at throughout the Civil War; and the first town to have electricity in Virginia. This quaint town’s historic Clifton Hotel, established in 1869,

has experienced a re-birth since restaurateur couple Stefan and Victoria Trummer set a course for creative American cuisine at their first restaurant, Trummer’s On Main. Executive Chef Cory Lambert brings his talents and passion to the menu while Sommelier Tyler Packwood has developed a wine list comprising the open view wine cellar that holds over 8,000 bottles. And hand-crafted cocktails are the skills of owner Stefan Trummer. Stop in for an artisanal cocktail, the infamous S.A. Burger, a tasting menu in the dining room, or Sunday brunch.

## It’s a Family Affair

**The Main Street Pub,**  
7140 Main Street, Clifton  
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Grab a bite and have a drink at The Main Street Pub, one of Clifton’s popular eateries and a real family business. Owners Tom and Judy McNamara are always there with their four children, who have jumped in to become part of the pub scene. Sean, with his food service experience, is the general manager; Kevin is the top bartender and server; Katie is a cook and manages the kitchen; and Jamie, a music teacher, jumps in to help whenever he can. The patio and inside pub area are available for small private parties.

## Experience History

**Fairfax Station Railroad Museum,**  
11200 Fairfax Station Road  
www.fairfax-station.org

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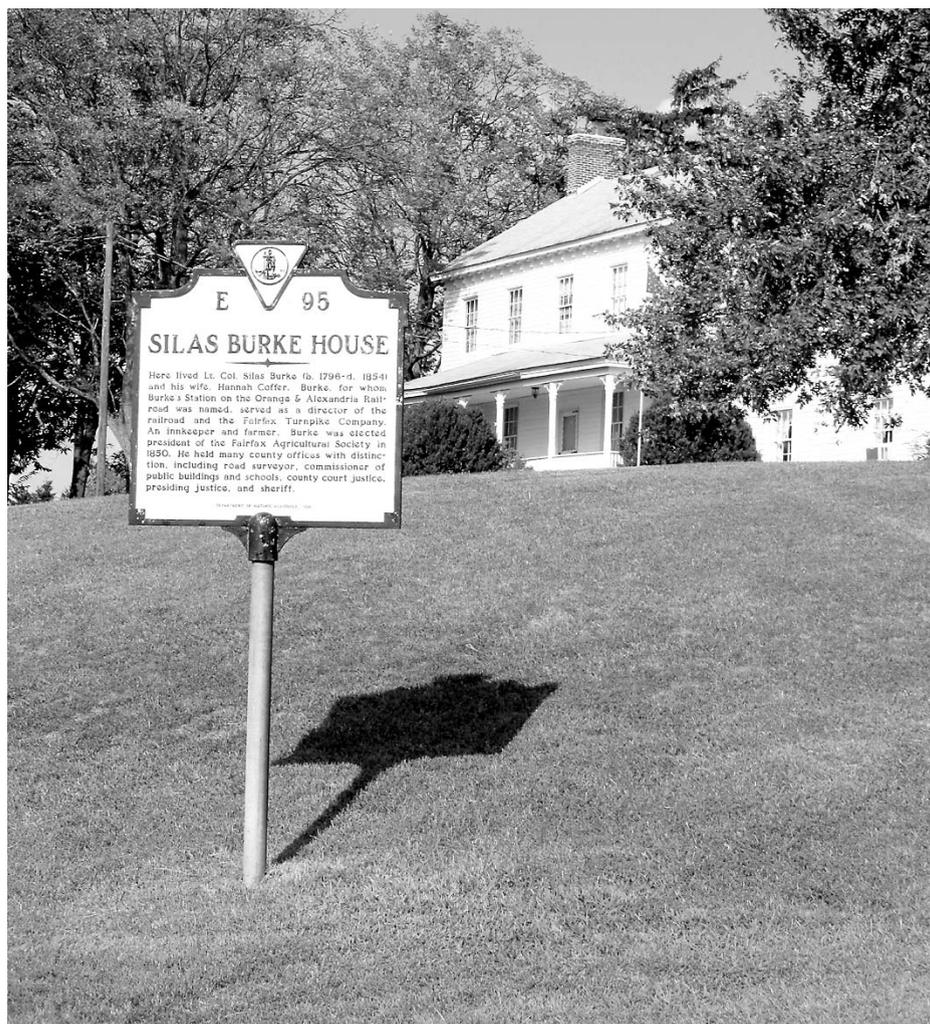
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medical evacuation effort. Learn about the humanitarian efforts by Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Visit the caboose and hear about the vital role of the caboose in early railroad operations. The Fairfax Station Museum is a great place to view model train displays. Come explore Civil War history, railroading and the fascinating story of our local community.

