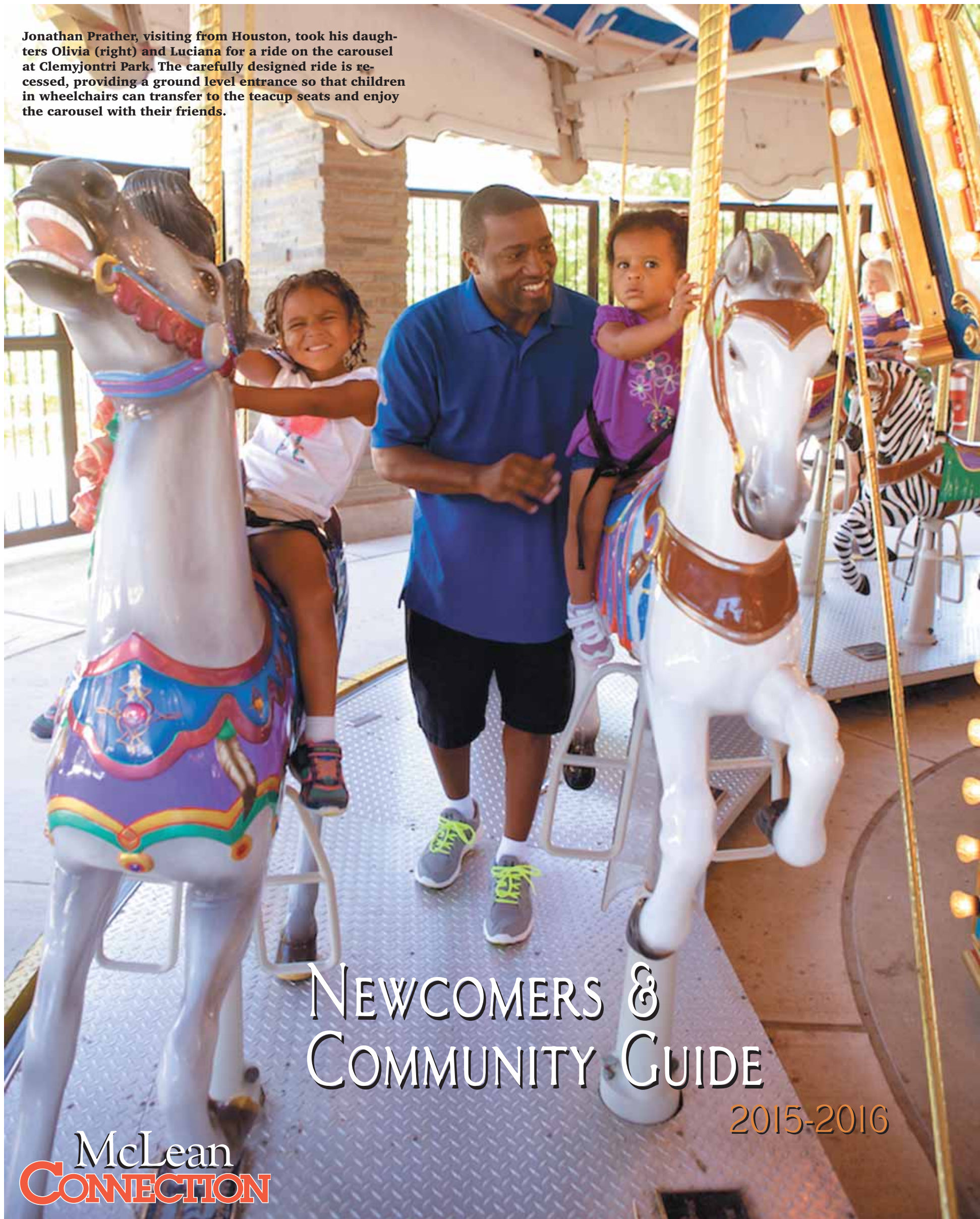


Jonathan Prather, visiting from Houston, took his daughters Olivia (right) and Luciana for a ride on the carousel at Clemyjontri Park. The carefully designed ride is recessed, providing a ground level entrance so that children in wheelchairs can transfer to the teacup seats and enjoy the carousel with their friends.



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Scott's Run offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River.

The Best of Dranesville

Supervisor Foust recommends places to see in his district.

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN W. FOST
(D-DRANESVILLE DISTRICT)

Dranesville residents love their parks. We are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, as well as historical sites and community events to enjoy. The following are some of my favorites.



at 10017 Colvin Run, Great Falls.

❖ **Turner Farm:** Originally the site of a dairy farm, the 52-acre park offers a unique mix of educational and recreational facilities. The Analemma Society offers astronomy programs in partnership with the Park Authority at the park's observatory. Equestrians can enjoy a cross country course and a large multi-purpose arena with stadium jumps and dressage makers. Small children can enjoy a new tot lot. Located at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls.

❖ **Runnymede Park:** The Town of Herndon is located in the Dranesville District. The town owns and maintains this 58-acre park. It is the site for many community nature-related events such as the annual Nature Fest. Situated near the Sugarland Run Stream, the park attracts over 100 species of birds, deer, fox and other wildlife. Two park shelters are available for rental. Located at 196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon.

❖ **Scott's Run Nature Preserve:** One of the few nature preserves in the County. The 336-acre preserve, formerly known as the Burling Tract, had at one time been slated for development. Scott's Run offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River. Visitors flock to the area every year to witness the spring wildflowers which carpet the forest floor. Located at 7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

❖ **Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts:** Known simply as Wolf Trap. The 117-acre park is home to the beautiful Filene Center, The Barnes and the Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods. Each summer there are over 100 performance across all genres. There are also year-round recreational opportunities, including hiking trails, picnic areas, and sledding. Located at 1635 Trap Road, Vienna.

❖ **Spring Hill Recreation Center:** Re-



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Clemmyjontri Park: Since opening in 2006, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this unique playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side.

cently the RECenter underwent a major renovation and expansion. In addition to an awesome indoor swimming facility, users can now enjoy a 2-story fitness center and a gymnasium with an elevated running track. The gym features a single high school-sized basketball court with two overlay basketball courts and a volleyball overlay court. Locker rooms and showers have been upgraded and five new family cabanas are now available. Located at 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean.

❖ **MPAartfest:** Every October, the McLean Project for the Arts converts McLean Central Park into a free, one-day festival of the arts. Thousands of area residents attend. Vendor tents display the works of numerous juried artists, which are complemented by the exhibitions of children's' and seniors' artwork, an Open Studio demonstration, and performances by local musicians. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean.

❖ **Great Falls Freedom Memorial:** Dedicated in 2004, the memorial plaza on the library grounds honors local military personnel, firefighters, police officers, the

six Great Falls residents who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our liberty and freedom. The service on 9/11 is extremely moving. Located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls (behind the library)

❖ **McLean Day:** Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, McLean Day is held on the third Saturday in May. The festival features performances, carnival rides, exhibitions and delicious foods for visitors of all ages. There is a wonderful line-up of live entertainment throughout the day organized by the Alden Theatre. There are booths where artisans, local businesses, civic organizations, nonprofit groups, and local officials showcase their wares. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

❖ **Great Falls National Park:** Consists of 800 acres along the banks of the Potomac River. The park is a wonderful place to hike, picnic and simply view the majestic falls and rapids, often navigated by kayakers. Entrance is at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive, Great Falls.

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The McLean Community Center will open up when construction begins in the fall of 2016. Planning and Zoning is scheduled to review the proposal this summer.



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Construction at Langley High School will take place the next three years. See fcps.edu/LangleyHS for updates.

What's Coming?

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

An occasional series on development and land use in McLean.

❖ McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Ave.

Construction to renovate McLean's Community Center is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016 and will be completed by 2018. The renovation will add 7,750 square feet, including a fitness room. The McLean Community Center was built in 1974 when centers were designed similar to schools, "institutional facilities that could withstand all sorts of abuse," said architect Greg Lukmire. Now, the renovation plans include an open courtyard, natural lighting throughout the building, open lobby and hallway, and a glassy facade on the back to allow connectivity between the library, outdoors. "It's set in an environment that is natural and quite lovely," said Lukmire.

