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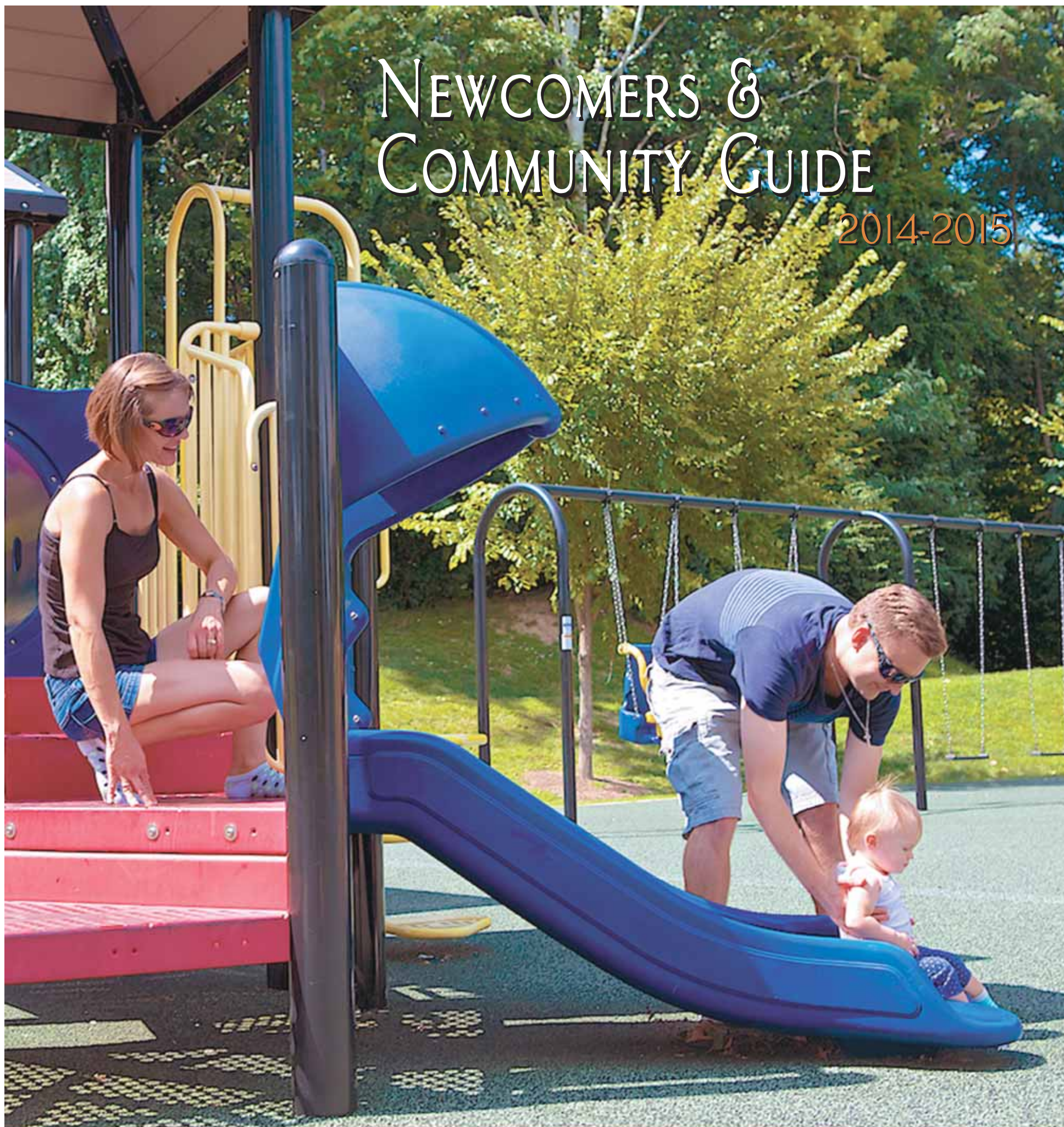


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# Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA/CHAIRMAN  
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**W**elcome 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## A County of 186,785 Students

BY KAREN K. GARZA  
SUPERINTENDENT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**W**elcome 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.

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 assessments 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



Karen K. Garza

COURTESY OF FCPS



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**Vincent Michael Sica proceeds to the stage platform after being named the 2014 Lake Braddock Faculty Award recipient for academic excellence, community service, extra-curricular activities, good citizenship and leadership.**

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 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 respond 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.



## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# About the Connection

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

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

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

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include

when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

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 every week that serve their communities in distinct ways. We welcome contributing writers, with the caveat that our freelance pay is nominal; if you are interested in covering news or events in your community, email [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com). We offer summer and year-round educational

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# Fairfax County's Success Story

## Economic success: 50 years in the making.

BY GERALD L. GORDON, PH.D.

**I**f 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 larg-



Gerald Gordon.

est 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.

### COMMENTARY



# NONPROFITS

## FACETS

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities, including a monthly Youth Volunteer Night. 703-865-4251 or <http://facetscares.org/>.

## Food for Others

The non-profit provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. 703-207-9173 or [www.foodforothers.com](http://www.foodforothers.com).

## Our Daily Bread

The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families.

For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to [www.odbfairfax.com/holiday](http://www.odbfairfax.com/holiday).

## Office to End and Prevent Homelessness (OPEH)

OPEH supports the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness which engages nonprofits, businesses, faith-based communities and county agencies in its efforts to implement the 10-Year plan, which focuses on rapid re-housing and prevention by increasing the availability of permanent affordable housing. [www.ziphomelessness.com](http://www.ziphomelessness.com)

## GIVE

GIVE (Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education) is a non-profit organization founded and operated by high school students, which works towards promoting leadership of youth through volunteering time for a free tutoring program for children.

Last year, GIVE ran 11 centers in both libraries and community centers, and is looking forward to expanding further this year with more support.

The GIVE center at Richard Byrd Library, which has served over 1,000 students, has over 100 students and 60 tutors that meet every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. [www.giveyouth.org](http://www.giveyouth.org).

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stantly seeking donations and volunteers. 703-569-9160 or [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org).

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## CHAMBERS

### Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

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### Greater Springfield Chamber

The Chamber works with businesses within and those with ties to the Springfield community. [www.springfieldchamber.org/](http://www.springfieldchamber.org/).

### Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

The chamber provides information and programs to businesses throughout Fairfax and was previously known as the City of Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. [www.cfcc.org/](http://www.cfcc.org/).

### South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

SFCC is the first chamber of commerce exclusively for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals with interests in the southern part of Fairfax County. SFCC is bringing together diverse business and civic leaders in Lorton, Laurel Hill, Newington, Ft. Belvoir, South Springfield, Burke, Fairfax Station and Clifton to become part of a new voice in the South Fairfax region, one of the fastest growing business communities in Northern Virginia. [www.southfairfaxchamber.org](http://www.southfairfaxchamber.org).

### Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia

Located in Herndon, the organization serves businesses lead by and those that work with the Hispanic community in the area. [www.hccnva.org/](http://www.hccnva.org/).

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## FAIRFAX DEMOGRAPHICS

### Fairfax

**Zip code:** 22030

**Population:** 55,066

**Race:** White-35,095 (63.7%), Black/African American-4,244 (7.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-197 (0.4%), Asian-10,880 (19.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-6,546 (11.9%)

**Total housing units:** 19,322

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 11,610 (62.6%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 6,041 (32.5%)

**Households with individuals 65 and over:** 3,449 (18.6%)

**Median household income:** 101,356

**Mean family income:** 145,835

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 35.3%

**Zip code:** 22031

**Population:** 29,795

**Race:** White-17,144 (57.5%), Black/African American-1,842 (6.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-130 (0.4%), Asian-8,239 (27.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,948 (13.3%)

**Total housing units:** 12,364

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 6,155 (53.4%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 3,507 (30.4%)

**Households with individuals 65 and over:** 2,281 (19.8%)

**Median household income:** 106,119

**Mean family income:** 143,269

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 42.7%

**Zip code:** 22032

**Population:** 29,377

**Race:** White-20,983 (71.4%), Black/African American-1,287 (4.4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-49 (0.2%), Asian-5,296 (18%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,657 (9%)

**Total housing units:** 10,005

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 8,610

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 3,864 (39.4%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,598 (26.5%)

**Median household income:** 127,784

**Mean family income:** 157,919

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 30.2%

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

## BURKE DEMOGRAPHICS

### Burke

**Zip code:** 22015

**Population:** 43,102

**Race:** White-29,315 (68%), Black/African American-2,515 (5.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-101 (0.2%), Asian-7,589 (17.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-5,989 (13.9%)

