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As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around 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 information on high school sports and views about living here.

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Artist's rendition of the Trinity Centre's east façade of the apartments.

Artist's rendition of the central boulevard leading to the public park at the Preserve at Westfields.

A Glimpse of the Horizon

NEIGHBORHOOD
OUTLOOK

Homes, shops, restaurants, and a Wegmans are proposed.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

With the downturn in the office market, developers are looking at vacant parcels of land in the Westfields area of Chantilly as a place for residential and other uses, instead. Below are two of the proposals, plus plans for a memory-care facility off of Route 50 west.

Preserve at Westfields

There's a plan to transform 50 acres of vacant land along Route 28 and Stonecroft and Westfields boulevards in Chantilly. Being proposed for what would be called The Preserve at Westfields are 155 townhouses, 650 apartments, plus retail and other amenities.

Fairfax County recently approved a rezoning for that site and also amended its Comprehensive Plan for that area so that high-density, residential uses may be built there. Akridge owns the land and would build the apartment and retail components; Elm Street Development would construct the townhouses.

Included would be an amenity area with walking paths, a pavilion/performing and gathering area, plus a lake that's currently not accessible. Proffer highlights include almost \$6 million in recreation improvements and more than \$5.5 million in road improvements.



Dignitaries and stakeholders officially break ground for Residences at the Government Center.

"If we do this right, we're ultimately making the Route 28 Corridor stronger by providing amenities and a live, work and play environment," said attorney Greg Riegle, representing the developer. "And that's the philosophy the Westfields Business Owners Association has endorsed."

Wegmans

The Commonwealth Centre is along Westfields Boulevard, across Route 28 and just northeast of the Akridge site. And there, plans are afoot to bring a Wegmans grocery store to Chantilly.

It would go inside the Newbrook Drive loop road and would be part of a commer-

cial complex including shops and a restaurant. First, though, Fairfax County must approve a Comprehensive Plan amendment for that 21-acre site. Doing so would enable the developer, Regency Centers, to replace the currently approved 338,400 square feet of hotel, office and retail uses with 183,000 square feet of retail.

The centerpiece would be a 140,000-square-foot Wegmans similar to the one in Fair Oaks and containing the same amenities, but not the parking garage. It would, instead, have surface parking. Also planned are 32,500 square feet of retail shops, plus a 10,500-square-foot sit-down, full-service restaurant.

But that's not all. It would come with

walking trails, an exercise park near the Flatlick stream valley, outdoor seating outside the Wegmans café and a slew of preferred pedestrian and road improvements for safety plus better traffic flow.

Residences at Government Center

With an eye toward providing workforce housing in the local area, Fairfax County dignitaries broke ground May 5 on a 270-unit apartment complex in Fair Oaks. The apartments are being built on county-owned land off Monument Drive, on the

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Government Center's perimeter, so they're named Residences at the Government Center.

On some 9 acres across from the Fairfax Corner shopping center, they'll offer a 5,800-square-foot amenity space including an outdoor pool, fenced playground, two courtyards and connections to walking trails. The apartments will be chocked full of green and energy-saving features and will be available to people making up to 60 percent of the area median income (AMI).

In addition, at least 20 percent of the units are geared for households at or below 50 percent AMI. Paradigm Construction Co. is the general contractor and will build studio, plus one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. Site work began in April, and the first apartment is expected to be available for occupancy by October 2016.

Because the developer was able to lease land from the county, and federal low-income, tax credits were obtained, said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon



Artist's rendition of the Residences at the Government Center. It's an apartment complex that'll provide homes for firefighters, police, teachers and other workers who currently can't afford to live in Fairfax County.

Bulova, "This is being done at no cost to the county. By providing workforce housing, many young people, low-income families and those having long commutes to jobs here will be able to live here."

Trinity Centre

Once envisioned as the heart of Centreville – a place where people would gather for various events and special occasions – Trinity Centre was originally planned for 1.8 million square feet of office space.

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Also there would be 250,000 square feet of retail uses, plus 336 homes.

But what's actually been built there are three restaurants, a hotel, Life Time Fitness, the 336 homes and three office buildings totaling just 587,000 square feet – or one-third of the approved office space.

Now, though, JLB Partners would like to instead construct a residential project of 355 apartments there. Also included would be a six-story parking structure in the middle. The units would be within a building that's four stories in front and five stories in back, because of the topography of the site.

The building would be constructed adjacent to the existing lake and would have two internal courtyards. There'd be an outdoor pool, and the lower-level units would be walk-outs. In addition, the builder would seek LEED certification, and the lake would be an integral part of the project.

