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Chairman Sharon Bulova says that the
Cardboard Boat Regatta, part of Spring-
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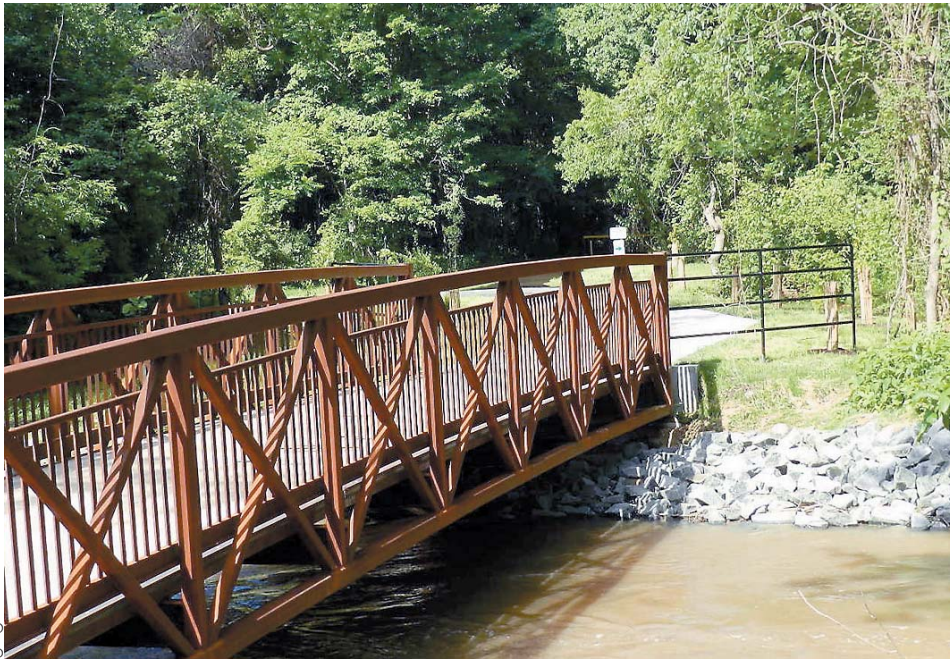


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Be a Braddock Insider

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

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK (R-BRADDOCK)
AND HIS STAFF OF "INSIDERS"

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

POPULAR EATERIES:

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

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Braddock District Statistics (2011)

2011 Population – 119,262
Households – 40, 881
2011 Estimated Median Market Value of Owned Housing - \$422,229
2011 Industrial and Commercial Floor Space - 8,895, 565

website at www.vre.org.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU: THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT STAFF

Our office is located at 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Contact us at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-425-9003. We maintain office hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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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 Playground. All those who attend receive a small carveable pumpkin as well as hay rides around the area. My own personal favorite annual events include the Mantua Community Association Parade and Picnic in June, the Orange Hunt 4th of July Parade, National Night Out events in August and the Burke Centre Festival in September.

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

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

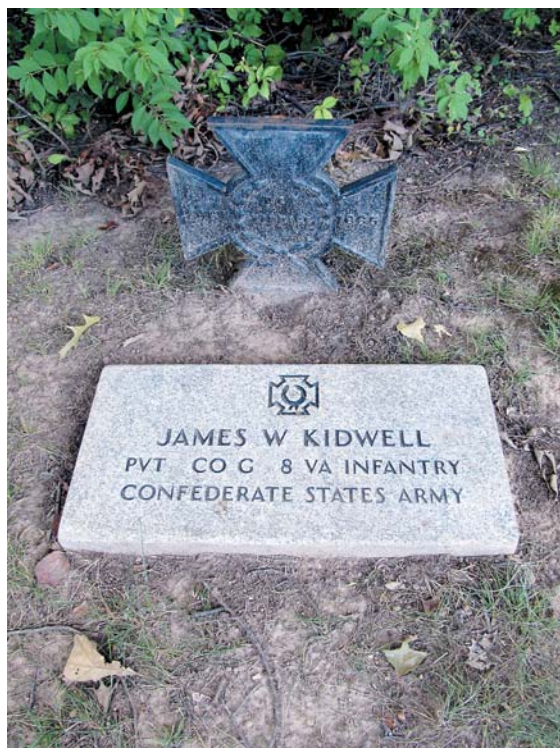
Again, welcome to the 41st House District of Virginia. I look forward to seeing you out and about.

INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

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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.



PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Jene 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.

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 Jene 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

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/

❖ **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.

“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.

VIEWPOINTS

What is the best thing about living in Springfield?

—ANAGHA SRIKANTH



Rashana Clinton, licensed veterinary technician, Springfield, resident 20 years

"[I like] the diversity of everything, the people. Nothing is ever usually the same, so if you want to do something there is something always to do. It's pretty much the whole 'never do the same thing twice' [thing]."

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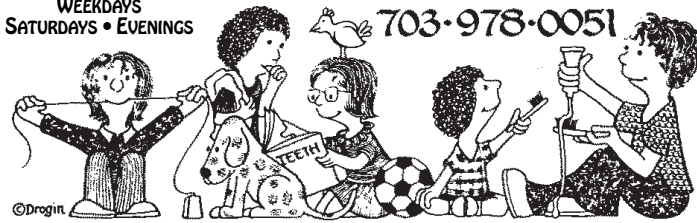
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Air Force Airman 1st Class Peter L. Nguyen of Springfield graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Nguyen is the son of Kim Le of Springfield, and stepson of Dwight Rider of Stafford. He is a 2006 graduate of West Springfield High School. He earned an associate degree in 2010 from Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

Jessica Marsh has been named to the spring 2012 dean's list at Montana State University.

Cole Mitchell has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Taylor and Sue Mitchell of Springfield.

