

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

2016-2017

Huntley Meadows, in Mount Vernon, is home to a visitor's center, bird observatory, boardwalk, extensive trails and woods. Button bushes welcome butterflies to the park.



Mount Vernon Gazette

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*Planning to sell in 2016?
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**8708 Plymouth Rd
\$1,559,000**

New Build Just Completed!

Best of both worlds-classic American Four Square exterior combined with stunning modern floor plan and amenities. Numerous features include open floor plan, high ceilings, top line kitchen and baths, screened in porch, the list goes on. Prime location on half acre level lot in popular Plymouth Haven. Finishing touches just completed!!



Two water privileged homes in Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!



**9419 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$1,299,000**

Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and grounds.



**9515 Mt. Vernon Lndg
\$975,000**

Unique nautical environment, with some river views and steps from marina in Mt. Vernon on the Potomac. The area's premier waterfront community. Spacious home has many features include: 3 finished levels, large room sizes, updated kitchen, brick exterior and 2 car garage. Expansive rear deck overlooks spacious grounds. A truly unique opportunity!



**3808 Washington Woods Dr.
\$1,299,000**

Absolute Perfection

Best of both worlds. Stately colonial exterior combined with stunning bright open floor plan. Enhanced by over

\$400,000 in recent expansion and upgrades including: Kitchen, 3.5 Baths, HVAC system and cedar shake roof. Other features include: Three beautifully finished levels, 4 fireplaces, and three car garage. Custom "Trex" deck overlooks magnificently landscaped grounds. True one of a kind property in the exclusive "Wycliffe on the Potomac."



**4218 Dandridge Terr
\$675,000**

New England Style Colonial!

Magnificent 5 BR, 3.5 BA in prime location on beautifully landscaped lot

fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Rare, 3 car garage! Other special features include: 3 finished levels with full walk out lower level, thermal windows, open kitchen to family room, well maintained hardwoods on both main levels, & expansive exterior decking. Home is in pristine, move in condition. Exceptional value!



**8803 Mansion Farm Pl
\$668,950**

Treetop Wonderland

**4107 Adrienne Drive
\$499,900
Stunning home!**



**Wakefield Homes
Pre-Construction Opportunity!**

**8717 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000***

• New Nelson II Model- 3,525 sf

- 1/2 Acre Lot in Plymouth Haven
- Open floor plan - High ceilings
- Upgrades throughout
- Finished recreation room & bathroom in basement
- Maximum opportunity to customize



**3006 Doeg Indian Ct.
\$679,950**

Fabulous Wessynton Opportunity!

Spacious 2 level mid-century contemporary! Glass walls bring light to both levels. Major updates throughout include: windows & glass doors (renewal by "Anderson"), "Trane" HVAC system & hot water heater, interior and exterior painting, extensive landscaping and hardscaping enhance the beautifully wooded grounds. Easy walk to community pool and waterfront facilities.



**4520 Dolphin Lane
\$745,950
Great setting!**



**9421 Coral Lane
\$775,000
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What's Ahead?

Commercial, residential and historic projects reshaping the area.

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

Huntington Club condos

2601 Indian Drive

The Huntington Club Condominium Association is reviewing developer bids for a new mixed-use project that would include 1,200 to 1,800 housing units, 600,000 to 1 million square-feet of office space and 127,000 square-feet of retail space.

Towne Place Suites by Marriott

Construction is underway on a 92-room Baywood Hotels extended stay hotel in the Woodlawn area, at the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court, adjacent to Woodlawn Shopping Center. The hotel should be completed by the fall.



IMAGE COURTESY OF SOUTHEAST FAIRFAX DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Rendering of the extended stay Towne Place Suites by Marriott planned for the Woodlawn Area.

Penn Daw area of U.S. Route 1: South Alex

The former Penn Daw Plaza shopping center was rezoned as part of a 2012 Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Penn Daw area and is set to be replaced by a mixed-use development. The development, now named "South Alex," will feature 400 apartments, 41 townhomes and 44,000 square-feet of ground-level retail space. Work on the site plan is underway, as is



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A rendering of the new South Alex multi-use area planned for the site of Penn Daw Plaza.

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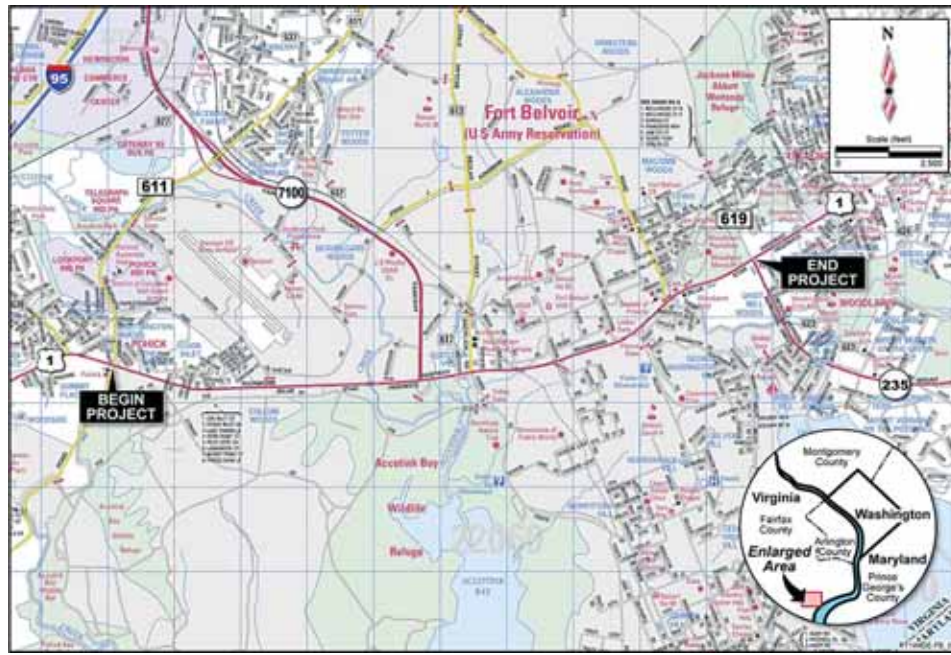


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Richmond Highway Widening over 3.5 miles is expected to be completed by winter 2016.

demolishing, clearing and grading. Construction should last from a year and a half to two years.

