

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

2016-2017

Lewinsville Park features soccer and baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic tables and community garden plots. Jack Hunt was playing a round of “campus golf” with a group of friends, where golf balls are replaced with tennis balls and hit across the available terrain.

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McLean  
**CONNECTION**



OUR CONGRESSWOMAN

# BARBARA COMSTOCK

## GETTING RESULTS FOR US



***For 35 years, Barbara Comstock has lived, worked, raised a family, started a business and served as both Delegate and Congresswoman in the 10th District. Whether it was her work as a senior Justice Department official, a small businesswoman, a Mom at home, a senior aide and counsel in Congress, a Member of the House of Delegates or now as our Congresswoman, Barbara knows the challenges facing the 10th District because she has lived them with us and fought for us to get results on our priorities.***

- › Advance breakthroughs in 21st century cures for chronic disease such as cancer, Alzheimer’s and diabetes.
- › A 5 year Transportation Bill, signed into law, which will help relieve traffic congestion, provide more transportation funds, and make Metro safer and more accountable.
- › A \$600 billion tax relief package, signed into law, for families, small businesses and our technology and defense businesses.
- › Increased defense and cyber funding to protect us from terrorism.
- › Human Trafficking legislation, signed into law, that cracks down on this growing crime and protects women and children.
- › Started two Heroin Task Forces to battle the heroin scourge in our communities and advancing legislation to increase education, treatment and prevention.
- › Started the “10th Congressional District Young Women Leadership Program” for junior high and high school young women.

***“As your Congresswoman, I will continue to work tirelessly to strengthen our national security and protect us from terrorism; advance breakthroughs in 21st century cures for chronic diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer’s and diabetes; promote a 21st century economy with more opportunity and higher wage jobs; provide transportation funding and solutions; and fight the growing problem of human trafficking and heroin abuse in our community.”***

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## Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS



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.

**W**elcome 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

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

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

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

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

## County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

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

BY DR. KAREN K. GARZA  
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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



**W**elcome to the 2016-17 school year in Fairfax County Public Schools.

With each new school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to build upon our previous successes and continue to improve our work with our students.

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

The goals of education can no longer simply be to provide the basic literacy skills for the majority of the students, while reserving the teaching of skills for higher order 21<sup>st</sup> century thinking for a select few. As we learn more about the skills our students will need for success in this changing world, we recognize the need to innovate — to consider new and

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**Gerald L.  
Gordon, Ph.D.**

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

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

# Trees, Tysons and the McLean Community Center

Issues dominating McLean agenda.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**M**cLean Citizens Association has advocated for McLean and its residents for over 100 years.

MCA members and committees study issues important to McLean, ranging from land use, planning and zoning, transportation issues and environmental concerns to long range planning, Tysons, public safety, schools and more.

Seven committee chairs, or co-chairs, spoke of the importance and impact of each committee at a General Membership meeting in the spring.

“The role that the Budget and Taxation committee plays, as dollars and cents people, is to really ask two questions: Is the county spending the correct amount of money on these... and is the county doing it efficiently, is it cost effective. Are we getting value for the money we are spending,” Budget and Taxation Committee chair Dale Stein said.

Another question, said Stein, is “Where does the money come from, for God’s sake?”

This spring, MCA passed a resolution to urge the county to diversify its revenue source. The Board of Supervisors voted to put a county meals tax on the ballot; voters will vote yes or no on the four percent tax on Nov. 8.

**THE TYSONS LIAISON** Committee, chaired by Rob Jackson, focuses on \$3.2 billion surrounding 19 major rezonings in Tysons that will be implemented in the next 15 to 20 years.

McLean Citizens Association not only focuses on McLean. It also focuses on any issue outside of McLean that could impact McLean and its residents.

“We speak up as necessary,” said Mark Zetts, who heads the Planning and Zoning Committee that addresses all rezonings and land-use issues in McLean.

“The new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons was approved in 2010,” Zetts said, “and the Tysons Liaison Committee submitted voluminous comments on this plan.”

With proffers now in question under new state law, developers have proffered two new fire stations, a new library, community center and six athletic fields, Zetts said. “The thing that has not been proffered yet is a new police station. The [Tysons] comp plan calls for it in Tysons by 2025.



KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

**McLean Citizens Association president Jeff Barnett honors nine-year-old Lemon Road Elementary student Shray Gupta for designing MCA’s new website, [www.mcleancitizens.org](http://www.mcleancitizens.org). McLean Citizens Association has advocated for McLean and its residents for more than 100 years.**

“We want a police presence,” he said.

That’s an issue Patrick Smaldore and MCA’s Public Safety Committee focus on.

Tysons is in the same police district as McLean, said Smaldore. “If the majority of calls for service are going in that direction the question is what happens back in this direction? We’re very concerned about this,” Smaldore said.

Both committees advocate for a police station with visible store-front presence in Tysons for the police department.

“The biggest thing we can do is advocacy,” Smaldore said.

**THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH** Committee holds an annual conversation with Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza each year.

For 19 years, the committee has recognized local students for outstanding character; eight McLean students were recognized at McLean Day this year.

The committee teams up with the Budget and Taxation Committee because there is so much overlap, the Committee’s vice-chair Elizabeth Baird said.

“We are currently about to launch a request to ask for more information from Fairfax County Public Schools so that we understand the basis for different salaries, for differing average salaries of teachers,



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

**Wallace Sansone of Franklin Park, Margaret Malone of Turkey Run Road and Neil Ende of Chesterbrook Woods were able to voice frustration over diminishing tree canopy in McLean due to infill development.**

across the different schools within FCPS. Our focus here is ensuring that McLean students and McLean teachers get their fair share of resources,” Baird said.

Class size in FCPS schools in McLean is an issue that MCA tracks vigilantly.

**THE ENVIRONMENT, PARKS and RECREATION** Committee highlighted its progress at the Third Annual Tree Forum, held on April 20. MCA, Supervisor John Foust, the county’s Urban Forest Tree Division and McLean Trees Foundation co-sponsored the forum. This year, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association participated as well.

MCA has monitored the Dead Run Stream Restoration project for a number of years. Foust convened a stream team bringing “together people from county, MCA and local residents to discuss and finetune the project,” Committee co-chairman Paul Kohlenberger said. The collaboration has reduced tree loss by more than 30 percent from 2013 to the current plan, according to Kohlenberger.

Committee co-chairman Jim Phelps and the Transportation Committee focus on issues ranging from Metro, Route 7 widening and repairs on the GW Parkway to Route 123 issues and aircraft noise.

See [www.mcleancitizens.org](http://www.mcleancitizens.org).

## Planning to Oppose Special Exceptions?

The 40 residents who attended the McLean Citizens Association meeting on July 8 applauded when the board voted unanimously to oppose Sunrise’s proposed assisted living facility.

“In 15 years, I’ve never seen so much opposition in any case,” said Mark Zetts, chairman of MCA’s Planning and Zoning Committee. “We’ve been inundated with emails.”

