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2014-2015

Ryan Burkle rides the side of the bowl in the Powhatan Springs Skate Board Park.

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As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting

notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. We continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways. We welcome contributing writers, with the caveat that our freelance pay is nominal; if you are interested in covering news or events in your community, email editors@connectionnewspapers.com. We offer summer and year-round educational internships with information at www.connectionnewspapers.com/internships.

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A Haven in Arlington

Clarendon neighborhood offers multitude of options for residents.

BY VERONICA BRUNO
 THE CONNECTION

The Clarendon section of Arlington seems to be constantly changing and buzzing with energy. Clarendon, a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood, offers a lively nightlife scene as well as a bustling residential area. With new restaurants and residences cropping up all the time, navigating through construction zones seems to be a continuous challenge. But the demand seems to justify the activity.

"I have been living in Ballston for a few years, but I'm looking for a change in scenery," said Jessica Zachar, a 28 year-old consultant for Deloitte Consulting in White Oak, Md.

Dr. J. Reilly Lewis, a native of the area, has seen the many transformations first-hand. "Of course the big change was when the Metro came to Arlington." Lewis, founding director for the Washington Bach Consort and the music director for the Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C., also directs music for the Clarendon United Methodist Church right in the heart of the neighborhood.

Zachar cites the various modes of transportation as well as convenience as incentives for moving there. "It's a 10-minute walk to anything. The majority of my friends live there. Clarendon is the easiest spot for us to get to."

Transit choices also appeal to Jason Benya, a Salesforce IT consultant who works in Old Town but is moving to Clarendon. "I walk, I can do Capital Bikeshare, can do Uber. I have the option." There are lots of possibilities for pedestrians. "I can get to anything within 15 minutes."

"It's a great walking area for sure," agreed Lewis. One of his favorite eating spots is Silver Diner, which is family-friendly restaurant that offers its own convenient parking lot.

Emma Grandstaff appreciates the travel choices as well. "I like that there is easy access via the metro to D.C. as I work in the city. I do not have a car so I walk a lot, and Clarendon makes it easy to do that with grocery stores, restaurants, and gyms. You can easily hop on the metro and have anything you need.

Clarendon has bars, shops, grocery stores... it's its own little city for sure," she said. Granstaff is a professional as-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jason Benya works for as an IT Salesforce consultant in Old Town Alexandria. He resides in Clarendon along with his roommates.



Northside Social is both a coffee and wine bar and offers seating upstairs as well as the ground level and outside. The wine bar opens at 5 pm.



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J. Reilly Lewis has lived in the Clarendon, Arlington area since he was 10 years old. He is music director for the Cathedral Choral Society in Washington, D.C. as well as the Clarendon United Methodist Church. He is also the founding director for the Washington Bach Consort and is an internationally recognized conductor and keyboard artist.

sistant at Keller and Heckman LLP.

The bar scene is one frequently mentioned among the young professionals who live and work there. Liberty Tavern is mentioned a lot as well as Clarendon Grill, and O'Sullivans.

"Every two or three days I try to catch up with friends," said Zachar. "Clarendon is the easiest spot for us to get to. I like Liberty Tavern a lot." Grandstaff added, "We are the typical 'let's get drinks after work' crowd. We often go to Liberty Tavern, Arlington Taproom, O'Sullivans, Four Courts for some drinks and a bite to eat."

In addition to a vibrant night scene, Clarendon's coffee shop options also appeal to Jason Benya. "The Starbucks on Wilson is my go to place. I love working from home at the coffee shop." Benya also frequents Northside Social, just across from the street from family-friendly Silver Diner. Northside Social, a popular coffee and wine bar, often has a long line any time of day.

Zachar notes that sometimes it feels a bit too "yuppie." "I would like to see more diversity. It's a lot of young people with a lot of money. There's not a lot out there besides bars and restaurants."

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What's on the Ballot, Vote, Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 4, but you can vote as early as Sept. 19.

Every year is election year in Virginia. This year, every Virginia voter will choose one member of the U.S. Senate and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Two of Northern Virginia's three house seats are open seats with the retirement of two longstanding members, Jim Moran (D-8) and Frank Wolf (R-10).

This area has very high rates of voter registration, but voter turnout varies significantly from year to year. For example, two years ago in 2012, a presidential election year, 71.78 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote. But in 2010, more comparable to this year, only 44.01 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote.

In Arlington, with a population of about 224,900, there are 162,100 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 157,236 on July 2, 2012.

In Alexandria, with a population of about 148,900, there are 97,883 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014. That's down from 101,887 total registered voters as of July 2, 2012.

In Fairfax County, with a population around 1,130,900, there are 713,025 registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 676,802 in 2012.

(Population data from U.S. Census and voter data from Virginia Department of Elections.)

