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# Top Five Issues in the Springfield District

BY PAT HERRITY  
SUPERVISOR (R-SPRINGFIELD)

**T**raffic 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

**H**ello 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](mailto: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  
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# NEWCOMERS

## INSIDERS' TIPS

## What are some of the best things about living in Springfield?

—ELEANOR LAMB

### Carol Strobridge, artist and homemaker, living in Springfield for 27 years

"We came for the schools initially. The commute to the Pentagon is very convenient. I like the art guilds in Alexandria and Springfield. The swim club was nice. Folks are decent out here. There hasn't been a radical change. It's very stable."



### Suzie Eichhorn, college student, living in the same house in Springfield for 19 years

"It's close enough that you have easy access to city life, but it still has that feel of community. It's family oriented. It's close enough that in any direction you can find something to do. [I recommend] visiting as many places as you can, but remember that you'll always have a comfy place to come home to."



### Connor Stang, high school student, living in Springfield 14 years

"There's no shortage of things to do. There are lots of places to hang out with friends. The high school is good and close and the neighborhoods are nice. [It's nice] to go to Burke Lake or bike around. There are lots of places to do outdoor things. Everything's close."



### Kim Gregg, mother, living in Springfield for 48 years

"I grew up in Springfield. As far as raising a family, there are lots of opportunities for kids to participate in sports and theater. Although there's the quick trip to the Kennedy Center, there's stock theater [in the area]."



### Dale Brogan, retired teacher, living in Springfield for 24 years

"I grew up in Alexandria and Arlington. I came [to the area] when I was 5. I came [to Springfield] for the school system, which is outstanding, when my son was 4. We're close to everything. We can get into Washington easily and the Metro's close by. With the weather, we rarely get extremes. We don't get droughts or floods. I personally like having four seasons. We're in a sort of hub. We're not that far from the ocean. We're close to Skyline Drive and the Appalachian Trail. You go in any direction for two or three hours, you'll find all kinds of things."

## John C. Cook Braddock District Supervisor



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

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Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our wonderful neighborhoods and make Fairfax County an even better place to work and live. That's why, here in Braddock I am continually encouraging folks to become active participants both in their community and in their local government. So come on out, step up and become an involved Braddock District resident.



# 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 engine 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](http://www.FairfaxChamber.org) for more information about the organization, members and events.

#### CHAMBERS

##### FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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##### GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Provides access to advocacy, information and networking for businesses communities of Burke and Fairfax Station on the west, Franconia and Kingstowne on the east, the fast-growing Laurel Hill and Lorton Station area, the Newington industrial area, and the four Springfield zip codes. <http://www.springfieldchamber.org/> or 703-866-3500.

##### 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](http://www.southfairfaxchamber.org).

##### NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NTIS is located in Alexandria, and provides information dissemination of its collection of approximately 3 million U.S. Federal Government technical reports and provides dissemination services for other U.S. Federal Government agencies. 703-605-6060 or <http://www.ntis.gov/about/index.aspx>.

##### 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/>.

##### COLOMBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A private company categorized under associations, founded in 2006, aiming to support Colombian American business. 703-891-0947.

##### PAKISTAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC.

PABA is a non-profit, bilateral trade association that promotes business opportunities between Pakistan and the United States of America, and nurtures leadership skills within the Pakistani American business community. 703-627-1500 or <http://www.pabausa.org/>.

##### NORTHERN VIRGINIA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Located in Herndon, the organization serves businesses lead by and those that work with the Hispanic community in the area. <http://www.hccnva.org/>.

##### ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Located in Tysons, it offers programs to Asian and Pacific business communities in the region. <http://www.asian-americanchamber.org/>.

##### US LEBANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A privately held business association founded in 2010 offering networking and resources to Lebanese Americans. 703-761-4949.

##### AFGHAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AACC provides resources to members through business advice, conferences, seminars, networking events, publications and other avenues to stimulate U.S.-Afghanistan business and investment; also, sector-based Working Groups seek to reduce impediments to business and market progress for members. AACC also serves as a link between the private sector and government to encourage economic policies that result in increased business and investment between the U.S. and Afghanistan. 703-442-5005 or <http://www.a-acc.org/>.



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Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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 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 Egan** 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.

**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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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.

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### EDITORIAL

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.

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We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. While the last few years have brought many challenges to the newspaper business everywhere, affecting us as well, we continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

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— MARY KIMM,  
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## Supervisors Give Us Their Best “Insider” Tips

**F**airfax 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

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)

### INSIDERS' TIPS



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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## NEWCOMERS

# Things to Know About Lee District

### INSIDERS' TIPS



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**Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)**

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee District) offered the following Insiders' Tips on his district:

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## COMMUNITY

### West Springfield's Laguna Meets Redskins

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation hosted the Washington Redskins High School Coaches Clinic Wednesday, July 31, along with Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Centers. Redskins Executive Vice President/General Manager Bruce Allen, head coach Mike

Shanahan and Redskins alumnus LaVar Arrington met with more than 250 high school coaches from Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., West Virginia and North Carolina. Paul Laguna, Varsity WR coach at West Springfield High School, also attended.



The coaches at the Washington Redskins High School Coaches Clinic, along with Redskins QB Robert Griffin III and Redskins legend, Joe Theismann. Theismann presented Griffin III with the Quarterback Award from the Quarterback Club of Washington.

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## PEOPLE

# More Than a Pink Cadillac

**Springfield woman earns third Mary Kay car for outstanding business performance.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ention Mary Kay cosmetics, and most people think of the company's iconic pink Cadillac.

For decades, the storied beauty company has offered the use of the pearl pink car as an incentive for sales force members to up their achievement level.

Earlier this month, Kathy Puglisi of Springfield, an independent sales director for Mary Kay since 2003, received her third Mary Kay car for outstanding business achievement.

