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### NEW HOPE HOUSING

Location: Alexandria and Fairfax County  
Executive Director: Pamela L. Mitchell  
Contact info: 703-799-2293 - admin@newhopehousing.org  
Annual Budget: \$5,900,000  
How to get involved: Contact Nicole Dillon to learn about volunteering opportunities at shelters & housing programs or to take a tour: ndillon@newhopehousing.org  
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Location: Multiple all over Northern Virginia; Headquarters - Oakton  
Executive Director: Stephanie Berkowitz (CEO/President)  
Contact info: 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124, 571-748-2500, info@nvfs.org  
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Location - Fairfax County  
Executive Director - Christopher Fay  
Contact info - Christopher Fay, direct 703-992-9584, email cfay@homestretchva.org  
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## Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS



**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

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

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

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

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

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

## County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

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

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



**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

different ways to design instructional practices to support the development of these essential skills.

We are also working to define contemporary teaching and learning practices while better integrating technology. For example, through a pilot program we are calling FCPSOn — this year we begin evaluating how digital resources can best scaffold that model — and how we provide teachers and students with the tools and policies needed to facilitate the use of that

technology.

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

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

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

## 'Insider's Tip' to New Businesses

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

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

**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.fairfaxcountyleda.org](http://www.fairfaxcountyleda.org) to see how the Economic Development Authority can help you.

# Vienna Looking Forward to New Look

From community center to Marco Polo, change comes to Vienna.

DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Vienna doesn't change much ... and that's the way the Vienna zip codes like it — a small-town feel, family-focused. There's not much in the way of crime unless an unlocked vehicle break-in counts. The annual Halloween parade, Oktoberfest, Church Street Stroll, and ViVa! Vienna! are traditions that don't die.

The biggest "change" is the temporary closure of the Vienna Community Center as it enters its second year of renovation. Clubs, programs, special events, have been vectored to other venues during the closure. The community center renovation is also the community's biggest "news" along with the redevelopment of the Marco Polo building and site.

The Vienna/Oakton Connection talked with Vienna mayor, Laurie DiRocco, about the community center, Marco Polo, and upcoming events and activities.

"We've had some challenges with the community center," DiRocco said, alluding to the standing water issue discovered during the construction. Standing water was dis-



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Mayor Laurie DiRocco leads a group of walkers on a morning walk of approximately three miles.

covered along three full-length walls, with resulting mold growth along the footings of the walls. "You could scratch the walls away with a shovel," said DiRocco. "They were crumbling." The building, built in 1956, suffered from drainage problems.

The damaged walls have to be replaced. Since this repair was not budgeted in the original proposal, funds will be moved from other projects budgeted from bond issues. "The next bond, we have to put those bond projects back in," DiRocco said. The Town had a low loan rate of two percent.

MARCO POLO SITE is back to the draw-

ing board. The original proposal, which embraced retail and condos, passed through the Board of Architectural Review, Vienna's planning commission, and the Town Council, five to two. Under an old Town of Vienna law, if 20 percent of adjacent property owners object to a development, the application must pass by a margin of, at least, six to one. Under those terms, the re-development plan — which included the demolition of Marco Polo restaurant and on-site houses — did not pass. DiRocco calls the present site "dilapidated" and in-need of new construction.

The developer will re-submit new plans.

The popular Friday morning walks with the mayor begin again on Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. from Town Hall. The debut walk merges with a ribbon cutting of the new section of the W&OD trail that was re-routed outside the community center parking lot. From that point, the walk with Mayor DiRocco begins.

The native plant sale, sponsored by the Community Enhancement Commission of the Town of Vienna, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to noon, on the grounds of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

American Legion Post 180 of Vienna hosts the annual 9/11 ceremony on the Vienna Town Green on Sunday, Sept. 11, starting at 9 a.m.

2016's second warm weather Chillin' on Church comes alive on Friday, Sept. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Like the previous summer Chillin' block party, the September affair is family-friendly, with live music on the Church Street stage, games for children, and food vendors. American Legion Post 180 of Vienna will sell beer and the Sons of the American Legion will offer food for purchase. Additional vendors to be announced.

OKTOBERFEST, hosted and run by the Vienna Business Association and the Town of Vienna, is planned for the first Saturday in October. The one-day festival features live music, a beer tent, an assortment of food and beverage vendors, a marketplace, and games and activities for children. Proceeds support the Vienna Business Association's free First Night Vienna celebration in the historic Church Street corridor.