Kayla Magaha, a student from Hayfield Secondary School, won a third place award at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference. Magaha won in the career health day category.

Heather Flint of Robinson Secondary School, **Nikki Paculan** of Lee High School and **Kailee Tangen** of West Springfield High School won a fourth place awards at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference.



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

Welcome to Fairfax County! One of the

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

FCPS is the largest school division in Virginia and the 11th largest in the United States out of more than 15,000 school divisions. The organizational structure of FCPS is focused on meeting the needs of more than 180,000 stu-



dents while managing 196 schools and centers.

The Fairfax County School Board sets general school policy and, within the framework of state regulations, establishes guidelines and

rules that will ensure the proper administration of the county school program. The Division Superintendent works closely with the deputy superintendent and the assistant superintendents who oversee the day-to-day operations of the schools. As a world-class school system, FCPS inspires, enables, and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

Despite the economic challenges our school system has faced over the past four years, our students

have continued to succeed at the highest levels. Our commitment to the achievement of all students is reflected in our students' SAT scores; FCPS' SAT average of 1654 exceeds both the state average of 1516 and the national average of 1500. For the 2010-11 school year, FCPS' pass rates for the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments were 93 percent in English and 92 percent in mathematics, and the achievement gap continued to narrow in reading for Black students and in mathematics for Hispanic students. About 92 percent of FCPS graduates plan to continue on to postsecondary education. In the 2011 ranking of public high schools in the nation by the Washington Post, nearly all FCPS high schools were listed in the top 6 percent. Complete implementation of full-day kindergarten during the 2011-12 school year has been a vital success for the divi-



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Senior Class President Chung Sham and Senior Class Officer Edward Bae prepare to lead their classmates into the West Springfield High School graduation 2012.

sion, ensuring that all of our youngest students will benefit from the same educational opportunities. The commitment to serve our students is evident, with a majority of resources directed to

the classroom. In FY 2013, 93 percent of our employees will be based in schools, and a majority of the operating budget, nearly 86 percent, will be spent on instruction. Hiring and retaining the very best teachers and divisionwide staff is also an essential component of our success.

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

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

John C. Cook Braddock District Supervisor



Working for Neighborhoods and Keeping the Community Engaged, Informed and Involved

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

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Explore, Enjoy Springfield and Franconia

Chessie's Big Backyard and Our Special Harbor

Fun-seekers can play, explore and splash around at Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road in Franconia, 703-922-9841

Chessie's Big Backyard Tiki Village playground, which opened earlier this summer, is part of the Family Recreation Center at Lee District Park. The playground, which includes a fully-accessible 2,000-square-foot tree house, complements Our Special Harbor sprayground, which opened last summer. "The playground is phenomenal. People's jaws drop when they see it," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "The free Spray Park is already enormously popular. The playground is my district's biggest attraction this summer." McKay said Chessie's Big Backyard is just the first of two other playground phases and a fully-accessible carousel and picnic pavilion planned for the site as funding becomes available. Next to the playground is Our Special Harbor, the popular Chesapeake Bay-themed water "sprayground." Spray attractions include a

water maze with changing patterns, where children can run through the maze's massive columns of water for a solid drenching, water benches, a light house and a skip-jack with tumbling buckets and water cannons that children can shoot. Three water-accessible wheelchairs are provided.

Walk for Veterans—Springfield Bridge

Beulah Park adjacent to Lane Elementary School, Springfield. For more information, call the Lee District Supervisor's Office at 703-971-6262

The community is invited to honor current and former service members during Supervisor Jeff McKay's (D-Lee) 11th annual Springfield Community Bridge Walk at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Fort Belvoir soldiers, local politicians and civilians have traveled across Veterans Bridge since 2002—amid cheers from civilians—to honor current and former service members. This year, Springfield's Kings Park Concert Band will provide the music and Fairfax County will provide door prizes, barbeque

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

JCCNV 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@jccnv.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 or www.franconiaumc.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A group will begin meeting every

Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, 10383 Democracy Lane in Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and choir practice (open to all) on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. www.mccnova.com or 703-691-0930.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

Arabic Bible Baptist Church is located at 6428 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Services are on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Pastor: Wissam Jamil. Call 703-273-5599.

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.

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How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