Novus Property Holdings

Richmond Highway at Fairview Drive
Novus, LLC (Cafritz Interests) is planning to replace the Wendy's Tai Kwon Do studio and Title Max loans building on a 5.3-acre site with a 340-unit multifamily dwelling building. The developer has filed a rezoning application, however there aren't any hearings scheduled thus far.

North Hill area

33-acres along U.S. Rt. 1 by Lockheed Blvd.

In March 2015, members of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority voted in favor of moving forward with interim agreement to develop the re-

maining 33 acres of North Hill. (Fifteen acres out of a 1981 land purchase have been developed as Woodley Hills Estates.) The Community Housing Partners of Virginia and Philadelphia-based developer Pennrose partnership have proposed building 278 multi-family apartments in six separate buildings, up to 195 townhomes and leaving some space for a park. A number of the units would be designated for households with lower incomes. More information is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north_hill.

New Fairfield Inn & Suites

6421 U.S. Rt. 1

The Hersha Group has finished with demolition of the Fairview Motel and obtained construction permits to move forward with a new 108-room development renamed Fairfield Inn & Suites. Construction is ongoing.

Widening of Richmond Highway

3.5 miles of U.S. Rt. 1 between Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Telegraph Road

The \$180 million project to widen Route 1 from four to six lanes, while also accommodating mass transit, bicycles and walking, is expected to be completed in five segments between late summer and early winter 2016.

Embark Richmond Highway

Embark includes transportation and land

use planning for Route 1, with Bus Rapid Transit and Metro Expansion. The planning team is a collaboration of Fairfax County staff from various departments and agencies working with a 13-member citizen advisory group to help coordinate community input. Goals of Embark Richmond Highway include implementing a Bus Rapid Transit System running along dedicated lanes on Route 1 from Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir, and then extending the Yellow Line Metrorail to Hybla Valley.

"This has great potential for revitalization and economic development along the highway," said Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, "with a lot more and better access for people getting back and forth from home to work to shopping to whatever. For bringing tourists down, and other visitors, there's great potential."

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/meetings.htm.

Lennar multi-family housing development "Huntington Crossing"

The project team has filed a re-zoning application for the 6.3 acres site adjacent to the Huntington Metro and right up against the water. The draft plan calls for five stories and approximately 360 multi-family units. Access will be from Metro View Parkway.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PARKER AT HUNTINGTON METRO
The Parker at Huntington Metro luxury apartment building is open and taking on tenants.

Accotink Village re-named

Belvoir Square

Richmond Highway between Fairfax County Parkway and Fort Belvoir's Tulley Gate
Construction is underway on a mixed-use development sitting on 6.6 acres of historic Accotink Village by the

Chesapeake Realty Partners. The project includes 283 units of one and two-bedroom apartments (170 one-bedroom, 113 2-bedroom), as well as 12,000 square-feet of retail space. Building is anticipated to be completed by January 2017.

National Museum of the U.S. Army

Fort Belvoir

The Army Historical Foundation is continuing to raise money for construction of a brand-new National Museum of the U.S. Army to be located on a 41-acre campus at Fort Belvoir. The 185,000 square-foot main building will showcase 15,000 works from the Army Art Collection as well as 30,000 rare and never-before-seen artifacts, document and images from the service branch's 200-year history. A memorial garden, amphitheater and parade ground are planned for the exterior grounds. An overview video

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Welcome to Mount Vernon District

BY DAN STORCK
MOUNT VERNON
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Welcome to the best District in Fairfax County.

My name is Dan Storck and I am pleased to meet you and to serve as your Mount Vernon District Supervisor. I hope you agree that Fairfax County is one of the

best places in the country to live — full of intellectual energy, great schools, diversity, plenty of recreational activities, and vast opportunities for cultural enrichment. Additionally, Mount Vernon is comprised of wonderful people, abundant resources and a rich history. First and foremost, I would like to invite you to stop by my office to meet me and my staff. We'll be happy to talk with you about our community, provide information about Fairfax County and its many opportunities, and respond to any questions you may have. We're at 2511 Parkers Lane next to the Fire Station and Mount Vernon Hospital and we share the building with the Mount Vernon Police Station.

My priorities for my first year as supervisor are to better fund and support our schools, accelerate Richmond Highway's revitalization, increase jobs and economic opportunities, improve our roads and provide more transit options, ensure our public safety, and continue to strengthen our quality of life.

My number one priority is always to engage deeply and frequently with the people of Mount Vernon, and provide timely, outstanding constituent service as we continue to build the ideal community to live and thrive. We are here to make a difference for each and every resident and to get things done. My staff and I have extended office hours on Thursdays and the second Saturday of each month at the Lorton Library and the Mount Vernon District Office. As always, I welcome your concerns and compliments. Walk-ins and appointments welcomed.