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



The historic Silas Burke House where the Burke Historical Society holds its monthly meetings.

## 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.

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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.

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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](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call my office at 703-324-2321.

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**Sharon Bulova, Chairman**  
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**Sharon Connolly, photographer, Fairfax Station, resident 44 years**

"I've been here so long and [have] seen it grow. There's lots of things to do and there's a lot of different people to meet. I raised my kids here and so I don't want to leave cause they're still here. Just about everything you would want is here. Going into DC with all the free things that are in DC is great; it's great to take your family to see all those. We moved here because of my husband's job and it was a good move."

## What is the best thing about living in Fairfax Station?

—ANAGHA SRIKANTH



**Dale Smith, preschool aide, Fairfax Station, resident 33 years**

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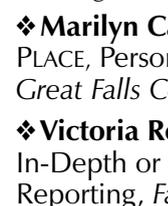
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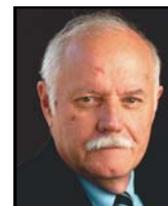
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## INSIDERS PERSPECTIVE

### What's the greatest thing about living in Lorton?

—ANNA BLORE & HANNAH BUNTING

**Anna Goodwin**, rising West Springfield High School senior, resident two months



"My favorite thing about Lorton is the series of wooded paths that run throughout the neighborhoods. It's more interesting to run through the woods compared to your typical suburban block. I'm kind of new to the area, and my neighbors as well as the community were really welcoming. I also like that a lot of the schools are in walking distance; although I graduated from 6th grade already, I'm excited that my little brother will be so close."

**Janice Renfor**, office manager, resident 17 years



"I enjoy how much there is to do here. There's swimming, biking, kayaking. I have five children and they loved exploring the parks and the outdoors side of Lorton. I'm content here, especially when you compare it to other parts of the Washington area. The congestion is not bad either."

**Kathryn Boudreau**, air force retiree, resident 10 years



"The proximity to Washington D.C. is one of the great things about Lorton. We also have an excellent park system; Burke Lake Park is gorgeous and right around the corner. The traffic can get pretty bad, but overall my family has had a good experience here. My son just graduated from Lake Braddock and it was a huge part of his life."

**Carol V. Mather**



"I just love the Workhouse [Art Center]. It's a place I've watched grow. I'm right down the street from it, and it just offers the public so much of a variety of different venues like concerts and classes. It's just wonderful. The community itself is still growing. More and more businesses are coming in. The area layout is so simple everything is really convenient to find and use."



**David Cole**, consultant, resident two years

"I really like the lack of congestion in the area. Lorton is a good central location for shopping, and it's also not a bad commute when you have to go into Washington D.C.

The park system is also really nice and my six-year-olds love swimming and playing in the neighborhoods. Overall it's pretty perfect."



**Tom Lienay**, special education teacher, resident 27 years

"The greatest thing Lorton has to offer is the availability of jobs. Given the economy and compared to other cities, there are a lot of openings in the wanted ads. My daughter grew

up here and really enjoyed playing soccer for South County. I think my advice to newcomers would be to beware of the crowds and occasional traffic jam."



**Sandra Keith**, retired nurse, resident 24 years

"I love to shop everywhere. So the location of all the stores and Gold's Gym is really convenient for me. Lorton has a lot to offer in terms of history and the fact that it's a neat town. There's definitely a big sense of community and involvement that comes from living here."



**Eleanor Gomolinski-Lally**, retired music elementary teacher, resident 46 years

"I like that this feeling of staying out in the countryside still exists. Our street has lots of animals, I see deer every day. My neighbors

throughout the years have always been great, very friendly people. The Workhouse Art Center is one of the greatest parts. I love this place and hope it keeps on thriving."



**Camela Speer**, director of marketing for the Workhouse Art Center, resident 17 years

"I love the small town community feel with everything close by. Excellent schools, it's a great place to raise children. We have the Workhouse [Art Center] right in our backyard."

### What's the greatest thing about living in Clifton?

—HANNAH BUNTING & ANAGHA SRIKANTH

**Hugh O'Hara**, rising 7th grader at Robinson Secondary, resident 11 years



"My favorite thing about living in Clifton is the big properties, so there's so much room to run around and have parties. Having shops downtown in Clifton like Peterson's and the General store just to hangout at is great."



**Braeden O'Hara**, rising 4th grader at Fairview Elementary, resident 9 years

"I like the big yards with the woods, and all of the stores down in the town of Clifton."

**Eryn Meyer**, rising 8th grader at Rocky Run, resident 13 years



"I like that there's a community, and it's small so we all know each other. It's really easy to make friends."



