



Todd Keller and his son John, of Fairfax, fishing in the pond at Brentwood Park. The small park also boasts a field, trail, picnic tables in the shade, and a playground set.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



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 or 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 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.

Welcome Neighbors!

Take full advantage of everything the Braddock District, and Fairfax County, has to offer.

BY JOHN COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)



Thank you for choosing to make Fairfax County your new home! As you will quickly find out, there is no shortage of activities here, and let me be the first to tell you what's going on around town.

As summer winds down, and we all make the long trip back from the beach, you'll notice that there are a ton of events throughout September in which to take part. Personally, one of my favorite events in the Braddock District is the annual Burke Centre Festival, set this year for Sept. 10 and 11. Admission is free, and this year's festival will feature a massive arts and crafts show, karaoke, Fire and Rescue displays, live dance, musical entertainment, and much, much more. This event is incredible (and incredibly huge) so you owe it to yourself to come out and enjoy it.

As much as I love talking with my constituents and neighbors, I also enjoy taking some time to relax with nature. There are more than 900 miles of trails here in Fairfax County, and I am a particularly lucky Supervisor in that I represent a district with some fantastic parks and trails. One of my favorite spots is Lake Accotink, which boasts a carousel, bike rentals, a great snack bar, and mini golf. Accotink

has a sand volleyball and basketball court that you can take full advantage of, and, on some Saturday nights, Accotink even hosts campfires and gatherings. Events like these, focused on community involvement and interconnectedness, help make the Braddock District and Fairfax County the best

places to be.

Yes, summer is almost over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to be. Grab your friends, the family, and head out to Mount Vernon, Ox Hill Battlefield Park, or another famed historical site in the County and soak it all in. You can barely get around here without stumbling upon something with historical significance, and most of these treasures are totally free.

There are great sites, great restaurants, and a ton of things to do and see in my district.

Grab a bite to eat over at Fairfax Corner or head into Fairfax City for the day. The possibilities are truly endless.

Take full advantage of everything the Braddock District, and Fairfax County, has to offer with your friends and family. In these next few weeks, I challenge you to get out there and find out what you love to do in our community— just don't be overwhelmed with all the options!

'Insider's Tip' to New Businesses

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority helps in starting or expanding business in the county.

BY GERALD L. GORDON
PRESIDENT AND CEO, FAIRFAX COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

If you are new to Fairfax County, welcome to one of the world's most interesting places to live and work. If you are new to the county and are interested in being part of our dynamic business community, here is an "insider's tip" that you will want to know: The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

(FCEDA), works with everyone who wants to start or expand a business in the county.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, we host "Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County" workshops almost every month. Some 4,000 people have attended one of these workshops since 2003 and you will find a wealth of local, state and federal resources to help you map out starting a business here. If you need office space, the FCEDA helps businesses find the office space they need so they can grow in the county.

We have a complete database of office space options in every part of the county, and we can help you navigate that process so you become an established part of the business community.

Why do we do this? The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors charged the FCEDA with building a business community — help companies create jobs and fill office space — to build the commercial tax base. This generates revenue that the Board of Super-



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Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.

visors uses to fund the full range of high-quality public services for which Fairfax County is well-known. Building the commercial tax base means that residents don't have to pick up all the costs of providing those services.

The FCEDA has been working for more than 50 years with entrepreneurs and owners of businesses of every size to enlarge the commercial tax base and make the Fairfax County economy one of the strongest anywhere. Visit www.fairfaxcountyyeda.org to see how the Economic Development Authority can help you.

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Helping to End and Prevent Homelessness

Nonprofits around Northern Virginia help with chronic homelessness, homeless families, victims of domestic violence, homeless youth and more.

New Hope Housing

Location: Alexandria and Fairfax County
Executive Director: Pamela L. Michell
Contact info: 703-799-2293 – admin@newhopehousing.org
Annual Budget: \$5,900,000

How to get involved: Contact Nicole Dillon to learn about volunteering opportunities at shelters & housing programs or to take a tour: ndillon@newhopehousing.org

New Hope Housing provides homeless families and individuals shelter, housing, and the tools to build a better life. It operates shelters and housing programs that serve more than 350 people each day in Alexandria, Fairfax County, Falls Church, and Arlington. Last year, more than 400 people moved from homelessness to housing through one or more of its programs.

Northern Virginia Family Service

Location: Multiple all over Northern Virginia; Headquarters – Oakton .

Executive Director: Stephanie Berkowitz (CEO/President)

Contact info: 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124, 571-748-2500, info@nvfs.org

Annual Budget: \$33.35 million

How to get involved:

Volunteer: NVFS is committed to engaging volunteers in meaningful opportunities that encourage innovative ideas, unique perspectives and specialized expertise. Visit nvfs.org/volunteernow to search for current opportunities and greatest needs.

Shop bargains that benefit NVFS: When you shop at our Centreville, Falls Church or Manassas Thrift Shops, all proceeds benefit NVFS. Donations of gently used clothing and household items are welcome at any of these locations. For hours and directions to its Thrift Shops, visit nvfs.org/thriftshops.

