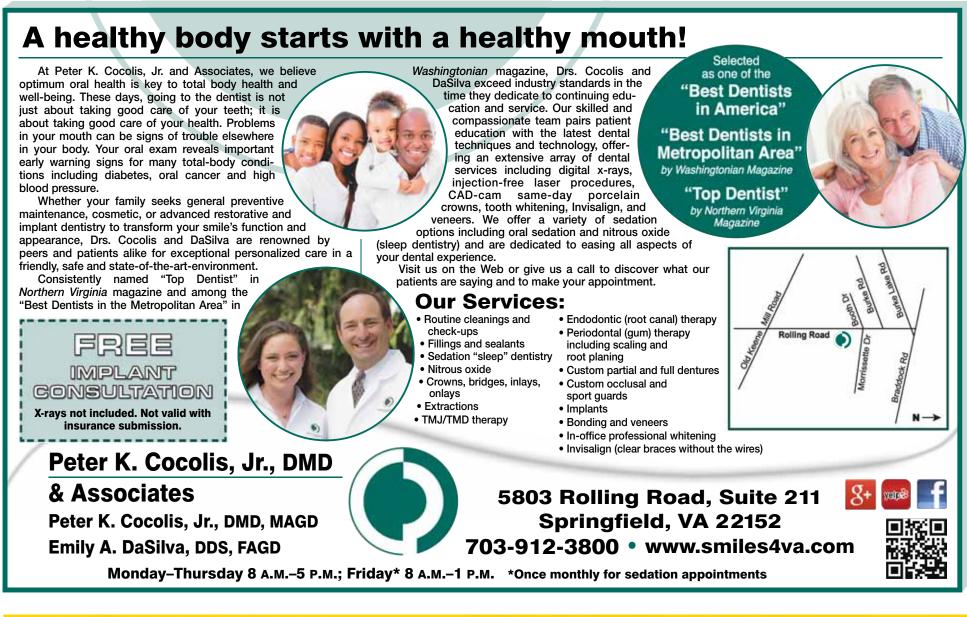
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Juliana S. came with her family to practice at the batting cages at Braddock Park.

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From left, Bob Farr, Wegmans Virginia division manager; Jennifer Stickles, Wegmans marketing; Heather Gole, Wegmans Virginia human resources division manager; Mike Dempsey, Alexandria Wegmans store manager; Jo Natale, Wegmans vice president of media relations and Linda Lovejoy, Wegmans community relations manager.

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Homes are finished selling in the new Gambrill Pointe subdivision.

Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

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ambrill Pointe subdivision Gambrill Pointe Court and Ridge Creek Way. These 20 homes on roughly 11 acres are built and finished selling.

Park Pointe subdivision East side of Gambrill Road, near the Fairfax County Parkway.

Eighteen single-family homes on 7.7 acres have been approved; the plan is still under site review.

Corbet Manor around 7717 Gambrill Road.

Seven single-family homes are going into 4.5 acres of what were previously unconsolidated parcels of land. The project has been approved, but construction is pending.

Monopole in Clifton around 12895 Clifton Creek Road.

The Clifton Creek substation of Dominion Virginia Power already has a monopole on a 95-acre site around 12895 Clifton Creek Road, however Dominion and Verizon

Demographics

Zip code: **20124**

Population: 14,875 Race: White-11,536 (77.6%), Black/ African American-489 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-24

(0.2%), Asian-2,095 (14.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-749 (5%)

- Total housing units: **4,950** Owner-occupied housing units: **4,555 (92.6%)**
- Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,095 (42.6%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **878 (17.9%)** Median household income: **163,520**

Mean family income: **194,486** Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **15.9%**

Zip code: **22039** Population: **18,364** Race: White-14,985 (81.6%), Black/

African American-742 (4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-46 (0.3%), Asian-1,964 (10.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-766 (4.2%)

Wireless have applied to move the pole to

a different location with more height. The

plan was recommended for approval by the

Planning Commission on June 17. The

Board of Supervisors approved the plan July

- Total housing units: **6,283** Owner-occupied housing units: **5,793 (96.4%)**
- Households with individuals under 18 years: 2,461 (40.9%)
- Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,459 (24.3%)**
- Median household income: **196,549**
- Mean family income: **237,603** Population 5 years and over who speaks a lan-
- guage other than English at home: **18.6%**
- Zip code: **22079** Population: **32,059**

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Race: White-14,699 (45.8%), Black/African American-7,534 (23.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-95 (0.3%), Asian-6,240 (19,5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,423 (13.8%) Total housing units: 11,063

Owner-occupied housing units: **7,730 (71.3%)** Households with individuals under 18 years:

Vulcan Materials Graham Quarry 10000 Ox Road.