But you won't be seeing Puglisi driving the pink Cadillac. Puglisi, who has lived in Springfield for more than 30 years, received a

Chevy Cruze, one of the options Mary Kay offers to its star sales members, from Jim McKay Chevrolet in Fairfax.

"I am so proud to be a leader of such a great group of women who have helped me earn the honor to drive this new Chevy Cruze," said Puglisi. "Earning this reward to drive free means we, as a unit in Mary Kay, are enriching women's lives both with our products and with our business opportunity and that is a great feeling. I also want to thank my family and especially my husband, Rob, for the support they give and the belief they have in me."

The company's car program includes the Chevy Cruze in white, Chevy Equinox crossover in black, Toyota Camry in black, Ford Mustang in black and the iconic and coveted pearlized pink Cadillac. Mary Kay career car qualifiers also have the option of selecting cash compensation in lieu of the car.

"Cars earned by the independent sales force through this program serve as a symbol of their hard work and success in their Mary Kay businesses," said Darrell Overcash, president of Mary Kay

Inc. U.S.

Since the inception of the car program in 1969, more than 141,000 independent sales force members have qualified or re-qualified to earn the use of a Mary Kay career car. Currently, 5,927 Mary Kay career cars are on the road nationwide.

"Being recognized and rewarded for sharing this product with others and making women feel special is just one of the many reasons I love this company," said Puglisi, who recently attended Mary Kay Inc.'s annual seminar in Dallas to celebrate the company's 50th anniversary.

During the seminar, Mary Kay's beauty consultants were encouraged to bring gently-used professional attire to donate to domestic violence shelters as part of the annual Mary Kay "Suits for Shelters" program. Last year's "Suits for Shelters" effort resulted in the donation of more than 2,500 career outfits for domestic violence survivors seeking jobs.

Mary Kay's 50th anniversary played a prominent role at this year's seminar, Overcash said. "The theme 'One Woman Can'



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**Kathy Puglisi of Springfield attended Mary Kay's annual seminar in Dallas this year, which is also the 50th anniversary of the beauty company.**

pays tribute to company founder Mary Kay Ash and the idea that one woman can change the world." "It feels wonderful to be a part of a company that is making such an impactful difference in the lives of people all over the world.

My passion to do my part in changing lives has been elevated to a whole new level," Puglisi said.

❖ To learn more about Mary Kay's 50th Anniversary, the legacy of Mary Kay Ash and the future of Mary Kay Inc., visit [marykay.com](http://marykay.com).

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# Mormon Church Youth Group Visits Historic Sites

From June 20-22, 220 youth from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint (LDS) youth, ages 14 to 18, from seven local congregations in Annandale, Burke and Springfield traveled to Kirtland, Ohio, to visit and tour the city that was both home and church center to the fledgling Latter-day Saint church from 1831-1838. To practicing Mormons, it is a sacred place.

"It was an opportunity for the youth to see where their ancestors toiled and how they dealt with the tremendous challenges they were given," said Hank Molinengo, second counselor in the Annandale Stake Presidency.

The youth visited historical sites such as the Newel K. Whitney store, which was one of the places, Mormons believe, that Jesus Christ and the Heavenly Father appeared. They also had a sacrament meeting (Sunday service) in the



Jake Tyler



Kate Garney

Kirtland Temple, which was built by the LDS people in their poverty and at great personal sacrifice during the turbulent years of difficult economic conditions and intense persecution. The youth also participated in a service project while there.

The youth were given free ac-

cess to all LDS historical sites and had an opportunity to search, ponder and pray about what Kirtland meant and represented to the LDS people back in that day and to them today.

"I loved every single minute of the Youth Conference. It was so wonderful to constantly be sur-

rounded by youth that have the same standards as I do. I really enjoyed getting to know my friends better and making completely new friends. Kirtland itself was a great learning experience because I was finally able to put a place to the name that I had heard so many times when learning about church history. This whole trip strengthened my relationship with the people in my church and with God, and I am very thankful to have had that opportunity," Kate Garney of Springfield said.

Jake Tyler of Springfield said, "I really enjoyed learning about the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I more strongly appreciate how

hard the early members worked to set its foundations. I am fascinated at how there are millions of people who have been touched by the church now based on the work of the few people in Kirtland, Ohio. I wish I could have stayed longer since you can't learn everything there in only three days."

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# Memories of Marching On Washington

**Greenspring resident Lucila Woodard recalls attending the march 50 years ago.**

**L**ucila Woodard was 29 years old when she made her first visit to Washington, D.C. On Aug. 28, 1963, she attended the March on Washington in the nation's capital and her memories from the day include hearing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous words.

Lucila Woodard was born and raised in the Dominican Republic and moved to the U.S. with her mother in 1962, just one year before the March on Washington. She began working for the headquarters of the Episcopal Church in New York City, where she met her husband, Jack, an Episcopalian priest.

Before moving to the U.S., Lucila remembers being confused about the civil rights issues in the country. She noted that in the Dominican Republic, you were not judged or denied opportunities based on your race; rather, one's class was more of a distinguishing factor.

According to Lucila, there was a bus chartered from the headquarters of the Episcopal Church to D.C. for the march. At the time she was working for a priest who was deeply involved in the civil rights movement, so she had the opportunity to take part in the historic event.

"When entering D.C. on New York Avenue, I saw apprehension on the faces of the African-Americans in the neighborhood," said Lucila. "Later, I learned that there was a growing concern not only in the local residents, but also from the government that the event would turn violent." But that wasn't the case, she said. "There was no violence; none at all."

Lucila recalls that she was able to attend the march with her brother and her uncle that day; a particularly special occasion considering her brother was



**Lucila Woodard**

visiting from the Dominican Republic.

Years later in 1977, Lucila and Jack moved from New York City to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, where Jack served as a pastor. In 1979, they moved to Washington, D.C. where Jack took over the ministry at St. Stephen and the Incarnation until 1985. He retired in 1991 after having served as the rector of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va. Lucila worked at The Washington Post as an administrative assistant in the newsroom from 1980 until 1987 and retired from the Post as a copy aide supervisor in 1996. The couple moved to Greenspring in Springfield, Va. in 2003; Jack passed away in March of this year.