## Vienna/Oakton Nonprofits: Making Community Work

### Alternative House

Alternative House is a housing service with programs like Assisting Young Mothers and, in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, the Homeless Youth Initiative, which provides safe transitional housing to homeless students. Volunteer opportunities include positions in child care, outreach and the Emergency Teen Shelter. 703-506-9191 or <https://thealternativehouse.org/>

### The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna

SCOV is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to providing opportunities for adults (50+) to seek rewarding lives and to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. The concept of "Seniors Helping Seniors" defines the spirit and purpose of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Their personal enrichment and volunteer opportunities touched the lives of more than 3,000 older adults (50+) in the region. Each year more than 250 volunteers at SCOV serve as medical drivers, companion drivers, friendly callers and visitors, health and wellness educators, office assistants, fundraisers, and grant writers. Volunteers also run programs such as SCOV's Lunch n' Life, Adventures in Learning, trips and outings, special events, and the caregivers' support group. [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org)

### American Association of University Women (AAUW)

The Vienna Branch of AAUW represent a diverse cross-section of Vienna and Oakton area women working together to promote equity and education for women. The organization holds educational talks, monthly meetings and does work on projects to contribute to the community. <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/branches/vienna/> or [ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com](mailto:ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com)

### Rotary Club of Vienna

The Rotary Foundation, Vienna Chapter was founded in 1965. The chapter works to support local efforts like festival ViVa! Vienna!, through which it has raised over \$180,000, and holds programs like the "New Generations" program, Interact, which focuses on helping youth ages 12-18 develop good character. <http://viennarotary.org/> or 703-981-4911.

### Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is an all volunteer, community service organization. Members work with the youth of the greater Vienna community including students at James Madison

High School George Marshall High School and Oakton High School, and members of local Scout Troops, sports teams and youth groups. Their website provides an overview of the Optimists' many activities. [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org).

### The Vienna Host Lions Club

The 42 members of the local chapter of the world's largest service club do service projects in the spirit of their motto, "We Serve." They collect eyeglasses and hearing aids and prepare them for those who need them, fundraise with "White Cane Days" to donate to 13 organizations which help the blind and they sell Christmas trees and participate in holiday bazaars to raise funds for hearing, youth, welfare, and safety and civic organizations. See where the money goes and how you can help online. 630-571-5466, <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/viennahostlionsva/index.php> or [sandcs89@yahoo.com](mailto:sandcs89@yahoo.com)

<ro>The Vienna Arts Society  
The Vienna Arts Society is a non-profit, volunteer organization for the promotion and exhibit of fine arts. Throughout the year original art is on display at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NE, Vienna VA 22180. The art is created by nearly 200 members from Northern Virginia and beyond. The Art Center has become a community gathering space, where adults and children can watch free art demonstrations, take painting classes, and

enjoy free monthly acoustic bluegrass jam sessions. It's available to rent for meetings, workshops and special occasions. Vienna Arts Society members also exhibit their works at several locations around town, to include the Gallery in the Village Green and Patrick Henry Library. Membership is open to artists and those interested in supporting the fine arts. [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) 703-319-3971

### MORE AREA NONPROFITS 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

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

**SHELTER HOUSE**

Location - Serves all of Fairfax County  
 Executive Director & CEO - Joe Meyer  
 Contact info - (703) 935-1542 /  
 Joe.Meyer@shelterhouse.org  
 Annual Budget - \$5.6 million  
 How to get involved - Individuals or groups can donate time, items and/or money. visit shelterhouse.org for more information  
 Shelter House is a private non-profit organization serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence. Currently, Shelter House operates two family shelters and the only 24/7 crisis shelter for victims of domestic violence. Most of Shelter House's work is done "outside" of the shelter where it provides financial support and services to families leaving the shelter and sometimes preventing families who are at-risk of becoming homeless. Its current needs that support the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness — willing landlords to rent to homeless families. Also, household items that will furnish homes for families

ending their homelessness after leaving our shelters.

**ALTERNATIVE HOUSE - ABUSED AND HOMELESS CHILDREN'S REFUGE**

Location: Northern Virginia  
 Executive Director: Judith Dittman  
 Contact info: 703-506-9191  
 Hotline on runaway/homeless youth:  
 Call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text TEENHELP to 855-11.  
 www.thealternativehouse.org  
 Annual Budget: \$3.3 million  
 How to get involved: Alternative House relies heavily on donations and volunteer support to meet the critical needs of at-risk children, youth and families. You can make a monetary contribution, volunteer, or donate goods or services. You are strongly encouraged to attend an Open Door Information Session held the second Tuesday of each month at our Emergency Teen Shelter in Vienna. Learn more on its website, www.thealternativehouse.org.