❖ McLean Government Center

1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean

A \$20 million project to renovate and expand McLean Government Center at 1437 Balls Hill Road is scheduled for completion this year. Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and staff moved in this past week. The center also houses the Fairfax County Police Department's McLean Station, McLean Visitor Center and the McLean Chamber of Commerce. The renovation expands the facility from 21,600 square feet to 39,200 square feet.

❖ Lewinsville Senior Center

1609 Great Falls Street, McLean

Plans to renovate the former 1965 Lewinsville Elementary School date back to

2003 for this 8.66 acre property on Great Falls Street. The Board of Supervisors assumed ownership in 1985 and created 22 units of affordable independent senior housing, a senior center, adult day care and child day care. The Board of Supervisors approved the renovation this past March for Wesley Hamel to build 82 units of independent residential housing. The county will renovate the senior center, the adult day care and two childcare centers. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2016 and residents are scheduled to move back into their homes in the Fall of 2017.

❖ Langley High School Renovation

6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Va.

Langley High School continues to give updates on renovation progress on its website at fcps.edu/LangleyHS. "If you have driven by Langley High School since school let out, you will notice a lot of work has been done, according to an update from June 24. "When school resumes in September, we will have the same parking lot footprint and the Kiss and Ride and bus loop will remain the same. As always, we appreciate your flexibility and patience as we progress through this renovation project."

Three more years of construction at Langley High School will completely modernize the McLean/Great Falls school that was originally built in the 1960s. Fairfax County voters approved the \$68 million project in a 2013 bond referendum.

❖ Mount Daniel Elementary School

2328 North Oak Street

BC Consultants for the Falls Church City School Board and the City of Falls Church staff seek to expand the existing Mount Daniel Elementary School, located at 2328 North Oak Street, just on the border of



Mapping the changes:

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- 2 McLean Government Center,
- 3 Lewinsville Senior Center,
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- 5 Mount Daniel Elementary,
- 6 Sunrise LLC,
- 7 McLean Plaza, JBG,
- 8 Scotts Run Station North, Cityline Partners, LLC,
- 9 856 and 872 Dolley Madison Boulevard.

McLean. Falls Church proposes to expand Mount Daniel to 36 classrooms with an enrollment of 792 students, and 84 employees. The addition, if approved, would add approximately 47,303 gross square feet for the entire school for a total of 91,421 square feet. The McLean Citizens Association adopted a resolution to oppose the project, saying the extent of the Mount Daniel expansion would be excessive and incompatible with the neighborhood. The proposal is scheduled to be voted on by the Fairfax County Planning Commission on Sept. 17, 2015.

Sunrise LLC - SE2014-DR-068

1988 Kirby Road, McLean

This past June, Sunrise Development, Inc.

withdrew its application to seek a special exception to permit an assisted living facility on a 3.7 acre property zoned R-1 at 1988 Kirby Road. Sunrise had sought to develop approximately 73 assisted living units in a 40,309 square foot building at 1988 Kirby Road. See <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4195655>

❖ McLean Plaza, JBG

6862 Elm Street

RZ 2012-DR-019

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On July 1, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved this mixed-use project on a 4.43 parcel at 6862 Elm Street for a 263,806 square foot, 240-unit, 73-foot-tall multi-family residential building with retail space. The existing 90-foot tall office building (109,600 square feet) will be retained and a ground floor addition will be made for 7,010 square feet of retail use. The proposal includes 595 underground parking spaces, 73 surface parking spaces and 35 percent open space. The proposal rezoned the parcel in the Community Business center from C-3 to Planned Residential Mixed Use. <http://www.jbg.com/#McLean-Plaza-6862-Elm-McLean-property-overview>

❖ Scotts Run Station North, Cityline Partners LLC

Intersection of Scotts Crossing Road and Dolley Madison Boulevard

On June 2, Fairfax County approved another 1.5 million square feet of development in Tysons, including residential, office, retail, and possible option for a hotel on a 9.4 acre site at the corner of Scotts Crossing Road and Dolley Madison Boulevard. This completes CityLine's development con

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cept for the area. In 2013, the developer received approval for its Scotts Run South, more than 6.6 million square foot project spread over 23 acres on the east side of Route 123.

Scotts Run North sits on the original Mitre Corp. headquarters site, about a quarter mile from the McLean Metro Station. Although the building is gone, the parking lot remains, and it serves as a temporary, 711-space lot for Silver Line riders under an agreement with the county.

❖ 856 and 872 Dolley Madison Boulevard

SE 2014-DR-072

An application by PS Holdings, LLC for a special exception to allow a private school of general education on this 3.3 acre property zoned R-1, has been deferred indefinitely. The applicant originally proposed to serve 250 pre-kindergarten through sixth grade in a 21,5741 square foot building. Based on staff and community concerns the applicant is revising the scope of the project. Planning and Zoning was scheduled to write its staff report in September. <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4195830>.

❖ Survey of Aircraft Noise in McLean by McLean Citizens Association

McLean Citizens Association's (MCA) Transportation Committee is planning a public meeting with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) regarding impact of aircraft noise and this survey solicits data for assessing the impacts of aircraft noise on the community. Here is the link to the online survey: Aircraft Noise Survey. <http://goo.gl/forms/O69ALu365Z> Survey is due by September 30, 2015.

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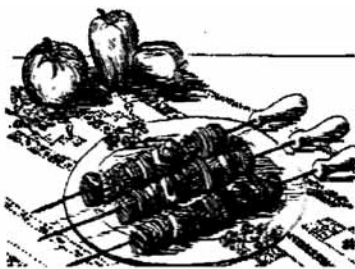
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As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for 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 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.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

<p>McLean Zip code: 22102 Population: 21,985 Race: White-14,668 (66.7%), Black/African American-14,688 (66.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-43 (0.2%), Asian-5,175 (23.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,481 (6.7%) Total housing units: 10,471 Owner-occupied housing units: 5,476 (56.2%) Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,626 Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,075 Median household income:</p>	<p>117,885 Mean family income: 261,962 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 41.3%</p> <p>Zip code: 22101 Population: 29,887 Race: White-24,098 (80.6%), Black/African American-498 (1.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-42 (0.1%), Asian-4,130 (13.8), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,549 (5.2%) Total housing units: 11,345 Owner-occupied housing units: 9,034 (83.1%)</p>	<p>Households with individuals under 18 years: 4,190 (38.5%) Households with individuals 65 years and over: 3,813 (35.1%) Median household income: 175,926 Mean family income: 273,397 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 28.7%</p> <p>Zip code: 22043 Population: 24,302 Race: White-15,725 (64.7%), Black/African American-1,095 (4.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-107 (0.4%), Asian-4,732 (19.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of</p>	<p>any race)-4,013 (16.5%) Total housing units: 9,735 Owner-occupied housing units: 5,575 (59.5%) Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,985 (31.9%) Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,847 (19.7%) Median household income: 102,057 Mean family income: 141,315 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 39.6% Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012</p>
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Welcome from Police Chief Ed Roessler

Dear Community Members:

The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,372 sworn law enforcement officers who protect and serve the communities of the County. On average, officers respond to over 400,000 calls for service each year. As we engage with the communities we serve, we understand our profession must always assess our services and constantly strive to challenge each other to re-engineer how we deliver essential law enforcement services in a community that exceeds 1.1 million residents. We are fortunate to have an engaged community which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures. The review, conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum, proposed 71 enhancement recommendations. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. We have initiated policy changes and embarked on many training programs which embrace state-of-the-art decision making mod-



Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

els and best practices for de-escalation and escalation techniques and new initiatives to safely interact and divert from jail those suffering mental illness. Currently 43 percent of our patrol officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Team training and all recruits now receive parallel training.

Other recent policy changes include the concepts of being able to hold and contain events in order to develop successful resolutions to each call for service when possible.

In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align all of its policies and procedures to comply with several hundred national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The on-site assessment, required to obtain accredited status, is scheduled for early 2016 and will be conducted by assessors from outside the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department continues to maintain its accredited status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

During the last year the Department's social media presence has continued to expand in efforts toward sharing more information with the community.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Who Runs McLean?

McLean Citizens Association continues to celebrate a century of citizen activism.

McLean Citizens Association

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) has served since 1914 as an unofficial town council for the residents of the McLean area which has no governmental structure of its own. MCA has provided a forum in which all McLean residents can discuss ways to resolve community problems and countywide issues affecting the area.