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Vulcan and the Fairfax County Water Authority have proposed repurposing the quarry as a reservoir to hold between 16 and 17 billion gallons of water. This requires

a rezoning and zoning exception, which the Board of Supervisors approved at the group's June 2 meeting.

Wegmans at Hilltop Village Center (corner of Telegraph Road and Beulah Street)

The long-awaited grocery experiencing destination opened June 14. The 126,000 square-foot store includes a full-service "Pub" bar-restaurant.

Woodglen Lake Dredging Fairfax Station

Fish relocation to Lake Accotink took place in November 2014. The lake's water has already been completely drawn down, and the notice to proceed with dredging was given to the contractor on April 7. The \$3 million project is in progress and projected to be completed in October of this year. During fish relocation, workers discovered invasive Grass Harp fish and Gizzard Shad, a species not normally found in lakes.

4,983 (46%)

- Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,439 (13.3%)**
 - Median household income: **96,056** Mean family income: **129,580**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a lan-

guage other than English at home: **44.4%** Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Springfield

Zip code: **22153**

Population: 31,285 Race: White-21,039 (67.2%), Black/African American-3,311 (10.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-94 (0.3%), Asian-

- **4,309 (13.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,517 (11.2%)** Total housing units: **10,849**
- Owner-occupied housing units: **8,951 (85.5%)** Households with individuals under 18 years:
- **4,403 (42.1%)** Households with individuals 65 years and over:
- **1,904 (18.2%)** Median household income: **136,561**

Mean family income: **157,918** Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.9%**

Zip code: **22152**

Population: **28,500**

Race: White-19,323 (67.7%), Black/African American-2,252 (7.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-105 (0.4%), Asian-4,548 (15.9%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,778 (13.2%) Total housing units: 10,503

- Owner-occupied housing units: 8,535 (82.1%)
- Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,879 (37.3%)**
- Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,347 (22.6%)
- Median household income: **113,135** Mean family income: **142,586** Population 5 years and average
- Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.6%**

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

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Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) visiting the Children's Science Center Lab: "A fantastic museum."

Springfield Supervisor's **Top Five Places**

Pat Herrity

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) recommends top places to visit in his district.

here are so many quality places to visit in the Springfield District, it is hard to pick five. Here is my attempt:

1. Burke Lake Park: Burke Lake Park is the most visited park in Fairfax County's Park system, and after going there you will see why. The park contains a trail that goes around the lake and is great for walking (with or without your dog), running and cycling. There is also fishing, boat rentals, camping, disc golf, mini-golf, an 18 hole golf course, a driving range, volleyball courts and a miniature train ride. There's something for everyone.

2. Clifton: Clifton is a beautiful town that feels like you're a million miles from the hustle and bustle of Fairfax County. It is tucked away in the southwestern portion of the Springfield district. There are regular events such as Clifton Day, the Labor Day Car Show and the Clifton Wine Festival that attract visitors from all over Northern Virginia, but I personally like going there when it feels like I can have the whole place to myself and I can enjoy the excellent restaurants there and get a "Pat Herrity Root Beer Float" from Peterson's Ice Cream to finish the day.

3. Friday Night Lights: The Springfield District has some of the best high schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus there's few things I enjoy more than getting to a football game in the fall where there's a buzz in the air and a little snap of cold from the changing seasons. So cheer on your local high school team at

West Springfield, Lake Braddock, Fairfax, Chantilly, South County, Robinson or Centreville (nationally ranked in 2015).

4. WSHS Job Fair: On March 12, 2016, I will be hosting a job fair for teens and recent graduates at West Springfield High School. The last one I hosted was a great success with over 35 local companies looking for employees. Many students got jobs right at the job fair, and others were given opportunities to interview at a company. This is a great way to connect our youngsters with our business community, so if your child is looking for full time or part time employment mark your calendar for March 12 and sign up to my email list where I will publish more details by emailing springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov. I am planning a second job fair in the western part of the district.

5. The Children's Science Center Lab: The newly opened Children's Science Center Lab in Fair Oaks Mall is a fantastic museum that allows children (and their parents) to get hands on experience with STEM concepts (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Education is so important, and this museum which is designed for kids between 2 and 12 years old does an excellent job of challenging and shaping young minds. Be sure to stay and shop and/ or eat at one of the best malls in the area.

