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Officers salute while the National Anthem is being sung by the Fairfax County Police Honor Guard during the Opening Ceremonies of the 38th Annual Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo.

## Displaying Their Skills

The 38th Annual Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rider's Committee, Inc. and the Mid-Atlantic Region Make-A-Wish Foundation hosted the 2016 Motor Rodeo Competition at the Dulles Expo Center in

Chantilly last week. Fairfax County Police Motor Squad participated with motorcycle officers from around the country and Canada as they displayed their skills and abilities in the police motorcycle safety competition.



Ethan Spaulding, 6, from Fredericksburg, sits on a Secret Service motorcycle.



PFC Jessica Kane with the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad practices for police motorcycle rodeo on Aug. 18.



PFC Dave Pierce with the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad surveys the course at the Dulles Expo Center.

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## Lightning Sparks Fire

**Fairfax County Fire and Rescue units were dispatched on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 9:03 p.m. to the 6100 block of Kendra Way in Centreville for a report of a townhouse fire. Fire was visible from the attic area of a three-story, middle row townhouse. Firefighters from West Centerville Fire Station 38 accounted for the occupants, who were safely outside, and then proceeded to extinguish the fire from the exterior of the home. Investigation revealed that the fire was caused by lightning striking the roof. Total property loss is estimated at \$20,000 while total property value saved is estimated at \$291,000, according to fire officials.**

## Dairy Days at Sully Historic Site

Sully Historic Site is hosting Dairy Days. Participants age five to adult can churn butter, crank ice cream and play historic games for a taste of 18<sup>th</sup>-century life. Hour-long sessions will be held at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The tour cost is separate. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>.

## Rec-PAC Donates 1,000 Pounds of Food

Terri Kelly, Food Pantry coordinator at Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM), received almost 1,000 pounds of canned and boxed food donated by the Fairfax County Park Authority's Rec-PAC participants as a part of Rec-PAC Gives Back Week. WFCM shelves are often a little bare in August and the donations from Rec-PAC kids and families, many from low-income homes themselves, provides support to families in need in Fairfax. Rec-PAC (Pretty Awesome Children) is a six-week structured recreation program with emphasis on leisure skills designed for elementary school children. For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/>.

<mh>Free Carseat Inspections  
Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust it, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000 to confirm dates and times.

## NEWS

# Frey To Lead Study Group

## Dulles Suburban Area Study Advisory Group formed.

By BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**or the first time in 23 years, the Dulles Suburban Center is getting a thorough review. Work has already begun to document what's there now and consider recommendations for potential land-use changes and future development.

And now, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) has established the Dulles Suburban Area Study Advisory Group to help with this task. She's also named former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey as its chairman.

The Dulles Suburban Center is comprised of some 6,300 acres along the western edge of Fairfax County. They're adjacent to Dulles International Airport along the Route 28 and Route 50 Corridors. Herndon is to the north, with residential uses to the east and south. This area is also one of the county's largest employment centers, containing an estimated 78,000 jobs and more than 31 million square feet of office/industrial space.

It contains more than 50 million square feet of development, with the main one being office use, comprising 40 percent of the land use there. Next comes industrial/industrial flex at 23 percent and residential at 22 percent.

Currently, an estimated 65 million square feet may still be developed there. Most of it is south of Route 50, in and around the Westfields Corporate Center. Combined with the more than 50 million square feet of already-developed land, that would be some 115 million square feet total.

However, in large areas of the Dulles Suburban Center, existing zoning districts allow industrial and office uses, while the county's Comprehensive Plan — the official blueprint for future development — promotes a mix of residential, office, retail and ho-



Michael Frey

tel uses.

However, environmental and noise issues must also be taken into consideration. For example, the Dulles Suburban Center extends across two watersheds; and with the land's proximity to the airport, residential development in some sections may be incompatible with high levels of aircraft noise.

So the new advisory group will have many matters on its plate. And on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m., it will hold a public meeting in the Rocky Run Middle School cafeteria, 4400 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly.

The members will be introduced to the community and will provide an overview of the scope of their work.

Another meeting is also slated for Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Westfields Blvd. in Chantilly, to discuss how the group's work relates to Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan, which will also be reviewed.

Besides Frey, the group has 13 members representing residents, business and home owners, plus property managers, but more may be added. They are: Karrie Delaney, Poplar Tree Estates; David Metcalf, Virginia Run; Greg White, COPT/landlord in Westfields; Mark McConn, Fairfax Center Working Group; Galileo Lopez, Armfield Farms; Carol Hawn, WFCCA; Bill Keech, Westfields Business Owners Association; Lewis Grimm, Franklin Farms, Karen Campblin, Tree Commission; Jehanne Arslan, Difficult Run; Donald Park, Korean Chamber of Commerce; David Skiles, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce; and Marvin Powell, small-business owner.

"We've brought together this diverse advisory group to provide valuable feedback as we plan for the future of the Dulles Suburban Area," said Smith. "I'm especially excited to have Supervisor Michael Frey returning to chair the group."

## Stand-off Ends through Negotiation

**S**ully Police District officers were called to a home in the 11900 block of Henderson Court shortly after 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 for the report of a 20-year-old man experiencing emotional distress, possibly armed with a handgun and allegedly threatening to harm himself.

Officers established a perimeter around the home and neighbors were notified by the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC) through the use of a reverse 911 call. DPSC personnel kept the man on the phone until crisis negotiators arrived. Family members, initially inside the home, were able to leave without harm.

A barricade was officially declared at about 9:56 a.m. and a SWAT team was dispatched to the scene. Personnel from Mobil Crisis and from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department were also called to the scene.



FCPD Photo

**Police respond to a call from a home in the 11900 block of Henderson Court.**

Negotiations continued until the man inside the home surrendered and was taken into custody shortly after 3 p.m. There were no injuries. A temporary detention order was obtained for the man who will be evaluated.



# OPINION

## Lifesaving Conversations Every Day

### Take one action for awareness of National Suicide Prevention week #MindsMatter.

BY WENDY GRADISON  
CEO, PRS, INC.



**Wendy Gradison.**

It's 3 p.m. School's out. Like clockwork, alerts start ringing, letting our crisis workers know that young people are out of class, and they need to talk.

"Hi, I don't know who to talk to. I don't know what to do." Every day PRS, a local nonprofit helping those with mental health issues and facing life crises, gets texts like these through our CrisisText Connect textline.

Our trained volunteers respond and engage in life-saving conversations with teens and others who are facing life crises, steering them to help and safety. Having dialogues and making it easier to discuss problems before crisis occurs is key to preventing suicides. After all, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death nationwide and second leading

Media Campaign. Visit [prsinc.org/mindsmatter](http://prsinc.org/mindsmatter). We designed the campaign to encourage the community to pledge to do something that raises awareness about suicide prevention. Our #MindsMatter campaign uses social media as a catalyst for conversation and action to prevent suicide. Our campaign deputizes the community, providing ways to "pledge" to spread the word, change minds and save lives. This is an especially important way to reach younger people with a message of hope.

The #MindsMatter pledge outlines activities that people can do to make a difference and spread awareness before, during and after the week. Anyone can take the pledge by visiting

cause for people aged 15-24, so the individual and societal toll of suicide is real.

