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WOLF TRAP'S 25TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA SWAMP ROMP™ Big Sam's Funky Nation

BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet Stooges Brass Band JUNE 14

JOHN BUTLER TRIO ALLEN STONE JUNE 18

PIXAR IN CONCERT NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Emil de Cou, conductor Film & Live Score! JUNE 20



GREASE Full Film & Lyrics! JUNE 21

BEN FOLDS

NATIONAL SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA** Steven Reineke, conductor

JUNE 25

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Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

Summer Fun Revisits Herndon

Traditional festivals, concerts and events planned this summer.

> By Ryan Dunn The Connection

Herndon Festival

Lasting May 29 to June 1, the annual Herndon Festival will be a part of the largest free event in Northern Virginia. This award-winning event takes place in historic downtown Herndon at 777 Lynn Street. As always, there is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival.

In addition to carnival rides, the festival has other attractions including art and craft vendors and musical entertainment on three stages in downtown Herndon. The Council for the Arts of Herndon produces the Children's Hands-On-Art Area at the Herndon Festival on Saturday and Sunday. The Children's Hands-On Art Area will be located in the Kid's Alley at Station and Lynn Streets. The Children's Hands-On-Art tent will be filled with fun activities for children.

Another feature of the Herndon festival is the annual 10K and 5K race. A 10K and 5K race will be held on June 1. The race course goes through historic downtown Herndon during Herndon Festival weekend. Both the 10K and 5K courses are USATF certified. Awards are presented to the top two finishers from each age group from the 10 & under, to 70 & over. For more information on the Herndon Festival visit www.herndonfestival.net

Friday Night Live Concerts

The 20th season of Friday Night Live has a great music lineup. Concerts are held at downtown Herndon on Fridays on the Town Green. The Concerts are held May 2 to Aug. 22 and begin around 6:30 p.m. ending around 10:30 p.m. The Friday Night Live

concert series is free to attend and is almost always held unless rain forces them to cancel. Friday Night Live (FNL!) is one of the most popular outdoor concert series in the D.C. area. The concert has been ranked as a "Must See" for Fairfax County, and is recognized by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.For more information visit herndonrocks.com.

Music at Arrowbrook Park in June and July

Arrowbrook Management Corporation and Arrowbrook Centre, LLC are sponsoring Music at Arrowbrook Park concert series in celebration of this exceptional recreational facility's third full season of service to the public. The concert series will be on Saturday evenings from June to July. Through a partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority, a series of concerts will be held at Arrowbrook Park. For last minute performance cancellations due to inclement weather, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the program start time. Arrowbrook Centre Park Concert is made possible through the generous support of: The Ruth and Hal Launders Charitable Trust Arrowbrook Management Corporation Arrowbrook Centre, LLC. For more information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/performances

Playing on Saturday evenings throughout June and July at Arrowbrook Park:

June 21: Guy Mendilow Ensemble (World Music), June 28: Black 47 (Irish), July 5: The Back Roads Band (Country), July 12: The United States Army Blues (Jazz), July 19: The United States Air Force "Max Impact" (Light Classics/Pop), July 26: Big Daddy Stallings & The Bluez Evolution Band (Blues & Soul)

ArtSpace Herndon

Located at 750 Center Street, Herndon, the community art gallery ArtSpace Herndon will show the exhibit Burnt Offerings on display from June 3 to 29. Artist Ms. Norwood will be attending the Artist



PHOTOS BY RYAN DUNN/ THE CONNECTION

Williamsburg **Winery Limited** pours a sample of Midsummer Night's White wine t the 25th **Herndon Labor** Day Festival on Monday, Sept. 2, 2013.

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In addition to carnival rides, the Herndon Festival offers a number of attractions including booths where crafts are available for purchase.

Reception on Saturday, June 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the pub-

ArtSpace also hosts an annual art event called Paint Herndon. The event is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 20, and is an all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon. For more information visit www.artspaceherndon.com.

Towne Square Singers Concerts On June 13, 14, and 15 the Towne Square

Singers will present a celebration of the silver screen and Hollywood's greatest songs spanning eight decades. From the opening "reel" through a collection of classics, love songs, a quest for adventure, academy awards winners on to the "final reel", a tribute to movie history's most famous musical moments as we give our regards to Hollywood. This event reunites longtime directors Jean Goldsby and Harlon Reece.

Tickets are \$12 and the concerts will be held at NextStop Theatre at 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets are available at the Herndon Community Center in person or

by calling 703-787-7300. Tickets purchased on Tuesday, June 10 - Friday, June 13 by phone will be available at the show. Remaining tickets will be available for each show at the door.

