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Kevin Bajlanpour, the conductor of the Burke Lake Park miniature locomotive, enjoys the kids and especially when adults who remember the train when they were kids, bring their own for a 10-minute ride around the park.

Burke Lake Attracts Area Families

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Man Peacefully Taken Into Custody after Barricade in Clifton

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody for mental health medical evaluation after a barricade situation with Fairfax County Police that lasted from the morning throughout the afternoon on Aug. 22.

Police said officers from the Sully District station responded to a call from a home in the 11900 block of Henderson Court in Clifton just after 9 a.m.

According to a release from FCPD, the caller said he was inside the home "experiencing emotional distress, possibly armed with a handgun and allegedly threatening to harm himself."

Police immediately set up a perimeter around the house and the Department of Public Safety Communications DPSC used a "reverse 9-1-1 call" to notify neighbors what was going on.

Police also provided numerous updates via their Twitter account.

The man stayed on the phone with DPSC until crisis negotiators arrived. Family members who had



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

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been inside the home left unharmed.

Police declared a barricade close to 10 a.m. and SWAT was dispatched. Just after 3 p.m., the man in the home gave up his position

and was taken into custody, and then to a local hospital for a medical evaluation. He has not been charged with a crime.

No one involved was injured.

—TIM PETERSON

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Members of the Hayfield Secondary School JROTC color guard led by Cadet Major Issac Bailey (left), present the colors on the first day of FCPS Great Beginnings for new and transferring teachers. South County High School rising senior, Hayley Denehy (right), sings the national anthem at the Aug. 22 event.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

The team from Fairfax Education Association, the county's largest teachers union, was among numerous vendors meeting and engaging with new and transitioning teachers at the FCPS Great Beginnings orientation program on Aug. 22.

Great Beginnings, Greater Expectations

1,200 teachers and instructional staff begin Fairfax County Public Schools orientation.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Growing up with two parents who immigrated to the United States from Egypt, Wala Osman of Springfield faced many challenges as a young student at Glasgow Middle School in Lincolnia.

But Osman remembers having an “awesome seventh grade teacher” at Glasgow.

“My middle school teacher was always there for me,” Osman said. Since that experience, she’s always wanted to be a teacher, “to give back.”

Osman is transitioning from a job in furniture sales to becoming one of Fairfax County Public School’s newest faces in the front of the classroom this year. She joined around 1,200 teachers and instructional staff Monday morning Aug. 22 for the 21st running of FCPS “Great Beginnings” orientation for new teachers and teachers new to the county. The event is based out of South County High School in Lorton.

Teachers are divided into cohort by subject matter to begin forming relationships immediately with other new hires and coach-mentors that will work with and guide them throughout the year.

Osman will be teaching self-contained science classes for students with emotional disabilities at Mark Twain Middle School in Springfield. Her cohort for special education teachers was led by Kelley Brown of Mount Vernon High School and Dawn Simpkins of Falls Church High School.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY this week were scheduled to include motivational speeches and instruction, and onboarding for FCPS

culture. Wednesday is a visit to the coaches’ schools to see model classrooms. On Thursday teachers return to their base school for localized orientation.

“They work on classroom management, building relationships and establishing processes and routines,” said Richard Culp with the newly formed FCPS Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement, who’s in his ninth year of organizing the Great Beginnings program.

For beginning teachers, “there’s so much to learn and know right away,” Culp said. “And on the emotional side, they need support too. We know that supported teachers stay in the profession longer. They come here, plan out their first few days and have lots of friends.”

FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza welcomed the new and transitioning teachers to the South County gymnasium, recalling her own roots starting her career as a kindergarten teacher.

Garza emphasized Fairfax County as a great place to work and learn, and promoted some of the school system’s progressive pedagogy.

She said FCPS is working to “minimize the focus on high stakes testing and maximize the focus on authentic learning, authentic engagement.”

This she said is part of the sweeping “Portrait of a Graduate” guiding vision for student development.

“How do we make this a reality for every child in our school system,” Garza said.

Of the 1,600 teachers FCPS hired for the 2016-2017 school year, 811 are new to FCPS the superintendent said. Some are new to teaching, others are coming from other school districts. All have different rea-



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sons for coming to teaching in Fairfax County.

Sean McCormally of Fairfax will be teaching special education chemistry at South County High School. McCormally didn’t begin medicating for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder until he was 25 — he then raised his grade point average in undergrad more than a full point in graduate school.

“I didn’t receive service in high school,” McCormally said. “I appreciate what some of these students are going through. I want to help.”

For Candice Tenerelli, she’s been a special education instructional assistant in math and Strategies for Success in kindergarten and high school for the last five years. A mother with one student of her own off to college and another getting close, “It was the right time in life” to upgrade her teaching to full time, she said.

FCPS School Board Vice Chairman Jane

Strauss also stressed the vital role of teachers in forming close relationships with students. “For many it will be a pivotal one in their life,” Strauss said. “Twenty years from now, you may not know you touched someone.”

“The work of FCPS is only as successful as you are successful,” said Strauss.

New teacher Simon Chang of Centreville is already well-versed in relationship building, having worked for a non-profit that does counter-sex trafficking work. Chang decided he wanted to transition to teaching, and spent last year as an instructional assistant at Mountain View High School.

Chang said he loves working with students with emotional disabilities, a role he’ll be taking at South Lakes High School this fall.

“Maybe they don’t have anyone to show them love or affection,” Chang said. “I do my part, and show them that I care about them, that I respect them.”

SPEAKER COREY THORNBLAD, the 2016 FCPS Outstanding Teacher from Joyce Kilmer Middle School in Vienna, also shared a few points from her 12 years in front of the classroom.

She encouraged the teachers to “find your people,” or personal learning network of people who inspire them, and that “things fall apart, but it’s what you do when that happens that matters and show what real learning is all about.”

After the teachers’ lunch and more time in cohorts, they listened to a keynote speech from Rick Smith, author of “Conscious Classroom Management.”

OPINION

Women's Equality Day Is 96 Years Young

BY PEGGY KNIGHT
PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE
FAIRFAX AREA

On Aug. 26, 2016, our nation celebrates the Women's Equality Day for the 96th time. In only four years, we will be celebrating the centennial of this historic day recognizing the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote and to full citizenship for the very first time.

During this seven decade struggle, many fearless men and women suffered jail time, public disgrace, and physical assaults by the police and spectators at demonstrations. However, it was only in 1971 that Congress, by resolution, designated this day as "Women's Equality Day." This designation recognized the many sacrifices made by these women and men to

achieve this ratification.

On Feb. 14, 1920, six months before ratification of the 19th amendment, The League of Women Voters, was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, during the association's convention. Ms. Catt was a women's rights activist and a suffragist, who stated that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens, men and women.

