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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA/CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Welcome to Fairfax County, the best place in the country to live, work and play. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier business and shopping opportunities, compassionate human services, and some of the best parks and open spaces in the D.C. Metropolitan region. This summer featured the long-awaited opening of the WMATA Silver Line, which connects the Reston and the Tysons areas of the county to the entire Metrorail system.

Last June, I cut the ribbon to open a new segment of our Fairfax County Cross County Trail, named after former Chairman (now congressman) Gerry Connolly. It was his vision, while serving on our board, to build and connect trail sections to make it possible for someone to hike through all nine county magisterial districts. The northern end of the trail begins in Great Falls National Park at the breathtaking Potomac River and travels south to the historic Occoquan River.

The trail passes through stream valleys and meadows, then winds through fascinating Laurel Hill, site of the former Lorton Prison. In addition to parkland and a golf course, these grounds are now home to the Workhouse Arts Center where visitors can watch artists in action and enjoy plays, performances and community events such as



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Thumbs up for Silver Line: The long-awaited opening of the WMATA Silver Line, which connects the Reston and the Tysons areas of the county to the Metrorail system.

Springfest every April.

Fairfax County has something for everyone. Northern Virginia Community College offers more than 160 degrees at the associate's level and numerous certificate programs. Its partnership with George Mason University provides families and stu-

dents with a seamless, cost-effective path to a four-year degree.

George Mason University, recently named one of the top five "Up-and-Coming Universities" by U.S. News and World Report, is also recognized as one of America's Best College Buys by Forbes magazine. Under the

presidency of Dr. Angel Cabrera, Mason is fast taking its place as a university for the world.

Fairfax County is known for its business-friendly climate. Time Magazine has described us as "the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom" and "one of the great economic success stories of our time." Although home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters (corporate giants such as Northrop Grumman and Booz Allen Hamilton) about 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees. We are a great location for startups.

Of course, Fairfax County's greatest asset is a population that is welcoming and engaged. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Visit Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov to learn more about what Fairfax has to offer.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by all registered voters. My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or call me at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova By-line newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening and how you can participate in all that Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

Thanks for making Fairfax County your home.

Hot Issues Facing Great Falls

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls, a unique village just outside of D.C., will be undergoing major changes in the next five years and beyond.

Great Falls Citizens Association and Fairfax County will be working on range of issues like deer management, land use, historical preservation and water purification, among others to create a better quality of life for citizens.

Great Falls Citizens Association is what board member Phil Pifer calls the "quasi-town council of Great Falls."

One of the most recent issues they've discussed at the monthly board meetings - usually held at The Grange - is how Turner Farm, a historic farmhouse, can be saved from its current shambled state.

"The Turner family owned it since the late 1800s and it has been essentially a dairy farm since then," said Pifer.

It was only four years ago, that the home, abandoned by family, was bought by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

GFCFA is currently looking into having the master plan changed, because the current plan for Turner Farm park does

not include the farmhouse.

"There's a process you have to go through, and it will commence sometime next year," said GFCFA Vice President Bill Canis.

If the house is turned over to a possible countywide resident curatorship program, the resident would have to be willing to invest \$150,000 into the current building. Both the Analemma Society and the equestrian clubs that use the park have been fighting to keep the area low-impact and unlit at night, which Pifer said is causing friction between organizations that hope to invest in it and some of the town's residents.

ANOTHER RECENT ISSUE the association has been tackling is deer management. A survey about residents' opinions on how to handle the deer population is being finished and may be released as soon as next month.

Canis explained why deer overpopulation has been an issue as of late.

"We're in a heavily forested area and the deer are eating all the new saplings," he said. "If we want to have forests here in 25 years, we have to start planning right now."

Turner Farm, deer management, trails, roads among hot topics for village.



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The village is looking for the best way to preserve the Turner farmhouse.

Canis said more than 700 people responded to the survey.

"There's strong support for action," he said.

What type of action? Pifer said that is still a question GFCFA hopes to answer soon.

One of the options being explored are neighborhood archery clubs. In that case, all the neighbors in that area would have to come to an agreement about who can have their land hunted on and who do not want a deer to be collected from their property if a deer runs off and dies later.

Now that the Silver Line has started its service, many residents are hoping that system of trails throughout town can be improved and expanded.

"There's a high degree of support for an interconnected system of multi-use trails," said Pifer.

He said local landmarks like the Turner Farm, local parks and the library will be connected as well as bus stops that could take town residents to the Wiehle-Reston East metro sta-

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Great Falls, Virginia: Landmarks of Local Aspirations

Capturing and preserving the ever-evolving story of our the village.

BY KATHLEEN J. MURPHY
PRESIDENT/GREAT FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There are certain old-timers in Great Falls whose families are filled with memories that span generations and even centuries in this area, connecting them deeply with the local story.

There are newcomers – some come for a five-year stint for work, with plans to remain in touch and return to their hometown; some immigrate from far away places, adopting our village as their new home; some come to sleep in Great Falls, only to work and play in other locations throughout the D.C. area. Some look at the land, enjoy the wide-open spaces, the pastoral setting, the peace and quiet, the critters running to and from and say that this place is sublimely beautiful. Others see the land and say that it can hold an immense house – it must be filled in with something hugely man-made to be assuredly prestigious.

CERTAIN LANDMARKS, great and small, serve as symbols of the unfolding story of local aspirations over the centuries...

❖ The Potowmack Canal at Great Falls Park - Concept, 1785, Operation, 1801-1830

A young, 16-year-old George Washington was asked to survey the land from the Shenandoah to Georgetown for Lord Fairfax, a large local landowner.

That careful survey awakened a vision of the potential of the Potomac River, and the possibility it held to move produce and cargo from the Ohio River and the Shenandoah to Georgetown, where it could be shipped to Europe. Washington purchased the land where the Colvin Run Mill now stands, realizing the potential of the Difficult Run stream to power a flour mill. His early vision later inspired the formation and early management of the Patowmack Company, where he gathered investors to build a series of locks along the Potomac River to facilitate boat travel up and down the river.

The meetings and negotiations he held among representatives of neighboring states, initially between Maryland and Virginia, and then others, effectively formed the basis of the first continental congress and opened the way for states to discuss and prepare a shared constitution. While the Patowmack Company ultimately was short of capital and went bankrupt, although recognized retroactively as accomplishing one of the great engineering feats of the 18th century, it accomplished a more enduring purpose – to unite disparate states into a nation with a common vision that



Re-enactors pole through the Patowmack Canal at Seneca Falls, June 1987.



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Brown Farm's Spring House on Colvin Run Road.

Great Falls Grange on Great Falls Day, May 5, 2014.

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Brown's Chapel Congregation, 1950s.

has endured through today.

❖ Brown Farm's Milk House at Colvin Run Road, 1851

The Brown Farm's Milk House stands at the west entrance to the Colvin Run Road. The plaque on the door notes that the milk house has been standing since 1851. The Brown family came to the Colvin Run area at that time, a minister, Jesse Brown and his father, Augustus, and their families, to set up a missionary church and to farm. They built Brown's Chapel, which has since been moved to the Reston area and can be found on Baron Cameron Road; there is a graveyard, Brown's Memorial Cemetery, with the various distinguished members of the Brown and Van Patten family just west of the milk house on Leesburg Pike, and there was a substantial farm at the site just behind the milk house.

The Brown family made an important contribution to the Colvin Run area. Arriving in the area a decade before the Civil War, they brought knowledge of better farming techniques, which they were able to share with their neighbors. Brown's Chapel served as a gathering place for local residents.

They are a testament to the contribution newcomers can make to a local community, sharing expertise in ways that make a substantial and enduring difference in the local culture and economy.

❖ Great Falls Grange, 1929

The Great Falls Grange was formed in 1920, just over 30 years after the formation of the National Grange. Local residents were encountering pricing pressures on their dairy products and needed to negotiate jointly, rather than individually, to be sufficiently effective. By 1929, the local Grange had raised and borrowed enough money to build the Grange building, still standing today. The Grange served to organize and unite a group of local families of mostly farmers into a structure and institution that served their mutual interest in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation.

THE HALLMARK of the Grange was the importance placed on character development, integrity, and shared values. Members were cultivated through a series of "degrees" or levels within the local Grange before participating at the Pomona (county), State, and National levels.

The Grange is noted for giving everyone an equal voice, nurturing skills and values through a structured development program for all members, regardless of age or sex. A landmark to neighborly collegiality and friendship, the Grange stands to call us to a higher level of community involvement and volunteerism.

It is the mission of the Great Falls Historical Society to capture the ever-evolving story of our village, to preserve it for all who come to live here, securing its accessibility for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

GFHS has monthly programs and social events and is present weekly at the Great Falls Farmers Market. www.gfhs.org.

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About the Connection

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

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

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Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

The Connection Newspapers have won hundreds of press awards in just the past few years, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, Best in Show for our Insiders Guide to the Parks, first place for our community guides, plus awards in news, art, business, special projects, sports, entertainment, design, photography and much more.

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

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CHAMBERS

Find a comprehensive online listing of county business resources at www.fairfaxcountypeda.org/business-resources.

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce

The chamber covers all of McLean and the majority of Tysons Corner. www.mcleanchamber.org.

Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce

The chamber offers business-related programs and services to members in the region. www.vtrcc.org/.

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its more than 600 member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia market.

www.fairfaxchamber.org/ or 703-479-9075.-0

Asian American Chamber of Commerce

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

U.S. Lebanese Chamber of Commerce

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

Great Falls Business and Professional Association

Advances community welfare by encouraging high business and professional ethics and practices. Supports patronage of local retail and professional services. Supports Celebrate Great Falls Day, the Great Falls Freedom Memorial and other community developments and events. 703-759-3011, 703-759-4155 or www.greatfallsbpa.com.

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FACETS

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Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

AHC, a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, operates in Vienna to provide quality homes for low- and moderate-income families. AHC also offers services for residents and homeownership opportunities. www.ahcinc.org/index.html.

Northern Virginia Family Service

NVFS addresses the needs of many communities in our region by providing services like foster care and multicultural human services. See extensive volunteer opportunities on their website. 703-385-3267 or www.nvfs.org/.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

CHO is a Vienna organization committed to providing simple, loving charity to those in need. CHO is currently seeking volunteer drivers for their furniture and transportation programs. Their 14th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. 703-281-7614 or www.cho-va.com.

Family PASS

Family PASS strives to step in before families lose their housing by providing rental subsidies, extensive case management and other assistance including education, job training, child care, food, transportation, health care, help with children's issues and counseling. Volunteer opportunities include drivers, event hosts, food drive organizers and tutors. 703-242-6474 or <http://familypassfairfax.org/>.

Kurdish Human Rights Watch

KHRW began in 1989 with the mission to enable Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, asylee newcomers and homeless individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence through direct assistance and capacity-building. Volunteers and advocates can adopt a refugee or refugee family, sponsor a critically ill child from Iraq to receive medical care, promote women and democracy in Iraq, promote human rights in Iran, and donate to the scholarship fund for refugee youth. 703-385-3806, admin@khrw.org, or www.khrw.org.

Shelter House

Shelter House follows the Housing First model, with the main priority to re-house every family that begins one of their six unique housing programs. Formed in 1981, when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve Fairfax County's

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High Schools Aiming High

Recent news from Herndon, Langley and McLean High.

BY JANIE STRAUSS
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/DRANESVILLE

Herndon, Langley and McLean High Schools offer a rich program of courses, extracurricular activities and events. Check their websites for detailed descriptions. www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS, www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS and www.fcps.edu/McLeanHS

Concerts, plays and athletic events are open to the public and a great way to get to know a school community.

Here is a sampling of recent school news.

HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL

- ❖ HHS will complete the planning phase this year for their renovation. Construction will likely begin in 2016-17.
- ❖ The Step Team has won their second world championship and the marching band will perform at Disney World in April.
- ❖ The Virtual Business Enterprise class has represented Virginia three times in national competitions.
- ❖ HHS has the largest number of National Board Certified teachers in a single FCPS schools.
- ❖ Herndon continues to field a competitive robotics team and offers a Navy JROTC program.

❖ Herndon is a "kids at Hope" school with an expectation of success for all students.



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LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

*Langley High School will begin their renovation in December of this year. Classes will continue with the help of 32 temporary classrooms in the new Quad Ville located in the parking lot. On campus parking will be reduced. With the auditorium under construction in the first phase this year, orchestra, band and drama performances will take place in other spaces. Please continue to come to events, but check for new locations.

*Last year, the volleyball team won the state championship, the science Olympiad team was second in the state and the Saxon Stage's performance of "The Children's Hour" won a Cappie for the best play and Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf won for graduating critic.

- ❖ The All Langley Read is "The Adoration of Jenna Fox" by Mary Pearson.
- ❖ The Langley Leap, a senior internship program, will be offered again in June through Government classes.

MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

*MHS, renovated some years ago and having experienced enrollment growth in the last few years, may see no uptick in enrollment this year.

- ❖ McLean's Critics team, Emma Paquette (rising critic) and Alex Stone (lead actor in a musical) won Cappies.
- ❖ Luke Ferris, a member of the USA Aquatics Special Olympics Team, has made the Team USA for the World Special Olympics.
- ❖ The Symphonic Band will perform at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis.
- ❖ Dawn Allison, a MHS counselor, has been selected as the 2013-2014 FCPS Outstanding Career Center Specialist.
- ❖ McLean's principal, Ellen Reilly, has a special page on the school website called Reilly's Raves that highlights various student and staff accomplishments – like Catherine Overberg who graduated with perfect attendance from kindergarten through high schools. Check it out.

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Ava Nguyen, Resident for three years

"It's hard to explain. I think it's the sense of community; it's so large, but you can still make a difference. Everyone still knows everyone. I'm a part of the Great Falls Rotary Club, and we support local schools, and donate to various international charities. It's the first service club like it in Great Falls. There's great community events too, like the concerts!"



Andy & Ed Smith, Residents for 17 years

"For me, it's the elbow room, the space, the green. You have this almost rural feel, but are only 30 minutes from everything D.C. has to offer. Well, without traffic that is!"



Emma Mercer, Resident for 20 years

"The best part about living in Great Falls is being close to D.C. and still living in an open area. It's feeling close to a city without being in the city."



Irma McDonald & Lucy Slamon, Residents for 28 years and 18 years

"I love nature. It's so beautiful here. My brother lives in California, and it's nothing compared to this, to all the trees. The people are also very friendly."



Eric Guidi, Resident for 22 years

"It's definitely the community. There are parades, concerts, car shows, that kind of stuff. Just all the activities but still the small town feel."

— NIKKI CHESHIRE

Friends & Neighbors to Host Kick-off Luncheon

Great Falls Friends & Neighbors [GFFN] is a women's club designed to connect new with current residents of Great Falls and the surrounding communities. For all members young or old, it is a wonderful way to establish friendships and community contacts through the social, educational and cultural activities that GFFN provides. In addition, the club provides service, support, and donations to philanthropic and civic organizations, particularly in and close to the Great Falls community. GFFN is a nonprofit organization.

Our social interests are quite varied, there is something for everyone. Interests include restaurant dining, fitness/exercise groups, book club, bridge, gardening, wine tasting, theatre, dancing and much more. There are also special events that include family picnics, holiday parties and champagne brunches.

The civic focus of the club includes participation and sponsorship in local community events such as the annual Fourth of July Parade, the Poetry Contest for local school students and the Halloween Haunted House.

The philanthropic endeavors of GFFN highlight the talent, compassion, and dedication of its members. Club philanthropy works towards a variety of programs benefiting women and children.

Join GFFN at their kick-off luncheon on Friday, Sept. 19 at River Bend Country Club.

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low-income population. Volunteer opportunities vary by shelter; see website for details. 703-955-7876, info@shelterhouse.org, www.shelterhouse.org.

Celebrate Great Falls

Hosts annual events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and a Fourth of July Parade, and raises funds for the three local elementary schools. Celebrate Great Falls is currently looking for volunteers to help with general tasks, events and marketing. 571-293-0474, www.celebrategreatfalls.org or info@CelebrateGreatFalls.org.

Friends of the Great Falls Library

A group of book-lovers that raises money to expand programs for children and outreach at the Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. 703-757-8560, 202-429-3806 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/.

Great Falls Optimist Club

A group of men and women committed to programs that educate youth and help them expand their horizons and avoid pitfalls as they mature. The Optimists sponsor the "Just Say No" program and an oratorical contest as well as the Adeler Jewelers Children's Festival. They sponsor boys and girls softball and baseball teams and Operation Smile. 703-938-5858.

Great Falls Woman's Club

This diverse group makes things happen in the community and looks to residents to join in. For the last two years, the club has raised thousands of dollars with a Casino Night Gala and fundraiser to support construction of a new fire station for professional and volunteer firefighters and paramedics in Great Falls. While they perform community service, raise money and award women's scholarships, members of the Great Falls Woman's Club have programs that foster camaraderie within the club. Membership includes many former Great Falls Newcomers. 703-757-6234.

Friends of Colvin Run Mill

Friends of Colvin Run Mill is dedicated to assisting the Fairfax County Park Authority in enhancing the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site and its educational programs. The restored Colvin Run Mill, a working example of 19th century water powered grist milling technology, serves as an educational focal point for visitors, children and families. 703-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/.