**Total housing units:** 15,039

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 12,262 (82.7%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 5,906

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,983

**Median household income:** 121,508

**Mean family income:** 146,790

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 33.9%

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

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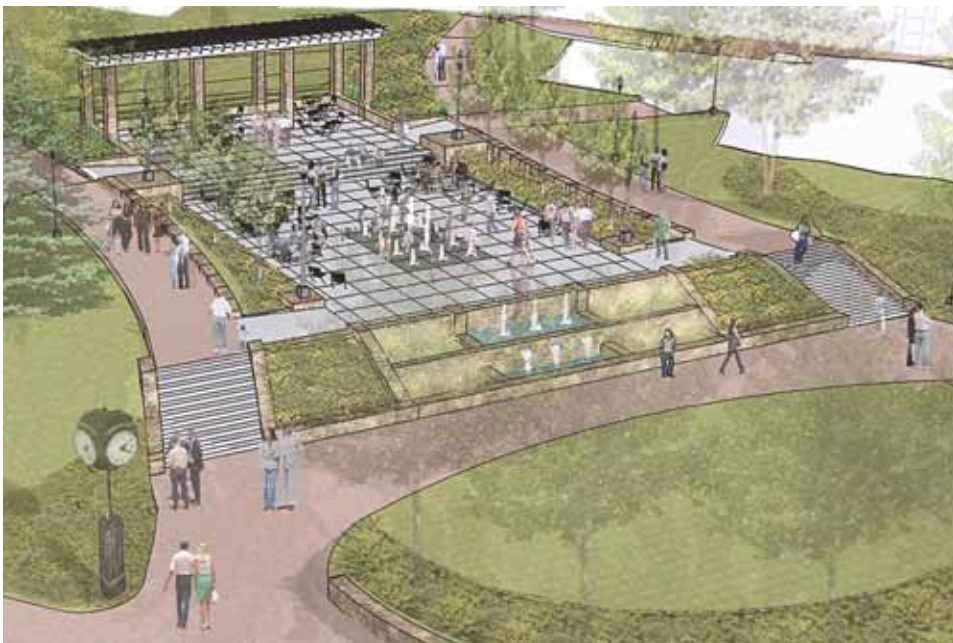
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Artist's rendition of the Old Town Square plaza in downtown Fairfax.



Diagram of the Old Town Square site plan.

## What's on the Horizon for the City of Fairfax

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n the horizon for local residents are some mixed-use projects, school-boundary changes, potential traffic shifts and the reopening of a historic and much-loved eating place.

### Old Town Square

The highly anticipated, \$4 million, Old Town Square project is now underway in the City of Fairfax on the block bounded by Main Street, University Drive, North Street and Old Lee Highway. It's seen as something that'll attract customers to the downtown businesses and provide a gathering place for friends and family to meet, as well as a site to hold special events.

The project includes two parking lots with permeable, brick-paver parking; ADA-compliant, brick, pedestrian walkways; a two-tiered plaza; storage sheds with a connecting pergola; an interactive water feature and a cascade water feature; a memorial garden area; preservation and enhancement

of the existing Kitty-Poser Garden; landscaping; lighting; and utility-infrastructure improvements.

In addition, a 90-foot, pedestrian safety barrier will be built along the north face of the Auld Shebeen restaurant where the sidewalk grade is lower than the adjacent North Street travel lanes. And the gravel Amoco parking lot at Main/East streets is being paved for better public parking. The pedestrian barrier costs about \$230,000, and the parking-lot resurfacing, about \$65,000. The remaining \$3.7 million is for the park.

### Revamped 29 Diner Reopening

A Fairfax icon and beloved, local hang-out is reopening. Since 1947, the 29 Diner on Lee Highway in Fairfax attracted people looking for a good meal and a place to spend time with friends. However, the previous owners retired in May and closed the doors.

But local entrepreneur John K. Wood bought the place, revamped it and – with general manager Tom Lowe, a former Navy Seal – will reopen it on Patriot Day, Sept.

11.

"It's one of four, historical landmarks in the City of Fairfax," said Billy Reilly, who's promoting the 29 Diner. "And we're looking forward to serving the community."

And they'll do it in more ways than one. Besides literally serving meals, the restaurant also plans to donate food and raise funds for FACETS, Our Daily Bread and the Lamb Center – all of which help people in need – all year 'round.

Wood obtained the lease in May and work began, the first week of June, to both fix and spruce up the old diner. The parking lot was repaved, new bathrooms were installed and the whole interior was renovated.

"The place is gorgeous now," said Reilly. "In 2015, there'll be a complete, historical renovation. But right now, it's been cleaned and repainted and the kitchen equipment revamped – while still keeping that same diner charm that's been there since 1947."

Wood is also delighted with the diner's facelift and is pleased with the progress that's been made. "I'm blessed and humbled to be taking over a historical landmark in the City," he said. "And I'm looking forward

to all the good things we can bring to the residents, the homeless, veterans and the needy through the Lord's work and the diner."

As for the menu, said Reilly, the restaurant will offer "some old, diner favorites, plus new and exciting fare. It'll really be something special."

### One-Way or Two-Way?

When the City of Fairfax reconfigured Main and North Streets from one-way to two-way streets in 2006, it did so in hopes that the change would benefit the downtown area. Now, though, the City Council is revisiting that decision.

Making those streets two-way was seen as a way to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment, as envisioned in the City's plan to revitalize Old Town Fairfax. However, over the past few years, people have noted possibly less vehicles and pedestrians there than before.

So the Council members have authorized  
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Two-way traffic travels on Fairfax's North Street.



Novus Fairfax Gateway: Artist's rendering of the view from Fairfax Boulevard.



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**Artist's rendition of one of the mixed-use buildings planned for Fairfax Boulevard. Shops and restaurants are at street level, with apartments above.**

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an engineering study to review the current conditions and analyze the costs and benefits of reverting back to one-way traffic on those streets.

It'll cost about \$15,000-\$20,000 and will be totally funded by money the City receives from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for transportation-related purposes. The finished product will include cost estimates of any recommended changes.

## Homes, Retail at Kamp Washington

It's still a work in progress, but Novus Fairfax Gateway LLC hopes to transform part of the Kamp Washington triangle between Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway into a modern, community-serving, mixed-use project.

Proposed on the 8.33-acre site are 423 multifamily apartments, 25,000 square feet of retail uses – including 12,000 square feet of first-floor retail and amenities for the residents, plus a 5,000-square-foot restaurant – and a 4,000-square-foot office space for use by a nonprofit.

The design includes a road network that could mesh with the future redevelopment of the rest of that triangle, while adding traffic-calming elements to reduce cut-through traffic in the nearby Fairchester Woods neighborhood.

The commercial space and three- and four-story buildings would front on Lee Highway and Fairfax Boulevard. Five-story buildings would be central to the site, and a seven-story parking garage would have a half-story on top for a pool.

However, Fairfax City Councilman Michael DeMarco would like to see more commercial office space there, plus shuttle buses to the Metro station provided for the residents. And Councilman Jeff Greenfield believes the project has too many housing units planned with too few retail attractions. He was also concerned that traffic there might increase.

Councilman David Meyer worried that the project has too high a density and he said associated traffic should be prevented from traveling through the Fairchester Woods and Westmore neighborhoods. And Councilwoman Janice Miller was concerned about the apartments' affordability, as well as accessibility for senior citizens or disabled veterans.

The applicant is now seeing how it may incorporate the Council's comments into its plans and is working with City staff on its proffers before bringing this project back before the Council.

## School Boundary Changes

In May 2013, the Fairfax County School Board approved boundary changes to alleviate overcrowding at Fairfax High and Lanier Middle School. These changes are being phased in during the 2014-15 school year. This fall's rising eighth-grade students, juniors and seniors will be allowed to remain at their current schools.

Students living in the Penderbrook and Fairfax Farms areas of the Waples Mill Elementary attendance area were reassigned last year from Lanier to Franklin Middle in Chantilly. Starting in September, these students will also shift from Fairfax High to Oakton High.

## Fairfax Circle Plaza

Fairfax Circle Plaza is a gateway into the City but, over the years, it turned into an aging strip shopping center. Now, though, a huge, new, mixed-use project will be built there, featuring a grocery store, retail businesses and multifamily housing.

Planned are modern, residential units in a walkable design, with structured parking, instead of surface spaces. The goal is to transform a 1960s shopping center into a world-class place where people may live, work and dine. Combined Properties Ltd. will redevelop the 9.8-acre site with a 54,000-square-foot grocery store, 34,000 square feet of retail and restaurants and 400 apartments. It also plans a signalized intersection at Fairfax Boulevard.

