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Fun Under the Sun in Fairfax

June: <http://fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-calendar/-curm-6/-cury-2014>

❖ June 2, 16 and June 30, 10:30 a.m.: Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series: Leisure Times, page 45: <http://www.flipsnack.com/nickcbd/fztpymf5>

❖ June 14: Father & Daughter Dance July: <http://fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-calendar/-curm-7/-cury-2014>

❖ July 4: Independence Day Celebration: <http://fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>; Leisure Times, page 4: <http://www.flipsnack.com/nickcbd/fztpymf5>

All summer (series):
❖ Summer Nights in the City: schedule in Leisure Times, page 46: <http://www.flipsnack.com/nickcbd/fztpymf5>

❖ Farmers Markets
www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

❖ Sherwood Cinema Series at Sherwood Center, 7 p.m., free (donations accepted for Our Daily Bread; see Leisure Times, page 6: <http://www.flipsnack.com/nickcbd/fztpymf5>

June 20: Saving Mr. Banks

July 11: Planes

Aug. 8: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

❖ Swing Dances at Sherwood (see Leisure Times, page 6: <http://www.flipsnack.com/nickcbd/fztpymf5>)

June 7

July 12

Aug. 2

1. Historic tours and program.s: <http://fairfaxva.gov/government/historic->

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resources/program.s/historic-tours-program.s

❖ Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.

"World War II: D-Day through the Battle of the Bulge"

❖ Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m.

"Adalbert Volck and Thomas Nast: German-A.m.erician Caricaturists"

❖ Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m.

"Hell is being Republican in Virginia: The Post-War Relationship between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant"

❖ Saturday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m.

"Civil War Balloon Corps"



Fairfax Old Town Plaza Summer Music Series with Mr Skip.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar flies high in Fairfax's Fourth of July parade.

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Mother-Son Picnic at Fairfax's Van Dyck Park

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Summer Fun Fairs & Festival 2014

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. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for details.

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.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

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, Centerville. 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.-8 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 703-324-8759.

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.

SUNDAYS/JUNE 1 -AUG. 17

Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Sundays in June, July and August. Visit www.gfcca.com/concerts.htm 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/performance/.

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.-7p.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/.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

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.

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 list of films shown, visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/lake-anne-summer-film-festival/>.

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.

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

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. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ 1812 for more.

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.

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. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are 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 www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Tasting Party: Teas of Korea. 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25. Call 703-941-7987.

The F.E.C. Caporales Universitarios de San Simon provides a lively and energetic performance at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



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When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/> for details.



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.



Alex Childs, of Springfield, tests his agility in the midway game Wipeout at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival

Become a Pilot Family Day and 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 more.

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 registration, 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.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 14-15

Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31, June 1, and July 4. Watermine park opens May 24. \$3. Call 703-471-5416.

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.

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/sully-historic-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 Lechug 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 more.

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.

Strawberry Festival. 2 p.m. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons about Machens grove. Visit www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

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 more.

Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide 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.

The 25-acre site is filled with 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.

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Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/ for location and schedule.

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.

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. 703-941-1730.

E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 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://airandspacelife.edu/events/detail.cfm?id=10362> for more.

July

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 for more.

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 parade.

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 re-enactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first

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

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

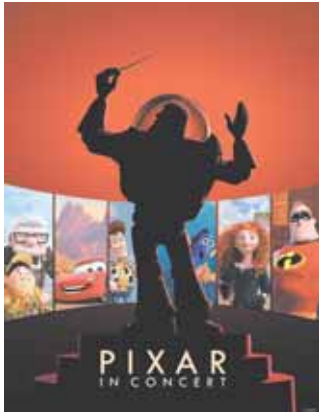
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

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



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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. 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.

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.

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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.

FARMERS MARKETS



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The Open Air Market 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, 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.

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.

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

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.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.

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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TUESDAY/AUG. 5

National Night Out. 6-9 p.m. Strengthen community connections and heighten crime-prevention awareness in the City of Fairfax. Visit www.bonniebrae.net 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 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 more.

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. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT 6-SUNDAY/SEPT 28

Live Onstage: Alice in Wonderland. 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. \$8-\$12. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

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.

Irish Folk Festival. 12-6 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival

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/special-events/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-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 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 www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2- SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Rd, 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.

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.

This year's Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta will be June 1, 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. The event, now in its 25th year, is part of Springfield Days.



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Top Ten ... and More Summer Fun Events

BY RACHEL STONE
THE CONNECTION

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

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. May 31. 8-10 a.m. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. This is an event your summer calendar won't want to miss. www.springfielddays.com.

Cardboard Boat Regatta. June 1. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness cardboard boat creations race along Lake

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova says that the Cardboard Boat Regatta, part of Springfield Days, that took place June 3, 2012 at Lake Accotink Park "...is my absolute favorite thing that I do all year round."

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Celebrate Fairfax! Returns June 6-8

Northern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place June 6-8, 2014 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of amazing concerts, family programs, green living, thrilling carnival rides and nightly fireworks. Among the festival's highlights are the more than 120 concerts and performances on eight stages, with an exceptional lineup of national, regional and local artists. Included are three fantastic headlining performances.