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Great Falls

Zip code: **22066**
 Population: **18,099**
 Race: **White-14,428 (79.7%), Black/African American-370 (2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-29 (0.2%), Asian-2,548 (14.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-778 (4.3%)**
 Total housing units: **6,153**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **5,497 (94.3%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,678**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,526**
 Median household income: **207,949**
 Mean family income: **305,426**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **24.8%**
 Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

McLean

Zip code: **22102**
 Population: **21,985**
 Race: **White-14,668 (66.7%), Black/African American-14,688 (66.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-43 (0.2%), Asian-5,175 (23.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,481 (6.7%)**
 Total housing units: **10,471**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **5,476 (56.2%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,626**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,075**
 Median household income: **117,885**
 Mean family income: **261,962**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **41.3%**

Zip code: **22101**
 Population: **29,887**
 Race: **White-24,098 (80.6%), Black/African American-498 (1.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-42 (0.1%), Asian-4,130 (13.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,549 (5.2%)**
 Total housing units: **11,345**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **9,034 (83.1%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **4,190 (38.5%)**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **3,813 (35.1%)**
 Median household income: **175,926**
 Mean family income: **273,397**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.7%**

Zip code: **22043**
 Population: **24,302**
 Race: **White-15,725 (64.7%), Black/African American-1,095 (4.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-107 (0.4%), Asian-4,732 (19.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,013 (16.5%)**
 Total housing units: **9,735**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **5,575 (59.5%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,985 (31.9%)**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,847 (19.7%)**
 Median household income: **102,057**
 Mean family income: **141,315**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **39.6%**
 Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Vienna/Oakton

Zip code: **22182**
 Population: **24,863**
 Race: **White-18,425 (74.1%), Black/African American-695 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-22 (0.1%), Asian-4,594 (18.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,304 (5.2%)**
 Total housing units: **9,020**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **7,099 (82.5%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,530**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,233**
 Median household income: **164,388**
 Mean family income: **217,756**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **29.8%**

Zip code: **22181**
 Population: **14,879**
 Race: **White-11,274 (75.8%), Black/African American-416 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-45 (0.3%), Asian-2,230 (15%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,197 (8%)**
 Total housing units: **5,429**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **4,234 (79%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,055 (38.3%)**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,231 (23%)**
 Median household income: **157,036**
 Mean family income: **209,649**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **29.4%**

Zip code: **22180**
 Population: **23,491**
 Race: **White-16,854 (71.7%), Black/African American-768 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-74 (0.3%), Asian-3,907 (16.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,628 (11.2%)**
 Total housing units: **8,386**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **6,379 (75.2%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,172 (37.4%)**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,093 (24.7%)**
 Median household income: **125,905**
 Mean family income: **168,627**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **34.7%**
 Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012





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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

A County of 186,785 Students

BY KAREN K. GARZA
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Karen K. Garza

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents, and educators. Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare for another school year that builds on our tradition of excellence at Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Fairfax is a community that embraces its newest residents and the cultural diversity that makes our county such a desirable place to be. For many families and businesses, the decision to relocate to a new area is often dependent on the quality of the local public schools. FCPS has a well-deserved national reputation for excellence.

COMMENTARY

As we enter a new school year, we are projecting an enrollment of 186,785 making FCPS the nation's 10th largest school district. Fairfax County high schools are among the most academically rigorous in the U.S. and are cited

every year as among the top high schools in the country. Our classrooms are led by teachers who inspire, motivate, and prepare students with the knowledge and skills they will need for the future. Our dedicated teachers promote the success of every student and create a caring learning environment where every student is valued and recognized as an active learner.

Working closely with our school board, parents, teachers, and community stakeholders, we have made a number of positive and exciting changes for our system during my first year as superintendent. We developed the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate that will serve as a foundation on which to build a long-range strategic plan for the school system and will lessen the focus on standardized, high-stakes testing and place greater emphasis on engaged students, project-based learning, and authentic as-

sessments of student learning. The Portrait of a Graduate will ensure that our students are collaborators, communicators, creative and critical thinkers, global citizens, and goal-directed and resilient individuals when they leave FCPS.

Other significant changes that we have made include:

- The launch of full-day Mondays for all elementary students. The change will increase instructional time for students and dedicated planning time for teachers. The change to full day Mondays received overwhelming support in our community and will benefit students, teachers, and our families.

- A new standard school calendar that eliminates the need to make up inclement weather days at the end of the school year if fewer than 13 days are missed while providing two full weeks for winter break.

- The new Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. A first of its kind for Fairfax County, this new school is being converted from a five-story office building at 6245 Leesburg Pike to provide enrollment relief



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Langley High graduates scan the balconies looking for family and friends at the graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

for the overcrowded Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. The new campus will house grades 3-5, while the existing campus will house preschool to grade 2.

- A new CrisisLink text messaging tool for students and parents needing mental health support and resources. Crisis line staff re-

spond to the text messages 24 hours a day. The text number is 703-997-5444.

The future remains very bright for FCPS families, students, and employees. I look forward to welcoming your children to our schools on Sept. 2 and making this year an exciting and rewarding year for all of our students.

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The old Exxon station has been the site of issues.

Hot Issues to Tackle

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tion.

"It's going to be an incremental affair," he said. "Evolving."

Canis said the GFCFA will host community discussions about the trails in the next year.

"Some of Great Falls trails are in the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan," he said. "If, for example, we wanted to change the path in front of the library to a hard surface, the county plan would have to be changed, because right now, it can only be made with stone dust."

In addition to trail work, the association will also be working on how to improve the roads - specifically Route 7 - in the upcoming years.

"Phase I is just being built right now," said Pifer. "It's going to take eight or nine years to build, the total expansion of it."

Canis and Pifer said the association played a roll in making sure the neighborhoods along Route 7 would be able to make left turns out into the road rather than taking a right and making a U-turn.

Until the expansion is finished, however, it could wreak havoc on the already traffic congested Georgetown Pike during morning and evening rush hour.

"All through the morning, traffic from Sterling backs in in Loudoun County resolves itself in two lane on the Reston Parkway," said Pifer. "It could just as easily flow onto Georgetown Pike."

IN THE PAST, left turn lanes have been added to the Pike to relieve traffic congestion. However, because Georgetown Pike is a historic byway, it cannot

be widened.

"The ability to drive freely on Route 7 will diminish the traffic on Georgetown Pike," said Canis.

An ongoing issue that will take several more years to tackle is the groundwater contamination under the old Exxon station at the corner of Walker Road and Georgetown Pike.

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether, also known as MTBE, is a chemical used to boost octane in gasoline until it was banned by the Environmental Protection Agency several years ago.

Because Great Falls residents all use a system of septic tanks and well water, there was a fear that this well water would become polluted due to the gasoline leak.

"The good news is that there is no drinking well water in the area," said Pifer. "Now, we're just worrying about when the groundwater will be treated."

The treatment will be a multi-year process, he said.

Because of the unique water and sewage system the village uses, national experts were called in by the EPA to find a quick solution in order to keep drinking water from becoming contaminated.

Internally, GFCFA is hoping to improve benefits and communication with their members.

"We're putting out a lot of energy to improving citizens' experiences," said Pifer.

Benefits could include discounts to local merchants and better prices for necessities like propane.


As a part of the new initiative, a monthly email newsletter was sent out this month. Pifer said other plans may also be in the works, but did not want to elaborate yet.

"Every element of how we communicate, we're looking at it," he said.

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has members from all the churches in Great Falls. The group supports Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the Good Shepherd alliance housing for the homeless, Pedals for Progress in April, after-graduation parties for local high schools, Camp Fraser and a 5K walk/run and blood drive on July 4. It also sponsors blood drives throughout the year. The council hosts ecumenical worship services at Thanksgiving, on Good Friday, a sunrise service at Great Falls National Park on Easter Sunday and a January ecumenical service. 703-759-6068.

Great Falls Rotary Club and Foundation

The newly founded organization has plans in the works to fund scholarships and currently is looking for volunteers to offer whatever combination of time, talent or resources works for them. www.rotarygreatfalls.org/.

Great Falls Trailblazers

The Trailblazers support development and maintenance of trails, both stonedust and natural surface, in Great Falls. They monitor development to ensure compliance with the trails designated in Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan trails map and actively work to complete trails on Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday, except August and December, at the Old Schoolhouse

in Great Falls. 703-759-2059 or www.geocities.com/greatfallstrails/.

Friends and Newcomers of Great Falls

Newcomers of Great Falls helps new residents of Great Falls and its school district meet each other and assimilate into the community.

The nonprofit organization offers more than 300 members a variety of activities and programs along with opportunities for leadership, community service and support to local charitable and civic organizations. The Newcomers provide financial support for such community charities as Camp

Fraser, Lift Me Up and the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department. 703-757-7962 or www.gffnva.org/.

The Turner Farm Team

A group of community volunteers who raise money and public support for a public park that was once a dairy farm at Georgetown Pike and Springvale Road.

The Turner Farm team is a liaison with the Fairfax County Park Authority and supports community efforts to build a picnic pavilion, a tot lot, equestrian features and an astronomy observatory at The Turner Farm. 703-406-2487 or e-mail mamacow@cox.net.



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The Freedom Memorial: Tucked away near a corner of the Great Falls Library, the Freedom Memorial stands as a solemn reminder of those lost defending our country. Inspired by a candlelight vigil on the first anniversary of 9/11, the memorial includes an Honor Roll (available in the library), which lists all Great Falls residents who have died while serving the nation.



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Great Falls Park: A revered National Park, the Falls combine the beauty of nature with its remarkable power. Hiking trails and rocky cliffs surround the outskirts of the park, while flatter walking trails connect the overlooks. Kayakers often brave the falls, though only advanced participants are recommended to enter the water. Swimming is strictly prohibited, as even the calmer parts of the river can be dangerous. Parking is \$5 per car.