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

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# When Vienna Was Still a Small Town

## John Becci recalls growing up in town before it boomed.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**J**ohn Becci's step-mother, Milly, still lives in the house on Branch Road that the Becci children, now adults, grew up in decades ago. John Becci's dad, Aldo, who bought that home from Yeonas builders in 1956, died in 2014. His mom died of cancer in 1978, the year John graduated from James Madison High School.

"There has always been a Becci in that house," he says, smiling broadly as he recalls his childhood and youth in Vienna, long before there was a Whole Foods or Church Street renewal.

Although Becci now lives "over the bridge" in Maryland, he maintains an immersive Vienna participation. Becci runs the networking arm of the Vienna Business Association and maintains ties with old friends in the community. His face is as familiar today in the community as it was when he went away to college.

The Beccis have had a history in Vienna from the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century onward. Aldo Becci was a founding member of Our Lady of Good Counsel church not far from Maple Avenue and Westwood Country Club. John Becci's next door neighbors were the Cunninghams, who founded the Vienna Dance Academy. Richard Cunningham, the couple's son, is Becci's age and throughout their lives maintained a friendship. The boys played soccer and cricket in the front yards on Branch Road.

The Cunninghams had a dance studio in the basement in those days and Becci's mother forced him into ballroom dance lessons when he was eight. Becci says it "paid off" in college. "Girls liked that I could dance," he said.

**BECCI'S RECOLLECTIONS** come forth in a burst of joy. He went to school with the Savia kids, "all beautiufl girls," he says. Patriarch Sam Savia owned property along Church Street and was active in the community, particularly the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. A saddle-and-bridle shop stood where John Edwards is now at the corner of Center and Church streets.

Billy Kilmer, 1970s Redskins quarterback, lived in the condos on the corner of Center and Church streets when he played for the Redskins. While delivering newspapers to the Vienna Inn, Becci said he saw Billy and Redskin "great" Sonny Jurgensen in the Vienna Inn a few times.

Fairfax County Public Schools offered no kindergarten when Becci was a kid so, like many others, he attended "preschool" until he entered first grade at Vienna Elemen-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BECCI

**Aldo Becci bought his home in Vienna in 1956, living there until his death in 2014. He helped found Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna and was active in the American Legion, VFW, and the community throughout his life. In this undated family photo, Aldo Becci hosts a table at OLGC.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BECCI

**John Becci grew up in Vienna; his step-mother, Millie, still lives in the Becci family home on Branch Road.**

tary School on Center Street.

"Our big field trip was to cross the street to go to Town Hall to visit the jail they had there," said Becci. "I think it was to scare us into behaving."

In the shopping center that housed Magruder's for decades was Peter Pan five-and-ten store and a bakery where Panera sits. Before Magruder's, there was an Acme grocery store in its stead. "Like in Road Runner cartoons," Becci said. Becci's paper route included the Vienna Inn when Mike and Molly Abraham owned the iconic restaurant. "Mike had a heart of gold."

Before CVS became CVS, it was a People's drug store with a huge grill and fountain.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**"There has always been a Becci in that house," John Becci said. His stepmother, Millie, still lives in the house that he grew up in.**

Becci remembers getting cherry Cokes and milkshakes there. He and his friends walked from Vienna Elementary to their homes on Branch Road, stopping by the center shops.

Every year, there was a carnival in the parking lot where Outback is now, Becci said, and, where the Fresh Market now is, there was once an A & P before the space belonged to Joe Theismann's and That's Amore. "It was a big deal for Vienna to get McDonald's. Long time ago, there was a Burger Chef and, then, a Roy Rogers where Wendy's is currently. In the spot that Great Harvest bread company sits was the old post office. Money and King used to front Church Street.

When Becci walked to Vienna Elementary from his home, he crossed the railroad tracks – with crossing gates - that have disappeared since to be paved over as the W & OD trail. "We used to collect the ties and spikes when the tracks were pulled up," he said. "A lot of people did."

**"Our big field trip was to cross the street to go to Town Hall to visit the jail they had there ..."**

—John Becci

Becci's father, Aldo, was highly-regarded in the community until his death a few years ago. "Everybody loved Dad, everyone knew him," said Becci. "Dad was an awesome guy. He was a founding member of OLGC and helped to build some of the wall at the American Legion." There's a plaque at the Vienna Community Center with the Becci family name on it.