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2014. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Voting Early, Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 19 and Nov. 1.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of

work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

Arlington In-person absentee voting will be available starting Friday, Sept. 19 and ending on Saturday, Nov. 1, 5 p.m., at Court-house Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22201. Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursdays, Oct. 23 and 30 hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. More at <http://vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/>

What's on the Ballot In Arlington?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for one U.S. senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives.

U.S. Senate

One-term incumbent Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) is challenged by Republican Ed W. Gillespie and Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis.

Republican Ed W. Gillespie, www.edforsenate.com
 Democrat Mark R. Warner, www.markwarnerva.com
 Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis, www.robertsarvis.com

The 8th District Congressional seat is open seat because of the retirement of incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), who was elected in 1990. Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. will face Republican Micah K. Edmond plus three independent candidates. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

Republican Micah K. Edmond, www.micahedmond.com
 Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., www.friendsofdonbeyer.com
 Libertarian Jeffrey S. Carson, jeffreycarson.com/
 Independent Green Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III, www.votejoinrun.us
 Independent Gwendolyn J. Beck, www.gwendolynbeck.com

In Arlington, voters will also choose one member of the County Board and two members of the School Board (one a special election). Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots. There is also a special elections for treasurer, plus four bond questions on the ballot.

Treasurer (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2015), Carla F. de la Pava (D), incumbent – appointed until special election is held, running unopposed

County Board
 Alan E. Howze (D), www.alanhowze.com
 John E. Vihstadt (I), incumbent, www.voteforvihstadt.com

School Board
 Audrey R. Clement (I), audreyclement.org
 Barbara J. Kanninen (I), www.barbarakforschoolboard.com

School Board (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2016), Nancy Van

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Member United States Senate (Vote for only one)	Member House of Representatives 8th District (Vote for only one)	Proposed Constitutional Amendment
Ed W. Gillespie - R	Micah K. Edmond - R	Question: Shall Section 6-A of Article X (Taxation and Finance) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?
Mark R. Warner - D	Donald S. Beyer, Jr. - D	
Robert C. Sarvis - L	Jeffrey S. Carson - L	
Write In	Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III - IG	
	Gwendolyn J. Beck - I	
	Write In	Yes
		No

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Treasurer For unexpired term to end December 31, 2015 (Vote for only one)	Member School Board (Vote for only one)	Metro and Transportation
Carla F. de la Pava	Audrey R. Clement	Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60,240,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?
Write In	Barbara J. Kanninen	
	Write In	
		Yes
		No

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Local Parks and Recreation	Community Infrastructure	Arlington Public Schools
Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,070,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open space?	Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$39,900,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, information technology, and infrastructure?	QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$105,780,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No

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For More Election Information

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 703-228-3456,
<http://www.arlingtonva.us/vote>
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Who's In Charge

Arlington County Board

❖ Chairman

Jay Fiset

First elected to the Arlington County Board in 1998, Fiset has served the board's chairman in 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2014. This year, Fiset is focused on making Arlington a hub for the innovation economy, continuing strategic investments in infrastructure. Before his election to the County Board, Fiset served as the director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia from 1990 to 1998. He also worked as a staff consultant to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee from 1988 to 1989. He has a master's degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, and he received his bachelor's degree in political science from Bucknell University. An Arlington resident since 1983, Fiset and his husband Bob Rosen, have been residents of the Ashton Heights neighborhood since 1987.



❖ Vice Chairwoman

Mary Hynes

First elected to the Arlington County Board in 2007, Hynes is a civic activist and public servant. Before join-

ing the Arlington County Board, Hynes served on the Arlington School Board for 12 years, including three times as chair. She and her husband Patrick have resided in Arlington for more than 35 years and are the parents of five Arlington Public School graduates. Hynes graduated from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, which honored her in 2007 as a distinguished alumna.



❖ Libby

Garvey

First elected to the Arlington County Board in a 2012 special election, Garvey was a member of the Arlington County School Board for 15 years. Garvey began her professional career as a teacher in the Peace Corps in the Central African Republic. She worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton and as an associate director of the Mount Holyoke College Washington Internship Program. An Arlington resident since 1977, Garvey earned her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She has two



daughters and four grandchildren.

❖ Walter

Tejada

First elected to the County Board in a 2003 special election, Tejada served as chairman to the board in 2008 and 2013. Born in El Salvador, Tejada moved to the U.S. at the age of 13. He studied Government and Communication at George Mason University and has worked as an investigator, a business consultant and as an aide to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.



❖ John

Vihstadt

First elected to the County Board this year in a special election, Vihstadt has been engaged in neighborhood, community and public school activities since moving to Arlington more than 30 years ago. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. He also has a member of the American, District of Columbia, Nebraska and Iowa Bar Associations. He has lived with his wife and two sons in the Tara-Leeway Heights neighborhood since 1989.



