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The Reiter Family dances to the music of Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All Stars, on the Vienna Town Green.

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A hundred entries in the annual Vienna Halloween Parade pulls in costumed kids, floats, bands and dancers.

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Top Annual Vienna Events

From festivals to the much-loved halloween parade, there's something for every age throughout the year.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

While the Vienna-Oakton area maintains its small-town feel, there is lots to do in the community, from free concerts on the Town Green and pricey concerts at Wolf Trap to admission-free family-focused events. Special events and year-round activities for children, adults, and families abound.

Most of the public events are sponsored by community service organizations – particularly the Vienna Business Association – and the Town of Vienna.

For Town of Vienna program updates, go to viennava.gov.

Here is a brief listing of some of Vienna's most popular and anticipated events:

Summer on the Green Concert Series

Free performances for all ages on the Vienna Town Green from mid-May through August on Friday and Sunday evenings. Children's presentations run four to six weeks early to mid-summer on Wednesdays.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and snacks. Expect to see neighbors and friends at the concerts.

The concert series is sponsored by the Town of Vienna and program sponsors.

Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. For weather updates, call 703-255-7842 or the Vienna Community Center at 703-255-6360 two hours before the event for cancellation

information.

ViVa! Vienna!

Held along the Historic Church Street corridor, Memorial Day weekend. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Vienna and the Town of Vienna.

Vienna's only three-day festival features hundreds of merchandise and service vendors, more than 30 food vendors selling a diverse selection of treats, from carnival fare to global cuisine, live entertainment on two stages, and amusement rides for kids and teens. Cost for food and rides.

No admission fee.

For ViVa! Vienna! information, go to www.viennarotary.org

Independence Day festival and fireworks display

In a twist in 2015, the Town of Vienna held its 4th of July fireworks display on the 3rd of July, albeit at its usual location, Yeonas Park. Perhaps, in 2016, the fireworks display and pre-fireworks concert will revert to the 4th of July. Stay tuned.

Oktoberfest

Sponsored by the Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna - Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Town Green and historic Church Street. The event features live entertainment on two stages (a main stage and children's stage), beer and wine garden, food vendors, children's activities, and a festival marketplace. German-style and American food sales, as well as beer and wine.

For details, go to www.ViennaBusiness.org

69th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade

Sponsored by the Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna - Oct. 28. Maple Avenue closes down from 7 to 9 p.m. the Wednesday before Halloween night, and, thousands of local residents – toddlers to seniors – line the street to watch one of the Town's premier events, the annual Halloween parade. Approximately 100 entries – floats, bands, costumed kids, dance groups, and horses, mini-cars, and motorcycles – march down Maple Avenue on a dark fall night.

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Church Street Stroll

Imagine a frosty December evening, marshmallows roasting over an open fire, a pen of gentle farm animals, live holiday music, and Santa Claus, all in one place ... That's the annual Church Street Holiday Stroll. On the first Monday in December annually, Church Street closes down between Mill and Center streets at 6 p.m. for the evening, and the street explodes with festive amenities. Santa takes wish-list requests from the porch of Freeman Store and hot chocolate sits ready for sipping.

Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., Church Street merchants, and Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation.

See www.historicviennainc.org or www.viennava.gov for details as they become available.

First Night Vienna New Year's Eve celebration

For the final time of the year, Church Street closes down once again to celebrate the waning



First Night Vienna, the family-focused, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration, closes down Church Street with activities and live entertainment scattered in venues around the historic Church Street corridor. First Night is sponsored by the Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna, as well as participating businesses and nonprofits.



ViVa! Vienna!, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Vienna and the Town of Vienna, offers amusement rides, live entertainment, and hundreds of food, service, and merchandise vendors over Memorial Day weekend.

hours of 2015. Early evening festivities are child-friendly with entertainment on the main stage geared to the younger set. Kids "toast" the New Year at 9 p.m. Approximately five venues open their facilities with live bands and refreshments until midnight. Alcohol-free.

First Night Vienna is sponsored by the Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna. For details, see www.viennabusiness.org

Don't forget these year-round activities ...

Meadow Lane Park, Courthouse Road and Ware Street, is a different kind of kids' place. Sure, there is a playground with conventional

play equipment, sheltered picnic tables, bathrooms, and tennis courts, but, there's community-supported element found nowhere else in the Vienna-Oakton area. Parents bring unused wheeled toys to the playground for all to share. In mild weather, Meadow Lane is full of young parents and their young kids.