The project will be done in phases in quick succession, with residential building construction concurrent with a phased occupancy. The grocery-store site must be turned over to the store prior to any residents moving in. And it's anticipated that Harris Teeter will be the grocery store. Several members of the City Council would have preferred more retail in this project and the proposed rents to be more affordable. But in the end, they approved it so that this area could be revitalized and the City could benefit from new and more diverse sources of future revenue, while continuing to move forward.



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The Fairfax City Veteran Memorial Amphitheater holds events throughout the summer and is next to the courthouse. The amphitheater also doubles as a nice place for a picnic or place to walk a dog.

## A Photo Tour of Fairfax City



Built in 1853 the Ford Building was originally the house of Antonia Ford, who was a spy during the Civil War.



Fairfax plaza is a great place to have a bite to eat and go shopping. With outdoor seating and a water fountain it is a beautiful place to have lunch.



The Fairfax Museum was originally built as a school house in 1873 and was the first public school in Fairfax.



Van Dyke Park is one of the most popular parks in Fairfax City and offers a variety of activities. It has a playground, skate park, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts and a fitness trail that runs around the park.



The Fairfax City Hall building is located on Armstrong street and is the work place of the mayor and city council.

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This memorial marks the outbreak of the first skirmish of the Civil War which occurred on June 1, 1861.

— CAITLIN BARBIERI



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More than 1,000 free rides to medical appointments and shopping were provided by Shepherd's Center volunteers to older adults.

## Serving Older Adults Providing Free Transportation

Serving older adults, age 50 and better, the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke provides services and programs to promote healthy independent living. Over 1,000 free rides to medical appointments and shopping were provided by Shepherd's Center volunteers to older adults, who no longer drive, and live in the Burke and central Fairfax area. Programs, such as the Shepherd's Center's bi-monthly Lunch N' Life, provide a delicious meal, interesting speakers, and social networking. The next Lunch N' Life is Sept. 18 from noon - 2 p.m. and will feature local weatherman, Brian van de Graaff from ABC's channel 7, as the guest speaker. The luncheon will be held at the Jubilee Christian Center - 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. All are welcome to attend the luncheon, and the cost is \$10. Make a reservation by calling 703-620-0161 by Sept. 12. The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-



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**Brian van de Graaff - speaker for the Sept. 18 Lunch N' Life event.**

Burke's website is: [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org). Call the office at 703-323-4788, if you have more questions about participating in any of the activities or volunteering.

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<b>OCTOBER</b>		Thanksgiving is November 27.
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Deadline is 9/25/14.....	10/8/14	HomeLifeStyle: Home for the Holidays.....12/10/14
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Election Preview I.....	10/22/14	Holiday Entertainment & Gift Guide II.....12/16/14
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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.**

**E**very 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](http://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.)."

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

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❖ 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

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## Map of Congressional districts serving Fairfax County.

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## 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](http://www.edforsenate.com)

❖ Democrat Mark R. Warner, [www.markwarnerva.com](http://www.markwarnerva.com)

❖ Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis, [www.robertsarvis.com](http://www.robertsarvis.com)

**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

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and Falls Church.

- ❖ Republican Micah K. Edmond, [www.micahedmond.com](http://www.micahedmond.com)
- ❖ Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., [www.friendsofdonbeyer.com](http://www.friendsofdonbeyer.com)
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**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](http://www.barbaracomstockforcongress.com)
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- ❖ Independent Brad A. Eickholt, [www.eickholt4congress.com/](http://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/](http://www.suzannescholteforcongress.com/)
- ❖ Democrat Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly, incumbent, [www.gerryconnolly.com](http://www.gerryconnolly.com)
- ❖ Green Joe F. Galdo [www.joegaldo.com](http://www.joegaldo.com)
- ❖ Libertarian Marc M. Harrold, [www.marcharrold4congress.com](http://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. Written notice given to the

voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.

**IF YOU VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT** but don't have 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](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov)

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# PARKS

## AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

### 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.

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#### 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.

#### HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse trails may be used without prior arrangement.

### 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. Aantis 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.



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

#### 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

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.

horticulture workshops, tours, field trips, concerts and volunteer programs.