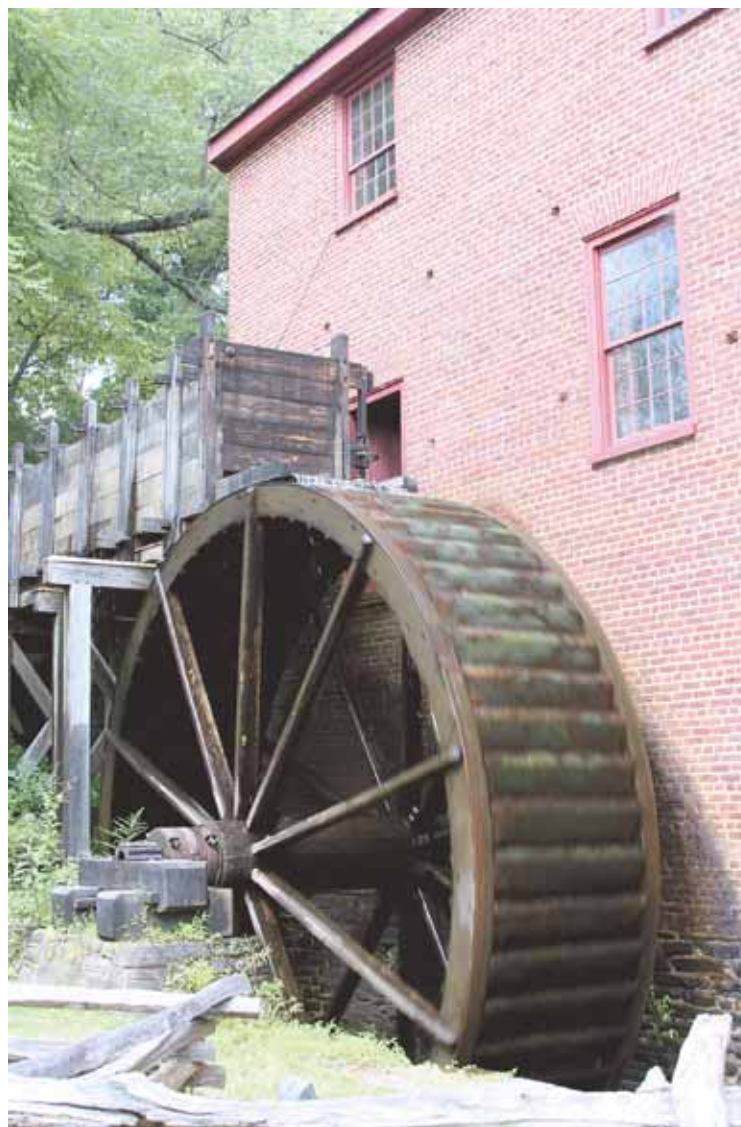
Riverbend Park: With both calm water and wooded trails to offer, Riverbend Park is the perfect place for those who love the outdoors. Kayaking, fishing, hiking and picnicking are only a few of the activities available at the park. Parking and admission is free, and the park is open during daylight hours.

The Village Centre and Green: The Centre is the heart of Great Falls village, flanked by many local businesses and home to town events. Here, there's everything from the Great Falls Creamery and the Old Brogue to summer concerts and festivals. The centerpiece on the Green is the gazebo, which is often used by musical groups on busier days, and by residents looking to relax on quieter days.

Great Views of Great Falls



Colvin Run Mill: On the corner of Route 7 and Colvin Run, the Mill is a historic landmark of Great Falls' past. Home to many seasonal events, the Mill includes a period blacksmith's workshop as well as a country store.



Katie's Coffee: A central hub in the Village Centre, Katie's Coffee serves as a meeting place for many local events. Pictured is Saturday morning's Cars and Coffee, where a weekly car show gathers car enthusiasts and owners alike from 7-9 a.m., April through October. From hosting social gatherings to organized events, it's likely that if something is happening in Great Falls, it's happening at Katie's.



— NIKKI CHESHIRE

Forestville School: This schoolhouse – located on the Grange in Great Falls Village – has been around since 1889. Since its construction, it's been used as a school, a residence, a bank, a library and even a post office. Now, it symbolizes and celebrates the rural history of Great Falls.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Great Falls Farmers Market Where Saturdays are Local

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY
MARKET MANAGER

Please know that you have a standing invitation to join us every Saturday morning (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the parking lot next to the Wells Fargo Bank for a spirited community event, the Great Falls Farmers Market – immediately following Cars & Coffee. Now in its seventh year, our local farmers market is a work in progress, defined by the freshness of our produce, the quality and uniqueness of our vendors, the delight of our musicians, the warmth of our visitors, the loyalty and dedication of our “devotees,” and the spirit of our local community as evidenced by local nonprofit presence, special guests and unique events.

▫Fresh: We have a core of long-standing vendors who bring local and certified organic vegetables and fruits, meats, eggs, and baked goods – Penn Farm, Diaz Berries & Veggies, High View Farm, Tuscarora Organic Growers Coop, and Tyson Farms (new this winter), as well as Dimitri unfiltered extra-virgin Olive Oil and aged Balsamic Vinegars.

▫New Great Falls Businesses: We are very proud of our delightful made-in-Great-Falls offerings such as Backyard Eden’s local honey, Jeff Rainey, Apiarist; Plain & Simple’s amazing muffins and quiches; and Amalthea Ridge Farm’s artisan goat-milk-based soaps and lotions. Tasteful Landscapes plants wonderful herb gardens, while State Gardens landscapes fruit orchards and more. Most amazing, 11-year-old Carolyn of Caro’s Creations crafts hand-made duct-tape wallets and more. Other nearby (i.e. Sterling & Herndon) local businesses include Little Corners Petit Fours, a master baker, and Puttering Mom, a maker of hand-crafted gift items and artistic cards.

▫Dense Nutrition Options: Who would imagine when we started in the early days with all the wonderful gourmet items arranged by Robb Watters when he launched the initial farmers market that we would also have a thriving raw food vendor (Postmodern Foods), an amazing thoroughly gluten-free vendor (ViolAmi Cuisine), two fermented vendors (Number 1 Sons pickles, krauts and komchi, etc.; and Daisy’s Probiotics – fermented ginger ale and kombucha), a paleo (& more) baker (Bonn Boni)?

▫Breakfast or Lunch at the Market: Need a quick bite? Happy Crepes prepares a custom European-style crepe for you while you wait. Del Sur offers Peruvian empanadas, warm and ready to eat. Baguette Republic offers all your favorite muffins, Danish, croissants, scones, and more – all baked the night before the good old-fashioned European way. Having a community farmers market where you can meet and greet your neighbors, learn about local non-profits, be a central point for information on our com-



The Difficult Run String Band plays at the Great Falls Farmers Market as local residents enjoy the music.



Local families hang out on the hay bales as the Stewart Sisters play country music. Tuscarora Organic Growers Coop and the Great Falls Historical Society tents flaunt either side.

munity and more, is the collective achievement of all who support local. Serving our community all year round through all seasons, our farmers market is a work in progress, growing through the influence of

your footsteps. What we become depends on those who come forth to incubate their fledgling businesses with us — bringing what they grow, cultivate, or make — and those who come by to encourage their very



Denise Hicks, owner of Postmodern Foods, offers nutrient-dense raw juices, smoothies, salads, savorys and desserts made from raw ingredients.



Jo So, a local resident of Great Falls and owner of Plain & Simple Baked Goods, bakes the most amazing mini-quiches and muffins. She sells out every week.

local efforts. For information on weekly events and specials, please visit www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org or visit us at www.facebook.com/GreatFallsCommunityFarmersMarket

Year-round Festivals

A list of annual events in the area.

LIST COMPILED BY EMMA HARRIS

August 2014

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 30-31

War of 1812 Signature Event. Noon-5 p.m. Alexandria Waterfront, 3 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Visitors are invited to delight in interactive historical exhibits, boating activities and food trucks. Features a tug-of-war, cricket match and yacht race as well. 703-746-4242. Free. Visit www.visitAlexandriaVA.com/1812

September 2014

MONDAY/SEPT. 1 - SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit http://www.workhouseceramics.org/index.php?p=1_15_Clay-National-2014.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 12-6 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Downtown Herndon celebrates Labor Day with an annual festival - °great music, a craft show, food, wineries, micro-brews and culinary demonstrations will all be there. Visit www.herndon-va.gov

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

Virginia Indian Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Tribal dancing, songs and drumming make history come alive each September at the Virginia Indian Festival at Riverbend Park. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/quicktakes/#FA14QT7.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Burke Centre's signature event, which celebrates the spirit of the community each year with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Visit http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Reston Triathlon. 7 a.m. Lake Audubon, Twin Branches Road, Reston. Swim, bike and run in the "Reston World Championships." Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri.

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. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

18th Annual CÉ Irish Folk Festival. Noon-8:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival>

Silver Live Music and Food Truck Festival.



PHOTO BY NIKKI CHESHIRE/THE CONNECTION

Great Falls citizens of all ages were encouraged to take part in the parade and participate in the July 4th celebration this year.

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/>.

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Old Town, King Street, Alexandria. At this community festival, art enthusiasts can discover spectacular paintings, life-size sculptures, jewelry, photography, ceramics and more. Visit www.artfestival.com/Festivals/Alexandria_Festival_of_the_Arts_Alexandria_Virginia_September.ASPX

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

5K/10K Dulles Day on the Runway. 7:30 a.m. 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. The full length of the runway will be closed off for runners to experience a flat, fast course and a unique look at the airport grounds. All race proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Virginia, the Committee for Dulles Community Outreach and the Washington Airports Task Force. Visit <http://committeefordulles.org/5-10K.html>.