In preparation for National Suicide Prevention Week NSPW which starts Sept. 5, PRS has teamed up with Connection Newspapers to host the second annual #MindsMatter Social

www.prsinc.org/mindsmatter or the Connection Newspaper's social media pages. Examples of activities people can pledge to do include:

- Following PRS Facebook and Twitter pages
- Submitting a selfie showing support of National Suicide Prevention Week
- Participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's walk on Sept. 24, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness walk on Sept. 24
- Taking a stress test
- Sharing the campaign with family and friends
- Setting a personal goal to improve mental health
- Reading and sharing stories about individuals who have survived a suicide attempt and/or helping individuals cope with thoughts of suicide
- Signing up for a suicide prevention workshop

Each year, more than 42,000 Americans die by suicide. Despite this statistic, for every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. By participating in the #MindsMatter campaign, you can play a role making it okay to discuss suicide and mental health issues openly. Take the pledge. It may just save a life.

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#### COMMENTARY

## County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

### What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

BY DR. KAREN K. GARZA  
SUPERINTENDENT, FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Karen Garza.**

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year in Fairfax County Public Schools. With each new school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to build upon our previous successes and continue to improve our work with our students.

We are continuing to look to our Portrait of a Graduate and our strategic plan in shaping our future work. Our most pressing challenge is making this vision a reality for every child in our system. How do we refine what we do to ensure that all of our students graduate well-prepared for this rapidly changing world? We acknowledge that this is a daunting challenge, but there is no school system in the United

States more well-prepared and well-equipped to effectively respond to these important issues. The goals of education can no longer simply be to provide the basic literacy skills for the majority of the students, while reserving the teaching of skills for higher order 21<sup>st</sup> century thinking for a select few. As we learn more about the skills our students will need for success in this changing world, we recognize the need to innovate — to consider new and different ways to design instructional practices to support the development of these essential skills.

We are also working to define contemporary teaching and learning practices while better integrating technology. For example, through a pilot program we are calling FCPSON — this

year we begin evaluating how digital resources can best scaffold that model — and how we provide teachers and students with the tools and policies needed to facilitate the use of that technology.

One change you will see this school year is a new central website and a new FCPS logo. Our new website will better serve everyone — it is mobile responsive, features more modern design — and search will work. As we modernized our website, we also believed it was time to reimagine the FCPS logo. While the previous logo has served us well for 40 years, we heard from many that it was time to transform our logo to one reflective of who we are now and who we aspire to be in the years to come.

Our new logo includes a tie to our legacy, while representing our role as a catalyst — sparking curiosity, learning and excellence for our students, employees and community.

I wish all students, teachers, parents and the entire FCPS community a very successful and fulfilling school year in FCPS where all are engaged, inspired, and thrive.

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#### AUGUST SCHEDULE CHANGES

**Jubilee Christian Center**, Fairfax, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, has changed the mid-week schedule as follows: Aug. 31, family movie night with pizza and popcorn, 7 p.m. Wednesday evening Family Night activities will resume Sept. 7, 7:15 p.m. (Adult Bible Study, Boys and Girls Ministries) Also, College Kairos at 7 p.m. Call 703-383-1170, or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org) for activities.

#### MONDAY/AUG. 29

**Volunteers Needed.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbarn Drive, Centreville. Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes. Middle and high school students are welcome to volunteer as well to earn service hours. Sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FACA92EA3FE3-envelope](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FACA92EA3FE3-envelope).

#### THROUGH SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

**Preschool Enrollment.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Learning Experience, 4150 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Visit

The Learning Experience in Chantilly/South Riding and learn about classes for ages 2 and older that feature STEM lessons, sign language and a focus on play with Make Believe Boulevard. Take advantage of a week-long open house, Monday, Aug. 22-Friday, Aug. 26. Open house is free. Contact Judy McClimans at [chantilly@TLEchildcare.com](mailto:chantilly@TLEchildcare.com) or 703-378-7391.

#### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

**Annual SYA Board Meeting.** The Southwestern Youth Association will be holding its annual Executive

Board of Directors Election Meeting at the SYA Office at 5950 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville beginning at 7:30 p.m. The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are currently being accepted and may be submitted to the SYA Office at [admin@syayouthsports.org](mailto:admin@syayouthsports.org). Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. Open to the community. Any questions, contact the SYA Office at 703-815-3362 or [admin@syayouthsports.org](mailto:admin@syayouthsports.org).

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# Chef-in-Training Program for Those with Disabilities

## Sangiorgio works with Community Services Board.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lberto Sangiorgio walks through the kitchen at Wildflour Caterers bumping pinky fingers with Tasha, stopping to say hello to Cathleen and Phillipe as he walks by.

"The first thing I do every morning is say hello individually to each person — that is, after I talk to my mother" as he points to her picture on the wall. "I tell her how grateful I am for everything she did that got me here today." Sangiorgio is head chef and general manager of Wildflour Catering located in an industrial park off Willard Road in Chantilly. Sangiorgio employs 49 people with disabilities. This year he developed a 26-month curriculum for his "chef-in-training" program. Sangiorgio says he began with a class of six students who will graduate in 2018 and he has chosen nine more to follow soon. Students come from Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Prince William County and Fairfax County.

"They will be trained A to Z in everything

absolutely possible, to fry, to cook." He said the first thing they learn is how to make tomato-basil, chicken and veggie soups. "As they learn a skill or a recipe, it goes into the blue book. They started dicing onions, now they're cutting on the bias. Right now it is slow as they get the technique; the speed will come later. They'll be cutting chicken, trimming beef." Sangiorgio explains they have a system to trim the chicken, take the fat out. "You want perfection. We teach them skills to cook to perfection."

The students work from 8:15 a.m. - 2 p.m. five days a week. "They love coming here," Sangiorgio said. "We work with their parents and I meet with the families every six weeks. I tell the parents this is a job and their kids need to work at it. And it's not just working; it's attitude." Signs on bulletin boards throughout the building encourage: "The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here."

Sangiorgio says they provide a number of services for the employees. The walls in the hallway of the building are crowded with framed certificates for "employee of the month."

"We also give them each a certificate of their own to take home when they are chosen as employee of the month." They must have perfect attendance, a good attitude, treat each other with respect and dress ap-



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE

**Alberto Sangiorgio says his program to train employees with disabilities to become chefs will teach them everything A to Z. After the 26-month course is complete, it will conclude with a 4-5 hour test where they will prepare an entire meal.**

propriately. "We work on it all. A little drop every day. It gives them incentive and they are very proud to receive an award," he said. Other posters feature the progress of the six students in the first class. Further down the hall is a collage of snapshots from the annual Christmas excursions to Children's Hospital where the students deliver toys to the sick children. "See those big grins. It teaches our employees to give beyond themselves."

Sangiorgio passes the conference room. A large white board says: "Air borne illness"

and "cross contamination." He says they have sessions for the employees to teach them about different aspects of food. "Notice how clean everything is in the kitchen. Hygiene is a priority."

The kitchen door swings open. Five of the six students in the first class are working at a large wooden counter. Joey is grating carrots. They will be used for the vegetable soup. Next to him Jonathan is cleaning mushrooms that will go into chicken cacciatore with Kerry snapping beans that will go into a salad.