Become a foster parent: Many children in the community need a loving, safe home. NVFS's experienced caseworkers carefully match each child to a trained foster family to ensure each child reaches his/her full potential. Learn more at nvfs.org/fostercare.

Through its comprehensive, holistic approach to services, Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) helps more than 34,000 individuals and their families each year find housing and emergency services; health and mental health services; early childhood education and child placement services; intervention and prevention programs; job training; and legal services. More than half of NVFS clients live below the national poverty level (\$24,260 annual salary for a family of four). NVFS's needs vary greatly, depending on programs and locations. Visit nvfs.org to learn more about the organization, as well as nvfs.org/wishlist for a full list of donation requests.

Homestretch, Inc.

Location – Fairfax County
Executive Director – Christopher Fay
Contact info – Christopher Fay, direct 703-992-9584, email cfay@homestretchva.org
Annual Budget - \$2.5M

How to get involved – Visit Homestretch's website or call 703-237-2035 to become involved. Homestretch has a vast number of volunteer opportunities.

The mission of Homestretch is to empower homeless families to secure permanent housing and to attain the skills, knowledge and hope to achieve lasting self-sufficiency. Homestretch provides an intensive array of services designed to provide a comprehensive and personalized approach to helping homeless parents with children to undertake the process of securing housing, increasing income, reducing debt, acquiring skills, building savings, enrolling in and completing education, and restoring health. Homestretch has earned many awards and regularly produces outcomes that lead the nation in terms of families' ability to escape homelessness forever.

Shelter House

Location - Serves all of Fairfax County
Executive Director & CEO - Joe Meyer
Contact info - (703) 935-1542 / Joe.Meyer@shelterhouse.org
Annual Budget - \$5.6 million

How to get involved - Individuals or groups can donate time, items and/or money. visit shelterhouse.org for more information

Shelter House is a private non-profit organization serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence. Currently, Shelter House operates two family shelters and the only 24/7 crisis shelter for victims of domestic violence. Most of Shelter House's work is done "outside" of the shelter where it provides financial support and services to families leaving the shelter and sometimes preventing families who are at-risk of becoming homeless. Its current needs that support the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness — willing landlords to rent to homeless families. Also, household items that will furnish homes for families ending their homelessness after leaving our shelters.

Alternative House - Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge

Location: Northern Virginia
Executive Director: Judith Dittman
Contact info: 703-506-9191
Hotline on runaway/homeless youth: Call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text TEENHELP to 855-11.

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About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Fairfax 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 part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque,

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We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Fairfax Demographics

Zip code: 22030

Population: **55,066**
 Race: **White-35,095 (63.7%), Black/African American-4,244 (7.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-197 (0.4%), Asian-10,880 (19.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-6,546 (11.9%)**
 Total housing units: **19,322**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **11,610 (62.6%)**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **6,041 (32.5%)**
 Households with individuals 65 and over: **3,449 (18.6%)**
 Median household income: **101,356**
 Mean family income: **145,835**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **35.3%**

Zip code: 22031

Population: **29,795**
 Race: **White-17,144 (57.5%), Black/African American-1,842 (6.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-130 (0.4%), Asian-8,239 (27.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,948 (13.3%)**
 Total housing units: **12,364**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **6,155 (53.4%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,507 (30.4%)**
 Households with individuals 65 and over: **2,281 (19.8%)**
 Median household income: **106,119**
 Mean family income: **143,269**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **42.7%**

Zip code: 22032

Population: **29,377**
 Race: **White-20,983 (71.4%), Black/African American-1,287 (4.4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-49 (0.2%), Asian-5,296 (18%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,657 (9%)**
 Total housing units: **10,005**
 Owner-occupied housing units: **8,610**
 Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,864 (39.4%)**
 Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,598 (26.5%)**
 Median household income: **127,784**
 Mean family income: **157,919**
 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **30.2%**

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 2010; AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2012

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Braddock District Supervisor

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

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

Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our

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

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

Come in and see us!

We are located at:

Kings Park Library
 9002 Burke Lake Road
 Burke, Virginia 22015

Call us at: 703.425.9300

Visit us online at:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock

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.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot.

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/>

Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Note: If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.

You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035

Weekday Schedule:

❖ Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday, Oct. 17, Columbus Day.

❖ Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

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>

❖ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online www.vote.virginia.gov 11:59 p.m.

❖ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

❖ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

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

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekday Schedule: Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations:

❖ Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310

❖ McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151

❖ Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079 SATURDAYS ONLY (Closed Weekdays)

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

<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?

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, Embry 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 Vir

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ginia, 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.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

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Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

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?

The proposed amendment places the provisions of Virginia's right to work law into the Constitution of Virginia. While Virginia law may be amended by any future General Assembly, a constitutional prohibition can only be changed by a future constitutional amendment approved by the voters.

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?