"Every year on the anniversary, my husband and I would listen to the Martin Luther King, Jr. speech on tape," said Woodard. "It was just one way for us to commemorate the day."

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## THE COUNTY LINE

# 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

**W**e 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



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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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# NEWS

## Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

Online registration for the 2013 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is open; the deadline is Aug. 30.

The fee is \$12. Participants can register online at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

Events take place Sept. 7-19 at 17 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Call 703-228-4721 for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

**Opening Ceremonies, Track and Rowing Events, Exhibits.** 9 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Free; open to the public.

**Diving Competition.** 3 p.m. at Yorktown High School pool, 5200 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington. Free; open to the public.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

**Cycling Competition.** 10K, 8 a.m. and 20K, 9 a.m., at Northern Fauquier Community Park, 4155 Monroe Parkway, Marshall. Free; open to the public.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 9

**Events.** Team line dancing, women's eight ball pool, racquetball and ten pin bowling. Events will take place at the James Lee Community Center Theatre, Falls Church; Wakefield District Park, Annandale; Lincolnia Senior Center, Alexandria and Bowl America Shirley, Alexandria. Open to the public; free. Call for event times, 703-228-4721.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 10

**Senior Olympic Events.** Wii bowling,

eight ball pool (men), bocce, tennis (singles 50-69), horseshoes, handball, softball hit and throw, football throw and yo-yo tricks competition will take place at the Greenspring Retirement Community, Springfield; Lincolnia Senior Center, Alexandria; City of Fairfax Senior Center, Fairfax; Lincolnia Senior Center, Alexandria and Wakefield District Park, Annandale. Call for event times, 703-228-4721. Open to the public; free.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 11

**Tennis, Mini Golf and Bunco.** They will be held at Wakefield District Park, Annandale; Oak Marr Recreation Center, Oakton and Hollin Hall Senior Center, Alexandria. Call for locations and event times, 703-228-4721. Open to the public; free.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 12

**Tennis and More Events.** Northern Virginia Senior Olympics events taking place include tennis (doubles all ages), table tennis, Mexican Train Dominoes and duplicate bridge. Venues include Wakefield District Park, Annandale; Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Falls Church and Lincolnia Senior Center, Alexandria. Call for event times, 703-228-4721. Open to the public; free.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 13

**Swimming and Doubles Tennis.** Swimming events and mixed doubles tennis highlight events at the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Tennis will start at 10 a.m. at Wakefield District Park, Annandale and swimming at 9:30 a.m. at the Claude Moore Recreation Center, Sterling. Open to the public; free.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

**Volleyball and Basketball Competition.** Volleyball games will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, Alexandria. Men's and women's basketball free throw and field goals plus men's 3v3 games will be held beginning at 11 a.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington. Open to the public; free.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

**Field Events.** Field events including, standing and running long jump, high jump, mini javelin throw, Frisbee throw, shotput and discus start at 9 a.m. at George Mason High School, Falls Church. Badminton competition will take place at the K2 Badminton Club, Sterling. Open to the public; free. Call for event times, 703-228-4721.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 16-18

**Mixed Doubles Pickleball Competition.** 9 a.m. Free. Call for location, 703-228-4721.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Doubles: Pickleball Competition.** 9 a.m. Free. Call for location, 703-228-4721.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

**Singles: Pickleball Competition.** 9 a.m. Free. Call for location, 703-228-4721.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

**Golf Competition.** 9 a.m. at Forest Greens Golf Course, Triangle. The final event in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

## WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

## Convenience Store Robbery in Springfield Area

Police are investigating a robbery that occurred Saturday evening, Aug. 24, around 9:10 p.m. Two men entered the 7-Eleven located at 7225 Old Keene Mill Road and one displayed a handgun while the other took the cash drawer. The suspects then fled on foot. There were no injuries.

The first suspect was described as black, 20s, about 5 feet, 8 inches to 6 feet, 1 inch tall and wearing a red hooded shirt. The second suspect was described as black, 20s, about 5 feet, 5 inches to 5 feet, 8 inches tall and wearing a dark shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



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**The pet kisses booth is always a popular attraction during Springfield Days, held May 31 through June 3 at various venues throughout the greater Springfield area.**



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**Eric Lynd and son Robert of Fairfax see what it's like to sit in Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Hazmat Unit 440 at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival on June 9.**



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**Sisters Jennifer Loeb (right) and Kerry Petrauskas danced to "Cotton-Eyed Joe" during the City of Fairfax's annual Old-Fashioned Fireman's Day event on July 4. Part of the city's Independence Day celebration, the Fireman's competition includes games, festival food and getting drenched with fire hoses.**

## A Year in Fairfax County

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

### SEPTEMBER 2013

King Street Art Festival, Sept. 7-8, 2013  
Burke Centre Festival, Sept. 7-8, 2013  
Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition, through Sept. 8, 2013  
Reston Triathlon, Sept. 8, 2013  
CCÉ Irish Folk Festival in Fairfax, Sept. 21, 2013  
Clarendon Day, Sept. 28, 2013  
Dulles Day Plane Pull, Sept. 14, 2013  
Reston Multicultural Festival, Sept. 28, 2013  
Fall for the Book Festival at GMU, Sept. 22-27, 2013  
Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sept. 29, 2013

### OCTOBER

Oktoberfest Reston, Oct. 11-13, 2013  
Art on the Avenue Alexandria, Oct. 5, 2013  
McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest, Oct. 6, 2013  
Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax, Oct. 12, 2013  
Potomac Country House Tour, Second Saturday-Second Sunday in Oct., 2013  
Potomac Day, Third Saturday in October, 2013  
Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair, Oct. 19-20, 2013  
Great Falls Artists Studio Tour, Oct. 19-20, 2013  
Vienna Halloween Parade, Oct. 24, 2013  
Volunteer Fest, Fourth Saturday in Oct., 2013  
The Washington West Film Festival, Oct. 23-27, 2013