**VIENNA**, Becci said, still has that community feel but it used to be a smaller, almost country-ish, town when he was growing up here. "It was like a Mayberry," said Becci. "You knew everybody; I miss that." Charles Hawthorne of Hawthorne drug store – in the space that Edible Arrangements is housed in on Center Street – knew the Becci family well, knew John's mother [Eleanor] had terminal cancer, and always asked for her when a Becci came into the shop. "You get that somewhat now, but, not like back then.

"You can still have personal connections in Vienna but they are not as deep as they were forty or fifty years ago."

Becci appreciates the improvements the town has witnessed ... better roads, a bigger selection of stores and restaurants, a larger well-equipped library. "There is a ton of improvements, lot of changes. Vienna still has its charm.

"It is very special to me to now do business in Vienna with my company and being a member of the VBA, working with long time friends and making new friends in Vienna. It brings back a lot of fond memories."

He and his Madison High School classmates, those living locally, hold impromptu class "reunions" at local restaurants. Becci keeps the mailing addresses of many of his classmates and they stay in-touch.

"There's a uniqueness about Vienna," Becci says. "There's a bond growing up here."

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Contact info: [info@goodhousing.org](mailto:info@goodhousing.org)  
Annual Budget: \$2.2 million

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**FACETS**

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

Executive Director – Margi Preston  
Contact info – 703-352-5090/  
[www.FACETSCares.org](http://www.FACETSCares.org)

Annual Budget – \$3,300,466

How to get involved: Every other month FACETS offers an information session and tour to individuals interested in learning more about our impact in the community. Upcoming sessions take place on the first Tuesday of each month to include – Oct. 4, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, April 4 and June 6. Monthly volunteer orientations are also held at FACETS' main office. For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.FACETSCares.org](http://www.FACETSCares.org) or contact Josh D'Antonio at [JDantonio@FACETSCares.org](mailto:JDantonio@FACETSCares.org). FACETS works to prevent and end homelessness in Fairfax County by offering a variety of services and supports for people who are homeless, unstably housed, or experiencing poverty.



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## 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

**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

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE AREA

**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%

## 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%

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## 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%

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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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## Nonprofits

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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

CHO is an organization committed to providing "simple, loving charity" to those in need in Vienna, Dunn Loring, and Merrifield. CHO is currently seeking volunteer drivers for their furniture and transportation programs. 703-281-7614 or [www.cho-va.com](http://www.cho-va.com).

## Family PASS

Family PASS strives to step in before families lose their housing and to help homeless families regain housing and become self-sufficient by providing rental subsidies assistance, extensive case management and other aid including access to education, job training, child care, food, transportation, health care, help with children's issues and counseling. Volunteer opportunities include positions as drivers, food drive organizers and tutors. 703-242-6474 or <http://familypassfairfax.org/>.

## So Others Might Eat

SOME is a 46-year-old organization based in the Washington D.C. with church partnerships throughout Northern Virginia. SOME works to meet the immediate daily needs of needy adults and children with food, clothing and health care, with the goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness by offering services such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment and counseling to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. 202.797.8806 or [www.some.org/](http://www.some.org/).

## AFCEA Educational Foundation

AFCEA provides educational scholarships and continuing education and training programs for people in the hard sciences disciplines related to the defense, homeland security and intelligence communities. Call 703-631-6100 or visit [www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/](http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/).

## Kurdish Human Rights Watch

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**17971 YATTON RD, ROUND HILL** - Historic Runnymede Farm, c. 1777 is totally updated for today's lifestyle. Spacious stone manor house sits on 20 beautiful acres. 4 BR, 2 FB, 3 HB. Interior stone walls, terrace. Gourmet kitchen, separate dining room with FP, tavern room with built-in wetbar, walk out to huge terrace with spa overlooking fields. Old springhouse, small barn. Entire property fenced. Very commutable, yet feels a world away. **\$1,170,000**

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**39207 JOHN MOSBY HWY, ALDIE** - Historic home c. 1803 in the heart of Aldie, beautifully restored interior, private front and back porches, stunning swimming pool with exceptional outdoor entertainment center, gazebo and hot tub, exquisite professionally landscaped gardens all beautifully manicured, brick walkways, extensive patios, fencing. Detached art studio and 2 car garage. Must see! **\$1,099,000**

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**15210 SHANNONDALE RD, PURCELLVILLE** - Very unique property custom built by artist! 12+ acres, incredible views and privacy, gorgeous family room with beautiful stone FP, wood floors, cathedral ceiling, loft with landing, lovely kitchen with built-in seating, huge art studio with separate entrance, main level master with wool carpet and lovely master bath, finished LL, den with stone FP, 2 bedrooms, full bath, & walk out, 2 car garage, deck, & pond. **\$749,000**