My team and I have committed to performance standards to ensure that we are a responsive, transparent and informative office. We will respond to your communications within two business days or less, advise you of your staff contact and connect you with the county or community resources you



Dan Storck

need.

Our office staff include a transportation and human services aide, communications director, and a full-time staff specialist in community development and land use planning to help me engage you and be more responsive. What makes Team Mount Vernon unique is our diversity of backgrounds and intense commitment to serve. Come meet our whole team at our upcoming Open House on Sept. 26, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

In Mount Vernon, we are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, as well as historical sites and community events to enjoy. The following are some of my favorites.

1. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens: One of the nation's most visited historic sites, Mount Vernon offers an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping. Open 365 days a year, Mount Vernon is an incomparable national treasure. Visit Mount Vernon by bike. Hop on a bike and ride to Mount Vernon from Washington, D.C. on the Mount Vernon Trail. Nearly 18 miles long and fully paved, the Mount Vernon Trail follows the Potomac River's Virginia shoreline. Mount Vernon Estate is one of the most notable historical sites in the country. (<http://www.mountvernon.org>)

2. Gunston Hall: Gunston Hall is the home built for George Mason IV, the author of the Bill of Rights, located on Mason Neck where we also have a state park, a regional park, and federally protected land. The mansion stands as a testament to a single architectural moment in colonial Virginia. After its completion in 1759, few changes were made. As a result, Gunston Hall remains as a vital example of the Georgian style washed upon Virginia's shores. A visit to Gunston Hall begins with an introductory film on George Mason. Visitors then can view the center's exhibits which highlight details of George Mason's civic career and the lasting influences of his most famous document, "The Virginia Declaration of Rights." (<http://www.gunstonhall.org>)

3. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House: The Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey Houses are sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, located on the same historic grounds. Visitors are encouraged to explore the contrasting

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Mount Vernon District staff include Theodore "Tae" Choi, community development and land use aide; Christine Morin, chief of staff for Dan Storck; Jeanene Harris, communications director for Dan Storck; Allison Miessler, staff aide for Dan Storck; and Donna Slaymaker, staff aide for Dan Storck.

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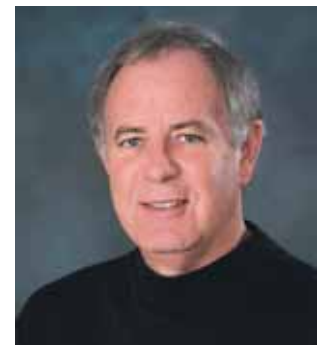
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Greater Transparency in Policing

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

By COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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

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

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department embraces reengineering the law enforcement profession and we are proud to be national leaders truly engaged with creating change with an engaged community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has endorsed our reengineering of the policies governing the use of force which value the sanctity of human life. The Police Department has adopted policies and practices which utilize the Critical Decision Making Model to ensure that all actions are proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary, and ethical. Your Police Department has mandated annual in-service training on use of force critical decision-making because the essential knowledge and skills are considered "perishable," therefore rendering training on an annual basis a necessity.

The final report issued by the Ad Hoc Commission included recommendations made by its Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. These recommendations, the subject of current delibera-

tion 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 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/

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Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required.

Contact Mount Vernon At Home at 703-303-4060, email info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org to learn more.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area

5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Aims to help youth become confident, civic-minded, responsible adults through programs focused on education/career development, health and life skills, leadership, the arts, sports and recreation, and mentoring. Call 703-304-8631 or visit www.bgcgw.org/fairfax

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

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Christian Relief Services

8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900. Incorporated in 1985, in Virginia, through partnership with 14 agencies, Christian Relief Services offers up to 24 months of transitional housing, case management and supportive services for homeless people. Around the country, operates the affordable housing units. Call 703-317-9086 or visit www.christianrelief.org.

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services

8305-17B Richmond Highway. The goal of Good Shepherd, created in 1974,

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BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Sharon Bulova

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

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

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

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate topping 90 percent. Our school system is the 10th largest in the country with nearly 187,000 students and 196 schools and centers.

After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are located just down

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

On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions. Some recent accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston, with Phase 2 of the Silver Line currently under construction all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County. Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fxva.com to learn more about what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents.

My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or give my office a call at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community! Welcome to your new home.

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is to help bring an end to homelessness while promoting the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals with programs in counseling, grant services and housing location assistance. Call 703-768-9494 or visit www.goodhousing.org.

New Hope Housing

Founded in 1977, New Hope Housing is an award-winning nonprofit agency in Northern Virginia committed to finding creative and lasting solutions to end the cycle of homelessness by offering homeless men, women, and children the services they need to change their lives and succeed. Each year, New Hope Housing serves more than 1,500 people in outreach, shelter, and housing programs. Call 703-799-2293 or www.newhopehousing.org to volunteer or learn more.

United Community Ministries (UCM)

7511 Fordson Road. Founded in 1969 as a

grassroots movement to assist low-income families and individuals living along the Route One Corridor, UCM provides four different housing programs as well as a Workforce Development Center to help prepare people for moving forward with their jobs. Call 703-768-7106 or visit www.ucmagency.org.

Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center

A program of United Community Ministries, Progreso empowers immigrants to improve the quality of their lives and of their communities through education, immigration services, and leadership development. Visit www.ucmagency.org/progreso-center-for-literacy-citizenship.html.