**Cam Meyer**, rising sophomore at Trinity Christian School, resident 13 years

"I like Clifton because I can walk to places and hang out with friends in the town."

**Paul Meyer**, business consultant, resident 13 years



"I really love the community feel. Clifton is this little Brigadoon in Fairfax County. I like the fact that there is a lot of land and green space, but also a central town that we can call Main Street. As a person who works from home, I like that there are a lot of people in the area who work from home as well. It's also just a great place to raise kids."



**Carys Meyer**, rising senior at Robinson Secondary, resident 13 years

"I like that it's isolated from the bustle of Fairfax County, but still in close proximity to what Fairfax has to offer. I like living in a quiet neighborhood."

**Kari Meyer**, stay-at-home mom, resident 13 years



"I love the people who live in Clifton because they care about their community and are interested in making it a better place. They're supportive of the needs of our kids. The area is so beautiful. No matter what time of year it is, you're always overcome by the beauty. As for the county, I enjoy the cultural diversity. The world has come to us. We can meet people from all over the world right in our backyard."



**Jason Focarino**, senior at Robinson Secondary School

"My favorite thing about Clifton is walking around and being able to talk to people. People around here are always willing to help and

are always really nice. Especially if you're walking around Main Street in the small town area, I don't know how to give a good example, but if you're having troubles with your car or something people are always around to help you. Clifton is really big but it's also a very tight knit community because you're kind of separated from Fairfax and Burke and all those places, so you become really close with the people who are around Clifton."

# PARKS AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO PARKS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

## National Parks

**GF Great Falls National Park**  
9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean  
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 amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

## State Park

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

## Regional Parks

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

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

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



**FH Fountainhead Regional Park**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PB Pohick Bay Golf Course**  
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton  
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick\_bay\_golf\_course  
703-339-8585  
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.



**19** **Lake Fairfax Park**

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## Fairfax County Parks

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

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**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.

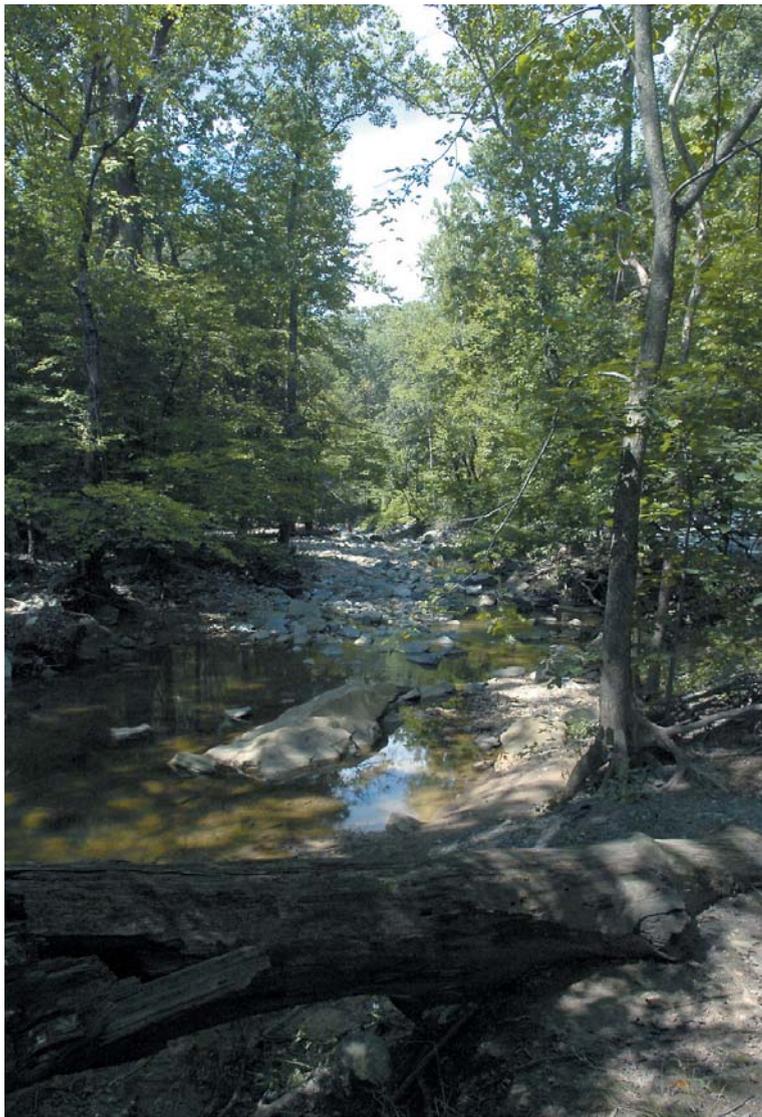
❖ In the South County Hybla Valley area, Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,425 acres of majestic forests, wildflower-speckled meadows and vast wetlands bursting with life. Some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area is enjoyed here. From the wetland boardwalk trail and observation 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.