Arlington School Board

❖ Chairman

James Lander

A member of the School Board since 2010, Lander is serving his second term on the board. He works at the Consumer Federation of America as the Military Saves Director. He is a Gulf War veteran, and was recalled to active service after 9/11 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He now is a retired officer, having ascended to the rank of lieutenant commander during his service and completing more than 25 years of combined active and reserve experience.



❖ Emma

Viola Sánchez

A member of the School Board since 2009, Viola-Sánchez received her bachelor's degree and master's degree from Radford University. She also has a doctorate in education from



George Washington University. She is currently an adjunct faculty at Georgetown University. She has two children, James and Julia, who are also educators and graduated from the Arlington Public Schools.


❖ Abby

Raphael

A member of the School Board since 2008, Raphael served as chairwoman for the 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 school years. In 2014, Raphael became chairwoman of the Washington Area Boards of Education. She also is a member of the board of directors of the Arlington YMCA and a member of the advisory board of UrbanArias, a local opera company. In 2013, she was selected to serve on the Virginia Governor-elect's PreK-12 Education Policy Transition Council.




Note: Due to two recent resignations from the Arlington School Board, board members approved a process for considering and appointing an interim member to fill the vacancy for the School Board seat previously held by Noah Simon. The interim appointment will help make certain that decisions made during this period of transition reflect support by at least three members of the five-member body. The School Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. to take action on the interim appointment.



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A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

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1 Alcova Heights Park
901 S. George Mason Drive
Size: 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.

2 Allie S. Freed Park
2465 Culpeper St.
Size: 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.

3 Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone
2824 N. Arizona St.
Size: 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.

4 Arlington Hall West Park
290 S. Taylor St.
Size: 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.

5 Bailey's Branch Park
990 S. Columbus St.
Size: 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.

6 Ballston Pond Park
4747 N. Fairfax Drive
Size: 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.

7 Barcroft Park
4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive
Size: 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/biking trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.

8 Barton Park
2401 10th St. N.
Size: 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.

9 Benjamin Banneker Park
6620 N. 18th St.
Size: 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park.

10 Big Walnut Park
1915 N. Harrison St.
Size: 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.

11 Bluemont Junction Park
744 N. Emerson St.
Size: 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.

12 Bluemont Park
850 N. Lexington St.
Size: 24 acres. Features: memorial rose garden, azalea and ornamental tree gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic areas and charcoal grills.

13 Bon Air Park
1718 S. Quincy St.
Size: 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.

14 Charles A. Stewart Park
2400 N. Underwood St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: woods, fields, gazebo, playground and basketball half court.

15 Cherrydale Park
2176 N. Pollard St.
Size: 0.8 acres. Features: open green space, benches, playground and path.

16 Clarendon Central Park
3140 Wilson Blvd.
Size: 1 acre. Features: War memorial dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts seasonal farmers market and occasional concerts.

17 Dark Star Park
1655 Fort Myer Drive
Size: 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.



18 Doctor's Run Park
1301 S. George Mason Drive
Size: 6 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, volleyball court and path.

19 Donaldson Run Park
4020 30th St. N.
Size: 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.

20 Douglas Park
1718 S. Quincy St.
Size: 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.

21 Drew Park
3500 23rd S.
Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."

22 Eads Park
2730 S. Eads St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.

23 Fields Park
825 N. George Mason Drive
Size: 4 acres. Features: multi-use field with bleachers, path and ornamental garden.

24 Fillmore Park
33 N. Fillmore St.
Size: 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.

25 Fort Barnard Park
2101 S. Pollard St.
Size: 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path.

26 Fort C.F. Smith Park
2411 24th St. N.
Size: 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civil War Fort and more.

27 Fort Ethan Allen Park
3829 N. Stafford St.
Size: 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.

28 Fort Scott Park
2800 S. Fort Scott Drive
Size: 12 acres. Features: picnic area, playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.

29 Fraser Park
1800 28th St. S.
Size: 2 acres. Features: grills, picnic tables and open green space.

30 Gateway Park
1300 Lee Highway
Size: 3 acres. Features: ornamental garden, fountain and amphitheater.



31 Glebe and Randolph Park
N. Glebe Road and N. Randolph Street.
Features: bocce ball courts, benches and green space.

32 Glebe Road Park
4211 N. Old Glebe Road
Size: 4 acres. Features: playground, tennis courts, basketball court, nature trails, drinking fountains and picnic tables.

33 Glencarlyn Park
301 S. Harrison St.
Size: 95.5 acres. Features: picnic shelters, fishing, nature trails, playground, amphitheater and dog park.

34 Greenbrier Park
2700 N. Greenbrier St.
Size: 18 acres. Features: basketball and tennis courts, diamond fields, multi-use synthetic turf field and a track with high jump and shot put discus area.

35 Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park
3608 Military Road
Features: exhibits, classroom, discovery room, pollinator garden, restored log cabin and observation bee hive.