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Welcoming Business Community

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce welcomes newcomers to the area. are the leading advocate for innovative solutions our region's connectivity challenges.

The Northern Virginia Chamber was and continues to be a supporter of Metro expansion via the Silver Line and safety improvements system wide. The Chamber was also a long-time supporter of the I-495 HOT Lanes and I-95 Express Lanes. Whether you use these or not, their availability has reduced congestion. Both projects were funded through unique public-private partnerships, bringing together government and business to solve regional transportation issues. We are excited to watch the same public-private solutions be applied to I-66 in the coming years. We were proud to advocate for these improvements in Richmond, and we stand ready to end the gridlock and



BY JIM CORCORAN
PRESIDENT AND CEO, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I am pleased to welcome you to Northern Virginia on behalf of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber) and the regional business community.

The Northern Virginia Chamber is The Voice of Business in Northern Virginia, representing nearly 700 member companies which in total employ more than 500,000 members of our regional community.

While our direct actions are targeted towards our business members, we always have this wonderful community in mind. Our strong economy provides a base on which families may flourish.

Northern Virginia is one of our country's greatest success stories, and without a thriving business community, we would not have the flourishing retail centers, competitive real estate, or world-class education system that our region proudly boasts. Because of this, Northern Virginia attracts the nation's leading businesses, including nine Fortune 500 headquarters and 125 Inc. 5000 companies.

Our business community is not only successful in keeping our economy healthy, but also in working to better our community and quality of life. Between 2014 and 2016 the Chamber made more than \$60,000 in direct cash donations to nonprofits through the collective power of our members and distributed more than \$60,000 in scholarships to family members of our first responders. It is exciting to see companies step up and support the many worthy causes across our region.

The Northern Virginia Chamber advocates for issues that impact businesses, workers, and residents alike, specifically transportation improvements. We


unlock I-66 in our growing region.

And grow we shall. There is much to look forward to in Northern Virginia. We continue to attract and develop emerging industries, particularly cybersecurity, bioscience, and hospitality. Businesses and academia that have been strongholds in the area are expanding and innovating in their own industries. For example, the new Inova Center for Personalized Health will explore human genomics and George Mason University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship provides students and alumni experiential learning opportunities to create value in the business world.

While Northern Virginia's economy has grown over the past few decades as compared to other major metropolitan regions, we have trailed over the last five years due to cutbacks in federal spending. In order to regain our region's standing as a leading economy, we must see the private, academic, non-profit, and government sectors innovate. Our future growth lies in our ability to cooperate as a region.

If you haven't yet, I encourage you to visit www.novachamber.org to learn more about what we're doing to build up the business community and better our region.

I look forward to working with you to ensure Northern Virginia remains a great place to live with support from an exceptional business community.



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level, in the interest of the public. It conducts candidate forums so that citizens can ask the candidates questions, candidates can answer those questions and also interact directly with the public. LWVFA also registers voters and provides them with unbiased information about the voting process, issues of interest, and elections. To learn more about this organization or to join, see www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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Fairfax Area Nonprofits: Making Community Work

12 Ways of Giving

"12 Ways of Giving" campaign is an annual event that showcases many ways for meaningful, local giving during the holiday season, highlighting nonprofits in Fairfax County. www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org

Assistance League of Northern Virginia

An all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. The schools involved include Dogwood Elementary in Reston, Lynbrook Elementary and Garfield Elementary in Springfield, Cora Kelly Elementary in Alexandria and Pine Spring Elementary in Falls Church. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

Lamb Center

A day center for the homeless, currently seeking donations and general volunteers. 703-691-3178 or www.thelambcenter.org.

Fairfax City Area FISH - Friendly Immediate Sympathetic Help

Working with the Office of Coordinated Services Planning and Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH helps local citizens who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 or <http://fairfaxfish.org>.

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

Looking Toward the Future

Multifamily homes and redevelopment.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Several development projects are either proposed or in the works in the City of Fairfax and its environs. Below are details about some of them:

Novus Fairfax Gateway

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

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

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

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

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



The Paul VI High School site will be redeveloped when the school moves to Loudoun County.

The Enclave

IDI-RJL Development LLC is building a residential development called The Enclave at the Mantua Professional Center on Pickett Road. The site's zoned commercial



Artist's rendition of the Mount Vineyard (formerly Oak Knolls) site layout showing the two, new condo buildings.

maintaining 80 condos. Sixteen of the units will be one-bedroom; 48, two-bedroom; and 16, three-bedroom. The indoor amenities will include a fitness center, community room, spacious lobbies and mail/packaging rooms. The 9,000 square feet of outdoor amenities will be a fire pit with seating, patio with seats and gas grills and two lawn areas for socializing.

The condo buildings will be constructed on 3.8 wooded acres, off Silver King Court. The rest of the property will be preserved as open space for a village green for the residents, school and existing office community. A total of 128 parking spaces are planned, plus a bus shelter.