#### 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.

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.**

**FPF 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

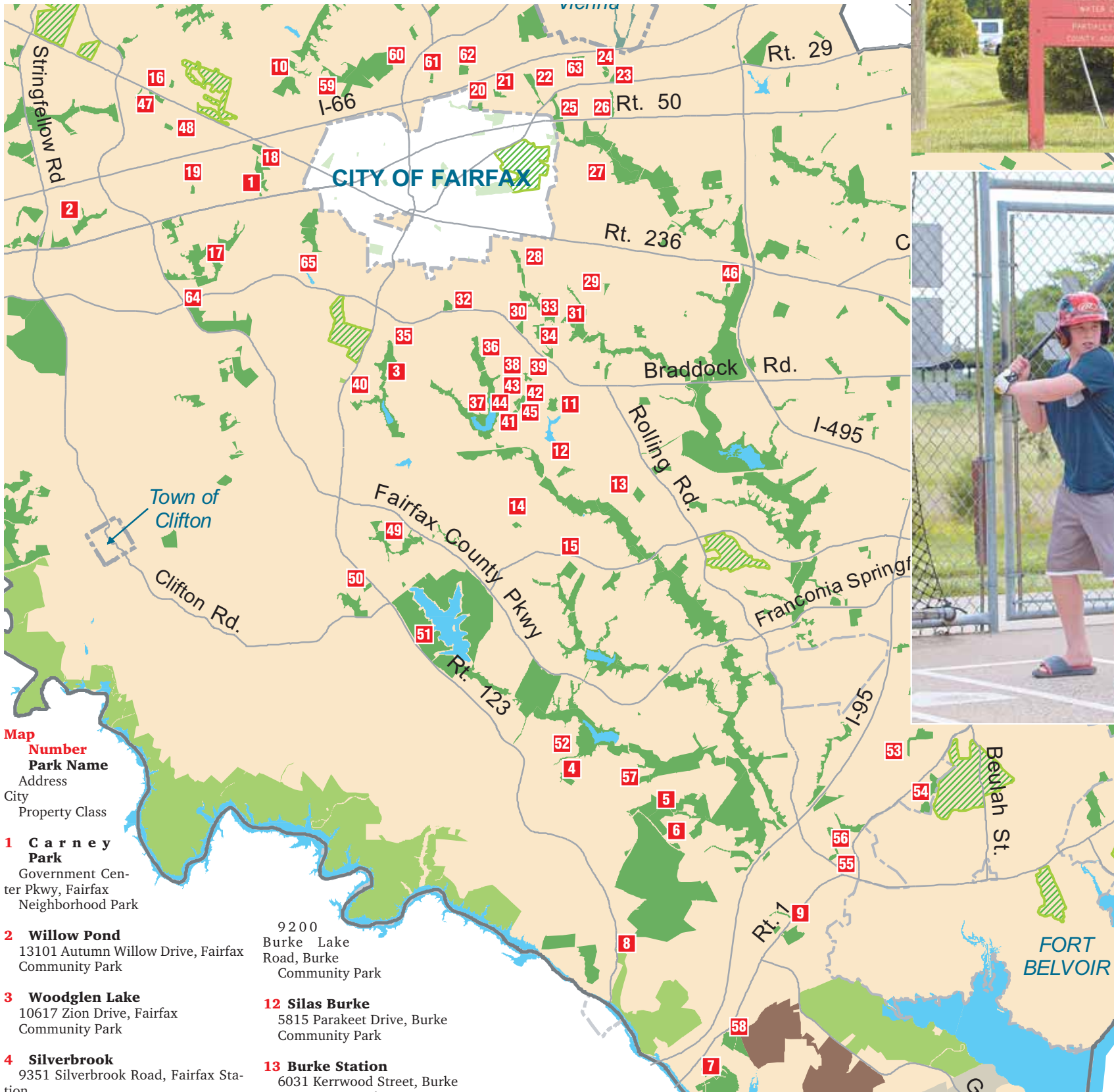


**The Meredith family came to the Mason Neck State Park, from Arlington, to do some exploring and wildlife spotting.**



# PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS



**Map**  
**Number**  
**Park Name**  
 Address  
 City  
 Property Class

**1 Carney Park**  
 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax  
 Neighborhood Park

**2 Willow Pond**  
 13101 Autumn Willow Drive, Fairfax  
 Community Park

**3 Woodglen Lake**  
 10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax  
 Community Park

**4 Silverbrook**  
 9351 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station  
 Community Park

**5 Newington Heights**  
 8590 Heller Road, Lorton  
 District Park

**6 Laurel Hill**  
 8515 Silverbrook Rd., Lorton  
 Countywide Park

**7 Old Colchester Preserve**  
 10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton  
 Cultural Resource Park

**8 Lorton West**  
 9800 Ox Road, Lorton

**9 Lower Potomac**  
 9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton

**10 Waples Mill Meadow**  
 11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton  
 Multiple Resource Park

**11 Lake Braddock**

9200  
 Burke Lake  
 Road, Burke  
 Community Park

**12 Silas Burke**  
 5815 Parakeet Drive, Burke  
 Community Park

**13 Burke Station**  
 6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke  
 Community Park

**14 Burke Ridge**  
 9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
 Neighborhood Park

**15 Rolling Valley West**  
 6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke  
 Community Park

**16 Fair Oaks**  
 3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax  
 Neighborhood Park

**17 Brentwood**  
 11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax  
 Neighborhood Park

**18 Random Hills**  
 11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax  
 Neighborhood Park

**19 Dixie Hill**  
 4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax  
 Neighborhood Park

**20 Villa D'este**  
 3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax



Kevin, who lives in Clifton, came to the batting cages, with his dad, to practice his swing.

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 RENÉE RUGGLES  
 FEATURING BURKE LAKE  
 PARK, GILES RUN  
 MEADOW, BRADDOCK  
 PARK & ROLLING VALLEY  
 WEST PARK



A pond and small dock are a peaceful feature at the center of the park.



The park offers a professional grade disc golf course.



Patrick Campo (left, of Fairfax Station) and Michael Wentzel (Springfield) came to Giles Run Meadow trails to get in a good bike workout.





**Morgan Kret, of Chevy Chase, ready to return her friends's serve during their tennis practice.**



**James, from Springfield, comes to the park to play basketball during his lunch hour.**



**Jayden B., from Burke, gets ready to kick the ball to one of his companions.**

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| <p><b>21 Mosby Woods</b><br/>9813 Five Oaks Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>22 East Blake Lane</b><br/>9540 Bel Glade Street, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>23 Villa Lee</b><br/>2901 Hunter Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>24 Hideaway</b><br/>2900 Glenvale Drive, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>25 Towers</b><br/>9350 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>26 Armistead</b><br/>8900 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>27 Eakin (Mantua Section)</b><br/>8928 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>28 Smokewood</b><br/>4120 Whitacre Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>29 Ashford East</b><br/>4300 Guinea Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> | <p><b>30 George Mason</b><br/>9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>31 Rutherford</b><br/>4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>32 University</b><br/>10200 Braddock Road, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>33 Olde Forge</b><br/>4604 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>34 Surrey Square</b><br/>4819 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>35 Country Club View</b><br/>10609 Henrico Street, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>36 Crooked Creek</b><br/>9910 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>37 Royal Lake</b><br/>5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>38 Rolling Woods Estates</b><br/>5208a Marvell Lane, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> | <p><b>39 Twinbrook Road</b><br/>5124 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>40 Middleridge</b><br/>5425a Governor Yeardeley Drive,<br/>Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>41 Greenfield</b><br/>5349 Guinea Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>42 Monticello</b><br/>5315 Guinea Road, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>43 Kings Park West</b><br/>5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>44 Lakeside</b><br/>5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>45 Herzell Woods</b><br/>5328 Guinea Road, Fairfax<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>46 Fairfax Hills</b><br/>4304 Holly Lane, Annandale<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>47 Fair Ridge</b><br/>12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax</p> | <p>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>48 Ox Hill Battlefield</b><br/>4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax<br/>Cultural Resource Park</p> <p><b>49 Poburn Woods</b><br/>6325 Wendy Ann Court, Fairfax Sta-<br/>tion<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>50 Brimstone</b><br/>6600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>51 Burke Lake &amp; Golf Course</b><br/>7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station<br/>Multiple Resource Park</p> <p><b>52 Lake Mercer</b><br/>9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Sta-<br/>tion<br/>Multiple Resource Park</p> <p><b>53 Levell W Dupell</b><br/>6812 Newington Road, Lorton<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>54 Mount Air Historic Site</b><br/>8600 Accotink Road, Lorton<br/>Cultural Resource Park</p> <p><b>55 Southgate</b><br/>7438 Pohick Road, Lorton<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> | <p><b>56 Pohick Estates</b><br/>7450 Pollen Street, Lorton<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>57 Newington Commons</b><br/>8915 Hooes Road, Lorton<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>58 Mason Neck West</b><br/>10418 Old Colchester Road, Lorton<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>59 Tattersall</b><br/>3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>60 Oak Marr</b><br/>3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton<br/>Multiple Resource Park</p> <p><b>61 Borge Street</b><br/>3030 Borge Street, Oakton<br/>Neighborhood Park</p> <p><b>62 Blake Lane School Site</b><br/>10033 Blake Lane, Oakton<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>63 Briarwood</b><br/>2830 Zimpel Dr., Fairfax<br/>Community Park</p> <p><b>64 Patriot</b><br/>12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax<br/>District Park</p> <p><b>65 Mountain Road District</b><br/>15620 Braddock Road, Fairfax</p> |
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**The youngest members of the Stevens family (from Chantilly) enjoy Hershey's ice cream with their mom at the Burke Lake ice cream parlor.**



**The Lucier Family, from Centreville, say they visit the Burke Lake Golf Course, together, quite often. The parents have been teaching both kids how to golf for a few years.**



**Merri works with her dad, to get her line untangled.**



# PARKS

## PARKS IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX

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**1 Ashby Pond Conservatory Site**  
 9817 Ashby Road  
 Size: 4 acres. Features: natural pond, picnic tables and a walking trail.

**2 Cobddale Park**  
 3600 Burrows Ave.  
 Size: 0.5 acres. Features: playground equipment and picnic tables.

**3 Country Club Hills Commons**  
 10050 Spring Lake Terrace  
 Features: picnic pavillion, walking trail and benches.

**4 Dale Lestina Park**  
 3157 Plantation Parkway  
 Size: 7 acres. Features: playground equipment and walking trail.

**5 Daniels Run Elementary School**  
 3705 Old Lee Highway  
 Features: playground equipment, soccer field and two softball fields.

**6 Daniels Run Park**  
 Embassy Lane, Estel Road, Heritage Lane and Tedrich Boulevard  
 Size: 48 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail, picnic pavillion, children's play area and wooded parkland.

**7 Draper Drive Park**  
 9797 Beech Drive  
 Size: 16 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail and two multi-purpose turf fields.

**8 Fairchester Woods Park**  
 10836 Warkwick Ave.  
 Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, playground equipment and benches.

**9 Fairfax High School**  
 3501 Rebel Run  
 Features: baseball and softball fields; basketball, racquetball and tennis courts; and outdoor track.

**10 Gateway Regional Park**  
 3333 Old Pickett Road  
 Features: bike trail, pavillion and benches.

**11 Green Acres Center**  
 4401 Sideburn Road  
 Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, playground equipment, soccer fields and indoor activity rooms.

