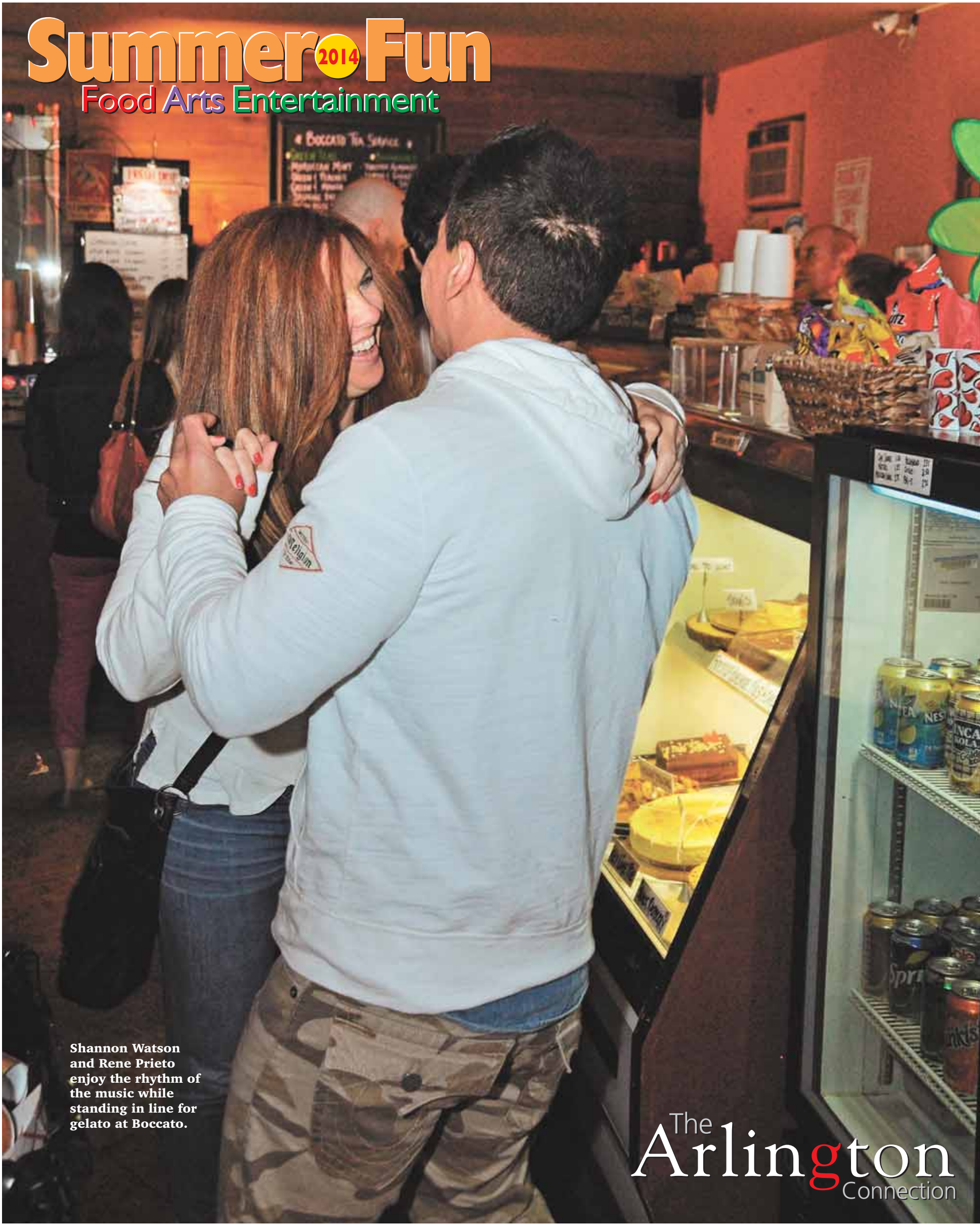


Summer ²⁰¹⁴ Fun

Food Arts Entertainment



Shannon Watson and Rene Prieto enjoy the rhythm of the music while standing in line for gelato at Boccato.

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FORT C.F. SMITH, 2411 24TH ST. N.