Across the way Neil Dejesus is mixing scrambled eggs, salsa picanté, chopped scalions and jalapenos, mixed shredded provolone and cheddar cheeses. "I will add chopped chicken that I have roasted for about 40 minutes with thyme and wrap it in a burrito,"

Dejesus said. He started as a new chef in April after 13 years working on a cruise ship and will help teach the students.

Sangiorgio said, "I got this burrito recipe when I was visiting my son in Austin and I asked the chef what was in it. It makes a good breakfast." The burritos will join veggie spring rolls, salmon cakes, chicken quesadillas and Santa Fe chicken rolls in the glass case in the Wildflour café next to the shelves loaded with fresh pastries. Nearby the lunch buffet is spread out with salad

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## The Weak That Just Was

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



One of my cancer-patient survivorship goals has been to, whenever possible, not look the part, act the part or live the part. This past week, the eating challenges I endured and the emotional and psychological havoc it wrecked upon me stopped me from "not" doing any of the three: I looked, acted and lived the part. And aside from the unpleasantness (some of which was detailed in last week's column), looking, feeling and being the way I was, were such negative reinforcers that it has further prevented me from regaining my equilibrium, both emotionally and physically.

Not that I'm ever unaware of my circumstances or not mindful of my mortality/abbreviated life expectancy, but the less obvious it is, and the less impact the treatment has on me, the more I am able to live like I'm not dying. However, when symptoms manifest themselves and compromise some of my activities of daily living, the more difficult it is for me to delude myself into thinking that my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer is chronic/treatable rather than "incurable/treatable," as my oncologist quite clearly characterized it seven and a half years ago.

Believe me, the last thing I need are reminders. The first thing I need are pretenders (which is really just another word for hope). And though I have absolutely nothing to complain about 90 months into a "13-month to two-year prognosis," my reality is, every day is precious and days lost to side effects are days I can't afford to lose. Moreover, when you consider the lack of control I experienced over this last week and the associated feelings of helplessness – along with the fear that this not eating was morphing from temporary to permanent, you have a recipe for emotional disaster. And "emotional disaster" does not help yours truly or any other cancer/seriously ill patient fend off the demons and level the playing field. In fact, it tips it in the complete wrong direction. And tipping it in the wrong direction is all it's cracked up to be.

So much of what I am going through is psychological. I am constantly telling myself (not aloud but in print, I would admit) to persevere, not overreact, balance the bad with the good, forget your prognosis, forget your "terminal" diagnosis, forget the extremely discouraging mortality statistics, believe all the non-Western stuff I'm doing is helping, don't slack, don't abuse the privilege of life I've been given and finally, be grateful for every day.

Still, five days of not eating seemed to compromise my emotional wherewithal. It's as if I didn't have the mental capacity necessary to talk myself out of the dark hole I had fallen into. It was a struggle to be sure and one I've experienced many times before, but for some reason, and this is the scary part, this post-chemo week was the worst. Now moving forward, my next chemotherapy infusion is not for four weeks as we've extended the interval to five weeks (from four), alternating my future intervals to four weeks, five weeks, four weeks, etc., through my next quarterly scan in mid October. If the results of that next scan continue to be encouraging, I'll be an extremely happy man. But as I am well aware, there are no guarantees in cancer and success is measured scan to scan. In the interim though, I have to coexist with my reality. It's not ideal, but "ideal" left the building in February, 2009.

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## SPORTS

# Getting To Know ...

## Centreville Sports

**School:** Centreville High School.  
**Mascot:** Wildcats.  
**School Colors:** Columbia blue, black and silver.

**Athletic Director:** Jimmy Sanabria.  
**Football Coach:** Chris Haddock (seventh year).

After reaching the state title game two years in a row, the Wildcats finished 4-6 and missed postseason play in 2015.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Demby Banbury.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Kevin Harris.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Tom Watson.  
**Baseball Coach:** Scott Findley.  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Ashley Kimener.  
**Rival Schools:** Chantilly, Westfield.

**What Happened Last Year:** The girls' lacrosse team made it all the way to the state tournament, but lost in the first round to state champion Robinson. The baseball team made a great run in the regional playoffs, but were defeated after a great season.

## Chantilly Sports

**School:** Chantilly High School.  
**Mascot:** Chargers.  
**School Colors:** Purple and white.  
**Athletic Director:** Corey Bowerman.  
**Football Coach:** Michael Lalli (12th year).  
The Chargers finished the 2015 season with a 6-6 record, including a playoff victory over Madison.

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

**What Happened Last Year:** The baseball team finished their season as state champions, along with a 6A North region, and a Conference 5 championship. The baseball team has previously finished as the state runner up the last two seasons, but this year they were able to defeat Battlefied 3-2. Jared Enders delivered a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh to seal the deal.

## Westfield Sports

**School:** Westfield High School  
**Mascot:** Bulldogs  
**School Colors:** Black, gold and white  
**Athletic Director:** Terri Towle.  
**Football Coach:** Kyle Simmons (sixth year)  
The Bulldogs finished 14-1, and defeated Oscar Smith in the 6A state championship 49-42 in a dramatic triple overtime game.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Starr Karl  
**Volleyball Coach:** Jim Bour  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Doug Ewell

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Maggie Endler  
**Girls' Lacrosse coach:** Katie Ruch  
**Rival Schools:** Centreville, Chantilly

**What Happened Last Year:** The football team won the state title, defeating Oscar Smith 49-42. Tim Beard ran for 234 yards in the victory. The boys' basketball team also won a state championship. After being upset in the regional playoffs, the Bulldogs came storming back in the state tournament and defeated Oscar Smith 74-56 in the final.

— UPDATED BY AARON LUNDMARK

# Chef-in-Training Program

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ingredients for “make your own” and a selection of prepared specialties, produced by the employees. “Usually my lunch is this seafood, the egg salad and the cold potatoes with vinegar,” Sangiorgio said.

Sangiorgio walks into an adjoining kitchen waving at a number of employees scattered around the room. Daniel V. is from Alexandria but travels to Chantilly where he makes the famous dog biscuits produced by the kitchen. They are rolling out dough for the dog biscuits. They are stamping out the dog bone shape, pricking the biscuits with a metal roller so they won't rise, and then baked. After two days of drying, the dog bones will be packaged in round plastic containers for sale. “It took me seven years to develop the recipe, to get them ‘just right crunchy.’ You’ve got to be patient.” He adds that they are a big seller.

Sangiorgio says part of the training includes food manager skills so the students can be certified as a food manager, which is important to get a job in the field.

“We give them a problem and ask them

how they would fix it. For instance what would happen if you left raw chicken out while you took a break? You would have to throw it away and we teach them the value of how much it would cost to do that. At the end of the course, we will set up a super test. It will be 4-5 hours where they will make a whole meal,” he said.

Sangiorgio says that his students with disabilities learn the same way as everyone else. The only difference is the length of time it takes to learn. “We go to them and work within their box so it's easy for them. We don't ask them to come to us.”

Wildflour opened in 1994 and at that time employed three people with disabilities. Today Wildflour is a million dollar business with 49 employees with disabilities and 79 applications on file from those hoping to get hired at Wildflour.

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**Open Rehearsal.** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxjubilaire.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org) for more.

