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**Family Night Picnic**

“Col. Tobias Lear” (right) and “George Washington Parke Custis” are official greeters at the annual family night picnic on the grounds of President and Mrs. Washington on Sunday, Aug. 19. Approximately 2,000 area residents attended the event which included food, music, and raffle drawings.

Dr. Douglas Bradburn, president of Mount Vernon Ladies Association, with Tracy Hutchison, president, Friends of Mount Vernon.

## Shopping with The Sheriff

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

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE GAZETTE

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

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

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

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



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

easier.”

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

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

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# Sheriff's Office Partners with Children Living in Shelters

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"Some of the kids were so excited, they didn't really sleep last night," said Joe Meyer, 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 children, 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 who was 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



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

hopes that spending this time together will encourage the youngsters to "see us as being here to help them, as people they can turn to." "They have things to say, things to share," said Deputy Martha Heyward, who was with 6-year-old Nirvana, clutching her cart, already holding some new sneakers, "socks with pom-poms!" and other essentials. 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 exceeded 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 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.

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



**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."**



**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Chris Atkins tracked their spending. "We're doing great!" said Atkins, "let's keep going, my friend!"**



**All done. Time to say "Thanks" to everyone who helped make the Shop with a Sheriff event a wonderful experience.**

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**Lt. Col. Sites with his pal Dante during the Shop with the Sheriff event. "Which way to the jeans?" was Dante's only navigational instructions.**

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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

**O**n Aug. 26, our nation celebrates Women's Equality Day. This day recognizes the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Many fearless and dedicated women suffered jail time, physical assaults by the police and spectators (at demonstrations), as well as insults, during the struggle for voting rights. This struggle spanned more than seven decades. However, it was not until 1973

that Congress by resolution designated this day as "Women's Equality Day."

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

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

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

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## LETTERS

### Work Against Aircraft Noise

To the Editor:

In 2015 the FAA implemented "NextGen," a new air traffic control system that concentrated all south flow departing flights from DCA into a single "superhighway", causing intense and relentless noise pollution over the neighborhoods beneath this new flight path.

In early 2017 several residents of affected neighborhoods, with the support of Supervisor Dan Storck and Del. Paul Krizek, formed the South Flow Alliance (<https://www.facebook.com/southflowalliance>) with the goal of informing and mobilizing the community and making our voices heard at the FAA. Our group now includes representatives from several neighborhoods including Hollin Hills, Villamay, Gum Springs and Wellington, and we meet regularly with a member of the DCA Community Noise Working Group, which identifies community concerns and makes recommendations to the FAA.

In July 2017, the MWAA DCA Community Noise Working Group (<http://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-community-working-group>) approved and submitted a proposal (Recommendation #8) to the FAA that, among other things, would revise the DCA runway 19 departure procedure and have departing airplanes centered over the Potomac River to approximately 10 miles south of the airport and climbing to 5,000 ft. before making a south west turn to a point south of Fort Belvoir at 7,000 ft. and then intercepting a flight path south, south west or west depending on the destination.

The FAA presented its response



### Observing Birds

Larry Cartwright, breeding bird survey coordinator, during a recent Friends of Dyke Marsh walking tour.

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THE GAZETTE

and a consensus was reached by the MWAA WG following an FAA presentation in April 2018. This put the option of a true solution on the table. That is the good news.

The not so good news is that the final OK to initiate the departure procedure implementation process has now been delayed due to a lawsuit brought by the State of Maryland against the FAA. The FAA has discontinued conversation with MWAAA WG until further notice, citing pending litigation. The MWAA WG is working hard to re-engage the FAA on items relating to south flow procedures, as these are not involved in the litigation, and our hope is that the FAA will return to the table soon.

When the MWAA WG proposal is approved by the FAA, they will begin an 18-month safety and en-

vironmental review with public presentations and outreach as part of the process. The earliest any potential changes could be implemented is in 2020. It's a frustratingly slow and complicated process with many components, but it is important to be persistent and keep submitting noise complaints and contacting our elected officials. Noise complaints filed online get no immediate response, but they are being collected and tallied, and they help our cause. Keep those earplugs in for now but don't give up!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

❖ Submit a Reagan National aircraft noise complaint: <https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3> or download the free Bruel & Kjaer Viewpoint App that allows you to file complaints in seconds from

your phone.