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

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

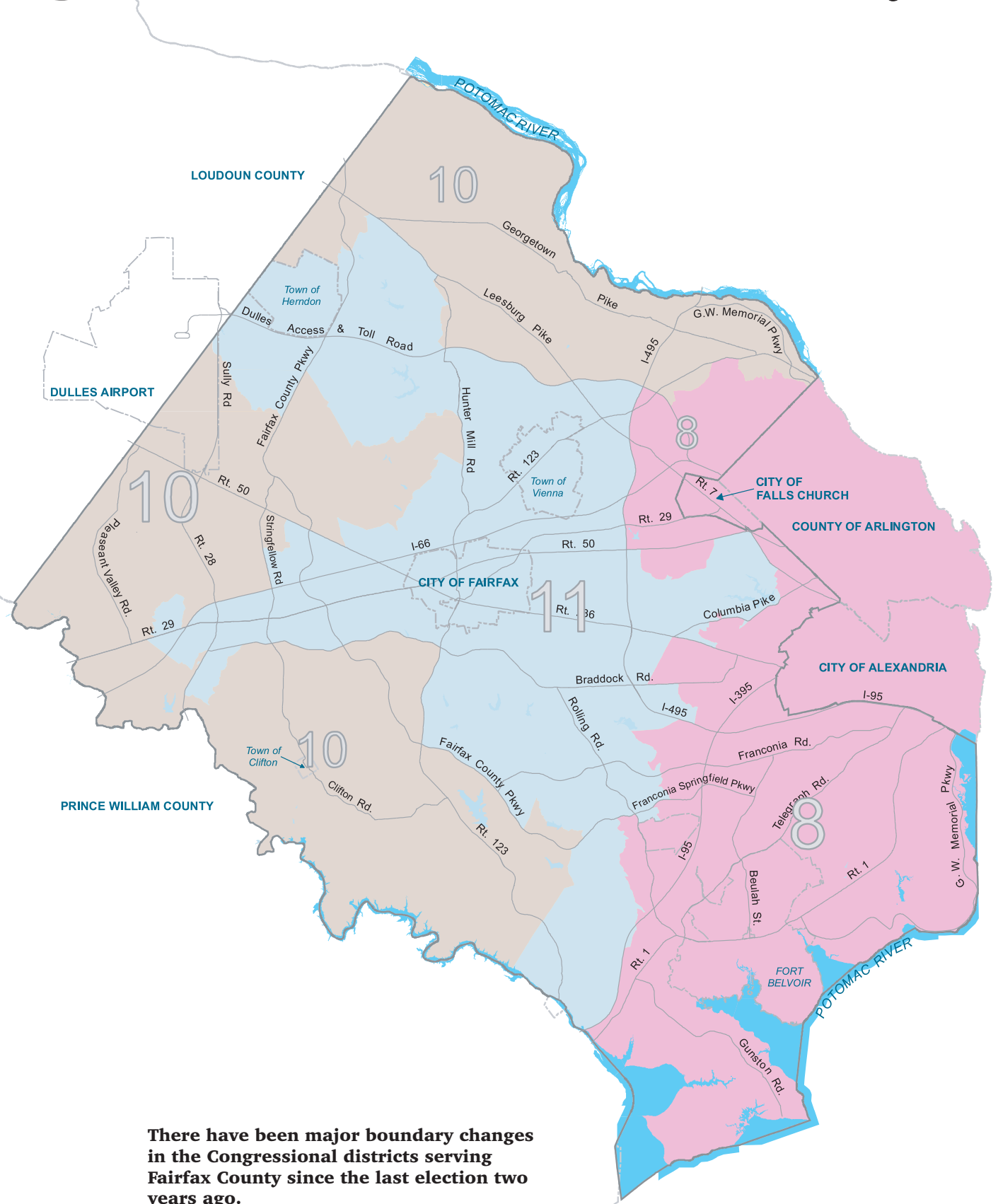
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

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

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

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

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



MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

preclearance from the Department of Justice.

VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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* = incumbent

U.S. SENATE



Tim Kaine
(D)



George Allen
(R)

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Jim Moran
(D)*



Patrick Murray
(R)

10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Kristin A. Cabral
(D)



Frank Wolf
(R)*

11TH 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

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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

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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

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>

OPINION

About the Connection

Newcomers and Community Guide 2012-2013

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

Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

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

EDITORIALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA

CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

Fairfax County is also home to George Mason University, which is centrally located and an easy commute from all parts of the County. Mason has become one of Virginia's premier universities and was recently added to Kiplinger's list of best value universities

in the country.

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

Accredited and nationally recognized for excellence by the award of the prestigious Gold Medal for Parks and Recreation, Fairfax County's parks are ranked among the best in the nation. We have more than 22,500 acres in 416 parks, with 80 percent of residents utilizing our park services each year. Fairfax County also boasts more than 500 miles of bi-

cycle and walking trails. The bicycle trail system is tied into the county transit system to make it easier to reach destinations without using a car. Fairfax Connector buses are all equipped with bicycle racks and VRE and Metro stations have bicycle racks or lockers – commuting by bicycle has never been easier!

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

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

Thanks for making Fairfax County your home!

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Explore and Enjoy

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sandwiches, ice cream, chips and bottled water. Several local business and community groups, including the American Legion Springfield Post 176, will have information tables set up for participants. Anyone can participate.

Arts Liberated

Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.workhousearts.org

Located on the grounds of the former Lorton Prison, the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center provides visual and performing arts studios, exhibitions spaces, engaging art education programs and is host to a variety of cultural events—from the Mount Vernon Nights concert series to the Clifton Filmfest. More than 150 of the region's finest professional and emerging artists call the Workhouse home, a place where they can create and display their works of art.

Dog Days of Summer

Canine Cruises, Picnics & More at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
www.lakeaccotinkpark.com

Held each summer, this pet-friendly event offers dogs and their owners the chance to cruise Lake Accotink by pontoon. Reservations are required, and the event is open to pets and people age 8 and up. Lake Accotink Park's 493 acres include a 55-acre lake, wetlands and streams offering unique views of waterfowl and marsh life. Facilities and activities vary with the season (call for dates and times) and include canoe, rowboat and pedal boat rentals, bike rentals, fishing, tour-boat rides, boat launches, nine-green double-holed miniature golf course, antique carousel, snack bar, pavilion shelters and picnic areas with grills (for reservations call 703-324-8732), restrooms, playground, sand volleyball court and basketball court. Situated along the Cross County Trail, the park has a four-mile loop, natural-surface

hiking/biking trail. Loop trail users please note: the trail section by the dam frequently floods during rain events and there is no bypass. Small sailboats permitted; swimming, windsurfing and gas powered boat motors prohibited. Virginia State Fishing License required to fish. Picnic areas, playground, pavilions, trails and open play fields are open daily year-round, 7 a.m. to dusk.

Slugfest

Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, 703-451-9588

Anti-slug protester Captain Salty often trails, and always fails, to stop this annual celebration for lovers of all things slug like. Slugfest, a popular tradition at Hidden Pond, is held in September and features events such as a slime toss, slug races and slug play. Really.