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Phyllis Lovett, works for Fairfax County Public Schools, resident for 23 years:

"I think people would enjoy coming because what's interesting about the town of Clifton, besides the history, is that there are a lot of businesses in town; we have restaurants, shops, and all sorts of businesses. And a lot of the people that own the businesses actually live in the town of Clifton; you can learn a lot about the color of the community by talking to the owners who are also residents."

— Тавітна Тімм

Margo Khosravi, works at the Clifton General Store, resident for 40 years:

"The Main Street Pub is one of my favorite places for the wonderful ambiance and the music on Wednesday nights and because they feed me so well. My other favorite thing is just wandering around the woods and the trails, like our Eight-Acre Park in Clifton, looking for wildlife and walking my dogs."



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Your favorite events, places in Clifton?

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Sarah Heaton, student at George Mason University, resident for 17 years:

"Halloween is my favorite holiday. I used to love going door-to-door collecting candy and then counting it all at the end of the night with my friends. However, this activity wasn't nearly as fun as what would come next: The Haunted Trail. The Haunted Trail in Clifton takes place at Buckley Park, it turns an ordinary field into a scary and creepy walkthrough, where terrifying creatures and characters will put on a show, and even follow you through the path. The community works very hard to put on a show-you won't want to miss it."





Catherine Timm, administrative patent judge, resident for 17 years:

"My favorite place in Clifton to eat is the Villagio. It's Italian food – they serve very nice salads and small plates. They have a beautiful outdoor seating area with umbrellas and a waterfall, it's very relaxing."

Bill Hollaway, mayor of Clifton/attorney, resident for 23 years:

"One of the reasons you want to come is it's a national historic district and it's a turn of the century railroad town. But, it's living history - you can come and see a national historic district, but it's alive. You can get coffee, you can go to a pub, you can get cupcakes, get brick oven pizza, go to the shops, other restaurants, bars, ice cream, it's all there. That's what makes it such a great place."





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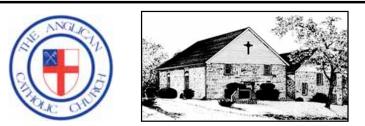
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Burnette Scarboro for School Board

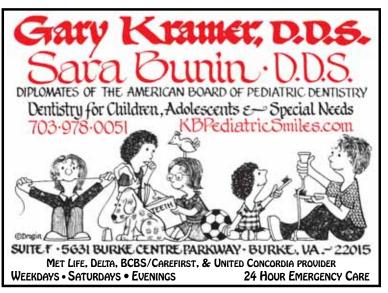


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My name is Burnette Scarboro and I am seeking an at-large seat on the Fairfax County School Board in November. I am running because the school board needs new members who have been embedded in the FCPS education system through parenting, employment and citizenry. I am that person.

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Arts & Organizations Workhouse Arts Center

Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center provides visual and performance art for a local audience. 703-584-2900 or www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5 - SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

Cabaret Series: Autumn in New York. Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Our cabaret team performs music to ease us into the Autumn season, featuring the best songs from Broadway 'selectively harvested' to put us in the mood for the end of the summer heat. Tickets at www.workhousearts.org. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Education Open House. 12 - 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The event is open to the public and will feature demos, hands-on workshops, opportunities to talk one-on-one with our instructors as well as explore our historic campus. www.workhousearts.org. Free.

Mise en Dance: Dance **Choreography Through**

Audience Interpretations. 7 p.m. W-16 - Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road. Lorton. Mise en Dance puts the creative process in center stage by opening up the process of creating dance. All are invited to join the creative process with the Beth Elliott Dance Group and artist from the Small Plates Choreography Festival Series. More info at www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT.12-SUNDAY/OCT.18

Sleeping Beauty. 1 p.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Presented by Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Sixteen years ago, a beautiful princess was born to the King and Queen while everyone in the entire kingdom celebrated! Well, almost everyone... Approximately 75 minutes. All Ages. More info at www.workhousearts.org. Tickets \$10-\$13

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 26 - 27 Workhouse Fall Arts Festival. 10

a.m. - 6p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The two-day festival is juried to include only the best fine art including painting, ceramics, glass and more. Local food vendors and gourmet food trucks, live music and local beer and wine. More info at



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NEWCOMERS Meet the Candidates for County Board

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

over your everyday lives.