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dulles International Airport. Teams of 25 are pitted against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airbus 12 feet the fastest in Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser. Visit <http://www.planepull.com>.

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Fest. 12-6 p.m. 8025 Galleria Drive, McLean. Attend for a day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbecue eatin'. Your admission buys a sampling glass so you can enjoy all you care to taste while attending seminars in the tasting theater and enjoying live music all day. Visit www.tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-bbq-bourbon-and-beer-festival.

Mount Vernon Colonial Market and Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture and much more. Visit www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/colonial-market-fair/

Paint Herndon Celebrate the Arts. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. The annual Paint Herndon event is a celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the

opening of ArtSpace Herndon, complete with a painting competition. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com/paint-herndon/.

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 for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. This kids triathlon gives youngsters an opportunity to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. The event is designed for any youth, ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

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.

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit <http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 3 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit <http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/GroupInformation?id=581&type=f information&id=18124>

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life and much more with live animal shows throughout the day. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

October 2014

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

3rd Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk. 12 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers

Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embry Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth.

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 Avenue, 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.

Oktoberfest Vienna. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more. Visit <http://viennaoktoberfest.org/>

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 50 juried artists. Visit www.mpaart.org.

19th Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk. 12 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc., an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing pet visitation to residents of nursing homes and hospitals since 1987. Visit www.fpov.org/event-685795.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-12

Oktober Fest Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy food, wine, beer, live entertainment, a carnival and the Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. Visit <http://www.oktoberfestreston.com>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 16-NOV. 1

Great Pumpkin Gathering. 6-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a dazzling display of pumpkin art beyond your wildest imagining. Visit www.tysonspartnership.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

19th Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Historic Hallows Eve. 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with

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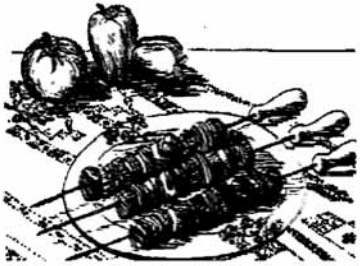
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 storytelling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit www.1771.org.

Tyson's Harvest Festival. 12-6 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Stroll through the arts and crafts booths and taste some of the fun flavors of fall. Visit <http://tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-harvest-festival>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 5K. 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of about 5 percent - more than 90,000 people are living in poverty and 30 percent are children. Come run or walk to help feed our neighbors. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/McLean/NeighborsFeedingNeighbors5K>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Spooktacular. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

va.gov.

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 <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php> for times and locations.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

Air and Scare. 2-7 p.m. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. See the spooky side of air and space at the annual Halloween event. Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and other Halloween-themed activities. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/air-and-scare/>.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

68th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating the Tradition of Vienna Girls Sports," come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit www.viennava.gov.

November 2014

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson

Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

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.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Turkey Trot 5K Race. 4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. The course takes you through Herndon Centennial Golf Course grass and paved paths, parts of the W&OD paved trail and vehicular paved road. All canned food will be donated to LINK. Visit www.herndon-va.gov

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19-SUNDAY/JAN. 4

Lights Festival. 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances

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and a visit from Santa to open the
Christmas season. Visit
www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 - TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

December 2014

MONDAY/DEC. 1

Church Street Holiday Stroll. 6-9 p.m. Freeman House and Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Enjoy fun family-friendly activities including a visit from Santa, petting zoo, free hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows at supervised bonfires. Visit www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

Great Falls Celebration of Lights. 5:30-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Hill. Watch Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to light the Great Falls Tree, drink hot chocolate and cider and listen to beautiful holiday music.

Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Christmas.html.

44th Annual Campagna Center

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983/.

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. A variety of handcrafted items and fine art will be on sale including wreaths, quilts, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, decorations, original artwork, photography, stained glass and more. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13-14

Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale. Wolf Trap Center for Education, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. This annual show includes paintings, pottery, traditional and digital photographs, jewelry, drawings, art quilts and hand pulled lithographic prints, plus artful gifts and cards. All of the artwork is created by Great Falls artists, most of whom work out of their home studios. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com.

January 2015

FRIDAY/JAN. 9 - SPRING

Live Music at Paradise Springs

Winery. Fridays 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays 2-6 p.m. Various live artists perform every Friday and Saturday. Visit www.paradisepingswinery.com/winery-events.html.

February 2015

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. 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.

March 2015

SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade. Annual parade to celebrating Fat Tuesday. Visit www.clarendon.org/mardi-gras/.

SECOND SUNDAY IN MARCH

Chantilly Egg Hunt. Saturdays and Sundays. 26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly. Join the Easter Bunny and search for candy and toy-filled eggs. Visit www.ticonderoga.com/about.

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN MARCH

Herndon Bluegrass Concert Series. Friday and Saturday evenings. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Listen to different bluegrass concerts every week. Visit www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net.

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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
www.nps.gov/grfa
Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500
The GW Parkway includes more than 25 sites, ranging from historic homes to wildlife preserves. Join a ranger for a free program or explore sites independently. Some park sites, including Turkey Run Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Great Falls Park, etc., close at dark. The Parkway itself remains open 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic.

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/
The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov

The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124
The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. Hours vary.

BR Atlantis Waterpark

(at Bull Run Marina Regional Park)
7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Family of Waterparks. Atlantis also features picnic pavilions, a deck great for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;
Hemlock

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631
This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections is open year round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin. A picnic area beside the Gardens is available to visitors. Meadowlark presents gardening and horticulture workshops, tours, field trips, concerts and volunteer programs.

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OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia.



Belmont Bay provides a beautiful backdrop as Scott McLallen jogs beside his daughter Lucy, while she gains confidence riding without training wheels at Mason Neck State Park.

One of the beautiful features of the grounds at Meadowlark is the Korean Bell Tower and its surrounding garden.

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.

Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. For those interested in swimming, the park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Nature lovers can expect to see blue birds, osprey, heron, deer, beavers and rare sightings of river otters.

PB Pirates Cove Waterpark

(at Pohick Bay Regional Park)
6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain's Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film



A stunning spot to fish, found in the middle of Great Falls National Park.

institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

CJP Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park



Charlotte, from Vienna, shares a sketch that she made of the bridge, across the pond from the Children's Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens.

FPP Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

GSG Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP Hidden Pond Park

8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
tennis (lit), nature center, amphitheater, hiking/nature trails, playground, fishing
25.6 acres, community park

HMP Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
nature center, historic structure, biking/hiking/nature trails, observation tower, boardwalk
1444.8 acres, natural resource park

LAP Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic
448.1 acres, multiple resource park

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters
479 acres, multiple resource park

FRA Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse, sprayground, accessible playground
138 acres, district park

MDP Mason District Park

6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

NWP Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

RBP Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craft room
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

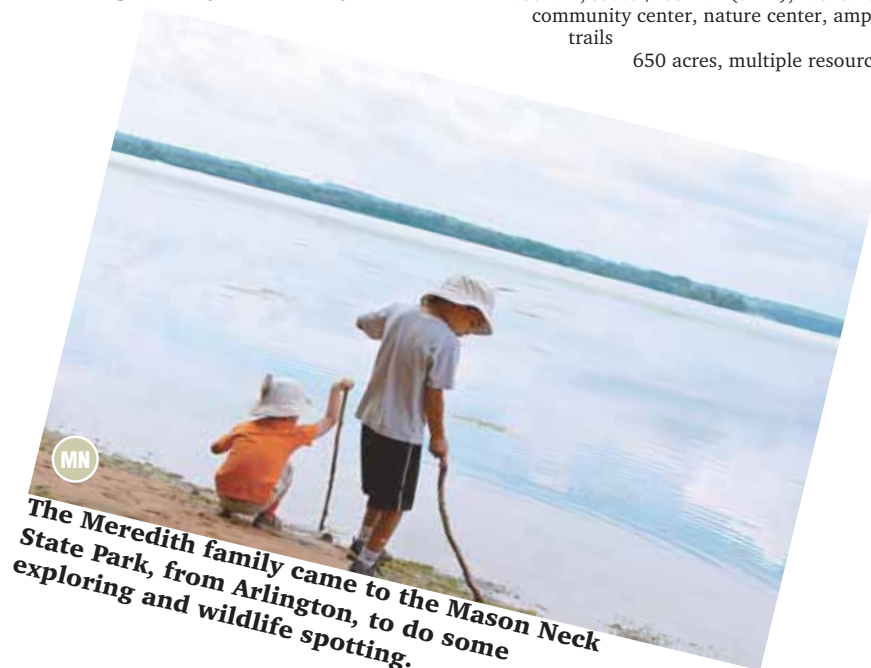
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



The Meredith family came to the Mason Neck State Park, from Arlington, to do some exploring and wildlife spotting.

PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE GREAT FALLS, RESTON & HERNDON AREAS

Map Number Park Name

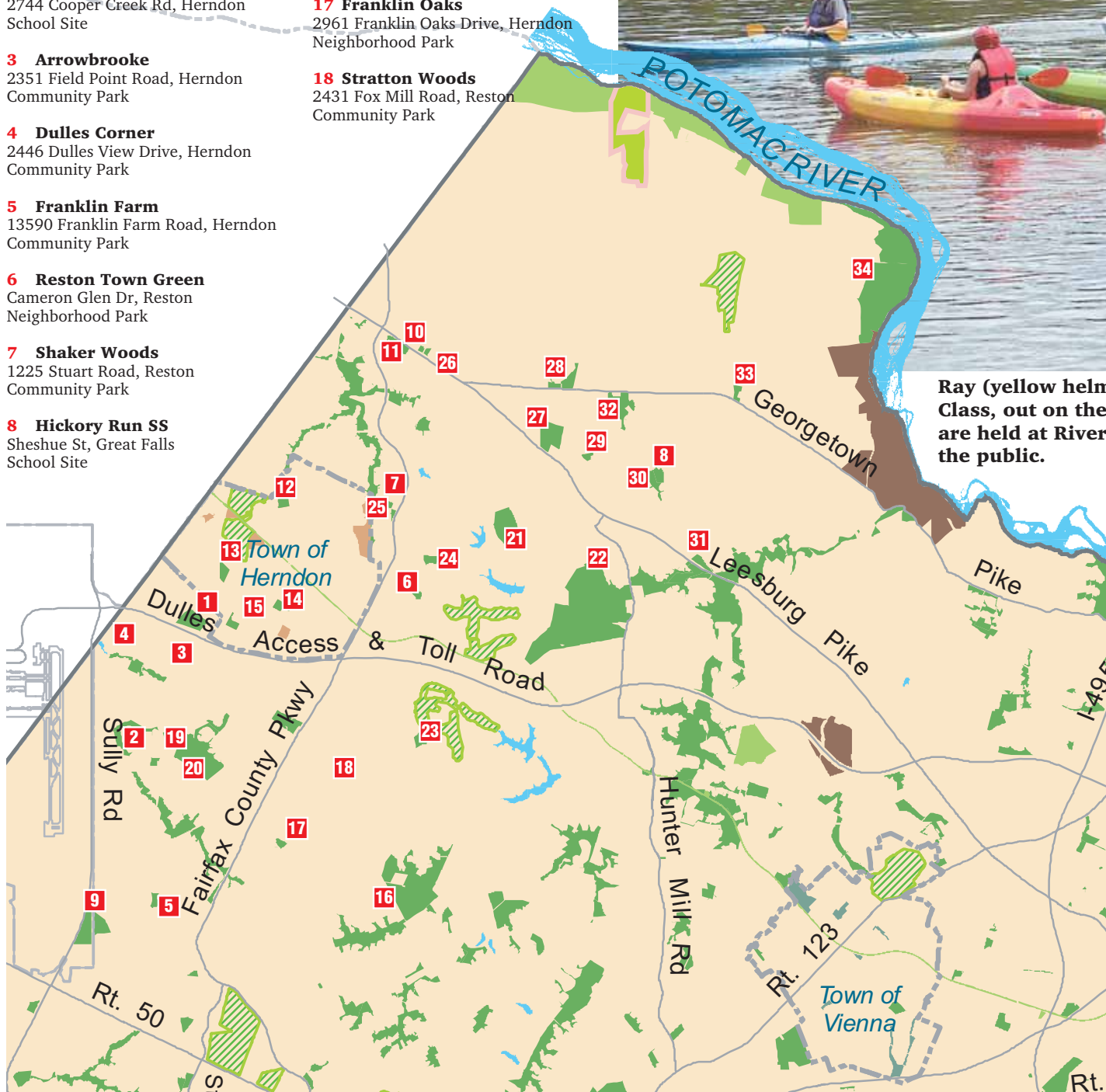
Address, City
Property Class

- 1 Hutchison ES**
13209 Parcher Ave., Herndon
Community Park
- 2 Coppermine Crossing SS**
2744 Cooper Creek Rd, Herndon
School Site
- 3 Arrowbrooke**
2351 Field Point Road, Herndon
Community Park
- 4 Dulles Corner**
2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon
Community Park
- 5 Franklin Farm**
13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
Community Park
- 6 Reston Town Green**
Cameron Glen Dr, Reston
Neighborhood Park
- 7 Shaker Woods**
1225 Stuart Road, Reston
Community Park
- 8 Hickory Run SS**
Sheshue St, Great Falls
School Site

- 15 Chandon**
900 Palmer Drive, Herndon
Community Park
- 16 Fred Crabtree**
2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
District Park
- 17 Franklin Oaks**
2961 Franklin Oaks Drive, Herndon
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Stratton Woods**
2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston
Community Park



Ray (yellow helmet) instructs his beginning Kayaking Class, out on the water. Several Park Authority courses are held at Riverbend Park, which also rents boats to the public.



Kaitlyn (left, from Manassas) and Madeleine (from Great Falls) came with their moms to ride scooters and enjoy the river view.

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES
FEATURING RIVERBEND PARK

- 9 Sully Historic**
3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly
Cultural Resource Park
- 10 Dranesville Tavern**
11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
Cultural Resource Park
- 11 Grand Hamptons**
1081 Safa Street, Herndon
Neighborhood Park
- 12 Stanton**
910 Third Street, Herndon
Community Park
- 13 Alabama Drive**
1100 Alabama Drive, Herndon
Community Park
- 14 Bruin**
415 Van Buren Street, Herndon
Community Park

- 19 Floris School Site**
2621 Centreville Road, Herndon
Community Park
- 20 Frying Pan Farm**
2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
Multiple Resource Park
- 21 Baron Cameron**
11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
District Park
- 22 Lake Fairfax**
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
Multiple Resource Park
- 23 South Lakes Drive**
11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston
Community Park
- 24 Reston North**
1635 Reston Parkway, Reston
Community Park

- 25 Stuart Road**
12001 Lake Newport Road, Reston
Community Park
- 26 Holly Knolls**
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park
- 27 Great Falls Nike**
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park
- 28 Windermere**
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 29 Lockmeade**
1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park
- 30 Lexington Estates**
10401 Sheshue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

- 31 Colvin Run Mill Site**
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park
- 32 The Turner Farm**
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park
- 33 Great Falls Grange**
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 34 Riverbend**
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park



Great Falls Optimists' Planned Activities

Planned activities for the Great Falls Optimist Club that provide opportunity for all ages to learn, serve, lead and to help youth who influence the future. More info at gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org and optimist.org

We welcome your support & participation. there are Other youth and family programs available.

❖ Oct. 31, 2014 - Halloween

Great Falls Optimist Club joins Celebrate Great Falls Foundation to provide family portraits at the Gazebo on the Green. www.celebrategreatfalls.org gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org

❖ Nov. 2014 - Great Falls Optimist Club, partnering with

Generosity Feeds, will provide holiday meals for families and students including regular Thanksgiving meals plus up to 4,000 pre-packaged individual meals on Nov. 23, at Dominion

High School. generosityfeeds.org. gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org

❖ Dec. 2014 - Package and de-

liver holiday meals and gifts. Happy holidays and thanks to our volunteers, business and non-business partners, friends, educators and reporters.

gfoptimist@greatfallsoptimist.org trcookphoto@aol.com; 703-938-1609.

❖ Feb 2015 - Great Falls Optimist Club Essay Contest

How to Enter: Interested students must contact the Great Falls Optimist Club or the programs/activities teacher at your middle school (Pyramid Schools to Langley and Dominion High Schools). They need to submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic. Topic: "Optimism Should be a Priority." All Club-level contests are held by early February. Student submissions will not be accepted after the Club-level contests have closed.

❖ March 2015 - Great Falls Optimist Oratorical Contest

Topic: "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To Greater Achievements of the Future."

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youngsters the chance to

speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations are awarded annually from this program.

How To Enter: Interested students must contact the Great Falls Optimist Club or the programs/activities at your middle school. (Pyramid Schools to Langley and Dominion High Schools).

❖ March 29, 2015 - Great Falls Optimist Club/

Adeler Jewelers 31st annual children's spring festival. (Family Fun Day - Great Falls Green). Over 20,000 children plus parents have enjoyed a fun day together with rides, games, food and the gathering of Easter eggs and gems.

❖ April 2015 - Great Falls Optimist Club helping hands volunteer recognition award. One sixth grade student from each elementary school will be honored for outstanding volunteer service. Student is selected by school searchers and principals in elementary schools in the Langley and Dominion High School Pyramids.

❖ April 2015 - Partners in Education awards to outstanding Career Center Specialists who serve in our local high schools who are recognized for their dedicated service over the years in preparing our high school students as they transition to college and prepare to pursue lifelong careers. In addition, these educators will have partnered with the Optimist Club of Great Falls to help us identify students worthy of recognition and honor for their academic achievements and contributions to the community.

❖ May 2015 - Great Falls Optimist Youth Award of Excellence;

Outstanding junior students are recognized in six categories of excellence. Nominees are selected by teachers and judged by experts in selected categories.

Nominee Categories:
Academics Nominees
Citizenship Nominees
Fine Arts Nominees
Science Nominees
Sports Nominees
Technology Nominees

Fairfax County Animal Shelter

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FCAS) estimates that between 4,000 and 5,000 small animals come through its doors each year, according to its website. The shelter deals primarily with dogs and cats, but also other small animals like rabbits and birds. A foster program is available through FCAS for the care of dogs and cats, and families who wish to be part of the foster program must go through a training session before taking animals into their homes.