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Teens are invited to participate in an adventurous, hands-on, emergency response scenario alongside Arlington's public safety and emergency response teams, the American Red Cross and additional safety professionals.

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Designed to help individuals with disabilities (ages 8+) learn how to ride a bike independently. Spotters are also needed to run alongside the riders as they learn, providing physical and emotional support.

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Interested Volunteers (Ages 16+): contact Hkih@arlingtonva.us



Residents Recommend Things To Do

Summer ushers in days and nights of fun activities.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE CONNECTION

While a months-long summer vacation is a thing of the past for most adults, Arlington residents still enjoy all that their county has to offer between Memorial Day and Labor Day. From weekly farmers markets to makeshift movie theaters, Arlington hosts many summer activities.

In addition to its popular smattering of rooftop bars and restaurants, there are many venues that make Arlington a hopping place to be in the summer.

Starting in July, for example, Arlington's Clarendon neighborhood will host "Now Playing on the Loop," a monthly movie night at the Market Common shopping center.

"There was an unplugged, acoustic movie series for some time, but now we will be having movie nights in July, August and September on the loop around Market Common," Carol Nahorniak, creative director for Myers Public Relations, said. More details will emerge on the Market Common website as the debut movie night approaches in July.

There is no shortage of farmers markets. Fresh breads, cheeses and crafts are aplenty in Ballston, Clarendon, Courthouse and Rosslyn.

Arlington resident Taylor Entsminger said



Russell Jacobs



Jenna Spealman

perusing the farmer's market near the County Courthouse is a perfect way to spend a warm Saturday morning.

"I love walking through the farmers' market there with tea in my hand, and cool clothes and jewelry to look through," Entsminger said. "It's a cool alternative to just meeting a friend for coffee or brunch."

"I like to go to Upton Hill Regional Park for the batting cages and the miniature golf."

— Arlington resident Russell Jacobs

In addition to structured events and even happy hour specials, some Arlington residents just like having places to be outside to get their daily dose of endorphins. Regional parks have special hours for the summer, and without school in session, athletic facilities at local schools are more accessible

to the community.

"I like to go to Upton Hill Regional Park for the batting cages and the miniature golf," Arlington resident Russell Jacobs said. "It's a great way to get out of the house and a cheap way for me to work on my swing."

Arlington resident Jenna Spealman said she plans on taking advantage of the track at Washington and Lee High School, where in the summers she doesn't have worry about literally running into student athletes.

"It's nice being able to run in the summer and not have to cross streets or worry about cars and traffic," Spealman said. "It's a great way to exercise because I have a wedding I am getting ready for this fall."

There are also spots for sweet relief all



Cody Mruk

over Arlington, from beloved ice cream shops to frozen yogurt places.

"We walk to get ice cream at Larry's Homemade [Ice Cream]," Clarendon residents Amanda and Josh Borders said. "We like the creative flavors."

While some Northern Virginians aren't thrilled about the humidity that comes with East Coast heat, Arlington resident Cody Mruk noted one perk that no other season brings.

"The sundresses," Mruk said. "There is nothing like seeing the women in Arlington strutting from happy hour to happy hour in sundresses. It's just enough to make a man pay attention."



Treats for the Outdoors

Alyssa Devlin and Sarah Schraes enjoy a treat at Nicecream Factory and the spring weather. Both live in the Courthouse area of Arlington.

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Ariel Nerbovig and Lili Kattan enjoy sitting outside with their Pinkberry delights in the warm spring sunshine in the Lyon Village area of Arlington.

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START SUMMER OFF AT WOLF TRAP

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8
Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11
Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12
Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13
Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14
Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

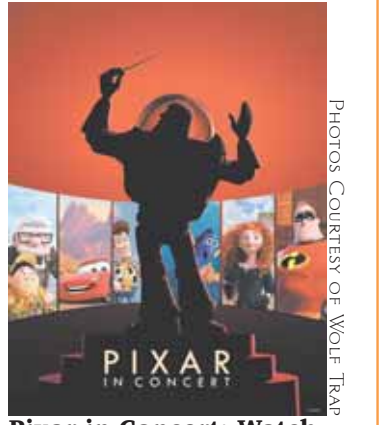
WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18
John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19
Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21
Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25
Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28
Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumph performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 DC-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29
Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

TUESDAY/JULY 1
Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

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May

THURSDAYS THROUGH JULY

Alexandria Boutiques Up Late. Times vary by location. Accompanied by special block parties with in-store events emphasizing different sections of Alexandria's King Street, from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays from May 8-June 5, 2014. Boutiques will continue to remain open until 8 p.m. throughout July. Check website for specific hours and block party locations. Free. Visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com for more.

THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery 150th Anniversary Observation. Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 6

Twilight Tattoo: A Military Pageant, Arlington. 7 p.m. Fort Myer, Arlington. Listen to an hour long ceremony by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the U.S. Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Field and Drum Corps, as well as many more. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 29-JUNE 1

34th Annual Herndon Festival. The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This town-wide event attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Cost for rides and food. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-JUNE 27

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Across from 1750 Crystal Dr. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-AUG. 22

Rosslyn Summer Film Festival. 8-10 p.m. Gateway Park. Enjoy work and office-themed movies, including Horrible Bosses and Office Space, Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Arlington, Celebration & Pancake Breakfast. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. Third Street. The Ball-Sellers House will be open all day for free tours after the pancake breakfast and then will invite visitors to relax under the wisteria arbor after the parade for colonial treats and lemonade. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, plus goodies, sidewalk chalking, hopscootch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-9377.

Vintage VA Winefest Bus Trip. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Clyde's, Reston Town Center, 11905 Market St., Reston. Hop on the All-Inclusive Vintage VA Winefest Bus, including VIP admission ticket, amenities and souvenirs. \$49.99+. Call 703-251-4800.

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons

Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit www.tastetysons.com for more.

Vintage Wine and Food Festival.

Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.
Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists - painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass - are participating. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php for more.

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.
Herndon Festival 5K/10K Races. 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. 703-787-7300.

MONDAYS/JUNE 2-AUG. 25

Crystal Screen: In Flight. 1851 S. Bell St. Rain or shine. Movies begin after sunset. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-JULY 17

Sunsets with a Soundtrack at Brucker Hall. 8 p.m. Brucker Hall on Fort Myer, Arlington. Sit back and enjoy the sounds of the U.S. Army as they commemorate and acknowledge different historical events. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com for cancellations and location changes.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-26

Alexandria, War of 1812 Outdoor Concert Series. Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Pack a picnic dinner and blanket and enjoy a concert on the Carlyle House's lawn, featuring live 1812-themed music of the era. 703-549-2997. Suggested donation \$5. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812 for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Go West! Alexandria West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as non-food vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit www.AlexandriaWEBA.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center.

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-AUG. 29

Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Enjoy a wide variety of genres and performers at the Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.PotomacRiverBoatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.
Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax, featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Approximately 90 minutes, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. Call 703-385-8414.

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-AUG. 28

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break.shtml for weekly lineup.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-14

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

Columbia Pike Blues Fest. Columbia Pike venues. Little Bit A Blues 6 p.m. Friday at Penrose Square. Festival 1-8:30 p.m. Saturday with headliner Ana Popovi. Free, donations welcome. Visit www.columbia-pike-blues-festival/?event=columbia-pike-blues-festival.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15

Tinner Hill Blues Festival. Various locations around Falls Church. The Tinner Hill Blues Festival is the only three-day event in Falls Church. There will be all kinds of blues for all ages, all weekend, all over town. Visit <http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival> for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise. Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington. \$75; \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242.



Kaitlyn gets her face painted by Chantell Denney at last year's Arlington County Fair.



Sarah Russell-Hunter flips high in the air as she jumps in a harness at the 2013 Arlington County Fair.

in collaboration with ArtsFEST.

2-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visitors can browse artisan stalls and purchase handmade pieces while enjoying live entertainment, or watch performances and participate in special activities. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/arts2014 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Free Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer.