Internal access is planned between The Enclave, the New School and the office complex. Regarding stormwater management, water flow will be directed away from the Mantua community and the channel adjacent to Thaiss Park. The developer will also contribute \$40,000 to public schools, \$30,240 to parks and recreation, and \$275,000 to affordable housing. This project's site-plan has already been approved.

Mount Vineyard

The Oak Knolls Realty Corp. has demolished the 110-unit Oak Knolls apartment complex and will redevelop the site – to be called Mount Vineyard – with 102 brand-new condos and 30 townhomes. The site is 6 acres along Main and Oak streets in Fairfax. Planned are two, 32-unit condominium buildings with elevators; 38 stacked condo units and 30 townhomes, for 132 units total. None will be rentals; they'll all be for sale. The four-story, 32-unit condo buildings will have red-brick, fiber-cement siding, metal railings, stacked siding and bay windows on the corners. And a red-brick, courtyard wall along Oak Street will offer privacy to the 22-foot townhome units.

The developer will underground all utilities on site and in the adjacent rights of way on Oak and Main streets, construct a bus shelter, donate money for improvements in nearby Pat Rodio Park and contribute \$550,000 to the City of Fairfax toward affordable housing. It will also do streetscape

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BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Preliminary site work on Mount Vineyard (formerly Oak Knolls) has now begun.

improvements, provide a pedestrian connection to the park and reduce about 95 percent of Oak Knolls's currently unrestrained, surface water flow.

The homes will feature "green" building practices and other contemporary amenities, including rooftop terraces and garage parking. Mount Vineyard is the site of the former home of Richard Ratcliffe, the city's original architect. The community's design will incorporate several of the mature oak trees on Oak Street, plus a commemorative marker honoring Ratcliffe and Mount Vineyard. Preliminary site work is underway and completion of construction is anticipated by early 2018.

Paul VI Site Redevelopment

In 2020, Paul VI High School will move from its 18.5-acre home in the City of Fairfax to a much larger site in Loudoun County. So developer IDI Group Cos. is obtaining community input about how to redevelop this property along Fairfax Boulevard after the school leaves.

It plans to create a vibrant mixed-use community with high-quality design and architecture. It will feature urban plazas, attractive streetscapes and open spaces, as well as market-rate, affordable and senior housing opportunities. IDI also intends to respect and preserve the property's history.

Since cut-through traffic is a problem, IDI will explore traffic calming and consider connections in and out of the site. Many streets lack sidewalks, so there's potential for strong bike and pedestrian connections throughout the neighborhoods.

Residents also want IDI to address flooding at Fairfax Boulevard in front of McDonald's, stormwater management and streetscape improvements. They've also requested a tree canopy, low-impact design features, native plants and irrigation, plus parking for Pat Rodio Park.

Furthermore, residents want a mix of uses, mainly residential. They'd also like some public open space, neighborhood-

serving retail and a community use. They want senior and affordable housing and prefer owner-occupied vs. rental, so condos instead of apartments. And they asked the developer to be sensitive to the neighborhood when incorporating the frontages.

Some want the building façade preserved and others want the original, 1934 building re-purposed. And some want IDI to recreate the architectural features in the new buildings. These features could also potentially be incorporated into retail and commercial buildings along Fairfax Boulevard.

Residences at Government Center

With the goal of providing workforce housing in the local area, Fairfax County dignitaries 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 chocked 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."

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Food for Others

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

Britepaths

The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to www.britepaths.org

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area

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

FACETS

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

Pathway Homes

Established in 1980, Pathways focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. www.pathwayhomes.org/.

The Well Spouse Association

The Well Spouse Association, a national nonprofit which provides peer support to those caring for a chronically ill or disabled spouse, has free support groups in various northern VA locations. For more info, go to www.wellspouse.org or call 800-838-0879.

Fairfax Families for Kids

Fairfax Families4Kids gives youth ages 12 to 21, currently living in foster care or out of foster care, the opportunity to participate in group and individual mentoring, and spend quality time in the community engaged in regularly scheduled, structured group activities. Sample group activities include: chess tournaments, bowling, basketball camps, fitness and dance classes, badminton, horseback riding, 5-K walks, etc. The youth also participate in community service projects such as: packing school backpacks for children in Haiti, sending boxes to soldiers, raising money for the homeless, etc. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm.

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Homelessness

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Annual Budget: \$3.3 million

How to get involved: Alternative House relies heavily on donations and volunteer support to meet the critical needs of at-risk children, youth and families. You can make a monetary contribution, volunteer, or donate goods or services. You are strongly encouraged to attend an Open Door Information Session held the second Tuesday of each month at our Emergency Teen Shelter in Vienna. Learn more on its website, www.thealternativehouse.org.

Alternative House's vision is of a community in which all young people are safe, live in a nurturing environment and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Founded in 1972, Alternative House transforms the lives of children and youth, helping them stay safe, make positive decisions, achieve educational success, and overcome personal crises. It offers children, youth and families hope for brighter futures by providing counseling, shelter and neighborhood-based support. Its hotline served 2,000 callers last year, and its emergency shelter housed nearly 200 youth in crisis. Alternative House always welcome the support of our community.

Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, Inc.

Location: Alexandria

Executive Director: David Levine

Contact info: info@goodhousing.org

Annual Budget: \$2.2 million

How to get involved: Visit www.goodhousing.org/volunteer

For more than 40 years, GSH has helped end homelessness and enable self-sufficiency by providing affordable housing and emergency financial services to working-class families and individuals in Fairfax County. Last year alone GSH helped more than 1,000 households who were unstably housed or were, in fact, experiencing an episode of homelessness. Learn more by visiting GSH's website www.goodhousing.org

FACETS

Location – Main office located at - 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300 Fairfax VA 22030

Executive Director – Margi Preston

Contact info – 703-352-5090/
www.FACETSCares.org

Annual Budget – \$3,300,466

How to get involved: Every other month FACETS offers an information session and tour to individuals interested in learning more about our impact in the community. Upcoming sessions take place on the first Tuesday of each month to include – Oct. 4, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, April 4 and June 6. Monthly volunteer orientations are also held at FACETS' main office. For more information and

to RSVP, visit www.FACETSCares.org or contact Josh D'Antonio at JDantonio@FACETSCares.org.

FACETS works to prevent and end homelessness in Fairfax County by offering a variety of services and supports for people who are homeless, unstably housed, or experiencing poverty. In 1988, FACETS began as a hot meals program, serving nutritious food to people who were homeless in Fairfax County. Since then, FACETS has evolved to meet the changing needs of the community. Today, FACETS serves over 2,000 people, with programs that help families and individuals break the cycle of poverty. Its team provides intensive case management services to help its client's gain life skills to enable them to enjoy a more stable future.

Many volunteers opportunities exist with FACETS, including helping families at an emergency shelter in Alexandria. Here FACETS volunteers work at the front desk and pantry, assist with childcare, and provide a transportation support for program participants enrolled in FACETS' employment readiness program. In addition, as it gear up for the holiday season, FACETS relies on volunteers to provide neighbors in need with positive holiday memories. Individuals can support this effort by volunteering at a holiday party, or donating Thanksgiving Baskets or holiday gifts. For details on volunteer and in-kind opportunities, visit www.FACETSCares.org or contact FACETS' Volunteer and Events Manager, D'Ivonne Holman at DHolman@FACETSCares.org or 703-865-4251.

United Community Ministries (UCM)

Location: Serving Region 1 Fairfax County, its main office is: 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria VA 22306

Executive Director: Nichelle A. Mitchem

Contact info: phone 703.768.7106, email info@ucmagency.org

Annual Budget: \$4.4 million

How to get involved: UCM is truly a network of connection and engaged individuals, supporting each other, helping neighbors in need, to create a successful Mount Vernon community. Community support to donate, volunteer, and advocate is needed and deeply appreciated. Visit www.ucmagency.org to learn how you can help.

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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 Committee 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. Your 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 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/>

Keeping Youth Safe, Healthy and Drug Free

Looking for ways to keep Fairfax County youth and young adults safe, healthy and drug free? Then check out getting involved with the nonprofit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC).

UPC will hold its school year kickoff meeting on Monday, Sept. 26. Come to "Taste of UPC" and learn about the programs offered by UPC to educate parents and youth about the issues of underage and binge drinking, marijuana and prescription medicine abuse as well as the growing problem of heroin in the community. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Public Schools' Gatehouse Administration Center (First Floor

Café), 8115 Gatehouse Road in Falls Church.

High school youth are invited to learn more about the UPC Youth Council, which aims to include two representatives from each high school. Youth Council members help create youth-directed prevention activities, develop leadership and advocacy skills and gain volunteer and service hours by becoming active and helpful members of the community.

UPC partners with more than 60 organizations and needs your help to make a difference. For more information, contact UPC at 703-938-8723 or check out the group's website at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org. Donations are appreciated and can be made online via the group's website.

County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

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



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 21st 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.