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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

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**MAHALA.** 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Township Jive. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html.

**150th Anniversary Civil War Evacuation Reenactment.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Museum fee \$5 adults, \$1 age 5-10, under 5 free. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

**Alexandria Klezmet.** 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Jazz/Jewish. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**150th Anniversary Civil War Evacuation Reenactment.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Museum fee \$5 adults, \$1 age 5-10, under 5 free.

703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

**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

## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**Slightly Something.** 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Pop. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

**Alte Kameraden "AUG-toberfest" Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free outdoor summer concert. www.fairfaxband.org.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**Public Reception: Han-Mee Artists, Blurring Boundaries.** 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Korean American Artists Association of Greater Washington, DC, an organization for artists of Korean heritage. Exhibit open Aug. 31-Sept. 23. www.workhousearts.org.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5



## Blurring Boundaries

Han-Mee Artist Association of Greater Washington, D.C. presents Blurring Boundaries at the Lorton Workhouse starting Friday, Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept. 23. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 5-7 p.m. The gallery is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and from Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Email scotthabes@lortonarts.org for more information.

## Encore Chorale of Springfield.

1:30-3 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. For singers age 55+. http://encorecreativity.org

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

**Public Reception: Senior Solo Exhibition.** 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Art students from the region in the McGuireWoods Gallery. The exhibit will be open Aug. 31-Sept. 23. www.workhousearts.org.

**2nd Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900

# 150th Anniversary Civil War Events

## 10 DAY SPECIAL MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum  
11200 Fairfax Station Road  
Aug. 25-26, **Union and Confederate Re-enactors** will perform outside, and the museum will be open for exhibits and displays.  
Aug. 27-Sept. 3, **Museum exhibits** Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday through Friday, 1 to 8 p.m.  
Outside exhibits and demonstrations—free  
Museum fee—\$5 for adults; \$1 for children ages 5 to 10; children 4 and under free.  
For more information, visit www.fairfax-station.org

Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, there will be a **Historical Marker Dedication** during which Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) will be the guest speaker.

Sept. 1, the **150th anniversary of the Battle of Ox Hill** will be commemorated at Ox Hill Battlefield Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4134 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Admission is free. The event will include flag presentations, children's activities and crafts, artillery and infantry demonstrations, period medical displays, Civil War re-enactors and special guest speakers. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcount.gov/parks/oxhill/

Sept. 2, there will be a **Candlelight Vigil** at the cemetery of St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5612 Ox Road in Fairfax Station, where many of the wounded were laid out on the hillside and on pews taken from the church, Lindner said. For more information, go to www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org.

Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 11

**Wakefield Chorale Practice.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Ct, Springfield. Meet in school cafeteria. 703-255-3489.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local

charities. 703-569-3074 or http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html.  
**"Great Escape" Prison to Park Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Laurel Hill Park, Giles Run Meadow, 8400 Lorton Road, Lorton. Witness the former Lorton Reformatory site with wagon tours inside the prison grounds, fishing, farm animals, children's games, live music, a giant sack slide, guided nature walks and disk golf and mountain bike demonstrations. \$2-10. 703-451-9588.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks I.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax.

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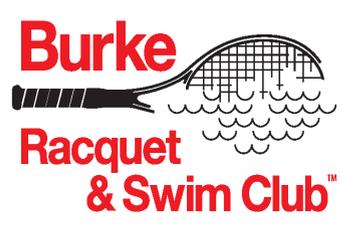
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# How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

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

BY MARY KIMM  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hy 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.