Classes and workshops are held through the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation.

Vienna Arts Society sponsors art classes for children and adults throughout the year.

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In 2007 Oakton's 1897 schoolhouse was moved half a mile from its location at the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Rt. 123 to its new home in the Oakton Community Park.



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Top 10 Providence Sites

Supervisor Linda Smyth recommends places to see in her district.

Providence Community Center - The center includes a full-sized gymnasium, activity rooms, classrooms, a commercial kitchen and a sensory room for individuals with disabilities. Each of these rooms and amenities are available for community use during non-programming times. The building also serves as a polling place for the local precinct. It is located at 3001 Vaden Drive.

James Lee Community Center - The James Lee Community Center (formerly the James Lee Elementary School) is a legacy of a culture and history that depicted strong leadership in the community. It continues to champion community stewardship today. The Center offers social and recreational programs and activities to meet the needs of the community, as well as partnering with the Northern Virginia Literacy Council and the Providence Players, a local theatrical group. It is located at 2855 Annandale Road.

Luther Jackson Middle School - Luther Jackson Middle School, located in Merrifield, is one of 26 middle schools in the Fairfax County Public Schools. It opened in 1954 as Luther Jackson High School, the first all-black high school in Fairfax County. It is located at 3020 Gallows Road.

Tinner Hill Historic Site - Operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the Tinner Hill Historic Site celebrates a key chapter in civil rights history. The new park features a walkway, a pavilion, open space and historical markers, and stands as a monument to the outset of a remarkable civil rights action one hundred years ago. The Tinner Hill Historic Site is located at 106 Tinner Hill Road.

Oakton Library - Opened on Sept. 29, 2007, the Oakton Community Library is certified with a Silver Rating under the Leadership Energy in Environmental Design (LEED) program. The Oakton branch serves as a community gathering place, and provides an array of programs and materials for all ages. It is located at 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

Nottoway Park - Activities include tennis, basketball or volleyball, garden plots, picnic pavilions, a fitness trail, and the quiet solitude of a nature path. During the summer months Nottoway Park hosts Nottoway Nights, a series of weekly, free public concerts featuring a variety of musical acts. Also located

on the property is Hunter House, a turn-of-the-century historic mansion. It is located at 9601 Courthouse Road.

Oakton Schoolhouse - In 2007 Oakton's 1897 schoolhouse was moved half a mile from its location at the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Rt. 123 to its new home in the Oakton Community Park. Now a Fairfax County Park Authority preservation site, the Oakton Schoolhouse has two large interpretive marker panels that describe the evolution of the three schools that were identified as Flint Hill and Oakton schools. It is located at 2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

OakMarr Rec Center - After a year-long construction and renovation project, this Fairfax County fitness center features all new exercise equipment, lots of natural light, a heated Olympic-sized indoor pool with spa, beach and wading area, plus a diving complex with one-meter and three-meter boards and a five-meter tower. There are also two racquetball courts, treadmills with personal television viewing screens, a hardwood fitness studio for classes, three new multipurpose rooms for fitness classes and other activities. Adjoining the RECenter is the Oak Marr Golf Complex. It is located at 3200 Jermantown Road.

Arts Council of Fairfax County - The Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information. It is located 2667 Prosperity Avenue.

Holmes Run Acres Historic District - Holmes Run Acres was listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register in December 2006 and on the National Register of Historic Places in March 2007. Holmes Run Acres is the first mid-century modern community in Virginia to be designated as a landmark/historic place. It is located off Gallows Road south of Merrifield.



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Dance-master and Business Owner Looks Back on Vienna

Richard Cunningham came to Vienna from England with family in 1968.

BY DONNA MANZ
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Richard Cunningham is a man-about-town ... Vienna town, specifically. He spent pretty-much his whole life in Vienna, arriving here in 1968 from southern England. He knows a lot of Vienna people and supports the community in diverse roles. Cunningham owns the Vienna Dance Academy, one of the town's landmark businesses, and participates in Vienna Business Association activities. He is a lifetime member of Dance Educators of America, North American Dance Teachers Association. When he is not running his dance school, he volunteers at Vienna's American Legion Post 180 and at Our Lady of Good Council Church.