36 Gunston Park
2700 Lang St. S.
Size: 10 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, tennis courts, multi-use rectangular field, baseball/softball field and basketball court.

37 Hayes Park
1516 N. Lincoln St.
Size: 3 acres. Features: tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground and "sprayground."

38 Henry Clay Park
3011 7th St. N.
Size: 1 acre. Features: gazebo, playground and basketball court.

39 Henry Wright Park
4350 4th St. N.
Size: 0.7 acres. Features: gazebo, playground and picnic tables.

40 High View Park
1945 N. Dinwiddie St.
Size: 3 acres. Features: picnic area, charcoal grills, playground, baseball/softball field, lighted basketball courts and an amphitheater.

41 James Hunter Park
1299 N. Herndon St.
Features: plaza terrace, open lawn, gardens, water feature and community canine area.

42 James W. Haley Park
2400 S. Meade St.
Size: 5 acres. Features: charcoal grills, gazebo and nature trail.

43 Jamestown Park
3618 N. Dickerson St.
Size: 6 acres. Features: diamond field, rectangular grass field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Great for sledding in the winter.

44 Jennie Dean Park
3630 27th St. S.
Size: 22 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court and open field.

45 Lacey Woods Park
1200 N. George Mason Drive
Size: 14 acres. Features: picnic shelter, lighted basketball court, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field, nature trails, ornamental garden, wooded areas, open green space and a fire ring.

46 Long Bridge Park
475 Long Bridge Drive
Features: three rectangular synthetic turf fields, walkways, art features and picnic areas.

47 Lubber Run Park
200 N. Columbus St.
Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater, nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use fields.

48 Lyon Village Park
1800 N. Highland St.
Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and "sprayground."

49 Madison Manor Park
6225 12th Road N.
Features: restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, stream, playground, baseball/softball field, tennis courts and a lighted basketball court.

50 Marcey Road Park
2722 N. Marcey Road.
Size: 3 acres. Features: tennis and basketball courts and access to Potomac Overlook Regional Park.

51 Mosaic Park
544 N. Pollard St.
Features: playground, small climbing wall and bocce ball courts.

52 Nelly Custis Park
701 24th St. S.
Size: 0.8 acres. Features: playground, landscaped open green space and benches.

53 Nina Park
800 S. 24th St.
Features: sand pit, picnic area and wave wall.

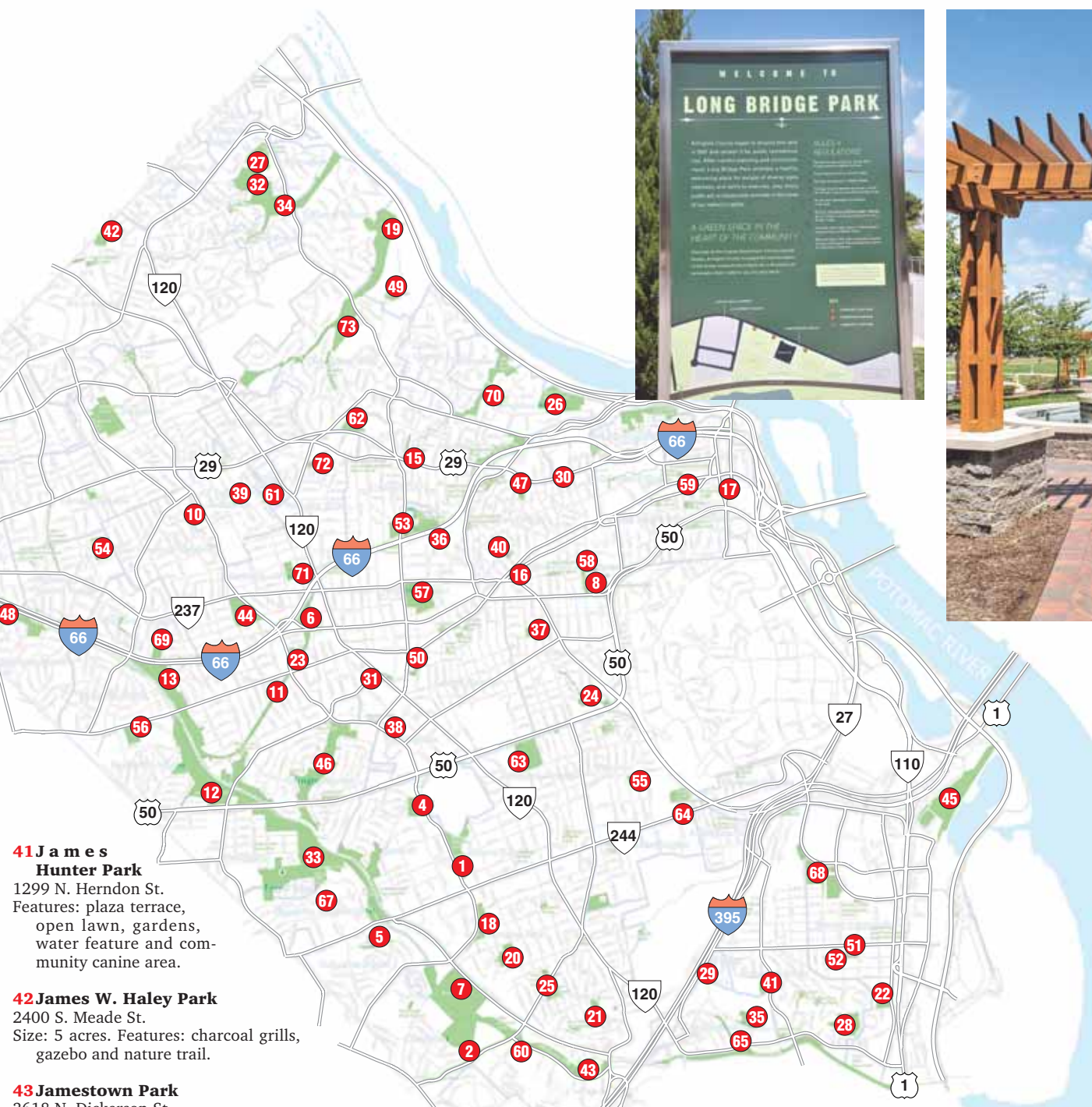
54 Oakgrove Park
1606 N. Quincy St.
Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.