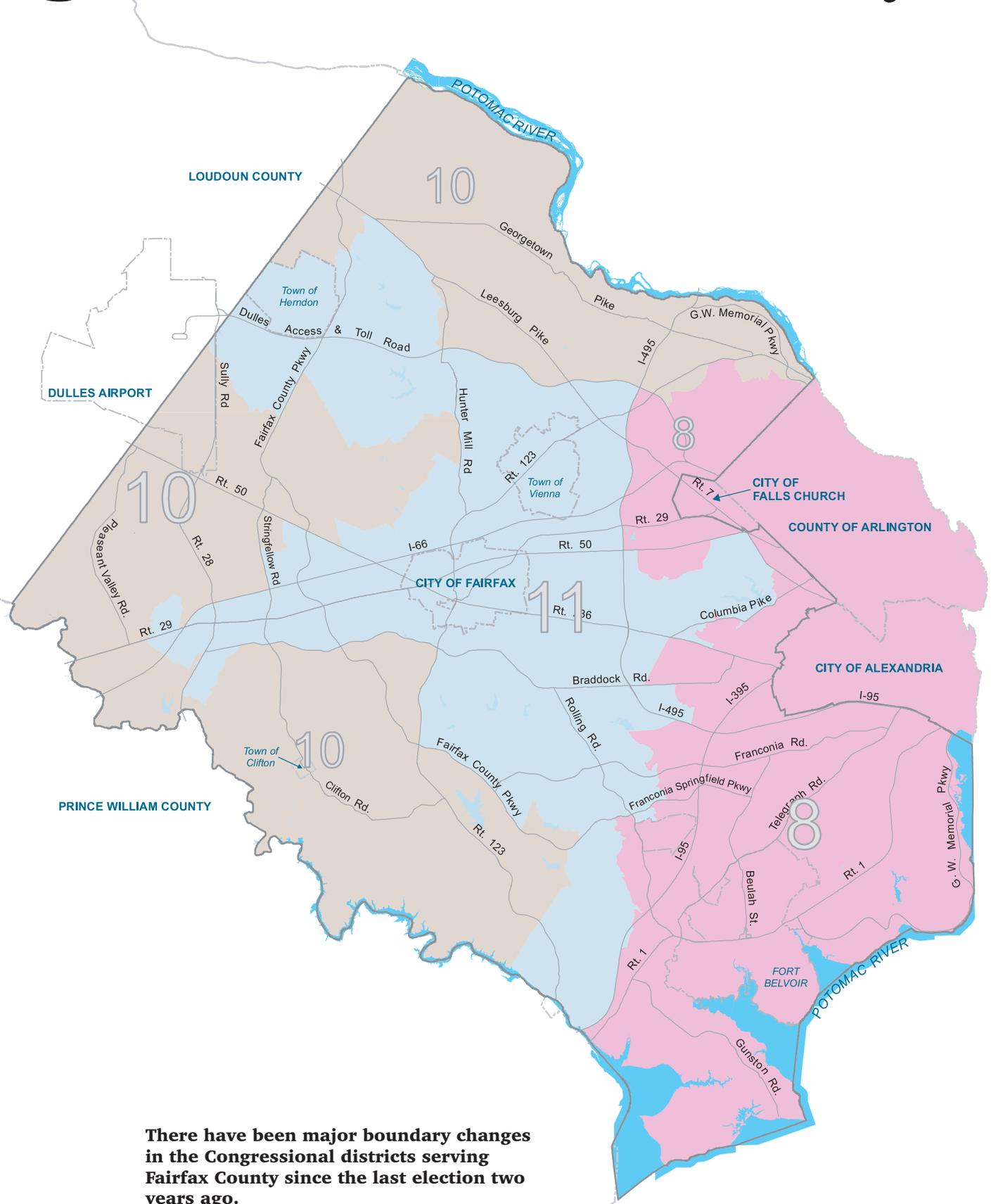
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

**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](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov). There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

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

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

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



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

MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

preclearance from the Department of Justice.

**VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE**

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

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

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

See [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee\\_voting/index.html](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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# INSIDER'S EDITION

\* = incumbent

## U.S. SENATE



**Tim Kaine**  
(D)



**George Allen**  
(R)

## 8<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**Jim Moran**  
(D)\*



**Patrick Murray**  
(R)

## 10<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**Kristin A. Cabral**  
(D)



**Frank Wolf**  
(R)\*

## 11<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**Gerry Connolly**  
(D)\*



**Chris Perkins**  
(R)

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

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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

## For More Election Information

### STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194

email: info@sbe.virginia.gov  
http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter\_Information/Index.htm

### FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

### CITY OF FAIRFAX GENERAL REGISTRAR

703-385-7890, http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp  
10455 Armstrong Street, Sisson House, Fairfax, 22030; FAX 703-591-8364; email kevin.linehan@fairfaxva.gov

### ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-746-4050, http://alexandriava.gov/Elections  
132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

### ARLINGTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS

703-228-3456, http://www.arlingtonva.us/vote,  
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320, Arlington, 22201; FAX 703-228-3659; email voters@arlingtonva.us

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❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

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

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

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

Absentee In-person Voting in the City of Alexandria:

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

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

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

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

Arlington In-person Absentee Voting:

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

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

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

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

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

Two constitutional questions will appear

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

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

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

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

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

**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov\\_2012\\_county\\_bond\\_issues.pdf](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>

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE 2012~13

## A Year in Fairfax County

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



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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

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  
22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Independence Day Parade, July 3  
Patriotic Picnic, Lorton, July 3  
Town of Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition begins, Lorton

EVENTS CALENDAR COMPILED BY  
CHELSEA BRYAN.