Mount Vernon Rotary Club

The club works to provide educational scholarships, educate the next generation to motivate them to pursue world peace, and to simply care about human needs and be willing to take steps to help meet them. Visit www.localrotaryclub.com/MountVernonVirginiarotaryclub.

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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 organiza-

tions, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and longtime 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.

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We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo.

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

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Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC)

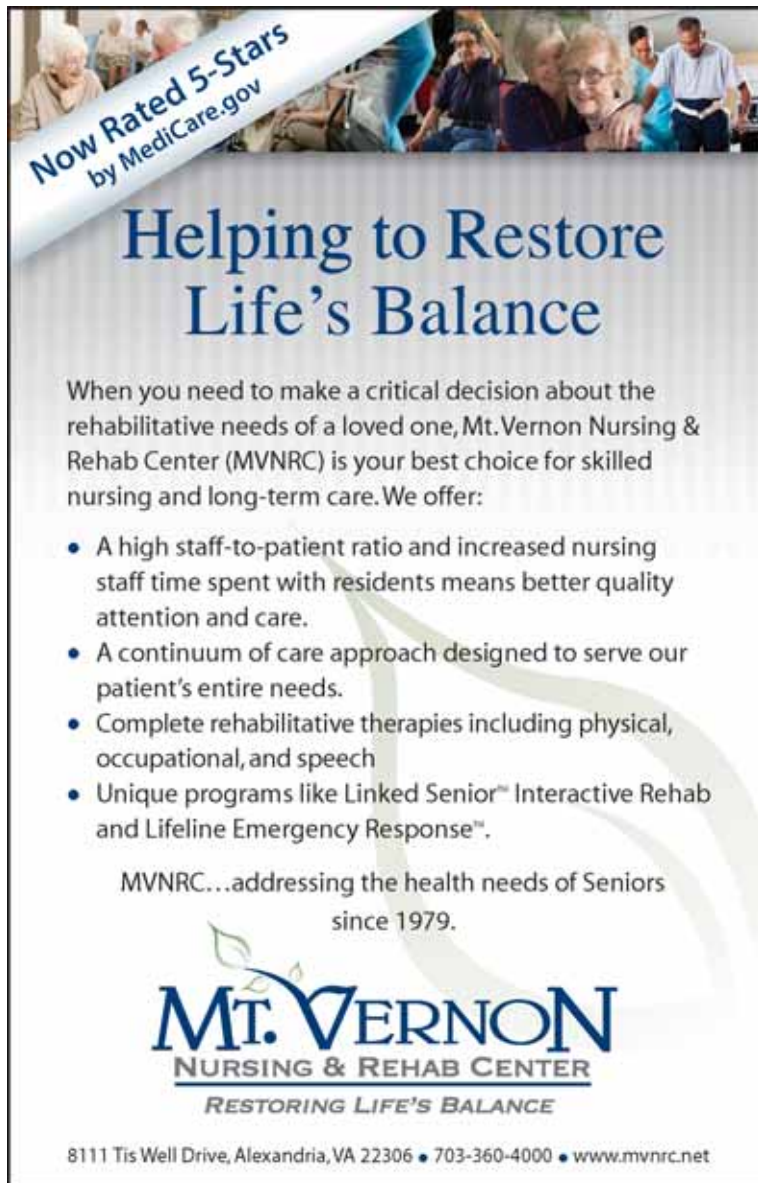
6677 Richmond Highway, Second Floor. SFDC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the redevelopment and revitalization of Richmond Highway/U.S. Route 1 from I-495 to Fort Belvoir. In the past 32 years, SFDC has helped direct nearly \$2 billion of private investment to the Richmond Highway corridor. Call 703-360-5008 or visit www.sfdc.org.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association

MVCCA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of citizens' associations in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County which represents and promotes the interests of its member associations with eight standing committees including Budget and Finance, Consumer Affairs, Education, Environment and Recreation, Health and Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Public Safety and Transportation. Visit www.mvcca.org

Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

The Alexandria-based organization provides resources to black-owned businesses in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties. Visit www.northernvirginiabcc.org



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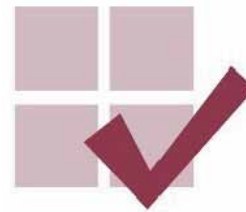
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PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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

National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

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

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

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102
Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River, 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. The park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove

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





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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course

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

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

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

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

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

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

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

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

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark

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

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

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

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

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

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

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



CJP Clemyjontri Park

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

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

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

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

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

BSG Green Spring Gardens

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

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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



HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

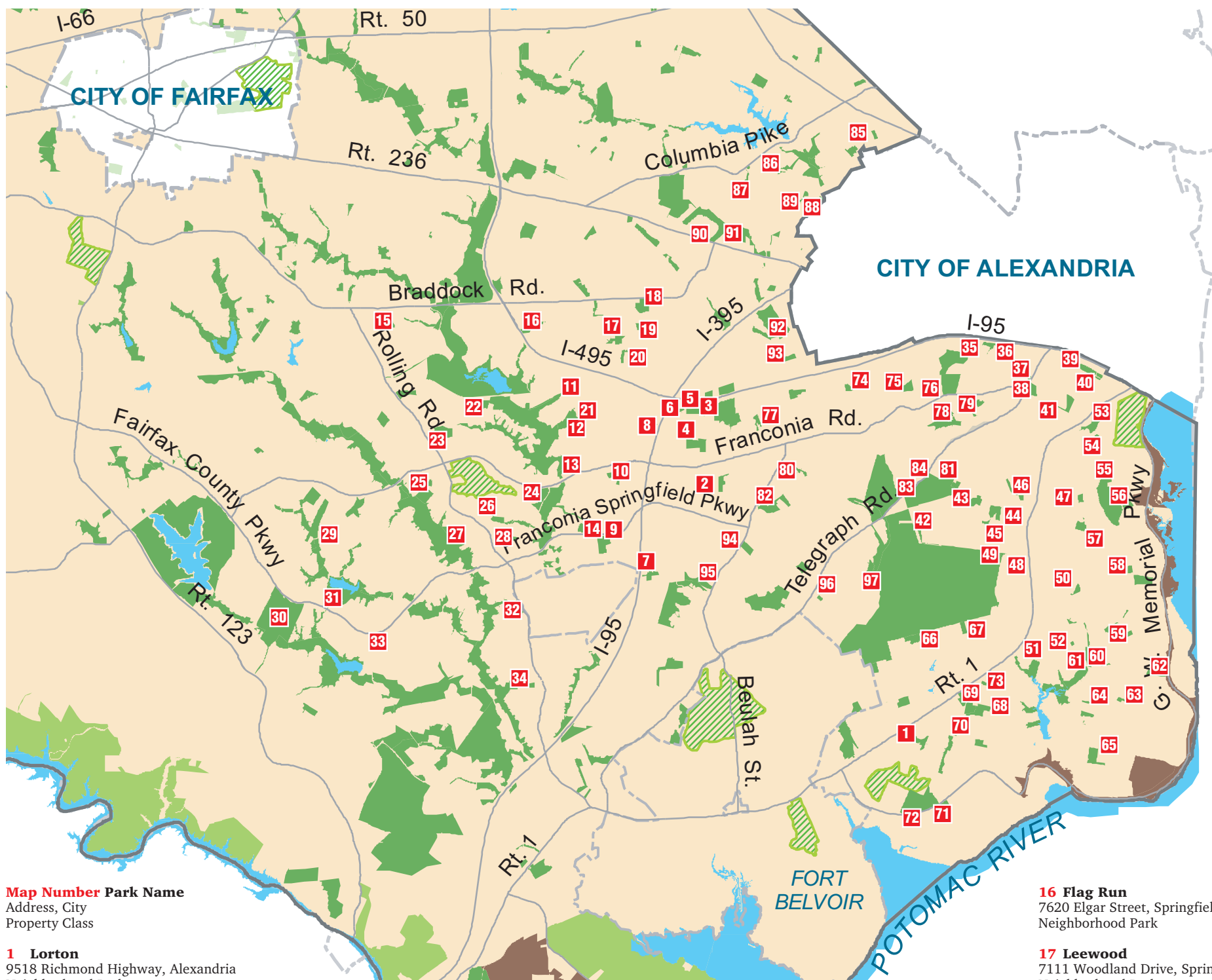
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE
SPRINGFIELD & MOUNT VERNON AREAS

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FEATURING HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

- 1 Lorton**
9518 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Springfield Forest**
6400 Kalmia Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 3 Franconia**
6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 4 Lee High**
6501 Deepford Street, Springfield
Community Park
- 5 Monticello Woods**
6444 Northanna Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 6 Trailside**
6000 Trailside Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 7 Loisdale**
7419 Loisdale Road, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 8 Lynbrook**
6005 Augusta Drive, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 9 Hoes Road**
7233 Hoes Road, Springfield
Community Park



- 10 Springvale**
6508 Spring Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 11 Lake Accotink**
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
Multiple Resource Park
- 12 Brookfield**
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield
Community Park
- 13 Byron Avenue**
6500 Byron Avenue, Springfield
Community Park
- 14 Hoes Road School Site**
7336 Hoes Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 15 Kings Park**
8717 Trafalgar Ct., Springfield
Community Park
- 16 Flag Run**
7620 Elgar Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Leewood**
7111 Woodland Drive, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Deerlick**
6821 Braddock Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 19 Edsall**
6845 Edsall Road, Springfield
Community Park
- 20 North Springfield**
7025 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 21 Royal Ridge**
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield
Community Park
- 22 Carrleigh Parkway**
8020 Carrleigh Prkwy, Springfield
Neighborhood Park
- 23 Cardinal Forest**
6121 Roxbury Avenue, Springfield
Community Park
- 24 Hunter Village**
7700 Jansen Drive, Springfield
Community Park
- 25 Hidden Pond**
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
Community Park



26 West Springfield

6805 Caneel Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

27 West Springfield Village

6910 Loudoun Lane, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

28 Rolling Forest

7019 Flax Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

29 Cherry Run

7001 Cottontail Court, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

30 South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
District Park

31 Huntsman

9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield
Community Park

32 Rolling Wood School Site

7511 Chancellor Way, Springfield
Community Park

33 Chapel Acres

7900 Giles Street, Springfield
Neighborhood Park

34 Saratoga

8121 North Umland Rd, Springfield
Community Park

35 Loftridge

5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria
Community Park

36 Burgundy

5516 Norton Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

37 Heritage Hill

5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

38 Jefferson Manor

2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

39 Huntington

2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria
Community Park

40 Farrington Avenue

2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

41 Mt. Eagle

5919 North Kings Highway, Alexandria
Community Park

42 South Kings Forest

4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park



43 Stoneybrooke

3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

44 Groveton Heights

3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria
Community Park

45 Huntley Historic

6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

46 Lenclair

6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

47 Bucknell Manor

2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria
Community Park

48 Hybla Valley

3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

49 Huntley Meadows

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

50 Hollin Meadows

7603 Elba Road, Alexandria
Community Park

51 Martin Luther King Jr

8115 Fordson Road, Alexandria
Community Park

52 Stephen S. Foster

Intermediate School Site
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

53 Belle Haven

6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

54 Fort Willard Circle

6625 Fort Willard Circle, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

55 Mount Vernon District

2017 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria
Multiple Resource Park

