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Addison L. enjoys a game of mini golf. She came to Fairfax Station's Burke Lake Park to spend the day with her grandmother.

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Top Five Issues in the Springfield District

BY PAT HERRITY
SUPERVISOR (R-SPRINGFIELD)

Traffic congestion, especially on I-66 and the Fairfax County Parkway: I-66 is one of the major reasons the D.C. area was recently ranked first in worst places to commute by Texas A&M University. I have been working with other local and state leaders to move forward solutions including an Express Lanes-like solution that we can accomplish quickly and provide relief as well as transit choices. The Fairfax County Parkway is one of the county's "main streets" and will see interstate level traffic by 2030. We have been successful with some short-term solutions, converting it to a primary road and last month at my request, the board asked VDOT to commission a "Corridor Improvement Study" to assess solutions to the road's growing congestion problems. In addition, as we develop throughout the county we need to make sure we focus developers' contributions into transportation.

❖Protecting our suburban neighborhoods. As Fairfax County continues to urbanize we need to be careful to protect and preserve one of the things that makes Fairfax County great—our subur-



**Supervisor Pat Herrity
(R-Springfield)**

ban neighborhoods. From keeping our police and fire departments among the best in the country to my successful effort to end the blight of illegal road signs—we need to make sure we maintain the character of our suburban neighborhoods.

❖Keeping our Schools Number 1: Our great school system is the reason that so many businesses and people decide to locate to Fairfax County. In order to continue to attract the best and the

brightest we need to make sure that our schools remain the best in the country; that goes from getting and retaining the best teachers, to making sure that our aging schools get timely renovations, and ensuring that the money we spend on schools is focused on the children, teachers and in the classroom.

❖Lowering Homeowner Taxes: Between 2000 and 2008 the County doubled homeowner taxes. Over the last two years the county has again begun to raise homeowner taxes. We need to work to make government more efficient, address our growing pension problems and reduce the fiscal burden on our homeowners.

❖Preparing for the Silver Tsunami: Fairfax will see an 88 percent increase in people over 70 between now and 2030, and by 2030 over 383,000 residents will be over 50. These changes will present enormous challenges to our businesses, residents, and county services. This will be especially true in some of our older suburban neighborhoods. As chair of the Board's 50-plus Committee, I am leading an effort along with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging to revise our ground breaking 50+ plan and prepare for the county for the Silver Tsunami.



Sharon Bulova

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Welcome to Fairfax County!

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hello and welcome to Fairfax County! Congratulations on finding the best place in the country to live, work, play and grow older comfortably. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier businesses and some of the best parks and open spaces in the DC Metro region.

The Fairfax County Public School system is consistently ranked among the best in America. We have a new superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza, and I look forward to working with her to make our world class school system even better.

Fairfax County is also home to wonderful institutes of higher learning. Northern Virginia Community College, with campuses in Annandale and all over Northern Virginia, boasts Guaranteed Access Agreements offering an affordable path to all Virginia's highly-rated public universities. NOVA also partners with the region's high schools to offer dual enrollment opportunities, giving students a head start on their college education. George Mason University in 2012 was named the top "Up-and-Coming University" by U.S. News and World Report. Mason was just this summer recognized as a top 100 university for research by Forbes magazine.

Fairfax County is home to almost 50 corporate or U.S. headquarters of major firms, and 10 Fortune 500 company headquarters. Hilton, Volkswagen, Bechtel and Northrop Grumman have all moved their corporate or U.S. headquarters to Fairfax County since 2007.

But it's not all big business here. 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. Our business community is also diverse, boasting the largest number of foreign-owned firms in the region. Through the first six months of this year, our Economic Development Authority worked with 87 companies that will add more than 2,800 jobs to the county economy.

Fairfax County is home to more than 48,000 acres of parks and open space, and over 500 miles of hiking and biking trails. In 2010, our Park Authority won the coveted Gold Medal for Parks and Recreation from the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by all registered voters in Fairfax County. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or call my office at 703-324-2321. Thanks for making Fairfax County your home!

Golfing at Burke Lake

Sang Ho Lee, 45, of Lorton, swings golf clubs at Burke Lake Golf Center.



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STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Best Educated, Most Diverse

BY GERALD GORDON

If you are a new resident of Fairfax County, or an employee working for a company new to the county, welcome!

You are in one of the most dynamic communities in the nation. Fairfax County has one of the best-educated and most diverse populations anywhere. We work at companies and organizations that provide critical goods and services to the community, nation and the world. And, we have a cosmopolitan quality of life that features great schools, parks, the arts and libraries as well as quick access to everything that Washington, D.C., has to offer.

You are part of a community that is the economic en-

gine of the Washington metropolitan area and the Commonwealth of Virginia. We work hard to attract and retain the kind of diversified business base that provides high-quality jobs and brings in the best and brightest.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors strongly supports this business growth because a strong economic base provides the means to offer high-quality public services for those who live and work here while minimizing the cost of those services for residents. That consistent support means that Fairfax County will continue to be a great place to work and to live for decades to come. Welcome!

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D. is president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.



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From small, entrepreneurial startups to some of the country's largest corporations—businesses have leveraged the chamber to raise their profiles, grow revenue and develop new business relationships. The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia market.



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Jim Corcoran, president & CEO, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

Visit www.FairfaxChamber.org for more information about the organization, members and events.

CHAMBERS

FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its more than 600 member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia market. <http://www.fairfaxchamber.org/> or 703-479-9075.

SOUTH FAIRFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SFCC is the first chamber of commerce exclusively for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals with interests in the southern part of Fairfax County. SFCC is bringing together diverse business and civic leaders in Lorton, Laurel Hill, Newington, Ft. Belvoir, South Springfield, Burke, Fairfax Station and Clifton to become part of a new voice in the South Fairfax region, one of the fastest growing business communities in Northern Virginia. www.southfairfaxchamber.org.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

The organization serves small businesses in the region, with a particular focus on low-income and disadvantaged individuals. It also houses the Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia. <http://www.cbponline.org/>.

PAKISTAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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The Alexandria-based organization provides resources to black-owned businesses in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties. <http://www.novabcc.org/>.

HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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What are some of the best things about living in your town?

Natalie Kryza, Crosspointe-Glen Eagles Pool manager, Fairfax Station, 13 years

"Fairfax Station is close by to a lot: Shopping is important—and there's Fair Oaks and Tysons. Since we're near the capital, there are a lot of concerts; WMZQ Fest and Ke\$ha at Jiffy Lube Live are some of my favorites recently. But it's not in the city so we don't have as much traffic to deal with. As a kid, I really liked the fact that the [Lorton] prison was out here. It was creepy. It felt like the middle of nowhere at the time. I also liked being near Occoquan with the parks. My family would take a boat out, or play baseball. I go to Clifton a lot and get ice cream at Peterson's. It's really cute."

INSIDERS' TIPS



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Camela Speer, Workhouse Arts Center director of marketing, Lorton, 17 years

"We love the access to parks—there are at least three in bike-riding distance. When we moved here, the land beside us was a 17-acre farm. But all the development has made it a much more desirable place to live: shopping centers, restaurants, commercial enterprises. And, of course, the conversion of the arts center from a prison. We were concerned about all of this land going commercial, residential. To see it get zoned as an arts center, golf course, schools, more park area, was truly brilliant on the part of Fairfax County. There's not much of a sense of community in Lorton, but there's starting to be."



Robert Jones, teacher at South County High School, Fairfax Station, 19 years

"Fairfax Station is slightly removed from the DC bedlam. We have access to the amenities and museums, but we're far enough south we can live at a slower pace, the roads aren't packed 24/7. Because of the zoning, we don't have the overcrowding, we really don't have any dense housing. That really makes this—to me—one of the ideal neighborhoods. Plus with the pools, tennis courts, walking bike paths, it's one of the nicer places to live. And South County turned out to be a great school: You're dealing with a school that's in the top half of the county in scoring, and the facility is unbeatable."



Riley Wyant, employee at Peterson's Ice Cream Depot and rising junior at Robinson Secondary School, 13 years

"I like the charm of Clifton most of all. It's just little, isolated, has a great homey atmosphere. Everyone has a positive attitude. And everyone pretty much knows everyone. It's a great place to raise a family. When I go away to college, I'm sure I'll be homesick, but I know I'll have a good background from the Clifton community. Some of my favorite events in Clifton are the Caboose Twilight Run [5K and 1-mile run/walk], the Clifton Film Fest, and the Clifton Day festival. And I like when the college kids come back—they're all old Clifton souls."

—TIM PETERSON
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Fairfax Station Students Attend Summer Science Program In Israel

Local student and budding scientist Pierce Eggan was one of only 19 American students chosen to attend the summer science program at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study.

Pierce, a college-bound

Fairfax Station resident, graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) and applied for the ISSI program because of the combination it offered for researching at a world class institution and the ability to explore Israel. Now having completed the program, Pierce is available to speak about his experience at Weizmann and his plans for the future. "I think that probably the most valuable thing that I have gained from my summer at Weizmann was the opportunity to meet and become friends with students from around the world who also share in my passion for scientific research. It makes me realize the importance of having an international commu-

nity of scientists and having the possibility of collaborating with scientists not just from here in America," Eggan said about his experience. "This summer has helped me specifically expand my biological research skills and also broadened my interest in areas of science outside of biology, such as nanotechnology and physics," he added. "Over the course of my research I learned how to use techniques like two-photon microscopy and fluorescent activated cell sorting (FACS). I know that as a result of my time in Israel that Weizmann is definitely a great place to do research and would certainly consider future opportunities to work or study there."