### NOVEMBER

Election Day, Nov. 5, 2013  
The Robinson Marketplace, Nov. 9, 2013  
Joyful Noise Holiday Bazaar and Bakeshop, Third Saturday in Nov., 2013  
Bull Run Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland Holiday Village, Third Tuesday in Nov., 2013-First Saturday in Jan., 2014  
Alexandria Tree Lighting, Fourth Saturday in Nov., 2013

Church Street Holiday Stroll, Fourth Wednesday in Nov., 2013  
Christmas at Mount Vernon, Nov. 29, 2013  
Scottish Walk, Nov. 29-30, 2013

### DECEMBER

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols, Dec. 7, 2013  
Great Falls Celebration of Lights, Dec. 7, 2013  
Holiday Boat Parade of Lights, First Saturday in Dec., 2013

### JANUARY

Bull Run Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland Holiday Village, through the first Saturday in January, 2014  
Live Music at Paradise Springs Winery, Jan. 10, 2014- Jan. 3, 2015

### FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day

### MARCH

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade, March 4, 2014  
"City Works" by The Art Monkeys, Second Saturday-Last Sunday in March, 2014  
Chantilly Egg Hunt, Second Sunday in March-First Monday in April, 2014  
Fairfax Brewfest, March 15, 2014  
Herndon Bluegrass Concert Series, Third Wednesday in March, 2014  
2013 National Cherry Blossom Festival, March 20-April 13, 2014  
Northern Virginia Artists League 12th Anniversary, Fourth Wednesday in March, 2014  
2013 National Cherry Blossom Festival Central, Last Sunday in March, 2014

### APRIL

Reston Founder's Day Fest, April 5, 2014  
23rd Annual Best of Reston Gala, April 10, 2014  
Destination Fairfax: Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival, Third Saturday in April-First Monday in May, 2014  
Historic Garden Tour, April 26-May 3, 2014  
Great Grapes Wine, Art and Food Festival, Fourth Saturday-Fourth Sunday in April, 2014  
Fairfax Fine Arts Festival, Fourth Saturday-Fourth Sunday in April, 2014  
Bull Run Swamp Stomp, April 19, 2014  
Dinosaur Egg Hunt, April 19, 2014  
Easter Puppet Show and Egg Hunt, April 19, 2014  
Herndon Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, 2014  
Ticonderoga Spring Easter Festival, April 19-20, 2014

### MAY

Historic Garden Tour, through May 3, 2014  
Herndon Festival, May 29-June 1, 2014  
Relay for Life, May 17-18, 2014

### JUNE

Alexandria Armenian Festival, First Saturday in June, 2014  
Springfield Days: Party in the Park, First Saturday in June, 2014  
Springfield Days: Cardboard Boat Regatta, First Sunday in June, 2014  
Taste of Reston, Second Friday-Third Sunday in June, 2014  
Crystal Screen: Blockbusters, First Monday in June-Last Monday in August, 2014  
Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park, Fridays in June, 2014  
Lee District Nights Concert Series, First Wednesday in June-Last Wednesday in August, 2014  
Celebrate Fairfax!, June 6-8, 2014  
Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series at Grist Mill Park, First Friday in June-Last Saturday in August, 2014

Concert on the Green, Sundays in June-August, 2014  
Clifton Wine Festival, Fourth Saturday in June, 2014

### JULY

Great Falls Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, 2014  
City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration, July 4, 2014  
Obon Festival, Second Saturday in July, 2014  
U.S.A. and Alexandria Birthday Celebration, Second Saturday in July, 2014  
Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition, Last Wednesday in July through Second Sunday in Sept., 2014

### AUGUST

County 4-H Fair and Frying Pan Farm Park Show at Frying Pan Farm Park, First Saturday-First Sunday in Aug., 2014  
National Night Out, Aug. 5, 2014  
Arlington County Fair, Aug. 6-10, 2014  
Pakistan Independence Day Festival U.S.A., Third Sunday in Aug., 2014

### SEPTEMBER 2014

King Street Art Festival, First Saturday-Second Sunday in Sept., 2014  
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# A YEAR OF THE ARTS

A selection of upcoming theatre, music and art shows in and around Springfield.

## Kate's Irish Pub

Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road, Springfield. Kate's Irish Pub in Springfield offers everything from traditional Irish music, to open mic night and alternative bands (all accompanied by Irish libations). 703-866-0860 or [www.katesirishpub.com/](http://www.katesirishpub.com/).

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 5-7

**Roanan Kavanagh.** 7 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dublin born musician playing local pubs and restaurants in the DC Metro area on a regular basis, a mixture of traditional Irish, Irish ballads, country, rock, alternative and even one hip-hop song.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 11-12

**Dave Berry.** Time TBD. Charleston, SC-based performer plays acoustic, electric, dobo, mandolin, harmonica, guitar and synth.

## Empire

Empire Nightclub and the Alchemy Room, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Empire fills the metal genre niche in Springfield and also hosts musicians of other various styles and children's programs during the daytime. [www.empire-nova.com/](http://www.empire-nova.com/) or 703-569-5940.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

**We Butter the Bread with Butter.** 5-11 p.m. Enjoy German deathcore music with a heavy electronic sound. \$10.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

**Ultimate 80's Dance Party.** 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Dance the night down to its dregs with the help of 80's themed party music. \$10.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

**Back-to-School Bash.** 5-11 p.m. Enjoy one last night of music before school has really gotten going, courtesy of local bands. \$10.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

**Ghost Town.** 6-11 p.m. Enjoy the alternative rock band's rhythm and beats. \$10.

## CALENDAR

### 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](http://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,

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. For more entertainment events in the county, go to: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2013/may/22/fairfax-county-calendar/>.