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**13 HUNT CT, MIDDLEBURG** - Ultimate quality! Immaculate all brick townhouse w/ high end upgrades & finishes. Recently refinished HW floors, built-in bookcases, beautiful crown molding, Wi-Fi thermostats & Ralph Lauren lighting fixtures throughout the house. 3 fireplaces, 4 levels, beautiful light-filled kitchen. Mins from restaurants, shops & wineries in historic Middleburg! Fantastic location. Must see to fully appreciate! **\$499,000**

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**20979 SANDSTONE SQ, STERLING** - Beautiful 2804 sq ft end unit townhouse with hardwood on the main level. New roof. New stainless steel kitchen appliances. Beautifully maintained and great location, close to Cascade Market Place, RT 7 and RT 28 and not far away from Dulles Airport. The Whirlpool tub is as is. Ready for new buyer. **\$480,000**

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# Everyone Counts in Hunter Mill

BY SUPERVISOR  
CATHERINE M. HUDGINS  
(D-HUNTER MILL)

Every good community stems from those who work hard to make the community the best version of itself. From the youngest to oldest volunteers, to police officers and public officials, the Hunter Mill District is full of citizens contributing to the community in order to make it the best place to live. As a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), my job is to ensure the wellbeing of the community through listening and informing constituents on what affects them in our community. In doing so, I strive to reflect the community voice in making policy, creating a diverse, prosperous place with affordable housing and equal opportunity for all. The goal of the Hunter Mill District office is to keep everyone in the know by providing events for the public to become involved within the community: First Wednesday sessions with the Supervisor at the Reston Regional Library or Vienna's Patrick Henry Library, to the Fryling Pan Park concert series "Hunter Mill Melodies" and children events.



Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)

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Fryling Pan Park, a working farm since 1930, now home to farm animals, a carousel, nature center, and tractor rides. A Metro ride from Wiehle-Metro East Station, or a drive, is Tysons, a bustling new city with shopping and restaurant area with a movie theatre and a skating rink in the winter. If

you're feeling up for exercise, ride a bike or walk along the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, which stretches forty five miles all the way to Purcellville. The soon arrival of Phase II Metro brings transit service to all sides of Hunter Mill District. The District is most proud to be part of one of the best public education systems in the country, including higher education opportunities at Northern Virginia Community College and Marymount University. Spring, fall, winter or summer, there is always something to do in the Hunter Mill District.

Opportunities for citizen involvement are numerous, serving on Boards, Authorities and Commission to the BOS or task force studies, internship placements at the Hunter Mill District office to volunteering at events, or creating art displays. You can even find meeting space by reserving the North County Government Center community room for personal use with the link <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/communityroom.htm>.

It is important to stay up to date on the news and events occurring in the Hunter Mill District. Whether upcoming events and news from the Supervisor, advisories, community updates or Snow Alerts, subscribe to the monthly Hunter Mill District Newsletter and get it all. If you have any questions or want to enroll for the newsletter, contact [huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-478-0283.



Korean Bell at Meadowlark Garden.

# 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

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. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

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

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

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

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

## Ballot Question, Meals Tax

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>  
The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides.

### 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. Almost 90 percent of Fairfax County non-property tax revenues are capped, limited, or controlled by the state. A meals tax would give the County a new source of revenue, which would help diversify the County's revenue base. At the maximum four percent tax rate, a meals tax would generate an estimated \$99 million per year, with a significant percentage paid by non-county residents.

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

## Four Bond Questions

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

## 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.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto: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

### TRANSPORTATION BONDS

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

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

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, in

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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

**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/>

### 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>.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

**Jammin Java Local Scene:** On The Clock +Vim & Vigor+ Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Cost: Advance \$10 Premiere \$18 227 Maple Ave.22180Vienna, VA, US703-255-1566 Visit: [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com)

## 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. 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>



CAROLINE WATKINS/THE CONNECTION

**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.**

### 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

### 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)

### MONDAY/NOV. 28, 2016

**Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Freeman House and Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Enjoy fun family-friendly activities including a visit from Santa, petting zoo, free hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows at supervised bonfires. 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. 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.