**12 Jester Property**  
 10735 West Drive  
 Features: undeveloped open space.

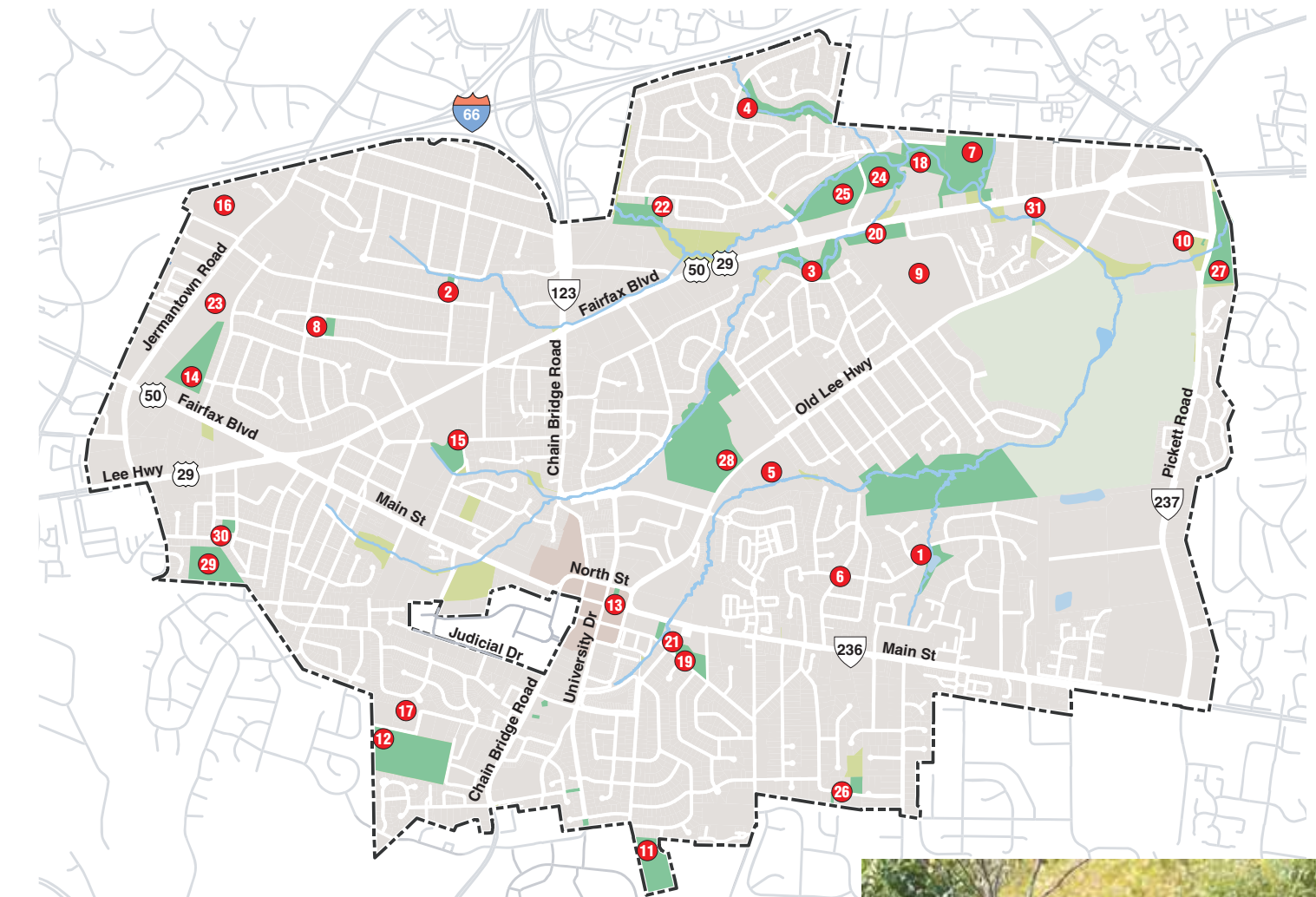
**13 Kitty Pozer Garden**  
 10386 Main St.  
 Features: benches.

**14 Kutner Park**  
 3901 Jermantown Road  
 Size: 10.5 acres. Features: hiking trail, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, soccer field, tennis court and volleyball court.

**15 Pat Rodio Park**  
 3800 Keith Ave.  
 Size: 4 acres. Features: football field, Little League baseball fields and playground equipment.

**16 Providence Elementary School**  
 3616 Jermantown Road  
 Features: basketball court, playground equipment, softball fields and Little League baseball fields.

**17 Providence Park**  
 10715 West Drive  
 Size: 20 acres. Features: biking/hiking trails, picnic pavillion, playground equipment and tennis courts.



**Rob and Angela Storms Stafford, of Alexandria, brought young daughter Aurora to play in the park. Her grandfather originally owned the land that the City of Fairfax turned into a park.**

**18 Ranger Road Park**  
 9701 Ranger Road  
 Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, picnic area and playground

**19 Ratcliffe Park**  
 10300 Sager Ave.  
 Size: 6 acres. Features: picnic pavillion, basketball court, Little League baseball field, small multipurpose field and playground equipment.

**20 Rebel Run Property**  
 9985 Fairfax Blvd.  
 Features: undeveloped open space.

**21 Sager Trail**  
 10318 Sager Ave.  
 Features: undeveloped open space and a fully accessible wooded walking path between Sager Avenue and Route 236/Main Street east.

**22 Shiloh Street Park**  
 10400 Shiloh St.  
 Features: playground equipment and a hiking trail.

**23 Sidney Lanier Middle School**  
 3801 Jermantown Road  
 Features: indoor and outdoor basketball courts, soccer fields, outdoor running track and indoor activity rooms.

**24 Stafford East Park**  
 3255 Stafford Drive  
 Features: undeveloped open space.

**25 Stafford Drive Park**  
 3300 Stafford Drive  
 Size: 24 acres. Features: barrier-free playground, fully accessible walking trail, and a multi-purpose synthetic turf field.

**26 Ted Grefe Park**

9980 Mosby Road  
 Features: undeveloped open space and a walking trail.

**27 Thaiss Memorial Park**  
 3401 Pickett Road  
 Size: 10 acres. Features: Little League baseball fields, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.

**28 Van Dyck Park**  
 3720 Old Lee Highway.  
 Size: 20 acres. Features: lighted basketball court, exercise trail, multi-purpose play areas, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, four lighted tennis courts and three sand volleyball courts.

**29 Westmore Elementary School**  
 11000 Berry St.  
 Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, softball field, playground equipment and a soccer/football practice field.

**30 Westmore Park**  
 4030 Fern St.  
 Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.

**31 Willcoxon Park**  
 9725 Fairfax Blvd.  
 Size: 3 acres. Features: hiking trail and benches.





# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

— CAITLIN BARBIERI

## Insiders to Newcomers: What Do You Love About Living in Fairfax?

**Michael DeMarco, Exxon Mobil Global Strategic Alignment Manager and member of Fairfax City Council, resident for 14 years:**

"My wife and I wanted to move to Fairfax City, one - because it's a city so it had kind of an urban feel to it, but still with neighborhoods that we could raise our kids in. We were also very interested in education and we liked the different opportunities in area for us to send our kids to Catholic school or a public school. I also like the direction this area is going, I think it has grown a lot in the 14 years I have been here. There are a lot of opportunities for young people and young families to do a lot of things and stay in Fairfax if they want to."



**Karla Eaton, English teacher at Woodson High School, resident for 40 years:**

"I love the opportunities and diversity. I love that I can go to Great Falls and hike and then the next day go down to D.C. and a Vermeer exhibit. I also like that I can go to Thai food or Indian food or Ben's Chili Bowl as opposed to an area that is smaller and more limited. I think it's easy to get grumpy about Northern Virginia. We have a lot of traffic and it's expensive to live here, but you don't have to be gone for too long or travel too far to realize there are so many good things about living here. The worst part is people take the area for granted and don't take advantage of all it has to offer."



**Janice Miller, part-time travel agent and member of Fairfax City Council, resident for 44 years:**

"Basically I like everything about Fairfax City. The reason I like it so much is because it's really a small town in the middle of a big area. I like the fact that we have our own identity and that people coalesce around the fact that we are a small community rather than just being Chantilly or Annandale, we have our own identity separate from Fairfax County. I also love all the great services we offer to our community. We have wonderful schools and a great park system, a really outstanding police and fire department, and overall good government services. The people here are also great neighbors and are always interested in helping each other out."



**Scott Silverthorne, Mayor of the City of Fairfax, lifelong resident:**

"What I really love about the city is the sense of community. The population of Fairfax city is about 24,000 and we are surrounded by a county of 1.1 million, so we definitely have a feel of a small town but all the attractions and amenities of a large metropolitan area. Outside of the city we have access to good transportation, tourist sites, and museums and Washington D.C. Here in the city we also have our own share of these things, arts and culture, historic sites, parks and events. That is what makes Fairfax City such a great place to live. I think the city is on the cusp of some major excitement and change that is currently underway. As Mayor one of the things I take great pride in all of the events we put on in the city. There is a special event in the City of Fairfax almost every other month and I think that is what sets us apart from the county."



**Mandy McCarthy, retired, resident for 40 years:**

"I love it here, the neighbors, the neighborhood, the pools and the schools, I love all of it. It's all very convenient, nothing is too far away and there is so much to do. Over the 40 years I have been here the area has become much more diverse, the variety of restaurants and attractions are fantastic. I also love all of the Nail Salons that have opened in the area. Fairfax is located in a great place, we can go see a Nationals game or a Wizards game and only travel about 30 minutes. At the same time you can drive south for less than an hour and be in the mountains. Fairfax also offers very good services for the disabled and I think that is why a lot of people stay here. Most of all this has been a great place to raise my nine children. The area is extremely safe and my children all loved growing up here. They have enjoyed it so much that eight of them have come back to raise their families here."



