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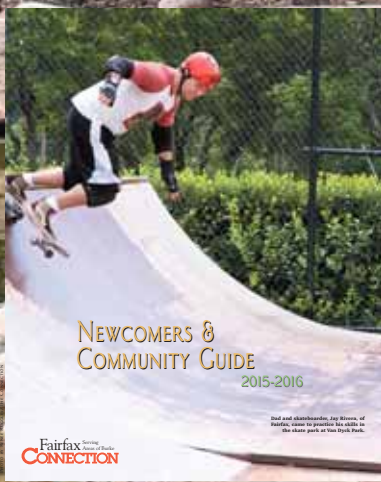
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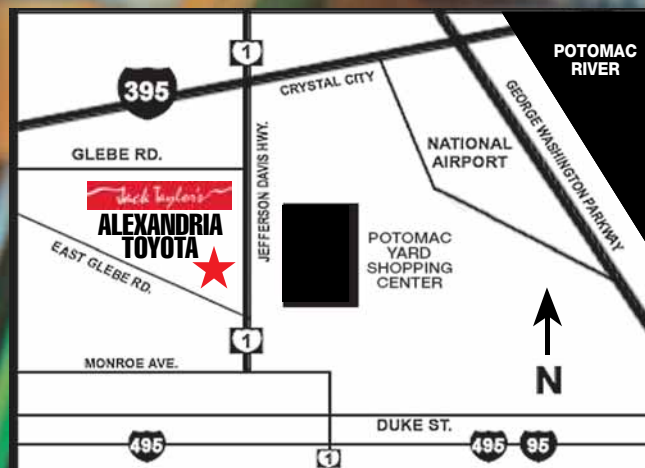
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John Geer's friend Jeff Stewart (center) speaks to reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following Adam Torres' arraignment hearing. Torres was indicted Aug. 17 by a special grand jury and faces second-degree murder charges in the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer.



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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh (center) speaks with reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following the arraignment hearing for former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres. Judge Stephen Shannon denied Torres' counsel's request to set a bond; Torres was released to the custody of the Sheriff's Office. Both parties agreed to begin a jury trial on Dec. 14.

# Torres Trial Date Set for December

Bond denied for former police officer charged with murdering John Geer.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Aug. 19, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres entered the circuit courtroom for his arraignment, dressed in a baggy, blue-green prison jumpsuit. Torres was indicted the previous Monday by a special grand jury for killing Springfield resident John Geer in August, 2013.

He was still an officer at the time and one of several who responded to a call from Geer's longtime partner Maura Harrington that Geer was throwing her belongings out on to the lawn of their Springfield home.

After the indictment, Fairfax County Police said Torres surrendered himself that evening at the County Adult Detention Center.

Circuit Court judge Judge Stephen C. Shannon placed Torres' arraignment first on his docket. The defendant's attorney John F. Carroll began by rebutting his client being held without bond until the trial. Murder qualifies as an offense for which bond is denied in Virginia, but it can be argued whether the person accused poses a flight risk or is a threat to the community.

Carroll stated the case that Torres, 32, immediately turned himself in, has no prior criminal record and has a wife and two children. As Hayfield and George Mason University graduate, Carroll said he doesn't think "you can find anyone with greater ties

to the community."

The attorney went on to summarize the Geer shooting incident, beginning to justify Torres by saying a handgun owned by Geer had been found on the scene "within reach, in our estimation," and that Geer had made "numerous erratic movements," prior to Torres firing.

And because the shooting in question was in Torres' performance of duties as a police officer, Carroll argued, "there's no reason for anyone to be fearful." Carroll then asked that a bond for Torres be set at \$25,000.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh spoke after Carroll in opposition to the bond motion. "Not only did he kill Mr. Geer," Morrogh said, "but did so with malice." Morrogh later added that was the consensus of the special grand jury.

The prosecutor also referenced evidence that Torres had been in a "deteriorating mental state," saying the former police officer had fought with his supervisor and with his wife because he suspected her of infidelity.

Though Morrogh didn't disagree with Torres' connection to the community and lack of flight risk, "It's the first time I've seen a

police officer shoot someone who had his hands up," he said. "I think that makes him dangerous."

Judge Shannon reminded that, "We're not here to decide the merits of the case today, solely the bond."

Citing "some indications at the time of

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**Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh**



the incident of a deteriorating mental state," Shannon denied Carroll's request for a bond to be set.

Torres and the attorneys were asked to stand while the details of his trial were negotiated. Carroll hoped to start early in 2016 while Morrogh was intent to begin as soon as possible.

The two parties settled on Dec. 14 to begin the trial, which Morrogh said he expected would last about a week. As the date was reached, Torres suddenly collapsed backward and fell to the ground.

Judge Shannon cleared the entire courtroom as the bailiffs rendered first aid and called a rescue team.

Torres was taken to a nearby hospital, Morrogh said afterwards, and his vitals were said to have returned to normal. The attor-

ney said it's not unusual for individuals to faint or pass out in the courtroom.

Outside the courthouse, Morrogh commented to reporters that though he's prosecuted judges and lawyers in his career, "It's rare to see a case like this — there's certainly no joy in it."

As for Torres being the first Fairfax County Police officer in 75 years to be charged with such an offense, Morrogh said he thinks "it's a really good thing that we don't have many of those."

"It's just the length of time this case has taken, that's not right," Morrogh said. "We have to have a finality to this."

Fairfax County had withheld much of the information about the case, including Torres' name, until Geer's family filed a \$12 million lawsuit against the Police Department.

Torres had been taken out of field work but remained employed by Fairfax County until he was fired in July of this year.

The county justified not releasing the information previously due to ongoing investigations by Police Internal Affairs, the Commonwealth's Attorney's office and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Jeff Stewart, Geer's best friend who witnessed the shooting and became a member of the Fairfax County ad hoc commission to review police practices, sat directly behind Torres during the arraignment. He had never seen the man face to face prior to that morning, and expressed sympathy for Torres and members of his family who were present at the hearing.

Stewart described having "mixed emotions" since the indictment. "I feel good for the process, and bad for the man," he said.

Torres' wife and family members declined to comment after the hearing.



# Fairfax Schools Ready for a New Beginning

**Principals of Robinson Secondary, Oak View Elementary and Frost Middle discuss their goals for a new school year.**

BY ELZA THOMAS  
THE CONNECTION

For students, the ring of the final bell on the last day of school signals the end of homework and the beginning of freedom. But for principals, it signals the time to plan for a new school year.

"I work all summer," said principal of Robinson Secondary School, Matt Eline. "We want to make sure we are taking care of our students."

Robinson Secondary School is located in the vicinity of both George Mason University and Oak View Elementary School, which has been a major concern for administrators and parents due to the later school start times this year. With all three buildings opening around the same time, there is possibility of risky traffic.

"We have been very proactive...we have talked to transportation for FCPS, we have talked to the police and crossing guards...there may be some bumps on the road but I think we are going to figure it out," said Eline.

Like other secondary schools in Fairfax County, Robinson is based on a block schedule. Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 take place on days known as "blue days" while periods 2, 3, 4 and 6 take place on "gold days." However, this year, administrators decided to discard third period on gold days and add extra class time instead. During this extra class time, students can work on homework, seek help from teachers, or attend assemblies.

"We are going to do a lot more ram rallies, which are kind of like assemblies...to promote character. In my opinion, life is much harder on students nowadays. We need to make school more fun," adds Eline.

Robinson Secondary is expecting various



**Principal Bonnie Glazewski pictured in front of Oak View Elementary School.**



**Eric McMann, principal of Frost Middle School, stands next to the soon-to-be solar stream for students at Frost.**

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guest speakers in the fall, such as astronaut and graduate of Robinson, Kjell Lindgren and motivational speaker, Mike Smith from the Harbor Series. The underlying message administrators from Robinson want to send this year is simply, "Dude, be nice."

**LESS THAN A HALF A MILE** away from Robinson lies Oak View Elementary School, which is also experiencing some major changes for the 2015-2016 school year. "The number of first and second graders is growing...so Oak View itself is growing. We are probably going to start the year with somewhere in the neighborhood of 790

students," said principal, Bonnie Glazewski.

As a result, more teachers have been hired and each grade level now contains five classes as opposed to four. With these alterations come new learning and teaching techniques. Instead of whole-class lessons that take hours, teachers now plan to split the class into small groups and do quick lessons. "One of the most exciting things that changes for Oak View I think, is our new STEM education class. So one day the kids go to music, another day they go to art, and on some days they go to STEM," explained Glazewski.

STEM resource teacher, Alyson Eaglen

will partner up with technology specialist, Terri Newman to train students in critical and creative thinking. The new school year also gives administrators a chance to expand on past goals such as the anti-bullying initiative.

"We will continue our morning meetings where kids talk about their lives and share issues. It's nice because we organize it so that we have students from different grades interacting with one another," said Glazewski. "I find that it is much more difficult to bully someone when you know them." Like Oak View, Frost Middle School also works to continue the goals of previous years.

"We are not going to do something different every year. We are going to do something that we feel is important and we are going to do it well," said principal, Eric McCann.