“Few issues have driven neighborhood anger like the proposed location of the 90-bed Sunrise Assisted Living facility at the corner of Kirby and Westmoreland roads in McLean. After studying the proposal for almost two years, MCA voted to oppose the multiple zoning adjustments that Sunrise needs to build on this lot,” MCA president Jeff Barnett said.

Sunrise Development Inc. seeks a Medical Care Facility Special Exception permit to construct and operate an assisted living facility at 1988 Kirby Road, at the intersection of Kirby and Westmoreland Street.

Homeowners associations, including L’Ambiance of McLean, Mayfair of McLean, Autumn Chase and Foxhall Road along with civic associations El Nido, Marlborough-Nantucket and Franklin Area Civic Association all oppose the application, according to MCA draft documents.

The facility would have a maximum of 73 units and 90 beds, according to MCA documents, in a 40,309-square-foot building. Approximately 90 employees would work at the facility, although a maximum of 25 employees would be on the site at any time, according to the documents.

Sunrise’s corporate headquarters are in McLean, and the company operates more than 300 Sunrise Senior Living communities in the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom, according to its website.

The Planning Commission has a public hearing currently scheduled for September 28.

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# McLean Community Center

## *The Center of It All*

**The Alden Theatre**  
 Professional Series  
 McLean Kids Series  
 Films & Lectures  
 Summer Concerts



### Classes & Trips

Day Trips, School Break Trips,  
 Culinary Arts, Creative Play,  
 Dance, Fitness, Music, etc.



### Special Events

McLean Day, Fall Garage  
 Sale, Jewelry Showcase,  
 Holiday Crafts Show



*...and so much more!*

### Youth & Teen Activities

Harvest Happenings, Camp  
 McLean, Gingerbread House  
 Workshops, The Old Firehouse



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# Places to See, Things to Do in Dranesville District

## Supervisor recommends parks, historical features and community events in the Dranesville District.

BY JOHN W. FOUST, SUPERVISOR  
(D-DRANESVILLE DISTRICT)

Some of the Supervisor John Foust's favorite parks, historical places and community events in Dranesville District:

**Clemyjontri Park:** Since opening in 2006, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this unique playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side. Equipment allows children who have physical, sensory or developmental disabilities to have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration. The park also includes a carousel and picnic pavilion. (6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean)

**Riverbend Park:** This park offers over 400 acres of forests, meadows and ponds. Trails include a 2.5 mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail that links national and regional parkland. Kayaking, canoeing and fishing are all available on the Potomac River. The nature center and picnic shelter are available for rent. (8700 Potomac Hills, Great Falls)

**Colvin Run Park:** Colvin Run Mill offers visitors a chance to step back in time. There are tours of the restored mill, which was built around 1811. A general store offers stone ground cornmeal, wheat flour, grits, "penny candy," snacks and drinks. Trails are available for quiet walks. Live music, craft demonstrations, ice cream making and seasonal activities are available from February through December. (10017 Colvin Run, Great Falls)

**Turner Farm:** Originally the site of a dairy farm, the 52-acre park offers a unique mix of educational and recreational facilities. The Analemma Society offers astronomy programs in partnership with the Park Authority at the park's observatory. Equestrians can enjoy a cross country course and a large multi-purpose arena with stadium jumps and dressage makers. Small children can enjoy a tot lot. (925 Springvale Road, Great Falls)

**Runnymede Park:** The Town of Herndon is located in the Dranesville District. The town owns and maintains this 58-acre park. It is the site for many community nature-related events such as the annual Nature Fest. Situated near the Sugarland Run Stream, the park attracts over 100 species of birds, deer, fox and other wildlife. Two park shelters are available for rental. (196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon)

**Scotts Run Nature Preserve:** One of the few nature preserves in the County. The 336-acre preserve, formerly known as the



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**Clemyjontri Park is a unique playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side.**



**Scotts Run Nature Preserve offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River.**

Burling Tract, had at one time been slated for development. Scotts Run offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River. (7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean)

**Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts:** Known simply as Wolf Trap, the 117-acre park is home to the beautiful Filene Center, The Barnes and the Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods. Each summer there are more than 100 performance across all genres at Wolf Trap. There are also year-round recreational opportunities, including hiking trails, picnic areas and sledding. (1635 Trap Road, Vienna)

**Spring Hill Recreation Center:** Recently renovated and expanded. Users can use the indoor swimming pool, a two-story fitness center and a gymnasium with an elevated running track. The gym features a single high school-sized basketball court with two overlay basketball courts and a volleyball overlay court. (1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean)

**MPAartfest:** Every October, the McLean Project for the Arts converts McLean Central Park into a free, one-day festival of the arts. Thousands of area residents attend. Vendor tents display the works of numerous juried artists, which are complemented by exhibitions of children's and seniors' artwork, an Open Studio demonstration and performances by local musicians. (McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean)

**Great Falls Freedom Memorial:** Dedicated in 2004, the memorial plaza on the library grounds honors local military personnel, firefighters, police officers, the six Great Falls residents who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our liberty and freedom. The service on 9/11 is very moving. (9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls — behind the library)

**McLean Day:** Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, McLean Day is held on the third Saturday in May. The festival features live entertainment, carnival rides, exhibitions and delicious foods for visitors of all ages. There are booths where artisans, local businesses, civic organizations, non-profit groups and local officials showcase their wares. (Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean)

**Great Falls Park:** This National Park consists of 800 acres along the banks of the Potomac River. The park is a wonderful place to hike, picnic and simply view the majestic falls and rapids, often navigated by kayakers. (Entrance is at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Old Dominion Drive, Great Falls)



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# Fall Classes

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**McLean Community Center**

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- Music & Culinary Arts
- Science & Technology
- Writing & Theater

For a complete listing of classes, trips, performances and events, visit our website and register online.



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Saturday, October 22	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<b>Fall Open House</b> Come speak with our faculty, students, parents and administration. Experience a student-led tour. Learn more about our rich liberal arts curriculum, our vibrant mentoring, arts, sports and service programs, and the difference our graduates are making in the world.	850 Balls Hill Road McLean, VA
Sunday, November 13	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>Permanent Campus Open House</b> Visit our permanent campus and speak with students, faculty, parents and administration. You'll get a sneak peek of our new space, opening in fall 2017.	1619 Crowell Road Vienna, VA

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### O'Donovan Humanities Lecture

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Arthur C. Brooks, President, American Enterprise Institute  
*Life Lessons from the World's Greatest Composers*  
\* Open to the public

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION



November 4, 2016 - 7:30 pm  
November 5, 2016 - 11:00 am\* & 7:30 pm

\* Group reservations available.  
Based on the story by Margery Williams  
Book by William S. Kilborne, Jr., and Albert T. Viola  
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## VIEWPOINTS

### McLean Residents Share Their Favorite Places: What We Want Newcomers to See

— MELANIE PINCUS

#### Jennifer Biggs Hushon, Physician, with son Colin Hushon, 12 years in McLean

"We like Rocco's, we like McLean Family Restaurant. Clemyjontri is a fun park, we like to go there. [We like it] because it's huge, so there's always something available to play on, it's good for all ages. We went to Claude Moore farm, that was fun, we did one of their clean-up days with a Girl Scout Troop. We do lots at the McLean Community Center, but we've never been to one of their shows. [We also like doing] hikes along Pimmit Run because we can bring our dog."