55 Parkhurst Park
5820 20th Road N.
Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.

56 Penrose Park
2200 6th St. S.
Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court.

57 Powhatan Springs Park
6020 Wilson Blvd.
Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, concessions, stream, rectangular grass field, ornamental rain garden and fountain.

58 Quincy Park
1021 N. Quincy St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.



59 Rocky Run Park
1109 N. Barton St.
Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playgrounds and a lighted oval field.

60 Rosslyn Highlands Park
1529 Wilson Blvd.
Size: 2 acres. Features: basketball court and playground.

61 Shirlington Park
2601 S. Arlington Mill Drive
Size: 29 acres. Features: drinking fountain, stream, walking path, benches and dog park.

62 Slater Park
1837 N. Culpeper St.
Size: 3 acres. Features: playground, picnic tables, charcoal grills and a path.

63 Stratford Park
4321 Old Dominion Drive
Size: 5 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, picnic tables, lighted tennis courts, rectangular multi-use field and a lighted basketball court.

64 Thomas Jefferson Park
3501 S. 2nd St.
Features: lighted basketball and tennis courts, diamond field, lighted multi-use rectangular field and fitness trail.

65 Towers Park
801 S. Scott St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo.

66 Troy Park
2629 S. Troy St.
Size: 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.

67 Tuckahoe Park
2400 N. Sycamore St.
Size: 12 acres. Features: playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.

68 Tyrol Hill Park
5101 7th Road S.
Size: 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grill, basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails.

69 Utah Park
3191 S. Utah St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.

70 Virginia Highlands Park
1600 S. Hayes St.
Size: 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.

71 Westover Park
1001 N. Kennebec St.
Size: 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, volleyball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.

72 Windy Run Park
2420 N. Kenmore St.
Size: 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.

73 Woodlawn Park
1325N. Buchanan St.
Size: 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.

74 Woodstock Park
2049 N. Woodstock St.
Size: 1 acre. Features: water fountains, picnic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.

75 Zachary Taylor Park
2900 Military Road.
Size: 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fields.

ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL
COMMUNITY EVENTS.

September 2014

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Every Friday in September. Visit crystalcity.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

24th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway, Arlington. Artists to headline the festival include Corey Wallace DUBtet (1 p.m.), Ghost Train Orchestra (2:15 p.m.), Brooklyn eight-piece band Red Baraat (3:45 p.m.) and New Orleans Grammy winners Rebirth Brass Band (5:30 p.m.). Free to the public. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazz for more.

Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. in Crystal City, Arlington. Honors the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. \$35-40 entry fee. Arlington911race.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

16th Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Some events also take place in Arlington. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Silver Live Music and Food Truck Festival. 12-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Listen to performances from renowned local and national acts and find displays of fine arts and a variety of refreshments to benefit the Spirit of Hope Children's Foundation. Visit <http://tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-world-music-festival/>.

SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT.13-24

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. 220 20th St. Sip and Salsa brings wines from Spain, Portugal and Argentina together with tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$20 and include wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and include food tastes. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

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.

Mount Vernon Marketplace. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit

www.MountVernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Fly solo or bring Fido to the Pups and Pilsners outdoor beer festival. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with multiple stations. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Near Clarendon Metro station, 3100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A celebration of the Clarendon neighborhood and a showcase for the people who make the neighborhood great with activities, live entertainment and food. Visit www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Blues and Brews. 5-8 p.m. 2121 Crystal Drive. Come to Blues & Brews and enjoy beverages from the Beer Garden, not to mention drinks hand-selected by experts at Crystal City's Washington Wine Academy and Crystal City Wine Shop. Visit crystalcity.org for more.