Amenities by the lake would include a fenced-in, off-leash, dog area; benches, chairs and an area where young children could climb. Planned, as well, is an outdoor area for senior citizens to use for games such as chess and bocce ball. Trails would connect it to the office development, and the developer would also improve pedestrian connections to this area.

JLB's rezoning application goes before the Planning Commission on Sept. 16.

Arbors of Chantilly

As the number of senior citizens in Fairfax County continues to rise, so does the need for assisted-living facilities – and especially those focusing on people with Alzheimer's and dementia. Enter Artisan Land Group LLC.

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Artist's rendition of the proposed, new Wegmans store in Chantilly.



The Arbors of Chantilly will be off Route 50 and Downs Drive.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

build The Arbors of Chantilly at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive. The six-and-one-half-acre site, zoned residential, is currently a vacant lot. Planned is a one-story, 37,000-square-foot, 48-unit, residential-looking building facing Route 50.

Considered a "memory-care home," the 35,000-square-foot facility will be architecturally compatible with the surrounding land uses, plus the abutting residential area. It'll also have a large rain garden and fencing all around the property. Groundbreaking is anticipated by this fall, with construction expected to take about 10 months.



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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov
The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
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. 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. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria
www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/
www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/
703-960-0767
Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves Water Park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, play with friends in the shallow waters of the play

pool. The park also features a deluxe miniature golf course, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters, and a special events pavilion.

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997
The historic Carlyle House was completed in 1753 by British merchant John Carlyle for his bride, Sarah Fairfax of Belvoir, member of one of the most prestigious families in colonial Virginia. Their home quickly became a center of social and political life in Alexandria and gained a foothold in history when British General Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in 1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house, programs for schoolchildren, special events, exhibits and lectures explore the life and times of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria. The site may be rented in the evenings for private functions and weddings.

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.

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.

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.

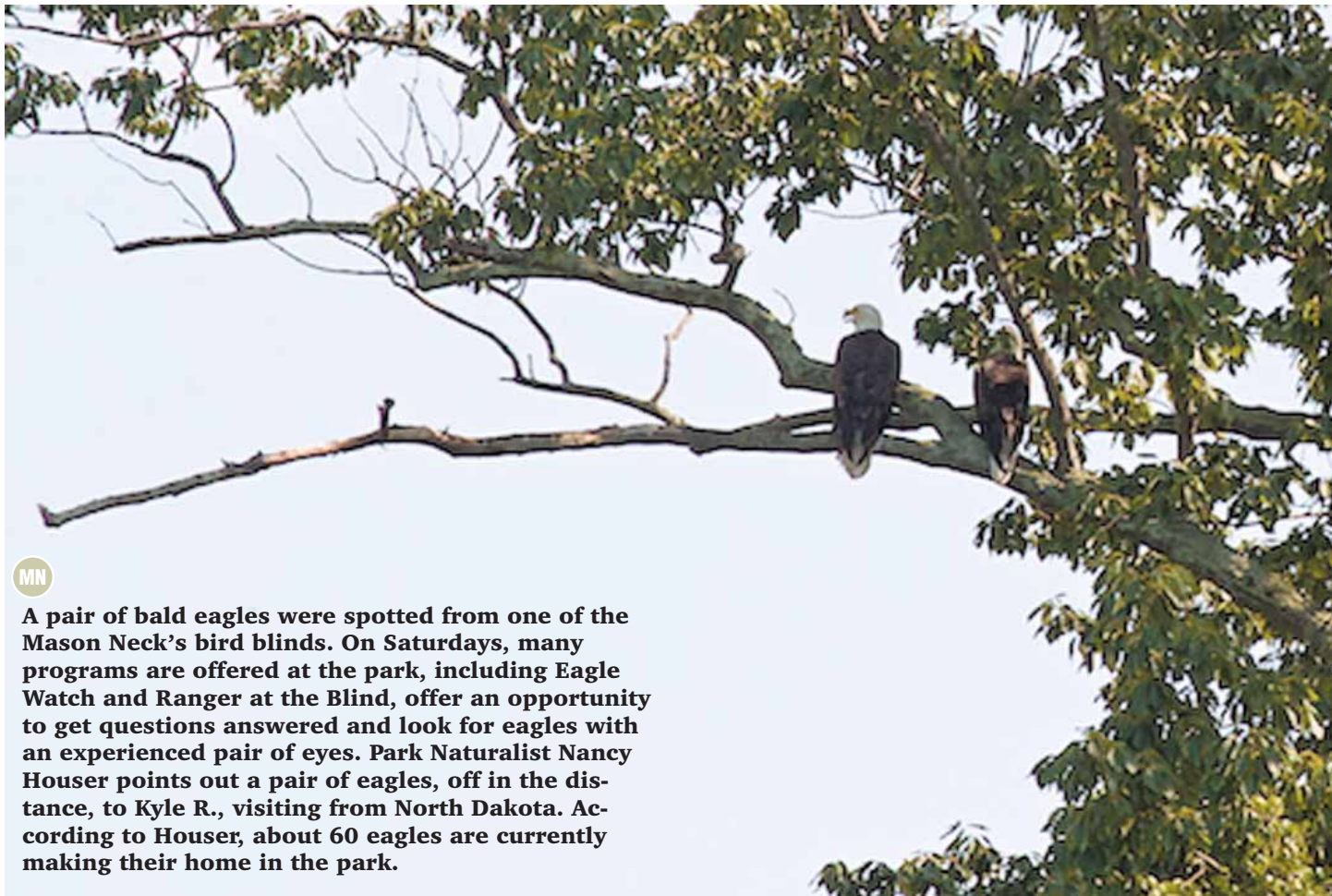
PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