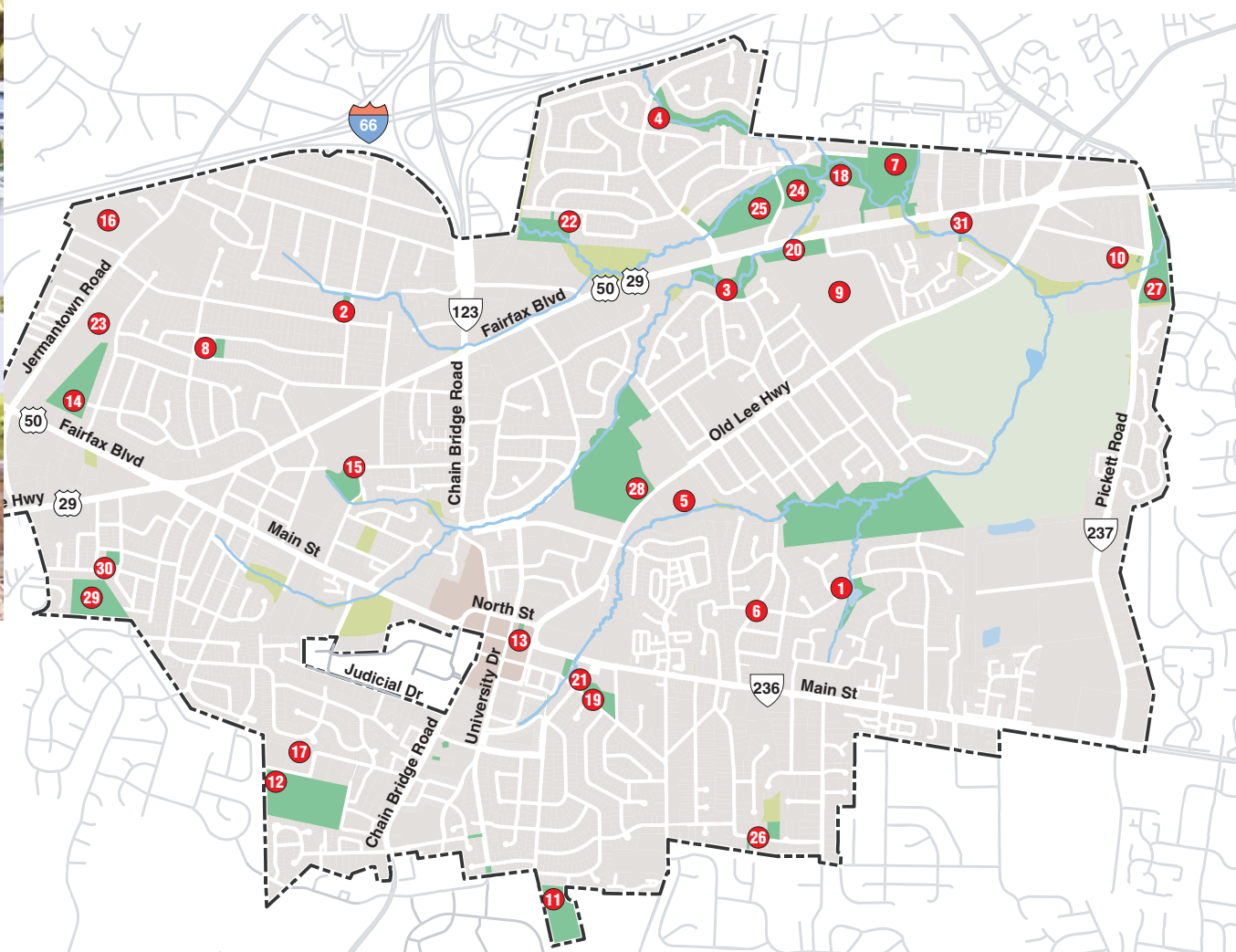


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Members of the Youth Council of the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County joined students from around the state in July at the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) at Longwood University. This is the fifth year UPC has sent its students to the annual leadership conference.

PARKS

PARKS IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX



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

- 1 Ashby Pond Conservatory Site**
9817 Ashby Road
Size: 4 acres. Features: natural pond, picnic tables and a walking trail.
- 2 Cobbdale Park**
3600 Burrows Ave.
Size: 0.5 acres. Features: playground equipment and picnic tables.
- 3 Country Club Hills Commons**
10050 Spring Lake Terrace
Features: picnic pavillion, walking trail and benches.
- 4 Dale Lestina Park**
3157 Plantation Parkway
Size: 7 acres. Features: playground equipment and walking trail.
- 5 Daniels Run Elementary School**
3705 Old Lee Highway
Features: playground equipment, soccer field and two softball fields.
- 6 Daniels Run Park**
Embassy Lane, Estel Road, Heritage Lane and Tedrich Boulevard
Size: 48 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail, picnic pavillion, children's play area and wooded parkland.
- 7 Draper Drive Park**
9797 Beech Drive
Size: 16 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail and two multi-purpose turf fields.
- 8 Fairchester Woods Park**
10836 Warkwick Ave.
Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, playground equipment and benches.
- 9 Fairfax High School**
3501 Rebel Run
Features: baseball and softball fields; basketball, racquetball and tennis courts; and outdoor track.
- 10 Gateway Regional Park**
3333 Old Pickett Road
Features: bike trail, pavillion and benches.
- 11 Green Acres Center**
4401 Sideburn Road

- Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, playground equipment, soccer fields and indoor activity rooms.
- 12 Jester Property**
10735 West Drive
Features: undeveloped open space.
- 13 Kitty Pozer Garden**
10386 Main St.
Features: benches.
- 14 Kutner Park**
3901 Jermantown Road
Size: 10.5 acres. Features: hiking trail, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, soccer field, tennis court and volleyball court.
- 15 Pat Rodio Park**
3800 Keith Ave.
Size: 4 acres. Features: football field, Little League baseball fields and playground equipment.
- 16 Providence Elementary School**
3616 Jermantown Road
Features: basketball court, playground equipment, softball fields and Little League baseball fields.
- 17 Providence Park**
10715 West Drive
Size: 20 acres. Features: biking/hiking trails, picnic pavillion, playground equipment and tennis courts.
- 18 Ranger Road Park**
9701 Ranger Road
Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, picnic area and playground
- 19 Ratcliffe Park**
10300 Sager Ave.
Size: 6 acres. Features: picnic pavillion, basketball court, Little League baseball field, small multipurpose field and playground equipment.