### CALENDAR

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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](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).

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#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Public Reception: Washington Landscape Painters.** 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Works of The Washington Society of Landscape Painters on display in the Workhouse Gallery. Exhibit open Sept. 28-Oct. 21. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

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**Elisabeth von Trapp.** 7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6027 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Free. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

#### 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 137<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
52<sup>nd</sup> 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  
30<sup>th</sup> 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  
46<sup>th</sup> 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  
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

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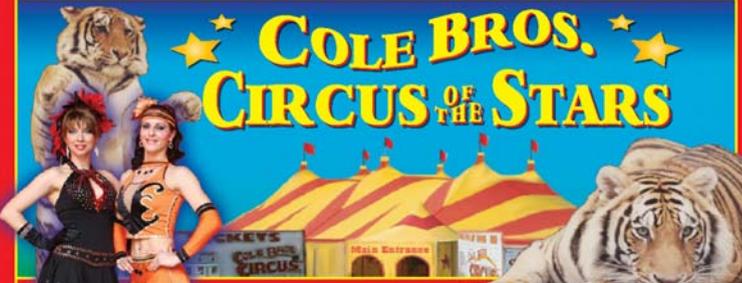
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# 2012 Top Sales in Clifton, Fairfax Station and Lorton

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision	Date Sold
7640 KINCHELOE RD	4	5	1		CLIFTON	\$1,800,000	Detached	5.00	20124	WYCKLAND	05/24/12
12522 KNOLLBROOK DR	5	5	1		CLIFTON	\$1,650,000	Detached	5.00	20124	FERGUSON KNOLLS	05/15/12
12809 WYCKLOW DR	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,300,000	Detached	5.00	20124	WILGUSON HILLS	05/09/12
13308 IVAKOTA FARM RD	6	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,245,000	Detached	2.45	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	05/25/12
9896 CHAPEL BRIDGE ESTS DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.61	22039	CHAPEL BRIDGE ESTATES	06/21/12
13717 BALMORAL GREENS AVE	6	5	1		CLIFTON	\$1,187,500	Detached	1.53	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	04/30/12
7004 BALMORAL FOREST RD	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,130,000	Detached	3.00	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	06/05/12
7001 BALMORAL FOREST RD	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,125,000	Detached	6.05	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	01/27/12
7951 KELLY ANN CT	5	5	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,075,000	Detached	5.00	22039	BRIARLYNN ESTATES	02/22/12
10901 HENDERSON RD	5	5	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,053,000	Detached	5.93	22039	THE ENGLISH HILLS ESTATE	03/30/12
7780 KELLY ANN CT	5	4	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,052,000	Detached	5.02	22039	BRIARLYNN ESTATES	05/15/12
10584 CANTERBERRY RD	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,042,000	Detached	5.05	22039	CANTERBERRY FOREST	06/11/12
7079 BALMORAL FOREST RD	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,032,500	Detached	3.04	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	04/11/12
7412 UNION RIDGE RD	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$1,030,000	Detached	1.41	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	05/31/12
7207 WESLEY TYLER RD	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$989,000	Detached	5.00	20124	CLIFTON NORTH	06/21/12
10605 FOURNIER DR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$975,000	Detached	3.00	22039	HUNT AT FAIRFAX STATION	05/25/12
5801 RIVER DR	4	2	1		LORTON	\$975,000	Detached	0.72	22079	HALLOWING POINT RIVER ESTS	06/29/12
10314 REGENCY STATION DR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$957,500	Detached	0.67	22039	EDGEWATER	03/29/12
10705 ELLIES CT	4	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$950,000	Detached	1.42	22039	DONOVANS RIDGE	02/15/12
13155 COMPTON RD	5	5	1		CLIFTON	\$950,000	Detached	5.00	20124	CLIFTON IVAKOTA	04/30/12
7404 UNION RIDGE RD	4	5	2		CLIFTON	\$950,000	Detached	1.63	20124	BALMORAL GREENS	06/28/12
7207 LAKETREE DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$937,500	Detached	0.61	22039	SOUTH RUN	06/21/12
6123 CLIFTON RD	4	4	2		CLIFTON	\$925,000	Detached	2.28	20124	TWIN LAKES VIEW	02/06/12
11204 DEVEREUX MANOR LN	4	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$920,000	Detached	5.00	22039	DEVEREUX STATION	05/31/12
6303 BARSKY CT	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$918,000	Detached	1.22	22039	FAIRFAX STATION EAST	04/12/12
10121 HAMPTON RD	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$911,300	Detached	5.77	22039	SANDY RUN	05/02/12
6601 OKEEFE KNOLL CT	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$898,500	Detached	1.14	22039	DONOVANS RIDGE	03/27/12
6708 CEDAR VIEW CT	4	5	1		CLIFTON	\$890,000	Detached	5.04	20124	CEDAR KNOLLS OF CLIFTON	04/27/12
9079 EMMA ANN WAY	6	5	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$876,500	Detached	0.25	22039	SILVERBROOK FARMS	05/30/12