This year, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area LWVFA celebrates the selection of the country's first female nominee for President from a major party. While the League never endorses candidates or political parties, it recognizes this historical achievement for women.

The League encourages active participation by citizens. It conducts studies of important policy issues, has monthly meetings during which members discuss these issues, and uses

education and advocacy to influence public policy, at the local level, in the interest of the public. It conducts candidate forums so that citizens can ask 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, please go to its website, www.lwv-fairfax.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Adarsh Trehan at PR@lwvfairfax.org or 703-795-7281. You can also contact Peggy Knight, President, at peggy.knight1@verizon.net or 703-772-4939

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

#MindsMatter: Lifesaving Conversations Every Day

BY WENDY GRADISON
CEO, PRS, INC.

COMMENTARY

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

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

Our trained volunteers respond and engage in life-saving conversations with teens and others who are facing life crises, steering them to help and safety. Having dialogues and making it easier to discuss problems before crisis occurs is key to preventing suicides. After all, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged 15-24, so the individual and societal toll of suicide is real.

In preparation for National Suicide Prevention Week NSPW which starts Sept. 5, PRS has teamed up with Connection Newspapers to

host the second annual #MindsMatter Social Media Campaign. Visit prsinc.org/mindsmatter. We designed the campaign to encourage the community to pledge to do something that raises awareness about suicide prevention.

Our #MindsMatter campaign uses social media as a catalyst for conversation and action to prevent suicide. Our campaign deputizes the community, providing ways to "pledge" to spread the word, change minds and save lives. This is an especially important way to reach younger people with a message of hope.

The #MindsMatter pledge outlines activities that people can do to make a difference and spread awareness before, during and after the week. Anyone can take the pledge by visiting www.prsinc.org/mindsmatter or the Connection Newspaper's social media pages. Examples of activities people can pledge to do include:

- Following PRS Facebook and Twitter pages
- Submitting a selfie showing support of

National Suicide Prevention Week

- Participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's walk on Sept. 24, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness walk on Sept. 24

- Taking a stress test

- Sharing the campaign with family and friends

- Setting a personal goal to improve mental health

- Reading and sharing stories about individuals who have survived a suicide attempt and/or helping individuals cope with thoughts of suicide

- Signing up for a suicide prevention workshop

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back to School: Keeping our Kids Safe on the Way to the Classroom

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again: back to school! As much as it pains all of us, it's time to make the drive back home from our favorite vacation spots and head to the store for new school clothes and a fresh batch of school supplies. In September, we will see more children in the roadway, either walking or biking to school and enjoying the last of the warm weather.

As motorists, we have a responsibility to take extra caution when we see children on the side of the road or crossing at a crosswalk. As many of us know, children's actions can be unpredictable, so take extra care when driving in the proximity of children or when passing through a school zone.

Be sure to remember that yielding the right of way to pedestrians at a crosswalk is not just the right thing to do, it's the law. The Fairfax County Police Department will monitor school zones to educate both parents and children about staying safe as they travel to and from school. Fairfax County is a busy area, but please keep in mind that the safety of our children and others is more important than a motorist arriving more quickly to his or her destination.

When you observe a school bus dropping off or picking up children, double check that the stop sign is not extended before passing. It is very difficult to see children as they get on and off the school bus, so pay extra care and respect the rules of the road. Being involved in

an accident with a child or a pedestrian is a risk you cannot afford to take.

We appreciate our community for taking the time to help maintain a safe environment for our children. Together, we can ensure that our students thrive in an environment that is fun, safe, and constructive.

John C. Cook

Braddock District Supervisor and Public Safety Committee Chair

Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department

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The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is open to the public every Sunday, except major holidays, from 1-4 p.m.

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Visit Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

Take a step back in time and discover the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and the role it played in the history of Northern Virginia.

A key element in the development of the regional economy from its completion on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad in 1854, it played a critical role in the American Civil War and was the center of local community life for almost a century until modern highways and rail transportation made lo-

cal train depots a thing of the past. The Station was an important supply and medical evacuation site during the Civil War where Clara Barton, later the founder of the American Red Cross, assisted in relief and evacuation efforts in 1862 during the Second Battle of Bull Run. The Museum is open to the public every Sunday, except major holidays, from 1-4 p.m.

The community room is also available to rent for special events such as wedding and birthday parties. Museum displays, activities and fun,

family events such as monthly running model train displays, Hands On Craft Days, Book Sales, and Civil War re-enactors events help preserve local history and promote railroading.

In addition, volunteer opportunities are available. Please visit us at www.fairfax-station.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FFXSRR and Twitter @FFXSTNRR. 703-425-9225. Questions, www.information@fairfax-station.org.

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Alilhson Senel holds up a mirror so one of the party attendees can see how the haircut Selim Arasli gave him turned out. Doing haircuts on site presents difficulties, since all the styling equipment needs to be brought and folding chairs can't be raised.



Members from the Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce who joined the FACETS back to school party to provide on-site haircuts. Erdi Mutlu, Mahmut Yeter, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, Mustafa Demirkiran, owner of Salon O Tony in Vienna, Cem Surucu, owner of Salon Macomb in Washington D.C., Enes Senel, Selim Arasli, owner of Charmed Hair Salon in D.C., Alilhson Senel, Irfan-Selim Senel.

Building Confidence for the Return to School

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

More than 80 children from low-income families attended the FACETS Back to School Party on Monday, Aug. 15 in Fairfax. FACETS, a non-profit that focuses on the diverse needs of those in poverty in Fairfax County, The Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce and volunteers with Amazon Women in Engineering united to coordinate the party. As the party wound down, children filtered out talking about their new backpacks, admiring new hairstyles and imagining the possibilities in the upcoming school year.

The party started with children hunting through tables piled with backpacks for the one they treasured. The styles pleased kindergartners to those in high school. A favorite moment by many of the staff and volunteers was when a 5-year-old found her backpack, exclaiming "It's Nemo!" The backpack featured the young clownfish from Pixar's film "Finding Nemo."

Each child was provided school supplies based on their schools' lists. Pencils, crayons, hand sanitizer, notebooks, binders and more. The stacks were taller than some of the children weaving their way through the tables. Some backpacks weren't large enough to fit all the school supplies required for the year, backpack zippers left open for the short walk home.

"We try to take care of everything on their list," explains Josh D'Antonio. The supplies are collected during the summer through the FACETS Back-to-School Drive where workplaces, faith communities, various other organizations and individuals donate school sup-



Teresa Williams, 9, mother Maura Williams of Stafford and FACETS Event Intern Huang Cao help Natalia, 4, find her school supplies. FACETS Community Development Advocate from Centreville, Shanel Hudson, helps Nana, 14, of Fairfax High School find his required supplies.

