

# Free Things to Do Around Vienna

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Free concerts on the Town Green run May through August. Town businesses and individuals sponsor the concerts. Listeners bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Little dancers strut around the stage.

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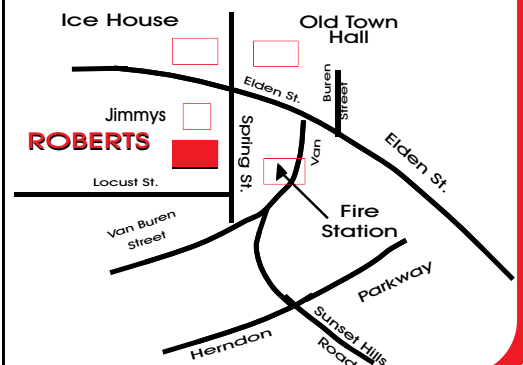
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If Vienna has an icon, it's the red caboose sitting alongside the W & OD trail off Church Street, across the street from Freeman House.



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## Free and Almost-Free Things to Do Around Vienna

There's a bit of free something for all around town.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

From free concerts on the Town Green to Civil War-era exhibitions and festivals to presentations, there are lots of free things to do in the Vienna area for every age group. Even those not-quite-free things are a bargain for what you get.

The restored and newly-repainted red caboose across the street from Freeman House is maintained by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. Children are always welcome to climb aboard, but once a month or on special occasions, the Optimists open the doors to the caboose for the public to walk through.

If there is an iconic landmark in Vienna, it is probably the red caboose, sitting adjacent to the W & OD trail, once a railroad track passing through Vienna.

The Saturday morning Vienna Farmers' Market is as much a social event as it is a resource for buying locally-produced produce and home-made goods. Running through the end of October, the Optimist-operated market sells seasonal produce and creates themes to celebrate the seasons. There's frequently a balloon artist to bring smiles to kids' faces.

Church Street Holiday Stroll, always celebrated the last Monday in November, rings in the holiday season. There's live music, bonfires for roasting marshmallows, a petting zoo and an antique fire truck carrying Santa down Church Street to his perch on the Freeman Store front porch. Church Street merchants keep late hours for shopping.

ViVa! Vienna!, hosted and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna, is a three-day mega-festival dotting the historic Church Street corridor. While the amusement rides, food and vendor goods cost money, the live entertainment on two stages does not. There's a children's stage and a main stage, and local businesses or groups offer free kids' activities on the Town Green. The revenue Rotary collects is returned to the local community.

Concerts on the Green, performed on Friday and Sunday nights from mid-May through August, pull in every age demographic. Listeners bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics, spreading out on the

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**Vienna's Patrick Henry Library and Oakton Library offer programming throughout the year at no charge. The libraries host special events, weekly activities, lectures, presentations and fun for all ages. Local favorite Rocknoceros performed a free concert for preschoolers this summer.**

### INSIDERS' PERSPECTIVE

## What Makes Living in Vienna Special?

—DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION



**John Ferguson, retired foreign service officer, Vienna**

"I think it's because, as a retired foreign service officer, I spent almost my entire life living abroad in fairly difficult places, and Vienna has that all-American small-town atmosphere I missed overseas... and it's something I really enjoy."



**Cindy Stewart, Vienna Women's Club, Hunter Mill representative to Fairfax County Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Vienna**

"I love Vienna's community identity and spirit. I grew up in a town in upstate New York and feel that in my retirement years I have found that same sense of belonging right here. As a member of the Vienna Woman's Club, I am so impressed with the partnerships we are able to develop with other local organizations to benefit the neediest members of our community. I could certainly add kudos to Caffe Amouri for always being willing to post special adoption events at our county animal shelter."



**Laurie Di Rocco, Vienna Town Council member, Vienna**

"There are a number of things that make Vienna very special. Vienna is one of just a few [incorporated] towns in Fairfax County. The town of Vienna hosts a number of special community activities, such as the Halloween parade, Oktoberfest, 4th of July fireworks, the Saturday farmers' market and ViVa! Vienna!, to name a few.

The town of Vienna provides personal service to its citizens with its own community center, police force and trash pick-up. These types of services provide accessibility and a small-town feel for its citizens."



**Michael Amouri, owner of Caffe Amouri, Vienna**

"It's funny because what makes it special is all the reasons I opened Caffe Amouri here. Vienna is a community and even though there are thousands of people living here, I can walk down the street seeing people I know, waving and saying 'hi.' We've got each other's back. Vienna is family."

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

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

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



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**Graduating senior Gabrielle Tate gives the "Reflections" address during the June 19 Oakton High School graduation ceremony held at the George Mason University Patriot Center.**

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 division, ensuring that all of our youngest students will benefit from the same educational opportunities. The commitment to serve our students is evident, with a majority of resources directed to the classroom. In FY 2013, 93 percent of our employ-

ees 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.

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# State Senator Shares Places-to-See

### Q&A WITH CHAP PETERSEN

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

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

**A:** Get involved! Join an athletic league, a house of worship or an advocacy group. There are hundreds to choose from. You can't make friends sitting in front of a TV.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Q: Any government service, website, blog, etc. that you think is particularly useful to newcomers?**

**A:** Mine, of course! My constitute website is <http://www.fairfaxsenator.com/> and my blog is <http://www.oxroadsouth.com/>.