**Toddlin' Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early

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**Storytime for Three to Fives.** Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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**Scientific Wonders.** 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Many of the technologies and items that help predict weather, cook, process material and thread into clothing and help cure ills, were founded in earlier centuries. At Sully, learn what 18th

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## FRIDAY/AUG. 26

**ChildTime Magic.** 1 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Louis the Magician incorporates characters, comedy and audience participation into his performance. Free. Visit [www.shopfairoaksmall.com](http://www.shopfairoaksmall.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 27

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**First Responders Day.** 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax

Station Railroad Museum will host Civil War re-enactors and modern practitioners who will demonstrate medical and rescue practices then and now in commemoration of Fairfax Station's role as an evacuation center during the Battle of Second Manassas in 1862. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org).

**Hands-On History.** 2:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Drop children off and let him or her travel back in time with a costumed interpreter to explore the lives of 19th century children. Various activities include games, farm chores, and toy making, then make something tasty. Tickets are \$10 for Fairfax County residents, \$12 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

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## SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

**Bichon Bash.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The 2016 Bichon Bash is sponsored by the Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for children. Visit [www.bichonbash.org](http://www.bichonbash.org) for more.  
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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Looking Toward the Future

Roads, homes, shops, restaurants and grocery stores.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith an infusion of money for the I-66 Interchange, plus developers looking to build more homes, restaurants, stores and two new grocery stores here, Centreville and Chantilly are the places to be in Northern Virginia. Here's a look at just some of the things planned for the near future.

## Development Projects

### Residences at Government Center

With the goal of providing workforce housing in the local area, Fairfax County officials broke ground last year on a 270-unit apartment complex in Fair Oaks. The apartments are being built on county-owned land off Monument Drive, on the Government Center's perimeter, so they're named Residences at the Government Center.

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

In addition, at least 20 percent of the units are geared for households at or below 50 percent AMI. Paradigm Construction Co. is the general contractor and will build studio, plus one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

And since they back up to a forest, they'll have serene and leafy views.

Because the developer was able to lease land from the county, and federal low-income, tax credits were obtained, said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, "This is being done at no cost to the county. By providing workforce housing, many young people, low-income families and those having long commutes to jobs here will be able to live here."

### Preserve at Westfields

There's a plan to transform 50 acres of vacant land along Route 28 and Stonecroft



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**Work is progressing on construction of the Residences at the Government Center, along Monument Drive in Fairfax.**



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

and Westfields boulevards in Chantilly. It's being called The Preserve at Westfields and will eventually contain 155 townhouses, 650 apartments, plus retail and other amenities.

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

Included will be an amenity area with



**The Lidl site layout showing the proposed location of the two, new buildings.**

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

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

### Wegmans

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

It will go inside the Newbrook Drive loop road and will be part of a commercial complex including shops and a restaurant. A Comprehensive Plan amendment for that 21-acre site enables the developer, Regency Centers, to replace the currently approved 338,400 square feet of hotel, office and retail uses with 183,000 square feet of retail.

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

It will come with walking trails, an exercise park near the Flatlick stream valley, outdoor seating outside the Wegmans café and proffered pedestrian and road improvements for safety plus better traffic flow.

### Rockland Village Green

Two dozen new townhouses are coming to Chantilly. The community will be at Elmwood and Vernon streets and will be called Rockland Village Green. Developed by Carr Homes, it will go on five land parcels off Route 50, behind the Pohanka Lexus dealership.

The buildings' facades will be brick or other masonry material, and the architecture will be compatible with homes in the surrounding community. Most of the residents will also be offered 5x22-foot, cantilevered decks on their townhouses.

More than 25 percent of the property will be kept as open space. There'll be a 90x70-foot village green, with landscaping and benches, where the community residents may relax and socialize. Some 17 of the townhomes' fronts will face Vernon and Elmwood streets to create a welcoming streetscape. The other seven townhomes will be in the interior, with access from Vernon Street.

The plans includes curbs, sidewalks and street ramps at intersections to make it pe-

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



**Artist's rendition of the new Wegmans store earmarked for Chantilly.**



**The Trinity Centre site plan showing the new apartments.**



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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**Sharon Bulova**

Welcome to Fairfax County, one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work, play and raise a family. Fairfax County is home to a thriving business community, vibrant entertainment and shopping destinations, a world class university, beautiful parks, and a diverse population of engaged residents. Whether you are a long-time resident or are new to the county, I hope you'll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots to enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

Tysons Corner and Fair Oaks Malls, Reston Town Center, Fairfax Corner, Springfield Town Center and the Mosaic District are great places to shop, eat and spend time with friends. For cultural destinations, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts are two of my favorites. And for enjoying the arts along with community gatherings like Springfest and Brewfest, the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is a must. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenters.

While there are a lot of fun things to do in Fairfax County, our community is notorious for our "work hard, play hard" ethic. Time Magazine has described us as the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 8,400 technology firms, and over 116.2 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate topping 90 percent. Our school system is the 10th largest in the country with nearly 187,000 students and 196 schools and centers. After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are

located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy ensures career opportunities for both our older and younger

residents. On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions.

Some recent accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston, with Phase 2 of the Silver Line currently under construction all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County.

Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) or [www.fxva.com](http://www.fxva.com) to learn more about what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents. My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov) or give my office a call at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community! Welcome to your new home.

## About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an 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

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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Join In, Get Involved

BY KATHY SMITH  
SULLY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

**H**ello new neighbor! Welcome to Sully District. I'm your Sully Supervisor, Kathy Smith and proudly represent you on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Our district runs from Herndon to Chantilly, to Centreville, and includes many great neighborhoods in between — including Poplar Tree where I live and where I raised my four children with my husband Steve. We were newcomers here once too just like you and we are happy we made the choice to settle here. I hope you are too!

One of the great things about living in Sully District is the array of public events and activities. Right now, we are in the middle of our Starlight Cinema outdoor movie screening season. Every August, you can join us at Trinity Parkway to enjoy family friendly movies on Saturday evenings after dark. Coming up in just a couple months, we have Centreville Days — a local favorite.

Our region is also lucky to be close to Dulles International Airport and the associated Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. If you haven't been yet, I highly recommend visiting soon and taking in a movie at



their IMAX movie theater. Parking is free after 4 p.m.

Another great advantage in our region is our abundance of public facilities. Many people move to Fairfax County and stay here because of our excellent public schools. Every day of the week, there are activities and educational programs at the Chantilly and Centreville Libraries. You can learn computer skills and participate in English conversation practice. Besides the library, you can get outside and explore nature in one of our excellent parks. The Cub Run Rec Center offers a community pool, nature program and gym. EC Lawrence Park offers several athletic fields, trails, and picnic areas. Some educational programs include information about fish, birds, and snapping turtles.

I also hope you will find opportunities to get involved in your new community. Sully District has representatives on 80-plus boards, authorities, and commissions. If you or someone you know would be interested in one of these positions, please contact my office to inquire about opportunities.

Furthermore, if you need any help with county services or any other issues, please feel welcome to contact my office anytime via email at [Sully@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sully@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by phone at 703-814-7100. You can also reserve our community rooms for activities and sign up for our newsletter at [fairfaxcounty.gov/sully](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/sully). Welcome to the neighborhood!

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# ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL  
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## September 2016

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

**Bichon Bash.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The 2016 Bichon Bash is sponsored by the Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for children. Visit [www.bichonbash.org](http://www.bichonbash.org) for more.