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Mohamad, 10, of Eagleview Elementary is helped by Amazon Women in Engineering volunteer Desiree Toler and FACETS event Intern Huang Cao find school supplies while Ali Sison, also from Amazon, helps Nathan, 8.

plies or purchase items from FACETS's Amazon wish list. The items collected are distributed to all the children with need in FAC-

ETS. The 80 at the party representing only about a quarter of the children in FACETS.

On-site barbers and stylists were



Enes Senel giving a haircut to a frightened toddler as mother tries to calm him and sister watches. Cutting children's hair is often more difficult because they can be frightened.

also present to give trims or stylish new haircuts. Although a bit hesitant at first, entire groups of friends joined, often asking for the same cut as their first friend to brave the chair. This is the first year haircuts were performed at a FACETS Back to School Party, usually children are provided with vouchers, explains Alaha Ahrar, a FACETS Community Development Advocate. The stylists and barbers are all industry professionals, owners or working at salons around the area, and members of the Chamber.

"It's not all about school," explains Selim Arasli, owner of Charmed Hair Salon in Washington D.C. "You look at them, give them compliments and you just see them change" Araslem says. The haircuts and new backpack and school supplies "make them feel better, more confident. They stand out for their confidence, not their poverty," explains D'Antonio, a FACETS Community Engagement Coordinator.

Comstock Faces Challenge from Bennett in Congressional Race

Voter turnout, presidential politics and 'Trump Effect' considered key factors in once solidly red district.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In Virginia's 10th Congressional District, freshman lawmaker Barbara Comstock remains confident that she will win her first reelection bid.

Her Democratic challenger, LuAnn Bennett, a real estate executive seeking her first elective office, is hoping the sprawling district's changing demographics, together with a strong voter turnout driven by a presidential contest, will give her the chance to turn the seat blue.

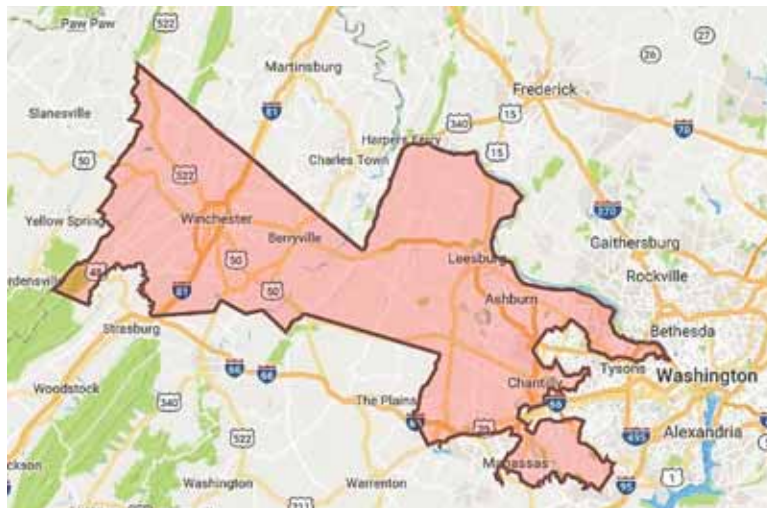


U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R)



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LuAnn Bennett (D)



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Map of the 10th District.

of area "first responders" at the McLean Community Center as part of her Young Women in Leadership Program.

After the nearly two-hour event last Wednesday, Comstock stayed behind to personally greet any young woman who wanted to meet and get a photo taken with the congresswoman.

"The race is going great," Comstock said. "But I'm feeling energized. ... This is the fun part."

Bennett said she's ready to unseat the incumbent.

Bennett launched her campaign last December with a web video in which she recalled moving to Fairfax County 35 years ago with her husband Rick and buying a home in Great Falls, where they started a small real estate business and raised a family "and built a life,

just like hundreds of young Northern Virginia families are doing here today."

When her husband died of leukemia in 1994, she said that she was faced with being a single mother, raising three boys and managing a company. Despite those challenges, Bennett said she never missed a payroll.

"I've learned that in challenges, there are always opportunities," Bennett said in a statement. "Working together, we can break through the gridlock in Washington and build a better future for Northern Virginians."

Bennett said Comstock is "out of touch" with the 10th District's values. She has called Comstock's voting record "anti-woman, anti-environment, anti-immigration and anti-gun-safety."

In this increasingly divisive election season, both parties are speculating how Republican Donald Trump's presidential candidacy will impact down-ticket congressional races.

TAKING A PAGE from the national Democratic playbook, Bennett's campaign has been relentless in demanding that Comstock either disavow Trump and his positions, or acknowledge that she stands with him.

When Trump criticized the Gold Star Muslim parents Khizr and Ghazala Kahn, parents of a soldier killed in Afghanistan, who spoke against Trump at the Democratic National Convention, Bennett immediately praised the family, said Trump is "hostile to our Muslim community" and called for her GOP opponent, Barbara Comstock, to "withdraw" her support from Trump.

Comstock also praised the Khans. She has said publicly that "Donald Trump needs to earn the votes of me and many others."

While Comstock has not endorsed Trump, she also has not joined the Republicans who have declared they will not vote for Trump. At times, Comstock has issued pointed news releases that counter Trump's rant-of-the-day without naming Trump. But Bennett has said that "avoiding mentioning Trump's name" is not enough for constituents.

Democrats might not have to worry about Virginia, at least at the presidential level. Larry Sabato, the director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics, declared Virginia is no longer a battleground state.

"Virginia is off the table," Sabato said in the release. Virginia, once a near-certainty win for Republican candidates, is now trending more towards Democrats, he predicted.

"These normally swing states are not swinging at all in 2016. They are solidly Democratic," said Sabato.

What remains unknown is what influence that trend at the presidential level may have on the 10th district Congressional race.



Delegate Filler-Corn addressing the crowd upon accepting her award.

Delegate Filler-Corn Honored by the Autism Society

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Autism Society of Northern Virginia (ASNV) honored Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) with the Community Builder of the Year Award during ASNV's Annual Wine and Dine for Autism event. This award recognizes those who have had a significant positive impact on the autism community.

ASNV chose to honor Filler-Corn for her work in making the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act a reality in the Commonwealth. Her 2015 bill created "ABLE" Accounts, similar to the 529 college savings accounts, which would allow for those with disabilities as well as their families to save money for various needs including housing, education and medical care. Virginia was the first state to pass such legislation since the passage of the federal act. This past session, Del. Filler-Corn introduced and passed legislation that would ensure these same accounts would be free of means testing. In addition, she also worked with the Governor this year to ensure that the biennial budget included a \$2000 income tax deduction for contributions to the ABLE savings accounts starting in Taxable Year 2016.