They set your tax rate, fund the public school system, and determine priorities and policies for issues economic development, traffic calming and the environment.

They manage a \$7 billion buda diverse, well-educated popula-

community forward – or cost us livability and culture.

long-awaited Silver Line expan- for control of the legislature.

ou may be surprised – or sion, a success that directly benefits dismayed - to learn that you and your property values. Or, socioeconomic divide between afthe 10 men and women you may want to chide them for fluent Northern Virginia (NOVA) who occupy Fairfax the extra \$185 you will pay in where you now reside - and the County Board of Supervisors wield property taxes this year, or the gen-Rest of Virginia (ROVA) – where a enormous power and influence erous \$20,000 pay raise they gave chunk of your tax dollars disapproperty taxes.

They do want to hear from you. ranging from affordable housing, complaints about potholes on your homelessness and human services to road. Not because they don't care, but because they can't do anything about it.

In the Commonwealth of Virget, larger than the budgets of four ginia, the state builds, maintains states, and rule over a county with and operates local roads. Transportation funding, you will quickly tion of more than a million people. learn, is a perennial hot topic in Their decisions can propel our the Virginia General Assembly.

So is redistricting, also known as our first-rate status in education, gerrymandering, which has kept the Commonwealth in another If you happen to meet them this form of gridlock as Republicans election season, thank them for the and Democrats struggle ceaselessly

Another perennial problem is the themselves after increasing your pear. NOVA gets less back from moment Richmond than we send down there, and so Northern Virginians What they don't want to hear are have the privilege of paying extra guide, during an important electaxes (and tolls) to fund the badlyneeded improvements to our transportation infrastructure. It drives us a little crazy.

> As a newcomer, you may wonder why we still call ourselves a "Comginia retained this nomenclature as did Kentucky. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania - when we adopted our first constitution in 1776, most ward newcomers. 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 vou are from, vou are here now. In the Old Dominion, the Mother of Presidents. Let that sink in for a

We hope you will appreciate the fact that you are here, reading this tion 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, monwealth," instead of just an or- and give you the opportunity to dinary state. Good question. Vir- feel like "political insiders," we asked each of the 19 BOS candidates to give you their answers to questions specifically geared to-

Their responses are unedited and enlightening. We hope.

– Victoria Ross

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?

Supervisor

Incumbent:

Home: Alexandria

Phone: 703-501-7752

Email Address:

Jeffrey C.

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

Incumbent:

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

Challenger:

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

Challenger: Glenda Gail Parker

(Independent Green) Home: Alexandria Email Address: ggailparker@cox.net

Phone: 703-960-5602 Twitter - @ggailparker Web gailparker.us

ANSWERS: BULOVA

1) We are the most grass roots responsible for everything from ensuring clean drinking water, safe streets and neighborhoods, comour fantastic school system.

Fairfax has the most wonderful ment.' park system with something for everyone to enjoy. I jog through the **ANSWERS: PARKER** woods in Villa Park three times a 1) Your commute depends on #MoreTrainsLessTraffic/ week.

County's World Police & Fire and local rail feeder systems. We Games Women's Basketball Team. need light rail to serve tourists and



Sharon Bulova **Arthur Purves**

They won a gold medal at the VRE service throughout the day 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 dolevel of government. Our Board is ing 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 passionate human services, attrac- to adequately train public safety to tive parks and libraries to funding deal with people suffering from on YouTube: search for Indepenmental illness and diverting those dent Greens of Virginia or 2) Hard to choose a favorite. individuals from jail into treat-

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3) My current favorite is Fairfax Trains as fast as planes. Nationwide #www.GailParker.us

Glenda Parker

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 GailforRailParker YouTube channel.

team, the Kingston Princesses!

4) This is easy: #HHR4FXCounty/ politics, More Trains, Less Traffic! # G a ilfor R a ilrocks /

> Candidate Arthur Purvis did not respond to the questionno

Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity

Incumbent: Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R)

Home: Springfield Email Address: patherrity@gmail.com Phone: 703-222-7341 Twitter @PatHerrity Campaign website - patherrity.org

Challenger: Corazon S. Foley (Independent Green)

ie: Burke Email Address: corazonfolev@vahoo.com Phone: 703-250-1830

Twitter votejoinrun.us

*Click on button for Corazon Foley

ANSWERS: HERRITY

1) I am a firm believer that government closest to the people – the Board of Supervisors – must be the most respon sive. I take pride in the job I do working to resolve residents issues – from land use, to public safety, to schools, to transtion and neighborhood blight. I also believe communication is critical and I hold townhall meetings, attend HOA 3) My hometown girls' basketball meetings, and publish a newsletter – sign tp://www.fairfaxcounty.go 11D # springfield/herrity-reportnewsletter.htm. - I look forward to serving you.