October 2014

Clarendon Truck Rally. 6:30-9 p.m. 3140 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington. The Clarendon Truck Rally will be

offering sampling of some of the area food trucks Thursdays in October. Each week will feature a few meal trucks, a sweet dessert truck along with a boutique truck. Visit www.facebook.com/LinkLocale/ events.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from 16 Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 2301 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. A multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts in the Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, Virginia. Visit www.artontheavenue.org for more.

15th Annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest. Noon-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave., Arlington. More than 60 breweries giving out 4 ounce samples, local food vendors, an



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The Columbia Pike Blues Festival is scheduled for June 13, 2015. At the 2013 festival, The Chris Polk Band performed along with BG and the Mojo Hands, Clarence "Bluesman" Turner, Cathy Ponton King and G.E. Smith.

authentic German band and authentic Oktoberfest food. \$30 for those who sample beer, includes a tasting glass and 10 tickets. Additional tickets will be sold for \$1 each; free to others. Oktoberfest 2014 will be held rain or shine. Visit www.capacitybrew.com/oktoberfest14.php for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-26

Marine Corps Marathon. Arlington. Various times and locations through the weekend. A weekend of events leading up to the race. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/ to register and for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Volunteer Fest 2014. A region-wide day of community service that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/nonprofits/volunteerfest.php for times and locations.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

"Arlington's Got Talent." Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Social at 6:30 p.m. and talent show at 7:30. Proceeds benefit the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program scholarship fund. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. To register for this event, please visit the Leadership Arlington website at www.leadershiparlington.org.

November 2014

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Election Day. General Election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington. About 5,000 visitors attend the annual remembrance ceremonies in the Memorial Amphitheater. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

December 2014

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place through out the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.

February 2015

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611

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ONGOING: ARLINGTON

Yappy Hour. Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappy-hour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf.

Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Children's Music. 10:30 a.m. on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com for more.

Sparket: A Creative Market. Wednesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit <http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket>.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit <https://registration.arlingtonva.us>. Free, no registration required.

Comedy. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.

Comedy. Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com/ for more information.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarly Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

ENTERTAINMENT

Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandalem. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php.

Assistance Center. More than 50 restaurants participate in this community event, outside the Ballston Mall on Wilson Blvd. Rain or shine. Visit www.ballstonbid.com/taste for more.

June 2015

MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

Crystal Screen. 1851 S. Bell St., Arlington. A free outdoor film every Monday at sunset in the summer. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do.

FRIDAYS IN JUNE

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park. 10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive, Arlington. Live music and wine-sipping every Friday in June. Visit www.crystalcity.org/do/wine-in-the-water-park21.

July 2015

SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 265th birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration/6607.

August 2015

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu

Bowen McCauley Dance presents their Annual Move Me Festival, in April, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. At the 2013 festival Raedha Zanan watches and waits for her turn to take the stage with the Shristee

Nrittangon. The school offers classes in Banglashi folk dance, Bangla Modern Dance, Indian Classical Dance and Bharatnatyam.



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options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

National Night Out. A celebration across America to heighten police awareness and enhance community relations. Visit www.natw.org for local events.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 5-9

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. S., Arlington. One of the

largest free events on the East Coast with competitive exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment, vendors and more. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us.

THIRD SUNDAY IN AUGUST

Pakistan Independence Day Festival. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun filled day for all ages, cultural performances by popular artists from Pakistan, Pakistani cuisine, handicrafts, boutiques, sports and kite flying. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

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SPORTS

Getting To Know ... Wakefield Sports

School: Wakefield High School.

Mascot: Warriors.

School Colors: Kelly green and black.

Athletic Director: Noel Deskins, 703-228-6733.

Football coach: Wayne Hogwood, (second year)

The Warriors finished the 2013 season with a 3-7 record. After following back-to-back wins with seven straight losses, Wakefield won its finale against Mount Vernon, giving the struggling program its first three-win season since 2008.

Field Hockey Coach: Lucienne Grause

Boys' Basketball Coach: Tony Bentley

Girls' Basketball Coach: Marcia Richardson

Baseball Coach: Mike Ruck

What happened last season: The boys' basketball team won Conference 13 and 5A North region championships en route to its second consecutive state tournament appearance.

The boys' soccer team qualified for regionals by defeating defending state champion Mount Vernon in the opening round of the conference tournament.

Quotable: "My last two years here were great. ... I feel like we can do it all over again because they've got [Dominique Tham], Marqua [Walton], Xavier [Cooper], [and head coach Tony Bentley] has another group coming in, too. I feel like Bentley's going to have another good couple of years here." — Then-senior Re'Quan Hopson, after the boys' basketball team ended its 2013-14 season with a loss in the state semifinals.