Addressing the crowd, Filler-Corn spoke of how the ABLE Act came to be, adding with pride that the idea came from constituents in her district. "Stephen Beck and his wife Catherine are parents of a child with Down syndrome and they worried for years about how they would care for Natalie when she was older and they were unable to provide the day to day support they were once able to provide. While sitting at their kitchen table they developed the idea for the [federal] ABLE Act," said Filler-Corn "After years of advocating and working for its passage at the federal and state level, Catherine and Stephen's hard work as well as the work of so many others paid off. While unfortunately Stephen is no longer with us, his work with Catherine will live on in these ABLE accounts, which will help countless Virginians for years to come."

"Overall, it was an incredible evening with fabulous people all committed to make a difference. There was an impressive speech by Connor Cummings, the namesake of Connor's Law, who I had the opportunity to meet in Richmond last year as he advocated in support of legislation. Amazing musical entertainment as well by several incredibly talented individuals including my constituent Jake Sizemore, from Burke, who teaches us that we should look for the talent in everybody," she said.



Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (41) and Connor Cummings.

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A site plan shows the footprint of the new Burke Lake golf course clubhouse and driving range.

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Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Connection keeps a running list of land use projects being planned, under construction and nearing completion in the community. The list is updated quarterly.

Burke Lake Golf Course — 7315 Ox Road

A new clubhouse and expanded driving range and parking lot high-light upgrades to the Burke Lake Golf Course in Fairfax Station that's more than 40 years old. The clubhouse will be more than doubled in size to 4,000 square feet. Construction is expected to begin Oct. 3, 2016. May 2017 is the expected re-opening date for the driving range. The new clubhouse should be completed by October 2017, though it will remain open during construction.

Ox Road Estates — Adare Drive and Ox Road

An infill project of ten single-family homes is under construction.

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

Project development for 18 single-family homes on 7.7 acres is mostly complete, including wrapping up a bond at the rear of the site. Homes are being sold, with two constructed so far.

Corbet Manor — Around 7717 Gambrill Road

Seven single-family homes by Christopher Companies are going into 4.5 acres of what were previously unconsolidated parcels of land. Construction began in July 2016. The first model is expected to be completed early in 2017.



Ox Road Estates under construction.

Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area — Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill 8400 Lorton Road

Phase I of transforming the the 80-acre former reformatory property — scheduled to be completed in Spring 2017 — includes setting up 165 apartments in former prison cells and common spaces, building out 107 homes and modernizing the infrastructure. Phase II will add more apartments, condos and 110,000 square-feet of retail space.

Monopole in Clifton — Around 12895 Clifton Creek Road

The Clifton Creek substation of Dominion Virginia Power already has a monopole on a 95-acre site around 12895 Clifton Creek Road, however Dominion and Verizon Wireless have applied to move the pole to a different location with more height. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2015.

Springfield Town Center — 6500 Springfield Mall

Next to open at the 1.35 million square-foot revitalized shopping center will be the Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH discount fashion

clothing store. Later stages of redevelopment planning for the area include residential, office and hotel space — the timing of which is all market-dictated.

Vulcan Materials Graham Quarry — 10000 Ox Road

Fairfax Water is planning to reconfigure the quarry as a reservoir in two phases: Phase I will establish storage of around 1.8 billion gallons 2035, while Phase II should add another 15 billion gallons of storage capacity by 2085.

Woodglen Lake Dredging — Southeast of Sideburn Run and Zion Drive

The project began with fish relocation to Lake Accotink in November 2014 and is now complete. The contractor added vegetative plugs to the bottom of the lake that will support a new fish population. Over the summer, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will begin restocking the lake with fish, the first in a three-year cycle.

Sources: Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and land use aide, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and land use aide, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and land use aide.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 25. Fairfax County Government Center backyard, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/>

Farmers Market & Food Trucks: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27 at the Fairfax County Government Center front parking lot.

Rock the Block! 6:30 p.m. Every fourth Friday through Oct. 28. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Come any way you can - walk, run, ride your bike or drive! You don't want to miss out on this brand new concert series! Food is available for sale. Bring chairs and or blankets to sit on. Kids - wear swim suits and bring towels. Enjoy the new spray pad. No Pets allowed except service animals. fairfaxva.gov.

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town Center. May 7- Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel! Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks

for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

Olly Olly Presents Lush Life

Aug. 27 through Sept. 17 at Olly Olly located at 10417 Main Street, 2nd Floor in Fairfax, VA. *Lush Life* is an immersive and experiential hyper-color art exhibition that creates a world of luscious extravagance. *Lush Life* interrogates materialism, contrasts excessiveness with art-world sustainability, and connects the artistic fantasy to the mundanity of the artist's day-to-day life and practice. Join us at Olly Olly on Saturday, August 27, 2016, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. for a dreamworld extravaganza complete with pastel-palette rooftop pool party and buffet, and spend an evening with these amazing artists. Call 703-789-6144 for more information.

LUNCH N' LIFE A bi-monthly lunch and program at various sponsoring churches. Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Lives* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at *The Lutheran Church of Abiding Presence* located at 6304 Lee Chapel Rd, Burke, VA 22015. The quest speaker will be Sharon Lynn, Director of Area Agency on Aging Fairfax County. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by September 9th. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 323-4788. See www.scfbva.org f

WEDNESDAY/ AUG. 24

Join Fairfax CASA and Lift Up a Child's Voice 7- 9 p.m. at the Fairfax CASA office 4103 Chain Bridge Rd. Suite #200, Fairfax VA 22030. Information session on becoming a court appointed volunteer. Email Kristy Tootle: ktootle@casafairfax.org or call 703-273-3526 to RSVP.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Family Fun Fair 6-8 p.m. at Chesterbrook Academy Preschool 4750 Rippling Pond Drive Fairfax, VA 22033. Chesterbrook Academy preschool is celebrating its grand re-opening with a family fun fair. Current Chesterbrook Academy families and members of the local community are invited to attend for free food, music and activities. Contact: Prachi Patel 703-818-9002 Cost: FREE

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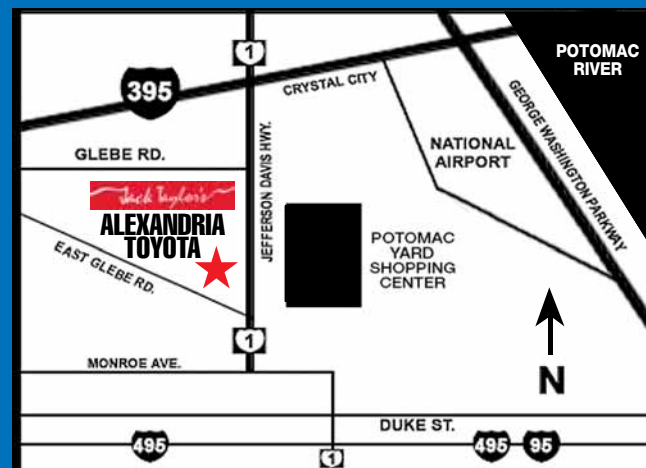
First Responders Day at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Civil War re-enactors and modern practitioners who will demonstrate medical and rescue practices then and now in commemoration of Fairfax Station's role as an evacuation center during the Battle of Second Manassas in 1862. Free-\$4. 703-425-9225.