Other volunteer opportunities with the shelter range from telephone assistant to pet groomer and bather to cat socializer. Potential volunteers may submit an online application at fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter, and must attend a volunteer orientation. For more information on volunteering or adopting a pet, visit the shelter's website, or call 703-830-1100.

ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE



Allow us to introduce you to Madeira's academic programs and school community at one of our fall open house events. Meet teachers, take a campus tour, and experience the magic of Madeira.

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Sunday, November 9 • 1:00 pm
or by appointment throughout the year

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What's on the Ballot; How to Vote

Election Day is Nov. 4, 2014, 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 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.)

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.

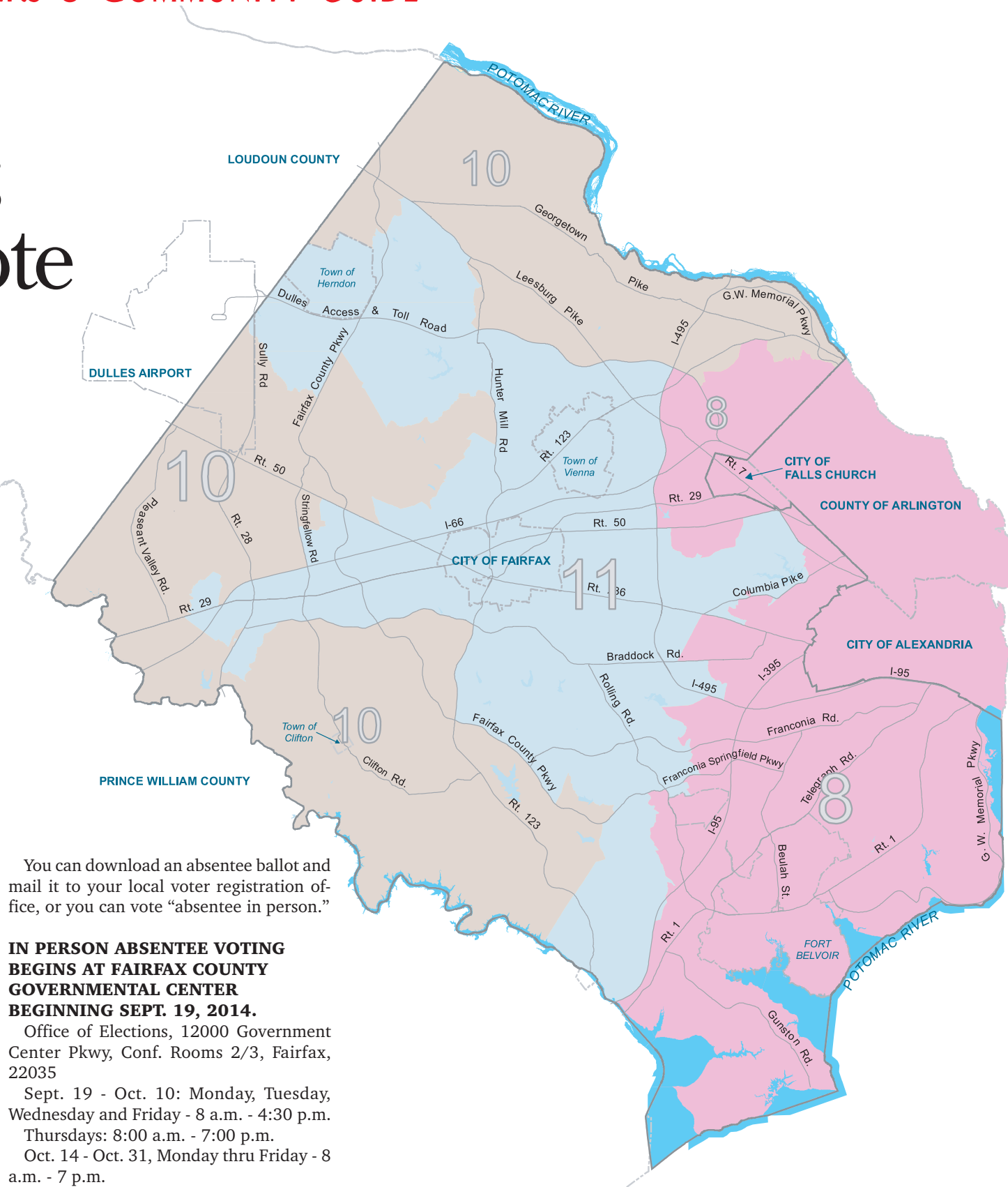
In Arlington, with a population of about 224,900, there are 162,100 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 157,236 on July 2, 2012.

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 eleven or more hours of the thirteen that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."



MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS AT FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER BEGINNING SEPT. 19, 2014.

Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conf. Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, 22035

Sept. 19 - Oct. 10: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 14 - Oct. 31, Monday thru Friday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

SATELLITE VOTING LOCATIONS BEGIN FRIDAY OCT. 14

- Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310
 - Dolley Madison Library - 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 22101
 - North County Human Services Bldg. - 1850 Cameron Glen Dr, Reston, 20190
 - West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152
 - Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003
 - Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Ln., Alexandria 22306
 - Sully District Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly 20151
- Monday - Friday, Oct. 14 - 31, 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Map of Congressional districts serving Fairfax County.

7 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

For more, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

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

One constitutional question will appear on all Virginia ballots, Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Question: Shall 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?

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

SEE EVERY YEAR. PAGE 25

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Every Year is Election Year in Virginia

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THE 8TH DISTRICT is an 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 THE 10TH DISTRICT, an open seat was created by the retirement of Frank Wolf (R), who was elected to office in 1982. Both major party candidates are elected officials from McLean, with Republican Barbara Comstock, a member of the Virginia House

of Delegates, facing Democrat John Foust, a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

◊ Republican Barbara J. Comstock, www.barbaracomstockforcongress.com

◊ Democrat John W. Foust, www.foustforvirginia.com

◊ Libertarian William B. Redpath, billredpath.com

◊ Independent Green Dianne L. Blais, www.votejoinrun.us

◊ Independent Brad A. Eickholt, www.eickholt4congress.com/

IN THE 11TH DISTRICT, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to congress in 2008, will face Republican Suzanne K. Scholte and two independent candidates.

◊ Republican Suzanne K. Scholte, www.suzannescholteforcongress.com/

◊ Democrat Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly, incumbent, www.gerryconnolly.com

◊ Green Joe F. Galdo www.joegaldo.com

◊ Libertarian Marc M. Harrold, www.marcharrold4congress.com

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, all voters will vote yes or no for more money for transportation projects. **Transportation Improvements Bond Question:** Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation facilities, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, improvements related to transit, improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, voters will also vote on an advisory Referendum regarding length of term for Offices of Mayor, City Council and School Board, and whether the term of office should be increased from two years to four years.

New Voter Identification 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. Writ-

ten 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 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.

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov

For More Election Information:

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/general-registrar>

10455 Armstrong Street, Sisson House, Fairfax, 22030; FAX 703-591-8364; email generalregistrar@fairfaxva.gov

State Board of Elections, 804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194

email: info@sbe.virginia.gov
<http://www.sbe.virginia.gov>

Fairfax's Success Story

50 Years in the Making

BY GERALD L. GORDON, PH.D.

If you are a newcomer to Fairfax County, allow me to welcome you to one of the most dynamic communities anywhere in the world to live and work. It was the vision of many people to create this kind of community, so please allow me to offer a quick history lesson.

The Capital Beltway was completed in 1964. The same year the iconic highway opened, the Virginia General Assembly passed a law that created what is now called the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. In the last 50 years, creation and growth of a diversified business community and local economy transformed a sleepy bedroom community in the shadow of the nation's capital into what Time magazine has called "one of the great economic success stories of our time."

How much of a success story? Fairfax County was home to no Fortune 500 companies in 1964, and today 10 of those businesses are based here. That's more than 30 states. Today more than 400 foreign-owned businesses have a presence here, as do four companies on Black Enterprise magazine's list of the 100 largest African American-owned companies, three companies on HispanicBusiness.com's list of the 100 largest Hispanic-owned companies, and top companies that are Asian-, woman- and veteran-owned.

Today Fairfax County is the second-largest suburban office market in the United States. Almost no matter where you live, you can see how the county continues to evolve as a business location. The first phase of Metro's Silver Line rail service further enhances the attractiveness of Tysons Corner and Reston, while the second phase will link Herndon and Washington Dulles International Airport to the rest of the Washington region in 2018.

Southeastern Fairfax County (Springfield, Lorton and the Richmond Highway corridor) are becoming important office centers thanks to growth at Fort Belvoir. The Mosaic District in Merrifield is a popular destination, and the Springfield Town Center opening this fall promises to be a magnet for that area.

As I suggested earlier, this evolution of Fairfax County has been no accident. It has been a strategy driven by a consistent vision: A strong and consistent economic development program that attracts companies and helps them stay and grow here creates job opportunities, builds a strong commercial tax base that holds down residential taxes, and allows the Board of Supervisors to provide high-quality public services that enhance the quality of life here.

Yes, Fairfax County has changed tremendously since 1964. But, even with all the progress that has happened, we believe even better times lay ahead.