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. 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. 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. 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

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.





MN

A pair of bald eagles were spotted from one of the Mason Neck's bird blinds. On Saturdays, many programs are offered at the park, including Eagle Watch and Ranger at the Blind, offer an opportunity to get questions answered and look for eagles with an experienced pair of eyes. Park Naturalist Nancy Houser points out a pair of eagles, off in the distance, to Kyle R., visiting from North Dakota. According to Houser, about 60 eagles are currently making their home in the park.

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.

PO

Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center
2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406

On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the "Energerium," offering visitors a fun and accessible way to learn energy basics and ways they can help create sustainable energy solutions. The Nature Center also houses live animals and natural history exhibits.

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.

UH

Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark
6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org

Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in

this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

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 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.



The Ratcliffs, of Rockville, came out to enjoy a family bike ride. Cycling is a popular activity along the parkway.

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

FPF Fryng 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, center, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

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



On Sunday evenings, the community gathers in the pavilion, to enjoy a summer concert series, sponsored by the Friends of Fort Hunt Park.

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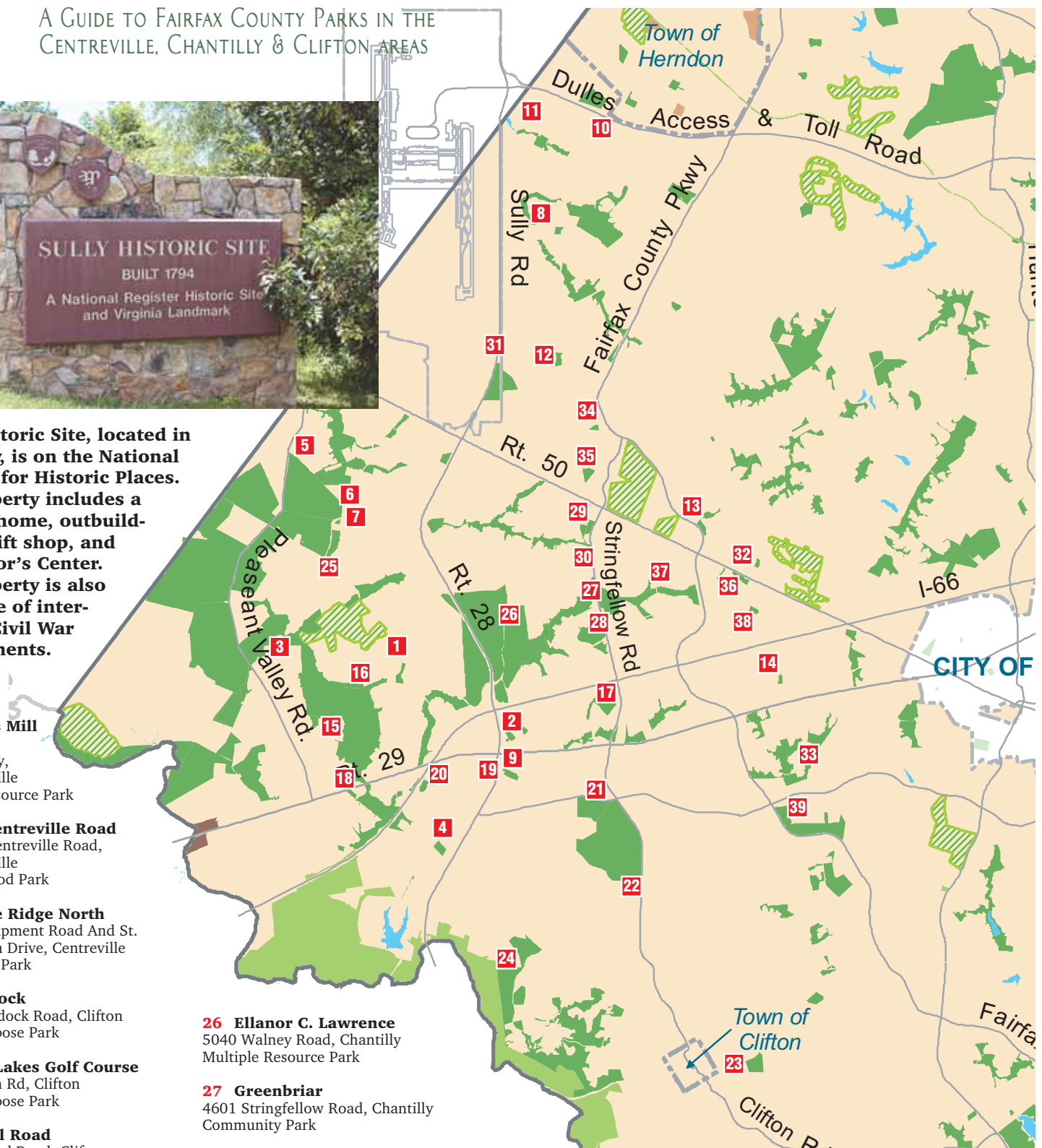
A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE CENTREVILLE, CHANTILLY & CLIFTON AREAS