TUESDAY/AUG. 30

15th Annual Bridgewalk. 7 p.m. Intersectoin of Bland Street and Amherst Avenue in Springfield. Walk across Veteran's Bridge to American Legion Plaza for an old-fashioned community celebration with music by the Kings Park Concert Band. 703-971-6262.

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Obituary



Robert "Bob" Francis Daly, 83, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, husband of Geraldine Cline Daly, died Tuesday, August 16, 2016. His Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 in J. HENRY STUHR, INC., MOUNT PLEASANT CHAPEL, 1494 Mathis Ferry Road at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends in the Mount Pleasant Chapel one hour prior to the service.

Bob was born October 23, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois, son of the late Frank Patrick Daly and the late Anna Marie Klinosky Daly. He received a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. Bob's long career included working for the United States Senate's Office of Technology Assessment and he was a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He was the author or co-author of over 20 publications and was listed in the American Men and Women of Science. Bob was a marathon runner, expert do-it-yourselfer, excellent cook and avid reader. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be sorely missed by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Daly of Mt. Pleasant, SC; son, Robert F. Daly, II (Alison) of Asheville, NC; three daughters, Maura Daly (Mark) of Richmond, CA, Cathleen Daly of Berkeley, CA, and Shannon Daly Marchell (Richard) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; grandchildren, Charlotte Marchell, Jackson Marchell, and Holden Marchell; four sisters, Mary Ann Jedrejczak, Lori Coons, Carolyn Daly, and Franny Richardson. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bernard Daly, and a sister, Pat Clarke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W. #103, Lilburn, GA 30047 or
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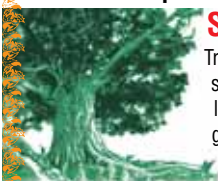
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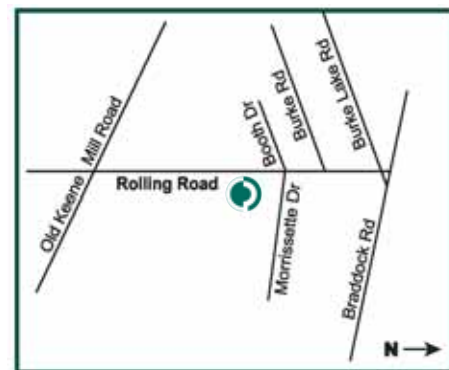
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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
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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.

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County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

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

'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.fairfaxcountyleda.org to see how the Economic Development Authority can help you.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Helping to End and Prevent Homelessness

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Executive Director: Pamela L. Michell
Contact info: 703-799-2293 – admin@newhopehousing.org
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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
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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.

About the Connection

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

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your 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, synagogue, community center,

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Homelessness

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www.thealternativehouse.org

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

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History Revisited at Gunston Hall

George Mason's home hosts events on life in the 18th century.

George Mason's Gunston Hall is looking for volunteers who love history and would enjoy sharing that passion with young people. Volunteer docents at Gunston Hall in Lorton lead school tours about Mason and his ideas, as well as life in the 18th century.

Docents become part of the Gunston Hall Docents' Association, a dedicated group of volunteers. Visitors to the museum step back in time as they discover the history of Virginia and one of the country's founders. Volunteers discuss topics such as the American Revolution, the writing of the Constitution, the fight for a Bill of Rights, and George Mason's masterwork, the Virginia Declaration of Rights. Plus, they help students investigate the lives of people who lived on a Virginia plantation, from the gentry to the people who were enslaved.

This historic site is located in southern Fairfax County in a beautiful wooded setting, just minutes from I-95 and US Route 1. Docents help young people learn about these important and fascinating topics by being enthusiastic, friendly, committed to historical accuracy, available on weekdays during the school year. Training starts in October. For more information or to receive an application, call 703-550- 9220 x238 or write to rebecca.martin@gunstonhall.org. George Mason's Gunston Hall, jointly administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia and The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, is a site dedicated to the study of George Mason, his home and landscape, and life in 18th-century Virginia.

Gunston Hall's mission statement is "to utilize fully the physical and scholarly resources of Gunston Hall to stimulate continuing public exploration of democratic ideals as first presented by George Mason in the 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights."

2016-2017 Events at Gunston Hall

❖ Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Naturalization Ceremony.** George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Welcome people from all over the globe as they are sworn



Gunston Hall, in Lorton, was the family home of Founding Father George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights.



Patriots and Redcoats square off in the 'Battle of the Deer Park' during the Revolutionary War Weekend at Gunston Hall.

in as American citizens at this historic location. Admission until 1 p.m. is complimentary. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Archaeology Day.** Become an archeologist for the day as you screen for artifacts, piece together objects, and learn about recent discoveries from the Gunston Hall archaeology team. Attend a talk on the region's native inhabitants; learn about archaeology careers. Included with regular admission. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 22-23, 2016 10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Open Hearth Cooking Class Level I.** Learn to cook using 18th-century techniques and recipes with Gunston Hall's veteran hearth cooks. Visit www.gunstonhall.org for details and to register.

❖ Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. **Candlelight and Cocktails.** Enjoy an evening at Gunston Hall during this special after-hours event. Sip on period cocktails as you learn to make 18th-century mixed drinks and snacks in the hearth kitchen. Experience the serenity of Mason Neck during an exclusive candlelight tour. Register at www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Thursday, Nov. 3. **Symposium.** Join Gunston Hall for its annual exploration of decorative arts and material culture. \$95 registration fee includes the speaking program, a guided tour, light breakfast, and box lunch. Visit www.gunstonhall.org. to register and for further details.