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., is president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

Getting to Know Langley Sports

Volleyball team won the 6A state championship.

Langley High School

Mascot: Saxons.

School Colors: Green and gold.

Athletic Director: Geoff Noto, 703-287-2750.

Football Coach: John Howerton.

The Saxons finished the 2013 season with a 9-3 record and reached the 6A North region quarterfinals. Along the way, Langley turned in the most prolific scoring season in program history, producing 481 points, an average of 40 per contest.

Field Hockey Coach: Jennifer Robb.

Volleyball Coach: Susan Shifflett.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Scott Newman.

Baseball Coach: Kevin Healy.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Earl Brewer.

Rival School: McLean.

What Happened Last Year: The volleyball team won region and state championships. The boys' lacrosse team finished region and state runner-up. The softball team reached the region semifinals. The baseball team finished Conference 6 runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: *v*74. Taline Tahmassian, a 2001 graduate, was a soccer star for the Saxons, finishing her high school career with 96 goals. She won a national championship at Santa Clara before transferring to William & Mary.

From BJ Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "She was the best forward to go through Langley," said [then-Langley] coach Melissa Bibbee, who recently secured her place in Langley's storied soccer history by recording her 100th career coaching victory. "She was our go-to player. She was a sophomore my first year [at Langley]. For three years, my game-plan, as a coach, was just pass the ball to Taline. That was not only because I was 24 years old, but when you have a player of that caliber [that's what you do]."

"...Tahmassian spent her freshman year of college at Santa Clara University, where she helped the Broncos win an NCAA title. She played in 25 games, scored eight goals [50 shots], recorded 5 assists [21 points], and had two game-winning goals. She was the team's fourth-leading scorer in points and goals in 2001 — SCU's championship season. Despite reports of feuding with coaches, Tahmassian maintains that she transferred to William and Mary to be closer to family, but acknowledged that soccer was part of the decision.

"I kind of realized after winning a national championship, I just realized that there was more things out there," said Tahmassian, who will graduate in December. "Yeah, the soccer aspect [at Santa Clara] was amazing, but I felt that there was a little more than that." She admits that playing time was an issue at Santa Clara, but that it was not the only reason she left the West Coast.

At William and Mary, she led the Tribe with 15 goals in 16 games in her junior season leading the team to the Colonial Athletic Association conference title and into the NCAA tournament. For all four years of



The Langley volleyball team won the 2013 6A state championship.

college Tahmassian totaled 40 goals in 83 games (60 starts) on 224 shots with 21 assists."

*v*84. Lindsey Ertter, a 2001 graduate, was a state-champion swimmer for the Saxons.

From Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "By the age of 12, she had made her first Olympic trials while swimming at the Senior Nationals tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"When I made the Olympic trials, I had no idea what I had done," said Ertter, who said she had to wait four more years before she could compete in those trials (2000) because she swam her fastest time during an Olympic year.

Ertter, who competed in the 100-meter breaststroke, took 11th place in the 2000 trials after considering herself a long shot. She went back four years later and took fifth place in 2004 trials in Long Beach.

"...Even without pressure, Ertter won six state championships and set records in all three of her years at the AAA state tournament. She won three gold medals in the 200 individual medley and three gold medals

in the 100 breaststroke from 1999-2001. She also helped the Saxons to four team AAA state championships from 1998-2001. She was simply dominant at the high school

level, but like most year-round competitive swimmers, high school was a chance for her to relax. ... Ertter, who went on to become an All-American in 2003 and 2004 at the University of Georgia, returned home for a while after graduating and retiring from swimming in December. While at Georgia, Ertter was a team captain and made a trip to the NCAA Championships in all of her four years. She finished third in the 100-yard breast with a personal best time of 1:01.07 in 2005 and led her team to a second place finish in the SEC tournament. Ertter credits her upbringing in the pools of Northern Virginia for her success."

*v*89. Robbie Maclay, a 2006 graduate, was a versatile athlete for the Saxons, whose primary sport was lacrosse.

From Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Langley 2006 graduate Robbie Maclay's impact is still fresh in the minds of lacrosse fans, play-



The Langley volleyball team won the 2013 6A state championship.

Langley High School

Mascot: Saxons.

School Colors: Green and gold.

Athletic Director: Geoff Noto, 703-287-2750.

Football Coach: John Howerton.

The Saxons finished the 2013 season with a 9-3 record and reached the 6A North region quarterfinals. Along the way, Langley turned in the most prolific scoring season in program history, producing 481 points, an average of 40 per contest.

Field Hockey Coach: Jennifer Robb.

Volleyball Coach: Susan Shifflett.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Scott Newman.

Baseball Coach: Kevin Healy.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Earl Brewer.

Rival School: McLean.

ers and coaches in the Northern Region. Maclay just graduated from Langley after having competed in 12 seasons of sports and after becoming the first athlete to do so in 10 years at the McLean-based high school. He also shattered records while with the Saxons lacrosse team.

Maclay, who will continue his lacrosse career at Div. I University of Vermont next year, was selected as a US Lacrosse All-American this past season after leading the Saxons to the consolation round of the Northern Region tournament. ... Maclay was named Langley's Most Valuable Player and he was also recently named Langley's Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year. Maclay was also selected, as one of only five players from Virginia and 300 players throughout the country, as a High School All-American by US Lacrosse. ... Maclay lettered nine times while at Langley. He was a utility player for the Saxons 4-6 football team and spent time with both the track and wrestling teams. Maclay was the first athlete at Langley in 10 years to play 12 seasons of sports."

*v*97. Jimmy Sbarra, a 1999 graduate, was a lacrosse standout who went on to play at the University of Maryland.

From Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "After playing four years at Langley High School in which he recorded 120 points, Jimmy, who helped Langley to three Liberty District lacrosse titles en route to all-district selections in his junior and senior seasons, followed in his father's footsteps and played his college lacrosse at Maryland."

Local REAL ESTATE

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January~June, 2014 Top Sales in Great Falls and McLean



1 904 Chinquapin Road, McLean — \$6,500,000



2 8112 Spring Hill Farm Drive, McLean — \$4,000,000



3 828 Mackall Avenue, McLean — \$3,875,000



4 211 Clarks Run Road, Great Falls — \$3,675,000



5 1239 Daleview Drive, McLean — \$3,600,000



6 888 Alvermar Ridge Drive, McLean — \$3,460,000



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1 904 CHINQUAPIN RD	7	7	4		MCLEAN	\$6,500,000	Detached	3.80	22102	CHINQUAPIN	06/20/14
2 8112 SPRING HILL FARM DR	5	5	3		MCLEAN	.....	\$4,000,000	Detached	0.88	22102	SPRING HILL FARM	05/09/14
3 828 MACKALL AVE	6	7	2		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,875,000	Detached	1.19	22101	LANGLEY FOREST	06/27/14
4 211 CLARKS RUN RD	5	5	3		GREAT FALLS	..	\$3,675,000	Detached	6.83	22066	BRANDES ESTATES	04/01/14
5 1239 DALEVIEW DR	5	7	3		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,600,000	Detached	1.53	22102	WOODSIDE ESTATES	05/15/14
6 888 ALVERMAR RIDGE DR	6	6	2		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,460,000	Detached	0.83	22102	THE RESERVE	06/05/14
7 8103 SPRING HILL FARM DR	5	5	2		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,450,000	Detached	1.01	22102	SPRING HILL FARM	06/06/14
8 6718 BENJAMIN ST	7	7	2		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,400,000	Detached	0.94	22101	LANGLEY FOREST	04/30/14
9 6810 WEMBERLY WAY	6	5	2		MCLEAN	.....	\$3,337,667	Detached	0.58	22101	LANGLEY FOREST	05/09/14
10 906 GEORGETOWN RIDGE CT	5	5	1		MCLEAN	\$3,295,000	Detached	0.83	22102	GEORGETOWN RIDGE	06/30/14

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Celebrate Great Falls

Your Community Organization



Upcoming Events

Halloween Spooktacular



Friday, October 31, 2014

Children up to age 12 are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costume and enjoy trick or treating with local merchants.

Be sure to visit the Haunted House!



Celebration of Lights

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Celebrate the beginning of the season with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

The petting zoo and pony rides will keep your kids busy until Mr. & Mrs. Claus arrive by fire truck.



WINTER WINE TASTING

Saturday, February 21, 2015



Get out of the cold and enjoy great wines, hors d'oeuvres, cheese & good company.

River Bend Country Club



Annual Events



Cars & Coffee

Saturday Mornings from 7am to 9am

Come grab a coffee and enjoy the many cars on show. Antique, classic and new . . . they can all be found here outside of Katie's Coffee House

Concerts on the Green

Sunday Evenings from 6pm to 8pm

Sunday Evenings during the Summer on the Village Centre Green at the Gazebo.

Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of live, free music.

Annual Golf Tournament

The 1st Monday in June

Join us in support of our local, community Elementary Schools!



Hidden Creek Country Club



July 4th Hometown Celebration & Parade

July 4th ~ 8am to Dark

Activities include a 5K Run/Walk, The Little Patriot Baby & Toddler Parade and the Main Parade through Village Centre with games & food immediately after.

Fireworks complete the day starting at dusk.

Celebrate Great Falls is a nonprofit foundation that has become the umbrella organization for many of our town's major annual events.

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