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

Wakefield's Dominique Tham blocks an opponent's shot attempt during the 2013-14 season. Tham, then a junior, helped the Warriors win the 5A North region title.

... Washington-Lee Sports

School: Washington-Lee High School.

Mascot: Generals.

School Colors: Blue and Gray.

Athletic Director: Carol Callaway, 703-228-6207.

Football Coach: Josh Shapiro (eighth season).

The Generals in 2013 won the program's first district championship since 1975 and defeated Yorktown for the second time since 1982. W-L finished the season with an 8-3 record, losing to Stonewall Jackson in the opening round of the 6A North playoffs.

Cross Country Coach: Matt Przydzial.

Field Hockey Coach: Beth Prange.

Boys' Basketball: Bobby Dobson.

Girls' Basketball: Angie Kelly.

Baseball: Doug Grove.

Rival School: Yorktown.

What Happened Last Season: The girls' cross country team produced the best season in program history, finishing 6A state runner-up. The gymnastics team won its third consecutive region championship. The boys' soccer team had an undefeated regular season, won the Conference 6 title, finished region and state runner-up, and sophomore striker Maycol Nunez scored 37 goals. The girls' soccer team won the conference championship.

Quotable: "It's been a fantastic run. ... It's always fun when you're winning and get this far, and then you lose ... two games to the same team, it's tough. It's a hard pill to swallow, but what can you do?" — Boys' soccer coach Jimmy Carrasquillo, after the Generals lost to T.C. Williams in the region and state championship matches.



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

Washington-Lee striker Maycol Nunez scored 37 goals during his sophomore season in 2014.

... Yorktown Sports

School: Yorktown High School.

Mascot: Patriots.

School Colors: Columbia blue and white.

Athletic Director: Mike Krulfeld, 703-228-5388.

Football Coach: Bruce Hanson (30th year).

The Patriots went 8-2 during the 2013 regular season and beat Fairfax in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs before ending their season with a loss to Lake Braddock in the quarterfinals.

Volleyball Coach: Sheena Eldred.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Rich Avila.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Devaughn Drayton.

Baseball Coach: John Skaggs.

Rival School: Washington-Lee.

What Happened Last Season: The gymnastics team won the National District championship. The boys' lacrosse team reached the region semifinals for the first time in program history. The girls' volleyball, lacrosse and soccer teams finished Conference 6 runners-up.

Quotable: "It's huge. We came out here with a chip on our shoulder. I think we were just so hyped up and so ready to play this game. None of the seniors wanted their season to end. I couldn't be prouder of my team right now." — Then-senior Cason Liles, after the boys' lacrosse team defeated South County to secure the program's first trip to the region semifinals.



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

The 2014 Yorktown boys' lacrosse team reached the region semifinals for the first time in program history.

... Bishop O'Connell Sports

School: Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School.

Mascot: Knights.

School Colors: Blue and silver.

Athletic Director: Joe Wootten, 703-237-1455.

Football Coach: Del Smith (third year).

The Knights won four of their first five games, but ended the season with a 5-5 record.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Alberto Starace.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Joe Wootten.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Aggie McCormick-Dix.

Baseball Coach: Kyle Padgett.

Softball Coach: Tommy Orndorff.

Rival Schools: Paul VI, Bishop Ireton.

VISC runner-up. The girls' soccer team finished WCAC runner-up. The boys' basketball team went 20-12 and reached the state semifinals. The baseball and softball teams finished WCAC runners-up.

Quotable: "It's been a great year for the O'Connell baseball program and, despite the fact that we fell short in the WCAC championship series, it has still been an historic and highly-successful season. O'Connell baseball hadn't won a WCAC playoff game in nine years and hadn't finished as the 1 or 2 seed in 30 years, so those are two things we're very proud of. We have a very young team in that on most days we've got six sophomores in our starting lineup, so these guys grew up by leaps and bounds as the year progressed and the future is very bright." — Baseball coach Kyle Padgett



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

Corey Burch and the O'Connell baseball team finished runner-up in the WCAC in 2014.

NEWCOMERS GUIDE

What's on the Ballot

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County Bond Referendum Questions
Arlington voters will vote yes or no to the following questions:

Metro and Transportation
QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60,240,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transport Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

Local Parks and Recreation
QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,070,000 to finance,

along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open spaces?

Community Infrastructure
QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$39,000,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for County facilities, information technology, and infrastructure?

Arlington Public Schools
QUESTION: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$105,780,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?

<http://vote.arlingtonva.us/>

New Voter ID Requirements

As of this summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification:

- ❖ Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card
 - ❖ Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card
 - ❖ Valid United States Passport
 - ❖ Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth)
 - ❖ Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia.
 - ❖ Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business
 - ❖ or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office
- "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

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

Don't Have One of These?