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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://www.home.comcast.net/~jcutting/).

### SUNDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 1-2

**Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. N Gauge, Lego, and HO model trains will be on display during Labor Day weekend. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 16 and older, \$4; ages 5-15, \$2.



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**The popular Las Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble at the Burke Centre Festival.**

## Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

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/](http://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.

[www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org). 703-425-9225.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 2

**St. Mary of Sorrows Labor Day Picnic.** 10:20 a.m.-5 p.m. 5612 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. This gathering features Mass and Blessing of Tools, free entertainment, food, crafts, rides, games, a rummage sale and more. 703-978-4141.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

**Twiztid, Jellyroll, Lil Wyte, and Aqualeo.** 6:30-11:30 p.m. Empire-Alchemy Room, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Various artists perform music of the rap, R&B, and acoustic genres. \$25. [www.ampedandalive.com/eventdetails.aspx?eventId=1164](http://www.ampedandalive.com/eventdetails.aspx?eventId=1164)

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

**Gorguts.** 6-11:30 p.m. Empire-Alchemy Room, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Gorguts performs metal music. \$16. [www.ampedandalive.com](http://www.ampedandalive.com).

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# PARKS

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

### National Parks

#### GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean  
[www.nps.gov/grfa](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#703-339-2385) or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)  
[masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.atlantisbullrun.com/)  
 703-631-0552  
 Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Family of Waterparks. Atlantis also features picnic pavilions, a deck great for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.



Fountainhead Regional Park

#### MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark\\_botanical\\_gardens/](http://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. Weddette and workshop 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.

**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.

#### OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/](http://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/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/)  
 Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. For those interested in swimming, the park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on



Mason Neck 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, reshafing 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  
SPRINGFIELD & MOUNT VERNON AREAS



PHOTOS BY RENEE RUGGLES  
FEATURING SOUTH RUN RECREATION CENTER,  
LAKE ACCOTINK PARK & HIDDEN POND PARK

- Map Number Park Name**  
Address, City  
Property Class
- 1 Lorton**  
9518 Richmond Highway, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
  - 2 Springfield Forest**  
6400 Kalmia Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 3 Franconia**  
6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 4 Lee High**  
6501 Deepford Street, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 5 Monticello Woods**  
6444 Northanna Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 6 Trailside**  
6000 Trailside Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 7 Loisdale**  
7419 Loisdale Road, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 8 Lynbrook**  
6005 Augusta Drive, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 9 Hooes Road**  
7233 Hooes Road, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 10 Springvale**  
6508 Spring Road, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 11 Lake Accotink**  
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield  
Multiple Resource Park
  - 12 Brookfield**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 13 Byron Avenue**  
6500 Byron Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 14 Hooes Road School Site**  
7336 Hooes Road, Springfield



**There is so much to see at Hidden Pond. Brother and sister, Jackson and Alice, came with their mother to watch all of the creatures living in the water.**

- Community Park
- 15 Kings Park**  
8717 Trafalgar Ct., Springfield  
Community Park
  - 16 Flag Run**  
7620 Elgar Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 17 Leewood**  
7111 Woodland Drive, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 18 Deerlick**  
6821 Braddock Road, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 19 Edsall**  
6845 Edsall Road, Springfield

- Community Park
- 20 North Springfield**  
7025 Leesville Boulevard,  
Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 21 Royal Ridge**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Spring-  
field  
Community Park
  - 22 Carrleigh Parkway**  
8020 Carrleigh Prkwy,  
Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 23 Cardinal Forest**  
6121 Roxbury Avenue,  
Springfield



**Lake Accotink offers boat rentals, so that visitors to the park can go out on the water and enjoy the beautiful lake.**

- Community Park
- 24 Hunter Village**  
7700 Jansen Drive, Springfield

- Community Park
- 25 Hidden Pond**  
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 26 West Springfield**  
6805 Caneel Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 27 West Springfield Village**  
6910 Loudoun Lane, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 28 Rolling Forest**  
7019 Flax Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 29 Cherry Run**  
7001 Cottontail Court, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 30 South Run District**  
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield  
District Park
  - 31 Huntsman**  
9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 32 Rolling Wood School Site**  
7511 Chancellor Way, Springfield  
Community Park
  - 33 Chapel Acres**  
7900 Giles Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
  - 34 Saratoga**  
8121 North Umlerland Rd, Spring-  
field  
Community Park
  - 35 Loftridge**  
5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
  - 36 Burgundy**  
5516 Norton Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
  - 37 Heritage Hill**  
5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park





Tucked away at Lake Accotink, a carousel and a mini golf course wait for visitors to enjoy them.



Hidden Ponds' large, colorful play structure is popular with parents, like Sara Newman. Her children Cora and Levi had fun on the slides.

- 38 Jefferson Manor**  
2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 39 Huntington**  
2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 40 Farrington Avenue**  
2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 41 Mt. Eagle**  
5919 North Kings Highway, Alexan-  
dria  
Community Park
- 42 South Kings Forest**  
4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 43 Stoneybrooke**  
3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 44 Groveton Heights**  
3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 45 Huntley Historic**  
6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria  
Natural Resource Park
- 46 Lenclair**  
6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 47 Bucknell Manor**  
2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 48 Hybla Valley**  
3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexan-  
dria  
Neighborhood Park
- 49 Huntley Meadows**  
3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexan-  
dria  
Natural Resource Park
- 50 Hollin Meadows**  
7603 Elba Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 51 Martin Luther King Jr**  
8115 Fordson Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 52 Stephen S. Foster  
Intermediate School Site**  
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 53 Belle Haven**  
6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 54 Fort Willard Circle**  
6625 Fort Willard Circle, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 55 Mount Vernon District**  
2017 Belle View Boulevard, Alexan-  
dria  
Multiple Resource Park
- 56 Westgrove**  
6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 57 White Oaks**  
7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 58 Gilbert S. McCutcheon**  
7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 59 Hollin Hall School Site**  
1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 60 Kirk**  
2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 61 Williamsburg Manor**  
2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