Kilroy Was Here—And You Should Be Too

Springfield restaurant a landmark, Ravensworth Shopping Center, 5250 Port Royal Road, 703-321-7733

In 1981 Philip Thomas, Stephen Thomas and Warren Barry opened a 20-table bar and restaurant named "Uncle Sam's" in Springfield. It was one of the first restaurant/bars in Northern Virginia and quickly became popular. Three years later the name changed from "Uncle Sam's" to "Kilroy's." When the drinking age changed from 18 to 21, the owners chose to change the bar image to a more family-oriented restaurant/bar atmosphere. The privately-owned Kilroy's maintains a "family" relationship with its customers that keep them coming back. The restaurant hosts weekly and monthly events that range from business events, team lunches and birthdays to holiday celebrations, reunions, college parties and more.



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Our Special Harbor Sprayground at Lee District Park

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.

Patriotic Celebration

City of Fairfax Annual July 4th Fireworks & Parade

If you spend more than a year in the area, and don't make it to the most spectacular

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

Catch a Game or a Concert at GMU

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

Located on the campus of George Mason University, the Patriot Center seats 10,000 and is host to a variety of college and professional sports events, concerts and other entertainment. Group sales discounts are offered for most of the family entertainment events and some concerts.

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The grand entry plaza near the Loisdale Road entrance.



The new movie theater complex.

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Springfield's 'Most Important Project' Begins

Locals cautiously optimistic about \$200 million Springfield Mall transformation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The joke among Springfield "insiders" is that if Vornado's developers wait long enough, they won't have to spend money demolishing Springfield Mall, because it will fall apart of its own volition.

Supplanted by shiny new centers, like Tysons Galleria and Fairfax Corner, the 1.4 million-square-foot mall—an icon of 1970s-era architecture—has been on the decline since its heyday in the 1980s when it was important enough to merit a visit from Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

Since then, shoppers were more likely to encounter gang members than British royalty. Locals have called it "depressing, decaying, dying," and quips about the mall are frequently posted on Yelp, the online review guide based on opinions of locals in the know.

"This mall gets two stars for Dairy Queen. Negative two stars for only having 20 stores out of 200 storefronts. Extra one star for being the best location for some sort of zombie movie," wrote Graham C. of Fairfax in May.

"It could be a museum, because it's this unique piece of Americana," said shopper Joanne Whitely of Springfield. "But we'd rather have the new mall we've been hearing about forever."

She may finally get her wish.

SIGNS ARE CURRENTLY POSTED all around the mall indicating that Phase One of the \$200 million transformation has launched. The first phase, which is expected to take two years, includes construction of one central entrance instead of multiple entrances, and the addition of a state-of-the-art movie theater and food court.

"Breaking ground on the project is something everyone has been waiting to see," said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director,



Signs are up indicating that Phase One of the \$200 million transformation of Springfield Mall has begun. All of the interior stores are closed, while the anchor tenants, such as Target and Macy's, remain open.



Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, since mega-developer Vornado Realty purchased the mall in 2006 for \$171.5 million.

"The mall project has been a long time coming, but we're very excited to [see] visible work. The next two years will speed by and before we know it we'll be getting complaints that people can't find parking spaces

at the mall. That will be a good problem to have once again," said Manney.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), who has worked closely with the developer and county officials to move the ball forward on the project, said anchor tenants Macy's, Target and JC Penney are still open as the New-York based Vornado guts and renovates

the cavernous interior space, transforming the 1973 suburban mall into Springfield Town Center.

LATER PHASES of the renovation—expected to take about 10 to 15 years—will complete the town center look, with a mix of upscale retail and commercial development, a 225-room hotel, pedestrian plazas, recreational facilities, 2,000 residential units and transportation improvements.

McKay and other county leaders have called the mall's renovation "the most important redevelopment project in Springfield."

"Finally, it looks like our waiting is over and construction is about to begin," McKay said.

Although renovation of the 80-acre mall seems to have started, the project has lurched forward in fits and starts.

In 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved rezoning of the property to permit Vornado's ambitious development plans.

After initial approval, any sign of redevelopment came to a halt. No construction equipment materialized; Vornado's public relations department stopped returning calls; and shoppers saw the mall continue its slow decline.

In 2010, Vornado defaulted on its mortgage of \$171.5 million, and then refinanced the mall for \$115 million, a strategic way to alleviate debt.

"I know it's been frustrating. People want to see something happening there and they've been disappointed in the past," McKay said.

But McKay has said the mall has what developers crave: location and the right demographics. Located in central Springfield, the mall sits near the Mixing Bowl, a Metro station and is surrounded by numerous well-established neighborhoods that want upscale shopping opportunities. Fairfax County records show the population within a three-mile radius of the mall has an average annual household income of \$115,000.

"If you had no retail experience and a blindfold on, you could make Springfield Mall a success," McKay said last year.

"I'm looking forward to two Christmases from now when my children will be sitting on Santa's lap—at a revitalized Springfield Mall," McKay said.

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A Family Affair: Chris and Beth Caron of Springfield, with four of their five children, came early to the rally and staked out a spot where Beth, who is expecting an addition to the family, could sit while waiting for the speakers to begin.

Ryan Gets a Warm Welcome

GOP Victory Rally with VP candidate Paul Ryan fills West Springfield HS Auditorium.

I'm here because I'm tired of looking for my career. I hope this ticket and these people can make a difference and give us job opportunities." That's why Jay H. from Herndon says he drove all the way to attend the GOP Victory Rally at West Springfield High School on Friday, Aug. 17, featuring VP candidate Paul Ryan on his campaign swing through Virginia. A 2011 graduate from a local college with a degree in business, Jay says he has been looking for "something more than a job in retail" since then.

The school's auditorium was filled to capacity-plus. Organizers had set up overflow rooms with TVs, but late arrivals still crowded around the auditorium doorway. Fairfax County fire marshals were on hand to ensure the safety of the crowd and were observed on several occasions re-establishing the exit paths that had once again filled in as people kept arriving in hopes of seeing and hearing Republican Party A-listers and the star of the event, Paul Ryan, U.S. representative for Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District, and presidential candidate Mitt Romney's newly appointed running mate.