Any registered voter who does not possess one of the above mentioned forms of photo ID, may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia

Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

Provisional Ballot Process

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of photo identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient. Written notice given to the voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.

If you vote a provisional ballot but don't have one an "acceptable ID," you can appear in-person in the office of the general registrar in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast by noon on Friday following the election and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document can be provided to the electoral board as acceptable identification and the voter's provisional ballot will be counted.

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Looking Ahead At Arlington Issues

❖ **Columbia Pike Streetcar:** No issue has divided Arlington so dramatically in recent years as the Columbia Pike Streetcar, a \$333 million project that is expected to connect the Skyline neighborhood of Fairfax County to the Pentagon. Opposition to the project has been steadily growing over the last few years, as people have increasingly questioned the return on investment. Critics say enhanced bus service, which some people call bus-rapid transit, would be a better idea for the pike. Others say the streetcar would be good for economic development and increase the county's tax revenues.

❖ **New Delegate:** After longtime Del. Bob Brink (D-48) resigned to take a position in the McAuliffe administration, Democrats and Republicans scrambled to fill the void. Democrat Rip Sullivan beat out a crowded field of challengers to get his party's nomination and then faced Republican David Foster.

Sullivan becomes a member of the House of Delegates just as legislators prepare for a special session to consider expanding Medicaid health insurance for 400,000 Virginians who live in poverty or with disabilities.

❖ **Aquatics Center:** A proposal to build an aquatics center at Long Bridge Park has been put on hold after Arlington County officials determined that the cost of the project had spiraled out of control. After county officials received bids that ranged from \$81.9 million to \$82.8 million, County Manager Barbara Donnellan put the process on hold and said she would try to find partnerships and sponsorships including naming rights opportunities.

❖ **Park or School:** The clash between the need for more schools and the desire to retain county parks is creating an ongoing conflict in the Arlington Heights neighborhood.

That's where officials from Arlington County Schools want to build a new elementary school on part of T.J. Park. Neighbors up and down Columbia Pike say the development boom is creating a dwindling amount of open space as developers try to maximize profits by filling every available square foot of density allowed. A task force is now working to strike a compromise.

❖ **Elections, General and Special:** Voters in Arlington are facing an unprecedented number of special elections this fall, aside from the House of Delegates that was recently filled in a special election. This November, voters will make selections in two separate special elections that will be on the same ballot as the regular general election. One will be for the position of treasurer, which was vacated by Frank O'Leary this summer so he could let his deputy take the position in an interim role in advance of the election. The other will be for the School Board seat vacated by Noah Simon, who resigned to be with his family after the death of his wife.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Central Library



Arlington Career Center and Columbia Pike Branch Library

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More Than Books in the Libraries

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In addition to lending books and movies, Arlington Public Library offers a variety of other services and activities for all ages from storytelling for youngsters, college prep advice and t-shirt decorating for teenagers, and an after-hours game night for young adults. Arlington Public Library also hosts many authors and guest speakers throughout the year. See <http://library.arlingtonva.us> for more details, including the hours of op-

eration for the different library branches.

❖ **Aurora Hills Branch Library**
735 S. 18th St.
Arlington, VA 22202

❖ **Central Library**
1015 N. Quincy St.
Arlington, VA 22201

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2190 N. Military Rd.
Arlington, VA 22207

❖ **Columbia Pike Branch Library**
816 S. Walter Reed Dr.
Arlington, VA 22204

❖ **Glencarlyn Branch Library**
300 S. Kensington St.
Arlington, VA 22204

❖ **Plaza Branch Library**
2100 Clarendon Blvd.
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Arlington, VA 22201

❖ **Shirlington Branch Library**
4200 Campbell Ave.
Arlington, VA 22206

❖ **Westover Branch Library**
1644 N. McKinley Rd.
Suite 3
Arlington, VA 22205



Westover Branch Library



Shirlington Branch Library



Columbia Pike Library

Clarendon: A Haven in Arlington

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Benya also cites the cost of living there: "The downside is you pay for what you get." However, he also notes the many types of housing options in the area. There are mixed-use buildings that offer housing assistance, residential homes, and apartment availability. "You have every option available to you."

Lewis lived in the first high-rise apartment building Arlington. "I remember when they built Hyde Park and it just looked so out of place." He also renovated the home where he grew up in Ashton Heights. "Many of the houses have been remodeled, including ours. What's nice about where we live, in Ashton Heights, is that most of them

have kept their character. Ashton Heights is like a little hamlet in between all of this development."

Lewis describes an area that has changed but kept much of its character as well. "Change is inevitable," said Lewis, "but I like to think it still blends in. Clarendon is a young professional's haven, but I've seen it in my lifetime come full circle, with more families."

Bikeshare is one of the many options available to residents in Clarendon. Bikeshare spots frequent the densely populated streets.



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