Crystal Car: Father's Day Auto Festival. 2-6 p.m. 2121 Crystal Dr. Features sports cars, muscle cars, electric cars, a beer garden, and more. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

3rd Annual Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At this event enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

Arlington County Fair

The 2014 Arlington County Fair will take place Aug. 6-10 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. The fair will include amusement rides like the Zipper and Heartflip, returning after their popularity last year. The theme of the 2014 fair is "Urban Adventure," celebrating the opportunities that Arlington offers its residents and visitors. There will be live entertainment throughout the week but the performers have not yet been finalized. There are a wide variety of competitive exhibits available for children and adults including flowers, photography and decorated food. Volunteers are also needed at the fair and anyone interested must fill out a volunteer interest form by July 21. For more, visit <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/> or email info@arlingtoncountyfair.us.



Geneva Webber bounces on water as she plays inside a huge bubble at the 2013 Arlington County Fair.

www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-22

Relay for Life. 5 p.m. Long Bridge Park Field 1. 475 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington. Visit www.relayforlife.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Herndon Centennial Golf Course Short Game Challenge. 8 a.m. 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. 703-471-5769. Visit www.herdongolf.com for more.

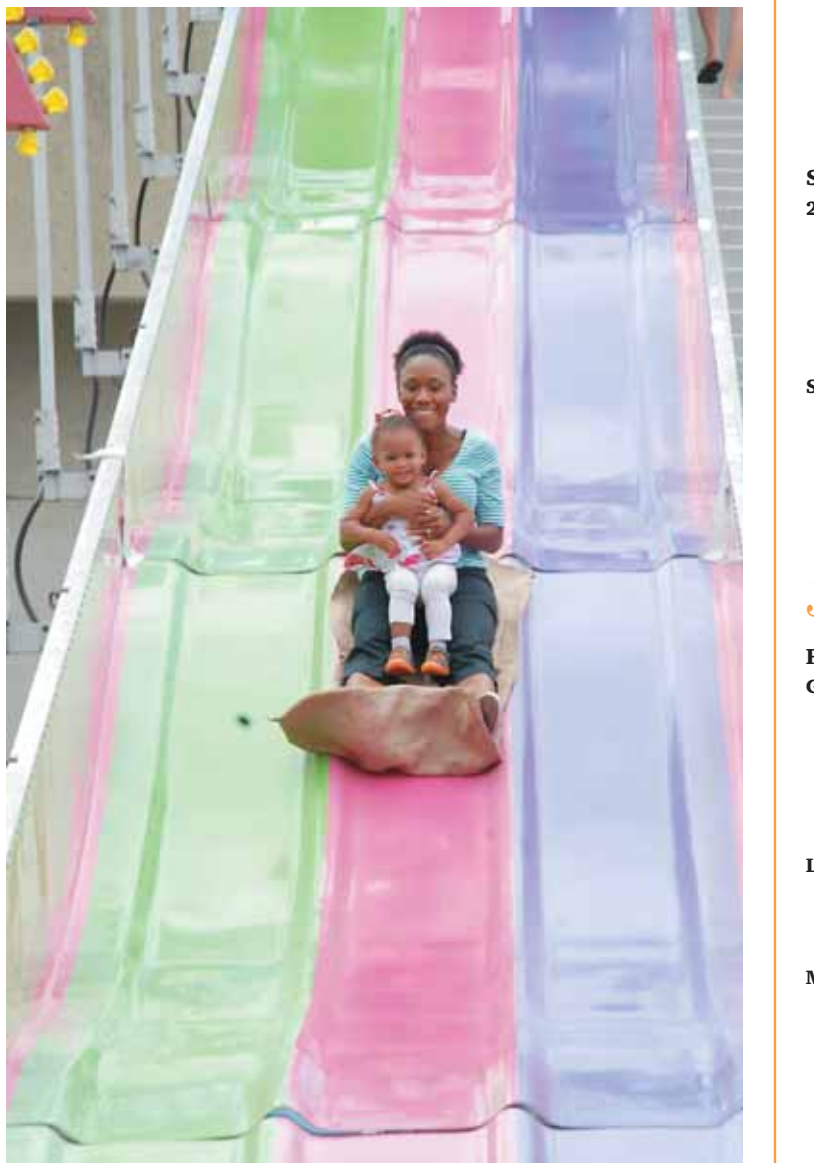
SUNDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.
Mason District Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-941-1730.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-437-9101.