One goal that Frost administrators hope to complete by this fall is their very own solar stream located in the second courtyard of the school. The stream and courtyard serve to be an outdoor classroom for science students to study native Virginian plants and organisms. Administrators also aim to continue building on the five pillars of excellence such as creativity, respect, and community service. Unlike other years, Frost has a variety of changes ahead of them for the 2015-2016 school year. To compensate for any lost class time due to the later start times, administrators are implementing a modified block schedule. Students will go to all seven periods Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. However, Wednesday and Thursday, will be block days.

**FROST**, along with Woodson High School, will also be welcoming a new transition counselor. The counselor works to prepare students as they transfer from one grade level to another.

"I think it is very important to have a consistent person to help out students as they transfer from middle school to high school...because middle schoolers are in that in-between age where they got to be ready for what's ahead of them," said McCann.

For students, school orientation signals the end of summer and a fresh start. But for principals, it signals the time to execute the plans they worked all summer on.

## AREA ROUNDUPS

### County Offers Emergency Response Classes

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and also trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

With this training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or

workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available.

Fairfax County is offering four CERT training classes this fall.

❖CERT Class 100 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy (Monday, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 and Oct. 5 — 7-10:30 p.m.)

❖CERT Class 101 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy (Monday, Wednes-

day, Oct. 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, Nov. 2 and 4 — 7-10:30 p.m.)

❖CERT Class 102 at the Old Firehouse Teen Center (Tuesday, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3 — 7-10 p.m.)

❖CERT Class 103 at the Lorton Volunteer Fire Department (Wednesday, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 and 11 — 7-10 p.m.) CERT training does not require any special physical strength or agility and is free.

The CERT program also provides personal protective equipment for the training that students keep.

Those who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to reduce the effects of hazards. To learn more about the CERT program, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm).



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## SATURDAY/AUG. 29

**Navigating the Caregivers Maze: Finding Support and Planning for Your Caregiving Journey.** 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Join AARP and the Philippine American Foundation for Charities (PAFC) for a special event with Retired Major General Antonio Taguba as he discusses his personal experience taking care of his parents and in-laws and shares why he is now an outspoken advocate for caregivers and their families. RSVP is kindly requested but not required. Please let us know if you are attending by calling 1-877-926-8300 or signing up online at: [aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA](http://aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 30

**Blood Drive.** 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Only 3 percent of the population will donate blood - if 1 percent more could be convinced, blood shortages could be eliminated. Appointments strongly preferred: <https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=15209>

**Burke Historical Society Meeting.** 5 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Speaker, Carol Bessette, will give a presentation on "World War II Washington."

**First Responders Day.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Re-enactors and modern practitioners will demonstrate emergency and medical practices of today and 150 years ago. \$2-\$4.

<call>Monday/Aug. 31

**PJ Library Book Buddies.** 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Enjoy Jewish storybooks from the PJ Library and make a craft. Ages 6 months to adult. Sign up required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>

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**English Conversation.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking English with others and improve your skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.4-6

**50th Reunion.** Annandale High School class of 1965, 50th reunion will be the weekend of Sept. 4-6. Visit [www.annandaleclassof65reunion.com](http://www.annandaleclassof65reunion.com) for information and registration.

## ONGOING

**Run/Walk/Ride Group.** Every Saturday in August at 6:45 a.m. at 6951 Spaniel Road. Whether you walk, run or ride, come out and enjoy the fellowship and the time for personal fitness with conversation along the way. Feel free to invite a friend. For questions or to lend a hand with future Run/Walk/Ride dates, please contact Amy Poe at [thepoes1@cox.net](mailto:thepoes1@cox.net) or 703-975-3209.

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### COMMENTARY

It is encouraging to read in a recent Connection commentary by Jim Corcoran, president and CEO Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (“Now Is Time to Unite for Education”), that the chamber is taking seriously the funding crisis facing Fairfax County Public Schools. Mr. Corcoran is absolutely right that K-12 spending at the state level has not kept pace with rising enrollments and costs. In fact, Virginia now ranks in the top 10 nationally in measures of wealth, but in the bottom 10 in support for public schools. Virginia ranks 41st out of 50 states in K-12 funding.

After eight years of painful budget cuts, the deep deficit FCPS faces for FY 2017 — perhaps in the range of \$100 million — is certainly due in part to chronic underfunding of public schools at the state level. However, the relative share of state and county contributions to the FCPS operating budget has not changed

in that time. The annual transfer from the Fairfax County government to the schools has also not kept pace with growing enrollments and costs. FCPS is spending \$1,000 less per child, in real dollars, than in 2008 - the state and county governments share this responsibility.

Mr. Corcoran correctly points out that FCPS has received increased funding from the county over the years. It is important to note that during the last eight years, however, enrollment growth and rising costs have outpaced increased revenue by \$500 million. In FY 2015, for example, the county increased the transfer to the school system by 3 percent resulting in an increase in revenue of \$51.5 million. In that same year, FCPS experienced unavoidable cost increases totaling \$78 million: a required increase to the Virginia Retirement System of \$38.9 million; health rate increases of \$19.9 million; and enrollment growth of \$19.5 million.

To balance the cumulative effects of inadequate budgets since 2008, FCPS has had to raise class size three times and forego regular teacher step increases four times, budget choices that are simply not sustainable. In that time the relative share of county and state funding has not changed, so both funding bodies are responsible for the very challenging position FCPS finds itself in today.

It is past time for school systems, local governments, PTAs, employee associations and businesses throughout Virginia to join forces and hold the General Assembly accountable for its responsibility to fully fund K-12 education in every corner of the Commonwealth. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce has an opportunity to lead the business community in that fight.

I hope the chamber also takes a leading role in local advocacy for full funding of FCPS for FY 2017 and beyond. As Mr. Corcoran has often said, great public schools are the smartest investment we can make in our local economy. We are stronger together.

## Some Recommendations To Improve Law Enforcement

BY CLAIRE GUTHRIE GASTAÑAGA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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### COMMENTARY

*The following open letter was addressed to Michael Herschman, chair of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.*

We commend the members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission for their work to ensure that the Fairfax County Police Department encourages a culture of public trust in law enforcement. As you know, this trust is key to ensuring a safe community.

Ensuring public trust in the FCPD will require a shift in its culture and mindset and the reassertion of civilian authority over the policies that guide policing in the county. At the foundation of this shift are the concepts and values of constitutional policing and respect for the sanctity of human life — concepts and values that should be in the DNA of all law enforcement personnel. As such, these concepts and values should provide the foundation for the Commission’s recommendations and should guide all policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the FCPD.

We believe the following recommendations, if implemented, will help achieve the needed shift in the FCPD’s culture and mindset. These recommendations, many of which outline policies that the supervisors should adopt as elected officials responsible to the residents they serve, include:

❖ Understanding Policing in a Democratic Society – Law enforcement are the guardians of the U.S. Constitution, thus the FCPD should initiate department-wide training to ensure its personnel understand the mission and role of police in protecting constitutional rights and

the sanctity of human life, prioritizing de-escalation, and ensuring a duty to intervene if another officer uses excessive force.

❖ Emphasizing Mental Health Training – Embracing the sanctity of human life requires law enforcement to differentiate between a person who needs mental health care and a criminal offender who poses a serious threat. Training FCPD officers to distinguish between criminal offenders and individuals in need of mental health services will also better ensure that the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center does not also serve as a mental health facility.

❖ Establishing a Civilian Review Board – The establishment of a civilian review board with investigatory and discipline authority can be an effective tool for enhancing trust between the FCPD and Fairfax residents. It does so by making the FCPD more transparent and accountable to the people.

❖ Funding and Mandating Police Body Worn Cameras – If, and only if, proper policies and procedures are in place for their use, body cams can be a win-win. They can both protect the public from police misconduct and protect the police from false allegations of abuse.

❖ Ending the War on Drugs - Drug use is a public health issue, and the Commonwealth, the County Board, and FCPD should implement policies and procedures to deal with it as such. Drug policies must be evidence-based and incorporate prevention, treatment, and public safety elements. The end of the war on drugs should begin with a policing policy that deprioritizes enforcement of marijuana possession and includes supervisors’ advocacy for decriminalization of possession by the Commonwealth.

❖ Mandating Data Collection – To ensure that the FCPD is not engaged in racially biased policing, the supervisors should adopt a policy requiring the FCPD to collect, analyze, and publish an annual statistical report covering all FCPD stops, frisks, citations, arrests, and use-of-force incidents.

❖ Restricting the Use of SWAT – The supervisors should adopt a policy limiting use of SWAT to scenarios in which there is a likelihood that the situation for which the FCPD deploys a SWAT team presents an imminent threat to the lives of civilians and/or police personnel.

❖ Reforming Civil Asset Forfeiture – Policing should be based on public safety, not supplementing the FCPD’s budget. The supervisors should determine as a matter of policy that the FCPD should use asset forfeiture only when: 1) a person has been found guilty of a crime; 2) the convicted person is the owner of the property; and 3) the government has proved by clear and convincing evidence that the owner/offender either used the property in the commission of the crime or received the property as a result of the crime.