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

- 1 Stone Crossing**
Sully Lake Drive, Centreville
Neighborhood Park
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5714 Mt Gilead Rd, Centreville
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- 3 Elklick Preserve**
Access From Pleasant Valley Road,
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Multiple Resource Park
- 4 Centre Ridge**
14400 Old Mill Road, Centreville
- 5 Richard W Jones**
Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly
Multiple Resource Park
- 6 Cub Run RECenter**
4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
Special Purpose Park
- 7 Westfield SS**
4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
School Site
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2744 Cooper Creek Road, Herndon
School Site
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13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
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5200 Arrowhead Park Drive,
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Neighborhood Park
- 18 Lane's Mill**
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Cultural Resource Park
- 19 Old Centreville Road**
5885 Old Centreville Road,
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Neighborhood Park
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Germain Drive, Centreville
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6100 Clifton Rd, Clifton
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- 23 Chapel Road**
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- 25 Rock Hill District**
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- 27 Greenbriar**
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- 28 Poplar Tree**
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District Park
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13373 Brookfield Court, Chantilly
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3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 33 Brentwood**
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Franklin Glen**
13395 Springhaven Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 35 Fox Valley**
13420 Hollinger Avenue, Fairfax
Community Park
- 36 Fair Ridge**
12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 37 Greenbriar Commons**
4300 Middle Ridge Dr, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 38 Ox Hill Battlefield**
4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax
Cultural Resource Park
- 39 Patriot**
12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax
District Park



Sully Historic Site, located in Chantilly, is on the National Register for Historic Places. The property includes a historic home, outbuildings, a gift shop, and the Visitor's Center. The property is also the scene of interpretive Civil War reenactments.



Winterdel Matsikure (left) and Elana Marmorstein, both interns at Sully Historic, demonstrate ice cream making to visitors. The Dairy Days demonstration is one of the educational opportunities offered at the park. It also has programs for Scouts to earn merit badges.



Juliana gets tips for tossing bean bags from volunteer Kierston Dixon. Historic games are a part of the Dairy Day program.

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August 2015

FRIDAY/AUG. 28

Ice Cream and Butter Making. 1-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Churn butter, crank ice cream and play historic games. There is a \$7 fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for complete schedule.

September 2015

SATURDAY-FRIDAY/SEPT. 12-25

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Dulles Day 5K/10K on the Runway. 7:30 a.m. 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. The full length of the runway will be closed off for runners to experience a flat, fast course and a unique look at the airport grounds. All race proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Virginia, the Committee for Dulles Community Outreach and the Washington Airports Task Force. Visit www.planepull.com/View/Page/5K for more.

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

20th Annual Irish Folk Festival. 12-7:30 p.m. at The Sherwood Center, Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to experience Irish music, dance, language and sport. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival for more.

SUNDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 27-OCT. 3

Fall for the Book Festival at GMU. Times vary. Select locations throughout Northern Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. This week long regional celebration of literature and the arts, connects readers and authors at all levels. Offering bookworms the chance to meet their favorite writers. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

October 2015

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

20th Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk. 12 p.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pet on Wheels, which provides pet visitation to nursing home residents and hospitals. Visit www.fpow.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Historic downtown Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with more than 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>.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-18

Craftmen's Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Watch craftspeople and artists from across America at work on original designs including pieces that cater to every style, taste and budget during demonstrations. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. Call 336-282-5550 or visit www.craftshow.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Centreville Day. Historic Centreville Park in the Centreville Historic District, 5714 Mt. Gilead Road. Food, crafters and other vendors, parade, entertainment and more. The theme is Safe and Healthy Homes. Free. Visit www.centrevilleva.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

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

Historic All Hallows Eve. 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with story telling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. at Chapel Road, Clifton. This annual event winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

November 2015

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at James W. Robinson, Jr., Secondary School, 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop more than 80 vendors at the Holiday Market; raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

LATE NOVEMBER-EARLY JANUARY

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 for exact date and schedule.

December 2015

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting

farm, ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

February 2016

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free assistance with 2015 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/vita.php.

March 2016

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

April 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-3

19th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit www.gilmoreshow.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_spring.shtml for more.

APRIL 15-MAY 9

Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Dedicated to showcasing the very best of the visual and performing arts in the City of Fairfax, Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts is an annual three-week festival comprising artists in and at local venues. Visit www.visitfairfax.com/events/the-city-of-fairfax-spotlight-on-the-arts.

June 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

Celebrate Fairfax! Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Northern Virginia's largest annual three-day festival and community-wide celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com for more.

FOURTH SATURDAY IN JUNE

Clifton Wine Festival. 7150 Main St., Clifton. Virginia vineyards and wineries come together for a day of wine, food, arts and crafts. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

July 2016

JULY 4

City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Events at various locations around the city. A fun-filled Independence Day celebration in the City of Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.

Step into History

Sully Plantation, restored in 1975, is celebrating 40 years.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON

For a walk through 19th century plantation life in Northern Virginia, area residents can visit Chantilly's Sully Historic Site for guided tours and other programming.

Sully Historic site, a plantation home built in the 1790s, is on the National Register for Historic Places and accredited by the American Association of Museums. Richard Bland Lee,

Northern Virginia's first congressional representative and the uncle of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, and his family were the first inhabitants of the planta-

tion, complete with outbuildings slave quarters. "We are the only remnant of Fairfax County from the 1790s and early 19th century," Noreen McCann, visitor services manager, said. "With Dulles Airport down the road and apartments, buildings and all this technology around us, this is a little sea of green that represents what Fairfax County was like in the past."

Sully Historic Site, also referred to as Sully Plantation, has been run by Fairfax County Park Authority since 1959. Rich in history, the sprawling home's last owner and resident was Frederick Nolting, the U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam from 1961 to 1963.

McCann said Sully Plantation was completely restored in 1975, so the site is celebrating its 40 years this year. "We are having a major celebration this year," McCann said. "On Sept. 6, all tours and activities are free in honor of our milestone."

Sully Plantation sprawls 65 acres and was once home to slaves and tenant farmers in addition to Richard Bland Lee and his family. The outbuildings include a kitchen, representative

slave quarters, a stone dairy and a smoke house. There are guided tours of both the main house and of the outbuildings and of the representative slave quarters. Visitors will learn about life in Northern Virginia during the colonial and federal periods of history.

Tours for adults are \$7 each, but if you take both tours on the same day, the total amount is just \$9, according to McCann. Museum hours are seasonal, and currently they are open ev-

"It makes you wonder what your own ancestors did without plumbing or technology."

— Noreen McCann, visitor services manager, Sully Historic Site

ery week day except Tuesday, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

A taste of history isn't the only thing you can come away with. Another activity that Sully Plantation offers is

ice cream and butter making classes, available to children and adults alike.

Perhaps Fairfax County's oldest attraction, Sully Historic Site is a popular field trip destination for area schools, beyond Fairfax County.

"When schools start back up," McCann said, "we'll have lots of tours. We get classes from Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Fauquier County, and even schools in Maryland and West Virginia."

She added that the historic site has about 24,000 visitors on average per year.

Amid a technology community sits a landmark from the days of Northern Virginia before the internet, or even electricity.

"I think the coolest thing about Sully Historic Site is learning about the people of the past, and how they managed everything before technology," McCann said. "This was a very complex period with lots of different components, with slavery and other politics. It has gotten my interest in genealogy.