2) The Town of Clifton for Clifton Day, Paradise Springs Winery, Burke Lake Park almost any day, and the Children's Science Center Lab at Fair Oaks Mall. 3) I prefer playing sports but like

Corazon S. Folev

watching the Washington Capitals and Football Virginia Tech 4) #WSHSJobs – I will be holding my second annual job fair for teens and re cent graduates at WSHS on March 12,

ANSWERS: FOLEY

1) As full-time Springfield Supervisor, I will provide leadership and community engagement for affordable taxes to maintain outstanding school system and safe neighborhoods. Vote for me, Corazon S. Foley, because the incumbent is not doing his job of constituent service to improve our quality of life, particularly for seniors. In particular, he has ignored our proposed solutions to redress unfairness toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families: other districts have 17 permanent senior centers Springfield District NONE!

2) My three Burke history books describe former Coffer properties in Springfield: Burke/Coffer home (1825); and Braddock: Second Coffer Home (1790); Little Zion Baptist Church (1891).

3) Th Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) Line Dance Teams won for three years the gold and silver medals in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics - and have been providing public service with free performances at numerous community events.

4) #buildSpringfieldSeniorCenter

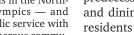
ANSWERS: MCKAY

1) The County Board is the elected body closest to the people and has the most direct impact on residents' quality of life-everything from zoning enforcement to schools, libraries, parks, human services and transportation. We set the property tax rate. We are where residents go for information and assistance, often for matters involving the state and federal govern-

ment even when they are not our responsibility. 2) The new Springfield Town Center—light years away from its predecessor and a vibrant shopping and dining center that appeals to residents and visitors alike. 3) The Saints

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4)#FBIheadquartersinSpringfield www.ConnectionNewspapers.com





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 Herrity** (Springfield District) and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District).

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Money: How much

V e've compiled the most recent financial filings for

through June 30, 2015. The next financial report will be filed in

candidates filed on July 15 for the period from Jan. 1, 2012

candidates in the 2015 race for Fairfax County Board

of Supervisors. The figures represent the reports

have they raised?

Race: Lee District

Jeffrey C. McKay (D) *Running Unopposed

friendsofjeffmckay@gmail.com



September. For more details on candidates' financial filings, go to www.VPAP.org/localities/Fairfax-county-va/elections/tracked/

— Victoria Ross

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

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

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

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

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

Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D) Incumbent Money Raised: \$9,226 Monev Spent: \$22,894 Balance: \$20.867

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

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

Mollie Loeffler (I) Money Raised: \$18,557 Money Spent: \$5,708 Balance: \$12,848 Source: Virginia Public Access Project **Mount Vernon Supervisor** Jane Gandee (R)

Money Raised: \$52,988 Money Spent: \$32,201 Balance: \$20,786

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

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

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

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

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

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

Balance: \$6,837

Chairman, Board of Supervisors (At Large) Arthur Purves (R) Money Raised: \$12,223 Money Spent: \$5.384

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



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Year-round Entertainment



Photo courtesy of Jeannie Winslow, Burke Centre Festival 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.



Photo contributed

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.

LIST COMPILED BY ABIGAIL Constantino 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.

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

ChalkFest. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for spectators, participants register for a fee which includes supplies. Rain or shine. Information: publicartreston.org.

TURDAY/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-ofevents.html for more.
- Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons



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 and click on Festival.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

- Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dulles International Airport. Teams of 25 are pitted against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airbus 12 feet the fastest in Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser. Visit www.planepull.com.
- Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival. 12-6 p.m. 8025 Galleria Drive, McLean, Attend for a day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbecue eatin'. Your admission buys a sampling glass so you can enjoy all you care to taste while attending seminars in the tasting theater and enjoying live music all day. Visit http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/ show-info.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Food for Others Tysons 5K. 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of about 5 percent - more than 90,000 people are living in poverty and 30 percent are children. Come run or walk to help feed our neighbors. Visit https://

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26 - TUESDAY/NOV. 3

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

- Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit http://act.alz.org/site/ TR?fr_id=7382&pg=entry.
- **Reston Multicultural Festival**. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit

www.restoncommunitycenter.com/

MulticulturalFestival.shtml.

20th Annual CCÉ Irish Folk Festival. Noon-7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/ special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 26-27

Workhouse Fall Arts Festival 2015. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Over 100 of the nation's best artists will exhibit their original fine art and crafts. The two-day outdoor festival will include work by artists from across the Mid-Atlantic region, showcasing paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafted furniture and much more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27 - SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

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

October 2015

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

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

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

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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Walk to End Alzheimer's, 10 a.m. Reston Town

CALENDAR

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.

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.
- **Tysons 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.

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.

November 2015

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

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

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

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

FRIDAY/NOV. 27

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

MONDAY/NOV. 30

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

December 2015

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

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

FOURTH SATURDAY IN MAY

Springfield Days. A community-wide celebration that harkens back to the good old days. Visit 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.

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.

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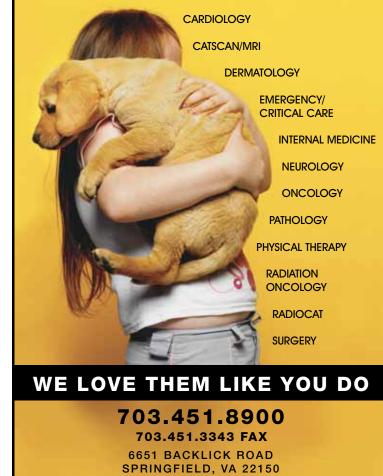
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GF Great Falls National Park

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 **DULLES AIRPORT** 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.

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 amphitheaters 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 though 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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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, extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, an 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.

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Occoquan Regional Park 9751 Ox Road, Lorton

www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/ 703-690-2121

This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and 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.

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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 Pennisula 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.



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.

Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course 703-339-8585

This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207 www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/ 703-528-5406

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

Sandy Run Regional Park 10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/ 703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark 6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/

www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/ 703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org

Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

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LAC Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton www.lortonarts.org

703-584-2900

The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space. 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

CIP 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 baseballl, 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

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, craftroom 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

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

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





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- **21 Mosby Woods** 9813 Five Oaks Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **22 East Blake Lane** 9540 Bel Glade Street, Fairfax Community Park
- **23 Villa Lee** 2901 Hunter Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **24 Hideaway** 2900 Glenvale Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **25 Towers** 9350 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax Community Park
- **26 Armistead** 8900 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- 27 Eakin (Mantua Section) 8928 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **28 Smokewood** 4120 Whitacre Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **29 Ashford East** 4300 Guinea Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

- **30 George Mason** 9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **31 Rutherford** 4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax Community Park
- **32 University** 10200 Braddock Road, Fairfax Community Park
- **33 Olde Forge** 4604 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **34 Surrey Square** 4819 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **35 Country Club View** 10609 Henrico Street, Fairfax Community Park
- **36 Crooked Creek** 9910 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax Community Park
- **37 Royal Lake** 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax Community Park
- **38 Rolling Woods Estates** 5208a Marvell Lane, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

- **39 Twinbrook Road** 5124 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **40 Middleridge** 5425a Governor Yeardley Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **41 Greenfield** 5349 Guinea Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **42 Monticello** 5315 Guinea Road, Fairfax Community Park
- **43 Kings Park West** 5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax Community Park
- **44 Lakeside** 5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax Community Park
- **45 Herzell Woods** 5328 Guinea Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park
- **46 Fairfax Hills** 4304 Holly Lane, Annandale Neighborhood Park
- **47 Fair Ridge** 12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax



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.

- Neighborhood Park **48 Ox Hill Battlefield** 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax Cultural Resource Park
- **49 Poburn Woods** 6325 Wendy Ann Court, Fairfax Station Community Park
- **50 Brimstone** 6600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station Neighborhood Park
- **51 Burke Lake & Golf Course** 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station Multiple Resource Park
- **52 Lake Mercer** 9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station
- Multiple Resource Park
 53 Levell W Dupell
- 6812 Newington Road, Lorton Community Park 54 Mount Air Historic Site
- 8600 Accotink Road, Lorton Cultural Resource Park
- **55 Southgate** 7438 Pohick Road, Lorton Neighborhood Park

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

Burke Station

- **56 Pohick Estates** 7450 Pollen Street, Lorton Community Park
- **57 Newington Commons** 8915 Hooes Road, Lorton Neighborhood Park
- 58 Mason Neck West 10418 Old Colchester Road, Lorton Community Park
- **59 Tattersall** 3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton Community Park
- **60 Oak Marr** 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton Multiple Resource Park
- **61 Borge Street** 3030 Borge Street, Oakton Neighborhood Park
- **62 Blake Lane School Site** 10033 Blake Lane, Oakton Community Park
- **63 Briarwood** 2830 Zimpel Dr., Fairfax Community Park
- **64 Patriot** 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax District Park

65 Mountain Road District 15620 Braddock Road, Fairfa



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.



The South County boys' basketball program won its first conference championship in 2015.

Getting to Know Area High School Sports

South County

Highlights: Boys' basketball team won Conference 7 championship.

School: South County High School.
Mascot: Stallions.
School Colors: Navy blue, forest green and silver.
Athletic Director: Leah Conte, 703-446-1675.
Football Coach: Gerry Pannoni (fifth season).
The Stallions finished 10-2, won a share of the Conference 7 championship and reached the 6A

North region quarterfinals.

Volleyball Coach: Trista Barnhart. Field Hockey Coach: Angela Bashore. Boys' Basketball Coach: Travis Hess. Girls' Basketball Coach: Patrick Noel. Baseball Coach: Robbie Smith. Softball Coach: Gary Dillow. Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Dale Nalls. Girls' Soccer Coach: Dia Pannoni. Rival School: Havfield.

What happened last year: The volleyball

team went 26-4, won the Conference 7 championship and reached the region semifinals. Then-sophomore gymnast Collea Burgess won the conference all-around championship, helping the Stallions win the team title. The boys' lacrosse team won the conference championship and reached the region quarterfinals. The boys' basketball team won the conference title. The baseball, girls' basketball, girls' soccer and softball teams finished conference runners-up. The field hockey team reached the region quarterfinals.

Notable: The boys' basketball and gymnastics programs each won their first conference championships in 2015. The boys' basketball team entered the conference tournament as the No. 7 (lowest) seed and defeated T.C. Williams, Lake Braddock and Woodson to win the title.

Quotable: "It's overwhelming. We came from the seventh seed. ... We worked hard to get here and we finished it out." — Then-freshman guard Isaiah Borders after the boys' basketball team won the Conference 7 title.

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DePasquale (182) won state titles. The gymnastics

team repeated as Conference 5 champion. The soft-

ball team went 18-6, won the conference title and

reached the region semifinals. The field hockey

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' pro-

gram finished state runner-up in 2006 and 2009.

like the underdog coming in and I think that helped us out a little bit."

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.

Ouotable: "I do like how we had a little more

– Then-senior Chapman Jasien after the 2015

team finished 16-5 and qualified for regionals.

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



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

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Lake Braddock

onship.

Highlights: Boys' XC, boys', girls' indoor, outdoor track won region titles.School: Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Mascot: Bruins.

School Colors: Purple and gold. Athletic Director: Mike Clark, 703-426-1001. Football Coach: Jim Poythress (12th season).

The Bruins finished 10-3, won their sixth consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District title and reached the region semifinals.

Volleyball Coach: Aubrey Eaton. Field Hockey Coach: Marie Bounds Bullock. Cross Country Coach: Michael Mangan. Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Metress. Girls' Basketball Coach: John Giannelli. Baseball Coach: Jody Rutherford. Boys' Soccer Coach: Joe Soos. Rival School: Robinson.

What Happened Last Year: The boys' cross country team won the 6A state championship. Then-senior Alex Corbett won the individual state

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 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 of the last three seasons. In 2013, the Cavaliers overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat title. Teammate Kevin Monogue placed second. The girls' cross country team finished state runnerup, led by a second-place finish by Kate Murphy. The boys' and girls' outdoor track and field teams and indoor track teams won 6A North region titles. The baseball and softball teams won Conference 7 championships.

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CROSS COUNTRY

IRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

The Lake Braddock boys' cross country team won the 2014 state champi-

Notable: The boys' cross country team's 2014 state championship was the program's first since 1987.

Quotable: "One of the last things we talked about [prior to the race] was, this is business. We have done all our investing, we picked all the right stocks, we think, we've done all that and now it's time to cash in on our investment. This is just business."

— Lake Braddock cross country coach Michael Mangan about the boys' team's approach to the state meet.