## 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).



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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.**

### 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).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 1-2

**International Guitar Night.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA 22182. One of the most important showcases for contemporary finger stylists features Gypsy jazz virtuoso Lulo Reinhardt, Italy's innovative Luca Stricagnoli, brilliant Brazilian Chrystian Dozza, and India's groundbreaking Debashish Bhattacharya. Admission: \$25-\$27. Visit <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

### 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/>.

## 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>.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1- APRIL 3

**19th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit [www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens\\_classics\\_chantilly\\_spring.shtml](http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_spring.shtml).

### 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/>



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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.**

### 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. Bring the family and enjoy 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, tennis clinic and more. Admission: Free <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming/icalrepeat.detail/2017/05/20/1693/-/mclean-day-2017>

### SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 28-29

**ViVa! Vienna!** The Rotary Club of Vienna sponsors the ViVa! Vienna! event, which celebrates the unity and strength of the Vienna community and honors Memorial Day. This event, a time of family fun and pleasure, serves as a major fund raising opportunity for the Rotary Club so that it may, in turn, provide support for charitable, educational, and community groups the following year. Admission: Free. Visit <http://vivavienna.org>.

## Summer 2017

### TUESDAY/JULY 4

**Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and Fireworks Show** Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.  
**Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.** 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Gates open for fireworks start at 6 p.m. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

### TBD/JULY 2017

**McLean Community Players' "Big River."** The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is a musical with a book by William Hauptman and music and lyrics by Roger Miller. Based on Mark Twain's classic 1884 novel, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, it features music in the bluegrass and country styles in keeping with the setting of the novel. Locations, times and tickets TBA. Visit <http://www.mcleanplayers.org/>.

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## About the Connection

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

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

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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cluding the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

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

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

### Virginia Voter ID

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

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Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application,

have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

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

### Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

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

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

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

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The Vienna Town Green draws residents to the center of town for community events, including Viva Vienna, Oktoberfest, and the Town Green Concert Series.



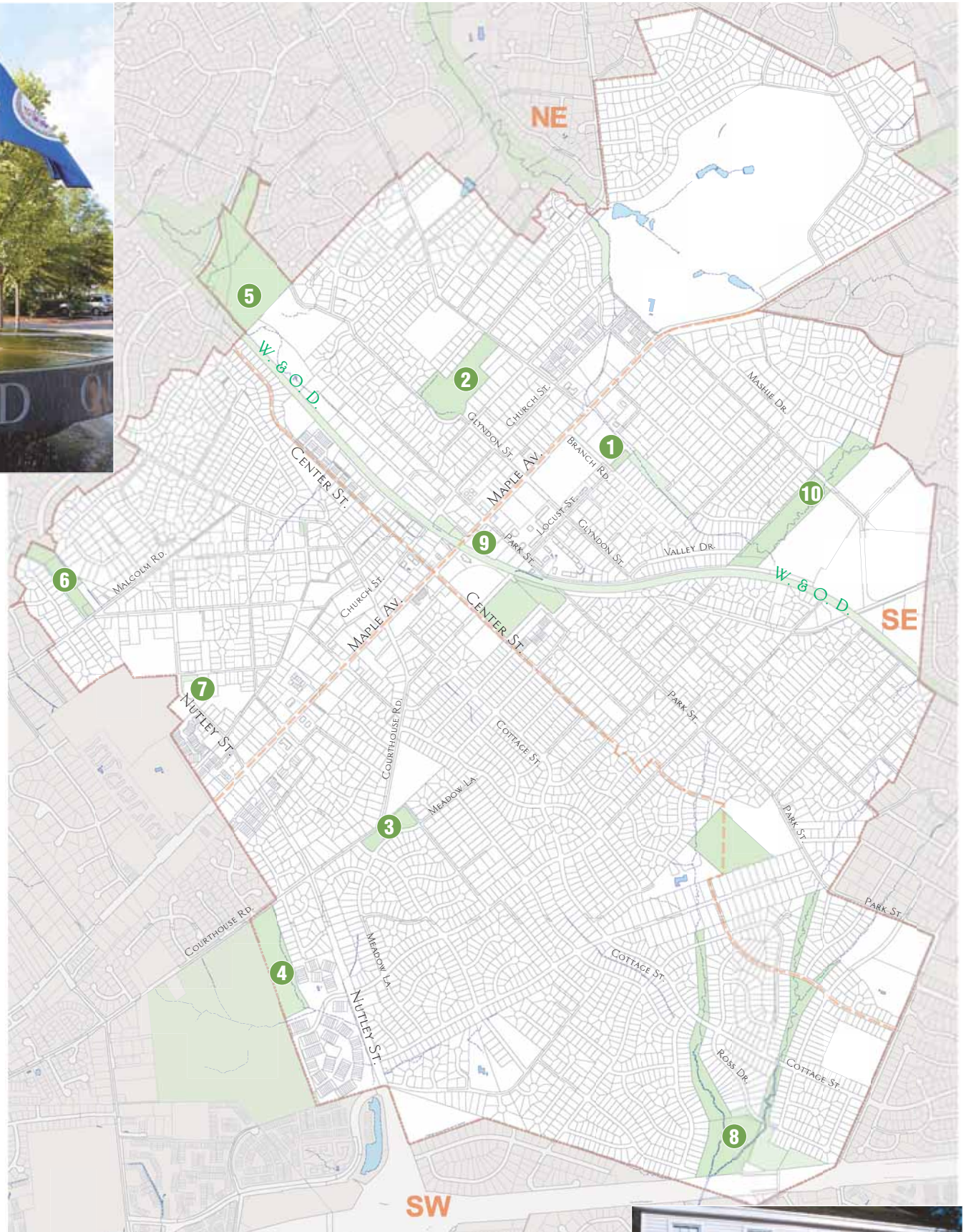
The entrance to Vienna Town Green is marked by this Veteran's Memorial.