#### Sallie Kasto, Retired U.S. federal government employee, lived in McLean 46 years

"I particularly find my church home to be a good place to develop close relationships and have a real sense of community, and that's Immanuel Presbyterian Church in McLean, which is the little white church right next to the CIA. I've been a member there for like 25 years or so. [I'd also recommend] McLean Family Restaurant, by far, that's a great go to, and then...I think Alden Theater events are good, and J. Gilbert's, the steakhouse."



#### Zoë Chandra, student, 9 years in McLean

"When my family comes into town probably the first place I'd take them is to Pulcinella, the Italian restaurant. My family goes there all the time, I think it's just a really fun place to get together with friends. It's casual, and all the food I've tried there is really good, so that's just one of my favorite places. [I also go to] Dal Grano, I feel like it's a fun part of McLean because I don't think they have those types of restaurant in other places — it's like Chipotle, but with pasta....If I have friends in town, I usually go to Great Falls Park and go hiking because I think it's really pretty."



#### Conner Tone, student, 10 years in McLean

Conner's mom, Pamela Strauss: "We'll say the library. We love McLean Central Park [and] the schools. We just like to be outside and enjoy the weather, but we come to the library pretty regularly."



#### Bara Milon, Writer, 25 years in McLean

"Definitely J. Gilbert's, I feel like it's our second dining room. It just feels like home. We've been going for years and years since they opened. [I also like] McLean Family Restaurant for breakfast."



#### Lynn Stein, Pharmacist, with son Dean, 7 years in McLean

"The museums [in D.C.] are what we do most often because it's free and...there are so many choices, you can't even choose. [We also like] Old Town, the Waterfront. It depends on what's in town that weekend. There's a ton of stuff in this area, like almost too many things to choose from."



#### Rahul Mani, Student, 14 years in McLean

"We like to go to Great Falls [Park], [especially] the water falls. We usually take relatives there [and we go on] hikes, we like looking over the waterfalls."



#### Isabel Cooper, Student, 17 years in McLean

"Some places in McLean that I would want my out of town guests to see would be...for restaurants, there's this sushi place that my family and I have always gone to, [Tama Sushi], it's changed ownership a couple of times, it's changed names. That's a restaurant in McLean we always go to, and it's really good, I like it a lot. It's fun because I remember I went there for my birthday in like the fourth grade and we still go

there. Another restaurant I like, it's kind of new, is Dal Grano...I first heard about it from my marketing teacher...their whole shtick is they have homemade pasta, so it's really just any type of pasta you could want, and then sauce or something, so you get to choose, it's really fun...Another place I'd want to bring guests to, this would be more for people with families, but I live right behind the McLean Little League...it's fun with kids or with family just to see the baseball games and they have a snack bar so I feel like that's just a fun place to go for a summer evening kind of thing."



#### Katie Hoskins, Student, 12 years in McLean

"We go a lot to Great Falls Park, I think it's more just something to do outdoors that's family friendly, and you can bring the dog and stuff like that. Mostly stuff outdoors, we might go to Maggiano's or an Italian restaurant, stuff like that because it's family friendly."

## About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the McLean 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.

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A two-bay cinder block fire station was built in 1923 facing Chain Bridge Road.



Storm's General Store and Post Office opened beside the tracks of the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad in 1910.

# Origins of McLean, Virginia

BY CAROLE HERRICK

A village that became known as McLean is simply a community that sporadically developed around a trolley stop. It can trace its beginning to 1902 when John R. McLean and Senator Stephen Elkins of West Virginia obtained a charter to operate an electrified railroad, that was named the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad. This was simply a business venture to promote the scenic beauty of the Great Falls of the Potomac. The line of the fourteen mile trolley ran between Rosslyn and Great Falls Park, linking with Washington D.C. via the old Aqueduct Bridge. Its rails were laid through forests, farmland, and fruit orchards, bypassing the existing villages of Lewinsville and Langley. The trolley began operating July 3, 1906 with a trial run to Great Falls Park, but its first scheduled passenger trip was the following day, July 4, 1906.

**ONE OF THE STOPS** was at Chain Bridge Road which has been a major transportation artery through Fairfax County since colonial times. At first, the stop was called Ingleside after a subdivision that was beginning to develop along Elm and Poplar streets, which is now Beverly Road. However, a hub of activity quickly began to form at that location and by 1910 residents began calling the Ingleside stop "McLean" in honor of one of the trolley's founders, who was also the publisher of the Washington Post and Cincinnati Enquirer newspapers, and so, the next stop down the line to the west became known as Ingleside. In June of that same year Henry Alonzo Storm took over the operations of a general store that was located at Chain Bridge Road between the tracks and Elm Street, which included the McLean Post Office. In 1911 the Chesterbrook, Lewinsville, and Langley Post Offices were abolished and the latter two were folded into the existing McLean Post Office. There was no depot. People either purchased their tickets at Storm's Store or from a conductor on the train. The day that Storm opened his general store is consid-



The Franklin Sherman School opened in 1914 facing what now is called Corner Lane.

ered the beginning of McLean. There was no celebration. The "town" was not founded and it was never incorporated. There is no record that John McLean ever set foot on turf at the McLean stop.

The Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad had a tremendous impact upon the Northern Virginia countryside because it provided easier transportation to and from the District of Columbia. Farmers found it less difficult to get their crops and dairy products to market. Many businessmen discovered the art of commuting and sought permanent or summer homes for their families in the countryside. Little settlements, such as Franklin Park and El Nido, developed at stops along the route, but the area surrounding the McLean stop underwent the most change: it was important for residents, organizations, and business to locate near that location.

For instance, St. John's Episcopal Church, built in 1877 along Georgetown Pike east of Langley Fork, was mounted on casters and hauled across fields to a site on Chain Bridge Road, not far from the McLean stop. The Franklin Sherman School, the county's

first consolidated public school, opened in 1914 with 29 students, facing what was later named Corner Lane. Initial meetings began in 1916 concerning what would ultimately become the McLean Volunteer Fire Department. The MVFD incorporated in 1923 as Station No. 1 in Fairfax County and a two-bay station was built that same year on Chain Bridge Road a block south of the stop. Members of Sharon Lodge 327 built the Sharon Masonic Temple at Emerson Avenue and Chain Bridge Road in 1921 and the congregation of McLean Baptist Church erected its first church in 1923 on Emerson Avenue adjacent to the lodge.

The demise of the hamlets of Lewinsville and Langley began with the arrival of the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad and subsequent closing of their post offices. The tracks did not connect with either village, but instead ran between them. It was natural that development would take place around the stop at Chain Bridge Road and an amorphous village-like settlement began to develop in a hodge-podge fashion, spreading out from there. The growth was slow, but a spirited community developed

that centered around Storm's Store, the Franklin Sherman School, and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department. Soon there was a civic association, library, and several churches. Little thought was given to a nondescript intersection just down the road at Chain Bridge Road and Leesburg Pike called Tysons Crossroads. By the early 1930s, ridership on the trolley began to decline with the rise of the automobile. The railroad was forced into receivership and abandoned the route on June 8, 1934. Its tracks were removed. The roadbed was turned into Old Dominion Drive.