56 Westgrove

6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

57 White Oaks

7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

58 Gilbert S. McCutcheon

7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

59 Hollin Hall School Site

1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria
Community Park

60 Kirk

2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

61 Williamsburg Manor

2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Community Park

62 Collingwood

8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

63 Carl Sandburg School Site

8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

64 Stratford Landing

2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

65 Fort Hunt

8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

66 Muddy Hole Farm

7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria
Community Park

67 Mount Vernon Woods

4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria
Community Park

68 George Washington

8426 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexan-
dria
Special Purpose Park

69 Walt Whitman School Site

8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Community Park

70 Mount Zephyr

8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

71 Washington Mill

4341 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,
Alexandria
Community Park

72 Grist Mill

4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,
Alexandria
District Park

73 Vernon Heights

8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

74 Bush Hill

5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

75 Mark Twain

5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

76 Clermont School Site

4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria
Community Park

77 Franconia Forest

6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

78 Ridgeview

4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria
Community Park

79 Wilton Woods School Site

3701 Franconia Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

80 Tara Village

6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

81 Virginia Hills School Site

6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

82 Manchester Lakes

6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

83 Greendale Golf Course

6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

84 Lee District

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
District Park

85 Dowden Terrace

5616 Bradley Boulevard, Alexandria
Community Park

86 Glasgow

3935 Arcadia Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

87 Parklawn

6454 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria
Community Park

88 Glen Hills

6090 Larstan Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

89 Heywood Glen

6210 Larstan Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

90 Pinecrest Golf Course

6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

91 Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Special Purpose Park

92 Bren Mar

6324 Edsall Road, Alexandria
Community Park

93 Backlick Run

5590 First Statesman Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

94 Beulah

7119 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

95 Amberleigh

7516 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

96 Hayfield

7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria
Community Park

97 Wickford

7331a Wickford Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

ENTERTAINMENT

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL
COMMUNITY EVENTS

August 2016

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 27-28

Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, 12-3:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/events.htm.

September 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-11

Hope Fest. Various times at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Find youth concert and community basketball game. Free. Email Info@cityofhopemetro.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is \$22.50-80. Visit www.911heroesrun.org for more.

SEPT. 10-21

34rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is \$50, spectator tickets are \$10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Scottish Heritage Outlander Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Events will include three Scottish and Celtic storytelling performances during the afternoon, an appearance by the Granfling School of Highland Dance, a concert by the Devil's Tailors, and a bagpiper.

Barley & Music Fest. 12-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Attend the inaugural Barley & Music Fest to find over a dozen craft breweries, music, and more. Admission to the festival is free, but drink tickets are \$15 for 5, additional tastes may be purchased for \$1. Visit www.barleymusicfest.com.



Menu items from previous Alexandria Restaurant Weeks

Alexandria Restaurant Week

Every year near the end of summer, Alexandria's Restaurant Week offers diners a prix fixe menu at some of the city's best restaurants for a great price — generally, \$35 per person or per couple depending on the establishment. Also look out for a Winter Restaurant Week near January. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com.



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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY/ SEPT. 17-18

Colonial Market And Fair. Saturday and Sunday/ Sept. 17-18 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visit the 18th century at this colonial celebration featuring crafting demonstrations, puppet shows, military drills, and traditional food and music. Tickets are \$9-17. Children age 5 and under are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 480 King St. The festival features art displays, art giveaways and sales and live music. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/artfest.

Kingstowne Area Arts Show. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Work in a variety of media will be on display. Free. Visit www.kingstowneartists.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate Scottish Heritage at the oldest stone house in Alexandria, home of John Carlyle. Attend the tea and fashion show and specialized tour. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.northernva.reelabilities.org.

SATURDAY/ SEPT. 24

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-

1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. Visit mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com for more.

St. Luke's Annual Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Mount Vernon. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. Also, fresh produce from a nearby farm, entertainment provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moonbounce, face-painting and games. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342 for more.

75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. For the 75th annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour, the public may visit six historic homes and gardens in Old Town Alexandria, all within walking distance of one another. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Tickets are \$35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N. Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

Mount Vernon Celebration! A Community Showcase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. The 2016 Celebration will feature a church choir competition. Inova will provide health screenings and the Bloodmobile will come for a community blood drive. Free. Visit www.celebrationmvl.org.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Family Fall Festival. 12-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Find activities for kids, live music, food trucks, beer, wine, and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults, free for children 13 and under. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Run! Geek! Run! 8 a.m. at Potomac Yard. All proceeds from Run! Geek! Run! will go directly to support the nonprofit Capitol Post. Capitol Post offers veterans in the Washington, DC., region personalized guidance through mentoring, business counseling, and access to key resources, programs, and leaders. Registration is \$30-50. Visit www.rungeekrun.net.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

New Neighbors Oktoberfest. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. The 2016 school year marks the 15th anniversary of The Campagna Center's New Neighbors program and the many contributions it makes to adult refugees and immigrants in Alexandria who strive to improve their English skills. Celebrate with a night of beer, brats and more. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.campagnacenter.org.

October 2016

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Charity 5k. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Run or walk to promote traffic safety. \$20-35 per person, depending on when you register. Visit www.theartofdriving.org/ART_5K/.