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Chanda Causer and her daughter Nylah Brown glide down a gigantic slide at last year's Arlington County Fair.

www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music, ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com for more.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 12-13

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment Weekend. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will feature an interpretation of the historic battle, highlights of Union and Confederate camps, military and civilian living history activities and a President Lincoln interpreter. Suggested donation \$2/adults, \$5/families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 19-20

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

MONDAY/JULY 28

Herndon Centennial Junior Open. 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Open to kids of all skill levels to come and enjoy the thrill of competition. Visit <http://herndon-va.gov> for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2-SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags 'n' Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincey Street, Arlington. Wags n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags 'n' Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, demonstrations and children's activities such as face painting, balloon art, strolling entertainment and more. Visit villageatshirlington.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Jazz Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

War of 1812 Signature Event. Noon-5 p.m. Alexandria Waterfront. Visitors are invited to delight in interactive historical exhibits, boating activities and food trucks. Features a

tug-of-war, cricket match and yacht race as well. 703-746-4242. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812

September

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit burkecentreweb.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Reston Triathlon. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Swim, run and bike at the annual Reston Triathlon. Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri/.

THURSDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

King Street Art Festival. Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on King Street, Alexandria. In a burst of vibrant color and activity, the 12th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival transforms the city's historic main street into a world-class outdoor art gallery. Free. Visit artfestival.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Tysons World Music Festival. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at Tysons Square Tysons II, Tysons Boulevard. Full day of local and national performers, fine arts, and charity benefit. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Tyson's BBQ, Bourbon and Beer. Tysons Townsquare. Join us at the festival for a great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin', and barbeque eatin'. Visit www.beerandbourbon.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

Colonial Market & Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day Run. 7-9:30 a.m., Corner of North Highland Street and Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Kick off the Clarendon Day Festival with a 10K, 5K, and a Kids Dash. \$10-\$55. Visit runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash for more.

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FARMERS MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Ave. and Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

SUNDAYS

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The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products.



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8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmkt.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tyson's Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market. open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm



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Edmund Wong and Dallas Woodrum from Arlington enjoy the new outdoor chairs and tables added just in time for spring and summer.

Clarendon's Gelato Gem

If looking for a place that rivals the coffee in Italy, then visit Boccatto. Located in Clarendon, on the 2700 block of Wilson Boulevard, Boccatto offers rich lattes such as minty oreo, salted caramel and Nutella.

The gelato flavors change often, but you'll be lucky if you get to taste selections such as pineapple basil, guava, or Nutella.

Additionally, you can enjoy a meal or snack of Julia's empanadas in the lounge or the new open seating area outside. There are benches designed for children and a bowl of dog treats for the family pet. But be prepared for a line after dinnertime for gelato, the line is often out the door in the evening.

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A variety of flavors await, including minty Oreo, Nutella, guava, passion fruit, toasted almonds, salted caramel, and Mojito.



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Angel McNamara works with Bernadine Jones-Gibb on proper fighting stance during the cardio boxing class, where participants wear boxing gloves.

Center Keeps Seniors Fit

The Walter Reed Community Center kicked off a 55+ Fitness Day with Boomer Boot Camp at 9 a.m. on May 14 and ended with an afternoon of meditation at the end of the day. In between seniors could sample the variety of classes offered at the center including Tai Chi, line dancing, dance fusion, stretching, pickleball, balance, Hatha Yoga, modern dance, cardio boxing, and Kukuwa African Dance.

This was the second day-long exercise and well-being Fitness Day and was sponsored by Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs. In addition to the fitness class, there were demonstrations in nutrition and Capital BikeShare as well as health talks and screenings. Senior Alliance's Nort Beckerman spoke to a group about maintain-

ing the health of the brain and the Virginia Hospital Center provided blood pressure screenings. Participants were also treated to a nutrition demonstration and lunch in the café, where Mathew Lee, MSPH, RDN talked about the basic nutrition needs for aging adults.

For more information about the many programs offered through Office of Senior Adult Programs' 55+ series, call 703-228-4744. In addition to the classes featured on Fitness Day, they also feature aerobics, Pilates, strength training, seated exercises, cycling, walking, aqua exercise, Zumba, table tennis, golf, volleyball, ice skating and tennis. The Walter Reed Community Center is located at 2909 S. 16th St. in Arlington.

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