It makes you wonder what your own ancestors did without plumbing or technology."

Details

Sully Historic Site
3650 Historic Sully Way
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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/

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NONPROFITS

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries

A food pantry at 13888 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly; the food bank is currently seeking donations. Western Fairfax Christian Ministries also connects sponsors with families who need assistance. Call 703-988-9656 or visit www.wfcmva.org.

National Capital Food Bank

A group of food banks serving all of Northern Virginia seek monetary donations and general volunteers. Call 703-541-3063 or visit www.capitalareafoodbank.org.

Northern Virginia Family Services

This nonprofit offers employments and job training, health care, housing, mental health, foster care and home visitations to new parents. Northern Virginia Family Services is headquartered at 1455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100 in Oakton with centers and thrift shops throughout the region. Call 703-385-3267 or visit www.nvfs.org.

Friends of Guest House offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who sincerely want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in

Northern Virginia, and receives countless inquiries every year. The Guest House is located at 1 East Luray Ave. Clients may call 703-549-8072 24/7 for support, otherwise visit www.friendsofguesthouse.org.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area

Aims to help youth become confident, civic-minded, responsible adults through programs focused on education/career development, health and life skills, leadership, the arts, sports and recreation, and mentoring. The headquarters for the Fairfax Regional office is at 5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call 703-304-8631 or visit www.bgcgw.org/fairfax/.

LINK: Link Against Hunger

LINK provides emergency food assistance by request on a daily basis and hosts Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. The organization is comprised of 14 member churches serving Herndon, Chantilly, Sterling and Ashburn. LINK needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. More than 4,000 adults and children have signed up for help with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Call 703-437-1776 or visit www.linkagainsthunger.org.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like about living here?

COMPILED BY WILL PALENSCAR



"I love the community feel of Chantilly. Not just the school but the surrounding neighborhoods and how the middle schools and elementary schools get involved. We're lucky to live in a place where we have access to places like Great Falls, Shenandoah, D.C., and Virginia Beach."

— Elana Mamorstein



"I like having all four seasons, the golf courses, and being so close to D.C. The area has plenty of trees and parks, and I enjoy Burke Lake."

— Sein Kang



"I frequent the W&OD Trail with my dog Macho, so I can train for Iron Man competitions and my favorite thing about the area is the convenience to D.C."

— Stephanie Zimmeck



"I like the sports programs in the area. My daughter is playing CYA tennis. I also like the safety of the local communities and shopping at Fair Oaks Malls is very convenient."

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Getting To Know Westfield Sports

Boys' basketball team finished state runner-up in 2015.

School: Westfield High School
Mascot: Bulldogs
School Colors: Black, gold and white
Athletic Director: Terri Towle, 703-488-6400
Football Coach: Kyle Simmons (fifth year)
 The Bulldogs finished 12-2, including a 10-game win streak, and lost to Centreville in the 6A North region championship game. It was Westfield's fourth consecutive region runner-up finish.

Field Hockey Coach: Starr Kar
Volleyball Coach: Jim Bour
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Ewell
Girls' Basketball Coach: Maggie Endler
Girls' Lacrosse coach: Katie Ruch
Rival Schools: Centreville, Chantilly

What Happened Last Year: The boys' basketball team finished state runner-up in 6A, winning Conference 5 and 6A North region championships during the season. The volleyball team won the conference title and lost to eventual state runner-up Madison in the region semifinals. The field hockey team went 17-4, losing in the conference championship game and the region semifinals. Wrestler Justin Yorkdale won the 132-pound state title, and Austin Knies won the 285-pound state championship. Then-senior Johnny Pace placed fifth at the state cross country meet. The girls' lacrosse team qualified for the state tournament.

Notable: Eddie Royal, a receiver with the Chicago Bears, Mike Glennon, a quarterback with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Evan Royster, a running back for the Atlanta Falcons, are each Westfield graduates.

Quotable: "It had nothing to do with free throws down the stretch. We were down [31-16], nobody asked about free throws then. ... If anybody looks back at free throws, then they don't

realize where [the Bulldogs] were at and where they got to."
 — Westfield boys' basketball coach Doug Ewell

after the Bulldogs missed four free throws late in a 47-46 loss to Colonial Forge in the 2015 6A state championship game.