Attendees Chris and Beth Caron from Springfield also worry about the state of the economy and unemployment. "We're here to show our support. I haven't volunteered yet, but I probably will," said Beth. "I think Romney and Ryan have a better plan for the economy, and I support their social views. As you can probably guess, we are definitely pro-life," she added with a smile and a gesture to indicate their five children and the new one on the way. Fortunately, the Carons had carved out a spot where Beth and the kids could sit while they waited for the speakers to begin.

John Creamer of Alexandria, a recently retired journalist, says he came to the rally "to protect my liberties. I don't want to lose my liberties or my freedom." Creamer believes both to be in jeopardy under the present administration.

The audience was definitely warmed up before Congressman Ryan took to the stage. Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) did the honors, introducing guest speakers that included fellow Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock), Chris Perkins, Congressional candidate for Virginia's 11th District, U.S. Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10th District), and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

Mary Mohl expressed support for much of what she heard from the speakers, but actually had decided to attend the rally "as a fact-finding mission," she said. "I don't think we have gotten a lot of specific information from Romney so far. I wanted to come and hear what Paul Ryan has to say," said the Springfield resident. "What he has said about Medicare...that's probably realistic, the future." Anything else Mohl might have added was lost to the roars of the crowd as candidate Ryan took to the stage for approximately thirty minutes, hitting the Romney/Ryan platform highlights of supporting small business, tax and regulatory reform and reduced government spending to a balanced budget.

There were a few challenges to the event, including several attendees who were treated by paramedics after succumbing to the heat in the auditorium and one protester who shouted at Ryan and was escorted from the room after tearing up a "Romney for President" sign, but overall, organizers could only be pleased by the turnout, both for its numbers and enthusiasm.



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Neighborhood Watch: From left - Ellen King, daughter Anna King, Mary Mohl and Silvia Nutbrown. These Springfield neighbors came to the rally together. Ellen and Silvia are already confirmed supporters. Mary says she is still "fact-finding." Anna is starting her freshman year at West Springfield High.



The crowd enthusiastically responds to Wisconsin U.S. Representative and vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan.



Even though organizers had set up rooms to accommodate the overflow with TVs showing the speakers at work, late-comers just kept trying to squeeze into the main auditorium.

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 amphitheaters in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park
7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
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. Aantis also features picnic pavilions, a deck great for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124
The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585
This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and





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Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon

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

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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.

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),
mini-golf, biking trail, equestrian trail, hiking
trail, open picnic areas
227.1 acres, special purpose park

4 Burke Station Park

6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke
basketball, tennis (lit), hiking trail, playground, tot
lot
18.1 acres, community park

5 Centre Ridge North

Field Encampment Road And St. Germain Drive,
Centreville
basketball (lit), tennis (lit), biking/hiking/nature
trails, playground
8.9 acres, community park

6 Clarks Crossing

9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
soccer/football (unlit), biking/equestrian/hiking
trails, open areas
143.8 acres, district park

7 Collingwood Park

8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria
soccer/football, basketball, tennis, playground
12 acres, community park

8 Cub Run RECenter

4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
pool, water playground, fitness center, trails,
playground
9.3 acres, special purpose park

9 Dranesville Tavern

11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
historic structure, natural/picnic areas, meeting
room
14.6 acres, cultural resource park

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



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Sharon Bulova
in
Fairfax
Villa
Park.

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'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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Lake Fairfax Park

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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

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submitting the application form (found along with rules of use at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/hall.htm). Braddock Hall is typically scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Braddock Hall can accommodate up to 40 people at tables and up to 80 people in a forum setting. The room contains tables and chairs, a podium as well as a projection screen and is equipped with cable access. Free wireless Internet connection is available, but no computer or media equipment is available to groups or individuals using Braddock Hall.

LEARNING SOMETHING NEW— OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

George Mason University, Virginia's largest public college campus, is located in Braddock District, six miles west of the Beltway off Braddock Road and Route 123, and has multiple programs available to the public of all ages. Here is a sample:

❖ All Ages

❖ Observatory

Phone: 703-993-9558

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

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

❖ Potomac Arts Academy

Phone: 703-993-9889

Web: www.potomacacademy.org

Mason's Potomac Arts Academy, part of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, offers the highest caliber of artistic instruction in an accessible and nurturing environment for community members of all ages, skill levels and socioeconomic backgrounds. Music, theater, visual arts, computer gaming and other classes and workshops are available.

❖ Youth

Summer Camps and Programs

Phone: 703-993-1005

Web: summercamps.gmu.edu

A wide variety of summer camps and programs are offered to youth in the areas of art, technology, academics, sports, recreation and radio.

❖ George Mason Institute of Forensics

Phone: 703-993-4119

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

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

❖ High School Debate Tournament and Institute

Phone: 703-993-1093

The George Mason University Debate Union sponsors the following:

❖ The High School Debate Tournament

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

❖ The Patriot Classic High School Debate Institute

Phone: 703-993-1093

Hosted in the summer, the institute is open to any area high school student who desires to learn more about debating.

❖ Northern Virginia Writing Project Student Summer Institute

Phone: 703-993-1168

Web: www.nvwp.org (click on "Young Writers")

An enrichment program designed for students in grades five through 12 who have a serious interest in the creative writing process. Applications become available in March.