8934 KHALSA CT	4	3	1		LORTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.83	22079	YORKSHIRE	03/02/12
9913 SHADY SLOPE CT	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$875,000	Detached	0.58	22039	SOUTH RUN	05/14/12
6446 ROCK HOLLOW LN	5	4	1		CLIFTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.21	20124	LITTLE ROCKY RUN	06/01/12
12411 CLIFTON HUNT DR	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$875,000	Detached	5.00	20124	CLIFTON HUNT	06/29/12
7104 LAKETREE DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$862,500	Detached	0.58	22039	SOUTH RUN	04/27/12
8931 KHALSA CT	4	3	1		LORTON	\$860,000	Detached	0.83	22079	YORKSHIRE	02/23/12
12405 SHARI HUNT GRV	4	4	1		CLIFTON	\$860,000	Detached	5.40	20124	CLIFTON HUNT	06/20/12
6297 CLIFTON RD	4	3	2		CLIFTON	\$850,000	Detached	5.00	20124	CLIFTON DOWNS	04/12/12
10645 CANTERBERRY RD	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$850,000	Detached	0.91	22039	CANTERBERRY	04/13/12
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7827 VALLEY DR S	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$840,000	Detached	0.86	22039	SOUTH RUN	04/30/12
6409 DEEPWOOD FARM DR	4	4	1		CLIFTON	\$839,000	Detached	0.26	20124	LITTLE ROCKY RUN	05/10/12
10203 WOODVALE POND DR	4	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$836,500	Detached	0.54	22039	BURKE LAKE ESTATES	01/04/12
8940 RHODODENDRON CIR	5	4	1		LORTON	\$835,000	Detached	0.25	22079	LAUREL HILL LANDBAY	06/15/12
7510 SOUTH REACH DR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$824,000	Detached	0.65	22039	SOUTH RUN	06/01/12
9743 ROLLING RIDGE DR	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$820,000	Detached	0.62	22039	SOUTH RUN	05/04/12
7300 SOUTH VIEW CT	5	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$816,000	Detached	0.65	22039	SOUTH RUN	06/27/12
9622 NUTHATCH DR	7	5	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$800,000	Detached	0.22	22039	OAKS AT CROSSPOINTE	05/18/12
9205 FOREST GREENS DR	7	5	2		LORTON	\$800,000	Detached	0.99	22079	MAROVELLI FOREST	06/22/12
10609 WINSLOW DR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$799,000	Detached	1.51	22039	THE HUNT @ FAIRFAX STATION	06/07/12
7608 RUSTLE RIDGE CT	6	4	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$795,000	Detached	0.61	22039	SOUTH RUN	05/11/12
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8277 ARMETALE LN	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$790,000	Detached	0.36	22039	BARRINGTON	06/29/12
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7514 WILDERNESS WAY	4	2	2		FAIRFAX STATION	\$781,000	Detached	0.58	22039	SOUTH RUN	05/15/12
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8112 BELLINGHAM CT	5	5	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$775,000	Detached	0.27	22039	BARRINGTON	06/01/12
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6609 WINSTEAD MANOR CT	5	3	1		LORTON	\$750,000	Detached	0.29	22079	WINSTEAD MANOR	03/30/12
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10818 HARLEY RD	4	3	1		LORTON	\$750,000	Detached	2.00	22079	HARLEY FARM ESTATES	06/15/12
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8208 SILVERLINE DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$747,000	Detached	0.37	22039	CROSSPOINTE	01/13/12
12033 SEVEN HILLS LN	3	2	2		CLIFTON	\$740,000	Detached	5.00	20124	SEVEN HILLS	03/29/12
13117 LAUREL GLEN RD	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$739,000	Detached	5.00	20124	LAUREL GLEN	01/13/12
7925 HOLLINGTON PL	5	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$739,000	Detached	0.29	22039	BARRINGTON	06/01/12
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8647 OAK CHASE CIR	6	4	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$734,900	Detached	0.22	22039	CROSSPOINTE	01/09/12
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7429 KINCHELOE RD	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$732,500	Detached	5.77	20124	CLIFTON	04/20/12
12024 WINDING CREEK CT	5	3	1		CLIFTON	\$729,000	Detached	5.00	20124	WOLF RUN ESTATES	05/15/12
8607 CHASE GLEN CIR	5	2	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$727,500	Detached	0.31	22039	CROSSPOINTE	04/30/12
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7106 SYLVAN GLEN LN	4	3	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$720,000	Detached	5.00	22039	THE HOLLY FOREST	04/27/12
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8516 OAK POINTE WAY	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$712,000	Detached	0.25	22039	CROSSPOINTE	05/14/12
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8822 WESTERN HEMLOCK WAY	5	4	1		LORTON	\$699,000	Detached	0.18	22079	LAUREL HILL LANDBAY	03/26/12
9049 JOHN SUTHERLAND LN	4	3	1		LORTON	\$698,645	Detached	0.83	22079	DENALI WAY	03/02/12
8218 CRUSADE DR	3	2	0		CLIFTON	\$698,000	Detached	5.00	20124	SQUIRES PLACE	01/30/12
10325 DOMINION VALLEY DR	3	3	0		FAIRFAX STATION	\$695,000	Detached	5.25	22039	SHADOW WALK	03/12/12
8722 CROSS CHASE CIR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$695,000	Detached	0.25	22039	CROSSPOINTE	05/07/12

