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OBITUARY

Local Historian, Educator And Advocate Dies at 92

Margaret C. Peck helped
save the Sully Historic Site.

BY MERCIA
HOBSON
THE CONNECTION



Margaret C. Peck, Local Floris/Herndon Historian, Educator and Advocate Dies

Lifelong resident and community historian, author and advocate, Margaret Cockerill Peck, age 92 died Monday, Aug. 13 at her home in the Floris community of Greater Herndon. She was born on Dec. 6, 1925, and was the wife of the late Howard Benjamin Peck, a local dairy farmer.

Throughout her adult life, Peck possessed a passion for education, history and preservation. She was an elementary school teacher, and later manager of the Fairfax County Park Authority Sully Historic Site from 1976-1988.

In the 1950s, a portion of the Peck family dairy farm was acquired by the Civil Aeronautics Authority and lost in the construction of Dulles International Airport. Later, Peck advocated and was partially responsible for saving the Sully Plantation historic site from becoming part of the buffer area for Dulles Airport. She and her husband Ben also advocated for the preservation of the Frying Pan Farm Park School House and its Meeting House and she worked with Frying Pan Farm Park staff on the park's Master Plan. According to Fairfax County Park Authority, Peck retired from the Sully Foundation Board in 2012 after giving 40 years of service to the Park Authority, the Sully Foundation and the community. In

a FCPA article dated, June 7, 2012, the Park Authority stated: "Peck served 18 years with FCPA (including the manager position at Sully from 1976 - 1988) and 22 as a board member of the Sully Foundation, Ltd. and was their Treasurer for 10 years." Peck also served on the Fairfax County Historical Commission and the Fairfax County Tourism Advisory Group; she was an active member in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Historical Societies of Herndon and Fairfax County.

Peck authored two books describing the early days of Herndon and the surrounding communities, "Around Herndon" and "Washington Dulles International Airport, Virginia (Images of America Series)," both of which are available on Amazon. She was a contributing author and editor for "Voices of Chantilly, Recollections, and Stories from 22 Long-time Residents," "Stories of Floris, Sully: 1794-Stories and Letters," and "Samplings from Sully's Hearth." In addition to her other endeavors, Peck and her husband were avid gardeners and frequently opened their property to friends and the public to view the beds and give gardening tips.

Peck's daughter Ann Howard Peck, her son, G. Byron Peck and her sister Sarah Latham, survive Peck. Services were held Thursday, Aug. 16 with burial at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Wednesday/Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND EVENTS

The Fairfax County Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad. Call 703-222-0776. The following special events will also

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 51st year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their

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All done. Time to say “Thanks” to everyone who helped make the Shop with a Sheriff event at Target in Burke a wonderful experience. Shelter House executive director and CEO Joe Meyer does just that and gets ready to round up his gang.



Target employees Kathy, Adrienne and Lisa accept a plaque from Sheriff Kincaid, thanking the retailer and their associates for many years of support for the Shop with The Sheriff program.

Shop with The Sheriff Adventure

PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Sheriff’s Office partners with children living in area family shelters for back-to-school shopping.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The first day of school can be as anxiety-filled as it is a time of excitement and anticipation. The scales, however, tend to tip towards the negative when you are a student living not in your own home, but in a family shelter instead. The baggage you bring with you to the classroom is a lot more than a backpack filled with school supplies and you often haven’t had the pleasure and privilege of loading up on new clothing and paraphernalia to bolster your confidence as you walk through those school front doors.

For the last 27 years, the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Department has hosted its annual “Shopping with the Sheriff” at Target to give those children the basics — and a few extras, too — to alleviate some of those anxieties and help get them off to a great start for the school year.

“This is one of the highlights of what we get to do,” said Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid. “It’s a joyful part of our summer.”

Kincaid praised the county’s efforts to end and prevent homelessness, but says that until all children are living in safe and permanent housing, the “Sheriff’s Office will continue to do its best to make their lives a little bit easier.”

THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE partners each year with Target and other sponsors, and solicits donations to provide each child with \$250 in gift cards to purchase clothing, undergarments, shoes, accessories, and school supplies.

This year’s shopping extravaganza took place on Aug. 14, with about 40 children from the Katherine K. Hanley, Patrick Henry



Lt. Ricardo R.A. Evans helps his partner Jamaury find just the right cap. “The Star Wars ones are the best,” insisted the 8 year-old. Evans obviously enjoyed the shopping outing. Evans took some good-natured ribbing from his colleagues when their cart-filled with new shoes, underwear, shirts, school supplies – and that Star Wars cap – rang up just a tad over the \$250 allowance. Not to worry. Everything Jamaury chose still went home with him.

and Next Steps family shelters participating.

“Some of the kids were so excited, they didn’t really sleep last night,” reported Joe Meyer, the executive director and CEO of Reston-based Shelter House, the nonprofit that operates both the Hanley and the Henry shelters. Meyer said that the result of Shopping with the Sheriff was more than just the children “getting some new things. It’s also about helping maintain their dignity and their pride.”

Before starting their shopping spree, the kids, aged 5 and up, were treated to a Paisano’s pizza party at the Fairfax County



Nirvana and her sheriff shopping buddy Deputy Martha Heyward really bonded during their shopping spree. “She’s the best,” proclaimed Nirvana.

court house where they engaged in some fun activities that helped them get acquainted with the deputy or the support staff member who would be their shopping partner.

Lunch and introductions over, it was time to shop. Escorted by official vehicles, some flashing lights, and a quick sound of a horn, or two, the yellow school bus carrying the young shoppers arrived at Target in Burke, where more Sheriff’s Office staff, Target representatives, and some VIPs were waiting to welcome them. Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) was on hand, as was Braddock District Supervisor John Cook.

A few welcoming speeches and instructions later, and well-organized chaos ensued as the shopping teams grabbed carts and began making their selections.

The law enforcement personnel who accept Shop with the Sheriff duties all volunteer their time, but Kincaid said it’s not too difficult to get willing participants from



Lt.Col. Sites gives his pal Dante a trolley ride during the Shop with the Sheriff event. “Which way to the jeans?” was Dante’s only navigational instructions.

among her officers and staff.

“I am so glad to do this,” said PFC Kanli. It was obvious that she was enjoying helping 9 year-old Kayden choose his new duds. “These kids deserve our help to make things just a little bit better for them.”

Kincaid also sees this event as an opportunity to build relationships with these children, some of whom may have had previous interactions with law enforcement during difficult circumstances. The Sheriff hopes that spending this time together will encourage the youngsters to “see us as being here to help them, as people they can turn to.”

“They have things to say, things to share,” remarked Deputy Martha Heyward, as she smiled down on 6 year-old Nirvana who was clutching her cart, already holding some spiffy new sneakers, “socks with pom-poms!” and other essentials.

Needless to say, the sight of dozens of deputies wandering the aisles took a few of the Target patrons by surprise.

“This has got to be the safest place to be right now in the whole county,” laughed

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Celebrating Women's Equality

BY JUDY HELEIN AND ANU SAHAI
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OF THE FAIRFAX AREA

On Aug. 26, our nation celebrates Women's Equality Day. This day recognizes the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Many fearless and dedicated women suffered jail time, physical assaults by the police and spectators (at demonstrations), as well as insults, during the struggle for voting rights. This struggle spanned more than seven decades. However,

it was not until 1973 that Congress by resolution designated this day as "Women's Equality Day."

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, during its convention which was held six months before the ratification. She was a women's rights activist and a suffragist, who stated correctly that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens, women and men.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) celebrates the fact that in 2018 there are 38 female legislators in the General Assembly as compared to 24 in 2015, an increase of 14. Although the LWVFA does not endorse any candidates, we recognize this his-

torical achievement. The LWVFA is a non-partisan organization. It provides voter services such as voter registration for first time voters, updating registration for people who have moved or had name changes and citizen education. LWVFA also advocates and takes action at the state and local levels for particular policies that are in the public interest such as Election Reform, Voting Rights, Redistricting Reform, Firearms Safety, Transportation and Behavioral Health. To learn more about the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, please go to its website, www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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

Stop Isolating the Children

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The federal administration policy of breaking up families as an intentional strategy aimed at refugee families has shocked the conscience of most Americans. Taking innocent children out of the arms of their mothers or fathers and shuffling them off to a "facility" without any explanation or known plans for their future has to be one of the cruelest acts of the federal government ever and is completely abhorrent to the moral standards of most Americans.

At the same time we condemn these evil acts of a misdirected federal agency and work in every way in the courts and through the ballot box to get these policies changed, it is important that the subject of isolating children be viewed in its larger context.

As more is learned about the traumatic effects separation and isolation can have on the future emotional stability, mental health, and behavior of children, the necessity of reforming the way that our juvenile justice system functions becomes obvious.

Information gathered by The Commonwealth Institute shows that almost three-quarters of youth who have been held in the state's juvenile prisons are convicted of another crime within three years of release. Data shows the longer a child is held in a facility the more likely it is they will commit a crime. (www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org)

I recently talked with Valerie Slater who heads RISE for Youth: United Families, Safe Communities on my television show "Virginia Report." Listen to that conversation on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). She points



out that racial disparities in Virginia's juvenile system are higher than the national average. In Virginia, black youth are seven times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers, and youth of Latino heritage are

2½ times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers. Likewise, the higher the rate of poverty in their community the more likely children are to be sent to youth prisons.

As Valerie wrote recently, "we must dismantle, once and for all, the systems that allow the institutionalization of children. The best way to protect and rehabilitate children is to ensure their parents are the foundation of their support, whether in their homes, communities or suitable community-based environments. There are community-based alternatives to youth prisons that work better,

cost less, and help young people get the support they need to get back on track." (www.riseforyouth.org)

At the recent meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) I learned of the important work being done by a committee in NCSL to identify the principles that states should adhere to in reforming their juvenile justice systems. It is being demonstrated in states that it is possible to reform the system to reduce crime and recidivism, enhance public safety, and produce good citizens from those who in the past may have been referred to as criminals. I am pleased that Virginia is making improvements, but we must stay vigilant to continue progress.

As a nation of high moral standards, we must insist that the youngest and most vulnerable among us have an opportunity to succeed even if they are in our poorest communities or seeking asylum for their safety among us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strongly Supporting Downtown Project

To the Editor:

I am a resident of the town of Herndon and would like to express my strong support for the Herndon Downtown Redevelopment Project.

As many other residents of Herndon, I and my family have been looking forward to the redevelopment. The project looked very promising and seemed to cover everything that our small downtown needed. No doubt it would bring many positives both in the short and long term to the whole town. Seeing all the improvement happening right out-

side of Herndon, I'm sure a lot of people do not want this town to be left behind. It was shocking to find out that a few people filed appeals objecting to the construction. The whole process was open and highly publicized so it is quite puzzling to learn that someone could be against any part of the project, especially when it was so close to being given life.

I strongly believe that the supporters of the project far outnumber those who are against it. Considering all the communications and statements from various residents of Herndon that I observed in the past

weeks, I believe the project has overwhelming support and there are very strong concerns that if it doesn't happen in the nearest future, Herndon might lose its best chance for redevelopment. Herndon has great potential with its great location near Dulles Airport and major infrastructure, beautiful nature, and vibrant community. I hope Comstock Partners will use this opportunity to help Herndon achieve its transformation and make a colorful, impressive step forward.

Kamila Bluffer
Herndon

Write

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 22

The Wednesday Morning Book Club: The Intersection of Past and Present. 9 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Book Club focusing on biography, memoir and history. In August, the group will discuss, "Americans in Paris: Life and Death Under Nazi Occupation" by Charles Glass. Free. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Meet Me at the Movies. 10 a.m., doors open 9:15 a.m. at Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St., Reston. Reston Association presents a feature film. Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Email Ashleigh@reston.org, call 703-435-6577, or visit reston.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

ALS Association Fundraiser. Not Your Average Joe's, 1845 Fountain Drive, Reston. Every Thursday in August, NYAJ's donates 15 percent of the bill to The ALS Association. Diners must tell their server "I want to help fight ALS" for bill to count towards donations. Email kpcuddihy@gmail.com or visit webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps.
Lunch in the Park at GRACE. Noon-1 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St. #103, Reston. Bring a lunch to the GRACE gallery and enjoy a Creative Response session about the current exhibition, Building Worlds. Produced by Reston Town Center Association and Reston Community Center. Free and open to the public. Visit restonarts.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Don't just watch, get up and learn dance steps from a pro at Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring The Swingin' Swamis with swing dancers (dancing and instruction). Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Family Day. 1-3 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St. #103, Reston. Greater Reston Arts Center opens its doors for a free day of family art making and exploration in the gallery. All ages. Free and open to the public. Visit restonarts.org.
Concerts on the Town: Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Reston Century Bike Tour. 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Riders select 33, 66 or 102 mile routes starting and ending at Reston Town Center. Rain or shine. Post-ride party in the Pavilion with food and music for participating cyclists. Register online at restonbikeclub.org.
2018 Reston Youth Splash and Dash. 8:30 a.m. CORE Foundation presents the inaugural Reston Youth Splash and Dash in cooperation with the Reston Association. This fun-



The free, weekly event Dog Days of Summer is held in the Pavilion at Reston Town Center, Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. through Sept. 26.

Dog Days of Summer

Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion when it is transformed into an off-leash play area each week. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet-friendly giveaways, and more. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. through Sept. 26 in the Pavillion at Reston Town Center. Free. Visit restontowncenter.com for more.

filled community event will offer a perfect introduction to triathlon featuring a swim / run combination for children aged 6-15. Visit corefoundation.raceentry.com/race-reviews/reston-splash-and-dash to register.

Wytold & Gina Sobel. 5-7 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Wytold is a DC-based composer and cellist who has performed his original compositions with the National Symphony Orchestra several years in a row, in collaboration with GRAMMY-nominated progressive hip-hop artist Christylez Bacon. Gina Sobel is known for her improvising prowess on flute, and is an accomplished vocalist, saxophonist and composer. \$20. Visit www.artspaceherndon.org for tickets.

MONDAY/AUG. 27

Little Hands Have Big Fun. 9:45-10:30 a.m. (ages 2-3); 11-11:45 a.m. (ages 3-5) at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Preschoolers can have big fun in the "Little Hands on the Farm" program. Children, 2-5 years old, are invited to come to the Kidwell Barn classroom to learn all about farm animals and farm chores and enjoy a story, craft or game. \$8 per child, and an adult must attend with the child. Pre-paid reservations are required. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Hunter Mill Road Historical Tour. 8:30-11:30 a.m. bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Join a narrated bus tour conducted by local historian/tour guide Jim Lewis. Although focused on the Civil War era, the tour covers some 275 years. Participants will be getting off and on the bus to check out tour treasures up close. 55+. \$35/RA members, \$42/non-members. Program 307221027. Visit www.reston.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

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webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps.
Author Ariel Kaplan. 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. "We Regret To Inform You" is a witty, heartfelt Young Adult novel that puts the college admissions process into perspective. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

JamBrew. 6 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Local music and local brews, featuring Sub-Radio and Crys Matthews with brews from Ono Brewing Company. Visit jambrew.com.
Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Chris Vadala with the Rick Whitehead Trio. Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Entry Deadline: 10th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition and Exhibit. 5 p.m. Preference will be given to works adhering to the traditional definition of portraiture: "a painting, sculpture, or other artistic representation of a person, in which the face and its expression is predominant." Up to 25 finalists will be selected to exhibit their work at ArtSpace Herndon. \$35 (non-refundable) for up to two entries. Visit ArtSpaceHerndon.org and select the Calls for Art page for eligibility details and registration information.

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. An annual one-day outdoor street festival featuring live music all day, Virginia wineries, craft beers, a craft show, sponsorship gallery, and a variety of food vendors. Partial proceeds go to scholarship programs. Admission with wine tasting or craft brew tastings (4 craft brew tickets) - \$25; entrance only, designated drivers - \$5; children 12 and under free; no pets allowed; tastings end at 4 p.m. Call 703-787-7300 or visit herndon-va.gov/recreation.

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NEWS

Reston Hospital Center Honored

Center receives the Healthgrades 2018 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Reston Hospital Center at 1850 Town Center Parkway in Reston is a recipient of the Healthgrades 2018 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award for superior care of women during and after childbirth. The award puts Reston Hospital Center within the top 10 percent of the reported 1,043 hospitals evaluated by Healthgrades.

Healthgrades describes themselves as the leading online resource for information about physicians and hospitals and each year the company analyzes the quality of care for women during and after childbirth. According to the Healthgrades website, the 2018 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award is based "on complication outcomes for live-born single births delivered via vaginal delivery and live-born single and twin births delivered via C-section."

Healthgrades reported, "Patients treated in hospitals receiving the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award had, on average, a 36.8 percent lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award." The company evaluated 1,043 eligible hospitals across 15 states and the District of Columbia from 2014 through 2016.

In a Reston Hospital Press Release dated Aug. 3, Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Healthgrades stated, "Consumers value high-quality outcomes when selecting hospitals, especially with delivery of a child ... Parents have many options when looking for the right providers, and the Healthgrades 2018 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award gives them important insight to find the top hospitals in their areas." John Deardorff, President and CEO of Reston Hospital Center and HCA's Northern Virginia Market is quoted: "Our team is committed to providing the women in our community the highest quality of care, close to home... This recognition reinforces the efforts our women's care team put forth in providing excellent outcomes for every patient, every day."



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Reston Hospital Center received the Healthgrades Labor and Delivery Excellence Award which according to Healthgrades: "Recognizes hospitals for superior care of women during and after childbirth ... Women who deliver at these nationally recognized hospitals have a lower risk of experiencing a complication during their hospital stay."

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This is the second year in a row Reston Hospital Center has been recognized with both the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award and the Obstetrics and Gynecology Excellence Award.

Where Have the Pharmacy Icons Gone?



The 1960s Pop Art Lakeside Pharmacy Icons, removed from the facade of the building in mid-July after its recent sale, are safe and sound. "They are in storage under the care of Capitol Museum Services in Manassas where they are awaiting a refresh," said the Executive Director of the Reston Historic Trust, Alexandra Campbell.



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"We are collaborating with Capitol Museum Services, and Jeanne Krohn is designing installation," said Campbell. "The proposed plan is to reinstall them in the breezeway from the Lake Anne Plaza to the Chimney House Parking lot," Campbell said. She added, "We are still in the initial design phase though and are seeking to display them in a fashion worthy of their historic nature."

BULLETIN

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communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 22

2018-2019 Social Media Trends. 8:30-10 a.m. at Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 886 Metro Center Drive, Suite 230, Reston. With 4 billion people around the world now online, new digital behaviors are emerging. To keep up, business owners need to rethink their strategies, create new capabilities, and quickly adapt. Rachel Adler will present her expert analysis of the major trends in digital and social and share how businesses can take advantage of the biggest opportunities in 2018 into 2019. Visit restonchamber.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

End-of-Summer Brunch. 10 a.m.-noon at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Looking for a friendly Jewish community in Northern Virginia? Activities for all ages; bagels, cream cheese and drinks provided; RSVP and sign up to bring a dairy/parve dish at bethemeth.org/brunch. (Prospective members don't need to bring anything, but should RSVP). Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 101 or visit bethemeth.org/brunch.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit. 8-10 a.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun Campus in Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. The event will feature elected officials from across the area, including Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. \$50 for members of the co-hosting chamber groups; \$70 for non-members. Register at bit.ly/2w0FfLr.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Survey Deadline. In an effort to better target opioid and other drug prevention efforts, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) is seeking opinions of young adults between the ages of 18-25. The survey is anonymous and voluntary, and asks questions about use of alcohol, prescription drugs, and heroin. Learn more about CSB's Wellness & Prevention efforts in Fairfax County at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/prevention. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y37BBJ to take the survey.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

State of the Environment: Reston. 7 p.m. at Reston Community Center Lake Anne Jo Ann Rose Gallery. Hosted by the Reston Historic Trust & Museum the talk, "Assessing the Environmental Quality of a Place Called Reston," will be presented by Doug Britt, Virginia Master Naturalist, Reston Association Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) member, and Project Director for the 1st Reston Annual State of the Environment Report – RASER. Visit www.reston.org/ParksRecreationEvents/NatureEnvironmentalResources/NatureOverview/tabid/959/Default.aspx for the full report.

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When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I remember conversations regularly occurring between me and some other person, presumably older (if heard over the phone) or in person if my sight and senses didn't deceive me, where the question was asked to me: "You're probably too young to remember?" concerning any number of subjects. Now, I'm asking the identical question, and I don't think my sight or senses are deceiving me, though they are refracted, so to speak.

Somehow, I'd like to believe that despite the obvious passage of time, I am, to quote Bob Dylan from his song "My Back Pages," included on his "Another Side of Bob Dylan" album released in 1964: "Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

I wish.

I may be wiser and full of perspective, but despite flowery lyrics, I am older – just check the calendar. Father time waits for no man – or woman. As years pass, the pages turn and you simply aren't the person you used to be (or thought you were).

Benjamin Button may have gotten younger (aged in reverse, having been born an old man), but for the rest of us, we may feel that "youth," as they say, "is wasted on the young." Nevertheless, none of us is getting any younger.

Moreover, to quote Charles Franklin: "No one gets out of this life alive." (Although, I swear I remember my late mother attributing that quote to the legendary screen actress, Bette Davis.)

Life goes on is the short version, and through that passage of time, at some point, apparently you're addressed respectively as "Mister" and "Sir," and doors are opened/held, seats are offered and accommodations made. And when I have those random conversations with strangers – to pass that time or even with people with whom you have a familiarity, more and more of those people are younger than I am and I find myself asking/presuming if they know what past event, historical fact, popular culture reference or sports memory, etc., I am even referring to. And as often as not, they don't.

What's odd – or lost on me because I'm loathe to admit it, is that the former "question-ee" – yours truly – has become the current questioner – again yours truly. As is becoming abundant clear, where I was once ascending, I am now descending.

This has nothing to do with my last few cancer columns. It has to do with my birth year: 1954. Meaning, as the birthday card jokes on the front cover "I wouldn't say you were old this year" to the inside-of-the-card slam: "Hell, you were old last year."

It just seems/feels that this juxtaposition of the "space-time continuum" ("Star Trek: Voyager") time/age relative to others has happened in a blink (nanosecond) and that blink is a tell. And no matter what I do to counter that impression, I can't stop it. It seems that tell has become a tell all.

And since I'm telling all, dealing with one's own mortality for as long as I have been: Feb. 27, 2009, the official date of my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis, has certainly had its share of wear and tear, emotionally and physically.

For me – or for any of you regular readers to think that this unexpected journey has not been fraught with before, during and after side effects – and main effects, up and down and all around, is unrealistic at best and delusional at worst. And since I'm rarely delusional except when it comes to the Boston Red Sox, it must be unrealistic.

But maybe being unrealistic is what has taken me nine years and nearly six months past my original diagnosis. If that's the reason, I see no reason to change now, age notwithstanding, or sitting, however the case may be.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

THEATER

Bright Live Musical Fun

'The Wedding Singer' coming to NextStop Theatre.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Herndon's NextStop Theatre continues to celebrate its roots with the rock musical, "The Wedding Singer." It's a musical meant to transport patrons "to the 1980s decade when our company was born," said Evan Hoffmann, Artistic Director, NextStop. The theatre troupe began as the community-based Elden Street Players; five years ago it established itself as a professional theatre company.

With a rock band visible on stage, "The Wedding Singer" will take audiences into a big-singing, big-dancing, big hair tribute to the 1980s, said Hoffmann. Based upon the movie of the same name, "The Wedding Singer" is set in 1985 as a small town rock star wannabe named Robbie Hart tries to make his mark as New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. A guy with big plans for himself until he is jilted by Julia, the woman he loves.

Hoffmann made clear that the musical is not just a throwback for those who experienced the 1980s firsthand.

Knowing the music from one's youth is not required to enjoy the show. "The Wedding Singer" will not be just flash and music, but fun populated with loveable, endearing characters. The audience will be right there at a wedding party hall with a wedding that can be expected to be rebellious and overblown, in its own way."

"We want it to be most of all a shared experience full of high energy while enjoying the journey to a happy ending and getting to know the characters." And there are some Vegas-style impersonators who add to the fun.

With more than two dozen original tunes performed live, based upon sounds and singing styles of the 1980s the production's music director is veteran Steve Przybylski.

Dancing is critical too, and choreography is by Cathy Oh and Mark Hidalgo

The wedding singer, Robbie Hart, is portrayed by Ricky Drummond. "This show has such a big wonderful heart to it and plenty of great jokes. You can't not have a good time. It's a celebration. And you don't need to know all the references to enjoy it."

Drummond is from Northern Virginia. He teaches in the Fairfax County Public School system. Joining Drummond on stage is Molly Rumberger as Julia. Rumberger also teaches in Fairfax County Public



Ricky Drummond, featured as Robbie Hart in the NextStop Theatre production of "The Wedding Singer."



Molly Rumberger, featured as Julia in the NextStop Theatre production of "The Wedding Singer."

Where and When

NextStop Theatre presents "The Wedding Singer" performing at 269 Sunset Park Drive, (Inside the Sunset Business Park), Herndon. Performances: Sept. 13-Oct 14, 2018. Thursday at 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Sept 29 and Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets: General Admission: \$40-65 (NextStop strongly encourages booking in advance. Ticket prices increase as performances get nearer and fill up). Call 866-811-4111 or visit www.nextstoptheatre.org. Note: Continuing 30th anniversary celebration, NextStop has a "Taste of the World Dinner Package" that includes a ticket to "The Wedding Singer" either Sept. 27, Oct. 4 or Oct. 11; plus a three-course meal at Taste of the World right around the corner from NextStop. Package includes reserved seating and a free dessert drink at the theatre. Information at: www.nextstoptheatre.org/news/dinner-package/

Schools.

Drummond provided a lyric that encapsulates the show for him: "If I hold you, there's one problem you should know. If I hold you, I might not ever let you go!"



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Scholarship winners with members of the NWFCU Foundation Board of Directors and Alexandra Shade

NWFCU Foundation Awards a Record \$150,000 in Scholarship Money

Northwest Federal Credit Union's charitable arm, the NWFCU Foundation, recently awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to college-bound individuals, including a \$20,000 Higher Education Community College Grant to Northern Virginia Community College as part of the Foundation's annual Scholarship Program. "It is our privilege to have the opportunity to award 26 college-bound students with \$5,000 NWFCU Foundation scholarships to pursue higher education," said President and CEO of Northwest Federal Credit Union and Chairman of NWFCU Foundation, Jeff Bentley. "We enjoyed meeting the recipients at our recent awards luncheon at Chantilly

National Golf and Country Club, and we know this is a group of individuals who will be successful as they pursue their college diplomas." The Foundation has awarded more than \$1.2 million in scholarships to 284 recipients from 22 states since its inception. This represents 110 colleges in the United States where students have attended due in part to the generosity of NWFCU Foundation donors.

"We want to thank our scholarship committee and the countless number of individuals and businesses who donated their time and support to make this scholarship season the most successful in the NWFCU Foundation history," said Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation, Alexandra Shade.

Sheriff

FROM PAGE 3

Carole Miller of Fairfax. Once the activity was explained to her, Miller seemed a bit emotional.

"That's just the nicest thing I have heard or seen in I don't know how long. Bless them all."

AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR of shoe-sizing, holding up pants to check for fit, serious deliberations about the right cap to buy, deputies crawling about looking for size 6 jeans in *that* color and helping to choose which pencil case best matched a glittery binder, the carts rolled to the checkout points and the tallying began. There was some jovial ribbing among the deputies aimed at those who had exceed the \$250 budget, like Lt. Ricardo Evans who was shopping

with 8 year-old Jamaury – "Hey, he needed all this stuff!" – but the little extras were kept, even the Barbie Doll that Miss Nirvana couldn't help but proudly show to one and all. Target still had one more surprise for the young shoppers before they headed off with their bundles; each child also received a backpack filled with a variety of school supplies.

Well-kitted out and having made some new friends in their deputy partners, these young people who have more obstacles than most to overcome, are now ready to start their educational adventure.

For more information about the Shop with The Sheriff program, Sheriff Kincaid invites interested persons to email the Sheriff's Office at sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Herndon Man Wins Virginia Lottery's Ford Expedition Plus \$100K Game.

On Aug. 10, the Virginia Lottery posted to their website that Santos Munguia Matute is driving in style. The Herndon man scratched to win the top prize in the Virginia Lottery's Ford Expedition Plus \$100K game. His prize, as the name suggests, is \$100,000 cash and a

new Ford Expedition Platinum Edition.

On Aug. 10, he received the keys to his new vehicle from the Virginia Lottery at Koons Sterling Ford in Sterling. He bought his winning ticket at Fresh World Herndon, 1070 Elden Street in Herndon.

Santos Matute (left) receives the keys to his new vehicle from Vivian Mitchell of the Virginia Lottery.



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2018-2019

Friday Night Live in the Town of Herndon is one of a multitude of many events Herndon residents love. They come to hear fantastic live music, purchase dinner and drinks and gather with old and new friends.



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So Much to Do in Hunter Mill District

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

Welcome to Fairfax County and to Hunter Mill District. To help orientate you, it is useful to remember much of life in Hunter Mill is shared with the greater community of Fairfax. I am glad you have chosen our area to be your home. It is a wonderful, vibrant, diverse place that is safe, family friendly, convenient, and loaded with fun things to do whether it be shopping in Reston Town Center or engaging in various outdoor activities in one of our renowned parks. Throughout the county and the district, we enjoy parks and trails, a first class education system, and excellent libraries.

Wondering about the best things about living here? Let's do quick scan of several enticing Hunter Mill services, projects and programs.

Parks in the Hunter Mill District are among of the jewels of the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Lake Fairfax Park is a destination location providing 476 acres of parkland. You'll find a wide range of family-friendly activities and the necessary facilities to make your visit to Lake Fairfax a memorable multi-day experience. Visitors can enjoy the Water Mine family water park, family and group campgrounds, a skate park, a pump track, several hiking and mountain biking trails, and athletic fields. Lake Fairfax is also home to a wide variety of classes, camps, and special events, including a PirateFest.

Frying Pan Farm Park preserves and interprets farm life of the 1920s to 1950s. On this working farm, you can visit the farm animals, take a wagon ride or hike through the fields and woods, explore the historic Meeting House and cemetery, watch the jumpers in equestrian facilities, and satisfy your sweet tooth with penny candy from the Country Store. In the summer, bring your blanket to enjoy the Hunter Mill Melodies free concert series with performances for the kids on Wednesday mornings and family-friendly Thursday night concerts.

One of the most innovative projects underway is the new upper school for McNair Elementary School. With the tremendous need of new facilities for the growing number of students, Fairfax County Public Schools is planning a new, more vertical building for upper grades to accompany the current McNair Elementary School. And, even more exciting, the new facility will incorporate space for County agencies that provide needed services to the students and families in the area. This community-school concept co-locates human services in the one place where most families are – their local school. In addition, the community benefits from the use of space for pre-kindergarten enrichment, sports, meeting space for scouts, community organizations, and special events.

Given the highly diverse population of Hunter Mill, the 2018 resuming of the sis-



Before winning the Major League Baseball 2018 Home Run Derby later the same day, Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals took time to open the newly renovated baseball fields at the Bryce Harper All-Star Complex at Fred Crabtree Park. A partnership with Major League Baseball, the Park Authority, and Reston Little League culminated with the opening of two upgraded baseball fields complete with new dugouts, batting cages, and lights for community use.

terhood partnership with Neyri, Kenya was gladly received. A delegation from Kenya arrived in Reston early June. They toured Reston Town Center and thoroughly enjoyed the view, the people and the food. They were captivated by Fairfax County and anxious to learn as much as possible. County staff conferred with them on an array of issues ranging from Health, Human Services, Planning and Zoning.

This collaboration will be of mutual benefit to Reston and Nyeri. In addition to sharing ideas and best practices, both localities support the exposure to traditional art and cultural customs as well.

SPEAKING OF TRADITION, small town charm thrives in the Towns of Vienna and Herndon. The W&OD Trail runs through the heart of Vienna, connecting Church Street's historic shops and sites, the Town Green plaza, the newly renovated Community Center, and services at the Town Hall and Police Department. Vienna loves to celebrate with the VivaVienna! Festival, the annual Halloween Parade, 4th of July celebrations, Oktoberfest, Taste of Vienna, and more. Stop by Waters Field for a chili dog and take in the action at the best baseball facility in the area.

With Public Library branches in Vienna, Reston, Tysons, and Herndon you will en-



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joy a plethora of programs, performances, clubs, and events for infants through seniors.

Regarding the Reston Concept and Goals for the New Town, I am happy to report that we are moving towards the fulfillment of Bob Simon's dream for the community.

We have several projects coming online that embody his goals advancing his desire for financial success of the New Town. Private enterprise was always foreseen as a major force in the creation of Reston.° The anticipated development, commercial, cultural, and recreational facilities will make it possible to live, walk to work, and play in a place called Reston.°

Moreover, Hunter Mill is a beautiful area that is easily accessible and manageable. Take transportation, for instance - The Hunter Mill District's streets are laid out in an easy to navigate grid that is accommodating for both novice and experienced drivers. The streets are lined with beautiful landscaping and greenery that make your drive more enjoyable as you travel through the area.

If traffic concerns you, please know that numerous projects are underway designed to reduce congestion and create new accessible routes to your destination, one of them being The Soapstone Connector. When completed, the Soapstone Connector will provide a direct connection between Sunset Hills Road and Sunrise Valley Drive, over the Dulles Toll Road. Also in process is the

replacing of the one lane bridge that carries Hunter Mill Road over Colvin Run. The new bridge will have two lanes and four-foot-wide shoulders, reducing congestion and improving operations and safety.

The combination of our emergency°services, environmental protection, economic growth and development strategies coupled with consumer protection ensures a productive, secure, and friendly community.°With so much happening, how can you keep abreast of current news and developments?

MY OFFICE strives to help with a variety of tools. Subscribe to my monthly electronic newsletter, Hunter Mill Highlights, and news updates following the Board of Supervisors' meetings and special alerts. Just call 703-478-0282 or e-mail huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov. Delve into a local topic by watching "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins," my monthly cable show on the County's Channel 16. If you prefer a more personal touch, stop by on one of the First Wednesday events to meet with me one-on-one to discuss your topic. And, for a

one-stop-shop for Hunter Mill facilities, events, land use cases, transportation and more, check out the Hunter Mill District website –www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill.

It is an honor to serve you as your County Supervisor and I look forward to getting to know you.

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How To Vote

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

First, be sure you are registered. Oct. 15 is the deadline to register, and to check your registration. Many voters across the country have discovered that they have been unexpectedly dropped from the voter rolls, so be sure to check at elections.virginia.gov

Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 20 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: <https://www.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.

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

Locations, Dates and Hours

Scheduled to begin Friday, Sept. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center, and Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at the satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035

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Oct. 15-Nov. 3

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Oct. 13 - Nov. 3

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079

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

❖ McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101



Election Day is Nov. 6, 2018; early voting starts Sept. 21.

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

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

❖ Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Absentee Voting By Mail

To track the status of your absentee ballot application and ballot, you can view your Virginia Voter Record, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, by fax, or by email is 7 days prior to Election Day by 5 pm.

You can apply for your absentee ballot online, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

Or print, complete, and sign the absentee ballot application (PDF), <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VirginiaAbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf>

Absentee ballot applications are also available for in-person visits at county governmental centers as well as Fairfax County library branches. Send in the completed application: Scan then email the application to absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov or mail the application to the Office of Elections at Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038 or Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Once your completed application is received and accepted, your

absentee ballot will be sent to you in three business days. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6, 2018 in order to be counted,

Virginia Voter ID

Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

Need a Photo ID?

If you don't have an ID, go to your voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo ID, even on Election Day. You will be required to complete an photo ID application, have your photo taken and to sign a digital signature pad.

Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

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, or through the mail or commercial delivery service. 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 can be provided to the electoral board for the identification requirement.

Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

The Office of Elections is open daily during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

On Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Nov. 6.

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

To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15.

❖ Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30.

❖ Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Office of Elections
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323
Fairfax, VA, 22035

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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

For 24-hour recorded information call 703-324-4700

obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. 703-222-0776, 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get your photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, 22306

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Ct, Fairfax, 22030

❖ Monday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, 22150

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon, 20170

❖ Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lewinsville Retirement Residence, 1515 Great Falls Street, McLean 22101

❖ Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, 22306

❖ Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1739 Kirby Road, McLean, 22101

On The Ballot, Fairfax County, Nov. 6, 2018

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Matt J. Waters (L)

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Herndon, Mayor and Town Council

If you live inside the Town of Herndon, local elections for mayor and Town Council are now if November. These are nonpartisan positions.

<http://www.herndon-va.gov/government/mayor-town-council/town-elections>

Mayor

Lisa C. Merkel, unopposed

Town Council, vote for six, * means incumbent

Jennifer K. Baker *

Grace Wolf Cunningham *

Cesar A. Del Aguila

Pradip Dhakal

Signe V. Friedrichs *

W. J. "Sean" Kenis Jr.

William "Bill" J. McKenna *

Sheila A. Olem *

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Roland Taylor

TWO VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

State Ballot Question One

Question: Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

Present Law

Generally, the Constitution of Virginia provides that all property shall be taxed. The Constitution

SEE ON THE BALLOT, PAGE 10

NEWCOMERS

New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber



Julie Coons

Julie Coons, CAE will serve as the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce's next president and CEO effective Sept. 10.

Coons currently serves as chief operating officer of the Council of Better Business Bureaus based in Arlington. She brings to the Northern Virginia Chamber diverse experience leading regionally-focused business organizations, guiding financial and brand transformations, and successfully advocating for business in local, state, national and international arenas. Among her leadership roles, she served previously as president and CEO of the Electronic Retailing Association and, prior to that role, as president and CEO of the Maryland Tech Council.

The selection of Coons as the chamber's next president and CEO comes after a national search facilitated by The McCormick Group, a national executive search consulting firm, and led by the chamber's Search Committee, chaired by Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR.

"After a comprehensive search process, we are pleased to have identified the best individual to lead the Chamber into its next season of growth, innovation, and member service," said Jennifer Siciliano, chief communications and external affairs officer, Inova, and chair of the Northern Virginia Chamber Board of Directors.

"The Northern Virginia Chamber has an outstanding reputation serving and representing Northern Virginia's robust business community," said Coons. "This is an exciting time for Northern Virginia and Greater Washington, and the

chamber is well positioned to develop new and exciting opportunities for businesses from across our region to engage, interact, and lead."

The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the "Voice of Business in Northern Virginia," represents over 650 local employers with more than 500,000 regional employees. For 90-plus years, the Northern Virginia Chamber has been working hand-in-hand with companies in the region to build a strong business community. To learn more about visit <http://www.novachamber.org> and follow the Northern Virginia Chamber on Twitter: @NOVACHamber

UPCOMING NOVA CHAMBER EVENTS

- ❖ Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit, Aug. 29, at 8 – 10 a.m., Waddell Theater, Join the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Prince William Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission for a roundtable featuring the mayor of the City of Alexandria, chairs of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, as well as the vice chair of Arlington County.
- ❖ Capital Region Business Forum, Sept. 6, at 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser will discuss their plans to work cooperatively to bolster the regional economy.
- ❖ 2018 Virginia Senatorial Debate, Sept. 26, at 5 – 8 p.m., Capital One Bank, between U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) and Chairman at-large of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors Corey Stewart (R). Chuck Todd of NBC's Meet The Press, will moderate, to be televised live on NBC4.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

AND ID EVENTS

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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NEWCOMERS

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Ribbon cutting for new trackless train and picnic shelter at Clemjontri Park.



The Orientation Room is an instructional space for educational programs. The observatory features a retractable roof that rolls over the top of the fixed roof that covers the Orientation Room.

Places I Would Take a Newcomer in Dranesville District

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

We are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, historical features, and community events in the Dranesville District. The following are some of my favorites.

Clemjontri Park: Since opening in 2006, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side. Equipment allows children who have physical, sensory or developmental disabilities to have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration. The park also includes a carousel, picnic pavilion, and new trackless train. The parking lot is currently being expanded so more visitors can enjoy the park.

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Riverbend Park: This park offers over 400 acres of forests, meadows and ponds. Trails include a 2.5 mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail that links national and regional parkland. Kayaking, canoeing and fishing are all available on the Potomac River. The nature center and picnic shelter are available for rent. Through a grant received this year, new canoes will be purchased for the park.

8700 Potomac Hills, Great Falls

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

10017 Colvin Run, Great Falls

Turner Farm: Originally the site of a dairy farm, the 52-acre park offers a unique mix of educational and recreational facilities. In 2016, a new roll-top observatory opened in Observatory Park at Turner Farm. The observatory offers the public a chance

to see the night sky from one of Fairfax County's darkest spots through permanently mounted telescopes. The Analemma Society partners with the Park Authority to provide astronomy programs at the observatory. Equestrians can enjoy a cross country course and a large multi-purpose arena with stadium jumps and dressage makers. Small children can enjoy a tot lot.

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls

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

196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon

Scotts Run Nature Preserve: One of the few nature preserves in the County. The 336-acre preserve, formerly known as the Burling Tract, had at one time been slated for development. Scotts Run offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River.

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Spring Hill Recreation Center: Visitors can take advantage of the indoor swimming pool, a 2-story fitness center and a gymnasium with an elevated running track. The gym features a single high school-sized basketball court with two overlay basketball courts and a volleyball overlay court.

1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean

MPAartfest: Every October, the McLean Project for the Arts converts McLean Central Park into a free, one-day festival of the arts. Thousands of area residents attend. Vendor tents display the works of numer-



Supervisor Foust with Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel, Town Council Members Grace Wolf Cunningham and Bill McKenna, and Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board Member Melissa Jonas at Friday Night Live! in June 2018.

ous juried artists, which are complemented by the exhibitions of children's' and seniors' artwork, an Open Studio demonstration, and performances by local musicians.

McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean

McLean Day: Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, McLean Day is held on the third Saturday in May. The festival features live entertainment, carnival rides, exhibitions and delicious foods for visitors of all ages. The event also includes booths where artisans, local businesses, civic organizations, nonprofit groups, and local officials showcase their wares.

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Herndon Festival: Held in early June, the Herndon Festival offers something for the whole family. The festival features three entertainment stages, 10K and 5K races, a Kid's Alley with hands-on arts, food vendors, fireworks, and more. Enjoy four days of fun-filled activities and entertainment.

777 Lynn Street, Herndon

Claude Moore Colonial Farm: Visit Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run to experience life on a small farm just prior to the Revolutionary War. Claude Moore Colonial Farm is a living history museum dedicated to providing visitors with an authentic look at life in Virginia in 1771. Throughout the year, Claude Moore Colonial Farm hosts several events, typical of those a farm family would have experienced and enjoyed, such as the 18th century Market Fair held in May and cutting of tobacco and hanging it to dry in August.

6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Great Falls Freedom Memorial: The Great Falls Freedom Memorial was created in 2004 to honor all who have served our country. The Freedom Memorial hosts three annual ceremonies, on Memorial Day, September 11, and Veterans' Day, as well as a 5K race on July 4. It is a special place to pay respects to and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

9830 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls (Behind the Great Falls Library)

Herndon Friday Night Live!: Friday nights during the summer, Friday Night Live! concerts are held on the Herndon Town Green. Concerts are free and feature popular local and regional acts. Most featured bands play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock but country and original music are also included for good measure.

Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon

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Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org. Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or donaaldea@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

Herndon High School Library needs volunteers. Training available to help with re-shelving books, pulling books for teacher use, helping to check passes, or other special projects. To learn more, email hhs_library@fcps.edu.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax

County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Master Gardener Training. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 for more.

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Grandparents and Me!

A day of discovery designed to strengthen the relationships between grandparents and grandchildren.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
11:30 AM - 2 PM *Free event*

Chef-Prepared Lunch 11:30 AM - 1 PM
 Petting Zoo with Squeals on Wheels 1 PM - 2 PM

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Why? Bridge the generation gap and make memories.

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About Herndon Experience: Places, Events, Concerns



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Katie Yoshida, Stay-at-Home Mom, three months in Herndon with sons Joshua and Matteo.

Favorites: "Frying Pan Farm Park, the Japanese Immersion Program at Fox Mill Elementary School and although not in Herndon, Nova Parks Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna."

Concerns: "I have no concerns about Herndon."

Event Notices: "I find out about events

through the websites, DullesMoms.com and Fairfax County Parktakes, word of mouth and my church, Epiphany Episcopal. I'd like to add, Fairfax County blows California out of the water. Northern Virginia and the Herndon area are amazing. We love the parks, as we love to be out in nature. Parks are everywhere."

Favorites: "Oh my goodness. We love the Herndon Fortnightly Library in the town and the W & OD Trail. We usually go to the library, and then walk down the trail. I also like the Starbucks in Herndon."

Concerns: "I wish there were more places like this (Frying Pan Park). We have to protect our parks. There's overpopulation on small lots. Please, do not sell off more land for housing. We need green space and we love it. My son went to preschool and pre-K here at the Frying Pan Farm Park Katydid program, and my daughter starts next month."

Event Notices: "I find out about events at the Herndon Town library. There is a rack of program information sheets there. When I visit, I pick them up."



Jolene Wolfanger, Human Resource Recruiter, multiple years in Herndon Pictured with her daughter, Siena White, 3, and son Matteo, 5, at Frying Pan Park

Favorites: "One of the best-kept secrets is the event, Elden Street Tea Shop & Board Games at ArtSpace Herndon every Saturday. I like the Town of Herndon Festival, Labor Day Festival, Homecoming Parade, Friday Night Live Concerts, Farmers Market Fun Days and Third Thursdays Arts Crawls by Arts Herndon. At Frying Pan Park, there is the 4-H Fair, equestrian events and Katydid Preschool. The preschool raises chickens in their classes and visits farm animals at the park like the baby cows."

Concerns: "As for concerns, the Comstock Redevelopment Project in the downtown and the pending traffic increase. You add 273 more residential units, and there are traffic concerns. Also, there is the possible proposed new Catholic high school on Vine Street by St. Joseph's Church. I feel like many of the new Downtown Redevelopment Project plans are happening behind closed doors. I wish the community had a more formal platform rather than three minutes at the Town Council Public Hear-



Kirstin Nickerson of the Town of Herndon at a local coffee shop. Web Designer, five years in Herndon

ings. I feel the public hearings are just a formality, and they (Town Councilmembers) have already made their decisions."

Event Notices: "I find out about events through Fairfax County Parktakes and emails. I also come to the local downtown coffee shop to hear what is happening, learn through word of mouth and the Connection Newspaper Calendar. I would like to add; I like the urban experience in the small town setting of Herndon. I'm looking forward to the Labor Day Festival. I drag my mom there and enjoy the wine."



John Leach, IT, 33 years Town of Herndon resident

Favorites: "I really like the Red Kimono Restaurant in Downtown Herndon, Rotary Club of Herndon meetings every Wednesday morning at Amphora Diner Deluxe in the town, and sitting and sipping wine on my friend's and his wife's porch at their home on Elden Street."

Concerns: "The high cost of housing, traffic congestion, and integrating foreigners into the mainstream of Herndon and making them feel welcome."

Bill McKenna, Cygnacom business development director, Herndon Town Councilmember, 6-year resident Town of Herndon

Favorites: "What do I like to do? Communicate with the residents in the Town of Herndon about what the town is currently doing. Development, both at the Metro station and in the downtown. The soul of our town will be its Downtown, its heart, its engine, the Metro. The Silver Line will be self-sustaining. There will be a circulator bus that will provide access from the Dulles Toll Road Metro Station to the Downtown. In the Town of Herndon, I like Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, Nunu's Thai Dishes and Sugarland Run Valley Stream Trail with its paved paths and bridges."

Concerns: "Transportation and traffic, working with those in the surrounding community and supervisors to have better traffic flow and better efficiencies in public transit."



Handan Radosh, Payroll Consultant, 13 years Town of Herndon

Favorites: "I like the Herndon Festival and the Friday Night Live concerts. These events are so amazing. We use the W & OD Trail and hike and run the Sugarland Run Valley Stream Trail. We love it here; we know many people."

Concerns: "Yes, because the Metro is coming. I see development everywhere."

We are going to get crowded and have traffic problems, but we are going to retire here though. We want to stay. Everywhere I look, there's greenery and trees. For me, it is the best, and then there is Washington D.C."

Event Notices: "My husband finds about events and has a map of what's happening."



NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

About the Connection

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

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, we include 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. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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

dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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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Herndon Festival

The 4-day Herndon Festival packs four days of fun-filled activities, vendors, and entertainment. Parking is free as is the shuttle bus. Plus admission and entertainment are always free. Next year festival will be held May 30—June 2, 2019.

Herndon Experience

FROM PAGE 8



Jordan Kinslow, artist and Starbucks barista, three years in Herndon

Favorites: "The best events? The Third Thursday Arts Crawls in the Town of Herndon on the Town Square, Jam Brew, held September and October, those are concerts on the stage at the Herndon Municipal Center and my Starbucks at Village Center Dulles, Centreville Road"

Concerns: "Honestly, I have no concerns locally. I feel safe here, and my voice is heard. It is so easy to make friends, get their stories and go from there."

Event Notices: "I find out about happenings through the Internet. When I am out on my bike, I see so many things happening up in downtown Herndon and stop. I would like to add, come on down to the Third Thursdays Arts Crawls in front of the Old Town Hall. See my gemstone jewelry."

—MERCIA HOBSON

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Fairfax County

Office of the Independent Police Auditor, Civilian Review Panel now reviewing cases.

The Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel and the Independent Police Auditor were established by the Board of Supervisors as recommended by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, formed after the police shooting death of John Geer. The panel and the auditor are independent from the Police Department and report directly to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The nine-member Police Civilian Review Panel's mission is to enhance police legitimacy and to build and maintain trust between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. The panel reviews police investigations resulting from public complaints about officers of the Fairfax County Police Department. The panel has nine members who are Fairfax County residents.

The panel reviews investigations involving police misconduct, including rudeness, threats, verbal abuse, harassment, racial profiling, and discrimination.

Current panel members are: Rhonda VanLowe, Chair; Doug Kay, Vice-Chair; Hansel Aguilar;



The nine members of the Civilian Review Panel marked with *: Gerarda Culipher, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court; Randy Sayles, * Oak Hill; Rhonda VanLowe, * Reston; Kathleen Davis-Siudut, * Springfield; Adrian Steel, * McLean; Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Judge William Webster, former director of FBI and CIA; Supervisor John Cook, chairman of Public Safety Committee; Jean Senseman, * Lorton; Douglas Kay, * Fairfax; Hollye Doane, * Oakton; Steve Descano, * Springfield; and Hansel Aguilar, * Fairfax.

Kathleen Davis-Siudut; Steve Descano; Hollye Doane; Anna Northcutt; Randy Sayles; Adrian Steel.

The panel generally meets in open session on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Check www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/ShowCalendar.aspx

The Independent Police Auditor's mission is to bolster trust between the citizens of Fairfax County and the Fairfax County

Police Department by providing accountability, fairness, transparency and trust in the complaint system and investigative process. The Independent Police Auditor also provides an accessible, safe, impartial, and responsive intake venue for complaints about the Fairfax County Police Department and its employees.

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) reviews police investigations involving use of force and serves as an independent

intake venue for complaints.

Both the panel and the auditor determine whether the police investigation was thorough, accurate and impartial.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

If you feel you have experienced or observed misconduct by a Fairfax County police officer, you are encouraged to file a complaint. You will not be penalized by the police or any county official for filing a complaint.

FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM

❖ You may use a printed copy of the online form.

❖ You may also complete a complaint form online.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeauditor

❖ You may file your completed form by mailing it to: Office of the Independent Police Auditor; 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 233A; Fairfax, VA 22035

❖ You may file online. Instructions are provided at the website.

❖ You may deliver a completed complaint form to the Auditor's Office at the above address or to any Fairfax County Police Station.

If you need help completing the form, call 703-324-3459 or email PoliceCivilianReviewPanel@fairfaxcounty.gov

HOW IT WORKS

❖ When a complaint is received, it is sent to the Police Department for investigation.

❖ Investigators interview the person who filed the complaint and witnesses.

❖ Police examine the evidence and write a report outlining the findings.

❖ The person who filed the com-

plaint receives a letter summarizing findings of the investigation.

❖ If the person does not agree with the outcome of the investigation, he or she asks for a review.

❖ If a review is requested, either the Civilian Review Panel or the Independent Police Auditor reviews the investigation and issues a public report.

MORE ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

The Board of Supervisors appointed Richard G. Schott, a 27-year Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) veteran, as Fairfax County's first independent police auditor. Schott reports directly to the board, which approved the creation of the position as a follow up to one of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Among his roles, Schott will be responsible for:

❖ Monitoring and reviewing internal investigations of Police Department officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use-of-force cases in which an individual is killed or seriously injured.

❖ Requesting further investigations if he determines that an internal investigation was deficient or conclusions were not supported by the evidence.

❖ Issuing public reports for each reviewed internal investigation.

❖ Reviewing all resident complaint investigations of alleged excessive or unnecessary force by officers.

❖ Producing annual reports that analyze trends and recommend improvements.

Schott has spent his entire 27-year FBI career as a special agent working with local law enforcement officers, and for the past 16 years has provided training to members of state and local law enforcement agencies, including legal issues associated with police officers' use of force and deadly force.

He has experience with Color of Law violations, including reviewing police reports and citizen complaints, recommending to U.S. Department of Justice attorneys whether or not to proceed with investigations and conducting the ensuing investigations.

Schott is also an instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, where he has taught thousands of new agents on basic constitutional criminal procedure and the legal ramifications involved when an agent uses force.

On The Ballot

FROM PAGE 4

of Virginia also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. For example, the Constitution of Virginia allows the General Assembly to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real estate taxes as an incentive for property owners to make substantial improvements to existing structures by renovating, rehabilitating, or replacing those structures.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to allow localities to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have been made on the property to address flooding. The General Assembly and participating localities would be allowed to place restrictions or conditions on qualification for the tax exemption.

"YES" vote will authorize the General Assembly to allow localities to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have been made on the property to address flooding.

"NO" vote will not allow such a tax exemption.

State Ballot Question Two

Question: Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

Present Law

The Constitution of Virginia currently requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. This tax exemption is also provided to the surviving spouse of such a veteran, so long as the surviving spouse continues to occupy that property as the surviving spouse's principal place of residence

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S.

Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to continue to claim the tax exemption currently provided, even if the surviving spouse moves to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse.

"YES" vote will allow these surviving spouses to move to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse and still claim the tax exemption.

"NO" vote will not allow such surviving spouses to move and still claim the tax exemption.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BOND

TEXT: Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$182,000,000 to provide funds, in addition to funds from public safety facilities bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training and operational facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?

\$73 million would be earmarked for improvements to four fire stations — Mount Vernon (\$16 million), Fairview (\$16 million), Gunston (\$13 million), and Seven Corners (\$13 million) — that are all 37 years or older. An additional \$15 million would be used to improve one of the eight volunteer stations that is more than 40 years old.

The Fairfax County Police Department would receive \$59 million: \$18 million to renovate and expand the Mason District Station which was built in 1975; \$18 million to renovate and upgrade its Criminal Justice Academy, and \$18 million to renovate, expand or replace the Police Evidence Storage Building used to store evidence for court cases, and also houses the warrant desk and the victim services section.

The Adult Detention Center needs \$45 million of improvements to three wings, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, elevator and fire protection systems as well as security and camera equipment. \$5 million would be used to improve the Jennings Judicial Center.

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Submit new announcements at
ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID

The Fairfax County Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed.

BULLETIN BOARD

Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad.

Call 703-222-0776. The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

- ❖ Wednesday/Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels

urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Habitat Heroes Project.

The fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center

offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

information, contact
habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986.

ARTSPACE HERNDON - ArtSpace

Herndon needs volunteer docents to greet guests, answer the phone and complete sales during normal gallery hours. Volunteers are also needed a few hours each month to assist with exhibit installation and special performing arts events. Training is provided. Flexible shifts are available. For additional information see our website www.artspaceherndon.com. Or contact us at 703-956-9560, volunteer@artspaceherndon.com. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon.

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

A sampling of the many fun and family-friendly events taking place around Fairfax County much of the year.

September 2018

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 8-9

Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Community Festival, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.virginia.org/Listings/Exhibits/BurkeCentreFestival for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

Dulles Day Plane Pull. At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival for more.

October 2018

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT 10-13

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fourth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K; multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more.

May 2019

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. A plein air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception, Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale "Blues Explosion" to close the weekend and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/



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Celebrate Fairfax!

Attendees enjoy live entertainment, rides, games and food trucks as part of the 2018 Celebrate Fairfax! festival June 8-10 at the Fairfax Government Center. The annual festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year.



MONDAY/MAY 13

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available! For more information: www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 2

Herndon Festival 2019. Thursday: 6-10 p.m. Friday 5-11 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more! All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more information.

THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for a weekly lineup.

FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

June 2019

Springfield Days. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featured during Springfield Days, witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Individuals can register at www.chalkonthewater.com. Only 100 spaces/plots are available for this event. Participants have a chance to win cash prizes for various categories, awarded by notable community judges. The festival will also include food, a live DJ, a wine garden.

Taste of Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

JUNE-AUGUST

Reston Concerts on the Town. Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants

only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Concert information: www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Rd, Great Falls. Full schedule list: www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/.

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. Select Sundays, 8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Grab a date, the family or a group of friends, bring the lawn chairs and a picnic and enjoy the free flicks under the stars.

Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason District Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/arts-in-the-parks for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities

for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. www.belovedyoga.com.

July 2019

Herndon 4th of July Celebration.

Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.

5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show.

Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration.

In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration

Obon Festival.

Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

Clifton Film Festival.

7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy live music, food and original films under the stars. During the event there will be two awards ceremonies, student's awards will be given during intermission and the 19+ category at the closing of the festival. For more information, please visit cliftonfilmfest.com

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit 1771.org for more.

JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series.

Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/performance/braddocknights.pdf for location and schedule.

August 2019

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and

Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Thursday and Friday – free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.

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PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE GREAT FALLS, RESTON & HERNDON AREAS

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FEATURING LAKE FAIRFAX PARK &
FRYING PAN FARM PARK
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

Map Number **Park Name**
Address, City
Property Class

1 Hutchison ES

13209 Parcher Ave., Herndon
Community Park

2 Coppermine Crossing SS

2744 Cooper Creek Rd, Herndon
School Site

3 Arrowbrooke

2351 Field Point Road, Herndon
Community Park

4 Dulles Corner

2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon
Community Park

5 Franklin Farm

13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
Community Park

6 Reston Town Green

Cameron Glen Dr, Reston
Neighborhood Park

7 Shaker Woods

1225 Stuart Road, Reston
Community Park

8 Hickory Run SS

Sheshue St, Great Falls
School Site

15 Chandon

900 Palmer Drive, Herndon
Community Park

16 Fred Crabtree

2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
District Park

17 Franklin Oaks

2961 Franklin Oaks Drive, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

18 Stratton Woods

2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston
Community Park



9 Sully Historic

3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly
Cultural Resource Park

10 Dranesville Tavern

11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
Cultural Resource Park

11 Grand Hamptons

1081 Safa Street, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

12 Stanton

910 Third Street, Herndon
Community Park

13 Alabama Drive

1100 Alabama Drive, Herndon
Community Park

14 Bruin

415 Van Buren Street, Herndon
Community Park

19 Floris School Site

2621 Centreville Road, Herndon
Community Park

20 Frying Pan Farm

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
Multiple Resource Park

21 Baron Cameron

11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
District Park

22 Lake Fairfax

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
Multiple Resource Park

23 South Lakes Drive

11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston
Community Park

24 Reston North

1635 Reston Parkway, Reston
Community Park

25 Stuart Road

12001 Lake Newport Road, Reston
Community Park

26 Holly Knolls

1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

27 Great Falls Nike

1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park

28 Windermere

11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

29 Lockmeade

1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park

30 Lexington Estates

10401 Sheshue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

31 Colvin Run Mill Site

10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

32 The Turner Farm

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

33 Great Falls Grange

9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

34 Riverbend

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park



PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. 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

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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, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

P0 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

FPP Frying Pan Farm Park

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

GSG 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, craftroom
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



NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

There's Always Something to Discover in Herndon

Difference between the Town of Herndon and unincorporated Herndon.

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Incorporated in 1879, the Town of Herndon is located in far western Fairfax County. A seven-member town council, one member, the mayor, governs the town. The town's jurisdiction remains subordinate to Fairfax County government powers and those of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The town's boundaries embrace 4.2 square miles of residential and commercial properties. The town is the gateway to the Dulles Technology corner and is designated as zip code 20170. The town describes itself as "innovative," "inclusive" and a "Next Generation Small Town" where its residents respect history and heritage.

The single word "Herndon" is used to describe the four nearby unincorporated areas of Fairfax County and not part of the Town of Herndon. They are designated with zip codes 20171, 20190, 20191 and 20194 and are governed by Fairfax County.

The Town of Herndon is the heart of the expanded community, intersecting small town charm with an urban environment of culture, dining, entertainment, and shopping. Town of Herndon residents drive, walk, cycle and use public transportation to get to work, places and events.

The town offers a wide range of attractions, enriching the area's quality of life and bringing people together. Public spaces provide venues for free outdoor concerts, arts walks, festivals, races, children's programming and farmers markets. Every citizen in the town lives within a 1/4 mile of at least one of the town's 11 public parks. The town is near the center point of the famous Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Trail, a 45-mile, paved 9-foot wide asphalt path that begins in Dunn Loring and ends in rural Purcellville. A parallel horse path runs beside parts of the trail. The town boasts the award-winning Herndon Centennial Golf Course, named one of the premier public golf courses in the Northern Virginia area and the award-winning Herndon Community Center for fitness and recreation.

Arts and entertainment are vibrant in the Town of Herndon. Next Stop Theatre Com-



Town of Herndon marker.

pany calls the town "home." It is a professional theatre company with the same performers on their stage as one would see in D.C., but without the drive. CBS D.C. named Classical Ballet Theatre which is based in the town "...Best Places to see Ballet in the D.C. Area." ArtSpace Herndon is a community art gallery showcasing artwork and events by local, regional and national artists of acclaim with artwork for sale, performances, and events. During warm weather months, it produces the Downtown Third Thursdays Arts Crawls series.

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon meets weekly at Amphora Diner Deluxe in the

town, and hosts open mics and performances. The Herndon Senior Center offers a wide range of activities for adults 50 years and older. The Town of Herndon welcomes small locally owned businesses and global corporations alike. It provides a variety of housing options across multiple price ranges for its citizens. There are apartments, new elevator townhomes in the Historic Downtown District, two-level urban-style condominiums steps from the future Herndon Metrorail Silver Line Station, mid-to-late century houses and 104 houses listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Frying Pan Farm Park operated by the



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Raphael Schafer, 4, of Burke tries out the tractor at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon on a beautiful morning in August. Frying Pan Farm Park is a sought-after destination for the young and old, not only residents in Herndon and the Town of Herndon but throughout Fairfax County.

Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is located a ten-minute drive from the Town of Herndon in Greater Herndon. Frying Pan Farm Park is a working farm that recreates and interprets farm life in the first half of the 20th century. It offers visitors experiences with farm animals, a playground, Country Store, farmhouse tours and wagon and antique carousel rides. Frying Pan Farm Park is known for the Annual 4-H Fair held there the first 4-day weekend in August.

During July and August, FCPA features free music at Arrowbrook Centre Park in Herndon. These are public concerts featuring folk to funk and everything in-between.

Volunteering Makes the Area a Better Place for All

Volunteer Fairfax engages thousands of volunteers of all ages annually and supports more than 600 member nonprofits and agencies striving to make Northern Virginia a better place for all.

Volunteer Fairfax's offerings include Volunteers For Change, a program that makes volunteering accessible and fun for busy adults; Alternative Community Service, a program that places a range of court-ordered clients in community service positions and RSVP Northern Vir-

ginia, a program sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax in partnership with Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria, that matches those 55 and better with meaningful and fun volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Fairfax also offers an array of training programs that help nonprofits and volunteer groups run more efficiently. For corporations looking to engage their employees in the community, Volunteer Fairfax's BusinessLink program offers customized employee volunteer engagement

at sites in Northern Virginia and throughout the DC Metro Area.

Volunteer Fairfax also runs three signature programs to promote and recognize community involvement.

They include VolunteerFest presented by AT&T, powered by Volunteer Fairfax, Saturday, Oct. 27, a regional day of volunteerism featuring project sites across the region; Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a large family-friendly event where chil-

dren of all ages engage in volunteering and The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, a breakfast held each April to honor volunteers who have given outstanding service to the community.

For more information on any of Volunteer Fairfax's programs or to find a volunteer opportunity now, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.