And Cunningham has seen a lot of changes in Vienna in more than 45 years.

"We were in the U.S. for about a year when Apollo [11] landed on the moon," said Cunningham. "I remember sitting in front of our little TV in our tiny house on Park Street and thinking, 'life could not be better.'"

CUNNINGHAM went to Our Lady of Good Counsel school and graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School. The son of a professional dancer and teacher who was recruited to teach ballroom dance in the metropolitan D.C. area, Cunningham began teaching dance himself when he was 16 years old after winning a national dance competition in New York City. His mother, Rickey, opened the Vienna Dance Academy in 1976, and the school moved its location to Church Street five years later.

Even today, the Vienna Dance Academy is a family business, operated and taught by Cunningham family members. His wife, Lisa, was a former student of Cunningham's.

The "tiny" house that Cunningham grew up in, across the street from the Vienna Community Center on Park Street, is gone.

"I watched Tysons Corner and Route 66 being built," said Cunningham. O'Connell was near Rt. 66 and Cunningham recalls riding bikes to Tysons from his house. His brother moved away a long while ago, and, when he came to visit Richard, he was astonished by the changes, Cunningham said. Cunningham talked about businesses gone from Maple Avenue and the development of the Town Green where a small office building once stood. "I can't imagine Marco Polo [Restaurant] gone," he said.

Cunningham said he is "very happy" with the Church Street restoration and the re-



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Richard Cunningham, owner/director of Vienna Dance Academy, moved to Vienna as a child and never left.

modeled center his dance academy sits in. "I'm in partnership with good people there, good relationships with other business owners, especially Michael Amouri [owner of Caffe Amouri one door down from the dance school]. "What I hope for Vienna is that it keeps its hometown flavor."

Of the elements of Vienna that Cunningham likes and appreciates the most, the people are what he puts at the top of the list. "I love the people in Vienna. You can go any place and strike up a conversation, and, chances are you both know someone mutually. The pace of life is slower here and so many people who move here stay here."

Rickey Geiger Cunningham, who created the syllabus for the National Dance Council of America, came to the D.C. area to teach ballroom dance in 1968.

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS of going back-and-forth between D.C. and England, Rickey Cunningham persuaded her husband to move to the Washington region ... Vienna, specifically. "Mom picked Vienna to move to because she thought it was a quaint little town," said Cunningham.

She still lives in Vienna, and over her career trained several U.S. ballroom championship couples. She was active in the management of the dance school until recently.

"We're teaching the children of former students who stayed in Vienna now," said Cunningham. "We've got families we started with. I just hope Vienna stays a family town."

The Vienna Dance Academy is located at 111 Church Street NE.

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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

Vienna/Oakton

Zip code: 22182

Population: 24,863

Race: White-18,425 (74.1%), Black/African American-695 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-22 (0.1%), Asian-4,594 (18.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,304 (5.2%)

Total housing units: 9,020

Owner-occupied housing units: 7,099 (82.5%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 3,530

Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,233

Median household income:

164,388

Mean family income: 217,756

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 29.8%

Zip code: 22181

Population: 14,879

Race: White-11,274 (75.8%), Black/African American-416 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-45 (0.3%), Asian-2,230 (15%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,197 (8%)

Total housing units: 5,429

Owner-occupied housing units: 4,234 (79%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,055 (38.3%)

Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,231 (23%)

Median household income: 157,036

Mean family income: 209,649

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 29.4%

Zip code: 22180

Population: 23,491

Race: White-16,854 (71.7%), Black/African American-768 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-74 (0.3%), Asian-3,907 (16.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any

race)-2,628 (11.2%)

Total housing units: 8,386

Owner-occupied housing units: 6,379 (75.2%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 3,172 (37.4%)

Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,093 (24.7%)

Median household income: 125,905

Mean family income: 168,627

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 34.7%

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

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Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

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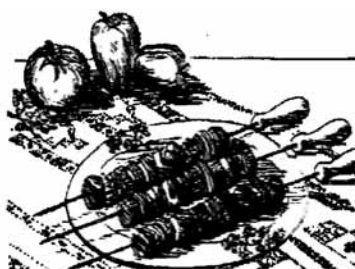
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NEWCOMERS

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 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 Herryty (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@votepurves.org
Phone: 703-938-0242
Web - VotePurves.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/#GailforRailrocks/#www.GailParker.us

* Candidate Arthur Purves did not respond to the questionnaire.

Race: Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Incumbent: Catherine M. Hudgins (D)
***Running Unopposed**
Home: Reston
E-Mail Address: cathy@cathyhudgins.com
Phone: 703-471-4297
web - cathyhudgins.com
Twitter @cathyhudgins



Cathy Hudgins

ANSWERS: HUDGINS

1) Welcome to Hunter Mill District. As member of the Board of Supervisors, I serve the citizens by making policies that enhance and protect lives. The district, with over 126,000 residents, recently celebrated the new Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, expanded bus services, preserved 35 percent affordable housing in Lake Anne village redevelopment, renovated two schools and opened a new police station. Most importantly, I work in partnership with citizens, making our community the best for all.

2) Some favorites- anything in Lake Anne, Reston Town Center, Viva Vienna, historic Church Street and Frying Pan Park

3) Favorite sport is tennis!

4)How about - #doittogether

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).



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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: \$4,834

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 Herryty (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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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

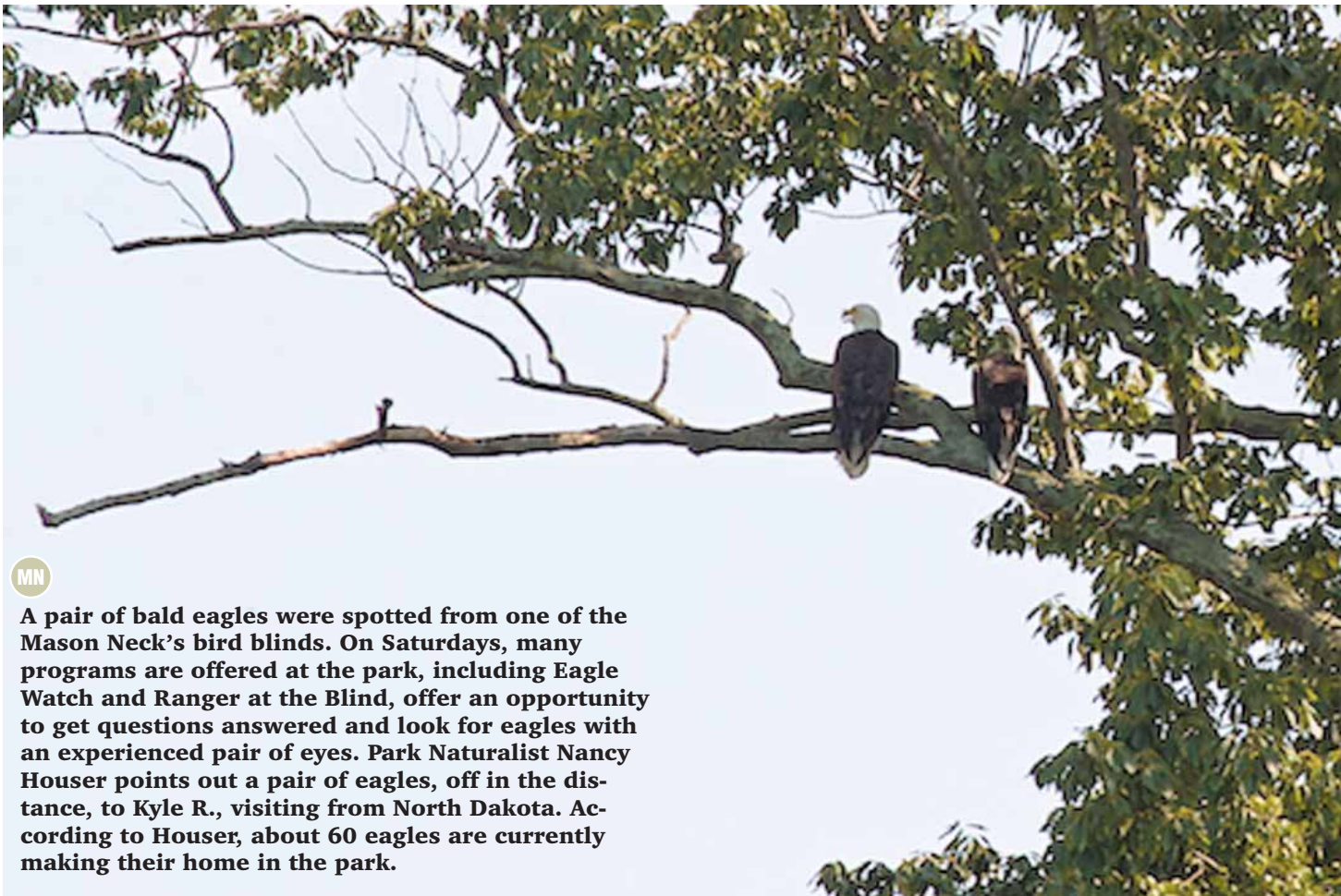
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont 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 Frying Pan Farm Park
2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

GSG Green Spring Gardens
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking

trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

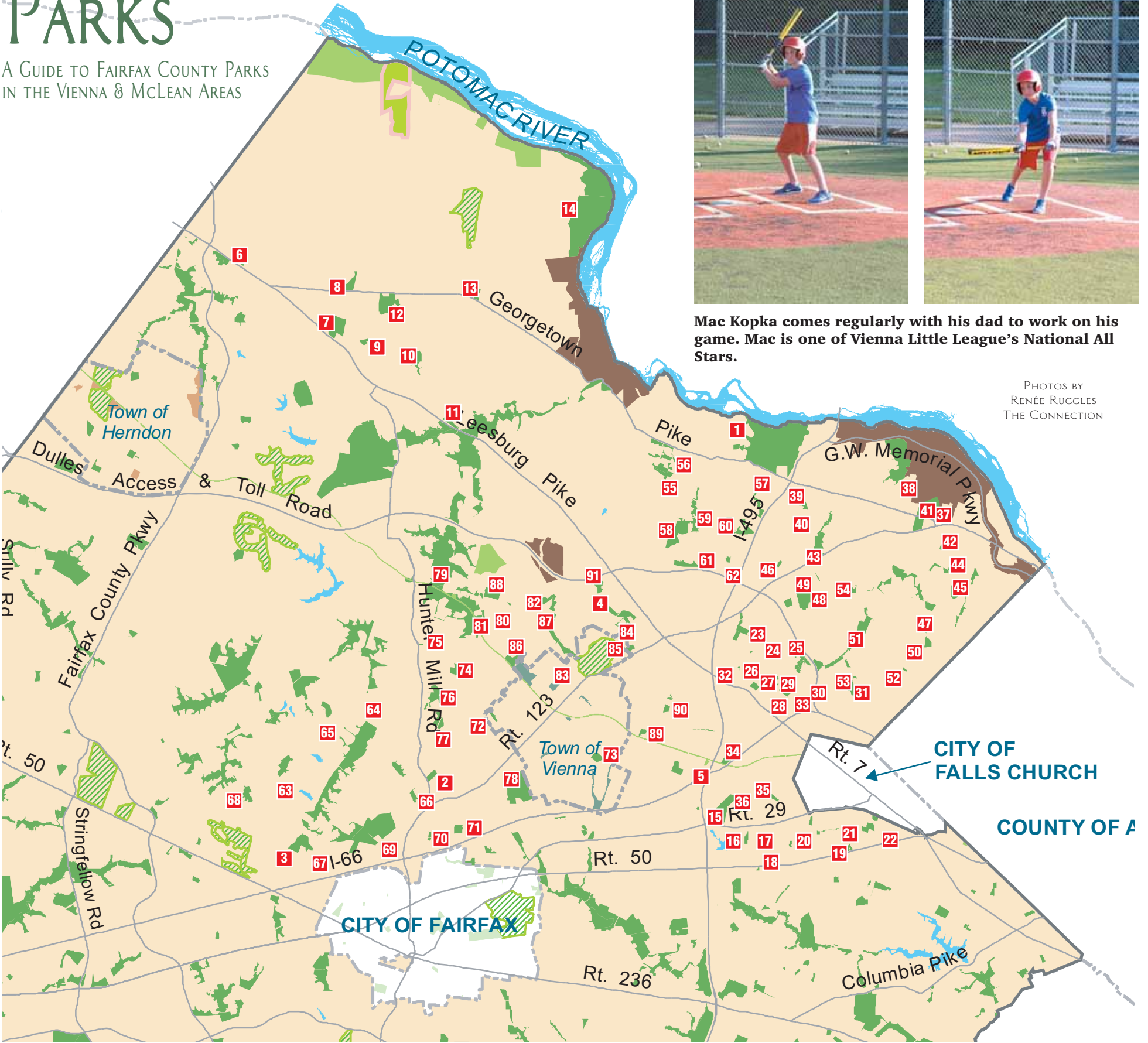
WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



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



Mac Kopka comes regularly with his dad to work on his game. Mac is one of Vienna Little League's National All Stars.