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue. Art on the Avenue is a multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts. The event takes place along Mount Vernon Avenue in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, and features over 350 artists, live music, free children's crafts and entertainment, artist demonstrations, a pie-baking contest, and more. Free. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 7-9

Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the successes and failures of George Washington's wine endeavors, listen to live music and tour where Washington stored his wine. Friday, Oct. 7: \$40; Saturday, Oct. 8: \$48; Sunday, Oct. 9: \$36. Visit www.mountvernon.org/calendar.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. A family favorite event featuring fall activities such as scarecrow making, pumpkin and face painting, arts and crafts, exhibitors, food vendors, puppet show, pony rides, and band performance. Free to attend. Call 703-746-5592 for more.

SATURDAY/ OCT. 22

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 23-24

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Elementary school-aged children and younger may participate in the hunt and will receive a toy pumpkin. The event will also feature Halloween crafts, food and drink, ghost stories and a costume parade. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$12 for children participating in the hunt. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or contact John Christiansen at 703-548-1789 or contact@leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY /OCT. 22-23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

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The future Belvoir Square, formerly Accotink Village, will include 283 residential units and 12,000 square-feet of retail space.

What's Ahead?

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is available on the museum's website at <https://armyhistory.org/about-the-museum>.

New Inova Emergency Department to open November 2016

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

An all-new 21,000-square-foot Emergency Department, scheduled to open the week of Nov. 14, 2016, will feature 35 private treatment rooms, dedicated space for

children, "Fast-Track" treatment rooms for patients with less serious injuries and two new rooms for resuscitation emergencies.

The new department is being funded largely by Jeffrey Veatch, an entrepreneur from the Mount Vernon area, who's committed a \$2 million lead matching gift toward the new construction.

Sources: District Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) and land use aide, District Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and land use aide, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, the Army Historical Foundation and Lee Barton, Senior Project Manager for Design and Construction with the Inova Facilities Management Department.

Welcome to Mount Vernon District

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architectural and historical backgrounds of these two unique homes. Operated as a historic house museum since 1949, Woodlawn relies on local support and engagement to succeed (<http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/home/>). Woodlawn Estate is also home to the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

The Arcadia Center has a demonstration garden used to teach people how to farm and enjoy agriculture. (www.Arcadiafood.org)

4. Workhouse Arts Center: There's always something exciting happening at the Workhouse Arts Center. Whether you're in the mood for art classes and exhibits, exciting comedy or musical performances, or even

special events, the Workhouse has exactly what you need to fuel your creativity and imagination.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this former correctional facility property has a fascinating story involving the Woman's Suffragist movement and features over 150 of the region's finest artists. An exciting and ever-changing schedule of exhibitions in the Gallery Building includes the work of national and international artists. Explore the artists' studios where you are invited to ask questions, purchase their wares, and even participate in programs in which you can create your own masterpiece. (www.workhousearts.org)

5. Mount Vernon has two recreation centers – one located near the Belle View Shopping Center (Mount Vernon Recreation Center) and the other located across from Mount Vernon High School (George Washington Recreation Center); two off leash dog parks, one at West Grove on Ft. Hunt Road and one at Grist Mill Park located on Route 235.

6. On Aug. 31, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Mount Vernon District will host a Pokémon GO event at the Workhouse Arts Center. Visit our website for more details (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>). Coming soon, you'll hear more about the inaugural Tour de Mount Vernon, a bicycle tour of the Mount Vernon District from the Potomac to the Occoquan River.

Again, I welcome you to the Mount Vernon community and sincerely hope you enjoy living in the finest district in Fairfax County. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.

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How to Vote

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

FAIRFAX COUNTY:

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

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

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

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

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

Satellite Voting Locations:

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

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121

Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/> or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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

ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

❖ President and Vice President

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

❖ Meal Tax Referendum

❖ Three Proposed County Bond Questions

❖ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ballot Question, Meals Tax

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

Fairfax County voters will vote yes or no on establishing a 4 percent meals tax. The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides of this issue.

QUESTION:

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

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

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

The question also states that the Board of Supervi-

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

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

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 high-

ways 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)



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SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. All are welcome to march in the parade. Parade ends in a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, free refreshments, games, best costume awards, and more. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween for more.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8-10 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum's lecture hall to re-create Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before his death. Individual works performed each year vary, but the program always includes a chilling story or two such as "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems "The Raven" and "El Dorado." Tickets are \$15. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events.

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Trick-Or-Treating. 5-7 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com to register.

November 2016

FRIDAY/NOV. 4

Art on Tap 2016. 7-10 p.m. at the Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Craft beers from local breweries have been artfully paired with a work of art from an Art League instructor. Local restaurants have chosen a brew/artwork coupling to serve as their muse to create the perfect complimentary appetizer. Enjoy the brew, bite, and artwork trifectas, then vote for a winner. Tickets are \$35-45 plus a service fee. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

TUESDAY/ NOV. 8

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

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 10-13

Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The 10th annual Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. All ticketed events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with Beatley Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 11

Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Honored guests (veterans) are invited to place a flower at Washington's tomb, enjoy a concert by the Harmony Heritage Singers and the United States Air Force String Orchestra. Free for veterans and active duty military

members, \$9-17 for everyone else. See www.mountvernon.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 19

Virginia Cider Week Tasting Event. 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In partnership with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee, the Lyceum offers a cider tasting as part of Virginia Cider Week. Tickets are \$50-75. Visit www.show.alexandriava.gov/events for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24

Turkey Trot. 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this fast, flat, USATF-certified 5-mile course through the heart of Del Ray. Registration is \$5-25. Visit www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com for more.