❖ Adults

❖ Center for Global Education

Phone: 703-993-2154; Email:

cge@gmu.edu

Web: gloaled.gmu.edu

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

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

❖ Office of International Programs and Services

Phone: 703-993-2970; Email:

oips@gmu.edu

Web: oips.gmu.edu

International students, faculty and staff are a vital part of the Mason community, representing approximately 135 countries. The Office of International Programs and Services provides a variety of services, resources and events to this segment of our population, including working with local



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Wakefield Skateboard Park

community groups to facilitate connections between international students and local families and enabling international students to visit local public schools for cultural learning activities. Please call if you are interested in participating.

❖ Seniors

❖ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Phone: 703-503-3384

Web: www.ulli.gmu.edu

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

NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Begun in 1964, Northern Virginia Community College main campus is located in Braddock District off Little River Turnpike and Wakefield Chapel Road. It offers a quality and convenient educational experience at an affordable price. NOVA is the largest educational institution in Virginia and the second-largest community college in the United States, comprised of more than 75,000 students and 2,600 faculty and staff members. NOVA is also one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with a student body consisting of individuals from more than 180 countries.

NOVA encourages senior citizens to enroll in its credit and non-credit classes. Qualified senior citizens are entitled to register and pay no tuition on a space-available basis for certain types of courses. Participation requires that the student have (1) reached the age of sixty and (2) had legal domicile in Virginia for one year. A senior citizen is entitled to enroll and pay no tuition on a space-available basis for various courses, including credit and non-credit courses. For more information, go to <http://www.nvcc.edu>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW—

POPULAR BRADDOCK EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

❖ Braddock Nights Concert Series

This series of free musical performances held at Lake Accotink Park and Royal Lake Park throughout the summer presents a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass and everything in between. The atmosphere is informal and you're encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. More information online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/>. Volunteers are always welcome. If you have an interest in music or just enjoy being with people, contact 703-425-9300.

❖ Concerts at the Corner

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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 honorfairfaxcemeteries.org.

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



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.

Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free outdoor summer concert. www.fairfaxband.org.

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

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

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 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, 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.

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CALENDAR

A Year in Fairfax County

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

18th annual Fall Festival and
Pumpkin Playground, Burke,

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

NOVEMBER

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

Handcrafters Guild Art & Craft
Showcase, Vienna, Nov. 25-27

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Days

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

Herndon Festival, through June 2
Vintage Virginia Wine Festival,
Centreville, first weekend in
June
Great Falls Days, first weekend in



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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

June
Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, June 7-9
Taste of Reston, June 14-16

JULY

Fairfax Salutes America, July 3
Old Town Fairfax 4th of July
Independence Day Parade,
July 3
Patriotic Picnic, Lorton, July 3
Town of Vienna 4th of July
Celebration, July 4
An American Celebration at

Mount Vernon, July 4
Lake Fairfax Fireworks
Spectacular, July 4
Obon Festival, Fairfax Station
Herndon Friday Night Live!
Mount Vernon Nights Concert
Series
The 3rd Annual Workhouse Clay
National Ceramics Exhibition
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Original photo era 1914. Pictured are Caroline Roy Jerman and husband William Kirk Jerman, 1914 timeframe.

Caroline and William were married when they helped build the family home. They lived with their father, widower Peter Roy, and Caroline's younger sister, Eva. Eva died at the age of 14 and Caroline inherited the property when her father Peter Roy passed away. Caroline and husband William Kirk raised three children of their own on this property; Richard, Woodrow and Eva Jerman. The late Woodrow "Woody" Jerman lived on this property 94 years of his life until he passed away in 2010 .



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Original photo era 1914. The Property at 6501 Glenbard, Burke, Va. The original home built in 1912 burned and pictured here is the rebuilt Farmhouse as it stood in 1914. Today all of the streets surrounding this property and throughout the Burke area are named after the family members; Peter Roy, William Kirk, and Caroline. The town home neighborhood behind the property is also named after "Caroline" Jerman.

The Little Farmhouse on Glenbard Street

BY BRENDA PATRICK

You've driven by it a thousand times whether on your way to the stacks at Pohick library, or en route to Lee Chapel retail. The little white Farm House has caught your eye. You tell yourself that you are going to Google it when you get home as you view the vast barn sprawled out on the back acreage and the giant Oak tree shading the property. Something about the tin roof draws you in and you imagine what it would be like to take a nap underneath it on a rainy day. Front and Center is a picturesque garden that you are pretty sure you just saw on Pinterest. This one you can walk right up to and buy fresh vegetables from the young hands of Woodrow "Woody" Jerman's "Great Nieces," Courtney and Kasey Jerman. Tucked inside you can find tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, chives, rhubarb and other gently grown plants, each and every one surrounded by a hand strung wire fence to keep all genres of wildlife out. The antiquated steel gate you enter welcomes you as it often did visitors to the home for the past century. Everyone wants a good homegrown story. Now I have one for you.

The Jerman property of approximately 180 acres was established in 1912 by the late Peter Roy. Peter was married to Cristina Roy but at the time the property was established he was a widower. He lived there with his daughters Caroline and Eva. (You may have noticed the townhome development behind this property as well as the street that are both named after Caroline). Caroline was married to William Kirk Jerman who also resided there. The original home burned down and was rebuilt in 1914 as you see it today. Eva died as a young girl at the age of 14 on August 6, 1918.

THE JERMAN FAMILY primarily grew hay, barley, vegetables, and corn was a huge crop for them. They had field corn for the cattle and sweet corn for

the Jermans. They were the proud owners of two horses and a plow; which they leased out to neighboring farmers "back in the day." In his spare time, Mr. Jerman helped carve out the basement for Lorton Prison during its construction. The entrepreneurs also ventured out in the collection of trash debris for the community. A hand drawn road map of the trash route was recently discovered tucked in the visor of their 1940 Ford; which was eventually retired to the barn and replaced by a 1969 beauty. Saddled up next to the truck are a couple of vintage tractors, white rod iron beds, original barn doors, cow milking stools, hard corn grinders, a neighboring brooding house for chickens, a needle point chair, and a few oak bureaus. Around the corner you see a water sistrern, farm tools, hinges and silo components. The current owner; Rick Jerman, states that there is nothing of intrinsic value sitting around the property but he plans to shine up the memories that are there for him and his family. The attic barn is swept full of historical artifacts and nostalgia. Curious eyes are entertained with the sense and sensibility of the curators.