**Ruth Dimon, Northern Virginia Community College student, resident for 19 years:**

"One of the best things of Fairfax is all of the different people I have met here. The diversity of the area has exposed me to different kinds of people and cultures that I have had the pleasure of learning from and interacting with. As a student it has been a lot easier for me to meet different people and I think that diversity in schools is really important. There are a lot of really great schools in the area too, I especially think we have good elementary schools. The elementary schools do a good job at exposing kids to different things and encouraging creativity at a young age."



### VIEWPOINTS

## What is the Best Thing About Living in Fairfax and Why?

**Cody Kendall, Box Office supervisor, resident for 23 years:**

"My favorite thing about living in Fairfax would be being relatively central to D.C. You're not too far from the greatest city in the United States. But, as far as Fairfax in general, it's a great place for families. It's a nice and safe environment. I had no problems whatsoever growing up here. There are a lot of things to do around Fairfax."



**Dennis Scott, retired, resident for 30 years:**

"It's kind of difficult to answer my favorite thing about Fairfax. I guess we like the county so much because there are so many different things to do here. I guess the unique experience would be that it's so closely located to the District itself, which has everything you could want. We used to enjoy going over to the Smithsonian and other sites. We'd always take family members that came up, and everyone that's ever come to this area have always said how much they enjoy it and how much they themselves wished they lived here. It's centrally located for one thing. The community here is extremely nice, the crime isn't that high, the people who live here are open and friendly, and we just enjoy everything about it."



**Paula Izadpanah, registered dietician, resident for 16 years:**

"We like this area because it's very multicultural and very diverse. There are a lot of things besides going into D.C. to do around here, such as community activities, parks and recreation. We really like Fairfax County Parks & Recreation and Burke Lake Park, and all of those things that are available in those locations. There's Frisbee golf, walking around the lake, bicycle trails, and a lot of other things to do around those facilities."



**Kimberly Sanders, preschool teacher, resident for 39 years:**

"It's been a unique opportunity to grow up in the same house where I'm raising my own family. I've seen Fairfax change from a fairly small area, when Braddock Road was one lane going each way to the West, and Chantilly was going out into the boonies, and nobody went to Manassas because there was nothing out there. Now, the community, this area has just grown exponentially. Fairfax has great schools, great things for families, and its proximity to Washington, D.C. allows us to have some really great opportunities that you don't get elsewhere. The Smithsonian Institutions, all of the national parks like Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, even the county parks, the Fairfax County Park Authorities, parks like Burke Lake, Wakefield, South Run; all of those make it a really rich community for families and children. In my neighborhood community, Kings Park West, I love the local schools, Laurel Ridge and Robinson, with their outstanding teaching staff."



—THOMAS FRIESTAD



## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Year-round Festivals

LIST COMPILED BY EMMA HARRIS

## A list of annual community events in the area.

### 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](http://www.workhouseceramics.org/index.php?p=1_15_Clay-National-2014).

#### 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](http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival).

#### 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](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**18th Annual CCE 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.** 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](http://www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html)

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**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](http://www.tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-bbq-bourbon-and-beer-festival).

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**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



The Sandstorm Ride is a hit at last year's Burke Centre Festival. This year's festival will take place Sept. 6 - 7.

### October 2014

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 5

**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.fpow.org/event-685795](http://www.fpow.org/event-685795).

#### 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](http://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](http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml).

#### 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](http://www.1771.org).

**Tysons 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>.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Spooktacular.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Herndon



Patriot Beach Ball Balloons at the City of Fairfax's 47th annual Independence Day last year.

Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Visit [www.herndonva.gov](http://www.herndonva.gov).

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**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](http://cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

#### 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](http://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](http://www.robinsonptsa.org).

#### 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](http://www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com).

### December 2014

#### 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](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols) for times and locations.

#### 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.herndonva.gov](http://www.herndonva.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](http://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.paradisesspringswinery.com/winery-events.html](http://www.paradisesspringswinery.com/winery-events.html).

### March 2015

#### 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](http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net).

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 20-22

**19th Annual Craftsmen's Spring 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 [www.gilmoreshows.com](http://www.gilmoreshows.com)

### April 2015

#### SECOND WEEK OF APRIL

**24th Annual Best of Reston Gala.** An event to honor outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses for their distinctive service in making the Reston/Herndon community a better place in which to live, play and work. Visit [www.cornerstonesva.org/events\\_list/best-of-reston](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/best-of-reston).

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 18-25

**Historic Garden Week.** This eight-day statewide event provides visitors a unique opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org).

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# Getting to Know Woodson, Fairfax High Sports



CONNECTION FILE PHOTOS

**Woodson boys' basketball players and fans celebrate the Cavaliers' 2014 region championship.**

## Woodson: Boys' basketball team repeated as region champion.

## W.T. Woodson High School

Mascot: Cavaliers.  
School Colors: Navy blue and white.  
Athletic Director: Dan Checkosky, 703-503-4681.  
Football Coach: Mike Dougherty (first year).  
The Cavaliers won three of their final four games in 2013 and finished with a 3-7 record.  
Volleyball Coach: Len Palaschak.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Craig.  
Field Hockey Coach: Meg Jarrell.  
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Patrick Mahler.

**What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team qualified for regionals. The boys' basketball team repeated as region champion. The girls' lacrosse team won the Conference 7 championship. The boys' lacrosse team reached the region quarterfinals.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes:  
v8. Tommy Amaker, a 1983 graduate, was a standout point guard for the Cavaliers. He went on to play at Duke University before he became a college coach. After stops at Duke (assistant), Seton Hall (head coach) and Michigan (head coach), Amaker became the head coach at Harvard.

From Mirza Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Teamwork and defensive brilliance defined the high school and college basketball careers of Tommy Amaker, a 1983 Woodson grad. His basketball mind took him from Woodson to Duke as a player, and from Duke to Seton Hall to the University of Michigan as a coach.

"Tommy Amaker is the best pure point guard to ever play in Northern Virginia," said Red Jenkins, the former Woodson coach, and one of the winningest coaches in high

school basketball with more than 600 wins."

v20. Andy Heck, a 1985 graduate, was a two-way football standout for the Cavaliers. He went on to play tight end and offensive tackle for Notre Dame, winning a national championship with the Fighting Irish after the 1988 season. The Seahawks selected Heck in the first round of the 1989 draft.

v50. Ashley McCulloch, a 2005 graduate, was a lacrosse star for the Cavaliers. She played collegiately at the University of Virginia.

From Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "With 37 seconds left to go in the 2002 lacrosse state final, Woodson was losing by a goal to Rockbridge County. The Cavaliers would equal the score, and go on to win the state championship in overtime, thanks to a champion effort on the part of Ashley McCulloch, a freshman."

v69. Brandon Corso, a 1992 graduate, was a standout quarterback for the Cavaliers. He played collegiately at Missouri.

## Fairfax High: Field hockey team won fifth consecutive district/conference title.

## Fairfax High School

Mascot: Rebels.  
School Colors: Blue and gold.  
Athletic Director: Nancy Melnick, 703-219-2201.  
Football Coach: Kevin Simonds (fifth year).  
The Rebels finished the 2013 regular season with a 7-3 record and qualified for the playoffs. Fairfax lost to Yorktown in the opening round.  
Field Hockey Coach: Amber Beaudoin.  
Volleyball Coach: Tyler Freiheit.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Mike Barbee.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: Marcus Konde.

**What Happened Last Year:** The field hockey team won its fifth consecutive dis-



**Fairfax High gymnast Rachel Barborek won the 2014 Conference 6 all-around title during her junior year.**

trict/conference championship, finished 19-4 and reached the region final. The boys' soccer team finished 8-3-1, but lost in the first round of the conference tournament. Gymnast Rachel Barborek won the Conference 6 all-around champion. The softball team finished 15-8 and reached the region quarterfinals.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes:  
v45. Billy Pulsipher, a 1991 graduate, was a baseball star for the Rebels.

The New York Mets selected Pulsipher in the second round of the 1991 MLB Draft and he joined fellow young pitchers Paul Wilson and Jason Isringhausen to compose the trio known as "Generation K." Injuries, however, would slow Pulsipher's career. From 1995 to 2005, he pitched in parts of six seasons at the MLB level, producing a 13-19 record with a 5.15 ERA.