- 62 Collingwood**  
8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexan-  
dria  
Community Park
- 63 Carl Sandburg School Site**  
8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 64 Stratford Landing**  
2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 65 Fort Hunt**  
8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 66 Muddy Hole Farm**  
7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 67 Mount Vernon Woods**  
4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 68 George Washington**  
8426 Old Mount Vernon Road  
Special Purpose Park
- 69 Walt Whitman School Site**  
8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 70 Mount Zephyr**  
8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 71 Washington Mill**  
4341 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,  
Alexandria  
Community Park
- 72 Grist Mill**  
4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,  
Alexandria  
District Park
- 73 Vernon Heights**  
8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 74 Bush Hill**  
5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 75 Mark Twain**  
5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 76 Clermont School Site**  
4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 77 Franconia Forest**  
6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 78 Ridgeview**  
4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 79 Wilton Woods School Site**  
3701 Franconia Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 80 Tara Village**  
6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 81 Virginia Hills School Site**  
6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 82 Manchester Lakes**  
6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park



South Run Recreation Center offers great trails for biking. Bill Casamo and his daughter Carys head back to the car after a family trail ride.

### Cook's Top Three



1. Wakefield Park: Wakefield Park is an amazing gem nestled in Braddock District and a perfect example of the wonderful amenities residents can expect here. The Audrey Moore REC Center has an Olympic-sized indoor pool, basketball hoops, raquetball courts, and much more. There's even a skate park for those into more extreme sports. For those looking for some fresh ingredients for lunch and dinner, there's a farmers market every Wednesday between May 1 and Oct. 30, 2-6 p.m.

2. Kings Park Park: This is my neighborhood park, and is the perfect place to take my kids after a day at work or on the weekend.

3. Lake Accotink: If you love nature, you'll love Lake Accotink. The park offers 493 acres of wildlife and parkland, including a 55-acre lake. There are picnic areas, playgrounds, and even a carousel for kids. There are also hiking/biking trails that are great for exercising.

— JOHN COOK  
BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

### Parks Meet a Variety of Needs



Braddock District is fortunate to have a number of parks that satisfy many community needs. Lake Accotink Park provides trails for hiking and mountain biking and some water sports activities. Wakefield Park also provides bike trails and the Audrey Moore Rec Center. Royal Lake Park has a trail that circles Royal Lake and along with Lake Accotink Park hosts the Braddock Nights Summer Concert Series held each Friday night during the summer. One of my favorite parks though is the Long Branch Stream Valley Park as I enjoy bicycling that part of the trail that runs from Rutherford Park on Guinea Road to Canterbury Woods Park on Wakefield Chapel Road.

— ANTHONY VELLUCCI  
BRADDOCK DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE PARK AUTHORITY BOARD

- 83 Greendale Golf Course**  
6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria  
Special Purpose Park
- 84 Lee District**  
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia  
District Park
- 85 Dowden Terrace**  
5616 Bradley Boulevard, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 86 Glasgow**  
3935 Arcadia Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 87 Parklawn**  
6454 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 88 Glen Hills**  
6090 Larstan Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 89 Heywood Glen**  
6210 Larstan Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 90 Pincrest Golf Course**  
6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexan-  
dria  
Special Purpose Park
- 91 Green Spring Gardens**  
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria  
Special Purpose Park
- 92 Bren Mar**  
6324 Edsall Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 93 Backlick Run**  
5590 First Statesman Lane, Alexan-  
dria  
Community Park
- 94 Beulah**  
7119 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 95 Amberleigh**  
7516 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 96 Hayfield**  
7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria  
Community Park
- 97 Wickford**  
7331a Wickford Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park



# 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.

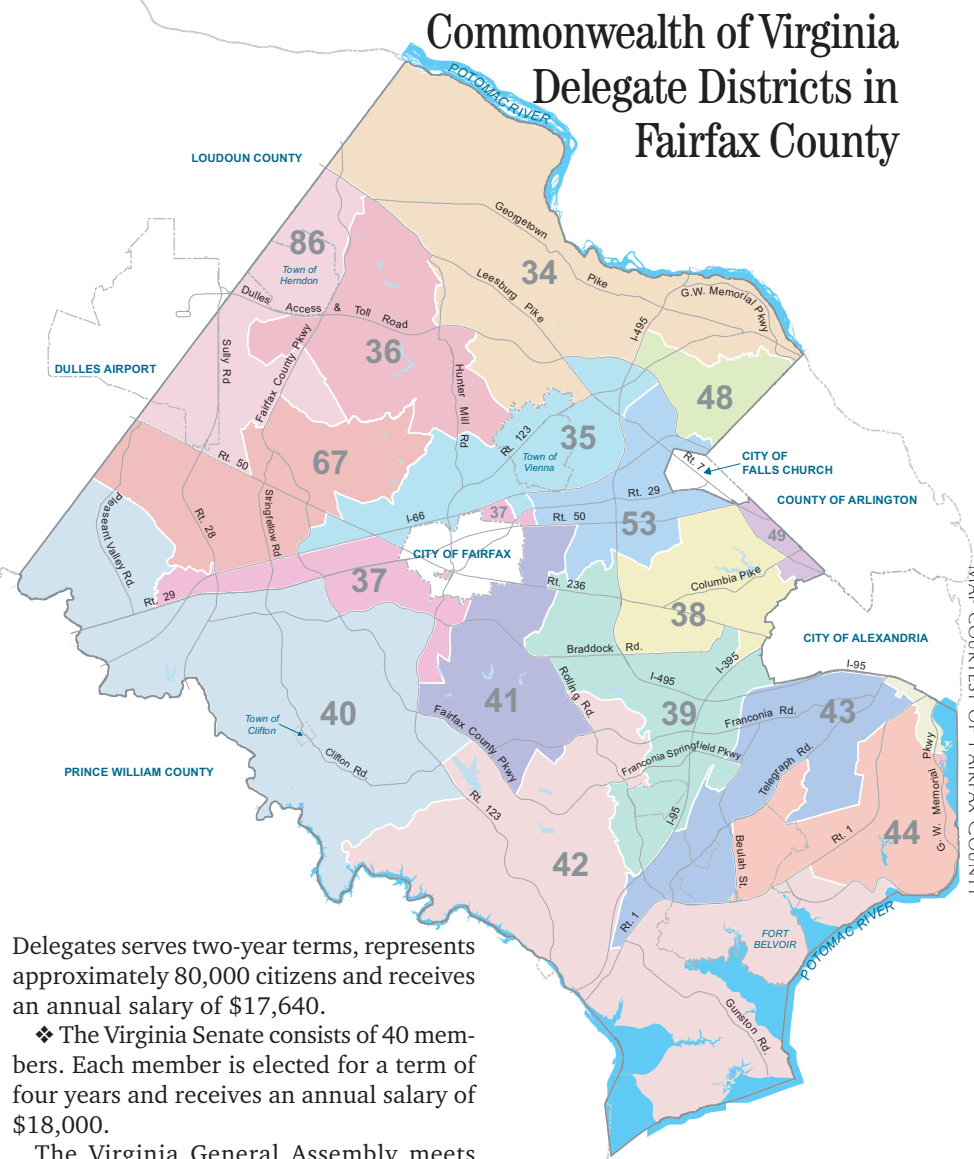
According to an official candidate list released last month by the Virginia State Board of Elections, 57 House seats will be contested this November—marking only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats will have more than one name on the ballot.