**St. Veronica Farm, Food, and Faith Dinner.** 5-8:30 p.m. at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm, 42920 Broadlands Blvd., Ashburn. St. Veronica Catholic Church of Chantilly is hosting the Fourth Annual Catholic Farm, Food and Faith Dinner. Pre-dinner cocktails and appetizers, a three-course dinner with locally grown ingredients, paired with wines from Rappahannock Cellars. Tickets are \$65, \$125 for couples. Visit [www.stveronica.net](http://www.stveronica.net).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

**Dulles Day Family Festival and Plane Pull.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarinen Circle, Dulles. The Dulles Day Festival & Plane Pull is Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser, pitting teams of 25 against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airplane 12 feet the fastest. Visit [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

**D.C. Big Flea Market.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Find period and modern furniture, housewares, and more. Tickets are \$8, good for both days. Visit [www.dullesexpo.com](http://www.dullesexpo.com) or call 703-378-0910.

**Virginia Wine Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Virginia Wine Festival offers a unique array of both free and ticketed tasting and learning opportunities. General admission tickets are \$29 in advance, \$40 day of; VIP tickets are \$59. Visit [www.virginiawinefest.com](http://www.virginiawinefest.com).

### SEPT. 10-21

**34rd Annual Senior Olympics.** Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in dozens of events. Admission varies based on event. Visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 23-25

**Capital Home Show.** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. This is an one-stop shopping experience for the latest remodeling and decorating products and services. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children, 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Visit [www.dullesexpo.com](http://www.dullesexpo.com) or call 703-378-0910.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

**Barktoberfest.** 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. festival, 7-10:30 p.m. Glow DOG Glow walk and race, at Loudoun County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Road, Leesburg. Listen to live music, play games (for children and dogs), shop from a variety of vendors, food and beverages, watch canine demonstrations, participate in the Glow DOG Glow Walk and Race and more. Various ticket prices. Visit [www.barktoberfest.org](http://www.barktoberfest.org) for more.

**Annual Irish Folk Festival.** 12-7:30 p.m. at The Sherwood Center, Van

Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to experience Irish music, dance, language and sport. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival).

### SUNDAY-FRIDAY/ SEPT. 25-30

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

## October 2016

### SUNDAY/OCT. 2

**21st Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk.** 12 p.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pet on Wheels, which provides pet visitation to nursing home residents and hospitals. Visit [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Historic downtown Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with more than 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 15

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

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-23

**Craftmen's Classic Art & Craft Festival.** 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Watch craftspeople and artists from across America at work. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. Call 336-282-5550 or visit [www.craftshow.com](http://www.craftshow.com).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

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

**Blood and Guts Run.** 9:30 a.m. at Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A zombie-themed 5K. Registration is \$35. Visit [www.bloodandgutsrun.com](http://www.bloodandgutsrun.com) for more.

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

### SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**Clifton Haunted Trail.** 7-10 p.m. at Chapel Road, Clifton. This annual



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**At the 2016 Sully Antique Car Show, Rick Heyer poses with the 1930 Ford ice cream truck he restored after finding it sitting in a barn for more than 30 years. Fully operational, Heyer keeps the ice cream in the back cool with dry ice.**

event winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Visit [cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

## November 2016

### SATURDAY/NOV. 12

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

### NOV. 23-JAN. 8

**Lights Festival.** 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit [www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com](http://www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 26

**Turkey Walk.** 10 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk in the cedar forest. Look for wild turkeys and their signs. Tickets are \$5-7. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## December 2016

### SATURDAY/DEC. 3

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

### SUNDAY/DEC. 4

**Deck the Halls.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Take a house tour focusing on holiday decorations - the history, style and materials.

Create your own wreath to take home using cuttings from the historic property. Before you leave enjoy hot cider and cookies. Tickets are \$20-22. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

### SATURDAY/DEC. 10

**Holidays at Walney Farm.** 1 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Learn about the gifts and foods of an 1850 farm create your own historic holiday ornament, take a wagon ride through the trails, and enjoy hot apple cider and treats around a campfire. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Civil War by Candlelight.** 5-8 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience a Civil War Christmas as Confederate soldiers cook dinner in the field and fire the Christmas guns. House tour is 45 min. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

## February 2017

### MID-FEBRUARY

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

## March 2017

### SECOND SUNDAY IN MARCH

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

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 24-26**  
**19th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival.** 10

a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit [www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens\\_classics\\_chantilly\\_spring.shtml](http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_spring.shtml).

## April 2017

### Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival.

Dedicated to showcasing the very best of the visual and performing arts in the City of Fairfax, Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts is an annual three-week festival comprising artists in and at local venues. Visit [www.visitfairfax.com](http://www.visitfairfax.com).

## June 2017

### FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

**Sully Antique Car Show.** Bring dad to this historic show featuring foreign and American cars, trucks and specialty vehicles through 1990. Visit [www.fairfaxcountyva.gov](http://www.fairfaxcountyva.gov) for more.

**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).

**Ice Cream Race.** At Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Ice Cream Race is an all-ages event that features Whipped Cream-like Foam, Chocolate Syrup Water Slide, and more. Visit [www.theicecreamrace.com](http://www.theicecreamrace.com) for more.

## July 2017

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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

### Greater Transparency in Policing

Fairfax County Police embrace change, sanctity of life for all.

BY COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Community Members: The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,406 sworn law enforcement officers. Our greatly engaged community exceeds 1.1 million residents which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and to keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety Com-



Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Chief of Police.

mittee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department embraces reengineering the law enforcement profession and we are proud to be national leaders truly engaged with creating change with an engaged community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has endorsed our reengineering of the policies governing the use of force which value the sanctity of human life. The Police Department has adopted policies and practices which utilize the Critical Decision Making Model to ensure that all actions are proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary, and ethical. Y

our Police Department has mandated annual in-service training on use of force critical decision-making because the essential knowledge and skills are considered "perishable," therefore rendering training on an annual basis a necessity.

The final report issued by the Ad Hoc

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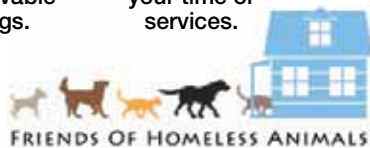


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# PARKS

## AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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FEATURING MEADOWLARK BOTANICAL GARDENS  
MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG AND DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

### National Parks

#### GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean  
[www.nps.gov/grfa](http://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](http://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/](http://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#](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#)

703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)  
[masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto: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/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/)  
[www.atlantisbullrun.com/](http://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/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/)  
[www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/)  
[www.piratescovepohick.com](http://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.





also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain's Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

**PB**

#### **Pohick Bay Golf Course**

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton  
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick\_bay\_golf\_course  
703-339-8585

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

**PO**

#### **Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center**

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

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

**SR**

#### **Sandy Run Regional Park**

10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station  
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy\_run/  
703-690-4392

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

**UH**

#### **Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark**

6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington  
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton\_hill/  
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/  
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org