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RENÉE RUGGLES
THE CONNECTION



The Hunter House, built in 1890, is one of many historic homes located in Fairfax County Parks. After prohibition, the home served as a distillery, producing "Virginia Maid" wine. Now, the home and its gardens are available, to rent, for private functions.

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



Rajender Reddy (left) prepares to return a serve from Rajani Reddy. The park offered the pair plenty of green space to practice their badminton skills.



Located at the front of the park, Nottoway’s basketball courts are a popular place for a pickup game.

- 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
- 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, McLean
Community Park
- 61 McLean Hamlet**
8119 Dunsinane Court, McLean
Community Park
- 62 Falstaff**
7717 Falstaff Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 63 Foxvale**
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 64 Gabrielson Gardens**
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton
Special Purpose Park
- 65 Clarke’s Landing**
11100 Vale Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 66 Oakborough Square**
2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 67 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 68 Wayland Street**
11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton
Community Park
- 69 Oak Marr**
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 70 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton
Neighborhood Park

- 71 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
Community Park
- 72 Peterson Lane**
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 73 Cunningham**
1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna
Community Park
- 74 Lawyers Road School Site**
10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 75 Fox Hunters**
10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 76 Kemper**
10206 Garrett Street, Vienna
Community Park
- 77 Ashlawn**
10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 78 Nottoway**
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
District Park
- 79 Tamarack**
1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna
Community Park
- 80 Symphony Hills**
9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 81 Clarks Crossing**
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
District Park

- 82 Wolf Trails**
9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 83 Foxstone**
1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 84 Raglan Road**
8590 Raglan Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 85 Freedom Hill**
8531 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park
- 86 Eudora**
2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna
Community Park
- 87 Waverly**
1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna
Community Park
- 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

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FEATURING NOTTOWAY PARK



Nottoway Park, located Vienna, covers 84 acres. Between the variety of sports facilities, trails, and large playground and picnicking areas, the park offers something for everyone.