❖ Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. **Christmastide at Gunston Hall.** Experience a historic holiday! Learn about the holiday traditions of years past as you visit with costumed characters and explore the grounds by candlelight. Keep warm by the fire, sample period food in the hearth kitchen, and try craft activities for all

ages. \$15 adults; \$5 children ages 6-18. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Kite Festival.** Come fly a kite in our pastures. Chat with characters from the past. Write with a quill pen. Sample delicacies cooked in the hearth kitchen. Hear music of the Revolution. Bring a picnic or buy one here. Bring a kite, build a kite, or buy a kite. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Sunday, April 30, 2017, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Britain on the Green.** See the pasture transformed into a show field for Capital Triumph Register's annual car show. Explore the grounds, tour Gunston Hall, and enjoy hundreds of Triumphs, MGs, Austin Healeys, Bentleys, Lotuses, and many more. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Revolutionary War Weekend.** Smell the gun smoke as Patriots and Redcoats square off in the "Battle of the Deer Park." Visit Continental and British troops in their encampments and watch the infantry and artillery drills. Visit www.gunstonhall.org. Saturday,

❖ June 10, 2017, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. **George Mason Day and Naturalization Ceremony.** Celebrate the 1776 ratification of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. Welcome people from all over the globe as they are sworn in as American citizens. Tour the house and grounds. Free admission all day. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ Saturdays in June, July, and August, 2017, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Summer Saturdays.** Kids and the young at heart should visit every Saturday, in June, July and August for unique, hands-on adventures. No RSVP required. FREE with admission. Visit www.gunstonhall.org for program updates.



Rev. Thomas Costa, portraying the Rev. Lee Massey, the second colonial rector of Pohick Church on a First Saturday tour.

History Preserved At Pohick Church

During the Colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the country's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. This historic colonial church has been restored back to the days when George Washington and George Mason were members of the vestry, and is still an active Episcopal congregation of families, seniors and singles.

On Sundays after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services, as well as on the first Saturdays of every month, members of the Docent Guild lead free guided tours on the history of the church, including architecture, preservation, and colonial church history. Members of the commu-

nity are welcome to join the Docent Guild as well, with training workshops provided twice a year. Other community events throughout the year include the Crab Feast Dinner and Country Fair in September, the Christmas Mart in November, George Washington Birthday Service and Breakfast in February, St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March, Sounds of Pohick Music Concert in June, and a summer Vacation Bible School.

For more information call the church office at 703-339-6572 or visit our website at <http://www.pohick.org>. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, at the corner of U.S. 1 & Telegraph Road, close to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall.



This historic colonial Pohick Church is still an active Episcopal congregation of families, seniors and singles.



Rev. Tom and Susan Costa as the Rev. Lee and Elizabeth Massey of Pohick Church in the 1770s.

Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Connection keeps a running list of land use projects being planned, under construction and nearing completion in the community. The list is updated quarterly.

Burke Lake Golf Course — 7315 Ox Road: A new clubhouse and expanded driving range and parking lot highlight upgrades to the Burke Lake Golf Course in Fairfax Station that's more than 40 years old. The clubhouse will be more than doubled in size to 4,000 square feet. Construction is expected to begin Oct. 3, 2016. May 2017 is the expected re-opening date for the driving range. The new clubhouse should be completed by October 2017, though it will be open during construction.

Ox Road Estates — Adare Drive and Ox Road: An infill project of ten single-family homes is under construction.

Park Pointe subdivision — East side of Gambrill Road, near the Fairfax County Parkway: Project development for 18 single-family homes on 7.7 acres is mostly complete, including wrapping up a bond at the rear of the site. Homes are being sold, with two constructed so far.

Corbet Manor — Around 7717 Gambrill Road: Seven single-family homes



A site plan shows the footprint of the new Burke Lake golf course clubhouse and driving range.

by Christopher Companies are going into 4.5 acres of what were previously unconsolidated parcels of land. Construction began in July 2016. The first model is expected to be completed early in 2017.

Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area — **Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill** 8400 Lorton Road: Phase I of transforming the the 80-acre former reformatory property — scheduled to be completed in Spring 2017 — includes setting up 165 apartments in former

prison cells and common spaces, building out 107 homes and modernizing the infrastructure. Phase II will add more apartments, condos and 110,000 square-feet of retail space.

Monopole in Clifton — Around 12895 Clifton Creek Road: The Clifton Creek substation of Dominion Virginia Power already has a monopole on a 95-acre site around 12895 Clifton Creek Road, however Dominion and Verizon Wireless have applied to

move the pole to a different location with more height. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2015.

Springfield Town Center — 6500 Springfield Mall: Next to open at the 1.35 million square-foot revitalized shopping center will be the Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH discount fashion clothing store. Later stages of redevelopment planning for the area include residential, office and hotel space — the timing of which is all market-dictated.

Vulcan Materials Graham Quarry — 10000 Ox Road: Fairfax Water is planning to reconfigure the quarry as a reservoir in two phases: Phase I will establish storage of around 1.8 billion gallons 2035, while Phase II should add another 15 billion gallons of storage capacity by 2085.

Woodglen Lake Dredging — South-east of Sideburn Run and Zion Drive: The project began with fish relocation to Lake Accotink in November 2014 and is now complete. The contractor added vegetative plugs to the bottom of the lake that will support a new fish population. Over the summer, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will began restocking the lake with fish, the first in a three-year cycle.

Sources: Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and land use aide, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and land use aide, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and land use aide.

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Places to See in Springfield District

Supervisor Pat Herrity recommends some of the many places worth visiting in his district.

BY SUPERVISOR
PAT HERRITY
(R-SPRINGFIELD)

There are so many quality places to visit in the Springfield District, it is hard to pick the “top ones.” Here is my attempt.

Burke Lake Park is the most visited park in Fairfax County’s Park system, and after going there you will see why. The park contains a trail that goes around the lake and is great for walking, with or without your dog, running and cycling. There is also fishing, boat rentals, camping, disc golf, mini-golf, an 18 hole golf course, a driving range, volleyball courts, a miniature carousel, and miniature train. There’s something for everyone. Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Make sure to catch your fill of **Friday Night Lights!** The Springfield District has some of the best high schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus, there’s few things I enjoy more than getting to a football game in the fall where there’s a buzz in the air and a little snap of cold from the changing seasons. So cheer on your local high school team at West Springfield, Lake Braddock, South County, or Robinson.

The newly opened **Children’s Science Center Lab** in Fair Oaks Mall is a fantastic museum that allows children, and their parents, to get hands on experience with STEM concepts (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Education is so important, and this museum which is designed for kids between 2 and 12 years old does an excellent job of challenging and shaping young minds. Be sure to stay and shop and/or eat at one of the best malls in the area. The Fair Oaks Mall is located at 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Attention history buffs: **Ox Hill Battlefield Park** is the site of the only major Civil War engagement in Fairfax County. Interpretive kiosks at the park present information about the battle and its significance and offer insights into some of the men who were wounded on this land. The park does a great job quickly orienting visitors and explaining where they stand in relation to the events that occurred on the battlefield. Ox Hill Battlefield Park is located at 4134 West Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Perfect for a cyclist, kayaker, hiker, or mini-golf enthusiast, **Fountainhead Regional Park** is the best place to escape from the hustle and bustle of Northern Virginia. Bikers at all ability levels will enjoy



PHOTO BY MARTI MOORE/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), center, leads the first of many PokéQuests Aug. 5 in Burke Lake Park at a ‘Pokémon GO’ safety awareness event he co-sponsored with Fairfax County Police.

the loops and features of the mountain bike trail and kayak, power boat, and canoe rentals are available. Don’t forget your fishing pole! The reservoir is regularly stocked and is home to largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, perch, and bluegill. **Fountainhead Regional Park** is located at 10875 Hampton Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

One of our most visited “one-stop shops” is **South Run RECenter**. Not only does it feature a two-story fitness center with heated indoor pool and pool side spa, but the surrounding park offers soccer and baseball/softball fields, two tennis courts, two outdoor basketball courts, a field house with newly installed athletic turf playing surface, accessible playground, and an off-leash dog area. **South Run RECenter** is located at 7550 Reservation Dr, Springfield, VA 22153.