A charming feature of the park is the Little Free Library, which stands in front of the town's first library, built in 1897. It was dedicated to the late Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, honoring her love of books.



The amphitheater is at the center of the Vienna Town Green. From May through August, concerts for all ages can be found there. Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All Stars play to families picnicking on the lawn.



## 1 BRANCH ROAD TOT LOT

Locust Street and Branch Road, SE; 0.62 Acres  
 Park features: Playground; Small Open Play Area  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

## 2 GLYNDON PARK

300 Glyndon St., SE; 11 Acres  
 Park features: walking trail; one youth ball field; one basketball court; two lighted tennis courts; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; three parking lots and three sheltered areas  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk — except for tennis courts  
 RESERVABLE AREAS: 1 Shelter with capacity for 75, eight tables and one grill

## 3 MEADOW LANE PARK

400 Courthouse Road, SW; 3.43 Acres  
 Park features: two lighted tennis courts; one softball field; one basketball court; restroom; water fountain; and a playground  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk—except for tennis and basketball courts

## 4 MOOREFIELD PARK; VIENNA DOG PARK

700 Courthouse Road, SW; 9.99 Acres  
 Park features: Walking Trails  
 Dog Park: off-leash park; shaded area; open area; on-site water supply and doggie playground  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

## 5 NORTHSIDE PARK

Mill Street NE @ W&OD and Glyndon Street NE; 26.58 Acres  
 Park features: natural passive park; trails and stream  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

## 6 PETERSON LANE PARK

Malcolm Road, NW; 5.45 Acres  
 Park features: playgrounds; one basketball court; open play area and a parking lot. Jointly owned and operated with FCPA.  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

## 7 SARAH WALKER MERCER PARK

247 Nutley St., NW; 1 Acre  
 Park features: walking/toddler bike trail; learning circle; lawn and a rain garden  
 OPEN: Daylight to dusk

## 8 SOUTHSIDE PARK

1317 Ross Drive, SW; 17.25 Acres  
 Park features: two full size softball fields (one lighted); one basketball court; one sand volleyball court; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; trails; stream; two parking lots and one sheltered area  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk— except for scheduled programs

## 9 VIENNA TOWN GREEN

144 Maple Ave., East; 2.5 Acres  
 Park features: walking trail; plaza/fountain; lawn/picnic area; amphitheatre; and restrooms  
 OPEN: Daylight to Dusk



The Vienna Freeman Store and Museum has a long history of uses. The museum features local artifacts and exhibits about the Vienna area.

## 10 WILDWOOD PARK

Valley Drive SE to Mashie Drive SE; 15.65 Acres  
 Park features: trails and natural wooded area; and a stream

# 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  
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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.