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

[www.oxroadsouth.com/](http://www.oxroadsouth.com/). Otherwise, check out <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/> for info on local transportation projects—it has a ton of information.

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

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

**Q: If you were crafting a "bucket**

**list" of places to see, things to do before you move out of town, what would be on it?**

- A:** 1. Visit the Manassas Battlefield. If possible, take a guided tour.
2. Have a drink in Old Town Alexandria (that's where I met my wife).
3. March in the Fourth of July Parade in Fairfax.
4. Have a chili dog at the Vienna Inn.
5. Ride a Harley Davidson in the Memorial Day "Ride to the Wall."

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# Free Fun in Vienna

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expansion of soft lawn. The little children run to the stage dancing away their little bodies. There is also a shorter season of kids' programming on Wednesday evenings and an occasional Saturday night open mic. Concerts are free to the public because local businesses and individuals come through and sponsor the performances.

Patrick Henry Library offers events and activities from babies to adults and everyone in between. Fairfax County libraries cannot charge for events, so what you get at Patrick Henry and Oakton Library is free. That includes animal shows, toddler read-alongs and music, lectures, presentations, Internet instruction and lots of "special events." The area's most prominent kiddie-rock band, Rocknoceros, played for preschoolers last month at Patrick Henry.

Historic Vienna, Inc., who administers Freeman Store and Mu-



**Historic Vienna Inc. sponsors free events, from exhibits, reenactments and special events to the Church Street Holiday Stroll. The holiday stroll, with Santa, a petting zoo, bonfires and music, is a partnership of HVI, the Town of Vienna and the Church Street Merchants.**

seum under a contract with the Town of Vienna, offers free programming throughout the year, from historical exhibits and reenactments to preschool fun on the lawn behind Freeman House. HVI, in partnership with the Town of Vienna and Church Street merchants, hosts the annual Church Street Holiday Stroll.

Nothing says "fall" like harvest bazaars and craft fairs and Vienna is loaded with them. The Vienna Women's Club hosts one of the area's most popular bazaars annually in early November and the Northern Virginia Handcrafters

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## NEWCOMERS

# Being Good Neighbors

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Guild operates its three-day bazaar Thanksgiving weekend. Even if you're just browsing, the ambience at the fall bazaars is enough to get a person into a holiday mood.

## Not Free, But Pretty-close

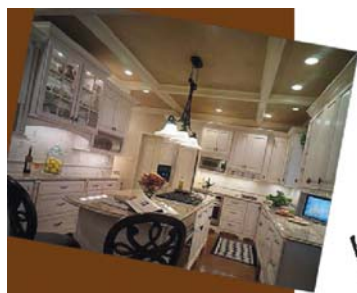
Some of Vienna's local businesses go out of their way to be "good" neighbors. They give back to the community that supports their business by hosting activities, events and just being there to help when you need some help for a community project.

On a wretchedly-hot summer evening on the Town Green, Whole Foods gave away bottled water and cherries from a tent it had set up. The store worked with the Town of Vienna to create a community garden. On many a Friday evening, Whole Foods hosts wine sippers and snacks for \$5 [called 5 After 5]. For a lot of people living in Vienna, this is a regular event.

For the price of a cup of coffee or tea at Caffe Amouri on weekend nights, you can sit back and listen to vinyl records or live music and play board games. Michael Amouri is the same business owner who gave out free coffee all day the day after the dericho, brewed in his own home because the shop was without power. He raised \$5,000 on behalf of the Khristin Kylo scholarship fund. Here's the best part, though ... Amouri roasts his own coffee beans in-house and hand-grinds beans for "hand-pours." The coffee at Caffe Amouri costs no more than that sold at the chain coffeehouses, but at this coffeehouse on Church Street, the owner really does give back to the community. He still coaches women's basketball at Madison High School. During the school year, Caffe Amouri hosts "Penny University," free presentations on topics of interest to residents.

A fairly recent addition to Vienna hot-spots, Sweet City Desserts not only bakes out-of-the-world desserts, but it too is becoming a neighborhood hang-out. Wedged between Church Street and Maple Avenue in the alley that houses The Pure Pasty Co. and Bikes@Vienna, SCD hosts presentations and open-mic nights.

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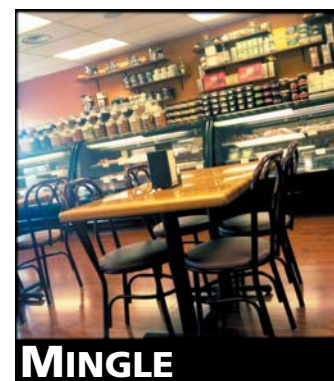
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Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

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

### 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.

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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.

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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.

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Deadline is Friday.

## Senior Olympics Deadline

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 23

**Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce LeadShare Meeting.** 7:30 a.m., at Chesterbrook Residences, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. LeadShare events will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Register at 267-346-1885.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., East Vienna. 703-938-0405.

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., East Vienna. Learn and play. Ages 5-12. 703-938-0405.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**CASA Volunteer Information Session.** 11 a.m.-Noon. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. The Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session to promote awareness and advocacy for neglected or abused children. 703-273-3526 x22 or [ekosarin@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org).

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**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m., Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

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**One-on-One English Practice.** 1:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call for an appointment with an ESL volunteer. 703-242-4020.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the internet, Word and Excel. Call for an appointment. 703-242-4020.

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**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the internet, Word and Excel. Call for an appointment. 703-242-4020.

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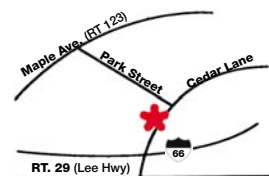
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The home that Pat Price lives in is the home she grew up in. It's just not in the same place.

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## For the Love of Oakton

86-year-old Pat Price lives in house she was raised in.

Pat Price lives in her girlhood home in Oakton. Not in the same place, but in the same house.

Price is 86 years old now. Her Oakton bonds go back to before 1850 when her great-grandmother took over as Oakton School's first teacher. A great-grandfather fought in the Civil War. Her "people," as she refers to her ancestors, have been in the Vienna-Oakton area for more than 150 years.

Price's grandparents' home, that of the Kenyons, was finished in 1916, and, for 70 years, it stood at the corner of Chainbridge Road and Miller Road, across from the Oakton Methodist Church. For several years, the house had no electricity and was served by an outhouse. Price was a little girl in the 1930s when the house had a pasture and the family raised pigs and chickens. Price remembers the big red barn which, she says, she loved to play in.

Price said her family fared better during the Depression than many others.

"We weren't as affected because all the adults in the family kept jobs," she said. "Four people were bringing in a paycheck every week with just me and my mother to support."

After the death of her grandparents, the house was left to the three living children. Price's mother and husband bought the house from the siblings who inherited it.

**THE PAYNE STORE**, a general store that sold everything, Price said, went up at the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Rt. 123 about 1936. Price said she loved the Paynes, who lived upstairs above the store.

"I was lonely as a little girl because we were so isolated, but I have lots of good memories," Price says. "There weren't many little girls living in Oakton in those days."

Pat Kenyon Price remembers the "small town" of Vienna, going to the little library there and grocery shopping at the "Sanitary" store on Church Street.

"My favorite part of growing up in the Vienna-Oakton area was roller-skating down Rt. 123," Price says. "There were so few cars, then. I rode my bike all over creation."

Up through the early 1950s, there were still lots of farms in the Oakton area, Price recalls. Down Rt.



In 1955, an 18-year-old high school student from Oakton handcrafted this circus car toy box that Pat Price had kept for more than 55 years.

123 a little bit, toward Fairfax, was a fall turkey farm owned by the Craig family, that of Craig Movers.

In the early 1950s, the County started widening Rt. 123. World War II had ended a decade previously and post-war housing was popping up in the Vienna-Oakton area. "I guess that's when things started rolling," Price said. "I had a lot of friends on Hunter Mill Road in those days, but everything has just vanished."

As a teenager, Price got her driver's license at age 14. Two nights a week, Price—then still a Kenyon—and a girlfriend visited amputees at Walter Reed Hospital, playing cards with them, chatting. "To me, that was the greatest thing I've ever done in my life. It wasn't much, but it was something."

Along with girlfriends, Pat Kenyon the teenager took the Vienna trolley to go into Washington. "I loved taking the trolley to D.C.," Price said. "It was so much fun. The trolley would shake us all over the place because it was a jiggly ride. We would go to the movies. In those days, the theatres had live bands that played before the movies started."

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## NEWCOMERS

# Apple Trees Witness Changes

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After she graduated from Fairfax High School—there was no James Madison High School at that time—she worked in Washington.

[Kenyon] Price married at age 19, in 1946, and had five children, four of whom still live in the area. She herself was born in a D.C. hospital. “There were no hospitals around here then,” she says. Growing up “lonely,” she always knew she wanted a lot of children.

By the late 1970s, the area around the Hunter Mill corridor was blossoming. Businesses sprung up on the corners and bright light intruded on Price’s home. As much as a “major production” it was, the house was moved to its current location – just around the corner – in 1985.

“I have happy memories of the old days, but, I love that everything is so convenient nowadays,” Price says. “I have the best of two worlds where I am situated.

“To the east, I can walk to stores, to the church I’ve attended since I was a child [Oakton Methodist Church].” In 1998, the church celebrated its centennial and Price tap-danced to “Tea for Two.”

“To the west is my heaven-on-earth,” Price says, pointing out her windows toward the woodland surrounding her house. “The little deer come every night and I just love seeing them. One of my favorite things in the world is our trees.”

**THE HOME LOOKS** similar to its earliest years. Most of the windows in the house are original, as are the wood floors. The yard, however, was born of the house’s new location. When the house was moved to its current location in 1985, the land was “strafed,” as Price refers to it. Since there was nothing but empty land, Price ordered two little apple trees that were just “sticks” when she planted them. Today, those apple trees tower over her property, having bore apples for more than 15 years. The spruce tree that she treasures was given to her mother, then living with Price, for Christmas 1993, by Price’s children. “The whole family got together to plant the little tree, and now it’s more than 25 feet tall.

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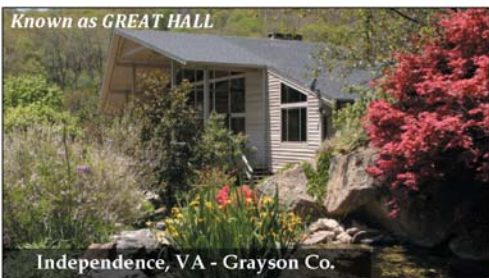
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NEWS

# Church Street Garage Debated

Proposal submitted under Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act.

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hile the proposed parking garage and mixed-use building on Church Street have drawn broad support from merchants and residents, it has also garnered concerns from both sets of stakeholders around the historic Church Street corridor. Public meetings to address questions and worries were hosted by the town of Vienna and the project's architect, Paul Layer, over two days.

The first of three open meetings, on Aug. 15 at the proposed building/garage site at 120 Church Street NW, was dedicated to Church Street merchants. On Aug. 16, residents were invited to Town Hall for afternoon and early evening

meetings.

"This is an opportunity to get Church Street to work better," said Mayor M. Jane Seeman. "It's working good now but we want it to work even better."

Arrington Properties LLC offered a proposal in March to the Town of Vienna, under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA), to build a mixed-use building and parking garage at 120 Church St. NW. The project is still in planning stages and the town, as well as Arrington Properties, is soliciting input from the community.

**"This is an opportunity to get Church Street to work better."**

—Mayor M. Jane Seeman



Sara Applegate, owner of Applegate Gallery and Custom-Framing, looks over the architectural renderings of the proposed mixed-use building and parking garage that will front Church Street.

**THE BUILDING**, designed to house retail, office and residential condo space, and the garage are anticipated to cost between \$5.8 and \$6.6 million. While Arrington Properties would fi-

nance the mixed-use building, the town of Vienna would finance the construction of the parking garage through its meals-and-lodging tax. Arrington proposed to sell the land for the public parking garage to the

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Church Street merchants gather on the site of the proposed mixed-use building and parking garage to learn more about the public-private partnership project.

town of Vienna for \$1. The property at 120 Church St. NW has been in the Arrington family since 1940. "I desperately want it [parking garage]," said Applegate Gallery and Custom-Framing owner Sara Applegate. "There's not enough parking for employees, let alone customers."

The current proposal, which estimates a construction phase of 18 months, includes breaking ground in February 2014. The garage will

be constructed with pre-cast concrete units. The project is in harmony with the town's Church Street Vision, Seeman said. Church Street C1B zoning was designed to "breathe life back into the corridor," the mayor said.

The plans call for two to four ground-floor retail units and, above that, three two-story residential units.

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

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

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

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





**12** **Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon**

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

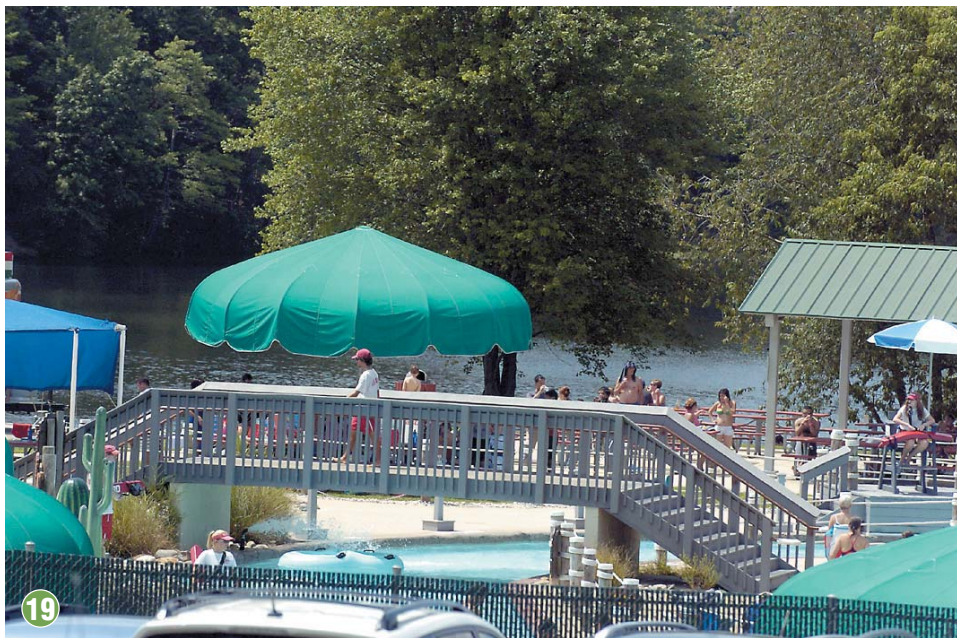
**SR** **Sandy Run Regional Park**  
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station  
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy\_run/  
703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

## Arts Center

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

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



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

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## Fairfax County Parks

**1** **Annandale Park**  
7701 Royce Street, Annandale  
nature center  
50.7 acres, district park

**2** **Baron Cameron School Site**  
11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston  
softball (unlit), soccer/football (unlit), biking/  
hiking trails, picnic area, playground  
60 acres, district park

**3** **Braddock Park**  
13451 Braddock Road, Clifton  
Softball field (lit), soccer/football (unlit and lit),  
minigolf, biking trail, equestrian trail, hiking  
trail, open picnic areas  
227.1 acres, special purpose park

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

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

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

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

**8** **Cub Run RECenter**  
4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly  
pool, water playground, fitness center, trails,  
playground  
9.3 acres, special purpose park

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

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



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Sharon Bulova in Fairfax Villa Park.**

## 'My Favorite Parks'

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

Some other favorite Fairfax parks that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Green Hedges School jazz band participates in traditional Vienna Halloween Parade to be held Oct. 24 this year.



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## A Year in Fairfax County

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

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

The Washington West Film Festival, Herndon and Reston, Nov. 1-4

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

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

Fairfax County's Third Annual Frostival, Chantilly, through the first weekend of January  
 Christmas at Mount Vernon, through Jan. 6  
 Bull Run Festival of Lights, Centreville, 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

### MAY

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

### JUNE

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

### JULY

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

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## MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL

Labor Day Weekend

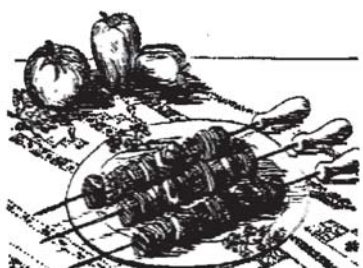
Saturday, Sept. 1, 11:00 am - 11:00 pm  
 Sunday, Sept. 2, 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

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### Free Admission!

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| <b>Gyros</b>               | <b>Pony Rides</b>                    |
| <b>Grape Leaves</b>        | <b>Vendors</b>                       |
| <b>Falafel</b>             | <b>Backgammon &amp; Chess</b>        |
| <b>Fattoush</b>            | <b>50-50 Raffle</b>                  |
| <b>Baklava &amp;</b>       | <b>Church Tours</b>                  |
| <b>Other Favorites!</b>    | <b>Icon Shop</b>                     |



*Special Feature!*  
**Roast Lamb Dinner \$12.00**  
 Sat., Sept. 1, 6-9 pm  
 Sun., Sept. 2, 12-6 pm

# ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com).  
Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/  
artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit  
[www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

## THURSDAY/AUG. 23

**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.** 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.com](http://www.wolftrap.com).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**Friday Afternoon Chess Group.** 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Players of all ages and all skill levels welcome. 703-757-8560.

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-12. 703-938-0405.

**Al Green; Special Guest: Taj Mahal.** 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.com](http://www.wolftrap.com).

**The Christopher Linman Jazz Ensemble.** 8:30 p.m.-Midnight, at the Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton, 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Enjoy food, wine and jazz. 703-506-4300.

**Movies in the Park.** 8:45 p.m., at Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. "Kung Fu Panda 2." Free. In case of inclement weather, call 703-255-7842 two hours before show time.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**W&OD Safety Awareness Bike Rodeo.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A safety and educational event on W&OD multi-purpose use, pedestrian awareness and bike-use skills. Pre-register at [bac@viennava.gov](mailto:bac@viennava.gov).

**Master Gardeners Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m., Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Experts available to answer your gardening questions. 703-242-4020.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**Blue Steele and Charles Solomon.** 2-5 p.m., at Open Kitchen Bistro, 7115 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Local Blues singer-guitarist and harmonica-player/guitarist perform. Gourmet snacks and artisans wines available for purchase. Reservations. Purchase tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and call for more information at 703-942-8148.

**Straight No Chaser.** 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.com](http://www.wolftrap.com).

## MONDAY/AUG. 27

**Madison H.S. Fall Kick Off.** 4-6 p.m. James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Community event with food, games and information about James Madison High School. 703-319-2300.

**Dead Can Dance.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Australian world music duo makes its first Vienna appearance bringing guitar and vocals into Renaissance melodies for multicultural flair. \$30-45. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 28

**Week-long Fishing with Friends Camp.** 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. For ages 9-14. Learn beginner and intermediate tricks and tactics for freshwater fishing in nearby ponds and rivers. Virginia Fishing Adventures provides all food, drinks, bait, tackle, rods, reels and lifejackets. \$550-\$600. 703-255-6360 or [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**The Fresh Beat Band.** 3 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The hit from Nick Jr. teaches children lessons on problem solving, friendship and fun with songs. \$25-40. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Good Night, Sleep Tight.** 7 p.m.

Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Come in your pajamas and join us for stories and songs. 703-938-0405.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Clarke/Duke 4 "Bring It Tour."** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Stanley Clarke and George Duke with Boney James, all jazz musicians, combine contemporary jazz, funk, R&B, rock and pop with urban jazz. \$25-42. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 30

**Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. 703-938-0405.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-Noon. Vienna Caboose, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Producers only, Saturdays through Oct. 27. [viennafarmersmarket.com](http://viennafarmersmarket.com).

**The King and I.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., on the Filene Center stage at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The classic musical features several Northern Virginia-based children who earned roles through Wolf Trap auditions. \$20-80. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Social Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. First Saturday every month. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 2


**Vienna AAUW Open House.** 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E., Vienna. The Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women will highlight their women's organization and activities. [www.aauwofva.org/branches/vienna](http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/vienna).

**Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event.** 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Sunday. <http://lostdogrescue.org/> and click on Adoptions.

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## TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

**Dance Every Tuesday.** 7:15 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Introductory dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dancing 8-10:30 p.m. Swing, Latin, waltz, country and more. \$10 per person, includes lesson and snacks. No partner necessary. [colvinrun.org](http://colvinrun.org) or [Ed.Cottrell@macp.org](mailto:Ed.Cottrell@macp.org).




**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Hearing on the McLean Community Center's FY 2014 Budget**  
Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center.

The current fiscal year (FY 2013) has a tax rate of 2.2 cents per \$100 of real estate assessment, reduced from the previous fiscal year's rate of 2.3 cents.

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address (shown below), marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to [ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Copies of the proposed budget will be available during the public hearing.



**The McLean Community Center**  
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703-790-0123/TTY: 711  
[www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)



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For a complete listing of classes, tours, performances and events, pick up a free Program Guide at the Center or visit our Web site at: [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)—and register online.



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[www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)



**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012**  
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OFTC is a satellite program of the McLean Community Center.

703-448-8336 (TEEN)  
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# How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

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

BY MARY KIMM  
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

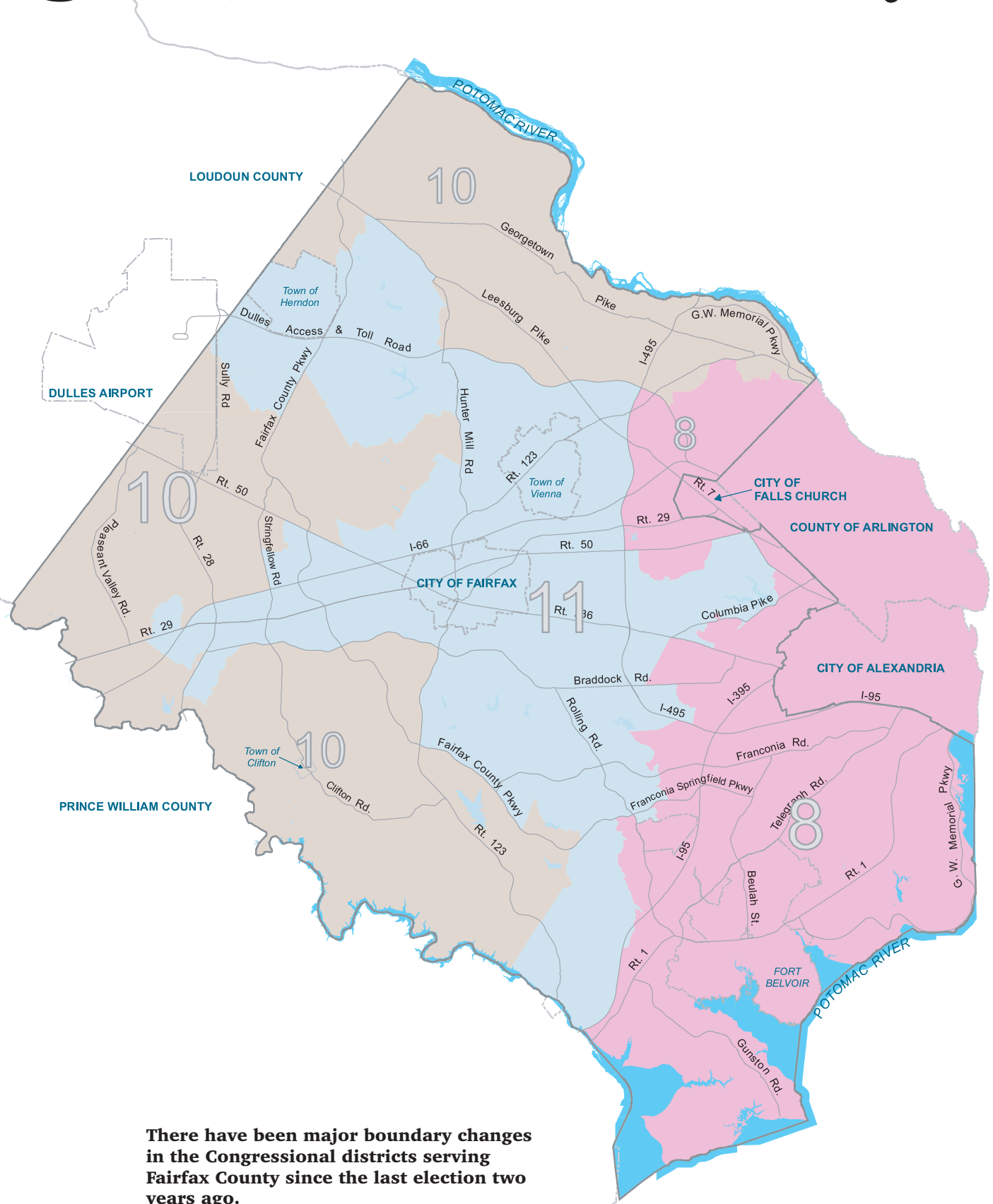
The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

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

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

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

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



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

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preclearance from the Department of Justice.

**VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE**

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

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

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See [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee\\_voting/index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html) for a complete

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

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

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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# INSIDER'S EDITION

\* = incumbent

## U.S. SENATE



**Tim Kaine**  
(D)



**George Allen**  
(R)

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



**Jim Moran**  
(D)\*



**Patrick Murray**  
(R)

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



**Kristin A. Cabral**  
(D)



**Frank Wolf**  
(R)\*

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



**Gerry Connolly**  
(D)\*



**Chris Perkins**  
(R)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

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

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

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

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

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

Absentee In-person Voting in the City of Alexandria:

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

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

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

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

Arlington In-person Absentee Voting:

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

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

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

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

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

Two constitutional questions will appear

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

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

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

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

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

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

# AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO AREA PARKS

Visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com) for more Fairfax County parks.



**Scotts Run, McLean**

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**10 Fairfax Villa Park**

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

**11 Fred Crabtree Park**

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

**12 Frying Pan Farm Park**

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

**13 Great Falls Nike Park**

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

**14 Grist Mill Park**

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

**15 Huntley Meadows Park**

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

**16 Hybla Valley Park**

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

**17 Lake Accotink Park**

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

**18 Lake Braddock School Site**

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

**19 Lake Fairfax Park**

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

**20 Lake Mercer Park**

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

**21 Langley Fork Park**

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

**22 Laurel Hill Park**

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

**23 Lee District Park**

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

**24 Lewinsville Park**

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

**25 Mason District Park**

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

**26 Muddy Hole Farm Park**

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

**27 Newington Heights Park**

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

**28 Nottoway Park**

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

**29 Patriot Park**

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

**30 Pope Head Park**

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

**31 Poplar Tree Park**

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

**32 Riverbend Park**

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

**33 Rolling Valley West Park**

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

**34 South Run District**

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield  
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, 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, rec center, 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**

# Residents Voice Support, Worries

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The process, Mayor Seeman said, is just beginning. The town will continue to hold public meetings and is inviting citizens and merchants to participate in the planning and design process.

The town is considering options that will cover the maintenance costs of the parking garage. Although no decision has been made regarding funding operational costs, charging a fee to park in the garage is on the table.

An area of concern—where delivery trucks would off-load if the open space is no longer available for that purpose—was one of the few points not considered by either the town or the architect for Arrington. Layer and Seeman added delivery alternatives to the design process.

The garage will hold 120 public parking spaces and 52 spaces for building tenants. Curbside on Church Street will be an additional five spaces. On Church Street, the mixed-use building, designed to fit in with the character of Church Street, fronts the street, concealing the parking garage behind it.

Along the alleyway, intersecting both Church Street and Maple Avenue, the builder is installing lighting and a pedestrian walkway, as well as a “parklet.” Sightlines from Maple Avenue have not been evaluated yet.

“I’m very concerned,” said The Pure Pasty Co. owner Michael Burgess. “Pure Pasty fronts the garage. During the construction phase, it will be very difficult for all the businesses around here.”

“With a three-story building on Church Street, nobody will see us.”

Bikes@Vienna owner Tim Frecker echoed Burgess’s worries. “I’ve got the same concerns as Mike about the visibility of the shop,” said Frecker. “The parking garage will remove the test-ride area for prospective buyers. It’s going to affect the environment. We get an obstructed view of the rest of the world.”

“I’ll be looking at a concrete garage from my shop, and it will be very much an alley. It’s going to feel closed-in.”

**TOWN OFFICIALS** and Layer assured merchants and residents that as much as possible would be

done to minimize construction challenges, from noise and dust to loss of business for those shops on the alleyway. Bikes@Vienna, The Pure Pasty Company and Sweet City Desserts make use of the open parking space across from those shops. A three to four-story structure would obscure visibility of those businesses from Church Street.

A citizen asked the mayor if the town or developer had considered financial compensation to the alleyway shops that could suffer a loss of business during construction. Seeman responded that the town had not discussed compensation for loss of business but had, rather, focused on protecting the business interests of impacted shops. New signage along Church Street would direct shoppers to the new “way.”

“This is still Vienna,” Seeman said. “We want to keep Vienna’s character.”

To access details and a site plan of the proposed Church Street parking garage and mixed-use building, go to <http://vienna.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=878>.

## OPEN HOUSES SATURDAY/SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 & 26

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## Life in the Cancer Lane



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

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

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

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

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## Getting to Know Vienna Area High School Sports

### Madison High: Girls' basketball team finishes 24-5, reaches region semifinals.

*School: James Madison High School.  
Mascot: Warhawks.  
School Colors: Red and black.  
Athletic Director: John Lingenfelter, 703-319-2360.  
Football Coach: Lenny Schultz (second year).  
The Warhawks finished the regular season 7-3 and qualified for the postseason, losing to South County in the Division 5 region quarterfinals.  
Field Hockey Coach: Marsha Ehrsam.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Chris Kuhblank.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Kirsten Roberts.  
Baseball Coach: Mark Gjormand.  
Softball Coach: John Schneeberger.  
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Rich Hodge.  
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Amanda Counts.  
Rival Schools: Oakton, Marshall High.*



**Megan LeDuc and the Madison girls' basketball team won a district title and advanced to the regional semifinals during the 2011-12 season.**

❖ **Famous Graduate:** Pitcher Jay Franklin (1971 graduate) was the No. 2 overall pick in the 1971 MLB Draft.

### Marshall High: Field hockey team tallied 15 wins in 2011.

*School: George C. Marshall High School.  
Mascot: Statesmen.  
School Colors: Scarlet and Columbia blue.  
Athletic Director: Joe Swarm, 703-714-5409.  
Football Coach: Greg Sullivan (first year).  
The Statesmen went 2-8 in 2011, beating Falls Church and Thomas Jefferson.  
Field Hockey Coach: Christina Carroll  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Dan Hale.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Chad Scott.  
Rival School: Madison.*



**The Marshall girls' lacrosse team faces Langley.**

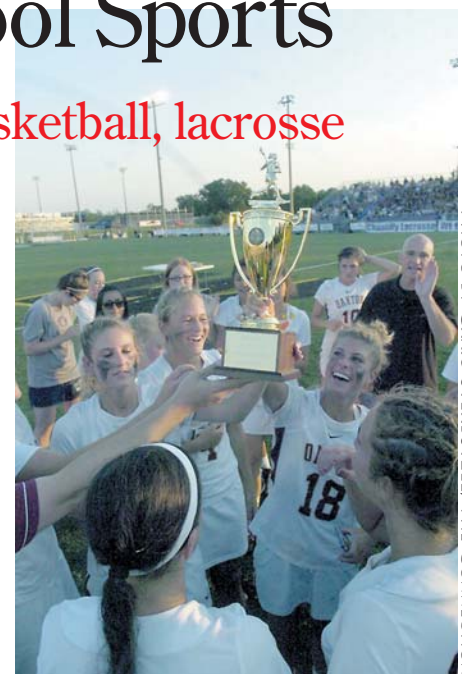
ate) played collegiately at Wake Forest and was a seventh-round selection of the Seattle Seahawks in the 1993 NFL Draft. He played 10 seasons with the Seahawks and Baltimore Ravens, earning two trips to the Pro Bowl and one All-Pro selection. He won one Super Bowl (XXXV) with Baltimore. He finished with 71 career sacks.

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team went 15-4 and reached the Northern Region quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team reached the regional tournament. The baseball team qualified for regionals. The girls' lacrosse team went 11-5 and qualified for regionals.

❖ **Famous Graduate:** Pete Schourek (1987 graduate) was a pitcher in the Majors Leagues. He was drafted by the New York Mets in the second round of the 1987 MLB Draft. He played 11 seasons in the Majors and finished second in the Cy Young voting in 1995, when as a member of the Cincinnati Reds he went 18-7 with a 3.22 ERA. He also played for the Toronto Blue Jays, Houston Astros, Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox. Defensive lineman Michael McCrary (1988 gradu-

### Oakton High: Girls' basketball, lacrosse teams win state titles.

*School: Oakton High School.  
Mascot: Cougars.  
School Colors: Burgundy and gold.  
Athletic Director: Pat Full, 703-319-2760.  
Football Coach: Jason Rowley (second year).  
The Cougars won their first seven games of 2011, finished the regular season 8-2 and qualified for the postseason, losing to Lake Braddock in the region quarterfinals.  
Field Hockey Coach: Kaitlin Fleischmann.  
Volleyball Coach: Dan Courain.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Dave Brooks.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Fred Priester.  
Baseball Coach: Justin Janis.  
Softball Coach: Ray Gordon.  
Rival School: Madison.*



**The Oakton girls' lacrosse team won a state title in 2012.**

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team finished Concorde District runner-up. The girls' basketball team went 31-0 en route to a state championship. The girls' lacrosse team won a state title. The boys' lacrosse team won a district title and advanced to the region semifinals. The softball team finished district and Northern Region runner-up.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** Eugene Chung (1987 graduate) was an offensive lineman selected by the New England Patriots in the first round of the 1992 NFL Draft. He also played for the Jacksonville Jaguars and Indianapolis Colts during his five-year career. He played collegiately at Virginia Tech. Cody Grimm (2005) is a safety for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played

collegiately at Virginia Tech before the Buccaneers selected him in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft. Jasmine Thomas (2007) is a guard for the WNBA's Washington Mystics. She played collegiately at Duke, where she was one of the program's top 10 scorers of all time. The Seattle Storm selected Thomas in the first round of the 2011 WNBA Draft.

❖ **Quotable:** "It took a lot of hard work, determination, and focus for us to pull this off. In the regular season we were expected to win every game but in the playoffs it takes a lot more focus to win every game." — Caroline Miller after the Oakton girls' basketball team went undefeated during the 2011-12 season.

### Flint Hill School: Football program went 7-3 in 2011.

*School: Flint Hill School.  
Mascot: Huskies.  
School Colors: Dark green and navy blue.  
Athletic Director: Steven Henry 703-584-2300 (main switch-board).  
Football Coach: Tom Verbanic (first year).  
The Huskies went 7-3 in 2011, losing to Liberty Christian in the state playoffs.  
Girls' Soccer Coach: Stephanie Hulke.  
Boys' Soccer Coach: Christopher Brown.  
Volleyball Coach: Carrol Anderson.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Ricardo Reed.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Jody Patrick.  
Softball Coach: Andrew Krug.*



**Tom Verbanic takes over as head football coach at Flint Hill.**

❖ **What Happened Last Year:** The volleyball team finished ISL runner-up. The girls' basketball team was ISL runner-up. The softball team finished ISL runner-up.

❖ **Famous Graduates:** The Orland

Magic selected Dennis Scott (1987) with the fourth pick of the 1990 NBA Draft. He played 10 seasons with the Magic, Dallas Mavericks, Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks, Minnesota Timberwolves and Vancouver Grizzlies. The Los Angeles Lakers selected George Lynch (1989) in the first round of the 1993 NBA Draft. Lynch played 12 seasons with the Lakers, Vancouver Grizzlies, Philadelphia 76ers and Charlotte/New Orleans Hornets. The Detroit Pistons selected Randolph Childress (1990) in the first round of the 1995 NBA Draft.