FRIDAY/ NOV. 25

Tree Lighting Ceremony. 6-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Attend the ceremony in which the City Tree is lit and visited by Santa, the Town Crier, and other city officials. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 25-SATURDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

December 2016

Alexandria Winter Restaurant

Week. More than 60 Alexandria restaurants offer a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. More than two dozen restaurants are also offering lunch deals at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person in addition to the dinner specials. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18

Fine Art & Fine Craft Holiday Market. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The market offers handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists (including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and glass). Find different artists each weekend. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

46th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, the parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade.

SATURDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org.

February 2017

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day.

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

April 2017

APRIL - JUNE

Relay for Life. Fundraisers participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit www.relayforlife.org for specific events and details.

SATURDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29

Historic Garden Week. This weeklong statewide event provides visitors an opportunity to see gardens, as well as houses with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

LATE APRIL

Art on the Rocks. 7-10 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Mixologists are paired with a piece of artwork to use as inspiration to create the most artistic cocktail and appetizer pairing and then compete for the title of Art on the Rocks champion. Ticket holders sample all of the delicious pairings and vote for their favorite at the event. A panel of experts will crown the winner of the most creative cocktail, appetizer, and artwork pairing. Tickets are \$55-65. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

May 2017

SATURDAY/MAY 13

Alexandria Tot Rock Fest. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The fun includes music, movement, and mindfulness for young children. Free. Visit www.totrockfest.com for more.

La Bella Strada. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. This modern street painting festival originates from an ancient Italian art form, featuring the creation of large-scale chalk paintings directly on the sidewalks of Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

MONDAY/MAY 23

Memorial Day Jazz Concert. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, Alexandria. A variety of jazz performances take place throughout the concert. Food is available for purchase, but picnic lunches are welcome. Pets should be left at home. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

June 2017

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

Taste of Del Ray. 1-3 p.m. at the intersection of Mount Vernon and Oxford avenues. Top neighborhood restaurants participate in this competition. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Vine on the Waterfront Festival.

Late June, 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is



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A home featured in the 2015 historic homes tour.

Twig Hosts Historic Alexandria Home Tour

Last year, the Twig, the junior auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital featured six homes in their annual fundraiser highlighting homes important to the city's history. This year, the tour will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 through Sept. 25 and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit www.vineonthewaterfront.com.

live music. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/USA-Alexandria-Birthday-Celebration/6607.

July 2017

SATURDAY/JULY 1

Independence Fireworks. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 4

An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch made-for-daytime fireworks shoot off over the Potomac River. Admission is \$9-20, free for children 0-5. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JULY

Grown Ups Art Camp. Various times at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans is offering more than 30 workshops and sessions to choose from. Prices vary. Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY

USA and Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 265th birthday along the Potomac waterfront with fireworks, cake and

August 2017

Summer Restaurant Week. Mid-August, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. Menu options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

Jane Austen Ball. Mid-August, 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The evening will feature a variety of English country dances in the historic ballroom, live music, and "iced refreshments." Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged. Tickets are \$45. Visit shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx.

Friendship Firehouse Festival. Mid-August, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The festival celebrates the special role firefighters have played throughout history, especially those of Friendship. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and, courtesy of the Alexandria Fire Department, a display of modern fire trucks and apparatus. Free. Visit www.friendshipfire.net.

Youth Arts Festival. Early August, 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This festival will showcase the talents of youth around the city and serve as a forum of expression for both visual and performing arts. Free. Call 703-549-7115 ext. 370.

COMMUNITY GUIDE

Getting To Know ...

Mount Vernon Sports

School: Mount Vernon High School
Mascot: Majors
School Colors: Maroon, gray and white

Athletic Director: Greg Miller
Football Coach: Barry Wells (seventh year)

The Majors finished 2-8 in 2015 after a promising 2-1 start and failed to qualify for postseason play.

Field Hockey Coach: Jessica Edwards

Volleyball Coach: Amy DeBok
Golf Coach: Sam Hedenberg.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Lou Golden.

Girls' Basketball Coach: India

Thomas.
Boys' Soccer Coach: Tony Garza.
Softball Coach: Daniel Coast.

Rival School: West Potomac

What happened last year: Mount Vernon sophomore Hailey Fisher won the 6A state diving championship with a state-record score of 447.1 on Feb. 19 at Oak Marr.

Fisher finished more than 42 points ahead the runner-up.

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West Potomac Sports

School: West Potomac High School
Mascot: Wolverines
School Colors: Royal blue and silver

Athletic Director: Aaron Helmick, 703-718-2560

Football Coach: Jeremiah Ross (third year)

The Wolverines finished the regular season 7-3 and defeated West Springfield in the postseason before losing to South County to finish the season with a record of 8-4.

Cross Country Coach: Jenn Dietz

Volleyball Coach: Nancy Nixon

Boys' Basketball Coach: David Houston III

Girls' Basketball Coach: Lauren Arthur

Baseball Coach: Jim Sullivan
Softball Coach: Craig Maniglia
Boys' Soccer Coach: Ahmad Sasso
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Cindy Lopez-Yusuf

Rival Schools: Mount Vernon, T.C. Williams

What happened last year: The 2015-16 West Potomac boys' basketball team produced one of the program's best seasons in recent years, capturing its first conference/district title since 2010 and making its first state tournament appearance since 1998.

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