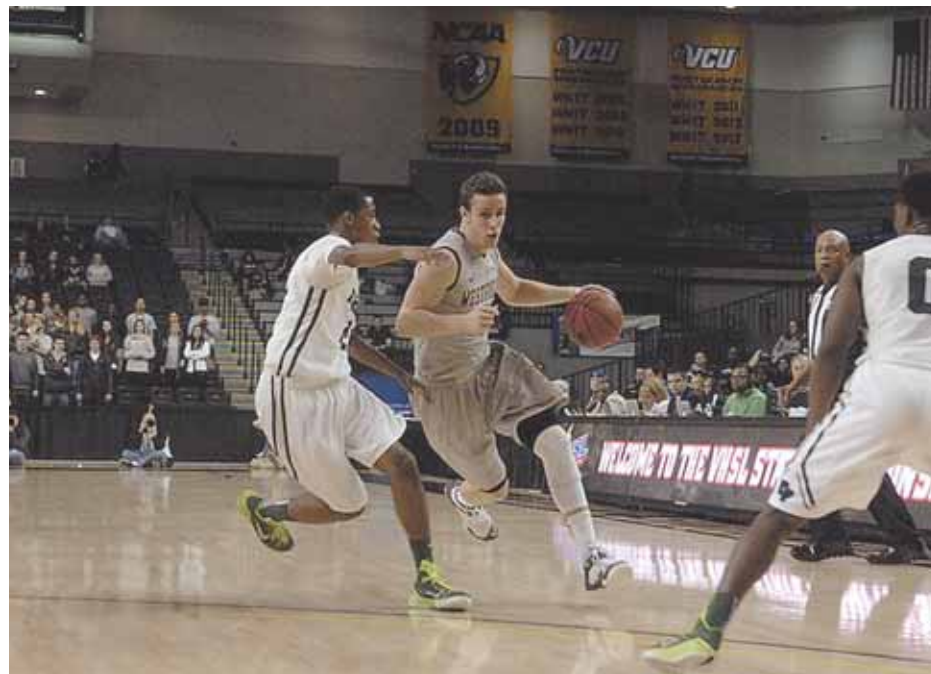


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Then-junior Tyler Scanlon and the Westfield boys' basketball team finished state runner-up in 2015.

Getting To Know Chantilly Sports

Boys' lacrosse, golf, baseball teams finish state runners-up.

School: Chantilly High School.
Mascot: Chargers.
School Colors: Purple and white.
Athletic Director: Corey Bowerman, 703-222-8160.
Football Coach: Michael Lalli (11th year).
 The Chargers finished the 2014 season with a 6-6 record, including a playoff victory over Hayfield.

Cross Country Coach: Matt Gilchrist.
Field Hockey Coach: Ralph Chapman.
Volleyball Coach: Charles Ezigbo.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Jim Smith.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Kurt Sporkmann.
Baseball Coach: Kevin Ford.
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Kevin Broderick.
Girls' Soccer Coach: Melissa Bibbee.
Rival School: Centreville.

What Happened Last Year: The baseball

team finished runner-up in the state and 6A North region, and won the Conference 5 championship. The boys' lacrosse team lost to Robinson in double overtime in the state final after winning conference and region championships. The golf team finished state runner-up.

The girls' soccer team won the conference championship, finished region runner-up and qualified for the state tournament. The field hockey team finished region runner-up and qualified for the state tournament.

The girls' basketball team finished conference runner-up and reached the region semifinals. Then-senior Ryan McGorty placed fourth at the state cross country meet.

Notable: In the 10 seasons lacrosse has been recognized as a VHSL sport, the Chantilly boys' program has reached the state championship game six times, winning twice (2008, 2013).

Quotable: "It means a lot. This is the third time in a row it's been Chantilly and Oakton and we finally had to go to a neutral site to win one. — Chantilly baseball coach Kevin Ford after the Chargers defeated Oakton in the Conference 5 championship game. Oakton defeated Chantilly in the previous two conference/district finals.