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection Then-senior Eric Bowls scored 20 points in his final game as a member of the Woodson boys' basketball team.

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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Visit Area Landmarks



Gunston Hall: Lorton

Virginia is a state prominently known for its rich American history. About 240 years ago, in the lands that are now filled with suburban houses, cities and highways, was a place in which the founding fathers discovered ways to run a country. To appreciate this unique time period, people from all over the world travel to the homes of James Madison, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. However, many people often forget the home of George Mason, a man who played a significant role in the creation of America's democracy. Gunston Hall is the 18th century plantation home of George Mason, located in Lorton.

"It [Gunston Hall] has so much to offer," said tour guide, Dawn Callaway.

"You learn about architecture, agriculture and history."

Gunston Hall provides a variety of museum programs and tours that exemplify the beauty of colonial architecture and display a typical day in colonial America. It is located 20 miles south of Washington, D.C. on the Potomac River at 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, and is open from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Don't miss out on the opportunity to see an incredible piece of history. For more information on programs and events, visit www.gunstonhall.org.



Workhouse Arts Center: Lorton

After years of living in an unsanitary and overcrowded prison, D.C. prisoners gained hope for a better life as they transferred to the Workhouse building in the 20th century. The new prison taught prisoners skills such as making bricks, blacksmithing and agricultural work. The labor was eventually supposed to help prisoners become self-sufficient and healthy as they enter back into the real world. Opportunities at the Workhouse still exist today. However not for prisoners. In 2002, the building and 2324 acres was sold to Fairfax County. Later that year, the Lorton Arts Foundation established the www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

building as a cultural arts center.

Today, hundreds of events, programs and classes are offered at what is now called the Workhouse Arts Center, located in Lorton. Every Saturday at 7 p.m., families go to enjoy live music, delicious food and beautiful artwork. Dance, yoga, Pilates, and various forms of art classes are offered as well at the Workhouse Arts Center. For more information on programs, events, and classes visit http:// www.workhousearts.org/. The Workhouse Arts Center is located in 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

Mason Neck State Park: Lorton

In 1969, an audacious young woman named Elizabeth Hartwell showed men and women all over the country that a housewife can make a tremendous difference. One day, as Hartwell was exploring the land, which is now known as Mason Neck

State Park, she spotted an eagle's nest in a tree and found it to be quite interesting. Unfortunately, she had also found out that the government had planned to build a community and airport in that same area. Through diligent advocacy and dedication, Hartwell managed to prove to the government that the land was necessary for eagle nesting and feeding. As a result, the Mason Neck State Park became the first eagle preservation park in America and encouraged

Town of Clifton

Not only is it the home to 294 people in the southwest of Virginia, but the Town of Clifton also remains a great piece of history. During the civil war, two engagements between the Union army and the Confederate army took place at Sangster's station, a train station located about one mile from the

town. Almost every house in the area also holds a unique piece of history. As you walk around from house to house, signs are kept outside that describe who built it, what it was built for and the architectural purpose behind it. The Town of Clifton is also known



other states to take action as well.

Now it stands as an educational program facility for kids all ages and a stable environment for eagles and other wildlife. Family and friends also visit the park to experience boating and hiking adventures. For more information on the various programs, summer camps, and events at Mason Neck State Park, visit http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mason neck/. It is located in High Point Road, Lorton.



for its quaint and picturesque looks. Adults enjoy visiting the old-fashioned antique and wine shops, while kids usually go to visit the famous Peterson's Ice Cream shop. The Town of Clifton is located in Main Street, Clifton.

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park: Clifton

Whether it's for a school trip or a day with the family, the Hemlock Overlook Regional Park includes activities that entertain all kinds of groups of people. The park has only one wish in return; and that is for its

teamwork.

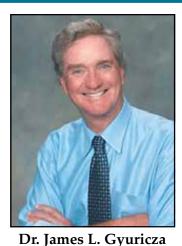
Through activities such as, zip-lining, rope courses, and rock climbing, the park also serves as an Outdoor Education Center operated by an ACA Accredited camp. The name, Hemlock was originated due to the large amount of hemlock trees in the area. The Hemlock Overlook Regional Park is

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guests to understand the importance of known for its famous hiking trails, beautiful forest scenery, and canoeing adventures. For more information on programs and events taking place in the park, visit http:// /www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/ . The park is located in Yates Ford Road, Clifton, Virginia.

-Elza Thomas





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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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