4th of July Fireworks

Friday, July 4 there will be a family-fun event featuring games, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists and more in Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. At 6:30 p.m. face painting, balloon sculpturing, bingo and crafts begin, all for free! Festival foods will be available for sale. The fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m.

Herndon Labor Day Festival

Herndon Labor Day Festival is scheduled Monday, Sept. 1, from 12-6 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street. The annual Labor Day Festival includes live music, a craft show, food, twelve wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations.



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On June 13, 14, and 15 the Herndon Towne Square Singers will present a celebration of the silver screen and Hollywood's greatest songs.



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THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery 150th Anniversary Observation.

Join the 150th anniversary emoration of the establishme as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for

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 US Infantry Regiment, the US Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife 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 is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. 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

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, plus goodies, sidewalk chalking, nopscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-

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.

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.

Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness, 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road,

Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28 Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-

Great Falls Studios Spring Art

Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 o.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

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 703-569julie.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.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Reston, Annual Golf Tournament. 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston Proceeds to benefit local elementary schools. Register online at www.celebrategreatfalls.org

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 4- AUG. 27

Lee District Nights Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Enjoy a wide variety of acts from The Nighthawks to The U.S. Air Force Band, Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/

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 nonfood vendors and children's activities

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Free admission. Visit

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 o great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/ schedule.php for more.

www.AlexandriaWEBA.com 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 waterfrom 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/caninecruise.php.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Relay for Life. 1 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon, Visit www.relayforlife.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-8 Lake Anne Plaza's Chalk on the

Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery, \$5-\$15. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com for more

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. 8 p.m. (sundown). Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday (July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14). Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. For a full

lakeanneplaza.com/event/lake-anne-

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-AUG. 28

list of films shown, visit http://

summer-film-festival/

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 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit

www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/ calendar-of-events.html for more. **Mount Vernon Nights: Alt**

Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, vodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, buttonbox accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer, Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball **Fundraiser).** 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit

Become a Pilot Family Day and

584-2900.

www.workhousearts.org or call 703-

Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and

find out what skills are needed to fly. Inside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids Visit http://becomeapilot.si.edu for

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions:

Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registrati includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

The Old Town Arts and Crafts 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.

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday,

June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax

County Government Center, 12000 Gov-

ernment Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Satur-

day, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and

Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit

http://celebratefairfax.com/ for details

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of

Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting

zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

Sully Antique Car Show. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, tour the historic house, music and food, kid's tent, flea market, cars for sale. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Historic house will be open at no additional cost. Visit ww.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sullyhistoric-site.

5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Join us for our 5th annual Father's Day gourmet Cuban Lechung Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for

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-

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com **Ballroom Social Dance.** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org for

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Alex Childs, of Springfield,

midway game Wipeout at

the three-day 2013 Cel-

ebrate Fairfax Festival

tests his agility in the

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

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 kidfriendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-437-9101

FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29 **Braddock Nights Concert Series**

7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Celebrate

Virginia's largest communitywide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit http://celebratefairfax.com/, or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern

The 25-acre site is filled with

performances/ for location and schedule

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

outdoors. Visit

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

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.

E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park er, 5040 Walney Road Chantilly. 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.703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle **Races**. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more

Summer Concert Series: The **United States Navy Band, The Commodores.** 6-7 p.m. 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway Chantilly Listen to a free musical performance on the Museum's lawn. Visit http:// airandspace.si.edu/events/ detail.cfm?id=10362 for more

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls Fourth of July Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades, festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July 6. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org

Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton, Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day

Mount Vernon's An American **Celebration.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." Visit

www.mountvernon.org for more Herndon 4th of July Celebration 6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/specialevents/independence-day-celebration

for more. Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane Fairfax Station Visit www.ekoji.org for more. USA & Alexandria Birthday

Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free

Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit

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

Trev McIntvre Project. 8:30 p.m In their final DC performance, this nventive 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 zvdeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets:

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Tickets: \$30-\$58.

Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

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

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m.

Hall of Famers are the most

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All

on the big screen including

Monsters, Inc., paired with

your favorite animated Pixar films

Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and

memorable scores played by the

National Symphony Orchestra.

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev

mate summer night with the

Rydell High gang and sing-a-long

with the hits you're hopelessly

devoted to as the original 1978

the lawn with lyrics on screen.

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of

Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's

up your vocal chords for an

successful pop duo of all time.

Still making your dreams come

true with unforgettable soul and

rock anthems, these Rock and Roll

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant 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.

Pixar in Concert: Watch

mated Pixar films on the

all your favorite ani-

big screen including

scores played by the

National Symphony

Orchestra June 20.

Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Tickets: \$36-\$88.

Finding Nemo, Up, Toy

Story, and Monsters, Inc.,

The Sing-Off showcases his new

arrangements of pop hits with the

piano concerto and orchestral

National Symphony Orchestra.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check

website for exact showtimes (also

on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday,

July 1). New production, sung in

Italian with English supertitles.

Inside the Opera preshow talk

begins one hour before curtain.

paired with memorable

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 supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

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 supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

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www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html 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

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival. 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit www.proboliviausa.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags 'N Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy 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.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

27th Annual Pakistan

Independence Day Festival USA. Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com for

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 artista and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/8thannual-jazz-blues-festival/30.

September

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Herndon Labor Day Festival. Noon-6 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit www.herndonva.gov for more.

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 www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

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/SEPT11-THURSDAY/SEPT18

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/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more. **Paint Herndon.** At ArtSpace

Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. An all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com for

Tysons BBQ, Bourbon and Beer.

Tysons Townsquare. A great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin' and barbeque eatin'. Visit www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/ show-info 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

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. This event is designed for youth ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11

a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ MulticulturalFestival.shtml

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 2 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Help raise money and support for treatment for Alzheimer's Disease at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Visit act.alz.org/ for more.

NatureFest. 1- 5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. A family-focused event to explore various stations throughout the park that include hands-on activities, educational events, wildlife visitors and crafts. Visit herndon-va.gov for more.

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

Clarendon Farmers Market.

Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, The Open Air Mar-

ket in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



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.4mrmarket.org/ for more. West End Farmers Market, 8:30

a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, inseason vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, freshbaked 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/

Tysons 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 is 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.mountvernon farmersmarket.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.novaantiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market.

3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/ farmers-market/fair-lakesfarmers-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/governmentcntrmrkt.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

Summer•Fun

Food Arts Entertainment

Musicians Paul Voshell on the drums and David James handled percussions at the May 2 Friday Night Live Concert at the Town of Herndon.



Top Ten

By Rachel Stone THE CONNECTION

ere's your top ten list of events to check out this summer.

34th Annual Herndon Festival. May 29-June 1. Historic Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn St. Come with friends and family to the largest summer festival in all of Northern Virginia. Enjoy the carnival rides. vendors' booths, hands-on art for kids, and fireworks displays. Then, tie up your laces for the 10K and 5K races in our Fitness Expo. Entry is www.herndonfestival.net

Herndon Friday Night Live! Every Friday, June 6-Aug. 22. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Sit back and relax to great sounds on Friday nights with this local concert series. Featuring the most popular local and regional

acts of the east coast. FNL was named BEST of NoVA 2012 by Northern Virginia Magazine. Concerts are free; food vendors are on site. See herndonrocks.com for schedule.

Relay for Life. June 7. 1 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St, Herndon. Stay up all night for the fight against cancer! This family-friendly event fundraises for the American Cancer Society, and has already raised over \$37,500. Register as an individual, or with a team: relayforlife.org, search

Chalk on the Water Festival. June 7-8. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue, as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com.

Taste of Reston. June 13-14. 3- 11 p.m. Come hungry to the Reston Town Center for two days of food and drinks, live entertainment, carnival rides, the Family Fun Zone! and a Wine 'n Dine area. In the last two years, Taste of Reston was voted "Best Food Festival in Northern Virginia" by Virginia Liv- Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, ing Magazine. You won't want to miss it. Herndon. Get outside to swim, bike and run in this Restontaste.com

Events at Lake Anne Plaza. June 8-Sept. 14. From their Summer Film Festival on the second Sundays of the month, to their Take a Break Concert series on Thursdays, Lake Anne is your local getaway for the summer. Those with a taste for the global should also attend the Reston Multicultural Festival

Summer fun events in Reston & Herndon.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVeigh/The Connection Rich Potter, otherwise known at Bert the Nerd, performs his act at the Herndon Festival Saturday, June 2, 2013.

Sept. 27. Lakeanneplaza.com and restoncommunitycenter.com

Summer at Herndon Centennial Golf Course. June 22. 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. The course is yours in the Short Game Challenge on June 22 or the Junior Open on July 28. All skill levels are welcome to enjoy the thrill of the competition. Visit www.herndongolf.com for

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays, June 23-August 20. 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.703-437-9101.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. July 4. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to celebrate the nation in this family-fun event. Enjoy games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, and balloon artists! Fireworks show set to choreographed music begins at dark; approx. 9:30 p.m. https://www.herndonva.gov/Content/Parks rec/SpecialEvents/ 4th of July.aspx?cnlid=385

Herndon Labor Day Festival. Sept. 1. 12- 6 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St, Herndon. At the turn of the season, don't miss this festival's great music, craft show, delicious food, and twelve wineries and micro-brews with culinary demonstrations!