Tom McNamara, The Clifton General Store owner, Clifton, 27 years

"What I love about Clifton is the connection, the people, the sense of community. Everybody who lives in town is weird and eccentric. I always thought it was people's affinities to old houses that made them eclectic. It finally dawned on me: We're such a small town that we know each other's eccentricities on a much more intimate basis. With that comes an emotional connection. I feel that if something bad happened to myself, there would be 200 other townspeople who would be there to help, even the ones that don't like me. The one event here that blows me away is Halloween. The town pretty much shuts down. We're surrounded by five-acre estates, so for kids to go trick or treating is almost an impossibility. People started just bringing their kids to town. Now we have 600-800 kids come to our house. Everybody in town rolls out the red carpet. There's also the haunted trail at 8-Acre Park, the Saturday before Halloween. They have ghosts and goblins and skits—the parents get dressed up too and enjoy it as much as the kids do.

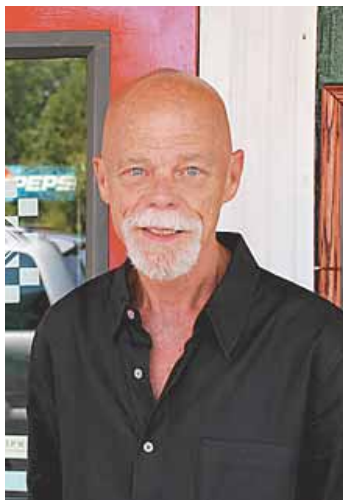


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Newcomers and Community Guide 2013-2014

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Vienna-Oakton 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.

EDITORIAL

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated insider's look at the parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

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 or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail with feedback about our coverage.

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, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about 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 note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken

and the names of all the people who are in a photo. 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.

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

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Supervisors Give Us Their Best “Insider” Tips

Fairfax County has a fantastic park and library system, with tons of activities to enjoy. One of my personal favorites is the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park every summer.

—SHARON BULOVA

INSIDERS' TIPS



Everyone should experience Clifton Day at least once and discover one of the best kept secrets in Fairfax County—the magic and beauty of Clifton. It's a great day out in a beautiful town where you can sample all sorts of handicrafts, try some wine from the local winery, enjoy some delicious BBQ from the Clifton Lions Club (100 percent of proceeds go to charity) and finish the day with an ice cream at Peterson's. It's a fantastic day out for the whole family. This year's Clifton Day is on October 13th.

—PAT HERRITY
(SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)



Newcomers to Dranesville should visit our beautiful Potomac riverfront parks. Scotts Run in McLean offers fantastic hiking trails and great views of the Potomac. Riverbend Park and Great Falls National Park in Great Falls have visitor centers, great trails, spectacular river views and scenic picnic areas.

—JOHN W. FOUST
(DRANESVILLE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)



My insider tip? Check out Merrifield!! There's more to Merrifield than a lot of people realize. We have new development going on around the Metro Station too—residential, retail, restaurants. Another new restaurant near the station opened just last week. Coming sometime this month the restaurants in the renovated Upscale Resale building (east of Merrifield Gardens on Lee Highway) will be opening too. Things are happening all over Merrifield.

—LINDA SMYTH
(PROVIDENCE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)



One of the hidden jewels in Fairfax County is the Centreville Historic District. This little village area is tucked away from the hectic pace of everyday life but is a remarkable presentation of the evolution of Fairfax County. While the primary reason it is remembered is its important role during the Civil War it was also the frontier for colonial America and the Gateway to the West. It also became one of the first suburbs in America during the 1920's and 30's when cars and housing became affordable to working class Americans and roads began to be built. Pieces of life from all these periods are preserved in the little village of Centreville!

—MICHAEL FREY
(SULLY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)



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Every Year Is Election Year in Virginia

Northern Virginia has most two-party races on ballot.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

While the Virginia governor's race is the one getting the most attention, both nationally and in the state, Virginia's House of Delegates race is shaping up to be the most competitive in a decade.

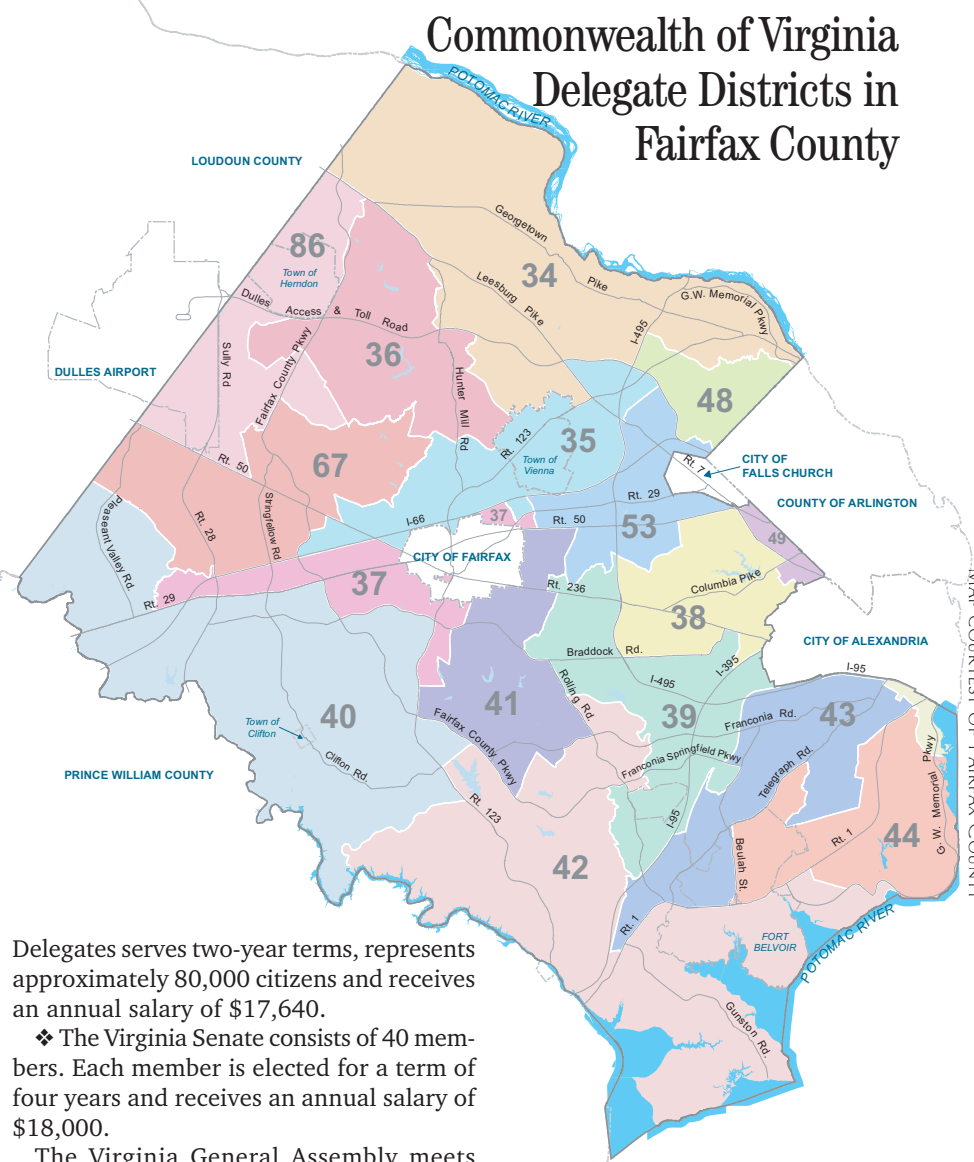
According to an official candidate list released last month by the Virginia State Board of Elections, 57 House seats will be contested this November—marking only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats will have more than one name on the ballot.

2013 is the second election cycle since the House Republican leadership redrew district boundaries following the 2010 Census. In 2011, voters in nearly two-thirds of the 100 House districts had no choice on the ballot.

Of the 57 contested races, 44 include races with at least one Republican and one Democrat, and most of the two-party races on the ballot will take place in Northern Virginia (see chart.)

Throughout the state, 43 of the 100 House districts are uncontested, meaning there is only a single candidate on the ballot. Delegates Ken Plum (D-36) and Charniele Herring (D-43) are the only uncontested candidates in Fairfax County.

❖ Each member of the Virginia House of



- ❖ District 40—Democrat Jerrold Foltz challenges Republican incumbent Tim Hugo.
- ❖ District 41—Republican Fredy Burgos and Independent Christopher DeCarolo challenge Democratic incumbent Eileen Filler-Corn
- ❖ District 42—Democrat Ed Deitsch challenges Republican incumbent Dave Albo
- ❖ District 53—Democrat Marcus Simon faces Brad Tidwell (R) and Anothry Tellez (L) to replace retiring Del. Jim Scott (D)
- ❖ District 67—Democrat Hung Nguyen challenges Republican incumbent Jim Lemunyon
- ❖ District 86—Democrat Jennifer Boysko challenges Republican incumbent Tom Rust

LOCAL RACES WITH ONLY THIRD-PARTY CHALLENGERS:

- ❖ District 38—Jim Leslie challenges Democratic incumbent Kaye Kory
 - ❖ District 43—Glenda Gail Parker challenges Democratic incumbent Mark Sickles
 - ❖ District 44—Joe Glean challenges Democratic incumbent Scott Surovell
 - ❖ District 45—Jeff Engle challenges Democratic incumbent Rob Krupicka
 - ❖ District 47—Laura Delhomme challenges Democratic incumbent Patrick Hope
 - ❖ District 48—Lindsey Bolton challenges Democratic incumbent Bob Brink
 - ❖ District 49—Terry Modglin challenges Democratic incumbent Alfonso Lopez
- Local Uncontested Races:
- ❖ District 36—Democratic incumbent Ken Plum
 - ❖ District 46—Democratic incumbent Charniele Herring

Fairfax County Sheriff's Special Election

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
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(no site listed on SBE)
Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)
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Robert A. Rivera (I)
(no site listed on SBE)

School Bond Referendum

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on the \$250 million school bond question in the general election. The schools plan to use the money to:

- ❖ Build two new elementary schools, one in the Richmond Highway area and one in the Bailey's area
 - ❖ Help renovate 22 schools including 17 elementary schools, two middle schools (Thoreau and Rocky Run) and three high schools (Langley, Herndon and Oakton)
 - ❖ Buy land for the South West County High School
 - ❖ Enhance the capacity of Westbriar Elementary and South Lakes High School
 - ❖ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.
- See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

Key Political Sources and Websites for Fairfax County Voters

❖ For a detailed list of candidate information, including websites, go to www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicElections.aspx.