Committees include planning and zoning; environment, parks and recreation; education and youth; budget and taxation; transportation; public safety liaison; Tysons liaison; and membership.

The website includes links to important McLean information and organizations.

Meetings are most always held at the McLean Community Center, at 1234 Ingleside Ave. See below.

<http://mcleancitizens.org/>

McLean Community Center

The McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101
703-790-0123

The mission of the McLean Community Center is to provide a sense of community by undertaking programs; assisting community organizations; and furnishing facilities for civic, cultural, educational, recreational and social activities apportioned fairly to all residents of Small District 1, Dranesville.

The McLean Community Center was built and is funded by residents of Greater McLean through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 bond referendum (Small District 1A-Dranesville). An eleven-member Governing Board, elected by citizens of the district and appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, oversees the Centers budget and operation.

McLean Community Center offers activities for adults and children, including classes, lectures, study tours, camps, art exhibits and theater. The Center also sponsors major community activities such as McLean Day at Lewinsville Park in May and the 4th of July Fireworks in McLean.

Center facilities include the 386-seat Alden Theatre, the McLean Project for the Arts galleries, the Susan B. DuVal Art Studio, meeting and conference rooms, a rehearsal studio and a classroom/commercial kitchen.

Board of Supervisors

McLean is governed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors controls the county budget, establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appoint-



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

McLean Citizens Association celebrated 100th Anniversary on Nov. 20, 2014: Former Dranesville Supervisor Rufus Phillips, former McLean Citizens Association president Lilla Richards, Supervisor John Foust, MCA President Sally Horn and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova with a county resolution honoring MCA on the occasion.

ments to various positions. Fairfax County has an elected Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large.

See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm McLean is in the Dranesville District.

McLean residents are represented on the Board of Supervisors by Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust and Chairman, At-large member Sharon Bulova.

All members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot on Nov. 3.

Dranesville Supervisor, John W. Foust

McLean Governmental Center
1437 Balls Hill Road
McLean, VA 22101
703-356-0551, TTY 711

Email: Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/>

Chairman, Sharon Bulova

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy., Ste 530
Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-2321, TTY 711
Email: chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/>

Fairfax County School Board

The Fairfax County School Board has members, elected for four-year terms; one member represents each of the County's nine magisterial districts, and three members serve at large. A student representative, selected for a one-year term by the Student Advisory Council, sits with the Board at all public meetings and participates

in discussions, but does not vote. All 12 seats on the Fairfax County School Board on the ballot on Nov. 3.

Great Falls is represented by Dranesville School Board member Janie Strauss plus the three at-large members, Ryan L. McElveen, Ilryong Moon and Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff. Contact the School Board at fairfaxcountyschoolboard@fcps.edu

Jane K. "Janie" Strauss

571-423-1087
Email: Jane.Strauss@fcps.edu
<http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/members/dranesville.shtml>

Virginia House of Delegates

McLean is in House of Delegates District 34, represented by Va. Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34).

<http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php?id=H0271>

Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

804-698-1334
703-662-1443
DelKMurphy@house.virginia.gov

Virginia Senate

McLean is in Virginia State Senate District 31, represented by Va. Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)

Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)

General Assembly Building
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, Va. 23219
804-698-7531
district31@senate.virginia.gov

A smaller part of McLean is represented by Virginia Senate district 32,

Sen. Janet Howell (D-32).

Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, VA 23218
Email: district32@senate.virginia.gov
804-698-7532
<http://apps.lis.virginia.gov/sfb1/Senate/senatorwebprofile.aspx?id=223>

District Office
P.O. Box 2608
Reston, VA 20195-0608
Email: SenHowell@gmail.com

U.S. House of Representatives

Most of McLean is represented by U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10).

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock

Washington, D.C. Office
226 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-5136
<https://comstock.house.gov>

Part of McLean is represented by the 8th Congressional District and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8).

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer

431 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-4376
<https://beyer.house.gov/>

District Office
5285 Shawnee Road
Suite 250
Alexandria, VA 22312
703-658-5403

U.S. Senate

Mark Warner and Tim Kaine are Virginia's U.S. Senators.

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.)

231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-4024
<http://www.kaine.senate.gov/>

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.)

475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-2023
<http://www.warner.senate.gov/>

Vienna Office
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Suite 200
Vienna, VA 22182
703-442-0670

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INSIDER TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS



Clemyjontri Park: Two-acre playground with maze, carousel and other interactive activities for kids of all abilities.



PHOTOS BY DANIELLE GRAE/THE CONNECTION
Dolley Madison Library: "A gorgeous view into the woods."



McLean Central Park: Convenient for library and McLean Community Center users.

Long-time Residents Recommend Their Favorite Places

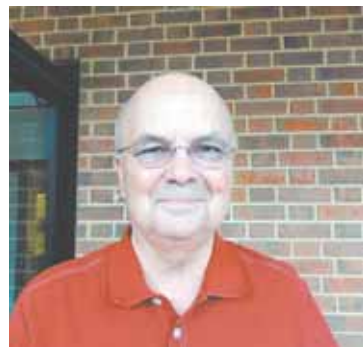


Jeremy Stover, construction, McLean resident for three years, with children: Emery Stover, 5, student at Churchill Road Elementary School, and Audrey Stover, 3, student at US Kids:

"I love Clemyjontri Park because it's a great place for the kids to play and have fun. It's inclusive for everybody who's here. We always have a good time here. We like the rocks, the monkey bars, the airplane and meeting new people. People of all different backgrounds come here."

Mike Hayden, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, McLean resident for seven years:

"I enjoy the McLean Family Restaurant. I have lunch or breakfast there once or twice a week to meet friends or to have a business meeting. It's very friendly and comfortable. They treat you very nicely, the food is fine, and you meet a lot of interesting people. If you sit there in the morning, you might see a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs or a former Supreme Court justice or the daughter of the vice president."



Gloria Misner, retired teacher, McLean resident for 50 years

"I love the Dolley Madison Library because it has books, and I read books rather than watch TV. This library is newly renovated. It has a gorgeous view into the woods. While it is not a regional library, which would have more to offer, you can get whatever you want brought here from any library. I am happy to see that it is well used. People are not on their screens all the time. They're reading books. That makes me very happy."



Nanci Von Schrlitz, stay at home mom, McLean resident for three years, with son Otto Von Schrlitz, 4, student at Franklin Sherman Elementary School:

"I think we started coming here (to McLean Central park) when Otto was about 18 months old, and he's grown up with it. We've been able to find nooks and crannies in the park. We always come to the library, so it's a one-stop shop. At the Community Center, Otto used to take music classes while I was doing art classes. After class, we drop off books and pick some more up at the library. Then we have a picnic and play on the playground. We often spend a few hours here on the weekends."

Anjali Gupta, psychiatrist presently home with three children, McLean resident for 13 years:

"I love going to Scott's Run Nature Preserve with my family. It's also a great place to go hiking with friends. I also enjoy going there on my own to exercise while listening to music. Even though you're right in McLean, you feel like you're in nature. When I do the hike with my family, we start on Georgetown Pike, go through the woods, and then walk down towards the river. A beautiful waterfall is tucked in a little corner right next to the river."

- DANIELLE GRAE



McLean Family Restaurant: A place to meet "a lot of interesting people."

NEWCOMERS

Meet the Candidates for County Board

All politics is local, in Fairfax County, too: Who runs for Board of Supervisors in November?

You may be surprised – or dismayed – to learn that the 10 men and women who occupy Fairfax County Board of Supervisors wield enormous power and influence over your everyday lives.

They set your tax rate, fund the public school system, and determine priorities and policies for issues ranging from affordable housing, homelessness and human services to economic development, traffic calming and the environment.

They manage a \$7 billion budget, larger than the budgets of four states, and rule over a county with a diverse, well-educated population of more than a million people.

Their decisions can propel our community forward – or cost us our first-rate status in education, livability and culture.

If you happen to meet them this election season, thank them for the long-awaited Silver Line expan-

sion, a success that directly benefits you and your property values. Or, you may want to chide them for the extra \$185 you will pay in property taxes this year, or the generous \$20,000 pay raise they gave themselves after increasing your property taxes.