It was after World War II, when many who came to Washington, D. C. to support the War effort decided to stay, that McLean's rural lifestyle started to change. Combined with the CIA locating at Langley in 1961, a steady increase in population began and McLean found itself in the midst of phenomenal growth. There was no plan. McLean never became a separate town or city. It lost any opportunity to incorporate, when, in 1968 Fairfax County adopted an urban county form of government, and so McLean remained a community.

**TODAY** the windmills, farms, and orchards are gone. Notable dairy farms such as Maplewood, Sharon, Storm, Ballantrae, Spring Hill, and Kenilworth have been replaced with subdivisions and homes on a grand scale. A "sleeping giant" awoke at the nondescript intersection that few gave much attention to, and suddenly McLean found itself overshadowed by Tysons Corner. Yet, the community spirit and rural flavor of the area has remained. However, one has to wonder about the future of McLean, with the urbanization and continual expansion of Tysons Corner, and opening of the Washington Metro's new Silver Line. Will the village of McLean go the way of Lewinsville or Langley? Hopefully this will not be the case and the community will not lose its identity, or get "gobbled up" in the enthusiasm of progress.

*Carole Herrick is the chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission, vice-president of the McLean Historical Society and has authored seven books.*

# Greater Transparency in Policing

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

BY COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE



**D**ear 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/>

## Welcoming Business Community

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce welcomes newcomers to the area.

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 advo-

cates for issues that impact businesses, workers, and residents alike, specifically transportation improvements. We are the leading advocate for innovative solutions our region's connectivity challenges.

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

panding 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, nonprofit, 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](http://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.

# How to Vote

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

## FAIRFAX COUNTY:

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia. In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks.

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

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

## Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

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

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

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

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

Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23  
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035  
Weekday Schedule:

- Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday, Oct. 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  
Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov.

## 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](http://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.
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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

5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

## Local Satellite Voting Locations:

- McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101
- North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190

## Ballot Question, Meals Tax

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

## QUESTION:

State law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, commonly called a "meals tax," subject to certain restrictions. Most counties, including Fairfax County, may levy a meals tax only if the voters approve the tax by referendum. The question presented in this referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to levy a meals tax, at a rate not to exceed four percent of the amount charged for the taxable food and beverages.

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

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. 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.

# 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 re-election bid.

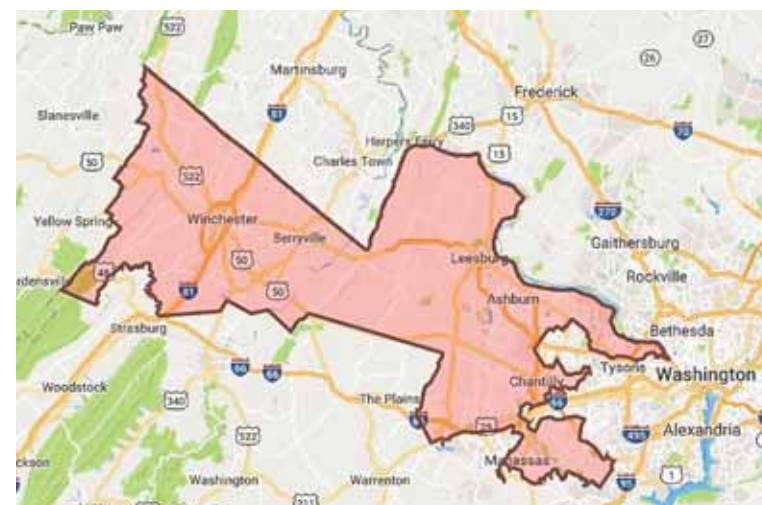
Her Democratic challenger, LuAnn Bennett, a real estate executive seeking her first elective office, is hoping the sprawling district's changing demographics, together with a strong voter turnout driven by a presidential contest, will give her the chance to turn the seat blue.



U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R)



LuAnn Bennett (D)



SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS 2016

## ELECTION 2016: RACE TO WATCH

The candidates, who both reside in McLean, have been campaigning hard for the seat, which was held for 34 years by U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R).

In 2014 Wolf announced his retirement, saying he would not seek an 18<sup>th</sup> term in Congress. Comstock won the open seat, handily defeating Democrat John Foust by 17 points.

**THE 10TH DISTRICT** has leaned Republican, but by a narrow margin, according to the Virginia Public Access Project. In 2012, Barack Obama (D) and Mitt Romney (R) split the vote 50-50. In the 2014 race for U.S. Senate, this district voted 52 percent for Ed Gillespie (R) and 46 percent for incumbent Mark Warner (D), contributing to Warner's surprisingly tight bid for reelection. Ken Cuccinelli (R) edged Terry McAuliffe (D) by one percentage point in the 10th District, 48 to 47 percent, in the 2013 race for Governor.

During a business meet-and-greet Friday at Breaux Vineyards in Purcellville, Comstock announced that she earned the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and touted her record of supporting tax cuts for businesses.

Earlier in the week, Comstock

moderated an all-woman panel of area "first responders" at the McLean Community Center as part of her Young Women in Leadership Program.

After the nearly two-hour event 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 elec-

tion 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 10<sup>th</sup> district Congressional race.

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# How to Vote

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## 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)

U.S. Passport; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office. 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.

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.

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?

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?

## 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.

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## Issues Dominating McLean Agenda

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### Saving Trees While Building Houses

"Trees rely on us. They need a community of caretakers and advocates, and that's what we are," said Joyce Harris of the McLean Trees Foundation.

Almost all future development in McLean will consist of infill development and redevelopment, which threatens many mature trees. When an older house on a lot with older trees is demolished to make way for a significantly larger house, many trees can come down in the process. Careful planning and expertise is required to preserve the trees which benefit the broader neighborhoods and the environment.

The McLean Citizens Association co-sponsored the third annual Tree Forum in April at the McLean Community Center.

In addition to McLean Tree Foundation's discussion of the importance and significance of trees to McLean and other communities, this year's forum featured a panel discussion involving citizens associations and developers.

Supervisor John Foust thanked the developers, which included Greg Ruff of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association and Louis Genuario Jr., president of Wakefield Homes, for coming to the forum.

"To get the industry to come talk with us and work with us is a big deal," Foust said. "They recognize the importance of trees to us."

Neil Ende voiced the frustration of McLean residents who feel helpless watching their neighborhoods that are named after forests and trees torn down to make way for larger houses.

"It is changing the fundamental aspect of the neighborhoods, house by house by house," Ende said.

### MCC Expansion

McLean Community Center will be renovated and expanded. The process is tentatively scheduled to start in the spring.

"We're getting every nickel and dime out of the \$8 million. I just can't wait," George Sachs, the community center's executive director, said. "We're really getting the maximum that we can for this site. That's what we wanted to do and we've accomplished that."