Peterson’s Ice Cream Depot is a family owned and operated business in Historic Clifton. And, let me tell you, they serve some of the best gourmet ice cream in Northern Virginia. While you’re there, make sure to pick up a Pat Herrity Root Beer Soda Shake – it’s not your usual ice cream float! Peterson’s Ice Cream Depot is located at 7150 Main St, Clifton, VA 20124.

Acres of undisturbed woodland, quiet trails, splashing streams and a tranquil pond are just a few of the reasons to visit **Hidden Pond Nature Center**. The nature center, which is accessible to everyone, features exhibits and live displays which orient you to the park and the natural world of Fairfax County. In addition, the center has a small sales area featuring books and other items for the nature enthusiast and nature study areas for group visitors. Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511

Greeley Blvd., Springfield, VA 22152.

Don’t miss Fairfax’s own little slice of paradise: the award-winning **Paradise Springs Winery**. The land the winery was built on has remained in the same family since Lord Fairfax granted it to them in 1716. Head down on Friday nights between 5 and 9 pm to hear live music and best wine in Fairfax County. Paradise Springs Winery 13219 Yates Ford Rd, Clifton, VA 20124.

One of the region’s largest shopping destinations in Fairfax, **Fair Oaks Mall** features a collection of 200 shops, services and dining establishments in an enclosed, two-story retail center. The mall offers one of the most diverse and compelling retail and dining collections under one roof and is the perfect destination on a sweltering or rainy weekend afternoon. Fair Oaks Mall is located at 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is Fairfax County’s “Little Gem”. It was the last operating railroad station in Fairfax County, closing in 1973. It was built primarily to transport farm products to the Potomac River area. Museum displays and events help preserve the local history. Come and explore the fascinating story of our local community. The Museum may also be rented out to hold special events. **Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.**

Learn valuable collaboration skills at **Hemlock Overlook Regional Park**, a fully equipped Outdoor Education Center. Take your family, friends, or co-workers to navigate the challenging rope course and zip line. Designed to bring school groups,

Contact

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office teams and community groups alike together to collaborate and solve real life challenges in the outdoors. Hemlock Overlook Regional Park is located at 13220 Yates Ford Rd, Clifton, VA 20124.

Any golfers in your family? **Twin Lakes Golf Course** offers golfers the opportunity of a full day of golf with two 18-hole courses. The Oaks’ par 71 and 6,715 yards challenge all golfers with multiple tees to ensure a fair test for all playing abilities. Every hole except one is tree-lined on both sides of the fairway, making accuracy the primary goal off the tee. The Lakes Course features a par-72 and 6,695-yard experience that requires more distance off the tee, but is much more forgiving than the Oaks Course. Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 6201 Union Mill Rd, Clifton, VA 20124.

Most importantly, if there is ever anything my office can do for you, do not hesitate to ask. I have always agreed with Thomas Jefferson’s notion that government closest to the people is best, and you cannot get much closer to the people than being a Supervisor. Our jobs are multi-faceted; I would go as far to say that somewhere around 80 percent of an individual’s contact with government at any level is at our level. Whether it’s land use, transportation, public safety, or taxation related, my staff and I are always here to answer your questions.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Fairfax Station/Clifton/ Lorton Demographics

Zip code: 20124

Population: **14,875**

Race: **White-11,536 (77.6%), Black/African American-489 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-24 (0.2%), Asian-2,095 (14.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-749 (5%)**

Total housing units: **4,950**

Owner-occupied housing units: **4,555 (92.6%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,095 (42.6%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **878 (17.9%)**

Median household income: **163,520**

Mean family income: **194,486**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **15.9%**

Zip code: 22039

Population: **18,364**

Race: **White-14,985 (81.6%), Black/African American-742 (4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-46 (0.3%), Asian-1,964 (10.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-766 (4.2%)**

Total housing units: **6,283**

Owner-occupied housing units: **5,793 (96.4%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,461 (40.9%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,459 (24.3%)**

Median household income: **196,549**

Mean family income: **237,603**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **18.6%**

Zip code: 22079

Population: **32,059**

Race: **White-14,699 (45.8%), Black/African American-7,534 (23.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-95 (0.3%), Asian-6,240 (19.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,423 (13.8%)**

Total housing units: **11,063**

Owner-occupied housing units: **7,730 (71.3%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **4,983 (46%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,439 (13.3%)**

Median household income: **96,056**

Mean family income: **129,580**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **44.4%**

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

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How to Vote

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

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. 10, 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.

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

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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

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ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

❖ President and Vice President

❖ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th, 10th, or 11th District

❖ Meal Tax Referendum

❖ Three Proposed County Bond Questions

❖ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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 coun-

ties, 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, Embury Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's (\$48 million)

Virginia Voter ID

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

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university stu-

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How to Vote

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dent 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.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

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.

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

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 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.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is a volunteer organization composed of men and women who are dedicated to making democracy work. It encourages active participation by citizens, but it does not support or endorse candidates. It conducts studies of important community issues, has monthly meetings during which members discuss these issues, and uses education and advocacy to influence public policy, at the local

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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Bringing God to People and People to God

Homelessness

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its emergency shelter housed nearly 200 youth in crisis. Alternative House always welcome the support of our community.

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. 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.

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. 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.

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Greater Transparency in Policing

BY COLONEL EDWIN C.
ROESSLER JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



Dear Community Members:

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

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety 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/>

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!

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.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE MILLER

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.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Area Nonprofits: Making Community Work

National Capital Food Bank

A group of food banks serving all of Northern Virginia seek monetary donations and general volunteers. 703-541-3063 or www.capitalareafoodbank.org.

Lorton Community Action Center

Operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. LCAC is seeking monetary donations, volunteers and collecting gift cards and food baskets for Thanksgiving, gifts and food baskets for Christmas, and warm coats. 703-339-8611 or www.lortonaction.org.

South County Cares

South County Church congregation members and south county area community members work together on local and international projects like National Night Out, Operation Christmas Child, and local and international aid efforts. www.southcountycare.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/>.