They do want to hear from you. What they don't want to hear are complaints about potholes on your road. Not because they don't care, but because they can't do anything about it.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state builds, maintains and operates local roads. Transportation funding, you will quickly learn, is a perennial hot topic in the Virginia General Assembly.

So is redistricting, also known as gerrymandering, which has kept the Commonwealth in another form of gridlock as Republicans and Democrats struggle ceaselessly for control of the legislature.

Another perennial problem is the socioeconomic divide between affluent Northern Virginia (NOVA) – where you now reside – and the Rest of Virginia (ROVA) – where a chunk of your tax dollars disappear. NOVA gets less back from Richmond than we send down there, and so Northern Virginians have the privilege of paying extra taxes (and tolls) to fund the badly-needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure. It drives us a little crazy.

As a newcomer, you may wonder why we still call ourselves a “Commonwealth,” instead of just an ordinary state. Good question. Virginia retained this nomenclature – as did Kentucky, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania – when we adopted our first constitution in 1776, most likely to emphasize the fact that our new government was based upon the sovereignty of the people united for the common good. If we're

ally honest, we are also very proud of the ruckus we kicked up with the British Monarchy when we declared our independence. There's a reason our state motto is “Sic Semper Tyrannis,” Latin for “thus always to tyrants.”

So, dear newcomer: Wherever you are from, you are here now. In the Old Dominion, the Mother of Presidents. Let that sink in for a moment.

We hope you will appreciate the fact that you are here, reading this guide, during an important election season. We assume you will join the ranks of Fairfax County's prolific electorate, where nearly 43 percent of residents cast their ballots last year, and vote on Nov. 3.

To make it a little easier for you, and give you the opportunity to feel like “political insiders,” we asked each of the 19 BOS candidates to give you their answers to questions specifically geared toward newcomers.

Their responses are unedited and enlightening. We hope.

—VICTORIA ROSS



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Current Board of Supervisors. From left: Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District), Michael R. Frey (R-Sully District), John C. Cook (R-Braddock District), Gerald W. Hyland (D-Mount Vernon District), Sharon Bulova (Chairman, At-Large), Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason District, Vice Chairman), John W. Foust (D-Dranesville District), Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District), Pat Herry (Springfield District) and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District).

Questions

1) What should newcomers know about the impact the Board of Supervisors has on their daily lives? In other words - what do you do at the county level that's important enough to compel newcomers to vote in this election?

2) To make newcomers feel at home, what's a “must-see” place or event you recommend they check out in Fairfax County or your district?

3) What's your favorite sports team?

4) Fairfax County gained national and global Twitter prominence earlier this year when outraged FCPS students started the Twitter hashtag #closeFCPS after school officials did not call a snow day when it actually snowed. What Twitter or Instagram hashtag would you like to see trending in the coming year about Fairfax County or your district?

Race: Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (At Large)

Incumbent:
Sharon S. Bulova (D)
Home: Fairfax Station
Email Address: sharonbulova@gmail.com
Phone: 703-267-9996
Twitter @sharonbulova
Web sharonbulova.com

Challenger:
Arthur G. Purves (R)
Home: Vienna
Email Address: arthur@voteurves.org
Phone: 703-938-0242
Web - Voteurves.org
Twitter @agpurves

Challenger:
Glenda Gail Parker (Independent Green)
Home: Alexandria
Email Address: ggailparker@cox.net
Phone: 703-960-5602
Twitter - @ggailparker
Web gailparker.us



Sharon Bulova



Arthur Purves



Glenda Parker

They won a gold medal at the Games and presented me with an autographed ball.

4) Trending: #FairfaxCounty/#model/EngagedCommunity
“I'd like to see #FairfaxModel become a trend for what we are doing in the area of mental health. I want others to look to us the way we are looking to Memphis and Bexar County for examples of how to adequately train public safety to deal with people suffering from mental illness and diverting those individuals from jail into treatment.”

ANSWERS: PARKER
1) Your commute depends on politics, More Trains, Less Traffic! Trains as fast as planes. Nationwide and local rail feeder systems. We need light rail to serve tourists and

VRE service throughout the day and on weekends. The BOS can pressure the Virginia General Assembly and Virginia Congressional delegation to remove the barrier that prevents building rail mass transit and to encourage renewable energy – solar, wind, geothermal. Rail built anywhere in America benefits ALL of America.

2) Check out Channel 10's Green TV on Cox, Verizon or Fios. Visit us on YouTube: search for Independent Greens of Virginia or GailforRailParker YouTube channel.
3) My hometown girls' basketball team, the Kingston Princesses!
4) This is easy: #HHR4FXCounty/#MoreTrainsLessTraffic/#GailforRailParker/#www.GailParker.us

* Candidate Arthur Purvis did not respond to the questionnaire.

Race: Dranesville District Supervisor

Incumbent:
John W. Foust (D)
Home: McLean
Email Address: supervisorfoust@gmail.com
Phone: 703-790-1311
Twitter @Johnfoustva
Website Foustforsupervisor.com

Challenger:
Jennifer C. Chronis (R)
Home: McLean
Email Address: info@jenniferchronis.com
Phone: 703-938-3742
Twitter: @jenniferchronis
Website: jenniferchronis.com

ANSWERS: FOUST
1) The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Fairfax County. No level of government has more impact on our daily lives. We set policies and approve programs for transportation, public safety, the environment, land use, housing and human services, economic development, and many other services. We adopt the County's \$7 billion budget, fund the schools, establish local tax rates, approve or reject land use proposals, and provide constituent services on a host of issues.



John Foust

Jennifer Chronis

2) Dranesville residents should visit and enjoy our wonderful parks including Riverbend, Scotts Run Nature Preserve, Wolf Trap and Turner Farm to name just a few.
3) Pittsburgh Steelers
4) #NoMoreCongestion

ANSWERS: CHRONIS
1) The Board of Supervisors influences nearly every aspect of your day to day life. Paying real estate taxes? The Board of Supervisors sets the rate. Taking your kids to school? The Board of Supervisors funds the schools. Going to a park on the weekend? The Board of Supervisors manages the park system. Every one of the County's 1.1 million residents is impacted by decisions made by the 10-person Board of Supervisors.
2) One of my favorite places to visit in Dranesville is Great Falls Park. From nature trails to gorgeous views, the park is a must-see!
3) Washington Nationals (Go Nats!)
4) #EndHumanTrafficking

Race: Providence District Supervisor

Incumbent: Linda Q. Smyth (D) *Running Unopposed
Home: Fairfax
Email Address: linda.smyth@gmail.com
Phone: 703-280-2627
Web - Lindasmyth.com



Linda Smyth

ANSWERS: SMYTH
1) The Board of Supervisors collectively provides local government in Fairfax County. What does that mean? Supervisors set the local tax rates and approve the county budget, which provides funding for schools, parks, libraries, public safety, and other public facilities and services. In other words, what we do touches our residents' everyday lives. And when residents have questions or problems, we are the ones they call for answers and solutions.
2) The Merrifield Fall Festival is a great event. Coming October 17 at the Mosaic District, it features food, entertainment, children's activities, and fun for everyone.
3) My favorite sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals (I grew up in St. Louis).

Money: How much have they raised?