"Walking into the front lobby, it's going to be a more active looking place. You're going to see the activity right there," he said.

The \$8-million renovation is going to be "dynamic," said Dennis Findley, chair of the community center's Capital Facilities Committee.


Construction is tentatively

scheduled to begin around March 2017. The grand opening of the entire center is scheduled for the fall of 2018.

The Center's administration will look for space in the surrounding community to hold some events and programs while the center is being renovated.

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# Who Runs McLean? McLean Citizens Association continues to celebrate a century of citizen activism.

### McLean Citizens Association

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) has served since 1914 as an unofficial town council for the residents of the McLean area which has no governmental structure of its own. MCA provides a forum in which all McLean residents can discuss ways to resolve community problems and countywide issues affecting the area. Committees include planning and zoning, environment, parks and recreation, education and youth, budget and taxation, transportation, public safety liaison, Tysons liaison and membership. The website includes links to important McLean information and organizations.

Meetings are most always held at the McLean Community Center, at 1234 Ingleside Ave. See below. <http://mcleancitizens.org/>

### McLean Community Center

The McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101

703-790-0123

[www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)

The mission of the McLean Community Center is to provide a sense of community by undertaking programs, assisting community organizations and furnishing facilities for civic, cultural, educational, recreational and social activities apportioned fairly to all residents of Small District 1, Dranesville.

The McLean Community Center was built and is funded by residents of Greater McLean through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 bond referendum (Small District 1A-Dranesville). An eleven-member Governing Board, elected by citizens of the district and appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, oversees the Center's budget and operation. McLean Community Center offers activities for adults and children, including classes, lectures, study tours, camps, art exhibits and theater. The Center also sponsors major community activities such as McLean Day at Lewinsville Park in May and the 4th of July Fireworks in McLean.

Center facilities include the 386-seat Alden Theatre, the McLean Project for the Arts galleries, the Susan B. DuVal Art Studio, meeting and conference rooms, a rehearsal studio and a classroom/commercial kitchen.

Note: The community center is

tentatively scheduled to be renovated and expanded starting in spring 2017. The \$8 million project will add a 1,008-square-foot meeting room adjacent to the current Community Hall and as well as build a 2,983-square-foot structure, with multipurpose room, kitchenette, restrooms and storage space, just south of the center's Susan B. DuVal Art Studio.

The project also entails enclosing and adding a roof to the center's courtyard area, which will feature a 1,255-square-foot sculpture garden that will be exposed to the sky. Other additions include a 661-square-foot boardroom and a 703-square-foot lounge.

Sew [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

### Board of Supervisors

McLean is governed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors controls the county budget, establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments to various positions. Fairfax County has an elected Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large.

See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm)

McLean is in the Dranesville District. McLean residents are represented on the Board of Supervisors by Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust and Chairman, At-large member Sharon Bulova. All members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot on Nov. 3.

#### Dranesville Supervisor, John W. Foust

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**Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust**



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**Dranesville School Board member Janie Strauss**



**Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)**



**Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)**

### Fairfax County School Board

The Fairfax County School Board has 12 members, elected for four-year terms; one member represents each of the County's nine magisterial districts, and three members serve at large. A student representative, selected for a one-year term by the Student Advisory Council, sits with the Board at all public meetings and participates in discussions, but does not vote.

McLean is represented by Dranesville School Board member Janie Strauss plus the three at-large members,

Ryan L. McElveen (571-423-1089, [Ryan.McElveen@fcps.edu](mailto:Ryan.McElveen@fcps.edu)), Ilryong Moon (571-423-1090 [ilryong.moon@fcps.edu](mailto:ilryong.moon@fcps.edu)) and Jeanette M. Hough (571-423-1091, [jhough1@fcps.edu](mailto:jhough1@fcps.edu)).

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### Virginia House of Delegates

Most of McLean is in House of Delegates District 34, represented by Va. Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), although parts are also represented by Del. Rip Sullivan (D-48) and Del. Marcus Simon (D-53).

#### Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

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### Virginia Senate

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A smaller part of McLean is represented by Virginia Senate district 32,

**Sen. Janet Howell (D-32).**  
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### U.S. House of Representatives

Most of McLean is represented by U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock' (R-10).

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Part of McLean is represented by the 8th Congressional District and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8).

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**"The McLean Citizens Association has served since 1914 as an unofficial town council for the residents of the McLean area."**

## NEWCOMERS

### MORE AREA NONPROFITS

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## McLean Newcomers and Neighbors

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors, a woman's social club founded in 1969, helps new residents meet others and become active members of the community. The 160 members can enjoy monthly coffees and luncheons with speakers, tours of local museums and historic venues and a variety of other activities and social gatherings. For more information visit: [www.McLeanNewcomers.org](http://www.McLeanNewcomers.org).

## Junior League of Northern Virginia

The Junior League of Northern Virginia is a group of women whose volunteerism focuses on reducing childhood obesity. With over 400 members, JLVN runs a number of community initiatives to promote healthy eating and active lifestyles.

703-442-4163 or [www.jlvn.org](http://www.jlvn.org).

## The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is a volunteer organization composed of passionate

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 please go to its website, [www.lwv-fairfax.org](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org).

## Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

AHC Inc., a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, operates throughout northern Virginia and the Baltimore area to provide quality homes for families and individuals making between 30 and 60 percent of the middle income for their area. AHC also offers services for residents and homeownership opportunities. 703-486-0626 or [www.ahcinc.org/index.html](http://www.ahcinc.org/index.html).

## Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

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## McLean

**McLean Zip code:** 22102

**Population:** 21,985

**Race:** White-14,668 (66.7%), Black/African American-890 (4.0%), American Indian and Alaska Native-43 (0.2%), Asian-5,175 (23.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,481 (6.7%)

**Total housing units:** 10,471

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 5,476 (56.2%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,626

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,075

**Median household income:** \$117,885

**Mean family income:** \$261,962

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 41.3%

**McLean Zip code:** 22101

**Population:** 29,887

**Race:** White-24,098 (80.6%), Black/African American-498 (1.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-42 (0.1%), Asian-4,130 (13.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,549 (5.2%)

**Total housing units:** 11,345

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 9,034 (83.1%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 4,190 (38.5%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 3,813 (35.1%)

**Median household income:** \$175,926

**Mean family income:** \$273,397

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 28.7%

## Great Falls

**Zip code:** 22066

**Population:** 18,099

**Race:** White-14,428 (79.7%), Black/African American-370 (2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-29 (0.2%), Asian-2,548 (14.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-778 (4.3%)

**Total housing units:** 6,153

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 5,497 (94.3%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,678

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,526

**Median household income:** \$207,949

**Mean family income:** \$305,426

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 24.8%

## Vienna

**Zip code:** 22182

**Population:** 24,863

**Race:** White-18,425 (74.1%), Black/African American-695 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-22 (0.1%), Asian-4,594 (18.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,304 (5.2%)

**Total housing units:** 9,020

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 7,099 (82.5%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 3,530