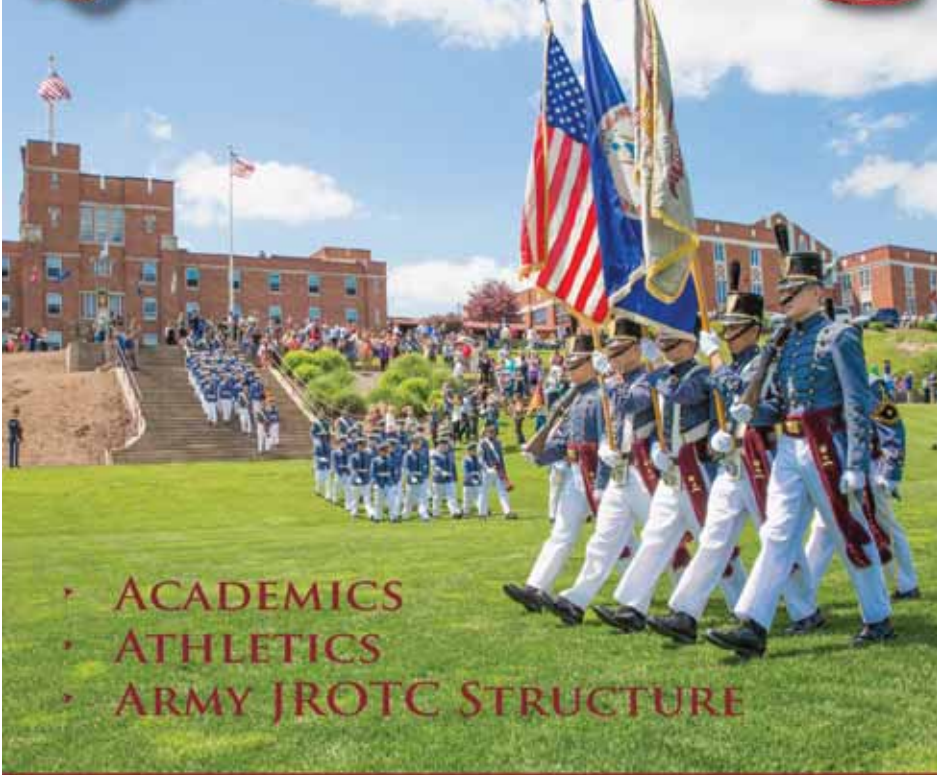
Comfort for America's Uniformed Services - CAUSE

Ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 703-591-4968 or cause-usa.org.



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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.

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.

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7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/
mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dc.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.

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

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

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.

Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River, 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. The park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccanere Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.



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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

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

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center
2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406

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

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

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

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark
6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org
Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

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

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

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park



CJP Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

BSG Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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



HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

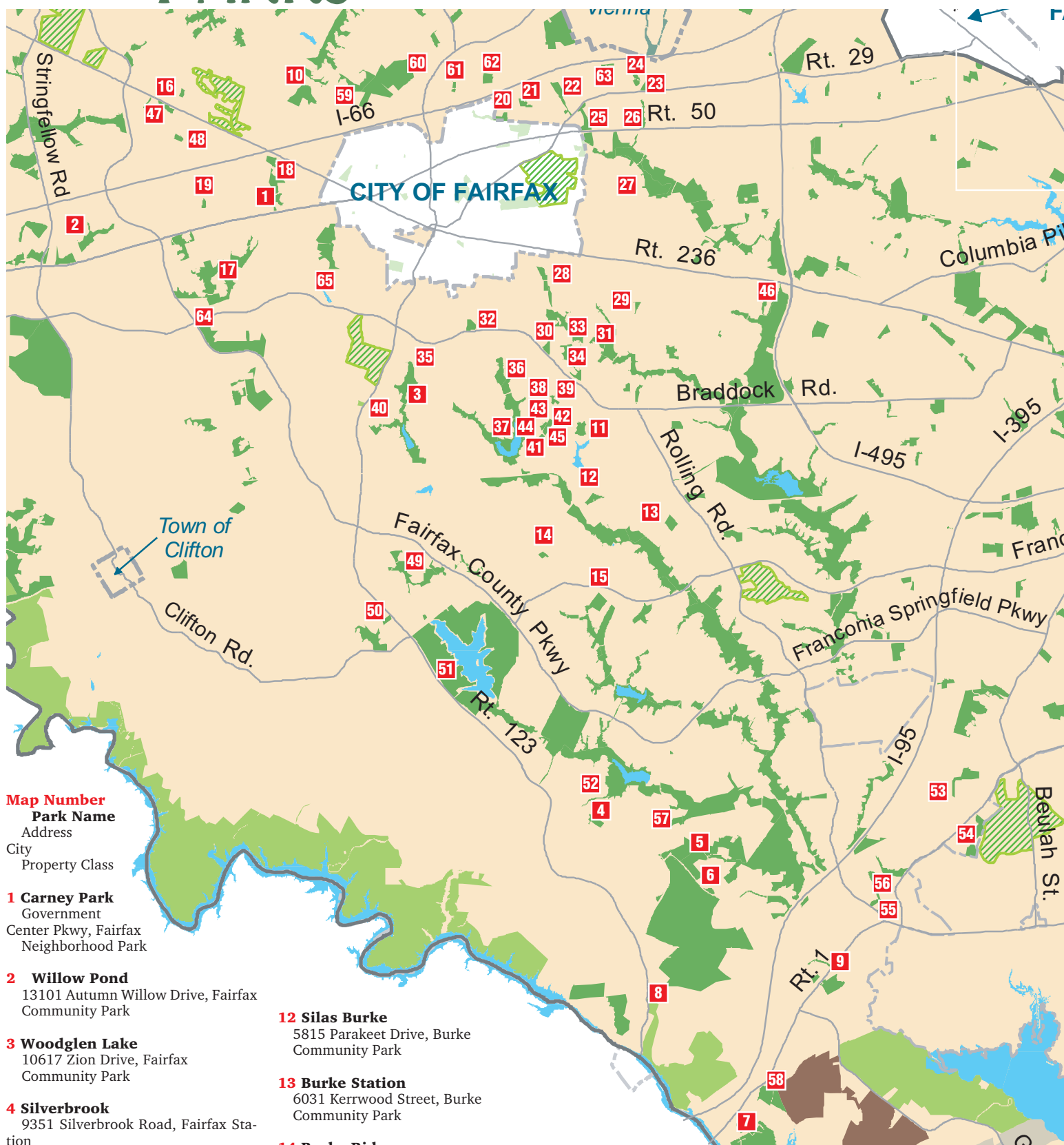
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE,
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PARK, GILES RUN MEADOW AND BRENTWOOD PARK
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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 Sta-
tion
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
9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke
Community Park

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





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