Grandma's kitchen pantry was almost empty, but kept intact along with her white iron wood burning stove. The Jermans still fire it up on occasion to knock off the chill on a cold winter day. The interior walls of the farmhouse are a crisp white vanilla with the original hard wood floors. Necessary updates and renovations were made to the kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry room, but the massive staircase leading to four secluded bedrooms anchors this dwelling. One can easily shake hands with all members of the Jerman family while hugging the smooth bannister and coasting up and down the lofty staircase. Grandma Jerman's detached wash building is adjacent to the kitchen with remnants of buckets and soap washed glass windows.

The first vegetation that catches your eye is the

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The Mighty Oak Tree, approximately 200 years old, stands tall and strong shading the Jerman Property at 6501 Glenbard Street. A lightening rod rope extends top to bottom to protect the tree and the Farmhouse from storms. Skeletal strands of ancient ivy sprawl up the height of the tree.

2012 Top Sales in Springfield

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC	. PostalCode	. Subdivision	Date Sold	
7510 RED HILL DR	6	...	5	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$925,000	Detached	0.29	22153	BELMEAD	04/17/12
7318 LAUREL CREEK CT	6	...	5	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$805,000	Detached	0.31	22150	LAUREL CREEK	06/13/12
5929 EMBRY SPRING LN	4	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$798,000	Detached	0.09	22315	KINGSTOWNE	02/16/12
6502 WAYSIDE PL	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$776,495	Detached	0.22	22315	ROSE HILL RESERVE	04/24/12
6500 WAYSIDE PL	5	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$769,000	Detached	0.20	22315	ROSE HILL RESERVE	02/22/12
7113 AYERS MEADOW LN	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$750,000	Detached	0.34	22150	SOUTHAMPTON STATION	01/26/12
4851 BASHA CT	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$749,990	Detached	0.22	22315	ROSE HILL RESERVE	03/27/12
6078 PINEY WOODS CT	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$749,900	Detached	0.17	22315	PINEY GLEN	06/18/12
6401 CALEB CT	4	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$746,000	Detached	0.27	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/27/12
4857 BASHA CT	5	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.20	22315	ROSE HILL RESERVE	01/09/12
7000 CLIFTON KNOLL CT	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.23	22315	CEDAR KNOLL	06/29/12
6420 CALEB CT	4	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Detached	0.13	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/22/12
5606 TOWER HILL CIR	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Detached	0.15	22315	KINGSTOWNE	03/09/12
9011 SCOTT ST	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$725,000	Detached	0.35	22153	SOUTH RUN FOREST	06/22/12
7737 ISLAND CREEK CT	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.26	22315	ISLAND CREEK	02/15/12
7477 THORNCLIFF LN	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$712,500	Detached	0.23	22153	MIDDLEFORD	03/22/12
7700 WHITE WILLOW CT	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$705,000	Detached	0.21	22153	WHISPERWOOD	06/29/12
6221 WILLOWFIELD WAY	6	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.20	22150	HIGHGROVE ESTATES	06/22/12
8626 JAMES CREEK DR	5	...	4	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.17	22152	JAMES CREEK	06/29/12
6033 WOODLAKE LN	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.17	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/22/12
6353 VICTOR GRAY CT	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,950	Detached	0.11	22315	WINDSOR KNOLL	04/12/12
7732 WHITE WILLOW CT	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$692,950	Detached	0.27	22153	WHISPERWOOD	05/15/12
8325 KINGS RIDGE CT	4	...	4	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$675,000	Detached	0.39	22153	GAMBRILL OAKS	01/31/12
6488 WARWICK CIR	5	...	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.21	22315	KINGSTOWNE	02/14/12
9308 JENNA CT	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$660,000	Detached	0.77	22153	GLENWOOD MANOR	05/10/12
7603 SEABROOK LN	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$660,000	Detached	0.23	22153	WHISPERWOOD	06/22/12
6706 DONEGAN CT	6	...	4	..	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.15	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/29/12
6015 MERRYVALE CT	6	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$659,000	Detached	0.34	22152	CARDINAL FOREST	04/20/12
5404 FREMONT ST	4	...	4	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$653,000	Detached	0.27	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD	03/23/12
8724 MIDDLEFORD DR	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$650,000	Detached	0.20	22153	MIDDLEFORD	03/31/12
8432 AMBROSIA CT	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$650,000	Detached	0.22	22153	THE FOREST @SOUTH RUN	06/18/12
7926 LOBELIA LN	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$639,900	Detached	0.33	22152	DAVENTRY	06/28/12
7901 BELLEFLOWER DR	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$632,000	Detached	0.34	22152	DAVENTRY	03/30/12
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7217 DEVEREUX CT	4	...	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.20	22315	LAKE D EVEREUX	06/22/12
7410 CARATH CT	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$629,900	Detached	0.30	22153	GLENWOOD MANOR	06/28/12
7821 LOBELIA LN	5	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$625,000	Detached	0.23	22152	HUNTER VILLAGE	03/13/12
6038 ASHBY HEIGHTS CIR	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.15	22315	ASHBY HEIGHTS	04/20/12
6331 ALDERMAN DR	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.13	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/28/12
5905 SHERBORN LN	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$624,000	Detached	0.29	22152	CARDINAL FOREST	06/29/12
6827 CAMUS PL	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$622,000	Detached	0.23	22152	DAVENTRY	04/30/12
6350 ALDERMAN DR	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$619,900	Detached	0.12	22315	KINGSTOWNE	04/26/12
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7707 MODISTO LN	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$602,500	Detached	0.32	22153	SOUTH RUN FOREST	06/07/12
8819 SHADOWLAKE WAY	4	...	3	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$600,888	Detached	0.21	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS FOSTER BR	06/29/12
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6681 ORDSALL ST	4	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$599,950	Townhouse	0.06	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/15/12
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6430 MELIA ST	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$589,000	Detached	0.58	22150	SPRINGFIELD FOREST	06/01/12
7217 KYLES LINDG	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$588,000	Detached	0.36	22150	MEYERS	04/16/12
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8717 ET TA DR	5	...	3	..	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$566,000	Detached	0.39	22152	KEENE MILL STATION	04/13/12
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7018 WOODLAND DR	4	...	3	..	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$550,000	Detached	0.47	22151	LEEWOOD	03/23/12
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7717 HAYFIELD RD	5	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.19	22315	HAYFIELD FARM	06/28/12
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8268 RAINDROP WAY	4	...	2	..	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$525,000	Detached	0.34	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST	05/04/12
7636 KINGSBURY RD	5	...	3	..	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Detached	0.27	22315	HAYFIELD FARM	05/18/12
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6192 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3	...	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,950	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE	04/30/12
7614 CERVANTES CT	5	...	2	..	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$523,000	Detached	0.21			