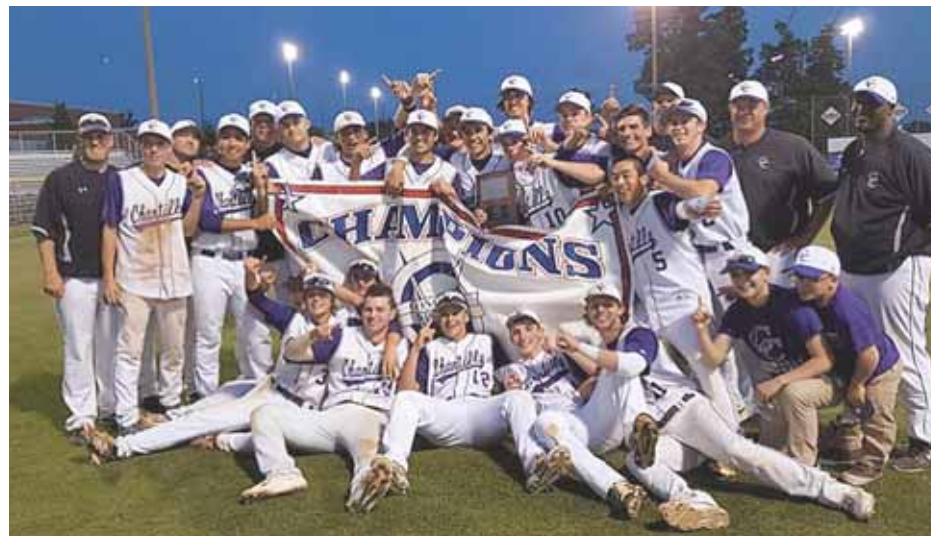


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The Chantilly baseball team won the 2015 Conference 5 championship.

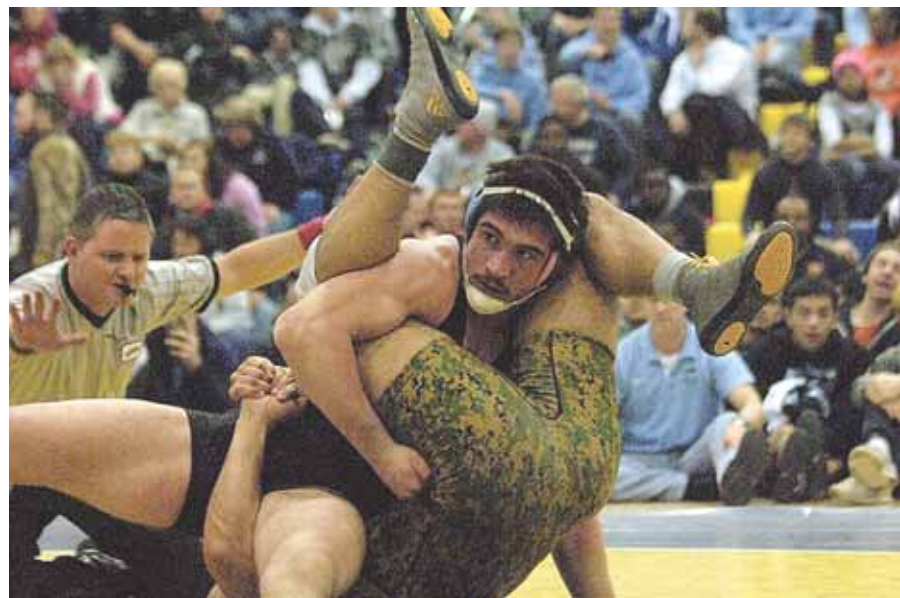


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Tyler Love, a 2015 Centreville graduate, finished his athletic career with two wrestling state titles and a state championship in football.

Getting To Know Centreville Sports

Football team reached second straight state title game.

School: Centreville High School.
Mascot: Wildcats.
School Colors: Columbia blue, black and silver.
Athletic Director: Jimmy Sanabria, 703-802-5416.
Football Coach: Chris Haddock (sixth year).

One year after winning the 6A state championship game and finishing with an undefeated record, the Wildcats returned to the state final, only to lose in overtime to Ocean Lakes.

Field Hockey Coach: Demby Banbury.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Kevin Harris.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Tom Watson.
Baseball Coach: Scott Findley.
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Ashley Kimener.

Rival Schools: Chantilly, Westfield.

What Happened Last Year: The wrestling team finished state runner-up. Tyler Love won his second consecutive 195-pound state championship, Victor Echeverria won the 113-pound state title, and Michael Vu finished runner-up at 132 pounds. The girls' lacrosse team reached the state semifinals. The baseball team reached the 6A North region semifinals. The softball team finished Conference 5 runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals.

Notable: The football program has played in three of the last four state championship games. The Wildcats beat Oscar Smith 35-6 in 2013, capping an undefeated season. Centreville lost to Ocean Lakes 30-24 in overtime in 2014, and lost to Oscar Smith 42-14 in 2011. Centreville also won a state championship in 2000, beating Deep Creek 28-26.

Quotable: "It feels better, because it's hard to repeat anything, as we saw in football." — Then-senior Tyler Love, comparing his second 195-pound state wrestling championship to his first. Love was also a linebacker for the football team, which won the 2013 state title but lost in the 2014 state championship game.