❖ Enhancing Existing Policies, Practices, and Laws Regarding Police-involved Incidents – Law enforcement should focus on de-escalation techniques and ensure that any use of force tool used is the least severe for the situation at hand, including a recognition that some less-lethal force options are less severe than others are.

While there is no silver bullet to ensuring a safe and effective police force, with restoration of effective civilian oversight the recommendations we have made will help restore public trust by making the FCPD a model for what policing in a democratic society should look like. We urge their adoption.

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Fire Chief Dave Rohr chats with some of the B-shift firefighters outside the City's Fire Station 3. (From left) are Firefighter Derek Slusher, Technician Jeremy Whelpley, Rohr, Capt. Joe Schumacher and Firefighter David Keyer.

## 'It'll Be a Whole, Different World'

Rohr retires as City's fire chief.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

When Dave Rohr says he and his brothers were "always interested in public safety," it's definitely an understatement. All three have had long careers with the Fairfax County Fire Department, and now Rohr, 55, just retired as the City of Fairfax's fire chief.

"We grew up in Vienna and had a neighbor who was a volunteer in Dunn Loring," said Rohr. "My brother Mark joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department in 1974 and I followed in 1976. My brother Donald joined Fairfax County 18 years ago and I went there in 1979."

Since then, Mark retired as a battalion chief and Donald's still working, now at the Merrifield station.

Dave Rohr spent 31 years with the county, mainly in the second and fourth battalions, before retiring in 2010 as assistant chief of operations. The City fire chief's job came open in January-February of that year when the previous chief retired, and Rohr applied and got it.

"I wasn't ready to retire outright, then," he said. "I was still young and wanted to stay involved with public safety. This department has always been thought of as a good place to work; the skills and technical competence of the people here are just tremendous."

**ROHR BEGAN** his new job with the City in May 2010 and says he's truly enjoyed his five years here. "The men and women who work here are some of the most dedicated professionals I've ever worked with," he said. "Even when they're not here, they're studying, reading and going to outside classes – above the normal requirements – to learn more about what they do."

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# Fire Chief Retires

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Besides that, said Rohr, “There’s a real culture of customer service here. For example, we ran a [medical-emergency] call about a year-and-a-half ago for a gentleman cleaning leaves out of his gutters. The ladder truck and ambulance went to assist him. They got him down, stabilized him and took him to the hospital. But instead of going home, the crew remained there, cleared the leaves and put away his tools before leaving.”

In addition, the department received grant money from Walmart, so personnel now carry gift cards on their fire equipment to pass out as needed. In one instance, a woman’s stove caught fire, so the crew gave her a gift card to replace her dishes, pots and pans.

“We respond to all sorts of calls, and our people are extremely caring and understanding,” said Rohr. “And our firefighters are also cross-trained as paramedics.”

Speaking with The Connection shortly before retiring, he said, “This department is so small that I get to interact with all the people on a regular basis. I know everyone by first name and I can put in

new programs and test them out almost immediately; we can get them approved faster.”

Rohr also streamlined the department’s hiring process. There are currently 80 people – 60 operational firefighters, 13 fire-code administrators and seven department administrators.

Toughest part of his job, he said, was dealing with late-night budget meetings and some outdated administrative policies and practices.

Rohr said 70 percent of the calls are for EMS help, with 30 percent for fires and other critical incidents, such as those involving hazardous materials or people trapped in machinery or elevators. “Last year, we ran 11,500 incident responses – calculated on the number of vehicles responding to each incident,” he said. “We’re dispatched out of Fairfax County’s MPSTOC [McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center] building.

So, for example, said Rohr, “If Vienna’s fire station is out on a call, we could be dispatched to cover their other calls. Or if there’s a large fire in Arlington and they

need four engine companies, and we’re available, we’d get dispatched automatically. This fall is the 40th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Response Agreement – the document supporting the automatic aid – and I’ve worked on the streets and in my supervisory roles to support and enhance it. I still miss riding on fire engines – it’s an adrenaline rush. I always wanted to be busy and helping more people.”

**SO WHY RETIRE NOW** from a job he so obviously loved? “After 36-plus years, I was ready,” replied Rohr. “My wife, a florist, is also retired and our sons are both grown and out of the house. And last fall, we bought a home outside Charleston, S.C., so we just want to be able to go down there on vacations whenever we want.” “We also want to travel and enjoy retirement while we’re still young,” he continued. “We live in Loudoun County and don’t plan to relocate. We’re looking forward to giving back to both communities, in Loudoun and in South Carolina.”

Rohr will also have more time



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

**City of Fairfax Fire Chief Dave Rohr just retired after a 36-year career.**

for golfing and cycling. “I’ve spent my entire life working on weekends, holidays and evenings, and I’ll be glad not to have to do that anymore,” he said. “I’ve been married 33 years, and I want to spend more time with my wife.”

He officially retired Aug. 1, and City Manager Bob Sisson appointed Andy Vita, an assistant fire

chief, as acting fire chief until a replacement is named.

“I’ll miss the firefighters and paramedics here and the significant events I’ve been trained for,” said Rohr. “I’ll also miss a lot of the professional relationships I’ve made over these 36 years. It’ll be a whole, different world – but I’m ready to try it.”

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The helicopter unit provides air support to officers on the ground, emergency rapid medical transport, search and rescue advantages and “other specialized air support as needed,” said a release from Fairfax County Police.

The department’s official Twitter handle @fairfaxpolice followed along with the helicopter crew from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and described the ins and outs of the job. Followers of the hashtag #ffx1tweet were able to ask questions of the crew themselves.

— TIM PETERSON

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**The Twitter handle @fairfaxpolice live-tweets experiences from the Fairfax County Police Department helicopter on Aug. 26.**



# SPORTS



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**Roman Lowery, seen during the 2014 season, is one of three Robinson starting running backs whose listed weight is at least 200 pounds.**

## Robinson Football to Lean on Physical Running Back Trio

### Vossler returns for second season as Rams head coach.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**I**njuries and the rigors of a Conference 5 schedule derailed a promising start to Scott Vossler's head-coaching career.

Vossler became the Robinson football program's third head coach in as many years and fourth in five seasons in 2014. He led the Rams to six straight victories to open the campaign, including a 19-17 win over rival Lake Braddock on the Bruins' home field. But as schedule difficulty increased and injuries took a toll, the Rams closed the regular season with a four-game losing streak before ending the year with a 50-23 loss to South County in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs.

Nine months later, Vossler is back as Robinson head coach — the first time since 2012 a Rams head coach returned for a second season.

"Coach Vossler is just a great coach to be around," rising senior running back Dajon Lee said. "[He] coaches well; [he] takes care of us [and] that's why I like him even better. It was a great transition [when he was hired]. They picked a great head coach."

Vossler said he learned from his inaugural season as Robinson head coach. And thanks in part to a trio of big, sturdy running backs, he is hopeful the Rams will be the ones dishing out physical punishment in 2015, rather than succumbing to it.

Rising seniors Lee (6 feet 2, 220 pounds) and Sean Foncha (5-11, 205) and rising junior Roman Lowery (6-0, 205) have the size and ability to accumulate rushing yards while wearing down a defense. Lee and Lowery are halfbacks in Robinson's wing-T offense and Foncha is a fullback.

"They're all big, strong boys and they're not slow," Vossler said. "We really think that's going to be an asset for us. We think we can run them at people

and hopefully this year we can put some damage on the defense instead of our backs getting dinged up. We think that's the strength of our offense. We feel good about our offensive line, but with those three horses in the backfield, we feel like we should be able to go toe-to-toe with people."

Helping set a physical tone are returning offensive linemen Nick Bernacchi (6-3, 265), Lars Stevenson (6-1, 200) and Mason Velasquez (6-2, 225). Bernacchi, a rising junior, is the Rams' right tackle. Stevenson, a rising senior, is the left guard. Velasquez, a rising senior, has moved to tight end. Rising senior Wes Richmond (6-1, 185) is a pass-catching tight end.

Rising junior quarterback Alex Miller (6-0, 185), who started Robinson's final five games last season, is the likely starter this year. Rising junior Matt Oakley (6-0, 185), a starter in the secondary, could also see time at quarterback.

On defense, the Rams will run a base 3-4 scheme. Donnie Warter (5-11, 185) is Robinson's top returning linebacker. The rising junior makes the move from outside backer to inside.

"Warter's been fantastic throughout the summer and early in camp," Vossler said. "He was a great player for us last year as a sophomore. ... He's making plays all over the field."

Warter said he feels more confident on the field. "Last year, I was a little unsure about myself," he said, "so this year I have more confidence and more knowledge about the varsity level."

Rising senior defensive end Ieuan Israel (6-1, 220) figures to be a difference-maker on the line.

Robinson faces a daunting 2015 schedule that includes eight opponents that qualified for the 2014 postseason, seven of which won at least one playoff game. The Rams will open on the road against West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4. Robinson's first home game is Sept. 11 against Woodson.

"We feel like we're several weeks ahead of where we were at this time last year," Vossler said, "just because it's our second year going through and we just think we're a lot better at it."

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**Family Math Games.** 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Games for all levels with tips for parents to use at home to improve math and

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**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com).