From Mirza Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "He gave up a full scholarship to Old Dominion University in order to sign with the Mets. While in high school, the left hander was contacted by every one of the 26 Major

League teams. His father said it was not difficult for Pulsipher to make the decision to go to the pros instead of college. He said teams made lucrative offers, and promised to secure Pulsipher's education as well."

v66. Larry Fones, a 1948 graduate, was a three-sport star for the Rebels. He played football, basketball and baseball at Fairfax, and went on to play football collegiately at William & Mary.

v86. John Curtis, a 1988 graduate, was a standout wrestler for the Rebels. He competed collegiately at the University of Virginia.

vBrandon Royster, a 2000 graduate, was a star running back for the Rebels. He played collegiately at Stanford University.

From Mirza Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Royster certainly found success at Fairfax.

During his junior and senior years, the Rebels went undefeated in the regular season.

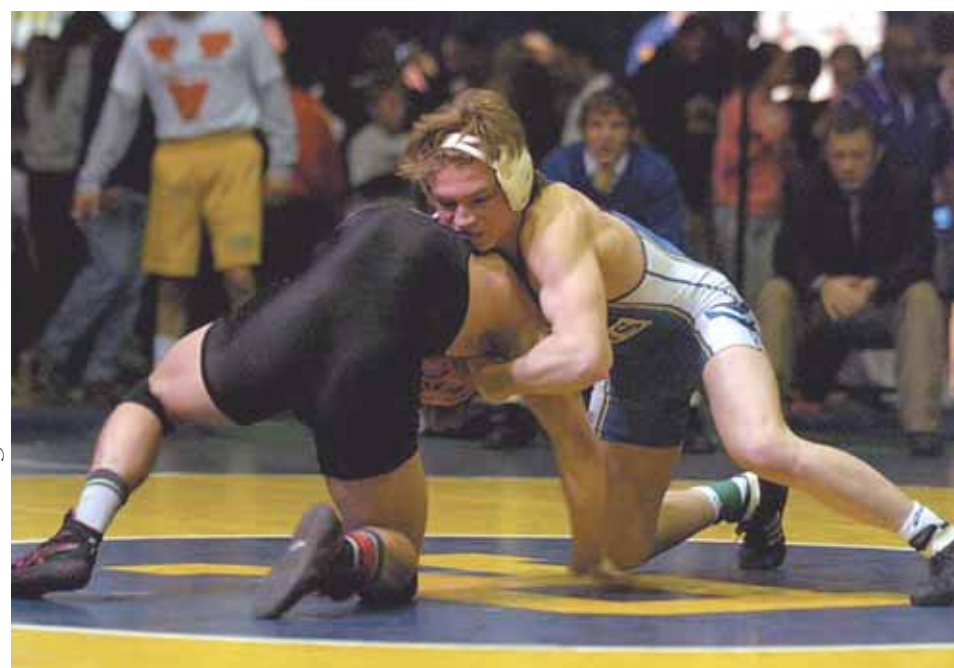
During his four years at the varsity level, Royster rushed for more than 5,300 yards and scored 60 touchdowns."



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Then-junior AJ Alexander and the Lake Braddock boys' basketball team reached the 2014 state tournament.



Then-senior Jack Bass won the 2014 152-pound state championship, helping the Robinson wrestling team win its third state title in four years.

## Getting to Know Lake Braddock, Robinson Sports

### Lake Braddock: Undeclared boys' tennis team wins state title.

### Lake Braddock Secondary School

Mascot: Bruins.  
School Colors: Purple and gold.  
Athletic Director: Mark Martino, 703-426-1001.  
Football Coach: Jim Poythress (11th season).  
The Bruins won their fifth consecutive district/conference championship and went undefeated during the 2013 regular season. Lake Braddock reached the region semifinals before losing to Westfield and ending its season with a 12-1 record.  
Volleyball Coach: Aubrey Eaton.  
Field Hockey Coach: Marie Bounds.  
Cross Country Coach: Michael Mangan.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Metress.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: John Giannelli.  
Baseball Coach: Jody Rutherford.  
Softball Coach: George Rumore.  
Rival School: Robinson.

What Happened Last Year: The boys' cross country team finished 6A state runner-up, led by second-place finisher Alex Corbett. The girls' cross country team took third in the state. Hannah Christen finished second among individuals, and Katy Kunc placed third. The boys' basketball team repeated as district/conference champion, finished region runner-up and qualified for the state tournament. The boys' tennis team went undefeated, winning the state title. The girls' soccer team won the Conference 7 championship and reached the region semifinals, where the Bruins lost in penalty kicks to eventual state champion Battlefield. The softball team won the conference title, finished region runner-up and qualified for the state tournament.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes:  
3. Allen Johnson, a 1989 graduate, was a state-champion track athlete for the Bru-

ins. He went on to win NCAA titles and an Olympic gold medal.

From Mirza Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Not to say that Johnson lacked standout track athlete status at Lake Braddock, and not that three individual state titles won in high school are an easy feat to accomplish, but they pale in comparison to what he went on to do afterwards. Johnson went on to win college titles at the University of North Carolina and Olympic gold in Atlanta in 1996.

He was a seven-time U.S. outdoor champion, a four-time world outdoor champion, a four-time U.S. indoor champion and a three-time world indoor champion."

4. Mia Hamm, a 1989 graduate, is one of the greatest women's soccer players of all time. She played at Lake Braddock for one season after transferring from a high school in Texas, and helped the Bruins win the 1989 state championship. She went on to star for the University of North Carolina and the U.S. Women's National Team.

From Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "She is a household name. Across the globe, girls who play soccer strive to be her, while female athletes who play other sports look up to her. Mia Hamm is the face of women's soccer and an advocate of women's sports."

10. Hubert Davis, a 1988 graduate, was a basketball and football standout for the Bruins. He went on to play hoops at the University of North Carolina before the New York Knicks selected him in the first round of the 1992 NBA Draft. Davis played 12 seasons in the NBA with the Knicks, Dallas Mavericks, Washington Wizards, Detroit Pistons, Toronto Raptors and New Jersey Nets.

14. Ed Moses, a 1998 graduate, was a state-champion swimmer for the Bruins who went on to Olympic glory.

63. Cathron Birge, a 1986 graduate, was a state-champion track athlete for Lake

Braddock. She competed collegiately at the University of Virginia.

100. Sarah Spring, a gymnast and 1999 graduate, won three straight state championships on the vault.

### Robinson: Wrestling team captured district, region and state championships.

### James W. Robinson Secondary School

Mascot: Rams.  
School Colors: Blue and gold.  
Athletic Director: Jeff Ferrell, 703-426-2126.  
Football Coach: Scott Vossler (first year).  
The Rams finished the 2013 season with an 8-3 record, including a playoff victory over Patriot High School. Vossler is Robinson's fourth head coach in five years.  
Volleyball Coach: Jill Cross.  
Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Nelson.  
Girls' Basketball Coach: T.J. Dade.  
Wrestling Coach: Bryan Hazard.  
Baseball Coach: John James.  
Boys' Soccer Coach: Robert Garza.  
Rival School: Lake Braddock.

What Happened Last Year: The wrestling team won its third state championship in four years.

The gymnastics team won the Conference 5 championship. The boys' lacrosse team won the state title.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes:  
v7. Rob Muzzio, a 1982 graduate, was a track and football standout for the Rams. He attended George Mason University and became the first decathlete to win back-to-back national championships.

From Mirza Kurspahic's 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Muzzio took interest in track and field in eighth

grade gym class. He said he had fun throwing the discus and the shot put. However, when he began his high school competition, Muzzio said it did not appear he would get big enough to really compete in those events. He said his coach at Robinson, Maynard Heins, saw the potential in Muzzio, so he began to teach him proper technique for different events. He said Muzzio would have to do all of the events, not just one.

However, Muzzio went on to win state and other titles as a discus thrower. He won the Virginia State Outdoor discus titles in 1981 and 1982. In 1981 he became a National Junior Olympic Discus Champion and in 1982 he won the Dogwood Relays Discus Championship.

That same year, Muzzio became the U.S. Junior National Decathlon Champion in Indiana, and then a Junior Pan American Games Decathlon Champion - setting the new record for the championship - in Venezuela.

v9. Chris Warren, a 1985 graduate, was a standout running back for the Rams. He played collegiately at the University of Virginia and Ferrum College before the Seattle Seahawks selected him in the fourth round of the 1990 NFL Draft. He played 11 seasons with the Seahawks, Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles, earning three trips to the Pro Bowl. In 1994, he rushed for 1,545 yards and nine touchdowns with Seattle. The following season, he ran for 1,346 yards and 15 touchdowns.

v38. Mike Imoh, a 2002 graduate, was a standout running back for the Rams. He rushed for 2,077 yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior and helped Robinson capture the 2001 state championship. He played collegiately at Virginia Tech.

v65. Bob DeProspero, a 1981 graduate, was a three-time state champion wrestler for the Rams.

vMeghan McCarthy, a 1992 graduate, was a state-champion runner for the Rams.