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

## Arts Center

**LAC**

#### **Workhouse Arts Center**

9601 Ox Road, Lorton  
www.lortonarts.org  
703-584-2900

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

## 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

**BSG**

#### **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





# PARKS

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

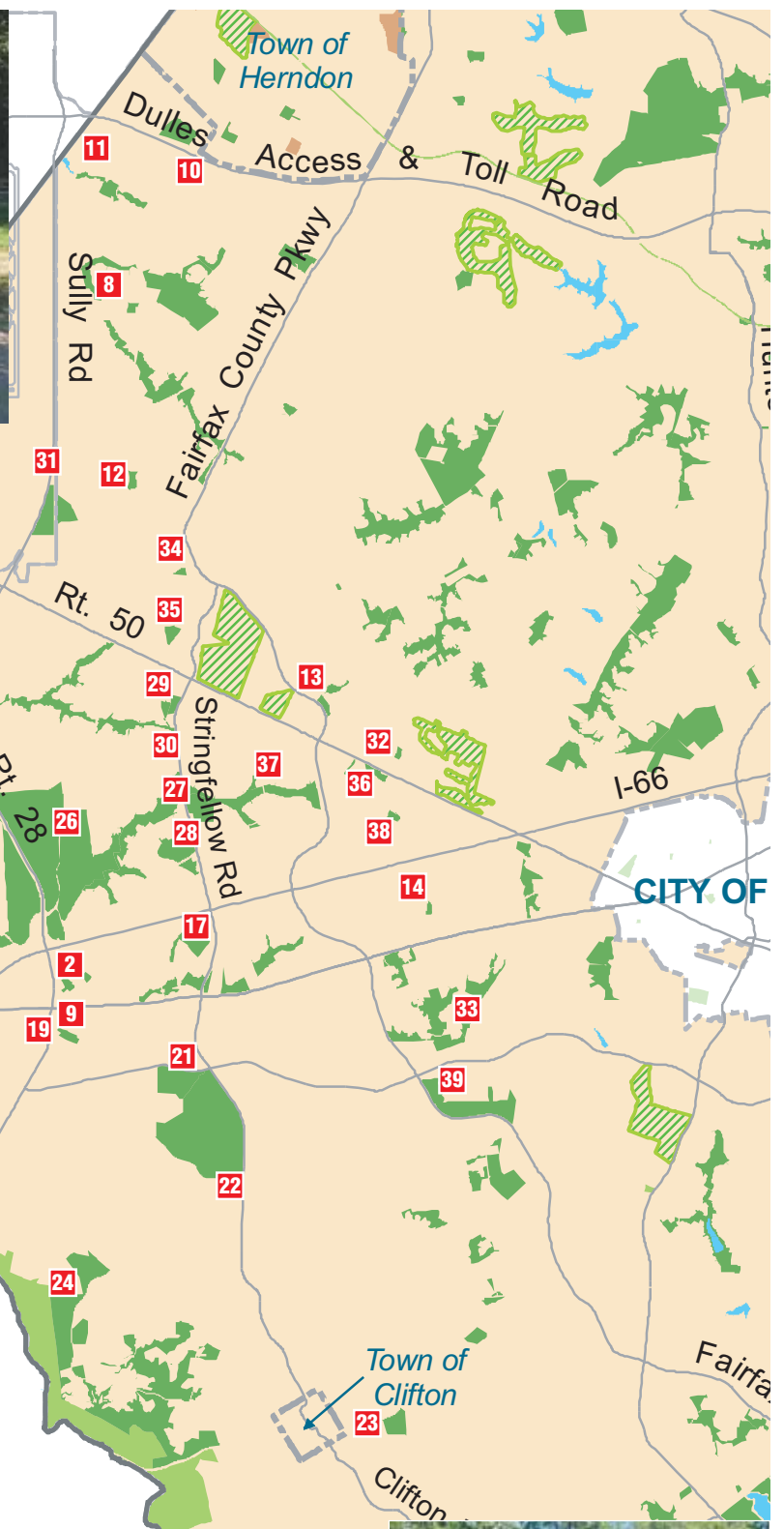
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FEATURING ELLANOR C. LAWRENCE PARK;  
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

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

- 1 Stone Crossing**  
Sully Lake Drive, Centreville  
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Historic Centreville**  
5714 Mt Gilead Rd, Centreville  
Cultural Resource Park
- 3 Ellick Preserve**  
Access From Pleasant Valley Road,  
Centreville  
Multiple Resource Park
- 4 Centre Ridge**  
14400 Old Mill Road, Centreville
- 5 Richard W Jones**  
Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly  
Multiple Resource Park
- 6 Cub Run RECenter**  
4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly  
Special Purpose Park
- 7 Westfield SS**  
4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly  
School Site
- 8 Coppermine Crossing SS**  
2744 Cooper Creek Road, Herndon  
School Site
- 9 Lincoln Lewis Vannoy**  
Braddock & Willow Springs School  
Road, Centreville
- 10 Arrowbrooke**  
2351 Field Point Road, Herndon  
Community Park
- 11 Dulles Corner**  
2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon  
Community Park
- 12 Franklin Farm**  
13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon  
Community Park
- 13 Fair Woods**  
12601 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 14 Flatlick**  
4501 Brookfield Corp Drive,  
Centreville  
Multi-Use
- 15 Pleasant Hill**  
6305 Hidden Canyon Road,  
Centreville  
Community Park
- 16 Chalet Woods**  
14912 Cranoke Street, Centreville  
Community Park
- 17 Arrowhead**  
5200 Arrowhead Park Drive,  
Centreville  
Neighborhood Park



- 18 Lane's Mill**  
14901 Lee Highway, Centreville  
Cultural Resource Park
- 19 Old Centreville Road**  
5885 Old Centreville Road, Centreville  
Neighborhood Park
- 20 Centre Ridge North**  
Field Encampment Road And  
St. Germain Drive,  
Centreville  
Community Park
- 21 Braddock**  
13451 Braddock  
Road, Clifton  
Special Purpose  
Park
- 22 Twin Lakes  
Golf Course**  
6100 Clifton Road,  
Clifton  
Special Purpose Park
- 23 Chapel Road**  
12300 Chapel Road, Clifton  
Community Park
- 24 Confederate Fortifications  
Historic Site**  
13772 Balmoral Greens Avenue,  
Clifton  
Cultural Resource Park
- 25 Rock Hill District**  
15150 Old Lee Road, Chantilly  
Community Park
- 26 Ellanor C. Lawrence**  
5040 Walney Road, Chantilly  
Multiple Resource Park
- 27 Greenbriar**  
4601 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
Community Park
- 28 Poplar Tree**  
4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
District Park
- 29 Chantilly**  
13373 Brookfield Court, Chantilly  
Neighborhood Park
- 30 Chantilly Library Site**  
7000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
Community Park
- 31 Sully Historic**  
3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly  
Cultural Resource Park
- 32 Fair Oaks**  
3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park



- 33 Brentwood**  
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Franklin Glen**  
13395 Springhaven Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 35 Fox Valley**  
13420 Hollinger Avenue, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 36 Fair Ridge**  
12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 37 Greenbriar Commons**  
4300 Middle Ridge Dr, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 38 Ox Hill Battlefield**  
4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax  
Cultural Resource Park
- 39 Patriot**  
12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
District Park





## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

### Greater Transparency in Policing

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Commission included recommendations made by its Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. These recommendations, the subject of current deliberation by the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, propose the creation of a Police Auditor position and establishment of a Civilian Review Panel. The Police Department welcomes immediate implementation of both as they maximize accountability through transparency, and will lead to higher levels of public trust and confidence in the Police Department.