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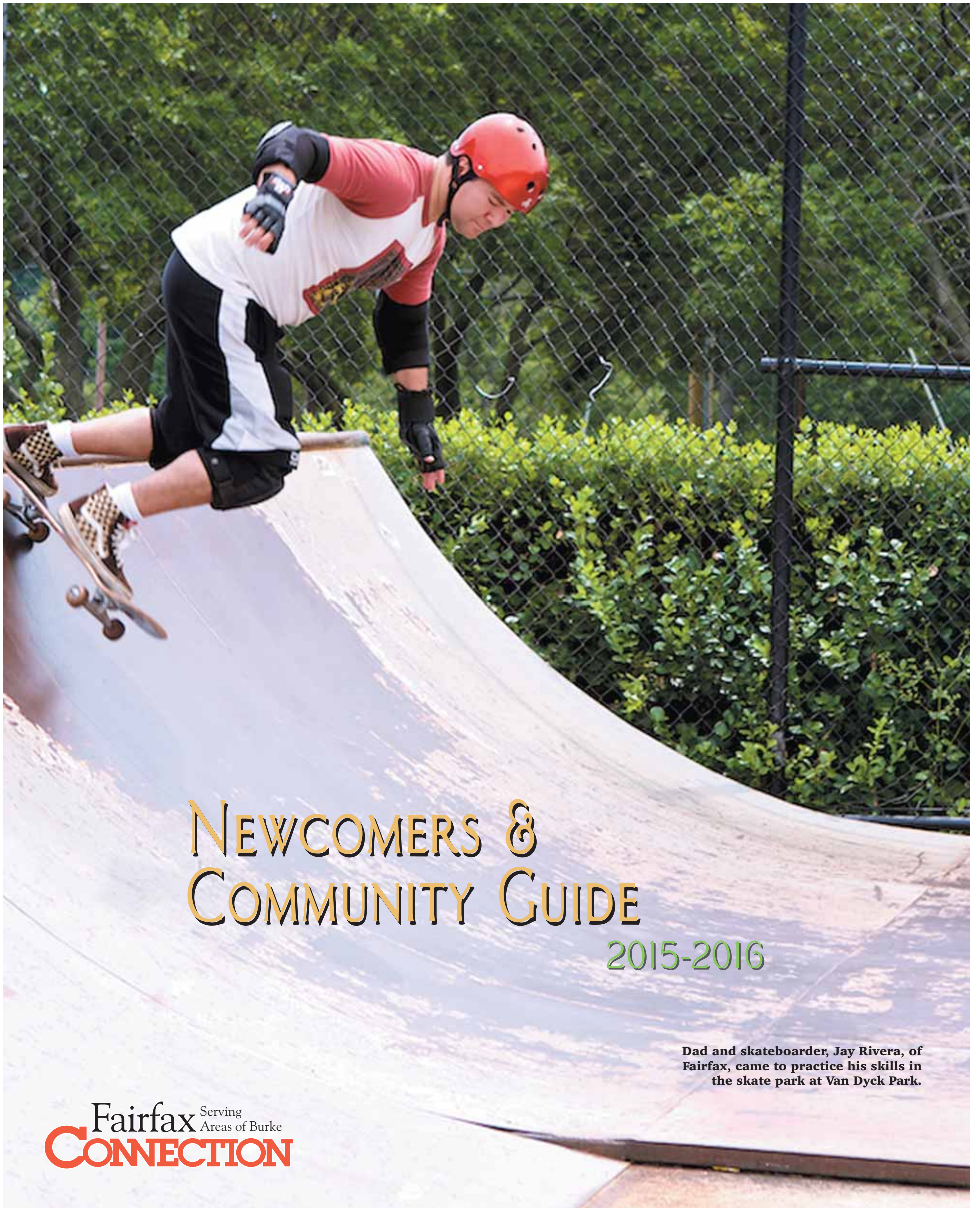
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# A Glimpse of the Horizon

Multifamily homes and a new building for The Lamb Center.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Several development projects are either proposed or in the works in the City of Fairfax. Below is a snapshot of some of them:

### Novus Fairfax Gateway

The Fairfax City Council approved Novus Fairfax Gateway LLC's application to transform part of the Kamp Washington triangle between Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway into a modern, community-serving, mixed-use project.

Planned for the 8.33-acre site are 403 multifamily apartments – including 24 affordable dwelling units, 29,000 square feet of first-floor retail and commercial uses. There'll be a 4,000-square-foot office space for use by the nonprofit CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), plus a 5,000-square-foot restaurant and 11,000 square feet of residential amenities.

The commercial space and three- and four-story buildings will front on Lee Highway and Fairfax Boulevard. Five-story buildings will be centrally located and a seven-story parking garage will feature a half-story on top for a pool.

There'll be a through street with a connection at the Bevan Drive signal at Fairfax Boulevard, plus a new, un-signalized entrance on Lee Highway. The community's road network could correspond to the future redevelopment of the rest of the Kamp Washington triangle, while treating the section connecting Lee Highway to Fairfax Boulevard with several, traffic-calming elements to reduce cut-through traffic.

Also planned are trails connecting to adjacent properties, plus open space including a 5,600-square-foot contemplative space next to the Jermantown Cemetery. Novus will maintain this space as well as the cemetery.

### Oak Knolls

The Oak Knolls Realty Corp. will demolish the existing, 110-unit, Oak Knolls apartment complex and redevelop the site with 102 brand-new condos and 30 townhouses. It'll also give money to the residents it displaces and contribute more than half a million dollars to the City of Fairfax toward affordable housing.

"Four years ago, there was no affordable-housing program in the City, at all," said Councilwoman Nancy Loftus. "This is the first time that a for-sale project is [making] an affordable-housing contribution – and that's a big step forward."

The site is 6 acres along Main and Oak streets in Fairfax. Planned are two, 32-unit condominium buildings with elevators; 38 stacked condo units and 30 townhomes, for 132 units total. None will be rentals; they'll all be for sale. The four-story, 32-unit condo buildings will have red-brick, fiber-cement siding, metal railings, stacked siding and bay windows on the corners. And a red-



Artist's rendering of the Novus Fairfax Gateway mixed-use development.



Artist's rendition of the Oak Knolls two-over-two condos.



Artist's rendition of the proposed Enclave site layout showing the two, new condo buildings.

brick, courtyard wall along Oak Street will offer privacy to the 22-foot townhome units.

Oak Knolls was built in the early 1960s and, by right, the developer could just tear it down and construct some 90 units without going before the Council. But it wanted to do something bigger and better and, do so, it needed the City's approval for particular variances, a land rezoning to a Residential Planned Development district and a special-use permit allowing multifamily uses in that district.

In return, it will underground all utilities on site and in the adjacent rights of way on Oak and Main streets, construct a bus shel-

ter, donate money for improvements in nearby Pat Rodio Park and contribute \$550,000 toward affordable housing. It will also do streetscape improvements, provide a pedestrian connection to the park and reduce about 95 percent of Oak Knolls' currently unrestrained, surface water flow. The developer also promised to give \$1,000 toward relocation to each family displaced by the new complex.

### The Enclave

IDI-RJL Development LLC wants to build a residential development called The En-

clave at the Mantua Professional Center on Pickett Road. But City residents have so many concerns about parking, water runoff, building height and affordable housing that the City Council has deferred action on this proposal until Sept. 8.

The site's zoned commercial planned development, meaning both office and condo uses may exist on it. Currently there are some office buildings, the New School of Northern Virginia and 181 parking spaces. And the developer wants The Enclave to join them.

Although the City's Comprehensive Plan earmarked five more office buildings for that site, they're no longer economically feasible in today's market. So the applicant hopes to replace them with two, four-story buildings containing 80 condos. Sixteen of the units would be one-bedroom; 48, two-bedroom; and 16, three-bedroom.

Comprising the indoor amenities would be a fitness center, community room, spacious lobbies and mail/packaging rooms. The 9,000 square feet of outdoor amenities proposed include a fire pit with seating, patio with seats and gas grills and two lawn areas for socializing.

The condo buildings would be constructed on 3.8 wooded acres, off Silver King Court, in the area formerly envisioned for three of the office buildings. The land on which the other two office buildings would have been built would, instead, be preserved as open space for a village green enjoyed by the residents, school and existing-office community. A total of 125 parking spaces are planned, and a bus shelter is proffered.

Internal access is planned between The Enclave, the New School and the office complex. The applicant proposes contributing \$40,000 to public schools, \$30,240 to parks and recreation – or \$378/unit, and \$216,960 to affordable housing – or \$2,500/unit.

The developer wants a maximum building height of 75 feet, although the City height limit is 60 feet. Nearby Mantua residents have asked for balloons to be flown at the site so they'd have a better idea of just how high the condo buildings would be; but at press time, their request had yet to be fulfilled.

### The Lamb Center

Since 1992, The Lamb Center in Fairfax has served as a place of refuge for the poor and homeless. It's a daytime, drop-in shelter providing hot meals, showers, laundry services, and recovery and employment counseling.

Now, though, it's in need of a home of its own so it may better serve its clientele in a larger facility in a more-appropriate location. So, with the blessing of the Fairfax City Council, it will move from a rented site on Old Lee Highway to a new building on Campbell Drive.

"We're thrilled; this is the answer to our prayers and a dream come true for The Lamb Center."

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### The Best of Braddock District

**Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)**  
recommends places to see in his district.

**Lake Accotink Park's** 493 acres include a 55-acre lake, wetlands and streams offering unique views of waterfowl and marsh life.

Picnic areas, playground, pavilions, trails and open play fields are open daily year-round, 7 a.m. to dusk. Facilities and activities vary with the season and include bike rentals, canoe and pedal boat rentals, boat launch, tour boat rides, fishing, pavilion shelters and picnic areas with grills (some areas may be reserved, call 703-324-8732), restrooms, playground, sand volleyball court and basketball court.

Situated along the Cross County Trail, the park also has a four-mile loop, natural-surface hiking/biking trail. Boats powered by electric motors, sailboats under 15 feet and kayaks are allowed on the lake. Pay \$2 launch fee at marina.

Swimming, windsurfing, paddle boarding and gas powered boat motors are prohibited. A Virginia State Fishing License is required for fishing.

**The Center for the Arts** is the centerpiece of performing arts on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University. Each year the Center welcomes thousands of community members into its 2000-seat Concert Hall for performances by renowned professional artists, accomplished faculty, and emerging student artists.

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**Fairfax Corner** is a beautiful mixed-use shopping center that offers main street style shopping at both national chains and local boutiques. It features fun events and entertainment, a state of the art movie theater and some the best restaurants around.

Fairfax Corner also combines office space for rent and residential living to make it the ideal place to live, work, dine and shop.

**Oak Hill Mansion**, a privately owned 18th century Georgian-style home, is all that remains of the Ravensworth Tract – totaling more than 22,000 acres – dating from the 1670s.

Under an innovative agreement involving the County, the Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the home is privately owned and maintained, but preserved as a historic site and open to the public up to four times per year.

**The EagleBank Arena** (originally the Patriot Center) is a 10,000-seat arena located on the campus of George Mason University. It has attracted 9.6 million people to over 2,958 events.

On May 7, 2015, George Mason Univer-



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ing event or concert.

Bruce Springsteen, Keith Urban, Bob Dylan, Ricardo Arjona, Enrique Iglesias, the Harlem Globetrotters and Disney on Ice are only a few of the concerts and family shows that have performed at the arena over the past 29 years.

**Royal Lake** is a 42 acre lake is filled with fascinating wildlife within the woodlands and on the lakefront, including nocturnal animals such as bats and opossums. The lake itself contains bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish. There is also a two mile trail that circles the lake, making it a great spot for a run, a bike ride or a just a relaxing stroll.

**Wakefield Chapel** was built in 1899 on land donated by local sawmill owner, Oliver Besley.

The chapel was named for its first local preacher, the Reverend E. W. Wakefield, a colorful figure in Virginia Methodism and a Union Officer during the Civil War. The building served as a community church until 1951, and was later turned over to the Park Authority to be preserved for future generations.

A country Gothic structure with white clapboard siding and arched windows, Wakefield Chapel is a quaint setting for weddings or other services and ceremonies. It features original pews, two stained-glass windows and a beautifully restored pulpit.

**Audrey Moore Recreation Center** at Wakefield Park is approximately 76,000 square feet in size and houses a 50m pool with one 3m and two 1m diving boards. The natatorium also contains spectator seating, doors that lead to a spacious outdoor sundeck, and locker rooms containing saunas and showers. In addition to the various racquetball and squash courts, the center has a large gymnasium with six basketball hoops, and volleyball nets.

The center also contains a cycle studio, a dance room, a pottery lab and kiln, an arts and crafts room, three multi-purpose activity rooms, and a senior center. Wakefield Skate Park, located next to the rec center, offers a chance for people of all ages and skill levels to enjoy the thrills and excitement of skateboarding, inline skating, and BMX biking on our Freestyle and Competition courses.

sity announced that the name would be changed on July 1 to "EagleBank Arena at George Mason University," following a partnership deal with EagleBank. It's a great place to check out a sport-



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Visitors utilize the many public computers at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. The bookcases photographed are only a portion of the resources the library has to offer.

### Fairfax Landmarks: Regional Library

A large array of books and magazines, sleek cherry wood study tables, and the quiet atmosphere of the City of Fairfax Regional Library make it an inviting location for members of the community to visit.

The library shines mostly because of its Virginia Room. This room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, houses a comprehensive collection of Civil War history, genealogy books, old maps, newspapers and manuscripts. The collection extends passed the state of Virginia, bringing in many curious citizens and researchers from various locations.

"It [the Virginia Room] is superb for the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, and the state of Virginia," said Virginia Room librarian Laura Wickstead.

In addition to the Virginia Room, the library contains an extended room

known as the Rare Books Room. This room is a special collection of even more of the historical archives of books, manuscripts, periodicals, and roughly 45,000 negatives from various decades. It is available to visitors upon request of a librarian.

The library attracts members of the community from all ages not only because of its resources, but also because of its regular events. One event called Tales to Tails brings children of all ages to practice reading to a therapy dog.

For more information about the library, Virginia Room, and upcoming events call 703-293-6227 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>. The library is located at 10360 North Street, Fairfax.

— LESLIE DAVIS



Mary Kinsley practices reading to Bernese therapy dog Prince Booboo at the Tales to Tails event at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.



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### Greater Springfield Chamber

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

### Small Business Development Center


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### Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

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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 models 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



**Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr.**

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. 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 critical 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 Pro-

gram 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/>

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— CHIEF EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.

### ARTS & ORGANIZATIONS

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### SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Listen to Beethoven: Beethoven: "Coriolanus" Overture, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor" featuring pianist Alon Goldstein and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5. Led by conductor Christopher Zimmerman. Call 703-563-1990 for more info.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. Fairfax Symphony, 3905 Railroad Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy Sibelius: Valse Triste and Scene with Cranes, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring rising star pianist Sean Chen and Sibelius: Symphony No. 2. Call 703-563-1990 for more info.

## George Mason University Center for the Arts

Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr., MS 2F5, Fairfax. The Center for the Arts is the centerpiece of performing arts on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, and each year the Center welcomes hundreds of thousands of community members into its Concert Hall for performances by renowned professional artists, accomplished faculty and emerging student artists. 703-993-8888 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

## George Mason University EagleBank Arena

GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Located on the campus of George Mason University, the Patriot Center is a 10,000-seat arena that hosts Mason basketball games, concerts, family shows and commencement ceremonies. 703-993-3000 or <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/>.

### SUNDAY/ SEPT. 6

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find your dream dress. More info at <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/events/>. Tickets \$10.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 9

**Ricky Martin.** 8 p.m. GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Listen to Grammy Award winner and music superstar Ricky Martin on his One World Tour. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 703-993-3000 for more info.

## Fairfax Art League Gallery

Fairfax Art League Gallery, Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League Gallery, operated by the Fairfax Art League, a members' cooperative gallery representing over 100 local artists, houses monthly exhibits with special shows held twice a year. 703-352-2787.

## Fairfax Museum

Fairfax Museum, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. The museum produces special exhibitions on city history, provides educational outreach to school and youth groups and offers walking tours of Old Town Fairfax and the city's historic buildings in the spring and fall. 703-385-8414.



## NEWCOMERS

# Fairfax Outlook

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Lamb Center,” said Kelly Johnson, vice-chairman of the organization’s Board of Directors. “We’ve looked for a new home for many years.”

The new site is in an industrial area on more than one-third of an acre where two lots will be consolidated.

Planned is a two-story building, possibly done in phases, depending on funding. There’ll be a parking area and bike rack, plus landscaping improvements.

Inside will be a great room where meals are served, plus offices, classrooms and meeting rooms.

And there’ll be a loitering-prevention plan and video monitoring. The facility will be open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with four full-time staff members and four volunteers there at all times.

The new location will be farther away from retail establishments, yet close to transportation. And since it’ll be built to The Lamb Center’s specifications, the new building will be more efficient than the current one.

## Chambers

FROM PAGE 5

### Pakistan American Business Association Inc.

PABA is a non-profit, bilateral trade association that promotes business opportunities between Pakistan and the United States of America, and nurtures leadership skills within the Pakistani American business community. 703-627-1500 or [www.pabausa.org/](http://www.pabausa.org/).

### Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce.

The Alexandria-based organization provides resources to black-owned businesses in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties. [www.novabcc.org/](http://www.novabcc.org/).

### Asian American Chamber of Commerce

Located in Tysons, it offers programs to Asian and Pacific business communities in the region. [www.asian-americanchamber.org/](http://www.asian-americanchamber.org/).

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# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## About the Connection

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

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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nection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

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We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. We continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

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### Office to End and Prevent Homelessness (OPEH)

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### Assistance League of Northern Virginia

An all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures

those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. Contact [ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com](mailto:ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com) or [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org)

### Lamb Center

A day center for the homeless, currently seeking donations and general volunteers. 703-691-3178 or [www.thelambcenter.org](http://www.thelambcenter.org).

### Fairfax City Area FISH (Friendly Immediate Sympathetic Help)

Working with the Office of Coordi-

nated Services Planning and Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH helps local citizens who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities and medical treatments. 703-222-0880 or <http://fairfaxfish.org/>

### FACETS

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

### Food for Others

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

### Our Daily Bread

The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. [www.odbfairfax.com/holiday](http://www.odbfairfax.com/holiday).

### Fairfax Families for Kids

Fairfax Families4Kids gives youth

ages 12 to 21, currently living in foster care or out of foster care, the opportunity to participate in group and individual mentoring, and spend quality time in the community engaged in group activities. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm).

### Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area

Aims to help youth become confident, civic-minded, responsible adults through programs focused on education/career development, health and life skills, leadership, the arts, sports and recreation, and mentoring. [www.bgcgw.org/fairfax/](http://www.bgcgw.org/fairfax/)



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### Chambers

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### Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia

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

### US Lebanese Chamber of Commerce

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

### Afghan American Chamber of Commerce

AACC provides resources to members through business advice, conferences, seminars, networking events, publications and other avenues to stimulate U.S.-Afghanistan business and investment; also, sector-based Working Groups seek to reduce impediments to business and market progress for members.

AACC also serves as a link between the private sector and government to encourage economic policies that result in increased business and investment between the U.S. and Afghanistan. 703-442-5005 or [www.a-acc.org/](http://www.a-acc.org/).

### Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its more than 600 member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia market. [www.fairfaxchamber.org/](http://www.fairfaxchamber.org/) or 703-479-9075.-0400 â€ f: 703 -749-9003-749-0400 â€ f: 703 -749-9075

### Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

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

### Latvian Chamber of Commerce in the Americas

The Fairfax-based organization provides resources to Latvian-lead businesses, as well as American businesses hoping to expand into Latvia. [www.latchamamericas.org](http://www.latchamamericas.org).



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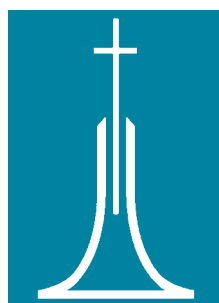
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## Meet the Candidates for County Board

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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### 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: Braddock District Supervisor



**John C. Cook**



**Janet S. Oleszek**



**Carey C. Campbell**

#LakeAccotinkPark,  
#RemadeAin'tMoreFragrant

#### ANSWERS: OLESZEK

1) Newcomers to Fairfax County should know the famous quip “all politics is local.”

Local politics IS the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, who decide on issues and policies that direct our police, emergency and fire departments, while at the same time fund our public schools, parks, libraries and social services. Water, sewers and garbage collection are important duties of the Board too. So you can easily see that your vote will directly influence who will be making the decisions that affect your daily life and protect the quality of our community. In this election, we will be deciding on issues of importance such as the future of Braddock Road, which voters will be hearing more about from me.

2) Braddock District is home to some of the very best high school athletic programs in Northern Virginia, so come check out some of the games during fall sports season this year! You can meet me at the Friday night football games.

3) We are a baseball family. My sons and husband love the Nationals. Their love and enthusiasm for the game has rubbed off on me. Go Nats!

4) #keepBraddockBeautiful

#### ANSWERS: CAMPBELL

1) It's your money. Vote. Help decide how your taxpayer cash is, or isn't spent! The Board of Supervisors decides the property tax rate for our homes. It sets fees. The Board then decides how money

is spent. How much? Over \$7 billion bucks last year.

I'm the Independent candidate in the nonpartisan Braddock District race. I'm for Green Growth. Smart Growth. The Green New Deal. Positive eco-solutions for the economy. Invest in money-making infrastructure. Get a return on our investment. Rail, bikeable, walkable, pedestrian-friendly communities increase the value of our homes, businesses, communities. That grows revenue for our schools, police, and fire departments.

You can make all the difference by voting. Your vote. Your money. Our community.

It's about your money. Let's grow our community, and get solid returns on investments in our community.

I ask for your vote for Braddock District Supervisor!

2) Must see: This Plus Green house. Plus means it creates more energy than it consumes.

Check out my house! 51 solar panels. Geothermal heating and cooling.

The first year installed the solar and geothermal produced 10 times the energy the house consumed. I'm making money. You can too! The exact same way. Every quarter I receive a check for my (SRECs). Last quarter the check was almost \$1,400.00.

Here's the check on my Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/carey.campbell.33/videos/718807278225089/?pnref=story  
4) #GreenBraddock, #GreenFairfax

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

#### Incumbent:

**Sharon S. Bulova (D)**

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#### Challenger:

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#### Challenger:

**Glenda Gail Parker (Independent Green)**

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#### ANSWERS: BULOVA

1) We are the most grass roots level of government. Our Board is responsible for everything from ensuring clean drinking water, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, attractive parks and libraries to funding our fantastic school system.

2) Hard to choose a favorite. Fairfax has the most wonderful park system with something for everyone to enjoy. I jog through the woods in Villa Park three times a week.

3) My current favorite is Fairfax County's World Police & Fire Games Women's Basketball Team.



**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 Purvis did not respond to the questionnaire.

#### Incumbent:

**John C. Cook (R)**

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#### Challenger:

**Janet S. Oleszek (D)**

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#### Challenger:

**Carey C. Campbell (Independent Green)**

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#### ANSWERS: COOK

1) The Board of Supervisors is the level of government closest to the people. We fund schools, police and fire, parks, libraries, and services for the disabled. We oversee zoning enforcement; which includes rules against illegal boarding houses, uncut grass, junk piled in yards, and unregistered cars. We also approve land use applications, such as the size and scope of shopping centers and housing developments. In short, we handle just about everything you see except the roads, which are state-owned.

2) Go to dinner and a movie at Fairfax Corner, followed by shopping at great boutique stores.

3) Washington Nationals.

4) How about: #BraddockNights,

#### 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).

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# YEAR-ROUND ENTERTAINMENT



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**The 38th Annual Burke Centre Festival will take place Sept. 12-13 to celebrate the spirit of the community with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy.**

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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](http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com).

## September 2015

### 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>.

### 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](http://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. Downton 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](http://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](http://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



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**On Oct. 11, celebrate Clifton Day, the town's annual arts and crafts fair from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the corner of Main Street and Chapel Road.**

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](http://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](http://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>.



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**Students race to the finish line in their homemade cardboard boats as part of the community celebration, Springfield Days, taking place every year at the end of May.**

[MulticulturalFestival.shtml](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 3

**Art in the Courtyard.** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work,

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**Children enjoying an amusement ride at last year's Fairfax Fall Festival. This year's festival will be on Oct. 10**

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and even digital artwork. Each artist will display and sell their work from booths lining the Courtyard. Festival guests will have the opportunity to talk to the artists, get to know them, and ask questions about their stories and inspirations.

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

## 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>.

## 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.

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

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

# 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](http://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](http://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.

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

# 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.paradisep Springswinery.com/winery-events.html](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com/winery-events.html).

# April 2016

## 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.

# May 2016

## FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY

**Fairfax Fine Arts Festival.** Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. A fine art festival in the heart of Fairfax. Visit [www.paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/html/artist\\_application.html](http://www.paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/html/artist_application.html).

## FOURTH SATURDAY IN MAY

**Springfield Days.** A community-wide celebration that harkens back to the good old days. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com)

# June 2016

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

**Celebrate Fairfax!** Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Northern Virginia's largest annual three-day festival and community-wide celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center. Visit [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

## FOURTH SATURDAY IN JUNE

**Clifton Wine Festival.** 7150 Main St., Clifton. Virginia vineyards and wineries come together for a day of wine, food, arts and crafts. Visit [www.cliftonwine.com](http://www.cliftonwine.com).

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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



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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.

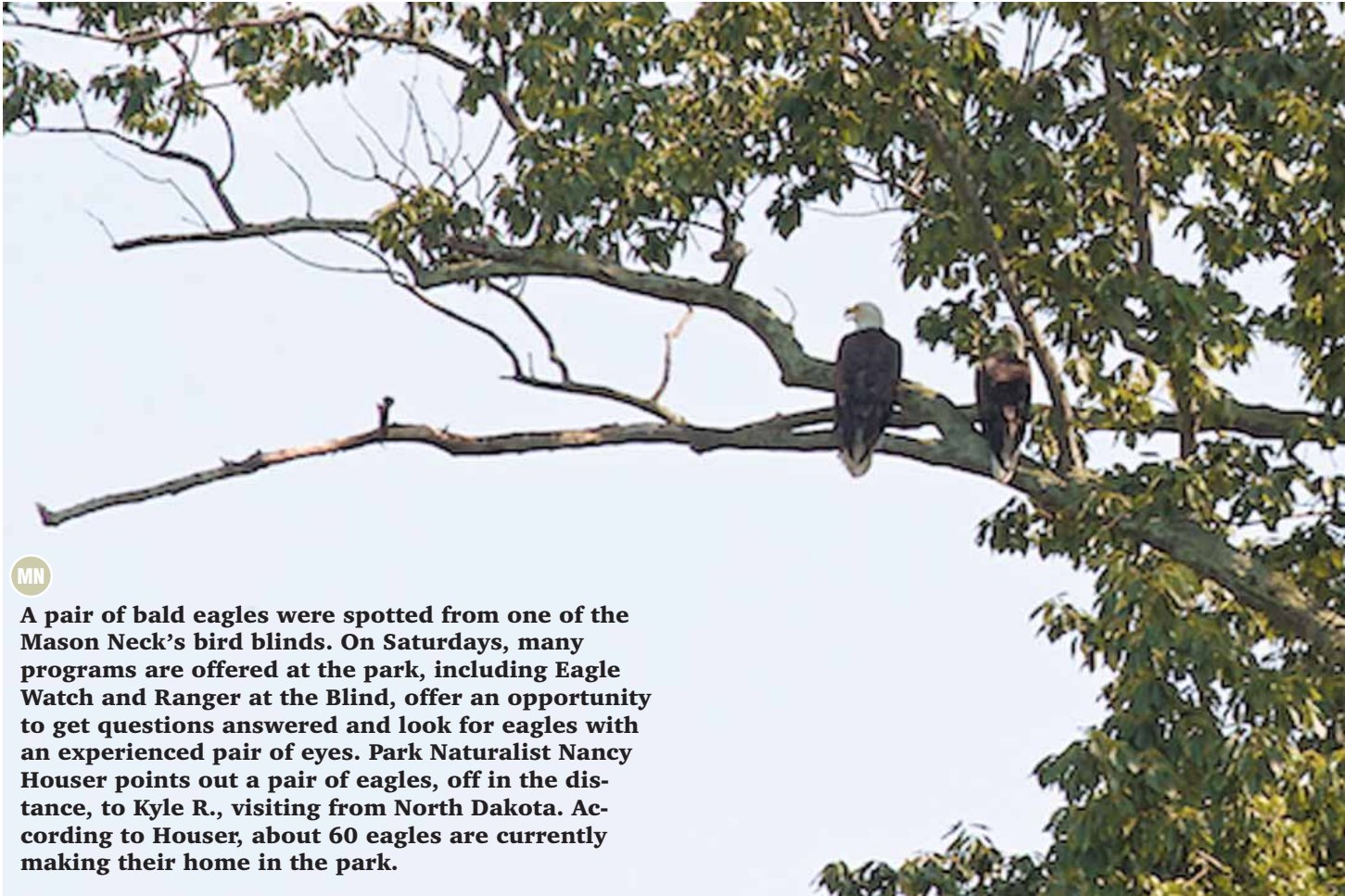
#### PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

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](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/)  
[www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/](http://www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/)  
 703-534-3437 or [UptonHill@nvrpa.org](mailto: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](http://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

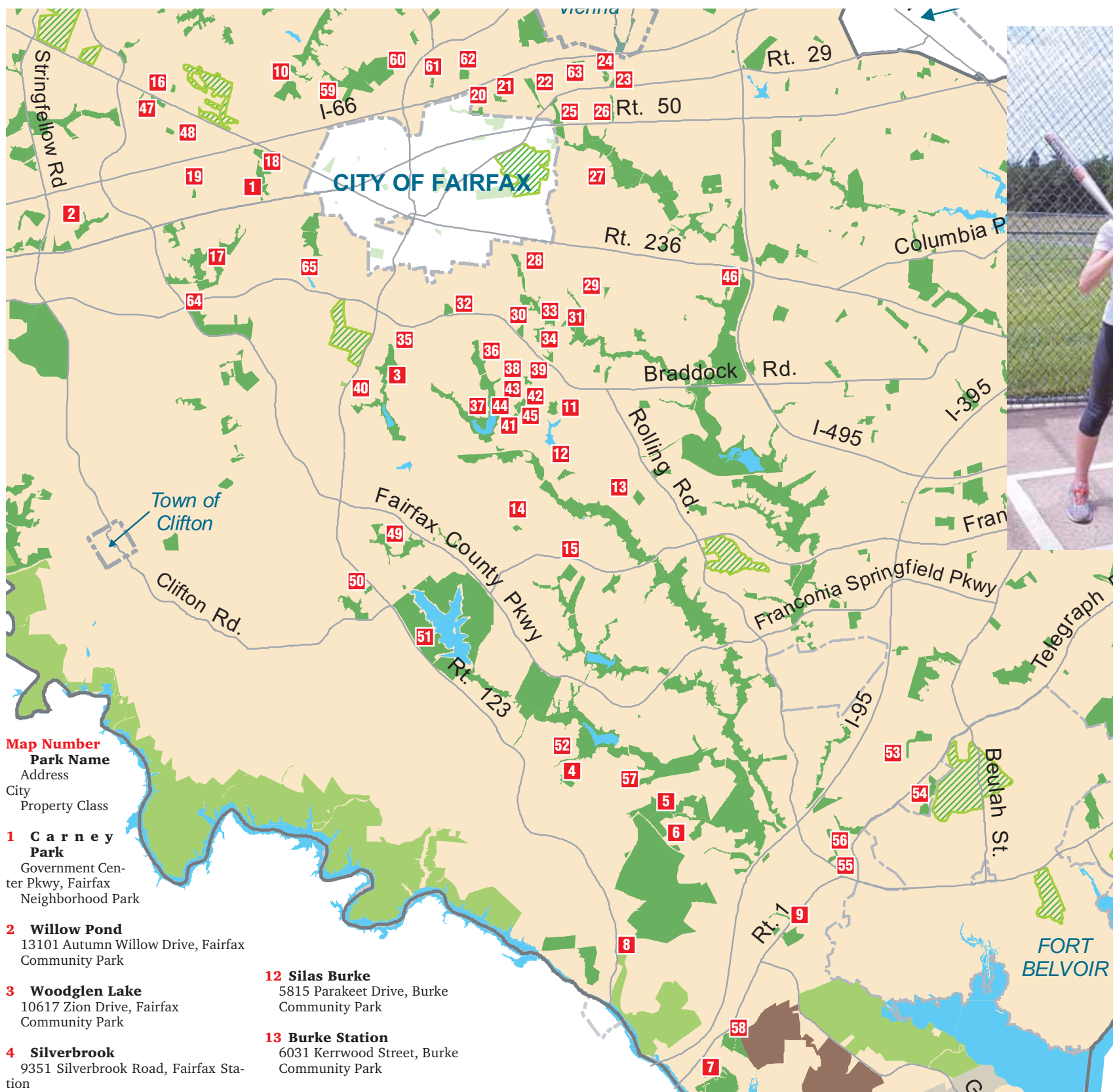


**On Sunday evenings, the community gathers in the pavilion, to enjoy a summer concert series, sponsored by the Friends of Fort Hunt Park.**



# PARKS

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



Juliana S., of Fairfax, came with her family to practice at the batting cages.

PHOTOS BY  
 RENÉE RUGGLES  
 FEATURING BURKE LAKE  
 PARK, BRADDOCK PARK &  
 BURKE STATION PARK



Braddock Park is located in Clifton. In addition to baseball facilities, there is a picnic shelter that can be reserved.



The Lord of Life Softball Team, from Fairfax and Clifton, came to Braddock Park for practice.





The park offers a large piece of playground equipment, with multiple choices for active children.

Shan Wang, from Burke, cheers, as she watches her shot go in. Along with Eric Audia, also of Burke, she came to shoot hoops in the Burke Station Park basketball court.



Burke Station Park is a shady little spot tucked away in the Burke Station Square neighborhood.

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



Asrat Akmu, of Springfield, helps his daughter Joy try her hand at fishing on the pier. Burke Lake has ample room for fishermen and can be accessed by those with disabilities. According to its website, largemouth bass are in good supply at the lake.



The lake covers 218 acres and offers boat rentals. Private craft with electric motors are also welcome.



David Meyer and his son Jonathan, of Springfield, relaxed at their campsite. The pair came for a boys' only campout at Burke Lake. The park offers a large campground with 100 sites, a camp store, playground, and bathhouse.



# PARKS

## PARKS IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX

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At the center of Van Dyck Park is a large area filled with playground equipment. A tot lot, with equipment for little ones, is located in another part of the park.



Van Dyck Park is one of the gems of the City of Fairfax Parks Department. The 20-acre park features exercise trails, lighted tennis courts, beach volleyball courts, picnic areas with grills, and more.

- 1 Ashby Pond Conservatory Site**  
9817 Ashby Road  
Size: 4 acres. Features: natural pond, picnic tables and a walking trail.
- 2 Cobbdale Park**  
3600 Burrows Ave.  
Size: 0.5 acres. Features: playground equipment and picnic tables.
- 3 Country Club Hills Commons**  
10050 Spring Lake Terrace  
Features: picnic pavillion, walking trail and benches.
- 4 Dale Lestina Park**  
3157 Plantation Parkway  
Size: 7 acres. Features: playground equipment and walking trail.
- 5 Daniels Run Elementary School**  
3705 Old Lee Highway  
Features: playground equipment, soccer field and two softball fields.
- 6 Daniels Run Park**  
Embassy Lane, Estel Road, Heritage Lane and Tedrich Boulevard  
Size: 48 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail, picnic pavillion, children's play area and wooded parkland.
- 7 Draper Drive Park**  
9797 Beech Drive  
Size: 16 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail and two multi-purpose turf fields.
- 8 Fairchester Woods Park**  
10836 Warkwick Ave.  
Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, playground equipment and benches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Berkenvilt family, of Annandale, were celebrating the twins' birthday with a treat from a visiting shave ice and ice cream truck. They come to the park often for the big-city offerings that retain a small-town feel.



Ian Rivera practices his scooter skills, with guidance from his dad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 26 Ted Greffe Park**  
9980 Mosby Road  
Features: undeveloped open space and a walking trail.

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

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

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

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

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





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**The Fairfax field hockey program won its sixth consecutive conference/district championship in 2015.**



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**Members of the 2015 Robinson boys' lacrosse team celebrate winning the state championship.**

# Getting to Know Area High School Sports

## Fairfax High

**Highlights:** Field hockey team won the 6A North region title.  
**School:** Fairfax High School  
**Mascot:** Rebels.  
**School Colors:** Blue and gold.  
**Athletic Director:** Nancy Melnick, 703-219-2201.  
**Football Coach:** Kevin Simonds (sixth year).  
 The Rebels won two of their last three regular-season games in 2014, but finished with a 5-5 record and missed the playoffs.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Amber Beaudoin.  
**Volleyball Coach:** Tyler Freiheit.  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Mike Barbee.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Pat Deegan.  
**Baseball Coach:** Rick Freeman.  
**Softball Coach:** Matt Hoffert.

**What happened last year:** The field hockey team finished 20-4, won Conference 6 and 6A North region championships and reached the state playoffs. Then-senior gymnast Rachel Barborek won the all-around state championship. Then-senior Alex McGuire won the 1600-meter state championship during outdoor track and won the

conference cross country title. The boys' basketball team went 20-8, finished conference runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The girls' basketball team went 17-8, upset Stonewall Jackson in the opening round of the regional tournament and reached the quarterfinals. The baseball team finished conference runner-up.

**Notable:** The field hockey program has won six consecutive Conference 6/Liberty District championships. The Rebels are 108-27-1 over the last six seasons, during which Fairfax advanced to at least the region semifinals five times. Fairfax lost to eventual state champion Westfield in the 2013 region final. In 2014, the Rebels defeated Chantilly in the region championship game, earning Fairfax its first region title since 1993.

**Quotable:** "This team plays off my energy. I try to be very careful with how I react. ... I was dying a little bit inside when they scored." — Fairfax field hockey coach Amber Beaudoin describing her emotions when Chantilly tied the score at one late in the 2014 6A North region championship game. Fairfax would win its first region title since 1993 with a 2-1 victory in overtime.

## Robinson

**Highlights:** Boys', girls' lacrosse teams won state championships.

**School:** James W. Robinson Secondary School  
**Mascot:** Rams.  
**School Colors:** Blue and gold.  
**Athletic Director:** Jeff Ferrell, 703-426-2125.  
**Football Coach:** Scott Vossler (second year).  
 The Rams finished the 2014 regular season with a 6-4 record and qualified for the playoffs before losing to South County in the opening round.

**Volleyball Coach:** Meghan Johnson.  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Brian Nelson.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** T.J. Dade.  
**Wrestling Coach:** Bryan Hazard.  
**Baseball Coach:** John James.  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Robert Garza.  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Matt Curran.  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Liz Case.  
**Rival School:** Lake Braddock.

**What happened last year:** The boys' and girls' lacrosse teams won 6A state championships. Wrestlers Austin Riggs (145 pounds) and Cole

DePasquale (182) won state titles. The gymnastics team repeated as Conference 5 champion. The softball team went 18-6, won the conference title and reached the region semifinals. The field hockey team finished 16-5 and qualified for regionals.

**Notable:** The Robinson boys' and girls' lacrosse teams each won state titles in 2015, marking the first time boys' and girls' teams from the same school won states in the same year since lacrosse became a VHSL sport in 2006. The boys' program has won four state championships, twice going back-to-back (2006-07, 2014-15). The girls' program finished state runner-up in 2006 and 2009.

**Quotable:** "I do like how we had a little more [adversity] this year, losing to them twice. We felt like the underdog coming in and I think that helped us out a little bit."

— Then-senior Chapman Jasien after the 2015 Robinson boys' lacrosse team repeated as state champion with a 10-9 double-overtime win against Chantilly in the 6A state final. Robinson lost to Chantilly in the Conference 5 and 6A North region championship games earlier in the season.

## Woodson

**Highlights:** Boys' basketball team made third straight appearance at states.

**School:** W.T. Woodson High School.  
**Mascot:** Cavaliers.  
**School Colors:** Navy blue and white.  
**Athletic Director:** Dan Checkosky, 703-503-4681.  
**Football Coach:** Mike Dougherty (second year).  
 The Cavaliers lost their final five games in 2014 and finished with a 2-8 record.

**Volleyball Coach:** Len Palaschak.  
**Field Hockey Coach:** Meg Jarrell.  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Doug Craig.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Aseem Rastogi  
**Baseball Coach:** Brett McColley.  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Andrew Peck.  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Warren Williams.  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Ryan Hilliard.  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Patrick Mahler.

**What happened last year:** The boys' basketball team finished runner-up in the 6A North region and qualified for the state tournament. The girls' soccer team won the Conference 7 championship and reached the region semifinals. The boys' soccer team finished conference runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team won the conference championship and reached the region quarterfinals. The boys' lacrosse team was conference runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The field hockey team upset T.C. Williams in the opening round of the conference tournament and reached the region quarterfinals. Tennis players Jason Kros and Ryan Kros won the state boys' doubles championship. Jason Kros finished state runner-up in boys' singles. Alexis Merrill was state runner-up in girls' singles.

**Notable:** The Woodson boys' basketball program has qualified for the state tournament each



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**Then-senior Eric Bowls scored 20 points in his final game as a member of the Woodson boys' basketball team.**

of the last three seasons. In 2013, the Cavaliers overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Wakefield in overtime in the AAA Northern Region final. Woodson beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to Henrico in the semifinals. In 2014, the Cavaliers defeated Lake Braddock in the 6A North region final despite having lost to the Bruins three times earlier in the season. Woodson would lose to Landstown in the state semifinals. In 2015, the Cavaliers lost to eventual state runner-up Westfield in the region final. Woodson then lost to Colonial Forge in the state

semifinals.

**Quotable:** "Our community, everybody knows, has been through some difficult things the last few years and I think boys' basketball is one of the things that's kind of uplifted not only the school and the kids, [but] the whole community. Our student support, our fan support I think is second to none. I don't know if anyone else down here will bring 10 busloads of kids." — Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig after the Cavaliers lost in the 2015 state semifinals.



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**Then-junior Robert Riddick pitches for the Paul VI baseball team in the spring of 2015.**

## Paul VI Sports

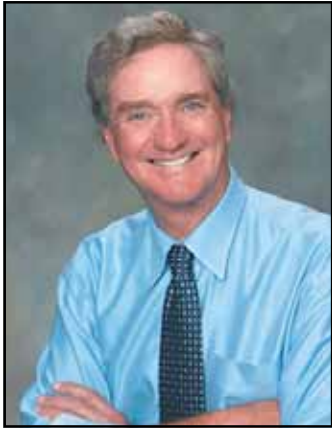
**Highlights:** Girls' basketball team has won seven consecutive state titles.

**School:** Paul VI Catholic High School.  
**Mascot:** Panthers.  
**School Colors:** Black and gold.  
**Athletic Director:** Billy Emerson, 703-352-0925 ext. 318.  
**Football Coach:** Joe Sebastian.  
 The Panthers lost their final four games in 2014 and finished 2-8.

**Volleyball Coach:** Sam Farrar.  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Glenn Fareello.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Scott Allen.  
**Baseball Coach:** Jeff Nolan.  
**Rival School:** Bishop O'Connell.

**What happened last year:** The girls' basketball team won the WCAC championship and its ninth straight VISAA state title.





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## Dear Neighbors,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dr. Erika Anderson, who joined our practice as an associate earlier this year. Dr. Anderson is a double graduate of Creighton University, earning her B.S. in Biology from the College of Arts and Sciences and her D.D.S. from the Creighton School of Dentistry. Although originally from North Dakota, Dr. Anderson fell in love with Northern Virginia after multiple educational experiences here during her college years, and she has practiced in the area for the past five years.

Dr. Anderson is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Association, and the Northern Virginia Dental Society. Dedicated to staying up-to-date on the latest dental innovations, Dr. Anderson has completed over 200 hours of continuing

education, including programs at the Dawson Academy and the Kois Center. At our practice she will be a participating dentist for both Delta Dental and United Concordia.

Most importantly, Dr. Anderson embraces our core dedication to providing top-quality, innovative general and cosmetic dental services with a caring and personal touch. Whether you need a simple restoration, preventative care or the latest cosmetic procedure, our patient-friendly team will help you love your smile!

So please join us in welcoming Dr. Anderson to our practice. We are thrilled to have her and are confident that she has a bright future. And as always, thank you for the many referrals of your family and friends, and for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Drs. James L. Gyuricza and Melanie W. Hartman



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Braddock District Supervisor



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

I send out a monthly newsletter, the Braddock Beacon, and periodic Cook Advisories updates. Sign up for our email newsletters and keep up with your community. You can also stay informed by visiting my website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock).

Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our

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

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

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