Paint Herndon. Sept. 20. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St, Herndon. A one-stop, all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of ArtSpace's opening in Herndon. Revel in the creative works of local artists, followed by a reception and awards ceremony. Applications are being accepted for Art on the Lawn. www.artspaceherndon.com

Herndon Kids Triathalon. Sept 21. 8 a.m. event, designed for ages 6-16. Calling youth big and small, regardless of athletic ability or prior athletic experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. http:// www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks rec/ Special Events / Kids Triathlon/ default.aspx?cnlid=4929



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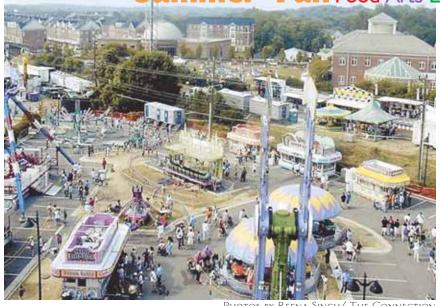
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mer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

The parking lot between Center Street and Station Street has historically been the site of carnival rides and games during the Herndon Festival.



Herndon Festival Returns This Weekend

Johnathan Watson, 2, watches a train go by during the Washing-

ton, Virginia and Maryland

play on the Herndon Town

Green at the festival several

years ago. This year's will take

Garden Railway Society's dis-

Festival features free entertainment, fireworks and carnival.

> By Reena Singh THE CONNECTION

ome one, come all! The Herndon Festival will celebrate its 34th year — with a mix of old and new — everything from familiar concerts and games to a gaming competition that will be live-streamed.

The free festival will be in historic downtown from Thursday to Sunday, May 29—June

"It's a family-oriented event all the way through," said Herndon Parks and Recreation marketing specialist Abby Kimble. "It's a great start to the summer, a great way to get outside and reconnect."

However, she said pets are not allowed on the festival grounds and she discourages anyone from leaving them in their car.

Nearly every other town of Herndon department is in-

volved in bringing the festival to fruition every year, including the police department and Department of Public Works.

"Public Works puts it all up and takes it down overnight so we're back to our small town feel," said Director of Parks and Recreation Cindy Roeder.

AS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS, there will be three Herndon High School and Worldgate Centre roughly stages of entertainment, two nights of fireworks, a plethora of food and craft vendors and free live music will be available.

There will be some new components to this year's event as well, including a social media sponsored scavenger hunt.

"I'd encourage people to walk around and find the sponsors and take pictures of them to post on social media," said Kimble. "You can post it on our facebook page or tweet it #herndonfestival."

Winners will receive festival-related prizes, she

John, Paul, George and Ringo will also make a guest appearance - sort of.

> "We're having our very own British invasion on the downtown green," said Kimble.

Acts include Steve Lauri from The Hollies, The English Channel and Beatles tribute act The Return will have sets at the festival.

A new gaming event, League of the Legends, was organized by two local college students: 20 teams have been competing, and the finalists will have their battle live-streamed on a large screen at the festival.

"I guess you can say its a modern day Dungeons and Dragons," said Kimble.

Two new art displays will be seen this year. The Virginia Tourism Corporation is bringing a 16-foot high "Love" statue as a part of the Virginia is for Lovers campaign. Additionally, a wind art display will be installed on Saturday.

"We try to mix it up with new things every year so it doesn't feel stale," said Kimble. "There's always something fresh to do."

place from Thursday to Sunday. The only money needed is for food, rides and games. Even parking is free - but Kimble has advice for that.

> "Take the shuttle," she said. "It will just start your event off on the right foot. Better yet, ride your bike." She said staff will look after any bicycles brought

> FAIRFAX CONNECTOR SHUTTLES will leave

to the event for free.

every 10 minutes, according to Roeder. Kimble said for those who park at Worldgate to walk down Worldgate Drive towards the east to catch the shuttle. Signs will point the way.

"It's a great opportunity for family to come out," said Roeder. "We even have fun roaming entertainment to make it seem like a fun carnival-type event."

For more information and a schedule of events, visit herndonfestival.net.



Photos by Alex McVeigh/The Connec

Last Year at Herndon Festival

Matt Otis and the Sound performs at the Herndon Festival Saturday, June 1, 2013.



From left, Zoe Bailey, 8, and Ally French, 8, ride on a slide at the Herndon Festival.

Rich Potter, otherwise known at Bert the Nerd, performs his act at the Herndon Festival.