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

**PB Pohick Bay Golf Course**

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

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

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

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

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

**SR Sandy Run Regional Park**

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

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

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

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

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

## Arts Center

**LAC Workhouse Arts Center**

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

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

## Major Fairfax County Parks

**BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course**

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



**CJP Clemyjontri Park**

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

**ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park**

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

**FPF Frying Pan Farm Park**

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

**BSG Green Spring Gardens**

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

**HPP Hidden Pond Park**

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



**HMP Huntley Meadows Park**

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

**LAP Lake Accotink Park**

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

**LFP Lake Fairfax Park**

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

**FRA Lee District Park**

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

**MDP Mason District Park**

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

**NWP Nottoway Park**

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

**RBP Riverbend Park**

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

**SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve**

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

**SRD South Run District**

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

**WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter**

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

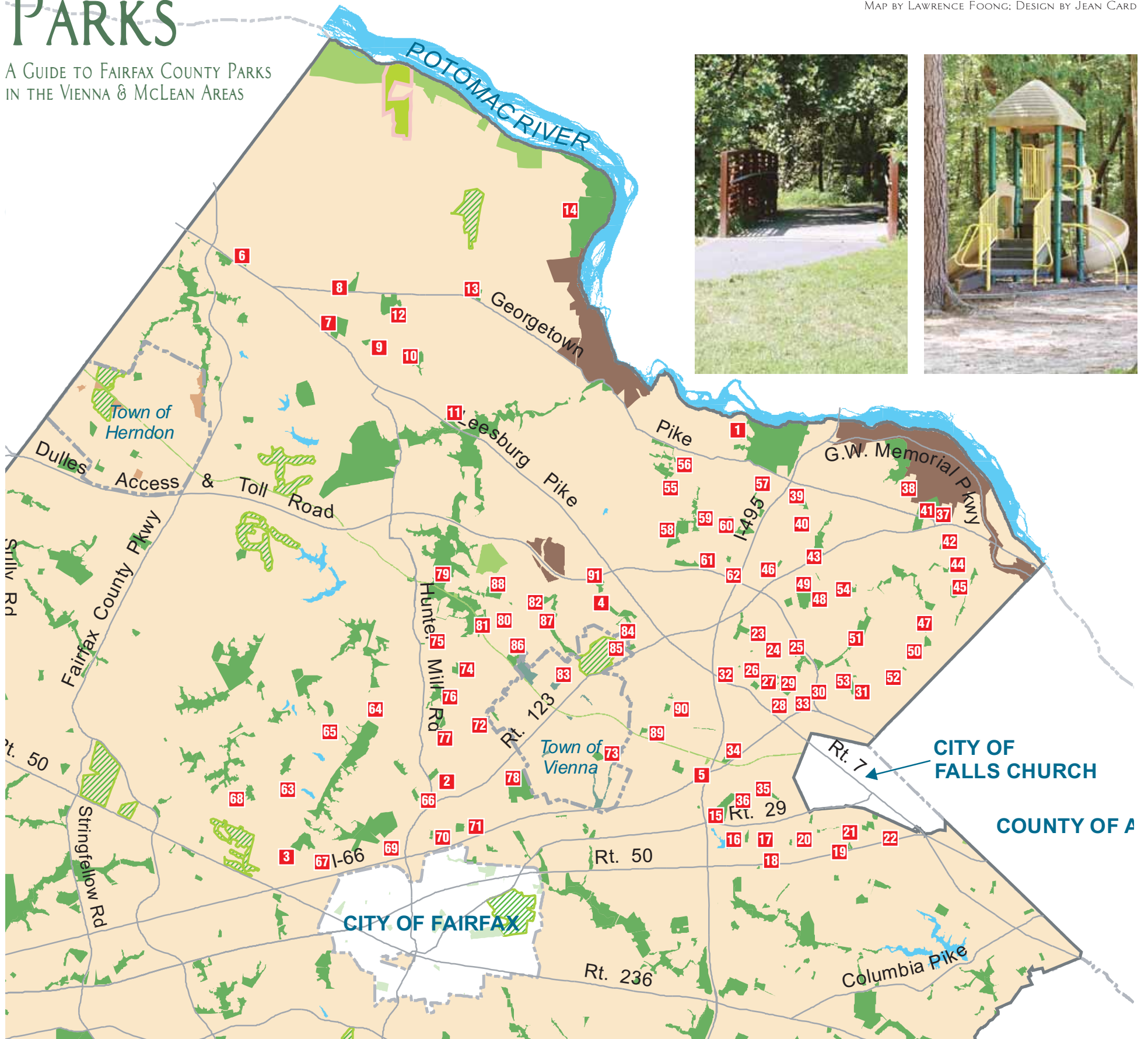




# PARKS

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

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES FEATURING NOTTOWAY PARK  
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



**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
- 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
- 39 Cooper Intermediate School**  
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean  
Community Park
- 40 Churchill Road**  
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean  
Community Park
- 41 Clemyjontri**  
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean  
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  
Community 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**  
8203 Riding Ridge Place, McLean  
Community Park
- 57 Scotts Run Nature Preserve**  
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean  
Natural Resource 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**  
10206 Garrett 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**  
2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna  
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



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