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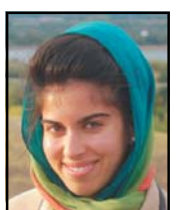
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Rick Jerman toils away on his vegetable garden during his free time from his career as an IT Specialist. Tilling soil, planting and spending hours at the Jerman vegetable stands were part of his 54 years on this property. Rick has spent the past two years renovating the family farmhouse he inherited and curating various family relics on the property. He hopes to instill in his two daughters the values of hard work and simple living.

The Little Farmhouse

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200 year old Oak tree shading the home. There is a certain yearning to want to climb each limb or strap on a tire swing. A wire strings down the side to protect it from lightening but one is tempted to scale the side of the tree as it would take a step ladder to get to the first limb.

The afternoon sun spotlights the American Flag which is raised daily by the front porch near where the old swing used to be. Woodrow “Woody” Jerman served with the Army’s Air Force during the WWII campaign primarily working with B25s. Courtney and Kasey Jerman have carefully preserved these memories of timeless photos in a collage memorial for their late Great Uncle who passed away in 2010.

The brooding house boasts a solar panel in its interior meant to keep the mother hens warm as they bridled their nests. Wire chicken egg baskets are the homes of birds and hay scattered in the rafters of the barn. Some can be found upturned in the garden to train the growth of chives. Towers of produce baskets lay in wait for this year’s harvest. Faded letters on the old Ford and corn husked baskets make visible the years of use and anticipation for the coming season.

After receiving a spontaneous tour of the property, Rick Jerman humbly recalled planting gardens with his Grandfather and Uncle over the years. Every summer he harvested and then spent time at the vegetable stand earning money for his school supplies and clothes that year. He can’t part with the dairy milking stools as those too bring back early hours spent in the barn. A certain dedication and tone of respect hangs in the air when this man speaks of his family and his past. It is the simple life, the hard working pulse that he holds on to. He spends his work week as an IT specialist but moon lights as a calloused palmed farmer. Mr. Jerman brightens when he talks about his teenaged daughters and he enjoys sharing the fundamentals of simple living with them. They stand tall as the fifth generation of the Jerman



The Jerman Farmhouse 100 years later, 1912-2012. This one acre property is what is left of the original 180 acres purchased by Peter Roy between Sydenstricker and Old Keene Mill Road. Five Generations of the Jerman family have resided here for the past 100 years.

line from this community. Both attended Sangster Elementary School and are current students at Lake Braddock Secondary.

We have all enjoyed the fruits and labors of the Jerman Clan as most of the property we enjoy in the Springfield/Burke area was once their own. Many a Saturday gatherings of friends and family can be seen emerging from the barn. If you are walking by, you can pick up on early morning chatter by the fence post of the garden. Guidance by fellow farmers is welcome. One can overhear discussions of planting strategies, and about how the growing Rhubarb is just about “finished up” for this season. Be advised that a home crafted pie is coming by later. Tomatoes are handed out to loved ones; but only a few, with the promise that you will return for a refill.

So next time you pass this little old farm, think of the outpouring of love, blood, sweat, and tears that this family put in to this community. Tip your hat to the owner; Rick Jerman, who hasn’t given in to tearing down our roots, or that of the Mighty Oak. This is Burke at its finest; the Little Farmhouse on Glenbard Street.

Brenda Patrick is a fourth grade History teacher at Orange Hunt ES in Springfield down the road from the property on 6820 Sydenstricker Rd.

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

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

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

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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.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

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

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Monday and Friday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Monday and Friday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Managing Diabetes. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bruen Chapel United Methodist Church, 3035 Cedar Lane, Fairfax. Learn to better manage your diabetes and live well. Register with Colleen Turner at 703-324-5489, or at Colleen.Turner@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Dog Adoptions. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 11

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Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County offers a free telephone support group for family caregivers of older adults. Contact Michelle Smith at 703-324-5484.

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



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

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.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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.



PHOTO BY ALAN MORRIS

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.

SPORTS

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.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHOTO BY DAN STEGNER

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

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

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

Hayfield Secondary: Softball team won 2012 National District championship.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHOTO BY ALAN GOLDSTEIN

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.

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

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.



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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 Farelo.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Scott Allen.

Wrestling Coach: Tom Healy.

Rival School: Bishop O'Connell.

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

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

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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