PARKS

PARKS IN THE TOWN OF VIENNA

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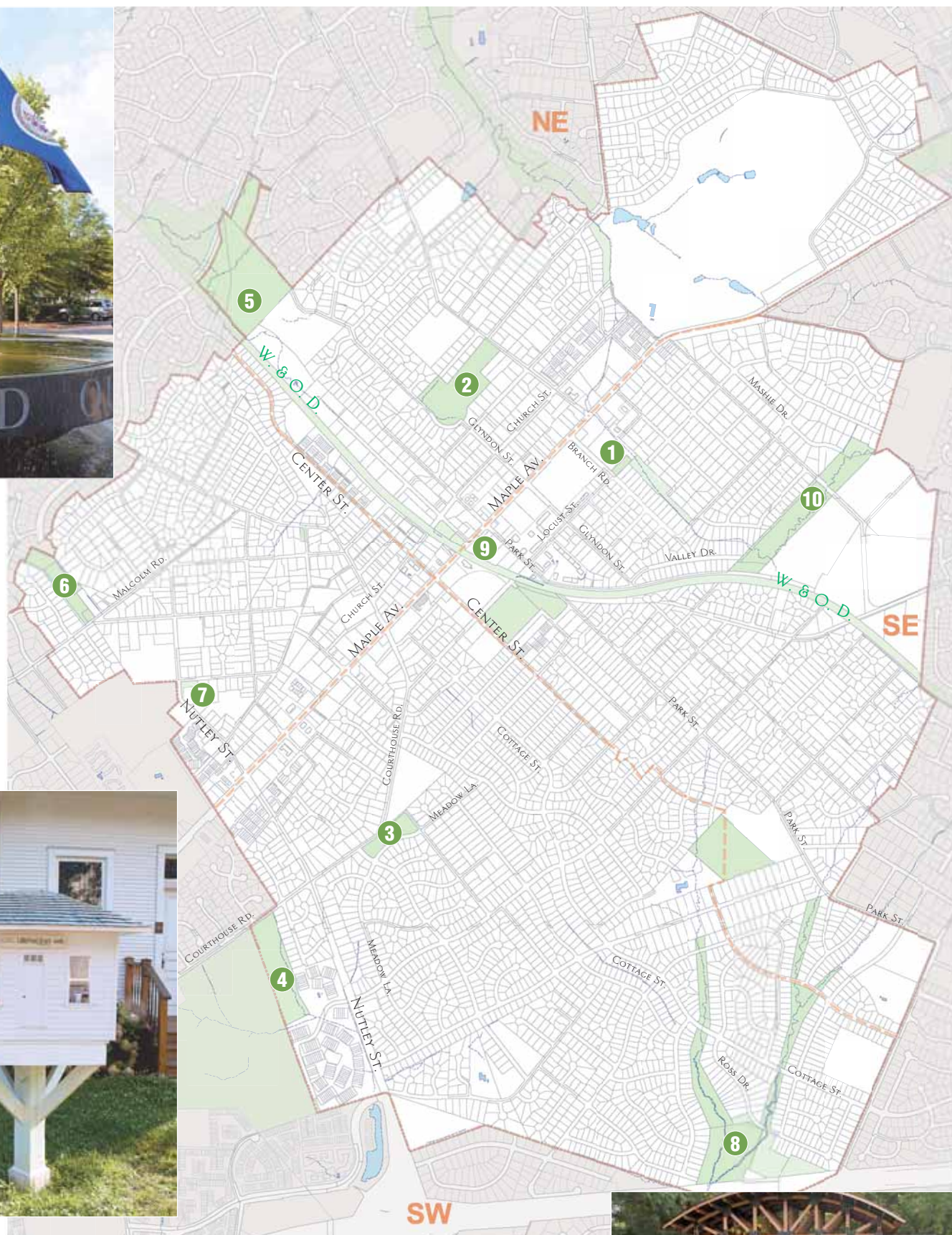
The Vienna Town Green draws residents to the center of town for community events, including Viva Vienna, Oktoberfest, and the Town Green Concert Series.

The entrance to Vienna Town Green is marked by this Veteran's Memorial.



Robert Reiter, of Fairfax, twirls his delighted daughter, Alexis, to the lively concert music.

A charming feature of the park is the Little Free Library, which stands in front of the town's first library, built in 1897. It was dedicated to the late Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, honoring her love of books.



1 BRANCH ROAD TOT LOT

Locust Street and Branch Road, SE; 0.62 Acres
Park features: Playground; Small Open Play Area
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

2 GLYNDON PARK

300 Glyndon St., SE; 11 Acres
Park features: walking trail; one youth ball field; one basketball court; two lighted tennis courts; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; three parking lots and three sheltered areas
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk — except for tennis courts
RESERVABLE AREAS: 1 Shelter with capacity for 75, eight tables and one grill

3 MEADOW LANE PARK

400 Courthouse Road, SW; 3.43 Acres
Park features: two lighted tennis courts; one softball field; one basketball court; restroom; water fountain; and a playground
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk—except for tennis and basketball courts

4 MOOREFIELD PARK; VIENNA DOG PARK

700 Courthouse Road, SW; 9.99 Acres
Park features: Walking Trails
Dog Park: off-leash park; shaded area; open area; on-site water supply and doggie playground
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

5 NORTHSIDE PARK

Mill Street NE @ W&OD and Glyndon Street NE; 26.58 Acres
Park features: natural passive park; trails and stream
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

6 PETERSON LANE PARK

Malcolm Road, NW; 5.45 Acres
Park features: playgrounds; one basketball court; open play area and a parking lot. Jointly owned and operated with FCPA.
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

7 SARAH WALKER MERCER PARK

247 Nutley St., NW; 1 Acre
Park features: walking/toddler bike trail; learning circle; lawn and a rain garden
OPEN: Daylight to dusk

8 SOUTHSIDE PARK

1317 Ross Drive, SW; 17.25 Acres
Park features: two full size softball fields (one lighted); one basketball court; one sand volleyball court; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; trails; stream; two parking lots and one sheltered area
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk— except for scheduled programs

9 VIENNA TOWN GREEN

144 Maple Ave., East; 2.5 Acres
Park features: walking trail; plaza/fountain; lawn/picnic area; amphitheatre; and restrooms
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk



The amphitheater is at the center of the Vienna Town Green. From May through August, concerts for all ages can be found there. Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All Stars play to families picnicking on the lawn.