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# SPORTS

## 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.

# 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 Centerville 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.



PHOTO BY DAN STEGNER

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

❖ **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,

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.

## SPORTS

### Thomas A. Edison High: Boys' basketball team finished region runner-up in 2012.

*School: Thomas A. Edison High School.  
Mascot: Eagles.  
School Colors: Red, white and navy blue.  
Athletic Director: Berk Stoy, 703-924-8091.  
Football Coach: Anthony Parker (third season).  
The Eagles won two of their final three games to finish 4-6 in 2011. Edison defeated Washington-Lee, Falls Church, Mount Vernon and Wakefield.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Terry Henderson.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Dianne Lewis.  
Baseball Coach: John Lam.  
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Jason Jeffries.*

ketball team won a National District championship and finished region runner-up. Head coach Terry Henderson coached the National District/Liberty District team in the Northern Region all-star game. The boys' lacrosse team won a district title.

❖ **Quotable:** "It's fun. You get some talent you don't normally have. It's kind of like coaching at a private school or something. You've got your shooters, you've got big men [and] you've got ball handlers. I was like a kid in a candy store; I didn't know what to do and what to call." —Edison boys' basketball coach Terry Henderson, who led the National District/Liberty District team in the Northern Region all-star game.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The boys' bas-

### Fairfax Station's Yates Places 3rd in Nation

On Saturday, Aug. 4, Fairfax Station resident Emma Yates, 11, captured third place in the long-distance softball throw event at the 2012 Hershey Track and Field North American Final in Hershey, Pa.

Yates threw a career-best 140 feet. The winner threw 159 feet and the second-place finisher threw 154 feet. Yates qualified for the 2012 North American final after winning the 2012 Virginia state championship in July. She was also the Virginia state champion in 2010, but did not qualify for the North American final that year. Yates also won



**Emma Yates**

the 2012 Fairfax County and Northern Region events prior to the state event and qualified after her throw in Charlottesville was the longest throw in the Southeast Zone of the U.S.

Yates plays catcher, shortstop and pitcher for the SYA Xplosion 12U travel team.

"When she is behind the plate, no one runs on her," said Yates' head coach, Jay Booth. "The kid has a cannon."

Yates is a rising sixth grader at Silverbrook Elementary School and will attend South County Secondary School.



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

### 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 Farello.  
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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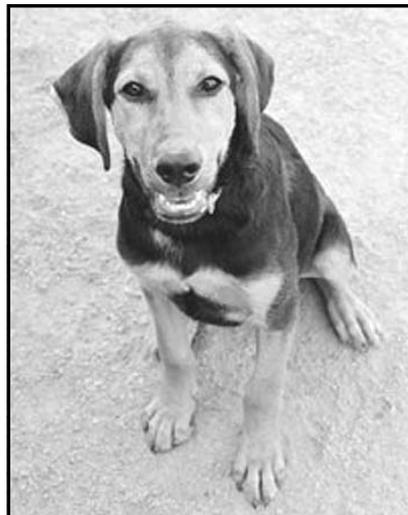
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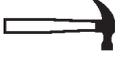
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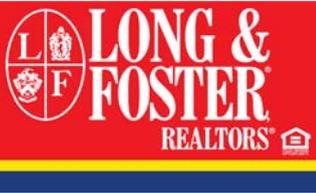
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