The Police Department is committed to enhancing its transparency at all levels and we have established policies and procedures in coordination with the Board of Supervisors to achieve maximum communication with the communities we serve. Throughout the remainder of 2016 and into 2017 we will continue to reengineer our profession in many operational and administrative areas to achieve effective change while increasing community engagement.

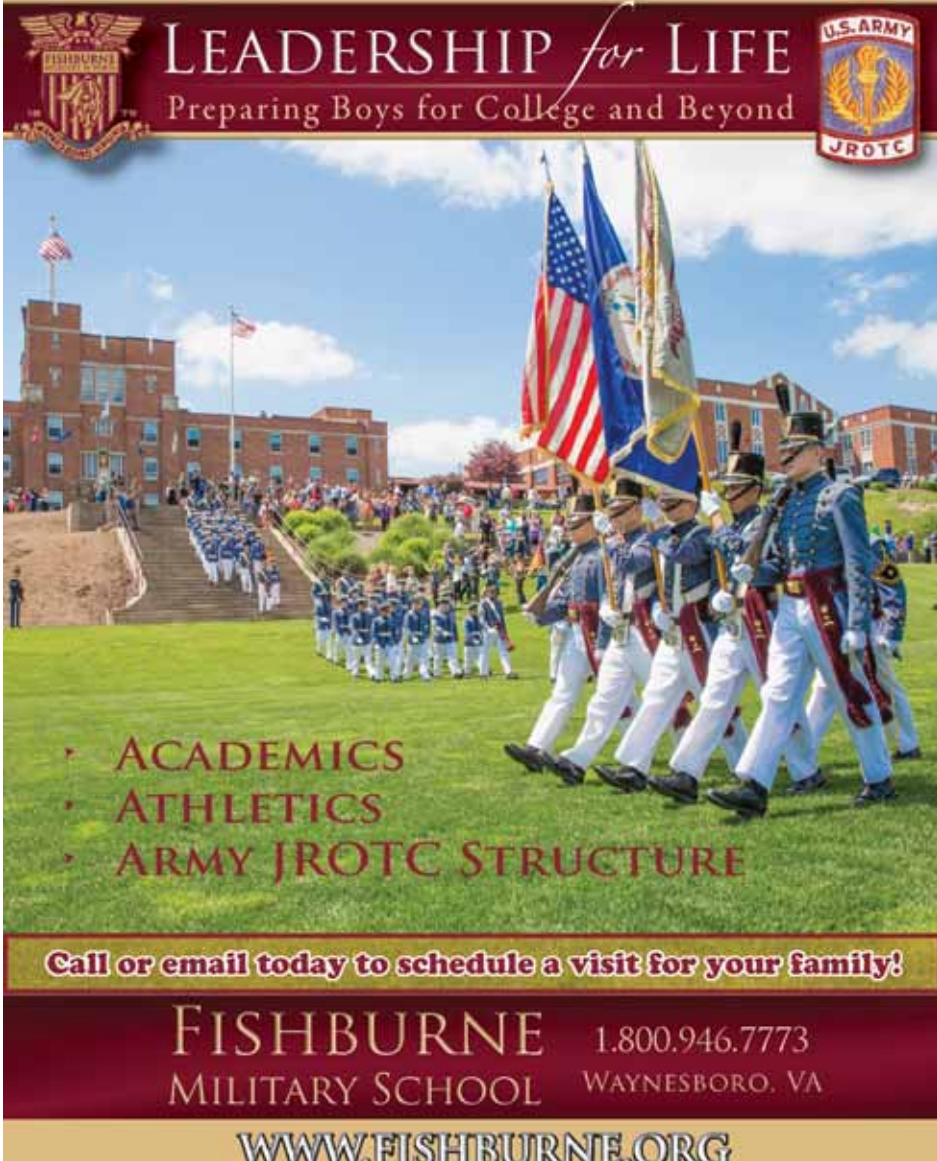
In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align its policies and procedures to comply with 484 national standards established by the Commission

on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The required on-site assessment was conducted by assessors from outside Virginia in early 2016, and CALEA accredited status was awarded on July 30, 2016.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates partnered to implement the Diversion First program which provides a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. Our police officers receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to prepare them to recognize when persons are experiencing a mental health crisis and how best to de-escalate such initial encounters. Our CIT-trained officers now have the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, as well as two Mobile Crisis Units, enabling them to offer persons in crisis the mental health services they may require.

Welcome to Fairfax County and we encourage you to engage with your Police Department as we all continue to make our County a great place to live, work, play, and grow old. To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department, please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>



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# How to Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

### FAIRFAX COUNTY:

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks.

Fairfax County voters will decide on three bond questions, including \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

### Ballot Question, Meals Tax

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>  
Fairfax County voters will vote yes or no on establishing a 4 percent meals tax. The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides of this issue.

#### QUESTION:

State law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, commonly called a "meals tax," subject to certain restrictions. Most counties, including Fairfax County, may levy a meals tax only if the voters approve the tax by referendum.

The question presented in this referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to levy a meals tax, at a rate not to exceed four percent of the amount charged for the taxable food and beverages.

70 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools; 30 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to County services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

The question also states that the Board of Supervisors' reason for seeking authority to impose a meals tax is to reduce the county's dependence on real estate taxes. Currently, nearly 65 percent of Fairfax County's General Fund budget relies upon real estate taxes. State law limits what the county can tax and how it may otherwise raise revenue. Almost 90 percent of Fairfax County non-property tax revenues are capped, limited, or controlled by the state. A meals tax would give the County a new source of revenue, which would help diversify the County's revenue base. At the maximum four percent tax rate, a meals tax would generate an estimated \$99 million per year, with a significant percentage paid by non-county residents.

A number of area jurisdictions already impose a meals tax, including Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

### Four Bond Questions

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/)

#### TRANSPORTATION BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120 million to finance Fairfax County's share, under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, of the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements and facilities, including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, and to finance improvements to primary and secondary State highways and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

#### PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for parks and park facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$107,000,000: (i) \$94,700,000 principal amount to finance the Fairfax County Park Authority's cost to acquire, construct, develop and equip additional parks and park facilities, to preserve open-space land, and to develop and improve existing parks and park facilities; and (ii) \$12,300,000 principal amount for Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to acquire, construct, develop and equip parks and park facilities?

## Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/> or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

♦ Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

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### ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

- ♦ President and Vice President
- ♦ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th, 10th, or 11th District
- ♦ Meal Tax Referendum
- ♦ Three Proposed County Bond Questions
- ♦ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

### HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000 to provide funds to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities, including the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

♦ Replace the Sully Senior Center and a build new Lorton Community Center (\$37 million)

♦ Renovate, expand or replace four emergency shelters for people who are homeless: Patrick Henry, Embury Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's (\$48 million)

### Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

### State Constitutional Amendments

Two proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments will also be on the ballot:

Ballot Question 1: Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

Ballot Question 2: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?