The Virginia State Board of Elections page provides a detailed list of candidates, website information available for each candidate and sample ballots. Scroll down the "Locality" bar to Fairfax County to filter the election search, or go to "Elections" and scroll down to "November General 2013."

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On the Ballot 2013

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- ❖ E.W. Jackson (R)
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- ❖ Mark D. Obenshain (R)
www.markobenshain.com

House of Delegates 2013 Elections

LOCAL RACES WITH MAJOR PARTY CHALLENGERS:

- ❖ District 34—Democrat Kathleen Murphy challenges Republican incumbent Barbara Comstock.
- ❖ District 35—Republican Leiann Leppin challenges Democratic incumbent Mark Kean
- ❖ District 37—Republican Patrice Winter challenges Democratic incumbent David Bulova
- ❖ District 39—Republican Joe Bury challenges Democratic incumbent Vivian Watts

Delegates serves two-year terms, represents approximately 80,000 citizens and receives an annual salary of \$17,640.

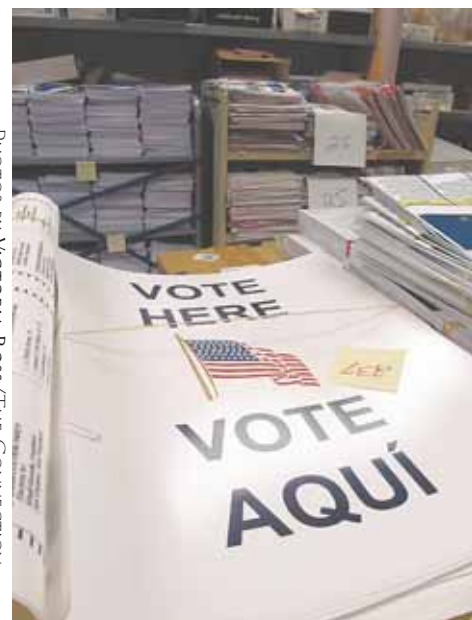
❖ The Virginia Senate consists of 40 members. Each member is elected for a term of four years and receives an annual salary of \$18,000.

The Virginia General Assembly meets annually, beginning on the second Wednesday in January, for 60 days in even-numbered years and for 30 days in odd-numbered years, with an option to extend annual sessions for a maximum of 30 days.



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In addition to the optical scan voting machines, every polling place will be equipped with WINvote "touch-screen" machines, which have been used in Fairfax County since 2003. Luke Baranyk, voting machine custodian, demonstrates the touch-screen technology.



All voter information material must now be translated into Spanish to comply with new state mandates, and signs in Spanish and English hang in all of Fairfax County's polling precincts.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 10

Call to Join from the Wakefield Chorus. Tuesday evening practices, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Herring Court, Springfield. The chorale is a group of men and women who love to sing who meet in the school cafeteria weekly to share that love and practice it. No audition is required. 703-255-3489.

TUESDAY/OCT. 8

Meet Candidates for State Delegate from Lee District. 7 p.m., at Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. LDACO and League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area will co-host a meet and greet event for candidates for state delegate or their representative. LDACova.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Bake and Craft Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Browse 30 local artists, crafters and a terrific bake sale; bakers and crafters needed, reserve space now. 703-550-7195.

ONGOING

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Mount Vernon Rep. Dan Storck Community Office Hours. 10 a.m.-noon, at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. School Board Member and Mount Vernon District Representative Dan Storck hosts drop-in community office hours the second Saturday of each month. Dan.Storck@fcps.edu or Barbara.Larsen@fcps.edu.

Volunteer Computer Instructor needed at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Classes for beginners (using the mouse, writing and saving letters, navigating the internet, email, etc.) and advanced beginners (computer maintenance, search engines, websites for seniors, email address books, skype, shopping and paying bills online, etc.) are in need of teachers. 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

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What in the World Does a Supervisor Do, and Why Should We Care?

Local Government 101: Where the rubber meets the road.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

We see them at just about every community event. They manage a budget larger than the budgets of four states, and rule over a county with a diverse, well-educated population of more than a million people.

The 10 members of the Fairfax County Supervisors have an intense, time-consuming, insanely detailed job, one that comes with enormous power and even more responsibilities.

They impact our lives in large and small ways, allocating money and resources in ways that can propel our community forward—or cost us our first-rate status in education, livability and culture.

Yet most of us, media included, are so focused on politics at the state and national level that we overlook the decision-makers in our own backyard.

As an electorate, we put the rest of the nation to shame when we turn out in record numbers to vote in top-of-the-ticket races. But when it's time to cast a ballot for county supervisors? We collectively shrug our shoulders, providing, at best, a 35 percent show of hands.

What do they even do at the county level that's important enough for us to care about in the first place?

A fair question.

So we asked them to tell us, in 250 words or less. Below are their unedited responses.

What is a supervisor? How do you impact the lives of county residents and why should we care?

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHARON BULOVA (D-AT-LARGE)

"Local government is where the rubber meets the road. Each year, when the Board of Supervisors approves the budget, we invest in our community's priorities. We boast a well-educated, informed and engaged community. It is critical to have Fairfax County residents at the table when we make important decisions that affect their daily life. This year we will make significant investments in transportation, thanks to new revenue approved by the General Assembly. We need our civic leaders to let us know what transportation improvements you would like to see in and around your community. We will also make critical investments in health and human services. We need to continue making progress toward our goal of ending homelessness as we know it in Fairfax County. Our economy is slowly recovering from the recession and development will begin to pick up. We will concentrate that development in areas that can support it in order to keep growing while protecting our older, stable neighborhoods. Growing our business community is key to our success and will help keep residential



From left to right: Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District); Michael R. Frey (R-Sully District); John C. Cook (R-Braddock District); Gerald W. Hyland (D-Mount Vernon District); Sharon Bulova (D-chairman, at-large); Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason District, vice chairman); John W. Foust (D-Dranesville District); Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District); Pat Herrity (R-Springfield District); Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District). Board members are elected for four-year terms. There is no legal limit to the number of terms a member can serve. Each board member, including the chairman, receives annual compensation of \$75,000 per year. For more information on the BOS, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm>.

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SUPERVISOR JEFF MCKAY (D-LEE)

"As Lee District Supervisor, constituent service is the most important thing I do. The supervisor's office is the first and sometimes the last resort. We hear from people who want a pothole filled and from those with human service needs. We hear from people asking if they need a permit to build a garage—and from those asking if their neighbor's construction has a permit. We help to resolve stormwater management problems, drainage issues, parking disputes, and many other issues—from animal control to zoning.

Land use is an important part of the Lee District supervisor's job and requires balancing the needs of property owners, neighbors, the larger community and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On a broader scale, I work with our state and federal government to get the best outcomes for our region and our district, for example Rail to Dulles and BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which places, realigns and consolidates military installations in the DoD].

Local government is a balancing act walking on a thin tightrope. Virginia is a Dillon Rule state, unlike Maryland, a Home Rule state. In Virginia, counties can only enact laws and ordinances with enabling legislation from the General Assembly. Every year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee (that I chair) prepares its legislative package with details of legislation that it supports or opposes. That package is presented to the General Assembly.

Public service is a 24/7 job. The rewards are in helping to shape the future of our district and our region and to making Lee District and Fairfax County a great place to live, work and raise a family.

SUPERVISOR JOHN FOUST (D-DRANESVILLE)

"As the Dranesville District supervisor, I represent the approximately 120,000 residents of the district on the board. I work with the chairman and the other eight supervisors on county policies, programs and projects for transportation, the environment, land use, health care, human services, housing, economic development and many other services that directly impact all county residents and businesses. We also formulate and approve the annual county budget (including the amount transferred to the school system), establish local tax rates, approve or reject land use proposals, and make appointments to

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NEWCOMERS

State Senator Marsden Shares 'Insider Tips' With Newcomers

Where to find Del. David Bulova bartending (maybe), and feel free to call Senator Marsden.

Q: What tips do you have for newcomers to the city?

A: The possibilities for getting involved in a new community are endless. Throw yourself a "welcome to the neighborhood party" by having your new neighbors over. Join a civic club, Lions, rotary, etc. Join a church, the PTA, or the political party committee of your choice. Just don't sit there ... get started today!

Q: Do you have a favorite restaurant or bakery?

A: The new Thai Restaurant called Celadon at 8412 Old Keene Mill Road. They moved in to a spot that I used for a campaign headquarters a few years ago—a much better use of the space.

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

A: The trail around Burke Lake is exactly 5 miles. It is beautiful and you can walk it or bike it. A must see. Take the kids on a train ride or on the merry-go-round while you are there.

Q: Is there any organization you recommend that newcomers join?

A: The League of Woman Voters. Call them at 703-658-9150. Also, call up the Fairfax Board of Elections, 703-324-4735 or go to their website fairfaxcounty.gov/elections. They need officials to serve at polling places on Election Day and it pays! You can't beat non-partisan political involvement. My phone number is 703-964-6821. Call me if I can help with anything.

Q: What are the must-see, must-do events in Fairfax?

A: Burke Center Days, 6060 Burke Center Parkway, is a great two-day festival to get a feel for the community on Sept. 8-9 in the central part of my district. In the west it's Centreville Days on Oct. 19 at Rt. 28 and Lee Highway. The Annandale Parade is a hoot if you live in the eastern part of the district, October 26 at 10 a.m. Stick



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) standing in front of Virginia's historic State Capitol building in Richmond last February.

'Insider' Information About State Senator David Marsden

David Marsden (D-37) is currently serving his second term as a senator in the Virginia General Assembly. A Fairfax County native, Marsden has a reputation in Richmond as being smart and down-to-earth, as quip with a quip as he is with salient facts about legislation and Virginia's colorful history. He also has the distinction of being one of our tallest legislators, standing about 6 feet and 4 inches, which makes it easier for him to literally "reach across the aisle."

Del. David Bulova (D-37) has shared a room with Marsden in Richmond since joining the House of Delegates together in 2006. Bulova said that evenings at the townhouse usually consist of John Stewart, pizza and a recap of the day's victories and defeats. "Dave is extremely smart, but also has a genuine humility and knows not to take ourselves too seriously. He loves history and the community he grew up in. When we were first elected, he gave me a four-inch thick book about Virginia history and told me it would put the dynamics of the General Assembly in perspective. He was right. As a volunteer with Gadsby's Tavern Museum in Alexandria I've tried to get him interested in 18th century re-enacting. He's declined to-date, claiming he looks more like FDR, which he does in a way."

around for the festival which goes until 5 p.m.

Q: What would be on your personal list of things to do, places to see if you knew you were moving out of town?

A: My list of things to do before you leave town is, first ... don't leave! This is a great place to live. But if you must, try to take in an event at the historic Gadsby's Tavern/Museum in Old Town Alexandria. Lots of costumes and fun. Virginia House of Delegates member David Bulova (his wife Gretchen runs the place) may be the bartender—exercise caution. Visit Robert E. Lee home at Arlington Cemetery, then check out

Mount Vernon for George Washington and Oak Hill in Loudoun County for James Monroe. Great gardens. And the last question, even though you didn't ask, should you always vote? Yes!

Q: We always get to ask the last question. Back in January, you shared your New Year's resolution with us: "I will not eat anything that comes on a toothpick in Richmond this session and will work out at the YMCA every day." Did you keep that promise, senator?

A :(Long pause). Sure!

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PARKS

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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 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.

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.

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.

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.

BR 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

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 is open year 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.

OR 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

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.

Mason Neck Penninsula 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.

PB 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 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

LAC 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.



Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon



The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, McLean

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

CJP Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

FPP Frying Pan Farm Park

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

GSG Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP Hidden Pond Park

8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
tennis (lit), nature center, amphitheater, hiking/nature trails, playground, fishing
25.6 acres, community park

HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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



W&OD Trail, Herndon

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP 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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP 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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP 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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District

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

WFP 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

PARKS

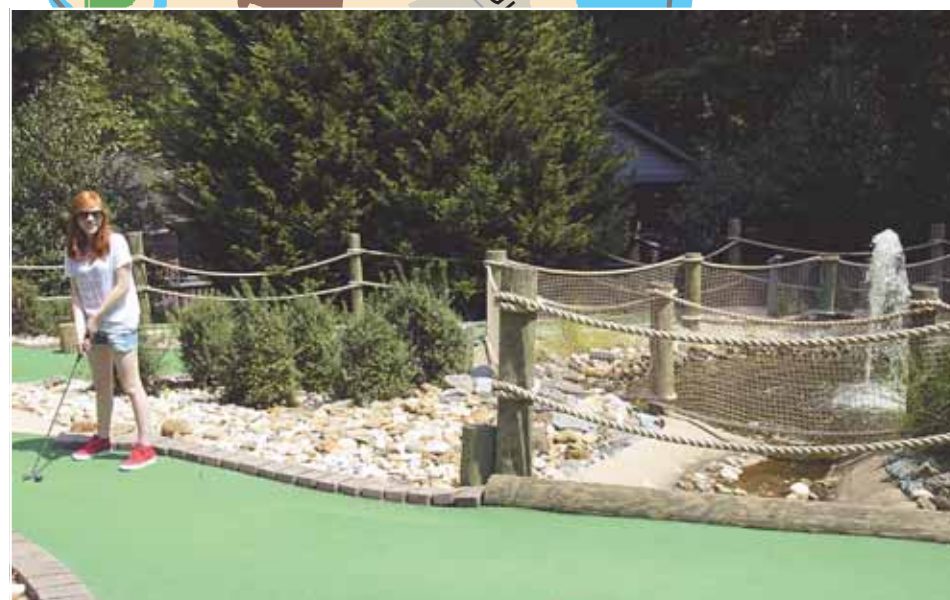
A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS



Remains from the home that was once a part of the Mount Air Estate. The home was destroyed in a 1992 fire.

PHOTOS BY
 RENÉE RUGGLES
 FEATURING
 BURKE LAKE PARK
 & MOUNT AIR
 HISTORIC SITE

Ariane W. takes her turn on the Burke Lake mini golf course. The teen is visiting from France and was spending the day with her grandmother.





One of many fun things to do at Burke Lake Park is taking a ride on the carousel. Nearby, sits a large, brightly colored play structure, providing the chance for even more fun.



The picturesque remains of a barn that grew and changed over time. As many as five barns, from different periods, were incorporated to accommodate the current needs of the estate.

- 20 Villa D’este**
3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 21 Mosby Woods**
9813 Five Oaks Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 22 East Blake Lane**
9540 Bel Glade Street, Fairfax
Community Park
- 23 Villa Lee**
2901 Hunter Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 24 Hideaway**
2900 Glenvale Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 25 Towers**
9350 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax
Community Park
- 26 Armistead**
8900 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 27 Eakin (Mantua Section)**
8928 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park

- 28 Smokewood**
4120 Whitacre Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 29 Ashford East**
4300 Guinea Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 30 George Mason**
9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 31 Rutherford**
4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax
Community Park
- 32 University**
10200 Braddock Road, Fairfax
Community Park
- 33 Olde Forge**
4604 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Surrey Square**
4819 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 35 Country Club View**
10609 Henrico Street, Fairfax
Community Park

- 36 Crooked Creek**
9910 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax
Community Park
- 37 Royal Lake**
5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 38 Rolling Woods Estates**
5208a Marvell Lane, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 39 Twinbrook Road**
5124 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 40 Middleridge**
5425a Governor Yeardley Drive,
Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 41 Greenfield**
5349 Guinea Road, Fairfax
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5315 Guinea Road, Fairfax
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5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax
Community Park

- 44 Lakeside**
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- 45 Herzell Woods**
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- 46 Fairfax Hills**
4304 Holly Lane, Annandale
Neighborhood Park
- 47 Fair Ridge**
12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 48 Ox Hill Battlefield**
4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax
Cultural Resource Park
- 49 Poburn Woods**
6325 Wendy Ann Court, Fairfax Sta-
tion
Community Park
- 50 Brimstone**
6600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
Neighborhood Park
- 51 Burke Lake & Golf Course**
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
Multiple Resource Park

Bulova’s Home Park

Villa Park is where I jog and it is located in central Fairfax, with an entrance into the park off of Park Drive near Shirley Gate Road. This park 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.

— SHARON BULOVA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN

Burke Lake Beats Skyline

I love a spot on the 4.5 mile loop trail at Burke Lake, past the dam and beyond a stand of heavily scented pine trees, where the forest opens up and you are in the presence of magnificent giant tulip poplar and oak trees. I usually just stop and look around for a few moments – it’s a magical place that reminds me of Lothlorien, the fictional forest where the elves in Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* live: “*There are no trees like the trees of that land. For in the autumn their leaves fall not, but turn to gold.*” In late October, when the trees are at their peak, and the splendor is doubled in the reflection of the water, I’d rather be at Burke Lake than anywhere on Skyline Drive

— MARY CORTINA
AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE PARK AUTHORITY BOARD



Dustin Peltola and Angelynn Do came to enjoy beautiful Burke Lake from a rowboat.



The Mount Air Historic Site is a peaceful place to explore.

- 52 Lake Mercer**
9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Sta-
tion
Multiple Resource Park
- 53 Levell W Dupell**
6812 Newington Road, Lorton
Community Park
- 54 Mount Air Historic Site**
8600 Accotink Road, Lorton
Cultural Resource Park
- 55 Southgate**
7438 Pohick Road, Lorton
Neighborhood Park
- 56 Pohick Estates**
7450 Pollen Street, Lorton
Community Park
- 57 Newington Commons**
8915 Hooes Road, Lorton
Neighborhood Park
- 58 Mason Neck West**
10418 Old Colchester Road, Lorton
Community Park
- 59 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 60 Oak Marr**
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 61 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 62 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
Community Park
- 63 Briarwood**
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The arts-focused after-school program, MetroClub, is for first through sixth grades, offered by the Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) performing arts studios in Alexandria and Lorton, from Sept. 9 to June 27, 2014. The program teaches a curriculum of music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as homework time. MetroClub students have the



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The program teaches a curriculum of music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as homework time.

option to be bused from select area schools by MetroRide buses as well.

Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metroarts.org, Facebook or Twitter.

SCHOOL NOTES

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.

Sean A. Scott of Clifton received the Pamplin College Leadership scholarship from the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, offered through University Honors for the 2013-2014 academic year. The Centreville High School graduate will major in general engineering at Virginia Tech's College of Engineering.

Pierce Eggan of Fairfax Station was one of 19 American students chosen to attend the summer science program at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Patrick Hishta, a junior at Hayfield High School, has graduated from the 2013 Summer Residential Governor's School for Agriculture at Virginia Tech.

Jennifer A. Martinelli graduated summa cum laude from Virginia Commonwealth University Dec. 8, 2012 with a degree in fine arts education.

She has accepted a job as an art teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools and plans to start work in September.

Melissa Martinelli-Brown, a cancer survivor and alumnus of Lake Braddock High School, graduated from Georgetown University Dec. 15, 2012, with a master's degree in nurse anesthesia. She has accepted a job at Fair Oaks Anesthesia Associates and works at Alexandria Hospital and Fair Oaks Hospital.

The following students are Scholarships for Military Children Program winners, all of whom received \$1,500 college scholarships, awarded at Fort Belvoir:

Meredith Zettlemoyer of Springfield, daughter of Mark and Gloria Zettlemoyer, plans to use the scholarship towards paying for her education at the University of Virginia.

Molly MacDonald of Fairfax Station, daughter of Anthony and Jennifer MacDonald, plans to use her scholarship towards paying for her education at High Point University.

Rebecca Birke of Springfield, a graduate of Annandale High School, received the Shippensburg University Foundation Scholarship and the Shippensburg University Scholarship for Outstanding Students to attend Shippensburg University.

Mansfield University totaled 59 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference scholar-athletes dur-

ing the 2012-13 academic year according to data distributed by the conference office. 30 percent of Mountaineer student-athletes garnered Scholar-Athlete status. The 16 institutions of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference have combined to set a new record of 2,200 scholar athletes during the 2012-13 academic year, breaking the previous mark of 2,187 set a year ago.

Luke Rabiej, a Bishop Ireton High School and Hampden-Sydney College graduate, of Fairfax Station earned All-ODAC honors, was named to the All-South Region Third Team, and headlined Hampden-Sydney representation as senior reliever and First Team Honoree.

The following students received the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal from the Providence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution: From Fairfax, **Brett Morrow** and **Anthu Cung**, Oak View Elementary School; **Sonia Chaudhary** and **Ian Drummond**, Greenbriar East Elementary School; **Sidhu Dogiparthi** and **Seon Woo Cho**, Greenbriar West Elementary School; **Yoshi Iketani** and **Emma Rowson**, Lees Corner Elementary School. From Fairfax Station, **Joshua Sawin** and **Dylan Syron**, Fairview Elementary School.

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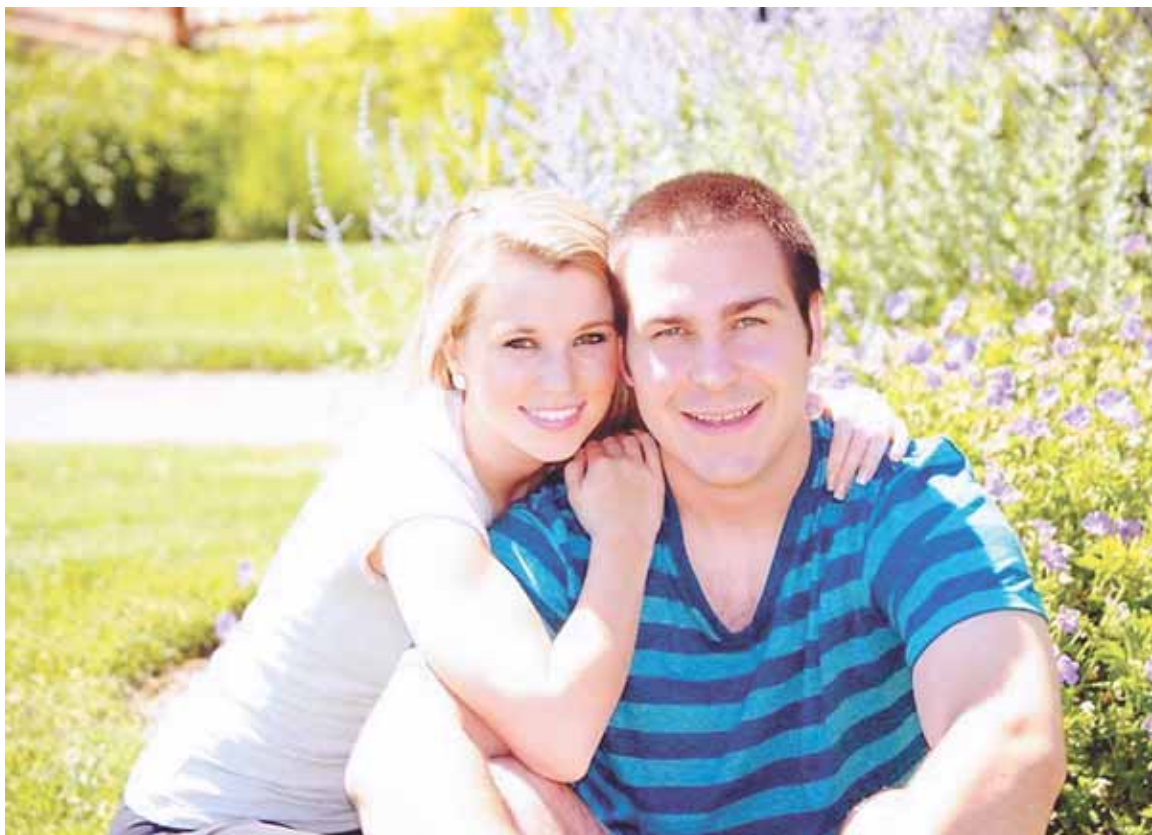
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Molly Elizabeth and Scott Dana Rumberger

Molly Elizabeth and Scott Dana Rumberger Engaged

Mark H. and Bobbi Dickerson of Lorton announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth, to Scott Dana Rumberger, son of Dale S. and Claudia Rumberger,

also of Lorton. Molly and Scott are graduates of South County, and Virginia Tech, 2011 and 2012, respectively. A fall 2015 wedding is planned.

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The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.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 from 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 Carleigh 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.

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TUESDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 3-8

Drumming With Dishes: Holiday Edition. 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 3, 5, and 7; 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 4 and 6; 11 a.m. on Dec. 8; W-3 Theatre. Two adult actors and one musician lead this 35-minute interactive show geared towards children ages 2-6.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 7-8

Cabaret Series: Home for the Holidays. 8 p.m. on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday, W-3 Theatre. The Workhouse presents music from holiday films and television. \$25,

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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 3905 Railroad Ave., Fairfax. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra aims to present orchestral music to the audiences of Northern Virginia. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org/.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Ricardo Morales, Clarinet. 8 p.m. The principal clarinetist of the Philadelphia orchestra performs Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7" and Copland's "Music for the Theatre" and "Clarinet Concerto." Price to be determined.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Tony Arnold, Soprano. 8 p.m. The

award-winning soprano presents Haydn's "Symphony No. 60, 'Il Distratto,'" Stravinsky's "Pulcinella Suite," and the world premiere of Theofanidis's "Ordo Virtutem." Price to be determined.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Carrie Koffman, Saxophone. 8 p.m. The internationally renowned saxophonist performs Grieg's "Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1," Larry Alan Smith's "Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Strings," and Rachmaninov's "Symphonic Dances." Price to be determined.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 18-19, 2014

William Hite, Tenor. 8 p.m. on Jan. 18, 2 p.m. on Jan. 19. The nationally recognized performer presents Elgar's "Serenade for Strings," Britten's "Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings," Shostakovich's "Chamber Symphony in C Minor," and Britten's "Simple Symphony." Price to be determined.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 29-SEPT. 8

3rd Annual Workhouse Clay National Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. View A juried exhibition of ceramic art from across the country representing various styles and trends in the art field. <http://workhousearts.org/events/visual-arts/3rd-annual-workhouse-clay-national-2013>.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. AUG-toberfest, featuring the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian Band, invites you to end your summer in Octoberfest style with authentic fest musik and "gemutlichkeit." www.fairfaxband.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

Back to School Bash and Health Fair. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Volunteers and families are welcome to this free event that provides free school supplies, backpacks, haircuts, immunizations, and health screenings, a community fair, and children's activities. Booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 205-222-8975 or email TSTDevelopment@gmail.com.

True Culture 4. 6 p.m. Empire-Alchemy Room, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. B Dolla presents dubstep music. \$10. www.ampedandalive.com/eventdetails.aspx?eventId=1190

OCEAN Orchestra. 7-8 p.m., at Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. From mystical Celtic vocals to the stirring skirl of the Pipes, Ocean is Celtic music for ancient moderns. www.home.comcast.net/~jcutting/.



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THE COUNTY LINE

New Superintendent Relishes Opportunity

A fan of Baylor grad RG3 ... not Cowboys.

KAREN K. GARZA, PH.D.
SUPERINTENDENT, FAIRFAX COUNTY
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I am honored and humbled to be the new superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). I arrived here from Lubbock, Texas, where I served for the past four years as the superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District. The opportunity to lead a world-class school system like FCPS was one that I simply could not pass up. I am so appreciative of the very warm welcome my husband, Louis, and I have received since our arrival in June.

You should know that the question I have heard most in my first few weeks on the job is: "Are you a Dallas Cowboys fan?" I can state, unequivocally, the answer to that question is "No." In fact, we are big fans of Baylor grad RG3. Our family includes four grown children and five wonderful grandchildren. One child of ours is now in his third year as an elementary school teacher and, as a former teacher myself, it has been an exciting experience to watch as he grows into the job and learns the



Karen K. Garza

joys and, yes, the challenges of teaching. Where I am today is due, in large part, to the many excellent and caring teachers I had along the way. I have already met many FCPS teachers, principals and administrators and I have been so impressed with their commitment to our students. Together, we will make a great team.

One of my first goals is to work with the school board in developing a long-range strategic plan that will incorporate input from FCPS stakeholders including parents, students, educators and community members. The strategic plan will serve as a roadmap to improve

academic achievement for all of our students.

I also believe it is important that we develop a graduate profile that clearly shows what our students need to know and be able to do when they leave FCPS for college and career opportunities. We will build upon the success of the past and, at the same time, confront our realities—achievement gaps, disparities in graduation rates among student groups and the increasing expectations for our schools while experiencing diminishing resources.

Here in Fairfax, not only do we have the talent and the expertise to solve the problems facing us in FCPS, but we are uniquely positioned to solve the most pressing issues facing public schools across the country. We want to lead the national discussion to develop new systems to measure teaching and learning. Standardized testing, while well intentioned, has gone too far and often results in narrowing the instructional focus of schools. We can develop new ways to measure how well our students are learning and how well our teachers are teaching without taking the joy out of either learning



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Cassidy Austria receives her diploma and congratulations at the June 13 Robinson High School 2013 Commencement Ceremony. New superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Karen K. Garza calls FCPS "a world-class school system."

or teaching.

I plan to visit schools regularly because the best way for me to understand the needs and expectations of our school division is to talk with and listen to all of our stakeholders. The start of a new school year serves as a reminder that we have wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our students and that we are extremely fortunate to live in a community that values public education.

I invite you to share your ideas on ways to make the Fairfax County school system the very best it can be. I believe it is critical that we at FCPS hear from you. Please take a minute and visit www.fcps.edu and click on "Advice for Superintendent Garza." I wish you all a most enjoyable and successful school year and I look forward to meeting many of you in the days ahead.

Karen K. Garza is the new superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools.

Board of Supervisors: What Do They Do?

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various authorities and commissions that serve county residents and businesses.

One of the most important responsibilities of a district supervisor and his or her staff is constituent services. My staff and I assist Dranesville residents on issues that involve the county government, utilities and state government (especially VDOT). We regularly work with constituents on issues involving building and zoning code enforcement, traffic calming, storm water, human services, utility complaints, storm recovery and road and sidewalk maintenance.

Why is it important to vote in a county supervisor election? No level of government has more impact on our daily lives and the type of community we live in and will leave for our children. Residents should participate in the election process to ensure that they have a supervisor who shares their values, who will be effective on their behalf, and who actively solicits their input on major issues that affect their community."

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL FREY (R-SULLY)

"The Board of Supervisors doesn't do war and peace, but it's hard to argue that the Board of Supervisors is not responsible for most of the issues that people deal with every day. Whether the piece of property

next door is developed for houses or a shopping center or parkland falls under the direct authority of the board. School funding, police and fire protection are the direct responsibility of the board. The county provides a host of programs and services—libraries, parks and recreation, transportation and planning, and a wide range of human services. These are areas of life that we all deal with every day and that affect the quality of life. In many instances it is this range of services that attracted people to choose to live here in the first place. It is critical that people watch the board, get involved in their local governmental processes and help shape our community. At a minimum, people should vote! If you don't vote you can't complain!"

SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK (R-BRADDOCK)

"More than any other elected official at any level of government, a county supervisor has the greatest effect on your everyday lives.

First, I believe strong neighborhoods are the foundation of our strong county. I work with civic and homeowners' associations, community pools, recreational leagues, scout troops and other organizations to help them provide a foundation for our neighborhoods. The county's '50+' plan is looking for communities to volunteer to be 'vil-

lages' where our seniors help each other so they can stay in their homes in their later years. Second, the county government provides among the best police and fire and rescue departments in the country, and we are building a more robust emergency response network that connects citizens with county agencies. We have a world-class public school system, which receives priority in the county budget. Our human service system combines government programs with faith-based and non-profit programs to help people with disabilities and people in need of a 'pick up' to get themselves on track. Third, we are rebuilding our infrastructure, from stormwater management systems that protect the environment, to parks and trails for recreation, to a water and sewer system that is clean and efficient.

As your supervisor, I am here to help make your neighborhood the best place it can be.

SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY (R-SPRINGFIELD)

"I have always agreed with Thomas Jefferson's notion that government closest to the people is best, and you cannot get much closer to the people than being a supervisor. Supervisors' jobs are multi-faceted; we're the ones you call when you have a problem with your taxes, neighborhood blight, roads, or if you have trouble with county or state agencies. Supervisors hire

the police chief and fund the police, fire department and health department. We're the ones who approve new commercial construction like in Tysons, or new Metro-rail and bus routes. In fact, I would go as far to say that about 80 percent of an individual's contact with government at any level is at our level. One of the most important jobs of the supervisor is constituent service. We work hard to address and resolve issues and problems for our residents, be they simple or complex. I also believe communication with constituents on issues that are important to them is a critical job of the supervisor—I hold town hall meetings, attend numerous events and community/HOA meetings and publish a newsletter—sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/herrity-report-newsletter.htm>. I look forward to serving you.

LINDA SMYTH (D-PROVIDENCE)

"The Board of Supervisors collectively provides local government in Fairfax County. What does that mean? Supervisors set the local tax rates and approve the county budget, which provides funding for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and other public facilities and services. In other words, what we do touches our residents' everyday lives. And when residents have questions or problems, we are the ones they call for answers and solutions."

NEWS

'Skylight' Is People's Choice at Workhouse

Three artists from the Workhouse Associate Artists (WAA) won People's Choice Awards for their current exhibition in the Vulcan gallery (Building W-16) at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. They are Leesa Woodard, for her piece "Skylight Echo," Karen Rexrode for her piece "Fern Glade" and Mike Flynn for "Pot of Monterey Color," in first, second and third places, respectively. The three won during the Workhouse's monthly 2nd Saturday Art Walk on Aug. 10.

Woodard, an original member of the Workhouse, creates in acrylic, oil, photography and mixed media.

"Skylight Echo" is based on a photograph by her goddaughter, shot this spring at dusk in Culpepper. Woodard is a local resident of Fairfax City and a George Mason University grad receiving an MFA with a major in painting.

Rexrode creates photography-based mixed media. She teaches at The Center for the Arts in Manassas and works in a studio, which she shares with fellow teachers. She is self-employed, a horticulturist by trade, living in Loudoun County with her husband, a yellow lab, guineas and chickens.

Flynn, a self-taught painter, has been a juried member of the Workhouse Artists Associates since 2008.

His inspiration for "Pot of Monterey Color" came from photographs taken while traveling in California this past spring, during which he noticed large flower containers on the balconies of a local hotel in Monterey.

See the artists' winning pieces through the end of August; the gallery is located at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Details are at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Workhouse-Associate-Artists/134373016632491>.



"Skylight Echo," by Leesa Woodard, won first place in the People's Choice Awards for August at the Workhouse. See the work through the end of the month.

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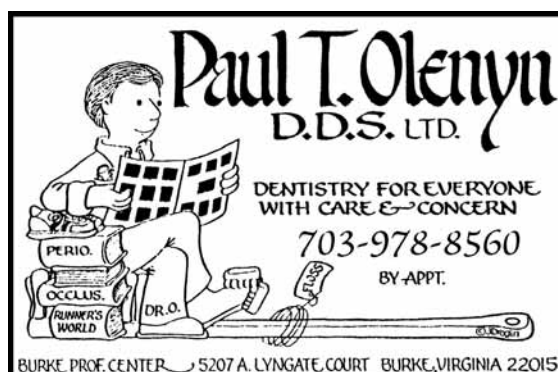
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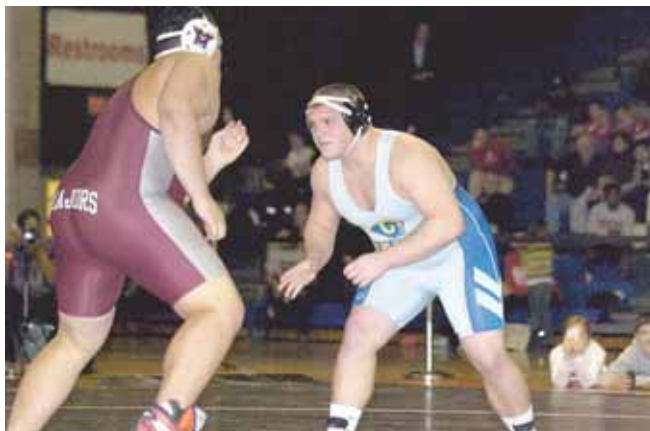


NEWCOMERS

Get to Know Area High Schools' Sports

Robinson heavy-weight Jake Pinkston won the 2012-13 Northern Region wrestling championship and went on to capture the state title, as well.