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

- 20 Rebel Run Property**
9985 Fairfax Blvd.
Features: undeveloped open space.
- 21 Sager Trail**
10318 Sager Ave.
Features: undeveloped open space and a fully accessible wooded walking path between Sager Avenue and Route 236/Main Street east.
- 22 Shiloh Street Park**
10400 Shiloh St.
Features: playground equipment and a hiking trail.
- 23 Sidney Lanier Middle School**
3801 Jermantown Road
Features: indoor and outdoor basketball courts, soccer fields, outdoor running track and indoor activity rooms.
- 24 Stafford East Park**
3255 Stafford Drive
Features: undeveloped open space.
- 25 Stafford Drive Park**
3300 Stafford Drive
Size: 24 acres. Features: barrier-free playground, fully accessible walking trail, and a multi-purpose synthetic turf field.
- 26 Ted Grefe Park**
9980 Mosby Road
Features: undeveloped open space and a walking trail.
- 27 Thaiss Memorial Park**
3401 Pickett Road
Size: 10 acres. Features: Little League baseball fields, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.
- 28 Van Dyck Park**
3720 Old Lee Highway.
Size: 20 acres. Features: lighted basketball court, exercise trail, multi-purpose play areas, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, four lighted tennis courts and three sand volleyball courts.
- 29 Westmore Elementary School**
11000 Berry St.
Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, softball field, playground equipment and a soccer/football practice field.
- 30 Westmore Park**
4030 Fern St.
Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.
- 31 Willcoxon Park**
9725 Fairfax Blvd.
Size: 3 acres. Features: hiking trail and benches.

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PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES,
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
Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500
The GW Parkway includes more than 25 sites, ranging from historic homes to wildlife preserves. Join a ranger for a free program or explore sites independently. Some park sites, including Turkey Run Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Great Falls Park, etc., close at dark. The Parkway itself remains open 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic.

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/
The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov
The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. Hours vary. Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority family of Waterparks. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria
www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/
www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/
703-960-0767
Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves Water Park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, play with friends in the shallow waters of the play

pool. The park also features a deluxe miniature golf course, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters, and a special events pavilion.

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997
The historic Carlyle House was completed in 1753 by British merchant John Carlyle for his bride, Sarah Fairfax of Belvoir, member of one of the most prestigious families in colonial Virginia. Their home quickly became a center of social and political life in Alexandria and gained a foothold in history when British General Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in 1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house, programs for schoolchildren, special events, exhibits and lectures explore the life and times of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria. The site may be rented in the evenings for private functions and weddings.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124
The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;
Hemlock Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631
This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections is open year round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin.

OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

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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 BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES, FEATURING SILAS BURKE PARK, GILES RUN MEADOW AND BRENTWOOD PARK
 MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



Map
Number
Park Name
 Address
 City
 Property Class

- 1 Carney Park**
Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Willow Pond**
13101 Autumn Willow Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 3 Woodglen Lake**
10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 4 Silverbrook**
9351 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station
Community Park
- 5 Newington Heights**
8590 Heller Road, Lorton
District Park
- 6 Laurel Hill**
8515 Silverbrook Road, Lorton
Countywide Park
- 7 Old Colchester Preserve**
10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton
Cultural Resource Park
- 8 Lorton West**
9800 Ox Road, Lorton
- 9 Lower Potomac**
9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton
- 10 Waples Mill Meadow**
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 11 Lake Braddock**
- 12 Silas Burke**
5815 Parakeet Drive, Burke
Community Park
- 13 Burke Station**
6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke
Community Park
- 14 Burke Ridge**
9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke
Neighborhood Park
- 15 Rolling Valley West**
6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke
Community Park
- 16 Fair Oaks**
3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Brentwood**
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Random Hills**
11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 19 Dixie Hill**
4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 20 Villa D'este**
3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax





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



NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Year-round Fun

Batting Cage Occoquan Regional Park 9751 Ox Road Lorton, VA 22079. Open through Oct. 30 Occoquan offers a baseball/softball batting cage, perfect for hitters of all levels, from beginner to expert. Cost: 14 balls \$1.50 Team Rentals Per Cage: 30 min. \$18 60 min. \$34 Visit: <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park/things-to-do/batting-cage>

AREA CALENDAR

Kayak Rental Occoquan Regional Park 9 - 6 p.m. daily through Sept. 30 This park offers hourly and daily kayak rentals for

those interested in exploring the river and surrounding. Kayaks are launched from shore and are available in one or two seat configurations. Please note: Pets are not permitted in rental boats.