We've compiled the most recent financial filings for candidates in the 2015 race for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The figures represent the reports candidates filed on July 15 for the period from Jan. 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The next financial report will be filed in September. For more details on candidates' financial filings, go to www.VPA.org/localities/Fairfax-county-va/elections/tracked/

—VICTORIA ROSS

Braddock Supervisor
John Cook, Incumbent, (R)
Money Raised: \$178,744
Money Spent: \$83,468
Balance: \$83,468

Janet Oleszek (D)
Money Raised: \$41,909
Money Spent: \$37,072
Balance: \$4,854

Carey Campbell (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0

Dranesville Supervisor
Jennifer Chronis (R)
Money Raised: \$143,732
Money Spent: \$51,302
Balance: \$92,427

John Foust (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$164,364
Money Spent: \$112,824
Balance: \$52,559

Hunter Mill Supervisor
Catherine Hudgins (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$9,226
Money Spent: \$22,894
Balance: \$20,867

Lee Supervisor
Jeffrey McKay (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$91,563
Money Spent: \$54,378
Balance: \$92,147

Mason Supervisor
Penny Gross (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$185,26
Money Spent: \$152,808
Balance: \$118,311

Mollie Loeffler (I)
Money Raised: \$18,557
Money Spent: \$5,708
Balance: \$12,848

SOURCE: VIRGINIA PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

Mount Vernon Supervisor
Jane Gandee (R)
Money Raised: \$52,988
Money Spent: \$32,201
Balance: \$20,786

Daniel Storck (D)
Money Raised: \$115,079
Money Spent: \$109,153
Balance: \$5,924

Providence Supervisor
Linda Smyth (D)
Money Raised: \$112,210
Money Spent: \$108,020
Balance: \$22,499

Springfield Supervisor
Pat Herry (R) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$409,995
Money Spent: \$309,925
Balance: \$102,129

Corazon Foley (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0

Sully Supervisor
John Guevara
Money Raised: \$71,697
Money Spent: \$58,333
Balance: \$13,362

Kathy Smith (D)
Money Raised: \$45,214
Money Spent: \$20,135
Balance: \$25,079

Chairman, Board of Supervisors (At Large)
Arthur Purves (R)
Money Raised: \$12,223
Money Spent: \$5,384
Balance: \$6,837

Sharon Bulova (D) Incumbent Money Raised: \$167,871 Money Spent: \$96,446 Balance: \$78,878
Glenda Parker (I) Money Raised: \$0 Money Spent: \$0 Balance: \$0



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YEAR-ROUND ENTERTAINMENT



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The Celebrate Great Falls float makes its way down Columbine Street during the annual Great Falls Fourth of July parade.

LIST COMPILED BY ABIGAIL
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A LIST OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY
EVENTS IN THE AREA.

August 2015

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

29th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1 - SUNDAY/SEPT 13

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 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.workhousearts.org/events/visual-arts/workhouse-clay-national-2015>.

September 2015

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/>.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

16th Annual Labor Day Car Show. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Historic Clifton. Antiques, classics, foreign, customs, motorcycles and more. www.labordaycarshow.com. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Downtown Herndon celebrates Labor Day with an annual festival - great music, a craft show, food, wineries, micro-brews and culinary demonstrations will all be there. Visit <http://www.herndon-va.gov/>.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

ChalkFest. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for spectators, participants register for a

fee which includes supplies. Rain or shine. Information: publicartreston.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

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 for more.

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons Corner. Over 100 international different wines, beers, and spirits in an all-you-care-to-taste affair. Enjoy the best of D.C. chefs in hands-on grilling demonstrations in the drink. Eat. Relax. <http://www.tastetysons.com/>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-13

38th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 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 www.burkecentreweb.com and click on Festival.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

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.

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival. 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 <http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. This kids

triathlon gives youngsters an opportunity to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. The event is designed for any youth, ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

Food for Others Tysons 5K.

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

SATURDAY/SEPT 26 - TUESDAY/NOV 3

Cox Farms Fall Festival. Daily. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=7382&pg=entry.

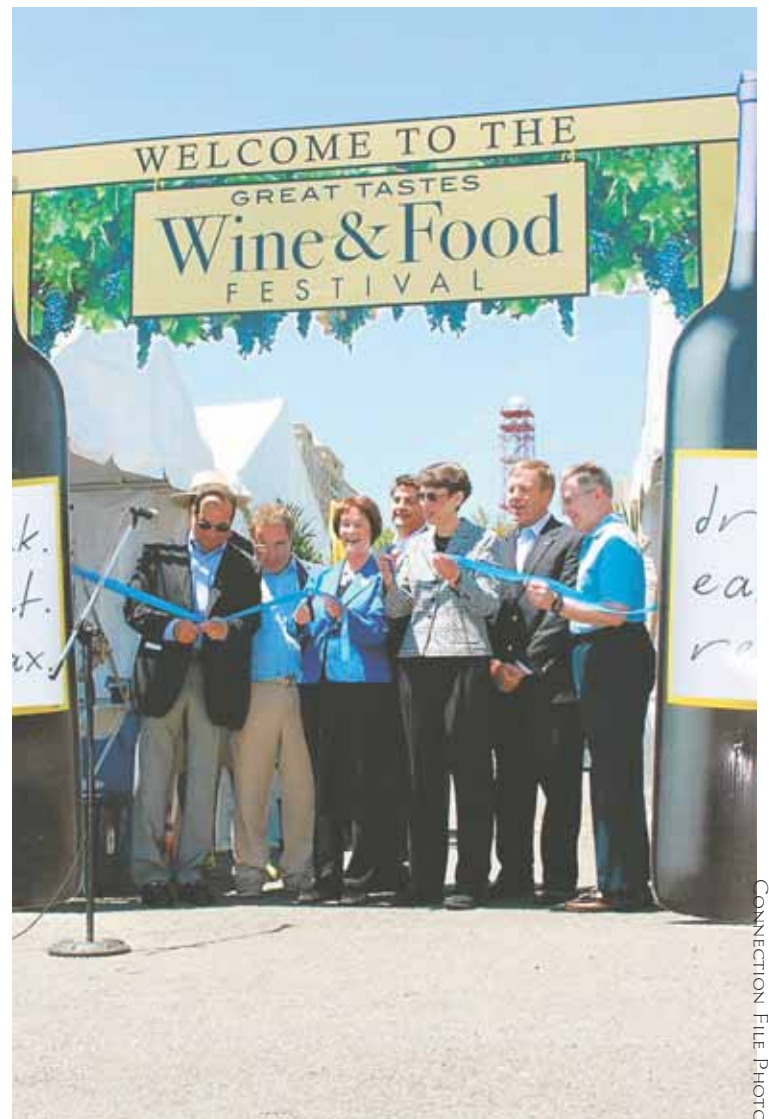
Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml.

20th Annual CCE Irish Folk Festival.

Noon-7:30 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>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 26-27

Workhouse Fall Arts Festival 2015. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Over 100 of the nation's best artists will exhibit their original fine art and crafts. The two-day outdoor festival will include work by artists



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The Great Tastes of Tysons will be held on Sept. 12 at Lerner Town Square Tysons where you can enjoy over 100 international different wines, beers and more.

from across the Mid-Atlantic region, showcasing paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafted furniture and much more.

SUNDAY/SEPT 27 - SATURDAY/OCT 3

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. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

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

October 2015

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

4th Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk. 11:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Oktoberfest Vienna. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids

activities and more. Visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=670> for more.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and even digital artwork.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

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

HerndOG Bark Bash. 12-3 p.m. Bready Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. HerndOG Bark Bash is a free event for dog lovers with three hours of four-legged fun. The event will feature agility demonstrations, owner and dog team contests, adoptions, an off leash area and wide variety of dog themed vendors.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 10-11

Oktoberfest Reston. Saturday, 12-11 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy food and drinks, live entertainment, a carnival and a chili cook-off at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. Visit www.oktoberfestreston.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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

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CALENDAR

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<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-18

Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

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

Tyson's Harvest Festival. 12-5 p.m. Lerner Town Square, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Stroll through the arts and crafts booths and taste some of the fun flavors of fall. Visit www.tysonsharvest.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

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

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

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.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

69th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit www.viennava.gov.

November 2015

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

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.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

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

FRIDAY/NOV. 27

Reston Holiday Parade. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Holiday Parade on Market Street, tree lighting at Fountain Square, and much more through the day of charity and cheer. Rain or shine.

SATURDAY/NOV. 28-WEDNESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Vienna's Oktoberfest takes places on Oct. 3. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more.

on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

MONDAY/NOV. 30

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

December 2015

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

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

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

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

THURSDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org for more.

January 2016

FRIDAY/JAN. 8 - SPRING

Live Music at Paradise Springs

Winery. Fridays 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays 2-6 p.m. 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Various live artists perform every Friday and Saturday. Visit www.paradisespringswinery.com/winery-events.html.

March 2016

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.

April 2016

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.

SATURDAY/APRIL 23-30

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.

FRIDAY/APRIL 15-MAY 15

Destination Fairfax: 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/2014/the-city-of-fairfax-spotlight-on-the-arts/.



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PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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.

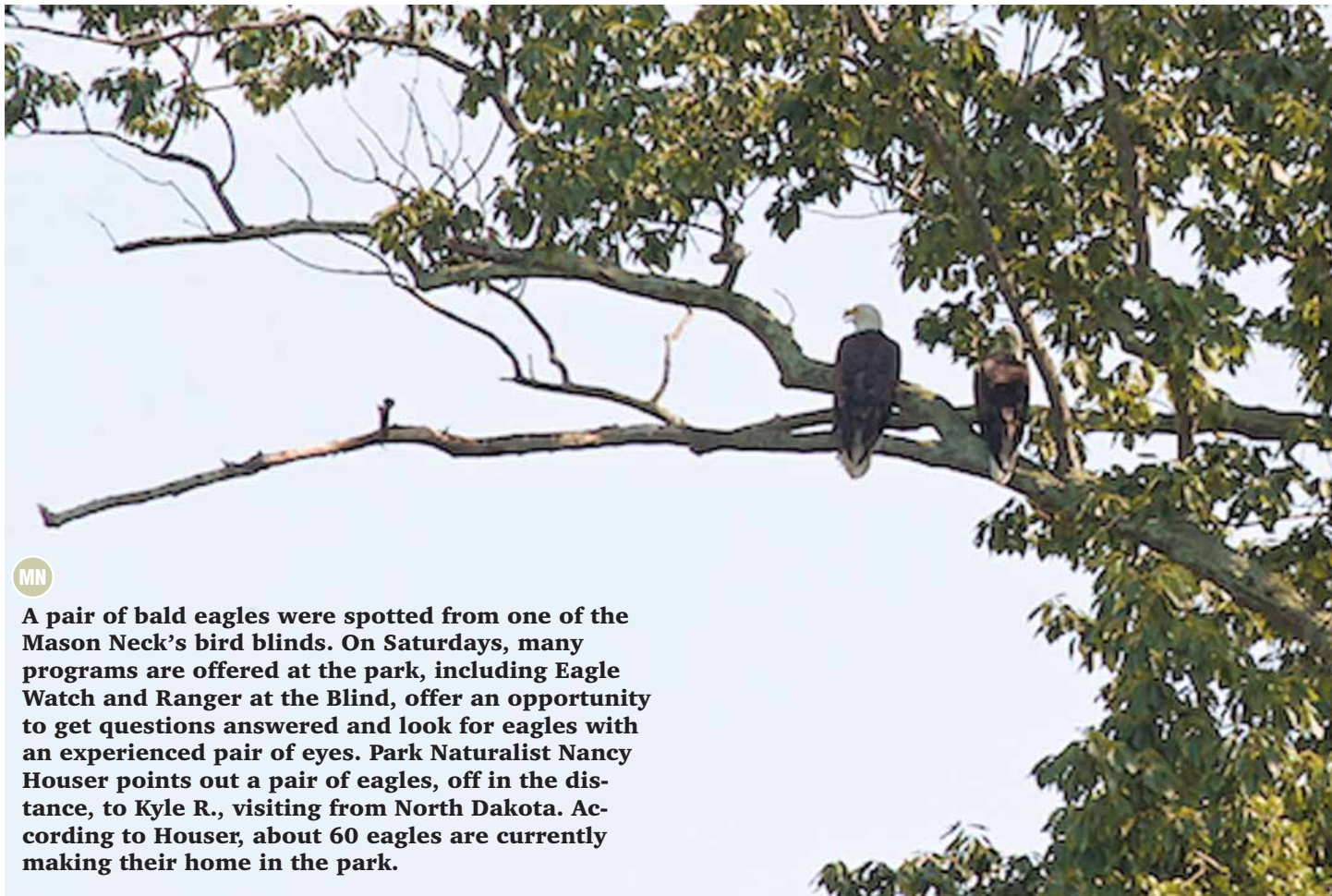
PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

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 park-way.

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, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

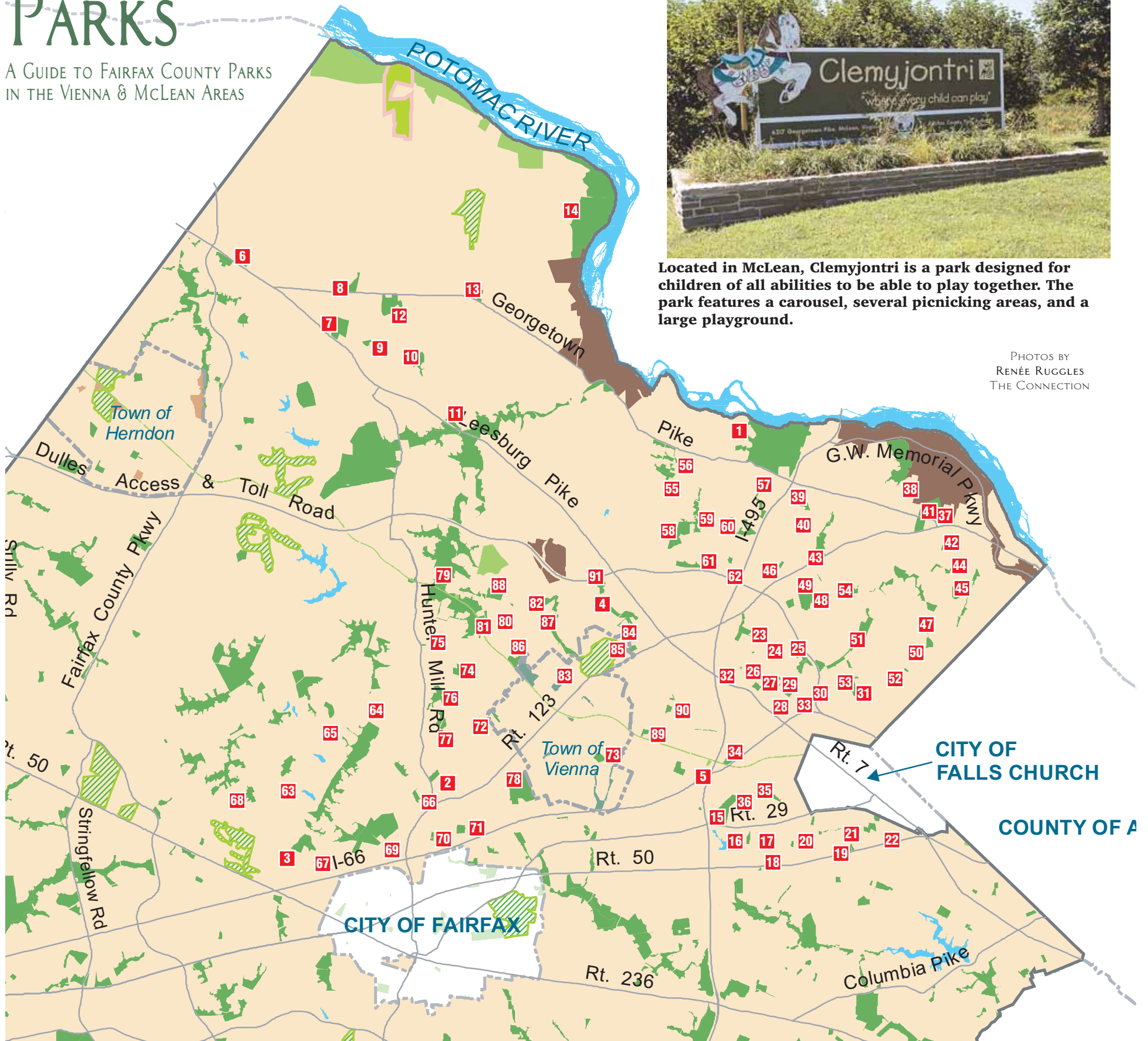
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



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

PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS
IN THE VIENNA & MCLEAN AREAS



Located in McLean, Clemyjontri is a park designed for children of all abilities to be able to play together. The park features a carousel, several picnicking areas, and a large playground.

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THE CONNECTION

Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

1 Tollbrook Ridge
720 Boyle Lane, McLean
Neighborhood Park

2 Oakton Community
2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton
Community Park

3 Waples Mill Meadow
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park

4 Heritage Resource
Westwood Ct, Vienna

5 Dunn Loring
2540 Gallows Road, Vienna
Community Park

6 Holly Knolls
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

7 Great Falls Nike
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park

8 Windermere
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

9 Lockmeade
1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park

10 Lexington Estates
10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

11 Colvin Run Mill Site
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls

Cultural Resource Park
12 The Turner Farm
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

13 Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

14 Riverbend
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park

15 Jefferson District
7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church
Multiple Resource Park

16 Pine Spring
7600 Willow Lane, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

17 Tyler

7216 Rice Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

18 Devonshire
2826 Edgehill Ave, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

19 Jefferson Village
2932 East Tripps Run Rd., Falls Church
Community Park

**20 John Mastenbrook-Greenway
Downs**
2858 Woodlawn Avenue, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

21 James Lee School Site
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church
Community Park

22 Azalea
2905 Cleave Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

23 Westgate
7508 Magarity Road, Falls Church
Community Park

24 Pimmit View
1905 Storm Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

25 Olney
1840 Olney Road, Falls Church
Community Park

26 Fisher
7620 Fisher Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

27 Tysons Pimmit
2026 Burfoot Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

28 Pimmit Hills
2061 Arch Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park



Joseph (front) and Jonathan, of Falls Church, take an airplane ride with their grandma, Yolanda. One of the outdoor rooms in the park, is the “Movin’ and Groovin’ Transportation Area.” The walkways are designed to look like actual roadways and the rides strengthen balancing skills.

- 29 Griffith**
2013 Griffith Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 30 Mt Royal**
7141 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 31 Haycock Longfellow**
6650 Kirby Court, Falls Church
Community Park
- 32 Lisle**
7744 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 33 Lemon Road**
7210 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Idylwood**
7715 Virginia Lane, Falls Church
Community Park
- 35 Hollywood Road**
2700 Hollywood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 36 Lee Landing**
2780 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 37 Langley Fork**
6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean
District Park

- 38 Langley Oaks**
6504 Bright Mountain Road, McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 39 Cooper Intermediate School**
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Community Park
- 40 Churchill Road**
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean
Community Park
- 41 Clemyjontri**
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
Special Purpose Park
- 42 Dolley Madison Estates**
6139 Long Meadow Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 43 McLean Central**
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean
Community Park
- 44 Potomac Hills**
6125 Kinyon Place, McLean
Community Park
- 45 Marie Butler Leven Preserve**
1501 Kirby Road, McLean
Special Purpose Park
- 46 McLean Knolls**
1400 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park

- 47 Linway Terrace**
6246 Linway Terrace, McLean
Community Park
- 48 McLean High**
1609 Davidson Rd, McLean
Community Park
- 49 Lewinsville**
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
District Park
- 50 Chesterbrook School Site**
1753 Kirby Road, McLean
Community Park
- 51 Kent Gardens**
6621 Byrnes Drive, McLean
Community Park
- 52 Franklin Woods**
1938 Birch Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 53 Kirby**
2020 Kirby Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 54 Bryn Mawr**
6700 Tennyson Drive, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 55 Old Dominion School Site**
8211 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean
Community Park

- 56 Greenway Heights**
8203 Riding Ridge Place,
McLean
Community Park
- 57 Scotts Run Nature Preserve**
7400 Georgetown Pike,
McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 58 Spring Hill**
1239 Spring Hill Road,
McLean
District Park
- 59 McLean Hunt**
8003 Old Falls Road,
McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 60 Timberly**
1173 Swinks Mill Road,
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Community Park
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8119 Dunsinane Court,
McLean
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- 62 Falstaff**
7717 Falstaff Road,
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Neighborhood Park
- 63 Foxvale**
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton
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- 64 Gabrielson Gardens**
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton
Special Purpose Park
- 65 Clarke’s Landing**
11100 Vale Road, Oakton
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2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton
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- 67 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
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11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton
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3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 70 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton
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- 71 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
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- 72 Peterson Lane**
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna
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1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna
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10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna
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10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna
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- 76 Kemper**
10206 Garrett Street, Vienna
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10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna
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9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
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1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna
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9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
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9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
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1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna
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2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna
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1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna
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- 88 Lahey Lost Valley**
9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park
- 89 Tysons Woods**
8425 Overlook Street, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 90 Briarcliff**
2158 Silentree Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 91 Ashgrove**
8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park



The panels in the maze have educational activities on them. They can be reconfigured and are designed to teach things like map reading and telling time.



Clemyjontri’s playground is spread over two acres and divided into four outdoor rooms. Each section contains brightly colored equipment that can be used by children of all abilities. The walkways and play areas are covered in rubber, making it a comfortable play place for small children as well.



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Getting to Know McLean Sports

Gymnastics team won state championship.

School: McLean High School

Mascot: Highlanders.

School Colors: Red and silver.

Athletic Director: Jim Patrick, 703-714-5700.

Football Coach: Shaun Blair (second year).

The Highlanders lost four of their final six games, finished 5-5 and missed the playoffs.

Field Hockey Coaches: Kieran Sweeney and Brooke Edwards.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Mike O'Brien.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Jen Sobota.

Gymnastics Coach: Courtney Lesson.

Baseball Coach: John Dowling.

Softball Coach: Maurice Tawil.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Rob Bouchard.

Rival School: Langley.

What happened last year: The gymnastics team won the 6A state championship. The wrestling team won the Conference 6 title. Connor Grammes won the 152-pound state championship. Gavin Legg finished state runner-up at 160 pounds. The girls' soccer team finished 15-1-2, won the conference title and reached the region quarterfinals. The boys' lacrosse team finished 15-4, lost to rival Langley in the conference championship game and reached the region quarterfinals. The girls' lacrosse team earned a regional berth for the first time in at least 10 years.



PHOTO BY MIKE GALLAGHER

The McLean gymnastics team won the 2015 6A state championship.

Notable: The McLean gymnastics team in 2015 became the first Fairfax County program to win a state gymnastics championship since Langley took home the title in 2004. The Highlanders, who finished state runner-up in 2014, also won the 6A North region title in 2015, and their fourth straight Conference 6/Liberty District championship.

Getting to Know Langley Sports

Boys' soccer team won its first state title.

School: Langley High School

Mascot: Saxons.

School Colors: Green and gold.

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

Football Coach: John Howerton (13th season).

The Saxons closed the 2014 regular season with four straight victories and made the postseason with a 6-4 record. Langley lost to eventual region runner-up Westfield in the opening round of the playoffs. The Saxons have qualified for the postseason each of the last five seasons.

Field Hockey Coach: Jennifer Robb.

Volleyball Coach: Susan Shifflett.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Scott Newman.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Amanda Baker.

Baseball Coach: Kevin Healy.

Rival School: McLean.

What happened last year: The boys' soccer team won its first state championship, along with 6A North region and Conference 6 titles. The boys' lacrosse team beat rival McLean to win the conference championship and reached the state semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team finished conference runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team went 21-5, finished conference runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The volleyball team reached the region quarterfinals. The field hockey team beat rival McLean to earn a spot



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Langley boys' soccer team won the 2015 6A state championship.

in the regional tournament. The girls' soccer team qualified for regionals.

Notable: The boys' lacrosse program has reached the state championship game five times in the 10 seasons lacrosse has been recognized as a VHSL sport. The Saxons won four consecutive titles from 2009 to 2012. The Langley volleyball program won a state championship in 2013, becoming the only Fairfax County team to win a big-school volleyball title in two decades.

Quotable: "Langley's never won a state championship and I wanted to help them get it. I wanted the school to have it, [and for people to] always be able to look at the front of the building [and] look at the state championship." — Then-sophomore striker Jacob Labovitz after the Langley boys' soccer team won the 2015 6A state title.



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Then-senior Mitch Blackstone and the Marshall baseball team finished 5A state runner-up in 2014.

Getting to Know Marshall Sports

Baseball team reached 2015 5A state championship game.

School: George C. Marshall High School

Mascot: Statesmen.

School Colors: Scarlet and Columbia blue.

Athletic Director: Joe Swarm, 703-714-5409.

Football Coach: George Masten (second year).

The Statesmen lost their final four games and finished the 2014 season with a 2-8 record. Marshall is 2-28 the last three seasons.

Field Hockey Coach: Christina Carroll

Boys' Basketball Coach: Dan Hale.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Mike Trivisonno.

Baseball Coach: Aaron Tarr.

Softball Coach: Melissa Whittington.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Kevin Curtin.

Rival School: Madison.

What happened last year: The baseball team went 21-7, finished 5A state and 5A North region runner-up, and repeated as Conference 13 champion. The field hockey team finished region runner-up and won the conference title. The volleyball, softball, boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse, boys' soccer, and girls' soccer teams also won conference championships.

Notable: The Marshall baseball program in 2015 made its first appearance in a state championship game since 1987. The Statesmen finished state runner-up in 2015, 1987, 1986 and 1975.

Quotable: "You see Marshall about 10 years in the past and everyone wanted to play them on their senior night because they weren't that good. Now it's like, 'Damn, we've got Marshall on Friday and it's going to be a big game.' That's just music to my ears because I remember watching my brother (Kent Blackstone, a 2012 Marshall graduate and junior on the George Mason University baseball team) play and the other dugout was just chirping when it was up 10-0 and I was like, 'You know, that's just not the way to do it. When we get here, we're going to change things up, we're going to do it better and we're going to win ...'" — Then-senior Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone.

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Welcome from Police Chief

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Recently the Department posted 10 years of officer-involved shooting case summaries and data on our public web site. Our goal is to share information on officer-involved shooting cases in order for the community to better understand the investigative processes of these events and to engage in dialogue on these matters.

In 2013, the Department created a Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment. Its strategic mission is to assist the Department to increase the cultural diversity of the sworn, civilian, and volunteer workforce to better reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. When visiting the Chief's web site you can view the diversity scorecard accountability measure, read the Council's strategic plan document, and learn about the varied volunteer opportunities you can engage in with the Police Department.

Several community members have graciously volunteered time from their busy personal lives to establish and serve on a Communities of Trust Committee which is comprised of all public safety agencies and reports directly to the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. This effort aligns well with recommendations from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Many forums have been held throughout the community and numerous initiatives are in development to increase public engagement with the community to build upon mutual trust.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates have partnered to develop additional crisis intervention programs, including a drop off center which will provide a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. We look forward to achieving this criti-

cal strategic goal.

In recent years a majority of our homicides have been domestic related. On July 1, 2015, the Fairfax County Police Department launched a Lethality Assessment Program in which all patrol officers have been trained to administer an assessment to provide resources to victims of domestic violence which are available 24/7. This program truly demonstrates engagement with many partners who share our goal in increasing services and eliminating domestic violence.

In early 2015 another community engagement endeavor was launched with the creation of the Ad Hoc Police Policy and Practices Commission. This Commission is comprised of five sub-committees which are conducting reviews of the Police Department as related to use of force; communications; recruitment, diversity, and applicant vetting; and independent oversight and investigations. The Commission will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors this fall. The Police Department is highly engaged with all of the community members serving on the Commission and we look forward to positive change recommendations to better serve all of Fairfax County.

The Police Department values technology advances and we are migrating to a new records management system to assist all personnel in achieving an intelligence led community policing model. The Department is also preparing to institute an electronic summons system for issuing traffic and criminal violations. Our patrol cruisers are equipped with in-car video recording devices and we are exploring the viability of body worn cameras with community stakeholders.

To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>

Welcome to Fairfax County, a great place to live, work, play and grow old.

Who Runs McLean?

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Candidates Debate

The Great Falls Citizens Association is scheduled to host a candidate debate on Sept. 29, 2015 to hear directly for the candidates running for the Dranesville seat on the Board of Supervisors, Chairman to the Board of Supervisors and state representative offices.

Sept. 29, 2015
Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike
7:30 to 9 p.m.

Board of Supervisors, Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust (D) vs. Jennifer Chronis (R)

Board of Supervisors, Chairman, At-large Sharon Bulova (D) vs. Arthur Purves (R)

Virginia House of Delegates
Va. Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) will be challenged by Craig Parisot (R).

Va. Senate District 31
Va. Sen. Barbara Favola (D) is being challenged by George Forakis (R)

School Board Races
All 12 seats on the Fairfax County School Board are on the ballot in November.
School Board Candidates:
Hunter Mill District
Pat M. Hynes, 1650 Bentana Way Reston, VA 20190. Email address: hynesforschoolboard@gmail.com. Phone: 703-209-9695

Challenger Mark S. Wilkinson P.O. Box 23221 Centreville, VA 20120. Email address: marksest@outlook.com; wilkinsonforschoolboard@outlook.com Phone: 703-395-8829

Dranesville
Jane K. "Janie" Strauss*, Email address: jkstrauss@cox.net Phone: 703-821-0871
Challenger Peter Kurzenhauser, E-Mail Address: petekforschoolboard@gmail.com Phone: 703-759-4413

Fairfax County School Board at Large
Robert E. "Bob" Copeland, Email address: copelandshar@aol.com. Phone: 703-938-7525

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Ilryong Moon*, Email address: ilryongmoon@gmail.com. Phone: 703-764-0581

Burnette G. Scarboro, Email address: friendsofburnette@gmail.com. Phone: 703-586-8131

Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff*, Email address: tvelkoff@cox.net. Phone: 703-631-7730

* = incumbent

NONPROFITS

McLean Newcomers Club

McLean Newcomers Club is a social club founded in 1969 to create new friendships, to provide opportunities for socializing and to acquaint members with the community. They welcome individuals who are new to the area or long-time residents of McLean and the surrounding towns.

Their motto is "Have Fun, Make New Friends!" and that is exactly what their 160 members do. They have themed parties throughout the year, monthly coffees and luncheons with speakers.

Group activities include dining out, book discussions, bridge, house and garden tours, museum and cultural tours, flower decorations, mahjong, movie mamas, needlework, knitting and scrapbooking, tech forum, walking and more.

For more information and a reservation, visit www.McLeanNewcomers.com or call 571-306-0010.

The Friends of Clemyjontri

The Friends of Clemyjontri is an organization dedicated to raising funds for the purpose of

maintaining and enhancing Clemyjontri Park in conjunction with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Clemyjontri is an all-inclusive park that offers state of the art play equipment that enables children of all levels of ability to play side-by-side. It also allows parents with mobility issues to enjoy the playground alongside their children. In 2010 the Friends of Clemyjontri raised funds to purchase and install the world's only wheelchair accessible swing; the Liberty Swing. In 2011 they donated a musical drum circle of instruments and an audience bench, and in 2012 they raised funds for the purchase and installment of a shade pavilion for picnicking and special events. At the center of the park is a wheelchair accessible carousel that serves as the park's centerpiece. The playground is open year round. Become a "friend" of Clemyjontri and make a donation or volunteer. For more information please go to friendsofclemy.com or call 703-506-8980. Please visit the park, located at 6317 Georgetown Pike in McLean, and enjoy our neighborhood gem – a special place "where every child can play".

Children's Trust Fund (CTFund)

CTFund is a completely youth-run organization dedicated to helping malnourished and impoverished children in developing countries achieve a healthy and happy start to life. CTFund staff is

composed solely of teenagers who are passionate about changing the lives of children around the world who are not as fortunate as they are. www.ctfund.org/.

McLean Community Foundation

The MCF provides grants to schools, other nonprofits and organizations like the volunteer fire department. MCF is currently seeking donations. www.mcleancommunityfoundation.org.

McLean Rotary Club

MRC sponsors several youth initiatives and Stop Hunger Now events. Members will get involved in their communities and share their time and experience with young people. www.mcleanrotary.org.

Junior League of Northern Virginia

JLNV is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLNV's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. 703-442-4163 or www.jlnv.org.

SHARE of McLean

SoM seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org.

Northern Virginia Family Service

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

Alternative House

Alternative House is a housing service with programs like Assisting Young Mothers and, in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, the Homeless Youth Initiative, which provides safe transitional housing to homeless students. Volunteer opportunities include drivers, event hosts, food drive organizers and tutors. 703-242-6474 or <http://familypassfairfax.org/>.

McLean Community Center

The Center of it All

The Alden Theatre
 Professional Series
 McLean Kids Series
 Films & Lectures
 Summer Concerts



Classes & Trips

Day Trips
 Culinary Arts, Dance, Fitness,
 Music, Safety, and much more.

Special Events

McLean Day
 Jewelry Showcase
 Holiday Crafts Show



Youth & Teen Activities

Harvest Happenings
 Camp McLean
 Old Firehouse Teen Center



...and so much more!



The McLean Community Center

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