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Robinson: Wrestling Team Captured District, Region and State Championships

School: James W. Robinson Secondary School

Mascot: Rams

School colors: Blue and gold

Athletic director: Jeff Ferrell, 703-426-2126

❖Football coach: Dan Meier (interim)

❖The Rams qualified for the playoffs with a 5-5 regular-season record and lost to Chantilly in the region quarterfinals. Trey Taylor was replaced as head coach after two seasons.

❖Volleyball coach: Jill Cross

❖Boys' basketball coach: Brian Nel

❖Girls' basketball coach: T.J. Da

❖Wrestling coach: Bryan Hazard

❖Baseball coach: John James

❖Boys' soccer coach: Robert Garza

❖Rival school: Lake Braddock

What Happened Last Year: The wrestling team won district, region and state championships. Wrestler Jake Pinkston won the individual heavyweight state title. The boys' basketball team finished district runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The boys'

lacrosse team finished district runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The boys' soccer team finished district runner-up. Girls' soccer coach Jim Rike reached 500 career victories.

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 all-purpose yards. He was a three-time Pro Bowl selection. Shawn Camp (1994) is a relief pitcher in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization. Javier Lopez (1995) is a relief pitcher for the San

Lake Braddock: The Girls' Cross Country Team Captured District, Region And State Titles

School: Lake Braddock Secondary School

Mascot: Bruins

School colors: Purple and gold

Athletic director: Mark Martino, 703-426-1001

❖Football coach: Jim Poythress (10th season)

The Bruins won their fourth consecutive district championship and earned the region's No. 2 seed with an 8-2 regular-season record. However, Lake Braddock lost in the quarterfinals to eventual region champion Oakton.

❖Volleyball coach: Aubrey Eaton

❖Field hockey coach: Marie Bounds

❖Cross country coach: Michael Mangan

❖Boys' basketball coach: Brian Metress

❖Girls' basketball coach: John Giannelli

❖Baseball coach: Jody Rutherford

❖Boys' soccer coach: Joe Soos

❖Rival school: Robinson

What Happened Last Year: The girls' cross country team won district, region and state championships. Sophie Chase won individual cross country district, region and state titles. The boys' cross country team won a district crown. Wrestler Rory Renzi won the 160-pound state championship. The girls' indoor track team finished state runner-up. The boys' basketball team won the district championship. The baseball team finished 23-5, winning the region championship and reaching the state semifinals. The boys' soccer team won a district



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Sophie Chase, a 2013 Lake Braddock graduate, won the 2012 cross country state championship and the Bruins finished runner-up.

title and reached the region semifinals, finishing with a 13-1-5 record. The softball team won a district championship. The girls' lacrosse team finished 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.

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

West Springfield: Alcorta Finished Runner-up at District, Region and State Meets

School: West Springfield High School

Mascot: Spartans

School colors: Blue and orange

Athletic director: Andy Muir, 703-913-3861

❖Football coach: Jason Eldredge (first season)

The Spartans started 5-1 in 2012 and made the playoffs with a 6-4 regular-season record. West Springfield lost to top-seed Westfield in the region quarterfinals.

❖Cross country coach: Chris Pellegrini

❖Volleyball coach: Stephanie Nor

❖Girls' basketball coach: Bill Gibson



West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta (3020) finished runner-up at the 2012 state cross country meet.

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❖Baseball coach: Jason Olms

What Happened Last Year: The field hockey team finished 16-4-1 and reached the region semifinals. Caroline Alcorta placed second at the region and state cross country meets. The girls' basketball team posted a 21-5 record, reaching the district semifinals and region quarterfinals.

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 quar-

terback 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 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: "I knew in my heart [I needed] to push myself more. Last year [I thought], oh, I'm OK with this spot. But with this year [I thought], I know I can do this, I know I can get this place."

—Caroline Alcorta after finishing second at the 2012 state cross country meet.

NEWCOMERS

Local Rivalry Colors High Schools' Sports Competition



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Eric Bowles and the Woodson boys' basketball team reached the state tournament during the 2012-13 season.

The South County field hockey team went to the state tournament in 2012.

Woodson: Boys' Basketball Team Won the Region Championship.

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 (third year)

The Cavaliers in 2012 finished 2-8 for the second consecutive season. After dropping five straight to open the year, Woodson won back-to-back games against T.C. Williams and Annandale. Woodson is 7-23 in three seasons following a 2009 region runner-up finish.

- ❖ Volleyball coach: Len Palaschak
- ❖ Boys' basketball coach: Doug Craig
- ❖ Field hockey coach: Meg Jarrell
- ❖ Baseball coach: Chris Warren
- ❖ Girls' soccer coach: Warren Williams

What Happened Last Year: The boys' basketball team overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Wakefield in overtime and win the region championship. The Cavaliers advanced to the state semifinals. The gymnastics team won a district title. The girls' lacrosse team won a district crown. The girls' soccer team won a district championship. The boys' soccer team finished district runner-up and reached the region semifinals.

Famous graduates: Andy Heck (1985 graduate) was a three-sport athlete who went on to

play football at Notre Dame. He switched from tight end to offensive tackle and was a team captain and first-team All-American on the Fighting Irish's 1988 undefeated national championship team. The Seattle Seahawks selected Heck in the first round (No. 15 overall) of the 1989 NFL Draft. He played 12 seasons in the pros for the Seahawks, Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins. He played in 185 games and made 139 starts. Abe Thompson (2000) played soccer at the University of Maryland. FC Dallas selected him in the second round of the 2005 MLS Supplemental Draft. Michael Lahoud (2005) played soccer at Wake Forest University, where he helped the Demon Deacons win the 2007 national championship. Chivas USA selected Lahoud in the first round (No. 9 overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft.

Quotable: "We just told them ... to just keep playing because we knew we could do it. We knew we could score a lot of points, we knew we could get hot and make some shots. We just went cold for about two quarters—we just couldn't throw it in the ocean. ... There's no magic potion or anything. We just kept playing hard."

—Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig after the Cavaliers overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to win the region championship game.

- ❖ Baseball coach: Jeff Nolan
- ❖ Rival school: Bishop O'Connell

What Happened Last Year: The boys' and girls' cross country teams were state Catholic champions. The girls' basketball team won its seventh consecutive state championship and 14th in the last 17 years. The boys' basketball team won the Bass Pro Shops Tournament of Champions. The boys' lacrosse team posted a 20-4 record and finished WCAC and VISSA runner-up. The softball team finished state runner-up.

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

Getting to Know Paul VI

Girls' basketball team has won seven 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 (third year)

The Panthers finished with a 6-4 record in 2012, including a 42-20 victory over rival Bishop O'Connell in the season finale.

- ❖ Volleyball coach: Sam Farrar
- ❖ Boys' basketball coach: Glenn Farello
- ❖ Girls' basketball coach: Scott Allen

Getting to Know South County

Boys' basketball team finished district runner-up during the 2012-13 season.

School: South County High School
Mascot: Stallions
School colors: Navy blue, forest green and silver
Athletic director: Leah Conte, 703-446-1675
❖ Football coach: Gerry Pannoni (third season)

After a 1-5 start, the Stallions won their final four games to reach 5-5 and qualify for the Division 5 postseason. South County beat Madison in the quarterfinals before losing to Yorktown in the semifinals.

- ❖ Volleyball coach: Trista Barnhart
- ❖ Field hockey coach: Nina Pannoni
- ❖ Boys' basketball coach: Travis Hess
- ❖ Girls' basketball coach: Tiffany Lockett
- ❖ Baseball coach: Robbie Smith
- ❖ Softball coach: Gary Dillow
- ❖ Rival school: Hayfield

What Happened Last Year: The field hockey team won a district championship and finished region runner-up. The volleyball team finished district runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The girls' indoor track team won a state title. The girls' outdoor track and field team won a state title. The boys' lacrosse team won a district championship. The Baseball team won a district title. The softball team finished district runner-up. The girls' soccer team finished district runner-up.

Quotable: "It's amazing, especially to win on their field after the great season they had last year. It's awesome because everyone says they're the team to beat. We were definitely the underdogs today. ... We were just relaxed coming in. We knew that we weren't supposed to win, so we just came out relaxed and hit the ball."

—South County first baseman Patrick Campo after the Stallions beat Lake Braddock for the Patriot District baseball title



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The girls' varsity basketball team from Paul VI Catholic High School capped off their 29-4 season by winning their seventh consecutive VISAA Division I State Championship in March 2013.

NEWCOMERS

Obsessed With Politics? Fairfax County Welcomes You!

What newcomers need to know to be politically-savvy insiders.

By VICTORIA ROSS

THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County may be physically separated from Washington, D.C.—the ground-zero of All Things Political—but residents here are a politically-savvy bunch.

We know who Larry Sabato is—a prominent University of Virginia political analyst—and we pay attention to Not Larry Sabato—a Virginia politics blog by Ben Tribbett, a Fairfax County resident and self-described “vicious campaign insultant.” We follow our politicians on Twitter and Facebook.

We know that Fairfax County won the “water wars,” and we understand why Fairfax County parents get fired up over SLEEP and FAIRGRADE.