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)  
www.Staceykincaid.com  
Bryan A. "B.A." Wolfe (R)  
(no site listed on SBE)  
Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)  
www.honestlyandethics.com  
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](http://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

### GOVERNOR

- ❖ **Terry R. McAuliffe (D)**  
www.terrymauliffe.com
- ❖ **Ken T. Cuccinelli (R)**  
www.cuccinelli.com
- ❖ **Robert C. Sarvis (I)**  
www.robertsarvis.com

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- ❖ Ralph S. Northam (D)  
www.northamforlg.com
- ❖ E.W. Jackson (R)  
www.jacksonforlg.com

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

- ❖ Mark R. Herring (R)  
www.herringforag.com
- ❖ 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.

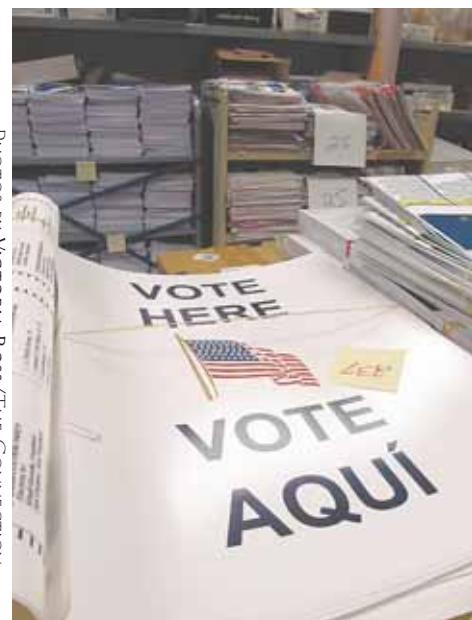
❖ The Virginia Senate consists of 40 members. Each member is elected for a term of four years and receives an annual salary of \$18,000.

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.



## 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](http://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](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo](http://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](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/>.

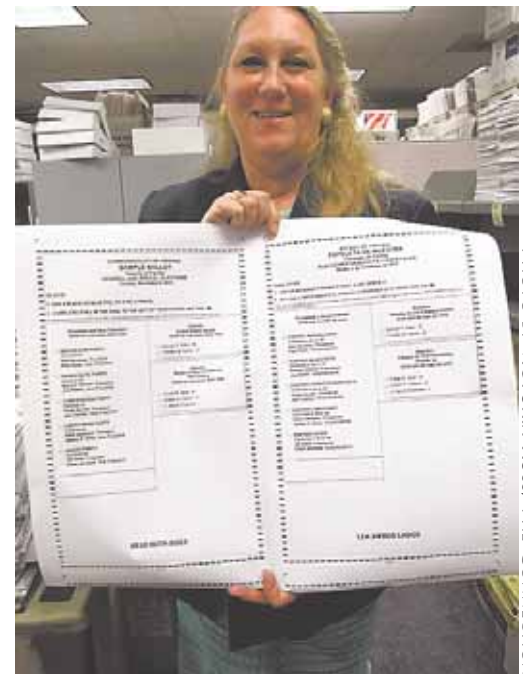
❖ Voter Information, Directions to Polling Places: this State Board of Elections website has information useful now and for future elections. <https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration>.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

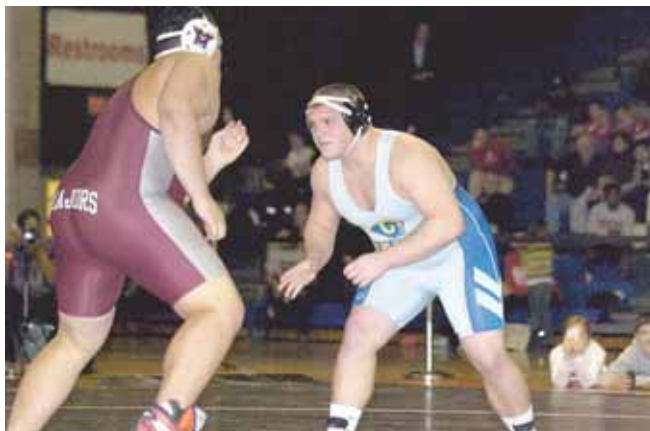


## NEWCOMERS

# 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

## Softball team won 2013 National District championship.

**School:** Hayfield Secondary School  
**Mascot:** Hawks  
**School colors:** Orange and white  
**Athletic director:** E.W. Nowland, 703-924-7472  
**❖ Football coach:** Roy Hill

The Hawks finished runner-up in the National District in 2012 and made the playoffs with a 7-3 regular-season record. Hayfield lost to Langley in the region quarterfinals.