10 WILDWOOD PARK

Valley Drive SE to Mashie Drive SE; 15.65 Acres
Park features: trails and natural wooded area; and a stream

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Getting to Know Madison Sports

Baseball team won state, region, conference championships.

School: James Madison High School

Mascot: Warhawks.
School Colors: Red and black.
Athletic Director: Meghan Foley, 703-319-2360.

Football Coach: Lenny Schultz (fifth year).

The Warhawks won three of their final four games in 2014, but finished at 5-5 and missed the playoffs.

Volleyball Coach: Carrie Hall.
Field Hockey Coach: Lizzie McManus.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Kevin Roller.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Kirsten Stone.
Baseball Coach: Mark Gjormand.
Softball Coach: Jim Adkins.
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Alex Gorman.
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Amanda Counts.
Rival Schools: Oakton, Marshall.

What Happened Last Year: The baseball team won the state championship, along with Conference 6 and 6A North region titles. The volleyball team went 33-1, finished state runner-up, and won conference and region championships. Shannon Brooks



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Then-junior Matt Favero, right, and the Madison baseball team won the 2015 6A state championship.

won the girls' golf state championship. The girls' cross country team won the conference title, finished region runner-up and took third at states. The girls' basketball team won the conference championship, lost to Oakton in the region final and lost in overtime in the state semifinals. The boys' soccer team finished region and state runners-up to Langley.

Notable: The volleyball team won 33 straight matches in 2014 before losing to First Colonial in five sets in the state final. The Warhawks, who had seven match-point serves in the state championship match, lost just eight sets all season, and only five during their 33-match win streak.

Quotable: "This whole season has felt unreal, so the end of it kind of feels unreal, too. I think when I sit down on the bus, it's going to hit me. I might not be happy, but ... I'm proud of this whole season. ... We did accomplish something that's never been done before that no one can take away from us." — Then-senior libero Virginia Moore after the Madison volleyball team lost to First Colonial in five sets in the 6A state championship match. The Warhawks lost the fifth set despite having seven match-point serves. It was Madison's only loss of the season. Six days earlier, the Warhawks won their first region title in program history.

Getting to Know Oakton Sports

Girls' cross country team repeated as state champion.

School: Oakton High School

Mascot: Cougars.
School Colors: Burgundy and gold.
Athletic Director: Pat Full, 703-319-2760.
Football Coach: Jason Rowley (fifth year).

The Cougars started 3-0 in 2014, lost their next four and then won two of their final three regular-season games to get to 5-5 and earn a postseason berth. Oakton lost to Lake Braddock 44-14 in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs and ended the year with a 5-6 record.

Field Hockey Coach: Allison Ryneski.
Volleyball Coach: Dan Courain.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Dave Brooks.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Fred Priester.
Baseball Coach: Justin Janis.
Boys' Soccer Coach: Todd Spitalny.
Rival School: Madison.

What Happened Last Year: The girls' cross country team won its second consecutive 6A state championship. Then-senior Allie Klimkiewicz placed third in the individual competition. The girls' basketball team finished 26-3, reached the state semifinals, and won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles. The girls' lacrosse team finished region and conference runners-up. The boys' soccer team



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The Oakton girls' cross country team won the 2014 6A state championship.

reached the region semifinals. The boys' cross country team finished fourth in the state. The volleyball team finished Conference 5 runner-up. The boys' and girls' tennis teams won state championships. The boys' swim and dive team won the state title. The girls' swim and dive team finished state runner-up.

Notable: The Oakton girls' lacrosse program has reached the state championship game seven times in 10 years since lacrosse became a VHSL sport in 2006. The Cougars won three straight state titles from 2006 through 2008, and won a fourth championship in 2012.

Quotable: "We thought that they [recognize] three teams on the podium. We were the second to go up there and they handed us the first-place trophy and we were just very confused." — Then-senior harrier Allie Klimkiewicz, who was part of an Oakton girls' cross country team that won the 2014 state title, but approached the podium thinking they finished second.



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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.

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.

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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. Pre-register by Aug. 24. 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/>.

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

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 <https://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

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 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



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

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

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.

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

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.