# CHANTILLY DEMOGRAPHICS

Source: U.S. Census 2010;  
American Community Survey 2014

**ZIP Code:** 20151  
**Population:** 21,374  
**Race:** White-12,368 (57.9%), Black/  
African American-1,413 (6.6%), Ameri-  
can Indian or Alaska Native-52 (0.2%),  
Asian-5,355 (25.1%), Hispanic or Latino  
(of any race)-3,395 (15.9%)  
**Total housing units:** 6,948  
**Owner-occupied housing units:**  
5,522 (81.5%)  
**Households with individuals**  
**under 18 years:** (48.9%)  
**Households with individuals 65**  
**and over:** (6.3%)  
**Median household income:**  
119,815  
**Mean family income:** 147,804  
**Population 5 years and over**  
**who speaks a language other**  
**than English at home:** 41.1%

**ZIP Code:** 20171  
**Population:** 45,887  
**Race:** White-26,588 (57.9%), Black/  
African American-4361 (9%), American  
Indian and Alaska Native-73 (0.2%),  
Asian-14,631 (30.1%), Hispanic or  
Latino (of any race)-3,092 (6.7%)  
**Total housing units:** 16,986  
**Owner-occupied housing units:**  
10,345 (62.9%)  
**Households with individuals**  
**under 18 years:** 45.4%  
**Households with individuals 65**  
**and over:** (2.6%)  
**Median household income:**  
143,205  
**Mean family income:** 164,795  
**Population 5 years and over**  
**who speaks a language other**  
**than English at home:** 30.2%

**ZIP Code:** 22033  
**Population:** 37,691  
**Race:** White-23,548 (62.5%), Black/  
African American-2,661 (7.1%), Ameri-  
can Indian and Alaska Native-78  
(0.2%), Asian-8,645 (22.9%), Hispanic  
or Latino (of any race)-3,714 (9.9%)  
**Total housing units:** 15,746  
**Owner-occupied housing units:**  
9,443 (62.2%)  
**Households with individuals**  
**under 18 years:** (32.1%)  
**Households with individuals 65**  
**and over:** (7.6%)  
**Median household income:**  
106,647  
**Mean family income:** 124,779  
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**who speaks a language other**  
**than English at home:** (33.8%)



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## What's Ahead?

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destrian-friendly. And the community's entrance off Vernon Street will lead to an interior street. Parking is also planned, with 113 spaces on site, including two-car garages underneath each townhome, plus driveway spaces for every unit, and 17 more spaces for visitors.

### Trinity Centre

Once envisioned as the heart of Centreville — a place where people would gather for various events and special occasions — Trinity Centre was originally planned for 1.8 million square feet of office space. Also there would be 250,000 square feet of retail uses, plus 336 homes.

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

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

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

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

The Board of Supervisors approved this project and it's currently in the site-plan process.

### Arbor Terrace

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

It's going to build Arbor Terrace at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive. The six-and-one-half-acre site, planned residential, is currently a vacant lot. Planned is a one-story, 37,000-square-foot, 48-unit, residential-looking building facing Route 50.

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

### Lidl Grocery Store

If all goes well, a little bit of Europe may someday come to Chantilly in the form of a Lidl grocery store in the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center. The 5-acre site, near the intersection of Chantilly Crossing Lane and Lee Road, is zoned commercial and is currently undeveloped. Lee Road runs north and south of it, and Route 50 runs east and west of it.

What's planned are two, new buildings, next to each other. One, housing the grocery store, would be 30,000 square feet. The other, envisioned as a rectangular, 19,000-square-foot structure, would contain two or three retail tenants.

The entrances are off Chantilly Crossing Lane, adjacent to the main entrance of the grocery store; further east on the site; and via a left turn in from Lee Road, off Route 50. The proposal is tentatively slated to go before the Fairfax County Planning Commission in October.

## Transportation Projects

### Route 29 from Union Mill Road to Buckley's Gate Drive

This project provides pedestrian facilities on the north side of Route 29 and widens Route 29 in this area from four to six lanes. It complements the VDOT bridge-replacement project at Little Rocky Run and completes the widening of Route 29 from Shirley Gate Road to Centreville.

It's currently the last segment of Route 29 between the City of Fairfax and Centreville that's not six lanes, so this work would eliminate the last remaining bottleneck. Cost estimate: \$32.7 million; FCDOT approved: \$25 million. Preliminary engineering could start as early as July 2018.

### I-66/Route 28 Interchange

Good news for drivers who take the I-66/Route 28 exits and entrances in Centreville. A fix for the congestion, especially bad during rush hours, is on the way. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVT) just earmarked \$300 million for the I-66/Route 28 Interchange improvements in its 2017 budget.

They'll be constructed as part of the overall I-66 Corridor improvements being done by VDOT. The \$300 million will be spent on the Route 28 Interchange's design and engineering work, environmental mitigation, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

Three, potential design alternatives are on the table. A decision on which one will go forward has not yet been made, but the proposed alternatives are as follows:

- ❖ Alternate 2A provides direct access to and from the I-66 express lanes between Route 28 north and I-66 east/west. There's also direct access between the express lanes east of Route 28 and Route 28 south. But drivers can't go to and from Route 28 south and I-66 west.

- ❖ Alternate 2B offers direct access between Route 28 north and I-66 east/west.



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**Westbound Route 29 traffic approaching Stringfellow Road heads home to Centreville in the early evening. Three lanes on each side, instead of two, will help ease this rush-hour gridlock.**

- ❖ Alternate 2C has the smallest footprint, minimizing the impact to E.C. Lawrence Park. It has the same travel movements as Alternate 2A, as well as access between the I-66 express lanes west and Braddock and Walney roads in Centreville. It also extends Poplar Tree Road to the park.

The state has incentivized the proposed work by offering bonuses if the Route 28/I-66 interchanges, as well as the Walney Road and Braddock Road improvements, can be done early in the I-66 widening project. This fall, there'll be public informational and design-review meetings, followed early next year by design public hearings. Then, if all goes well, VDOT hopes to start construction in late 2017, with the Interchange opening to traffic in late 2020.

### Route 28 Widening

This project will widen Route 28 from four to six lanes between Route 29 in Centreville and the Prince William County

line. The work includes intersection improvements, plus pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Cost estimate is \$47.35 million, and FCDOT approved that amount.

And just recently, the NVT allocated \$5 million for this project. The money will fund the design and engineering phases, as well as right-of-way acquisition, environmental mitigation and construction.

This widening complements the I-66/Route 28 Interchange and, in conjunction with other road projects, would complete the Route 28 Corridor through the entire county. Preliminary engineering should start between now and January 2017.

A large development just south of the county line is expected to exacerbate existing congestion. So this widening reduces significant congestion between Prince William and Centreville. And as a transportation corridor of regional significance, it would improve access to Dulles International Airport, Reston and Herndon.

### Stone Road Overpass over I-66 from Route 29 to Route 28

This project provides an alternative to Route 28 that goes from Centreville to the Westfields Corporate Center. It received partial funding for an alignment study, environmental analysis and preliminary engineering. Cost estimate is \$81.55 million.

It will construct a four-lane divided road between Stone Road at Route 29 and New Braddock Road. The work includes curb and gutter, a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk on the east side and a 10-foot-wide shared-use path on the west side of Stone Road.

It will construct a bridge over I-66 and another bridge over Big Rocky Run. It will re-stripe westbound New Braddock Road to provide two, through travel lanes. This overpass could reduce congestion at the I-66/Route 28 and I-66/Route 29 interchanges. In addition, a future Metrorail station near this site is listed on the county's Comprehensive Plan.



**Map of the I-66/Route 28 Interchange project area showing one of the proposed design alternatives.**



## COMMUNITY GUIDE

### About the Connection

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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.

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