- ❖ Volleyball coach: Jeff Berggren
- ❖ Boys' basketball coach: Carlos Poindexter
- ❖ Girls' basketball coach: Rudy Coffield
- ❖ Baseball coach: Michael Shore
- ❖ Softball coach: Ron Giovannucci
- ❖ Girls' lacrosse coach: Sarah Burrowbridge

What Happened Last Year: Freshman gymnast Molly Overstreet finished in a three-way tie for first place on vault at the state meet. The boys' basketball team had an 11-game win streak during the regular season. The softball team repeated as district champion and finished with a 23-1 record. The girls' lacrosse team finished district runner-up to Yorktown for the fourth consecutive season. The boys' soccer team posted a 14-3-1 record, finishing district runner-up and reaching the region quarterfinals.

Famous graduates: Offensive lineman Tony Mayberry (1985 graduate) played football at Wake Forest University and was a fourth-round selection of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 1990 NFL Draft. He played 10 seasons as a center with Tampa Bay and was selected to three Pro Bowls. Darnell McDonald (1995) played receiver



**Molly Overstreet finished in a three-way tie for first place on vault at the 2012-13 state gymnastics meet.**

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

Quotable: "I knew that I nailed it, but I didn't think they were going to score me that high. I was really surprised. I was really happy."

—Hayfield gymnast Molly Overstreet, who scored a 9.8 on vault at the state meet and finished in a three-way tie for first.

## 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
- ❖ 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.

## Lee: Baseball Team Defeated West Springfield in District Tournament.

**School:** Robert E. Lee High School  
**Mascot:** Lancers  
**School colors:** Blue and gold  
**Athletic director:** Lori Barb, 703-924-8352  
**❖ Football coach:** Clarence Martin (third year)

After a 3-1 start, the Lancers dropped their final six games to finish 3-7 in 2012

- ❖ Field hockey coach: Lindsey Conrad
- ❖ Volleyball coach: Adam Greenberg
- ❖ Boys' basketball coach: Kosa So

What Happened Last Year: Baseball team beat defending region champion West Springfield in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament.

Famous graduates: Melissa Belote Ripley

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**Meghan Cox was a 2013 Lee High School graduate.**

won three swimming gold medals as a 15-year-old in the 1972 Olympics, including setting a world record in the 200-meter backstroke.

## Edison: Boys' Lacrosse Team Won District Championship.

**School:** Thomas A. Edison High School  
**Mascot:** Eagles  
**School colors:** Red, white and navy blue  
**Athletic director:** Berk Stoy, 703-924-8090  
**❖ Football coach:** Anthony Parker (fourth season)

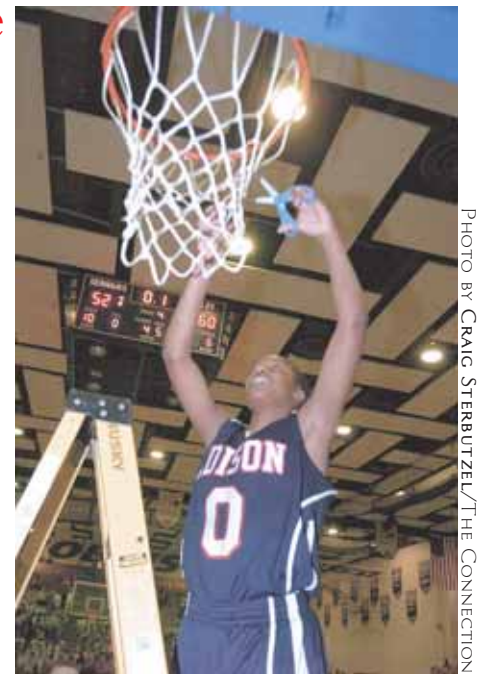
The Eagles qualified for the 2012 postseason with a 5-5 regular-season record. Edison lost to top-seed Stone Bridge in the Division 5 region quarterfinals.

❖ Boys' basketball coach: Terry Henderson

- ❖ Girls' basketball coach: Dianne Lewis
- ❖ Baseball coach: John Lam
- ❖ Boys' lacrosse coach: Jason Jeffries

What Happened Last Year: The girls' basketball team finished district runner-up before winning the region championship. The boys' lacrosse team repeated as district champion.

Quotable: "We knew that they came out hard on us, our kids were tight [and] they were nervous—it was clear they were ner-



**Jada Graves and the Edison girls' basketball team won the 2012-13 Northern Region championship.**

vous. My job then was just to calm them down. I kept asking them to just calm down. [South Lakes] made their run, [the Eagles are] going to be fine."

—Edison girls' basketball coach Dianne Lewis. The Eagles overcame a 17-point deficit to win the region title.



**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.**

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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  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

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](http://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-

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### 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."



# NON-PROFITS

## GIVE

GIVE (Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education) is a non-profit organization founded and operated by high school students, which works towards promoting leadership of youth through volunteering time for a free tutoring program for children. Last year, GIVE ran 11 centers in both libraries and community centers, and is looking forward to expanding further this year with more support. The GIVE center at Richard Byrd Library, which has served over 1,000 students, has over 100 students and 60 tutors that meet every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. [www.giveyouth.org](http://www.giveyouth.org).

## Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)

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## South County Cares

South County Church congregation members and south county area community members work together on local and international projects like National Night Out, Operation Christmas Child, and local and international aid efforts. [www.southcountycares.org](http://www.southcountycares.org).

## National Capital Food Bank

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## Our Daily Bread

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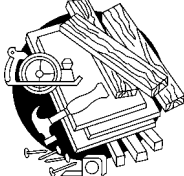
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