# Local REAL ESTATE

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## Top Sales, January~June, 2014



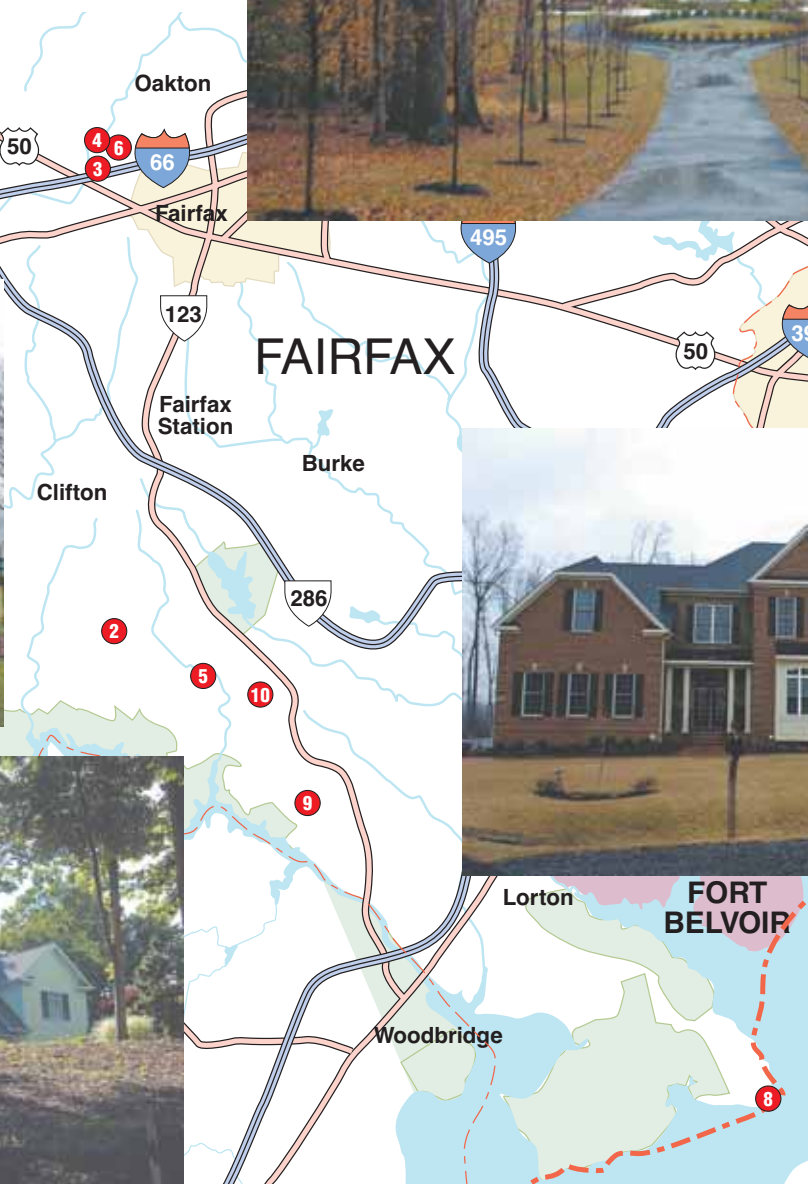
**1** 15604 Jillians Forest Way, Centreville — \$2,650,000



**2** 7540 Clifton Road, Fairfax Station — \$2,250,000

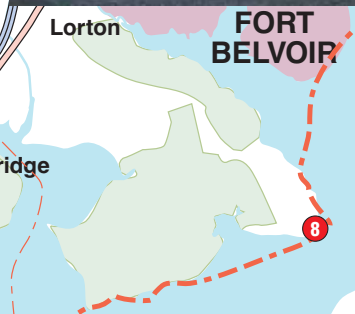


**3** 3802 Millard Way, Fairfax — \$1,700,000



**4** 11394 Amber Hills Court, Fairfax — \$1,423,061

**5** 7904 Oakshire Lane, Fairfax Station — \$1,495,000

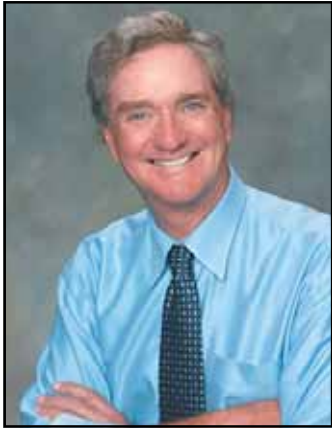


**7** 3514 Rose Crest Lane, Fairfax — \$1,350,000

Address .....	BR	FB	HB	.....	Postal City .....	Sold Price ..	Type .....	Lot AC	PostalCode .....	Subdivision .....	Date Sold						
1 15604 JILLIANS FOREST WAY	6	..	6	..	1	CENTREVILLE	.....	\$2,650,000	..	Detached	....	5.59	20120	.....	CARDINAL FOREST	.....	06/30/14
2 7540 CLIFTON RD	7	..	9	..	1	FAIRFAX STATION	...	\$2,250,000	..	Detached	....	4.82	22039	.....	CRAFTOWN	.....	01/02/14
3 3802 MILLARD WAY	5	..	5	..	1	FAIRFAX	.....	\$1,700,000	..	Detached	....	1.21	22033	.....	THE OAKS	.....	02/18/14
4 11394 AMBER HILLS CT	5	..	5	..	2	FAIRFAX	.....	\$1,626,036	..	Detached	....	1.08	22033	.....	ESTATES AT FAIR OAKS	....	01/24/14
5 7904 OAKSHIRE LN	6	..	6	..	1	FAIRFAX STATION	...	\$1,495,000	..	Detached	....	5.00	22039	.....	THE ENGLISH HILLS	.....	04/30/14
6 11389 AMBER HILLS CT	5	..	5	..	2	FAIRFAX	.....	\$1,423,061	..	Detached	....	0.83	22033	.....	ESTATES AT FAIR OAKS	....	02/27/14
7 3514 ROSE CREST LN	5	..	4	..	1	FAIRFAX	.....	\$1,350,000	..	Detached	....	0.83	22033	.....	OAK HILL ESTATES	.....	05/23/14
8 5813 RIVER DR	4	..	2	..	1	LORTON	.....	\$1,340,000	..	Detached	....	0.86	22079	.....	HALLOWING POINT RIVER	..	03/25/14
9 9680 ALEXANDRA NICOLE DR	5	..	6	..	2	LORTON	.....	\$1,300,000	..	Detached	....	1.23	22079	.....	OCOCOQUAN OVERLOOK	....	05/30/14
10 9752 THORN BUSH DR	5	..	4	..	1	FAIRFAX STATION	...	\$1,295,000	..	Detached	....	5.19	22039	.....	ESTATES AT ROSELAND	....	06/04/14

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### Dear Neighbors,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dr. Mary Speicher who is joining our practice as an associate. Dr. Speicher is originally from Northeastern Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Scranton with a BS in Biophysics in 1985 and continued her studies at Temple University School of Dentistry, receiving her DMD in 1989. Dr. Speicher has been in private practice for 26 years.

She is dedicated to continuing education, having furthered her education to include sedation dentistry, implants, invisalign, periodontal laser therapy, bone grafting and periodontal surgery. Dr. Speicher's training and personal dedication will complement and enhance our office.

She embraces our core dedication to providing the highest quality dental care, utilizing the most advanced techniques and materials, and striving to provide a patient-centered environment characterized by education, comfort and trust. Dr. Speicher will be a participating dentist for Delta Dental and United Concordia.

We are excited to have Dr. Speicher with us and are confident that she will have a bright future with our office. Thank you for the many referrals of your family and friends and for the continued support.

With warm regards,  
Drs. James L. Gyuricza and  
Melanie W. Hartman and Staff



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# John C. Cook

*Braddock District Supervisor*



### Braddock Neighbors:

One of my most important jobs as your County Supervisor is to keep you informed of county issues and important neighborhood events.

I send out a monthly newsletter, the Braddock Beacon, and periodic Cook Advisories updates. Sign up for our email newsletters and keep up with your community.

You can sign up for the newsletter by texting "COOKNEWS" to 22828, or by going to <http://bit.ly/13ssg1g>.

Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our neighborhoods and make Fairfax County an even better place to work and live. That's why, here in Braddock, I continually encourage folks to become active participants in their community and their local government. So come on out, step up and become an involved Braddock District resident.

Remember, I am here to serve you. Please keep in touch and let me know what more I can do for you.

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