2014 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage:

♦ **Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m.** — THE ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

Starting out in 2003 with their self-titled platinum debut, followed by a double platinum release of *Move Along* in 2005 including singles "Move Along," "Dirty Little Secrets," and "It Ends Tonight," The All-American Rejects continued to soar the charts with their third album *When the World Comes Down* in 2008. Their single "Gives You Hell" became their first international hit, the No. 1 most-played song of 2009, spending four weeks at No. 1 at Top 40 radio, and sold four million copies in the U.S. alone. After a short time of musical and personal growth, The All-American Rejects released their fourth album *Kids in the Street* (2012). This synth-driven album incorporates horns and different instrumentation than the band has used in the past while still boasting their trademark earworm melodies, bright harmonies, and potent rhythmic energy. Lead singer Tyson Ritter said, "... if you were a Rejects fan and maybe have disconnected with us along our journey, *Kids in the Street* will be the album that reels you back in. And if you've stuck around, then thanks for growing up with us. Because that's what we've been doing for the last ten years — growing up. Audibly."

♦ **Saturday, June 7, at 8 p.m.** — CHEAP TRICK

With timeless classics such as "I Want You to Want Me," "Surrender," and "The Flame," Cheap Trick is a musical institution. Since the 70's they've been blending elements of pop, punk and even metal in a way that is instantly catchy and recognizable. Having performed more than 5,000 shows, with 20 million records sold, 29 movie soundtracks, and 40 gold and platinum recording awards, Cheap Trick was honored in October 2007 by the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences for their contributions to the music industry. Their most current release, *The Latest*, has garnered glowing reviews worldwide and continues Cheap Trick's reign as power-pop progenitors as they continue their legacy of over 35 years in the music industry.

***Sunday, June 8, at 4:30 p.m.** — THE HUNTS

The Hunts are an indie-folk band from the southlands of Chesapeake, Virginia. These seven brothers and sisters bring to the stage an amazing chemistry and powerful presence meticulously driven by violin, acoustic and electric guitar, banjo, mandolin, accordion, ukulele, piano, and rounded out with

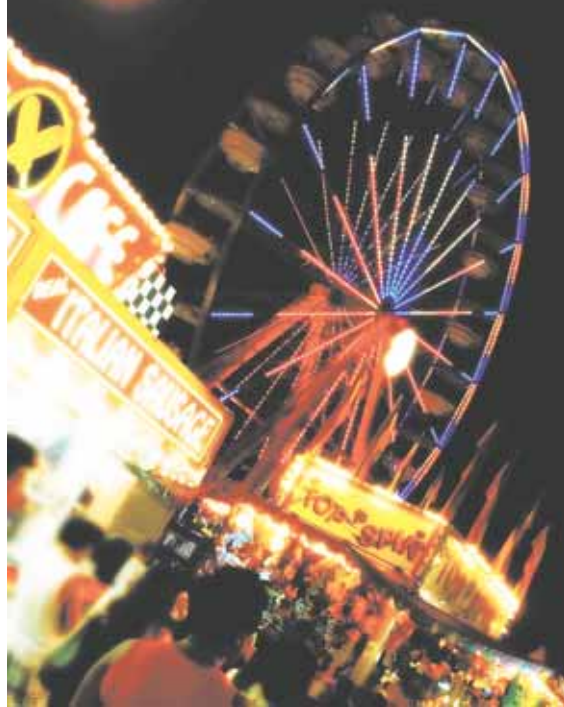


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Giant Wheel at Night Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

crisp harmonies. The Hunts have completed 7 U.S. tours, including performances in 42 states, and traveled worldwide for over 10 years. In November 2012, they released their newest album *We Were Young*, featuring 10 original songs. The album's first track, "Make This Leap," started receiving airplay from key market radio stations almost immediately after the album's release and was picked up by Milk-Bone for a national commercial in May of 2013. The Hunts recently signed a 6-album deal with Cherrytree Records, a label under the umbrella of Interscope Records.

In addition to the outstanding entertainment schedule, there are plenty of enhancements to the already extensive festival programming at Celebrate Fairfax!, including areas such as Greenology, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, the Fairfax is Beautiful Photo Contest, the Craft Beer Garden & Silent Disco, the Fairfax County DockDogs Competition, Emerging Artist Showcase featuring three talented local artists, plus more than 40 carnival rides and attractions, and over 30 food and drink vendors with enough variety to please anyone.

General admission seating is available for all performances; shows are free with daily tickets to the event. Advance tickets are on sale starting May 1 at all Northern Virginia Wegmans locations, and online www.celebratefairfax.com.

The 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its Communities," is met through the production of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, and educational programs such as Events101. For more information call (703) 324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.

Top Summer Fun Events in the Area

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Accotink's shoreline! This is the family event of the season! \$4 vehicle fee. 703-569-0285 or julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. h t t p : / / www.springfielddays.com.

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. June 6, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.; June 7, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.; June 8, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This is your community-wide summer festival with musical performances, rides, games and food! Come one, come all! 703-324-3247 or <http://www.celebratefairfax.com/>.

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. June 7. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St, Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax and featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites! Approx. 90 min, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. 703-385-8414.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. June 14. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Gather on the course with dad for the golf event of the summer! Teams of 2 will compete in all divisions. \$65/team. Registration includes lunch: 703-323-1641.

Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train! Come ride on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31, June 1, and July 4. Watermine park opens May 24. \$3. 703-471-5416.

Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, June 27- Aug. 29. 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 outdoors! <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/>

Burke Arts in the Parks. Saturdays, June 28- Aug. 23. 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! Fun for all ages. 703-323-6601.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. July 4. 10 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Celebrate with our Independence Day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks! <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment Weekend. July 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; July 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., 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. \$2-\$5. 703-746-4848. www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard

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