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,233

**Median household income:** \$164,388

**Mean family income:** \$217,756

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE AREA

**Zip code:** 22181

**Population:** 14,879

**Race:** White-11,274 (75.8%), Black/African American-416 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-45 (0.3%), Asian-2,230 (15%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,197 (8%)

**Total housing units:** 5,429

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 4,234 (79%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,055 (38.3%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,231 (23%)

**Median household income:** 157,036

**Mean family income:** 209,649

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 29.4%

**Zip code:** 22180

**Population:** 23,491

**Race:** White-16,854 (71.7%), Black/African American-768 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-74 (0.3%), Asian-3,907 (16.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,628 (11.2%)

**Total housing units:** 8,386

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 6,379 (75.2%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 3,172 (37.4%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,093 (24.7%)

**Median household income:** \$125,905

**Mean family income:** \$168,627

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 34.7%

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


  
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## Colonial Times Revisited in McLean

Steve Bova, 13, of Arlington shows how kids his age performed chores in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as he hangs tobacco leaves in a barn in McLean for an annual tobacco harvest held at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm last year. Bova has volunteered his whole life with his family of living history re-enactors who portray poor local tenant farmers from 1771. The farm is a privately-funded site of the National Park Service — which celebrates its centennial Aug. 25. At 6310 Georgetown Pike, the Claude Moore Colonial Farm is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays between April 1 and Dec. 11. Admission is \$3 for adults, with a dollar discount for kids and seniors. Visitors can experience three market fairs held the third full weekends of May, July and October. Call 703-442-7557 or visit their website at [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org).

## McLean High to host 'Celebrate McLean'

McLean High School is hosting a community festival on Thursday, Sept. 1. All families and residents of greater McLean are invited to attend.

"Celebrate McLean" is for current and future MHS students and all members of the community as a way of saying thanks and celebrating the town.

This event replaces the traditional "Highlander Kickoff" which was just for current students. Current and future McLean High School students will enjoy meeting the athletes, learning about the high school, and discovering the exciting clubs and activities that await them at McLean High School. Children 12 and under receive a free T-Shirt giving them free admission to an upcoming school football game.



## What, Where, When

Celebrate McLean is Thursday, Sept. 1, 3-6 p.m., rain or shine, at McLean High School at 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Admission is free.

There will be food trucks, games and prizes, balloon animals, dunk tank, face painting, spirit wear, a photo booth, stu-

dent clubs and activities sign-ups, rock art mural painting, community organizations, marching band performances, fire engine tours with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and meet and greet and games with McLean High School athletes. Children 12 and under get free T-shirts (while supplies last) and free admission to a McLean High School varsity football game.

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**Centennial Celebration.** 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Great Falls Park, 9200 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22102. Free. The National Park Service will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the the National Park Service and the 50th anniversary of Great Falls Park on the evening of August 27 at Great Falls Park. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/grfa>.

## September 2016

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 3-4

**Middle Eastern Food Festival** on Labor Day weekend. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., Saturday, noon – 6 p.m., Sunday, Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church will host its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on the church grounds at 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. The Festival will feature authentic Middle Eastern food, music and dancing, as well as vendors. Debke dance will be led by instructors, or participate in the backgammon tournament. Children, meanwhile, can enjoy the moonbounce, face painting, pony rides and the petting zoo. The Festival will be held rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. Call 703-734-9566 or visit [www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com](http://www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com).

### SATURDAY/ SEPT. 10

**McLean Fall Community Garage Sale** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1420 Beverly Road, McLean, VA 22101 behind Staybridge Suites Hotel. The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Fall Garage Sale. Admission to the sale and parking are free. A limited number of selling spaces remain and can be purchased for \$45. Individuals selling personal items and some commercial vendors may participate. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Sept. 7, or until sold out. Call the Center at 703-790-0123 or visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events)

**Food for Others Tysons 5K.** 8 a.m. Tysons Corner Mall, by Bloomingdales,

8100 Tysons Corner Center, Tysons, VA 22102. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of about 5 percent - more than 90,000 people are living in poverty and 30 percent are children. Come run or walk to help feed our neighbors. Visit: [foodforothers.org](http://foodforothers.org) or <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/McLean/>

**Native American Lifestyles Festival** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Riverbend Park, at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls, Va. This exploration of the history and lives of Virginia's First Families includes many hands-on activities. Park visitors will shoot a bow and arrow, throw a spear, help build a dugout canoe, and learn to use ancient tools. There will be stories told, demonstrations of primitive technology, and a chance to enjoy traditional dancing featuring the Rappahannocks. Admission is \$6 per person in advance or \$7 at the door. Call: 703-759-9018 or visit the Riverbend Park website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>

### SATURDAY/SEPT 10-WEDNESDAY/SEPT 21, 2016

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 17, 2016

**Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival.** 12-6 p.m. 8025 Galleria Drive, McLean. Attend for a day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbeque eatin'. Your admission buys a sampling glass so you can enjoy all you care to taste while attending seminars in the tasting theater and enjoying live music all day. Visit <http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info>.

### SATURDAY/ SEPT. 24

**Martha Graham Dance Company at The Alden** 8 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. Cost: \$50/\$35 MCC tax district residents. Described by The Washington Post as "one of the seven wonders of the artistic universe." A talkback with the artists will follow the performance. Built in 1975, the 383-seat Robert Ames Alden Theatre, "The Alden," is a cultural resource for the citizens of McLean and the Washington Metropolitan area that presents a full season of performances, lectures and



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**Santa makes an appearance in McLean's seventh annual WinterFest parade on Dec. 6, 2015. This year's parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 along the Chain Bridge Road.**

educational programs for audiences of all ages. The Alden is ADA-compliant and will make arrangements for accommodations. Call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

## October 2016

### SATURDAY/OCT.1

**Oktoberfest Vienna** 11 - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street Vienna, VA. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, vendors, kids activities. Admission: Free

### SUNDAY/OCT. 2, 2016

**McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of juried artists. Visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 15-16

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm** 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. In the fall, warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads. Let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen, and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit <http://1771.org/marketfair/> for more

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26, 2016

**70th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade.** 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit <https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=951>

### MONDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Spooktacular** 5 - 7 p.m. The Spooktacular provides younger children with a central, convenient place in Great Falls to have fun "trick or treating." Great Falls vendors offer candy around the Village Green. Pets, on leashes, are welcome to join in the Pet Parade — dressed up in a favorite costume. Visit: [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/spooktacular](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/spooktacular)

## November 2016

### SUNDAY/NOV. 6

**The Okee Dokee Brothers at The Alden** 1 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. Cost: \$15/\$10 MCC tax district residents. Visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/alden-theatre/performance/icalrepeat.detail/2016/11/06/1521/-/the-okee-dokee-brothers](http://www.mcleancenter.org/alden-theatre/performance/icalrepeat.detail/2016/11/06/1521/-/the-okee-dokee-brothers)

### TUESDAY/NOV. 8, 2016

**Election Day. General election.** Visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm)

### SUNDAY/ NOV. 20

**Concert: The Washington Symphonic Brass** 4 - 6 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church 7001 Georgetown Pike McLean VA 22101. As a



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**The lighting of the Christmas Tree during the 25th Annual Celebration of Lights and Great Falls Holiday Fest on Dec. 6, 2015 at the Great Falls Village Center in Great Falls.**

Thanksgiving appetizer, the area's premier brass ensemble offers a cornucopia of music from the cultures that created America. You'll hear original works and familiar favorites from around the world performed by this all-star group. Cost: Season pass \$150 or \$30 at the door. Visit <http://amadeusconcerts.com/>

### MONDAY/NOV. 28, 2016

**Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Freeman House and Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

## December 2016

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ DEC. 2-4

**McLean Holiday Crafts Show.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. This highly regarded, juried show features fiber arts, wood, ceramics, pottery, jewelry, glass, holiday decor, fashion, items for children, gourmet foods, paper art, photography, sculpture, paintings and more. Cost: Adults \$5, children free. Visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/>.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 4

**McLean WinterFest parade & celebration** 2016 Begins at 2:45 p.m. on Old Chain Bridge Road The star of the parade, Santa, will be riding on top of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire engine. Visit: <http://www.mcleanvfd.org/2015-winterfest-parade/>

### SUNDAY/DEC. 18

**McLean Symphony Family Holiday Concert.** 3 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. Features Antonio Vivaldi's Winter from "The Seasons" and highlights from Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Admission: \$25/ adults, \$20/seniors, \$15/students.

## January 2017

### SATURDAY/JAN. 7

**The Capitol Steps** at The Alden 8 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. To recover from this off-the-wall election cycle, remain calm and walk, do not run, to The Alden and shelter-in-place with these master political satirists. \$50/\$35 MCC tax district residents. Visit: [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

### SUNDAY/ JAN. 15

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at The Alden Center: Chuck D** 2 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. Speaker subject to change. Cost: \$20/\$10 MCC tax district residents. Visit: [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).



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**Burgermaid Friderike Butler and Burgermesiter Greg Bernhard in traditional German costumes at the last year's Vienna Oktoberfest held in the historic Church Street corridor and Vienna Town Green on Oct. 3, 2015. This year's festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 1.**

## February 2017

### FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/FEB. 3-19

**McLean Community Players "Company."** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101. A 1970 musical comedy based on a book by George Furth with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The original production was nominated for a record-setting fourteen Tony Awards and won seven. \$25/\$23 MCC tax district residents. Visit <http://www.mcleanplayers.org/>.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 19

**Concert: The Daraja Ensemble** 4 - 6 p.m. at Saint Francis Episcopal Church 9220 Georgetown Pike Great Falls, VA 22066. Cost: Season pass \$150 or \$30 at the door. Visit: <http://amadeusconcerts.com/>

## Spring 2017

### SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt & Roll.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Freeman House, 131 Church Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180. Children 12 and under and their parents are welcome to participate in an egg roll and visit with Easter Bunny, hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. Visit <https://www.viennava.gov>.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 9

**Annual Children's Spring Festival** Tickets on sale at 12:30 pm. Games & Rides 1:30 - 4 pm. Egg Hunt 4 - 4:30 p.m. Join Us for this long-running annual favorite at Great Falls Village Centre. This event is sponsored by Adeler Jewelers and the Great Falls Optimist Club. <http://www.greatfallsvillagecentre.com/events/>

### SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29 2017

**Historic Garden Week.** This eight-day statewide event provides visitors a unique opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org/](http://www.vagardenweek.org/)

### SATURDAY/MAY 20

**McLean Day 2017** 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. 22101. McLean's biggest annual event. This event draws approximately 13,000+ patrons throughout the day. Vote for your favorite MCC candidate. Enjoy the free live entertainment, exhibitors, sponsors, food trucks, carnival rides, games, balloon animals and more. Admission: Free <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming/icalrepeat.detail/2017/05/20/1693/-/mclean-day-2017>

# PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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## National Parks

### GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean  
www.nps.gov/grfa  
Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

### GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

### WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

## State Park

### MN Mason Neck State Park

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

## Regional Parks

### BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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

### CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

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

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

### CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

### FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

### HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

### MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

### OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

**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, reshafting 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**

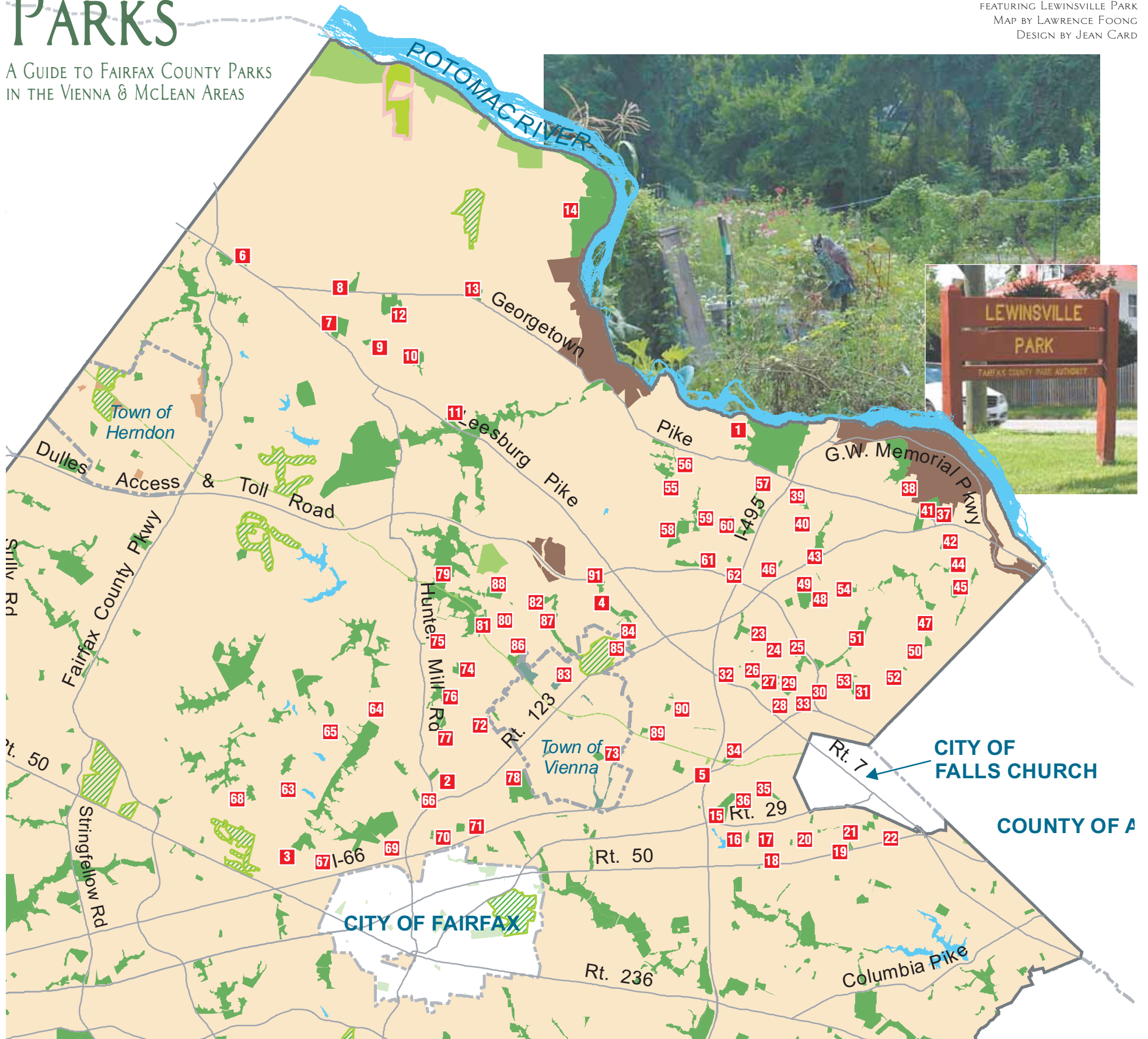
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale  
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park  
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



# PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS  
IN THE VIENNA & MCLEAN AREAS

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FEATURING LEWINSVILLE PARK  
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**Map Number** Park Name  
Address, City  
Property Class

**1 Tollbrook Ridge**  
720 Boyle Lane, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**2 Oakton Community**  
2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton  
Community Park

**3 Waples Mill Meadow**  
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton  
Multiple Resource Park

**4 Heritage Resource**  
Westwood Ct, Vienna

**5 Dunn Loring**  
2540 Gallows Road, Vienna  
Community Park

**6 Holly Knolls**  
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls  
Neighborhood Park

**7 Great Falls Nike**  
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls  
District Park

**8 Windermere**  
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls  
Community Park

**9 Lockmeade**  
1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls  
Community Park

**10 Lexington Estates**  
10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls  
Neighborhood Park

**11 Colvin Run Mill Site**  
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls  
Cultural Resource Park

**12 The Turner Farm**  
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls  
Community Park

**13 Great Falls Grange**  
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls  
Community Park

**14 Riverbend**  
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls  
Multiple Resource Park

**15 Jefferson District**  
7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church  
Multiple Resource Park

**16 Pine Spring**  
7600 Willow Lane, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**17 Tyler**  
7216 Rice Street, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**18 Devonshire**  
2826 Edgehill Ave, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**19 Jefferson Village**  
2932 East Tripps Run Rd., Falls Church  
Community Park

**20 John Mastenbrook-Greenway  
Downs**  
2858 Woodlawn Avenue, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**21 James Lee School Site**  
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church  
Community Park

**22 Azalea**  
2905 Cleave Drive, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**23 Westgate**  
7508 Magarity Road, Falls Church  
Community Park

**24 Pimmit View**  
1905 Storm Drive, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**25 Olney**  
1840 Olney Road, Falls Church  
Community Park

**26 Fisher**  
7620 Fisher Drive, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**27 Tysons Pimmit**  
2026 Burfoot Street, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**28 Pimmit Hills**  
2061 Arch Drive, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**29 Griffith**  
2013 Griffith Road, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park



**58 Spring Hill**  
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean  
District Park

**59 McLean Hunt**  
8003 Old Falls Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**60 Timberly**  
1173 Swinks Mill Road, McLean  
Community Park

**61 McLean Hamlet**  
8119 Dunsinane Court, McLean  
Community Park

**62 Falstaff**  
7717 Falstaff Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**63 Foxvale**  
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton  
Community Park

**64 Gabrielson Gardens**  
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton  
Special Purpose Park

**65 Clarke's Landing**  
11100 Vale Road, Oakton  
Community Park

**66 Oakborough Square**  
2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton  
Neighborhood Park

**67 Tattersall**  
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton  
Community Park

**68 Wayland Street**  
11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton  
Community Park

**69 Oak Marr**  
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton  
Multiple Resource Park

**70 Borge Street**  
3030 Borge Street, Oakton  
Neighborhood Park

**71 Blake Lane School Site**  
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton  
Community Park

**72 Peterson Lane**  
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**73 Cunningham**  
1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna  
Community Park

**74 Lawyers Road School Site**  
10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**75 Fox Hunters**  
10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**76 Kemper**  
10230 Dunfries Street, Vienna  
Community Park

**77 Ashlawn**  
10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna  
Community Park

**78 Nottoway**  
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna  
District Park

**79 Tamarack**  
1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna  
Community Park

**80 Symphony Hills**  
9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**81 Clarks Crossing**  
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna  
District Park

**82 Wolf Trails**  
9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna  
Community Park

**83 Foxstone**  
1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna  
Community Park

**84 Raglan Road**  
8590 Raglan Road, Vienna  
Community Park

**85 Freedom Hill**  
8531 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna  
Cultural Resource Park

**86 Eudora**  
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Community Park

**87 Waverly**  
1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna  
Community Park

**88 Lahey Lost Valley**  
9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna  
Cultural Resource Park

**89 Tysons Woods**  
8425 Overlook Street, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**90 Briarcliff**  
2158 Silentree Road, Vienna  
Neighborhood Park

**91 Ashgrove**  
8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna  
Cultural Resource Park

**30 Mt Royal**  
7141 Idylwood Road, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**31 Haycock Longfellow**  
6650 Kirby Court, Falls Church  
Community Park

**32 Lisle**  
7744 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**33 Lemon Road**  
7210 Idylwood Road, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**34 Idylwood**  
7715 Virginia Lane, Falls Church  
Community Park

**35 Hollywood Road**  
2700 Hollywood Road, Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**36 Lee Landing**  
2780 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church  
Neighborhood Park

**37 Langley Fork**  
6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean  
District Park

**38 Langley Oaks**  
6504 Bright Mountain Road, McLean  
Natural Resource Park

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977 Balls Hill Road, McLean  
Community Park

**40 Churchill Road**  
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean  
Community Park

**41 Clemyjontri**  
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Special Purpose Park

**42 Dolley Madison Estates**  
6139 Long Meadow Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**43 McLean Central**  
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean  
Community Park

**44 Potomac Hills**  
6125 Kinyon Place, McLean  
Community Park

**45 Marie Butler Leven Preserve**  
1501 Kirby Road, McLean  
Special Purpose Park

**46 McLean Knolls**  
1400 Balls Hill Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**47 Linway Terrace**  
6246 Linway Terrace, McLean  
Community Park

**48 McLean High**  
1609 Davidson Rd, McLean  
Community Park

**49 Lewinsville**  
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean  
District Park

**50 Chesterbrook School Site**  
1753 Kirby Road, McLean  
Community Park

**51 Kent Gardens**  
6621 Byrnes Drive, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**52 Franklin Woods**  
1938 Birch Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**53 Kirby**  
2020 Kirby Road, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**54 Bryn Mawr**  
6700 Tennyson Drive, McLean  
Neighborhood Park

**55 Old Dominion School Site**  
8211 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean  
Community Park

**56 Greenway Heights**  
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