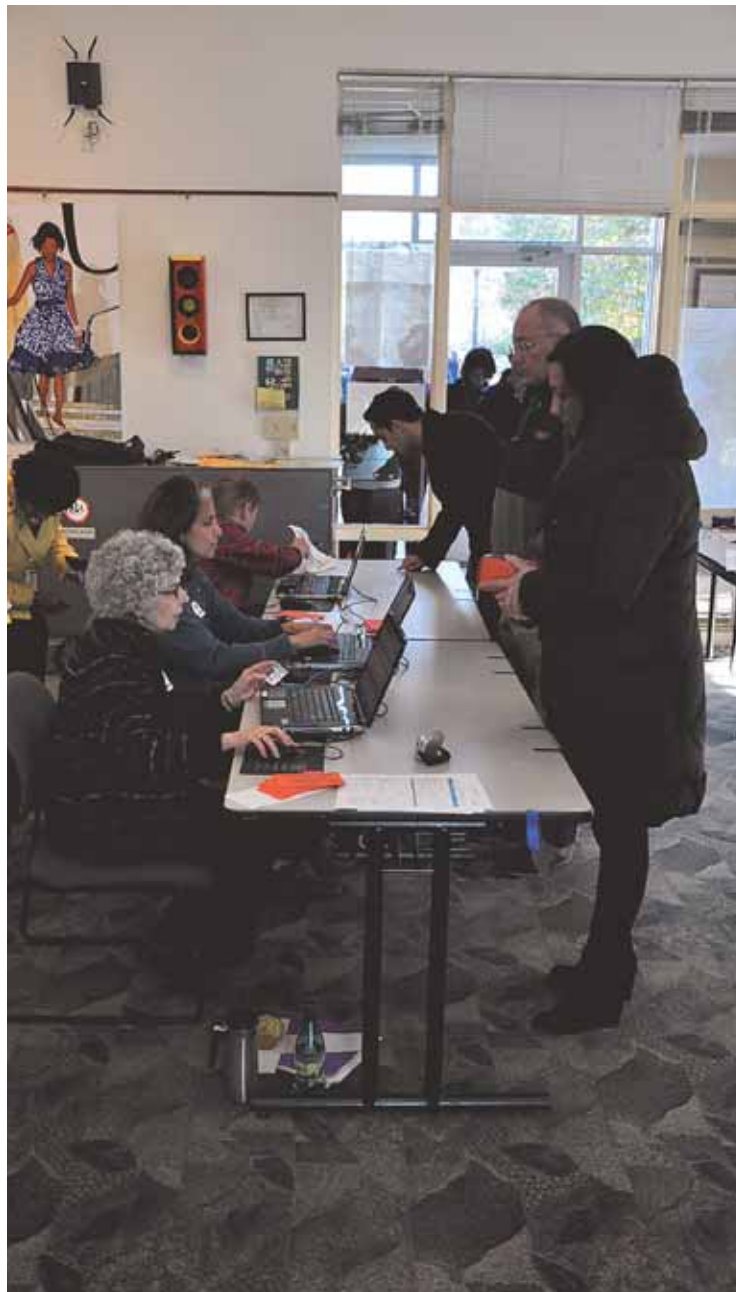
We know that “one and done” means our governor cannot succeed himself. And we’ve debated Virginia’s Dillon Rule, the most vilified judicial doctrine in the state, which limits the authority of local governments.

Most importantly, we vote.

Fairfax County residents go to the polls in record numbers compared to their national counterparts. During last year’s presidential election, voter turnout was 80.5 percent, significantly more than the lukewarm 53 percent of voters who turned out nationwide. In the past decade, voter turnout is trending higher in Fairfax County, while the reverse is true nationally, according to the Center for the Study of the American Electorate. By late September last year, nearly 90 percent of eligible voters, about 721,000 out of 800,000 people, had already registered to vote.

It shouldn’t come as a surprise, then, that U.S. News ranked Fairfax County as one of the top 10 Cities for Political Junkies in a 2010 study, calling the county a place “where those obsessed with political affairs live.”

Fairfax County has become much more competitive in recent years, turning reliably red and



Great Falls residents prepare to cast their vote Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Great Falls Library. During last year’s presidential election, voter turnout in Fairfax County was 80.5 percent, significantly more than the lukewarm 53 percent of voters who turned out nationwide.

blue districts into 50 shades of purple, and putting the state into play in national elections.

In 2012, pollsters predicted that Obama’s 2008 domination of Northern Virginia was a fluke. Instead, Northern Virginia (NoVa) handed Obama a historic victory with more than 60 percent of the vote, compared with 52.7 percent in “the Rest of Virginia” (RoVa).

Fairfax County residents are also more educated and well off than the country as whole—key factors that play into political participation. Prosperous, tight-knit communities are natural breeding grounds for political activity.

In 2013, Fairfax County residents are ready to cast their bal-

lots for critical statewide offices, including the triumvirate of governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. And while our state senators get to sit this race out, the Virginia’s House of Delegates race is shaping up to be the most competitive in a decade.

According to an official candidate list released last month by the Virginia State Board of Elections, 57 House seats will be contested this November—marking only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats will have more than one name on the ballot.

If you’re a newcomer—and you want to be an insider—start paying attention to politics.

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❖ For more information on the state legislature, go to virginiageneralassembly.gov.

❖ Voters with any questions about voting this Election Day can visit two comprehensive websites for answers: The Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo.

❖ If you don’t find the information you need at the websites, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

❖ Fairfax now has a free smartphone mobile app to check your registration and other voting information. Download the free app by searching Fairfax County Government at the App Store (coming soon to Android Market) or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/>. Once you download the app, look for the “VOTE” icon.

Following are links to other sites election officials suggest voters check out before Election Day:

❖ Map Information: this site shows the 2011 adopted districts, precincts, boundary changes and polling place changes in Fairfax County. (Scroll down to find the maps.) http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/1precinctchanges_adopted7262011.pdf.

❖ Voting Precincts: this site gives information on an individual’s voting precincts on Fairfax County’s website “My Neighborhood” pages at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/>.

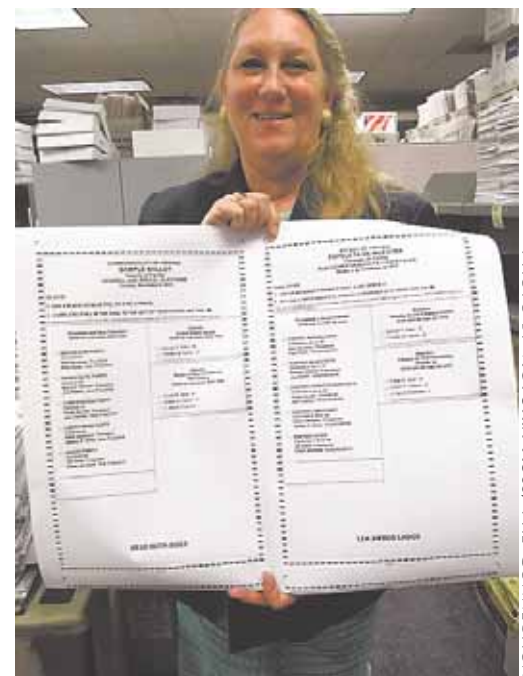
❖ Voter Information, Directions to Polling Places: this State Board of Elections website has information useful now and for future elections. <https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration>.

How to Register

Eligible voters in Fairfax County must be 18 years of age, current U.S. citizens and live within the county. Applications to register to vote by mail can be found at the Department of Motor Vehicles, public libraries, military recruitment offices, public assistance agency offices, government centers, Board of Supervisors offices, the citizen information desk at the Fairfax County Government Center lobby or at the Judicial Center information desk.

❖ To check if your registration is correct, go online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/register, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

❖ If you are not registered, or need to update your registration, complete a Virginia Voter Registration Application, which you can download at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov>, or call 703-222-0776.



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County’s chief elections official, holds up a sample ballot in the county’s office of elections.

Absentee Voting

Virginia does not have “no excuse” absentee voting. If you want to complete a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application, download from www.SBE.Virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776. The application must be mailed or faxed to the Fairfax County General Registrar’s Office. The office is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax. The registrar’s fax number is 703-324-3725.

Virginia does offer in-person absentee voting. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb for details.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

❖ Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

❖ Voter Identification: When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following:

- ❖ Virginia voter registration 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
- ❖ Social Security card (does not satisfy special federal ID requirements)

A voter who does not bring an acceptable ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Important: Virginia’s existing voter ID requirements will change in July, 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May of 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed above.

NON-PROFITS

Lorton Community Action Center

Operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. LCAC is seeking monetary donations, volunteers and collecting gift cards and food baskets for Thanksgiving, gifts and food baskets for Christmas, and warm coats. 703-339-8611 or www.lortonaction.org.

South County Cares

South County Church congregation members and south county area community members work together on local and international project and international aid efforts. www.southcountycare.org.

FACETS

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities, including a monthly Youth Volunteer Night. 703-865-4251 or <http://facetscares.org/>.

Lamb Center

A day center for the homeless, currently seeking donations and general volunteers. 703-691-3178 or www.thelambcenter.org.

Fairfax City Area FISH

Working with the Office of Coordinated Services Planning and Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH (Friendly, Immediate, Sympathetic Help) helps local citizens who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 or <http://fairfaxfish.org/>.

Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE)

Ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 703-591-4968 or cause-usa.org.

Food for Others

The non-profit provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. 703-207-9173 or www.foodforothers.com.

Our Daily Bread

The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to www.odbfairfax.com/holiday.

Fairfax Families for Kids

Fairfax Families4Kids gives youth ages 12 to 21, currently living in foster care or out of foster care, the opportunity to participate in group and individual mentoring, and spend quality time in the community engaged in regularly scheduled, structured group activities. Sample group activities include: chess tournaments, bowling, basketball camps, fitness and dance classes, badminton, horseback riding, 5-K walks, etc. The youth also participate in community service projects such as: packing school backpacks for children in Haiti, sending boxes to soldiers, raising money for the homeless, etc. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm>.

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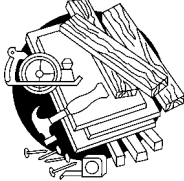
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