Rock The Block Free Concert Series 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Old Town Square 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Recurring monthly on the 4th Friday through Oct. 28. Call: 703-385-7858

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesdays in **Mosaic - Strawberry Park** 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week taught by a group of unique storytellers. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Recurring weekly on Tuesday. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/mosaic-district/2326/>

August 2016

FRIDAY/AUG. 26, 2016

City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oberfest, featuring the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian Band, invites you to end your summer in oktoberfest style with authentic fest musik. Admission: Free. Visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

September 2016

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Great American Labor Day 5K Run 8 a.m. 11895 Grand Commons Avenue Fairfax, VA 22030. This year's race beneficiary will be Robinson High School Cross Country and Track & Field team. Cost \$35: Visit: <http://www.tantracking.com/>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

5k at the Bay 9 a.m. 6501 Pohick Bay Dr Lorton, VA 22079. There will be race day registration. Benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This race will take you on a scenic trip through the woods at Pohick Bay. Now offering a virtual run option for those who cannot make it on race day. You will receive a custom medal. Cost: \$25, until Aug. 31: \$30

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 10-11

Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit



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www.burkecentreweb.com
Fine Arts Festival. 11 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday 11 - 5 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton, VA 22079. The festival is juried to include only the best fine art, no commercial or mass produced objects, including; painting, ceramics, glass, fiber/clothing, mixed media, wood, precious metal/jewelry, printmaking, photography, furniture, sculpture. Admission & Parking: Free. <https://www.workhousearts.org/?s=fine+arts+festival>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10-

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21, 2016

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

125 Year History of Little Zion Baptist Church 7p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Join author Corazon Foley for a conversation on the history surrounding Little Zion Baptist Church, a 125 year-old historic landmark in Burke. Co-sponsored by the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center. Age(s): Adult. Call 703-249-1520 or visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Shane & Shane Concert 4 - 9 p.m. Fairfax United Methodist Church - 10300 Stratford Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030. Come on out for some great food and amazing music. Free.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

The Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge 10 - 6 p.m. George Mason University - 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge is the nation's largest mobile fitness event travelling from coast-to-coast dedicated to helping keep kids healthy and active. At the Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge, kids of all ages get the opportunity to flex their physical fitness by participating in a time-based obstacle course that includes sprinting, jump roping, wall crawls, hurdles, jumping jacks, sit

ups, and tunnel crawls, before finishing off the course with a 20 foot confidence climb and 60 meter dash to the finish. Visit: <http://allstaractive.com/video.html>

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25 - 30

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax and at other locations throughout Virginia, DC, and Maryland. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25, 2016

21st Annual CÉ Irish Folk Festival. Noon - 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit <http://www.ccepotomac.org/irishfest.html>

October 2016

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9, 2016

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Visit: <http://www.cliftonday.com/>

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-23, 2016

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

November 2016

SATURDAY/NOV. 5-6

Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness. 10 - 5 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Come out and smash, throw, and launch those old pumpkins. Bring back your used Jack-o-lantern...We'll help you recycle it. Last admission 4 p.m. Visit: <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>

TUESDAY/NOV. 8, 2016

Election Day. General election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

SATURDAY/NOV. 12, 2016

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 19-20

30th Annual Holiday Craft Show 10 - 3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. What started out in 1987 as a very small show has grown to become a premium arts and crafts festival. Artisans from all over the United States, including many local artists, are participating in this year's show and we are delighted to be able to offer you so many wonderful holiday gift choices. There really is something for everyone on your shopping list. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/holiday-craft-show>

December 2016

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

My Gym Community Event 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Develop your child's large motor skills with physical exercise and games. Funded by the Friends of Burke Centre Library. Age 1-3 years with adult. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Creative Writers Group 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Holiday Book Sale 10 - 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Peruse and shop a selection of gently used holiday-themed books collected by the Friends of the Burke Centre Library. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

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

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 4

Read Build Play 10:30 a.m. Let's read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends! Have fun with your little one while building early literacy skills. Age 3-5 with adult child minder. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

TUESDAY/JAN. 3

S.T.E.A.M. 2 p.m. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Each month we will focus on one of these subjects with stories and activities appropriate for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Second Saturdays with Supervisor Storck 9 a.m. Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079. Meet with your Board of Supervisors representative, Dan Storck, to discuss your concerns. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/MAR. 4

GIVE 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library 10360 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030-2514 GIVE- Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education. Volunteers from Thomas Jefferson H.S. and Robinson H.S. offer tutoring in math, reading, writing, science, social studies and ESL. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29, 2016

Historic Garden Week. Visit www.vagardenweek.org/

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Father & Daughter Dance 6 - 9 p.m. Sherwood Community Center 3740 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030. Admission: \$30 per person. Visit: www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec