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Samira M. Hadeed

Born in Ramallah, Palestine on Jan. 24, 1939. Samira M. Hadeed died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 17, 2018, at her home of 50 years in Alexandria, Va.

A loving mother and homemaker, Samira was a remarkable cook and enjoyed entertaining, dancing and preparing meals for her family and friends, most especially over the holidays. While never using a cook-

book or reading recipes, her classic middle eastern food dishes were famous among her party guests, church community and all who knew her. After raising her children, she spent her later years generously sharing her knowledge of the foods she loved while working as a hobby at the Mediterranean Bakery.

Samira is survived by the love of her life for 60 years, Michael Hadeed; her children, Michael Hadeed Jr., Mary Hadeed Zaboli, and Joseph Hadeed; her two daughters-inlaw, Marcella Hadeed and Valerie Hadeed; 12 grandchildren,



John Hadeed, Michael Hadeed III, Teresa Hadeed Ragno, Joan Hadeed, Catherine Hadeed, Thomas Hadeed, Samantha Zaboli, Alexander Zaboli, Adam Zaboli, Sarah Zaboli, Michael Frix and Samira L. Hadeed; her two greatgrandchildren, Samir Minda and Elizabeth Hadeed, and several siblings. Samira was predeceased by her son-in-

law, Shawn Zaboli. Samira's unconditional love and support for her family and others in her life was exhibited daily in her humble and kindhearted manner.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Holy Transfiguration Greek Melkite Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, followed by a Meal of Mercy at the Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to United Palestinian Appeal, upaconnect.org



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News



Some local VIPs await the real VIPS of the day – the children from family shelters who will be enjoying a "shopping with the sheriff" adventure at the Target store in Burke.From left: Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and newly appointed Office of the Family and Student Ombudsman, Armando Peri.



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

Sheriff's Office partners with children living in area family shelters for back-toschool shopping.

> By Andrea Worker The Connection

he 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



Almost ready – one last photo before the kids and their sheriff's office partners hit the aisles for some serious shopping.



Sometimes the electronic gadgetry is almost as fun as shopping for new stuff. Jayron took his time scanning every item in his cart, while his shopping buddy, 2nd Lt. Chris Atkins tracked their spending. "We're doing great!" said Atkins, "let's keep going, my friend!"

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



"Almost 11" Olivia was loving her shopping adventure with Callie Hernandez of the Sheriff's department, and could hardly believe there really was a cap that mentions one of her favorites – ice cream!

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 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 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."

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OPINION

Celebrating Women's Equality

By Judy Helein and Anu Sahai Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

n 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

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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

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 historical 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

Stop Isolating the Children

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

he 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

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their future has to be one of the cruelest acts of the federal govern-

ment 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 mental stability, 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. 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

2 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 communitybased 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.

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September Is National Voter Registration Month

Voting is the way leaders are chosen to represent residents at the Federal, State and local levels of government. Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters, stated that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens. In order to vote, one first has to be registered to vote.

Recognizing the importance so many decades later. of voting in a democracy, on Sept. 6, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Proclamation 3489, designating September as National Voter Registration Month. This proclamation

states, "a disturbingly large number of citizens, who would otherwise be qualified to vote in Federal, State and local elections, are barred from voting because they fail to register to vote in compliance with State election laws [and] each citizen has not only a right to vote but also a civic obligation to do so." This is still true

The National Association of Secretaries of State, also recognizing the importance of voter registration, designated Sept. 25, 2012, as the first National Voter Registration Day. It has been celebrated on the fourth Tuesday in September since then. This year, it is will be celebrated on Sept. 25. Many local chapters of League of Women Voters will be registering voters in their counties, cities and towns during September. Register to vote if not already registered. This is also a time to check and update one's voter registration if recently moved or had a name change. Check the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area website at www.lvv-fairfax.org to get information on the voter registration drives.

Also, check the League of Women Voters' www.VOTE411.org website.

shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information about many aspects of the election process, including links to voter registration and local poll locations. In addition, users can access ballot information specific to their districts and compare candidate responses to various hottopic questions. To learn more about the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, go to www.lwv-fairfax.org.

This website is a "one-stop-

Entertainment

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Free Beer (and other

lies). Through Sept. 2, at Arches Gallery at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 9, 9518 Workhouse Way., Lorton. Featuring works by John Hartt, who is known for his quirky oil paintings which have been described as strangely comforting. His latest kooky collection, "Free Beer (and other lies)," explores some of the concepts and stories surrounding beer, drunkenness and lies as only Hartt can interpret them. Visit www.workhousearts.org. For more information about John Hartt, visit www.jortt.com. **Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 5, Monday-

Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at The Fairfax Art League, Fairfax Old Town Hall – Upstairs Gallery, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Featured artist Yelena Svecharnik presents "My Journey - A Retrospective," bringing together early watercolors, acrylics and mixed media paintings, linoleum block, printmaking, collages and more. Svecharnik will be in the gallery Wednesday Aug. 22, 29, and Sept. 5. Visit

www.fairfaxartleague.net.
The Sunday Farmers' Market. Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax

County Courthouse. Visit www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com. Saturday Community Farmers'

Market. Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/ SpringfieldFoodworks/.

Second Saturdays. 6-9 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Second Saturday Art Walk is the perfect time to meet nearly 85 Resident and Associate Artists, creating art in the studios or exhibiting in our galleries. Experience performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Indulge in classes in the art of mixology or cuisines from around the globe. Enjoy art exhibitions in nine galleries of the region's finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber art works. Visit www.workhousearts.org/

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Evenings on the Ellipse with Russikye Musikanti. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or parks/performances.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Rock the Block: The Darby Brothers. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert



New Orleans Funk band Bonerama

BBQ and Beer

New Orleans Funk band Bonerama is performing in the Rizer Pavilion on the Workhouse Arts Center's newly remodeled center Quad. There will be food trucks and beer/wine/soft drinks available for sale. Sunday, Sept. 2, 5 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton. Early bird pricing: \$20 per person. Visit www.workhousearts.org/event/bbq-beerbonerama/ for tickets.

series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit

www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock. **B-I-N-G-O.** 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com

or call 703-273-3638.

Family Movie Night: "Ferdinand."

7 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Enjoy a free, family friendly (movies are PG) movie night. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 14. "Britepaths" Food Drive at Family Fun Nights. Britepaths is a volunteer-based organization that identifies and addresses the unmet fundamental needs of Fairfax area residents. Call 703-385-7858.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Discover What's Hiding at Burke

Lake Park. 9-11 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. During the "Geocaching Workshop," students age 8 to adult learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches in the park. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS, students will follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature. Bring a GPS; a limited number are available to borrow. \$22 per person. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-

lake.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/mt-vernon-nights.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

First Responders Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Volunteer Fire and Rescue personnel as well as Fairfax County Police Officers will bring emergency vehicles for display and offer hands-on activities to demonstrate the critical role played by modern day first responders. Civil War Reenactors will help visitors learn about medical and relief practices then and now. Fairfax Station was the site of a massive relief effort during the Battles of Ox Hill and Second Manassas in August 1862. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Tales from the Trench: BHS President Jon Vrana presents stories and observations of life and death in the Great War. Free. Email slawski_brian@yahoo.com or visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only – meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or

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Erin's Epic Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/ parks-recreation/old-town-square.

The Annual Springfield Bridge

Walk. 7 p.m. at the FedEx office at the corner of Amherst Avenue and Bland Street. Hosted by the American Legion Post 176, this is an event to recognize the relationship between Springfield and Fort Belvoir. This family-friendly event is open to the entire community. As the lights begin to shine, the police will close the road and we will stroll across Veterans Bridge to American Legion Post 176, followed by a brief ceremony and community covenant signing with Fort Belvoir, followed by community time and good food with friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 30 **Evenings on the Ellipse with The United States Air Force 'Celtic**



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A.R Rahman Live in Concert. 8 p.m. at Eagle Bank Arena, George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The "Slumdog MillionaireÓ actor will entertain fans of his composing, acting, and performing skills. Rahman is an Oscar and Grammy award winner. Visit www.eaglebankarena.com or www.arrahman.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

Lego/Potomac Module Crew HO

Model Train Display. Noon-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Lego/Potomac Module Crew HO Model Train Display. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Singers Needed. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Singers wanted for the Celebration Singers, a women's show choir performing at various community sites in Northern Virginia. Weekly rehearsals September-May. Free. Call Gayle Parsons at 703-644-4485 or email gparsons3@cox.net.

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Shelter House executive director and CEO Joe Meyer rounds up his gang.

Shop with The Sheriff

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"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 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



What about this one? PFC Kanli is all smiles as she offers a selection to Kayden, the youngster she was partnered with. "This is just the best. What a way to show these kids we care."



Abdulraham, 5, peers anxiously over the checkout counter. "Do we have enough? Can we keep all of it?" Not to worry. His shopping partner Lt. Aughavin assured him that everything they had picked out together would definitely be going with him.

partners, these young people who have more obstacles than most to overcome, are now ready to start

their educational adventure.
For more, email the Sheriff's Office at sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID EVENTS The Fairfax County Office of Elections

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- The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.
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- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
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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 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).

Docents Needed. Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call 703-945-7483.

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

Genealogy Workshop. 6:30-9 p.m. at Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, NSDAR, will host a free genealogy workshop for those seeking DAR membership. Free. Call 703-690-7136.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Tips to Survive Caregiving. 10-11:30 a.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. A caregiver's needs are always at the bottom of the list, but it's crucial to take care of oneself to be able to take care of a loved one. Learn more about the impact of caregiving, while also developing strategies for self-care, ways to deal with stress and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Register at insightmcc.org, or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org.

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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 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

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 "questionee" - vours 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

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.





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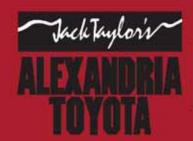
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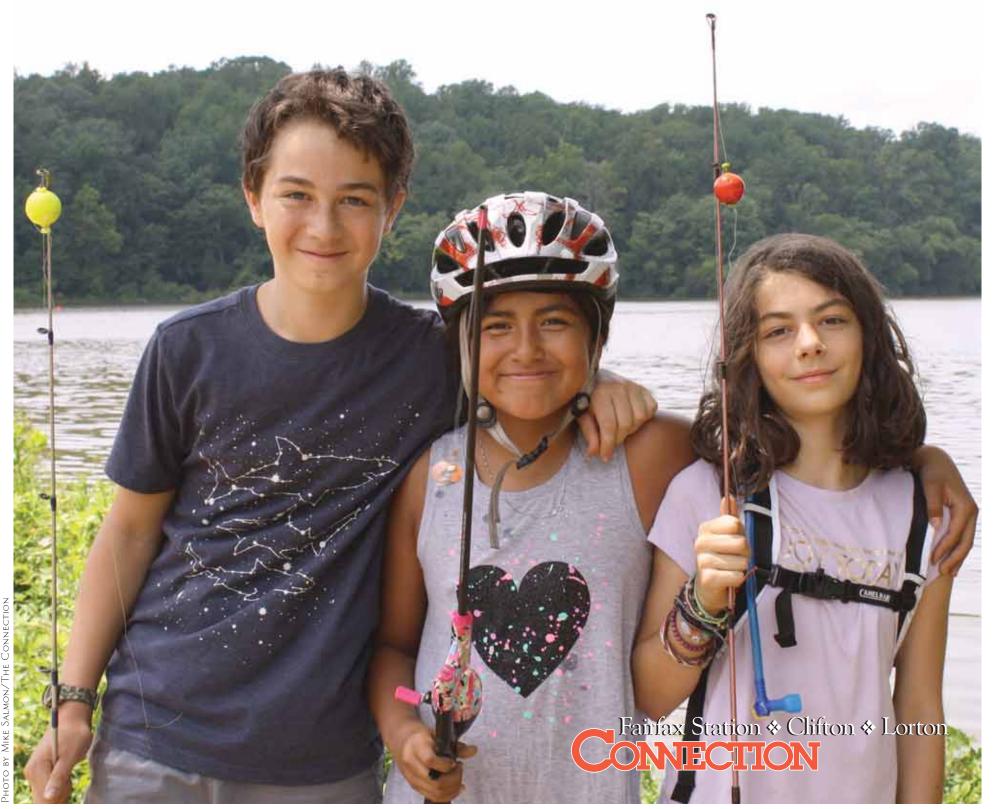
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Newcomers



Northern Virginia Senior Olympics competitors.

Run, Throw or Dive and Use Your Brain in NVSO

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics returns Sept. 15.

By Shirley Ruhe
The Connection

nly \$13 registers you in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) unless you compete in 13 different categories like Charles Toftoy. At \$2 for each event, it costs him \$39 for registration plus event participation. Several events require additional fees. At 83-years-old, Toftoy has been competing in NVSO for many years. His current favorite event is pickleball which he says is a national favorite.

This year NVSO begins Saturday, Sept. 15 with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. followed by track, rowing and diving events. NVSO ends Sept. 26 with pickleball, yoyo and bunko. In between there is everything from softball hit and throw, tennis doubles, swimming and track events, mini-javelin, volleyball and cornhole toss. New events this year include beach ball wallyball, canasta and croquet.

Events will be held at 29 different parks, recreation centers and sports courts including Fairfax Senior Center-Green Acres, Thomas Jefferson Community Center,



Wakefield District Park, Northern Virginia Badminton Club, The Jefferson, Prince William Golf Course, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Participants are required to be 50 years old or older and to reside in the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church or Fairfax or the counties of Arlington, Loudoun, Fairfax, Fauquier, or Prince William. Most competitions are held by age group and divided between men and women.

Registration ends postmarked Aug. 31 for regular mail and Sept. 3 for online registration at www.nsvo.us.

Volunteers are also welcomed. To volunteer at at event, call RSVP at 703-403-5360 or email RSVP@volunteerfairfax.org.

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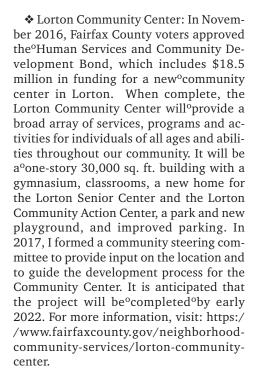
What's on Horizon for Lorton Community

By Supervisor Dan Storck

(D-Mt. Vernon District)

ere is a look on some of the major issues facing the Lorton parts of the Mt. Vernon Dis-

South County Police Station and Animal Shelter - In 2015 Fairfax County residents voted to approve a Public Safety Bond to include funds for the construction of a new police station and animal shelter in South County. In 2017, I formed a community steering committee to provide input into the process and the County began work on this \$30 million project. Decisions to date include co-locating the two facilities and site selection on the "triangle lot" at the corner of Lorton Road and Workhouse Way. Next steps include site design, permitting, zoning and construction bid preparation. For more information, visit: https:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/south-county-police-stationand-animal-shelter



❖ Waste Management [previously EnviroSolutions, Incorporated (ESI)] CDD Landfill: The Waste Management Construction and Demolition Debris (CDD) landfill has stopped accepting debris and begun the post closure process which is expected to take two years. After 2020, there is a 10year post closure monitoring process, where the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will continue to monitor the site for leachate, groundwater, gas emissions and cap monitoring to ensure compliance with permit regulations. After this period, DEQ can sign off on the Waste Management permit, at which time monitoring ceases and the property becomes a dormant landfill.°I will continue to work with Waste Management, County leadership and the community to ensure Waste Management demic continues to grow throughout the



The crowd at the Fourth of July celebration at Lorton Arts Center.



The crowd at the Fourth of July celebration at Lorton Arts Center on Saturday, June 30, 2018.



Adam, Amy, Jaida, and Christina Kemp of Springfield enjoy the Fourth of July festivities at Lorton Arts Center in Lorton on Saturday, June 30, 2018.

meets the requirements of their Special Exception Application which includes landscaping, community access and park facili-

* Opioid Disposal: As the opioid epi-

country, communities are actively looking for ways to help curb abuse and misuse. In looking for ways to protect our community, we are aggressively looking for ways to get these drugs off the streets. My office now provides free drug deactivation kits. In addition, Walmart has launched a

first-of-its-kind opioid disposal solution, available at no cost, in all company pharmacies. Walmart also continues to offer counseling to Walmart patients on proper opioid use when filling an opioid prescription at any one of its 4,700 pharmacies nationwide.

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

irst, 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.htmll

There are two ways to vote absentee, inperson 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.

In Person Absentee Voting, **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.

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Sept. 21-Oct. 12

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

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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.

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Or print, complete, and sign the absentee ballot application (PDF), https:// www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/ VoterForms/Virginia AbsenteeBallotApplication.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?

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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, inperson, 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.

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

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For more information on voting in Fairfax

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

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Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711 For 24-hour recorded information call 703-324-4700

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- ❖ 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

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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 of Virginia also sets out specific types of property e exempted 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 pl 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.

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On The Ballot

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"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 serviceconnected, 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 resi-

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 serviceconnected, 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.

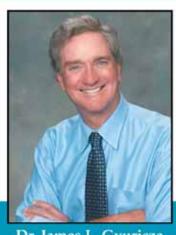


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Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from 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, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituar-

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

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 pho-

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New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber

ulie 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

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



Julie Coons

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

business in local, state, national and international in the region to build a strong business community. 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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Caitlin Rincon of Clifton and her one-year-old daughter enjoy the music from the band Gin Blossoms at Celebrate Fairfax 2018, one of the events families don't want to miss

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/ Calendar.

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 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).

Docents Needed. Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call 703-945-7483.

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, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or donaldrea@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.

Volunteers needed at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Museum offers a variety of exciting volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Contact volunteers@fairfax-station.org or 703-945-7483 to explore services that will fit your schedule and interests. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225 RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors

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

www.rsvpnova.org.
Shepherd's Center of FairfaxBurke serves those 50 and older who no longer drive. Volunteer drivers are needed for trips

more about RSVP, visit

(Monday-Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. **Office workers** are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office (Monday-Friday) to match drivers and those who need rides. Call 703-232.4788

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.

Volunteers Needed. PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: prsinc.org/carering-volunteering/. Questions? Email lpadgett@prsinc.org.

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/ltcombudsman/

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.

Volunteer Fairfax seeks individuals, families, youth and corporate groups for service opportunities at a variety of nonprofit agencies. One-time special events or ongoing activities are available at volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.

Volunteers Needed for Driving & Administrative Assistance

Volunteer drivers are needed for trips Monday - Friday to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Office Workers are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office Monday - Friday to assist individuals requesting rides and to match an available driver for each request. If you can volunteer your time or if someone you know is unable to get out and needs weekly calls and visits, or you would like to be a caller or visitor, please contact the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

Volunteer with CASA and Lift Up a **Child's Voice.** Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate and provide an abused and neglected child with a voice within the confusing child welfare system. Fairfax CASA is a 501(c)3 public charity that provides every child with an open abuse and neglect case in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court with a voice. Our goal is to find every child a safe and loving home by reporting to the courts on the "best interest" of the child. While many children have social workers, foster par-ents, therapists and teachers which change over time, the CASA volunteer is often the only stable adult presence in their life. Join Fairfax CASA in raising awareness about the volunteering opportunities within our organization. Visit www.fairfaxcasa.org



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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.

Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Fairfax County

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

he 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; 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/

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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 a report outlining the findings.

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 Sta-

If you need help completing the form, call 703-324-3459 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

- ❖ The person who filed the complaint 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 officerinvolved 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 investi-

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

He supervised the division's forfeiture program. As a special agent for the Birmingham Division, he orchestrated security for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games' soccer events in the area.

Schott received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Orleans and his juris doctorate from the Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans.

The 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.

Newcomers

VIEWPOINTS

What is the best part about living here?

Interviews conducted at Pohick Regional Library in Burke.

-Steve Hibbard

Teagan Pollack, 9, of **West Springfield**

Dan Pulver of **Springfield**

sources."

Lorton

"That's there's cool places to go to and cool restaurants."

"We really enjoy the friends we've made here and

we really like the parks and

the library and the re-

Renee Williams of





Michaela Rossi of **Springfield**

"I think this community has everything that we need. The big city is close; the mountains are close and all the stores — everything that we need."



Marilyn Harriman of Springfield

"There's so many grocery stores, you don't have to drive very far to go to the gym, to go to the library, to go get organic groceries, a plethora of grocery stores available."





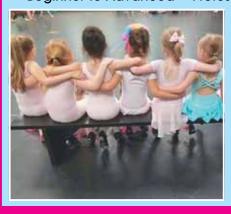
Lyle Shaffer of Orange Hunt in Springfield

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Fairfax Station: A Sanctuary

A welcoming place for weary souls and rescued animals.

By Marti Moore The Connection t Sunday morning mass Aug. 19 in the historic Saint Mary of Sorrows Church at the corner of Fairfax Station and Ox roads, a retired priest encourages parishioners to keep the faith. He also asks them to pray for victims of abuse and clergy as the Roman Catholic Church weathers another storm wrought by scandal.

This particular church is strong and nearly filled to capacity. Built in 1858, the chapel is rooted in hard work and charitable acts in Fairfax Station.

It served the spiritual needs of Irish immigrants laying tracks for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. Soon afterward, the building became a temporary field hospital during the Civil War.

An "angel of the battlefield" named Clara H. Barton is mentioned in a historic marker by the entrance to the church — where she nursed in 1862 wounded and dying Union soldiers from the second Battle of Manassas and the engagement near Chantilly.

DURING A TRIP TO EUROPE, Barton learned about a global Red Cross humanitarian relief network and wanted her country to participate. She founded the American Red Cross in 1881 at age 59 and ran it for 23 years from her home across the Potomac River in Glen Echo, Md.

Barton's mission continues to this day. A visiting padre tells the congregation Sunday about his service as a missionary in the Dominican Republic at "a church without a priest for 20 years because no one wanted to serve there." There he helped residents in a town so neglected by the government, its people had no electricity, running water and no telephones. Members of the congregation offered prayers and financial support so priests can help parishioners abroad

Fairfax Station resident Marie Mancuso, 87, and her late husband were active members of the Church of St. Mary's, which has a much larger sanctuary nearby in Fairfax at 5222 Sideburn Rd.

"We served coffee and doughnuts for 25 years after mass," she said Aug. 19.

"I love St. Mary's," she said. "I'm going to be buried here" at the historic church. "and my husband is buried here."

The church's stone grotto is a rock in the community, where individuals can light a candle and pray at an outdoor Catholic shrine. Park benches and a garden provide serenity and a peaceful place for quiet contemplation. Learn more about this church programs online stmarvofsorrows.org.

The church's parking lot offered this re- George Mason University. porter and few other curiosity seekers a pre-



Historic Saint Mary of Sorrows Church at the corner of Fairfax Station and Ox roads was built in 1858 and served Irish immigrants who worked for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. It also was a field hospital for Union soldiers during the Civil War.



Animal care technician Alix Roueche, 27, of Centreville holds Brice, a Shih Tsu mix Aug. 19 at the Homeward Trails Adoption Center at Fairfax Station Road and Tinkers Lane. He was transferred to the non-profit organization a couple of days earlier from a kill shelter elsewhere in Virginia.

VIEWPOINTS

What is the best part of living in Fairfax Station?

Marie Mancuso, 87, Fairfax Station, retired private secretary at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in **New York City:**

"It's a beautiful community."

at tion Road, up Ox Road and along Braddock

Circus train up Hill Street, along Fairfax Stathe tails of the elephant in front of them.

website at homewardtrails.org.

Between the church and train station Road to the former Patriot Center arena at museum, a pet rescue center called Home-cycles and a vintage muscle car with the everybody's got one. Wayne Nickum, 75, is ward Trails finds homes for dogs through hood propped up. Although former Clifton no exception. their adoption center at Tinkers Lane and mayor Jim Chesley moved his successful view to the "greatest show on earth" nearly THE MIDNIGHT PARADE featured ponies Fairfax Station Road. Counselors are on site annual Labor Day Car Show fundraiser to lived on Main Street in the same home a decade ago as circus animals were paraded and their handlers. Elephants followed each to answer questions every Saturday and the City of Fairfax a couple of years ago, one of several historic landmarks throughfrom the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey other using their trunks to gently hold onto Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit their other town traditions continue in October out town: The Harris House.



Guests of Clifton Day 2016 enjoy live music outside Clifton's Town Hall building.

Jake Werthmann in Fairfax Station and Clifton-based **Boy Scout Troop 1104 sells peppermint-lemon treats,** a Clifton Day staple for the last three decades.

'Great place to Visit; Better Place to Live'

Town of Clifton dripping with charm, great coffee and robust business.

By Marti Moore The Connection

t's 4:11 in the Town of Clifton on an ordinary Sunday afternoon in the August heat. For your information, the atmosphere was lethargic on the main drag 15 years ago, when school was out for summer and nearly half of area residents were away on family vacation. Few local shops were open and the town's two restaurants were preparing for dinner guests.

Then Clifton's first coffee shop opened in the former Judy's Junque antique store. A slow but steady drip of new businesses followed its lead on Main Street: a kitchen and bath remodeling consultant in the same building, an ice cream parlor next door and a lovely home décor boutique across the

same Main Street is robust with new merchants, old locals and visiting day trippers councilman after 41 years and two drawn by Clifton's historic charm.

"We are a destination now with six eateries and a sprinkling of shops," says long-time Clifton resident Wayne Nickum, who adds "We've got a post office."

And great grapes.

And great coffee.

A FEW MILES beyond town limits, the parking lot of the Paradise Springs Winery at 13219 Yates Ford Rd. is packed and more cars arrive in the overflow lot at the back of the vineyard. Visitors sit at picnic tables beneath shade trees in the yard below the historic log cabin and others relax on the deck outside the tasting room and winery. A band

Inside town limits vehicles line both sides town residents. of the street Aug. 19 — including motor-— beginning with the annual Clifton Day

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What is the best part of living here?



More than a decade later in 2018, this very **Wayne Nickum, 75, Town of Clifton** since 1971, newly retired town months of service

"Great place to visit. Better place to live."

festival Oct. 7 and the Haunted Trail Oct.

New residents beware: this enchanting town is a favorite haunt every Halloween for more than a hundred cute trick or treaters, who pillage the village until they get their fill of candy then leave with their spoils — which doesn't take long because Oct. 31 falls on a school night this year.

That sweet haul of theirs isn't cheap. People who live outside town limits are asked to donate bags of candy each year to

Opinions in Clifton are like noses —

Since 1971, he and his wife, Donna, have "keep the town intact for future genera-

Although the sign along the white picket www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Lorena Saldivar with Sebastian, her Teacup Yorkie, Town of Clifton six years and Fairfax Station since 1998, financial analyst for Fairfax **County Public Schools**

"Neighbors are fantastic."

fence says it was built in 1830, Nickum sticks to his story: Construction on this blue dwelling started nearly 50 years later.

HE FEELS the people and his neighbors are the best part of living in Clifton and considers them family. The retired tax man, who worked in the District of Columbia, also served at home on the Town Council. In May, he retired from local government "after 41 years and two months — which includes 10 years as mayor of the Town of Clifton, Nickum says Sunday morning in his yard.

Nonetheless, he looks forward to continued work on town projects like park and historic preservation, so Nickum can help tions," he says.

His point-of-view about Clifton reads like an advertising campaign slogan:

"Great place to visit. Better place to live."

CLIFTON POSTCARDS



Sitting outside the train tracks in the Town of Clifton stands the very popular red caboose. The Town of Clifton dedicated the Caboose Plaza to Mayor James C. Chesley who was mayor from 1992 to 2006.

Devereux Station was constructed in 1863 on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad during the Civil War. The station played a key role in the development of Clifton as a town and the station was renamed **Clifton Station. The** Station was removed in 1890 yet the train tracks and caboose remain in the town that continues to grow since the building



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One of the Best Places to Live

Supervisor Storck Welcomes You to Mount Vernon District

ear Mount Vernon District New Welcome to the best place to live, learn, work and play in Fairfax County! My name is Dan Storck and I am pleased to serve as your Mount Vernon District Supervisor. I hope you agree that Fairfax County is one of the best places in the country to live - full of intellectual energy, great schools, diverse communities, varied employment opportunities, vast recreational activities, and abundant opportunities for cultural enrichment. Mount Vernon comprises wonderful people, abundant resources and a rich history. First and foremost, I would like to invite you to stop by my office to meet Team MVD (me and my staff). We'll be happy to talk with you about our community, answer your questions and provide information about Fairfax County and its many opportunities. We are located in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center at 2511 Parkers Lane with the Mount Vernon Police Station, next to the Fire Station and the Mount Vernon Hospital. For more information about living in Fairfax County, check out the County's Welcome to Fairfax Guide: https:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/guides/moving-to-fairfax.

My number one priority is always you! I strive to engage deeply and frequently with the people of Mount Vernon. Team MVD provides timely constituent service as we continue to build the ideal community in which to live and thrive. We are committed to performance standards that ensure we are a responsive, transparent and informative office. We will respond to your communications within two business days or less, advise you of your staff contact and connect you with the County or community resources you need. We are here to make a difference for each and every resident and to get things done! With extended office hours on Thursdays and the second Saturday of each month at the Lorton Library and the Mount Vernon District Office, we welcome your concerns and compliments. Walk-ins and appointments welcomed.

My priorities as Supervisor continue to be to increase funding and support for our schools, accelerate Richmond Highway's revitalization, increase jobs and economic opportunities, improve our roads, provide more transit options, ensure our public safety, and continue to strengthen our quality of life.

In Mount Vernon, we are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, recreational opportunities, historical sites and community events to enjoy. You can start your day with a round of golf, horseback riding, kayaking, tennis, or a walk in a tree-lined park or neighborhood; enjoy brunch at our more than one hundred local eateries; boat, bike, or walk to one of our many heritage sites and then relax at a craft brewery; to



Supervisor Dan Storck (third from right) with Mt. Vernon District Office staff.

cal play, musical or concert. The following are some of my favorites.

❖ George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens: One of the nation's most visited historic sites, Mount Vernon offers an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping. Hop on a bike and ride on the nearly 18 miles long and fully paved Mount Vernon Trail that follows the Potomac River's Virginia shoreline. You can also enjoy the nearby Distillery and Gristmill. (http:// www.mountvernon.org)

❖ Gunston Hall: Built for George Mason IV. the author of the Bill of Rights, Gunston Hall is located on Mason Neck where we also have a state park, a regional park and federally protected land The mansion and museum provide history and context to colonial Virginia and revolutionary America (http://www.gunstonhall.org)

❖ Woodlawn & Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House: The Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey Houses are sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, located on the same historic grounds. Visitors are encouraged to explore the contrasting architectural and historical backgrounds of these two unique homes. (http:// www.woodlawnpopeleighev.org/home/).

* Woodlawn Estate is also home to the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. Arcadia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington, DC area. Arcadia manages four distinct program areas that address a specific need in the community, while colround out your evening, you can see a lo- lectively engaging consumers, farmers,

schools, and institutions. (www.Arcadiafood.org)

Workhouse Arts Center: In addition to over 150 of the region's finest artists, art classes, exhibits by national and international artists, exciting comedy and musical performances, this nationally recognized former correctional facility played a key role in turning the tide to secure a woman's right to vote. Plan to spend a day exploring the history of the Workhouse, visit artist studios, ask questions about their work, purchase their wares, and even participate in programs in which you can create your own masterpiece. (www.workhousearts.org)

❖ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve: Located just a few miles south of Alexandria, Dyke Marsh is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington metropolitan area. Dyke Marsh is viewed as a national treasure that holds extensive value not only for plants and animals, but for its recreational, educational and cultural purposes. It is estimated that the southern marsh has existed for 2,200 years, and the northern marsh has existed for 500 years. In July, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began restoration of Dyke Marsh. Construction of a 1,500 foot breakwater is expected to take up to 18 months and will help protect the marsh from erosion, shield the marsh from storms and encourage the accumulation of sediment, which is necessary for marsh regeneration.

❖ Vast Recreation Opportunities: Mount Vernon is an outdoor enthusiasts playground, with two recreation centers, the Mount Vernon RECenter located near the Belle View Shopping Center and the George Washington RECenter located across from Mount Vernon High School; two off leash dog parks, one at West Grove on Ft. Hunt Road and one at Grist Mill Park located on Route 235; and multiple parks, golf courses, bike and hiking trails, and boat launches.

❖ Tour de Mount Vernon: On Oct. 27, the Mount Vernon District will host the 3rd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon, a community bicycle tour of the Mount Vernon District.

Again, I welcome you to the Mount Vernon community and sincerely hope you enjoy living in the finest district in Fairfax County. We are a community of the past, present, and future where you can grow, play, and work. We host hundreds of small and large growing businesses, many recently renovated schools, and the Fort Belvoir Army Base with more than double the employees of the Pentagon. Taking care of your health can also be accomplished locally at our two major hospital centers — Inova Mount Vernon and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

Visit our website www.FairfaxCounty.gov/ mountvernon to sign-up for our regular Mount Vernon Advisor newsletter for the latest happenings in your community. I look forward to meeting you out and about in our great community. It is an honor and privilege to serve you!

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck

Supervisor, Mount Vernon District Fairfax County Board of Supervisors www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon

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Volunteering Makes the Area a Better Place for All

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 courtordered clients in community service positions and RSVP Northern Virginia, 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

Volunteer Fairfax engages thousands of volunteers 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 Dayon Martin Luther King, Jr. Dayoa large family-friendly event where children 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.

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 donaldrea@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.

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

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 visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ ltcombudsman/.



3955 Pender Drive, Suite 105, Fairfax, VA 22030



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 assist 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).

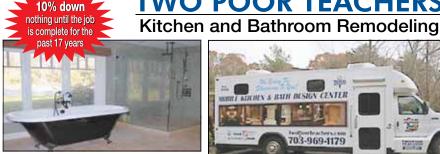
Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at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

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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/specialevents/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/restonmulticultural-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

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/



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.



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

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

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 twoday 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

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/

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/ performances/arts-in-the-parks for

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/ $in dependence\hbox{-}day\hbox{-}celebration$

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/ performances/sesflyers18braddocknights.pdf for location and

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.

Newcomers

Summertime Activities in the Area

Burke Lake Golf course is always busy over the summer with tournaments and shoot-outs.



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Ian Palmer, 6, takes a swing on the upper-deck putting green last year at Burke Lake Golf Center.

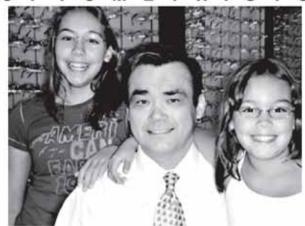


The covered hitting stations at Burke Lake Golf Center allow golfers to hit balls even in inclement weather.



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Regional Parks

Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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.

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 though 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.



4001 Eisenhower Äve., 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

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.

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.

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

without prior arrangement. 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, 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.

trails may

be used

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.

Pohick Bay
Regional Park &
Pirates Cove
Waterpark
6501 Pohick Bay Drive,
Lorton

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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 Pennisula 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.

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.

Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center 2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207

www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/

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.

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.

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,

650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

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

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



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

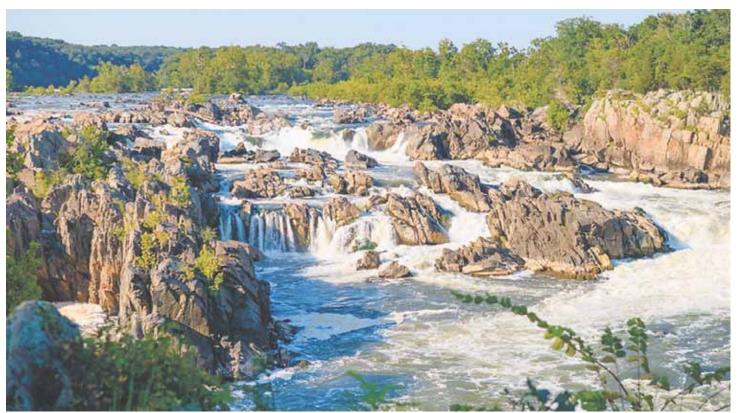
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing 384.3 acres, natural resource park

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



PARKS A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS



5 Newington Heights 8590 Heller Road, Lorton

District Park

6 Laurel Hill 8515 Silverbrook Road, Lorton Countywide Park

7 Old Colchester Preserve 10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton Cultural Resource Park

8 Lorton West 9800 Ox Road, Lorton

9 Lower Potomac 9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton

10 Waples Mill Meadow 11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton Multiple Resource Park

11 Lake Braddock 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke 9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke Neighborhood Park

15 Rolling Valley West 6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke Community Park

16 Fair Oaks 3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

18 Random Hills 11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

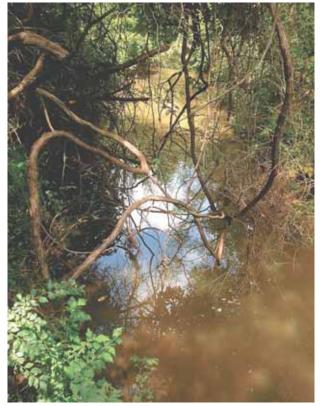
19 Dixie Hill 4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

20 Villa D'este 3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park



Colonel Silas Burke Park is a community park in Burke.







At Van Dyck Park in the City of Fairfax, a creek runs through the western end of the park with a bike trail that runs along it, crossing on a bridge at one point.

21 Mosby Woods 9813 Five Oaks Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

22 East Blake Lane 9540 Bel Glade Street, Fairfax Community Park

23 Villa Lee 2901 Hunter Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

24 Hideaway 2900 Glenvale Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

25 Towers 9350 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax Community Park

26 Armistead 8900 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

27 Eakin (Mantua Section) 8928 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax

Neighborhood Park

28 Smokewood

4120 Whitacre Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park **29 Ashford East**

4300 Guinea Road, Fairfax

Neighborhood Park

30 George Mason 9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

31 Rutherford 4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax Community Park

32 University 10200 Braddock Road, Fairfax Community Park

33 Olde Forge 4604 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

34 Surrey Square 4819 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

35 Country Club View 10609 Henrico Street, Fairfax Community Park

36 Crooked Creek 9910 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax Community Park

37 Royal Lake 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax Community Park

38 Rolling Woods Estates 5208a Marvell Lane, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

39 Twinbrook Road 5124 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

40 Middleridge 5425a Governor Yeardley Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

41 Greenfield5349 Guinea Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park

42 Monticello 5315 Guinea Road, Fairfax Community Park

43 Kings Park West 5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax Community Park

44 Lakeside5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax
Community Park

45 Herzell Woods 5328 Guinea Road, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

46 Fairfax Hills 4304 Holly Lane, Annandale Neighborhood Park

47 Fair Ridge 12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

48 Ox Hill Battlefield 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax Cultural Resource Park

49 Poburn Woods 6325 Wendy Ann Court, Fairfax Station Community Park

50 Brimstone 6600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station Neighborhood Park

51 Burke Lake & Golf Course 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station Multiple Resource Park

52 Lake Mercer 9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station Multiple Resource Park

53 Levell W Dupell 6812 Newington Road, Lorton Community Park

54 Mount Air Historic Site 8600 Accotink Road, Lorton Cultural Resource Park

55 Southgate 7438 Pohick Road, Lorton Neighborhood Park **56 Pohick Estates** 7450 Pollen Street, Lorton Community Park

57 Newington Commons 8915 Hooes Road, Lorton Neighborhood Park

58 Mason Neck West 10418 Old Colchester Road, Lorton Community Park

59 Tattersall3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
Community Park

60 Oak Marr 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton Multiple Resource Park

61 Borge Street 3030 Borge Street, Oakton Neighborhood Park

62 Blake Lane School Site 10033 Blake Lane, Oakton Community Park

63 Briarwood 2830 Zimpel Dr., Fairfax Community Park

64 Patriot12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax
District Park

65 Mountain Road District 15620 Braddock Road, Fairfax



Burke Lake Golf Course is a par three course with a driving range that has been renovated into a Top Golf competitive range. The course remains unchanged, but the renovations are bringing a new clubhouse to the course.

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