❖ Call or write to members of Congress, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, asking them to support the MWAA WG recommendations.

Friederike Ahrens  
Alexandria

### Keep Housing Affordable

To the Editor:

On July 25, the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance and the Coalition for Smarter Growth sponsored a well-attended community forum on the preservation of market-affordable hous-

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## VIEWPOINTS

### What is your favorite part of living in Mount Vernon?



"Proximity to the bike trail and river."  
— **Barb Haley**, salesperson at Spokes Bike Store, 29-year resident of Mount Vernon



"River Bend Bistro."  
— **Caroline Ross**, chef-owner, lived in Mount Vernon since 1965



"The Parkway, it's just beautiful."  
— **Elizabeth Crown**, 21, Hollin Halls resident



"I love the sense of community, small town feel in a big city atmosphere."  
— **Drusti Naik** with **Albert** her Maltese, 12-year resident of Mount Vernon



"Proximity to good restaurants, DC, the parks, the sense of community."  
— **Erika Kronstedt**, manager, Alexandria Music

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ing along the Richmond Highway corridor. We organized the forum to call attention to the risk of losing the affordability of existing, privately-owned apartments as a consequence of Fairfax County's recent adoption of the EMBARK Richmond Highway corridor plan.

This is an exciting plan that will bring modern bus rapid transit, mixed-use development, improved bike and pedestrian access, new parks and plazas, and opportunities to attract new businesses and residents.

EMBARK Richmond Highway creates a vision for an area of the county that has long suffered from underinvestment. However, without robust strategies to preserve the private sector housing that is affordable, hundreds of low income households could be displaced due to rising rents or redevelopment of their properties.

We are disappointed that strong preservation measures were not incorporated into the EMBARK plan as we called for, but we thank Supervisors Dan Storck and Jeff McKay for creating an EMBARK

#### Housing

Advisory Group to address this issue. This group has begun to meet and their challenges will be considerable.

Many owners of apartment complexes along the corridor may already be raising rents and some expect that the value of their properties will increase based on the reality that the Embark Richmond Highway plan, with transit improvements and mixed-use higher density development will bring new investment to the area. The higher sales prices sought by these owners makes it more difficult for affordable housing developers to purchase older apartment complexes and convert them to long-term committed affordable units. Higher purchase prices simply do not allow these affordable housing deals to work financially.

Throughout Northern Virginia, we have lost tens of thousands of units of housing that would be affordable to a family of four earning 60 percent or less of area median income or approximately \$66,000 annually. Given these losses, our goal should be no net loss of affordable housing. Currently, major sectors of our

workforce cannot afford to live in the communities where they work and are forced into longer commutes, increasing traffic congestion. Housing that is affordable provides a platform for families and individuals to become more self-sufficient, and children experience less stress and have better educational outcomes when they have a secure place to live.

There exists a wide range of preservation tools and best practices for the Richmond Highway corridor, and we encourage both the advisory group and county staff to identify and adopt the appropriate strategies.

As a start, the county has agreed to develop an inventory of both committed affordable housing and older, properties with private-sector rents that remain affordable in the corridor. Priority should be given to those buildings most at risk of conversion to higher rents and the greatest potential for redevelopment.

The county should consider planning and zoning tools that provide for increased development potential in return for preserving existing affordable units. Also, fi

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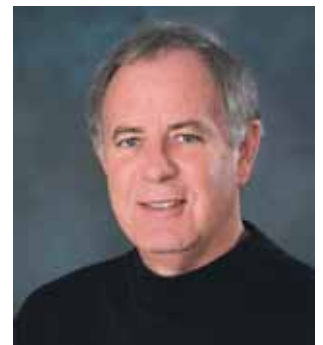
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Todd Bolick of Boy Scouts of America, Colonial District, with Rebecca Byrd of the Fort Belvoir Pack, represented the Boy Scouts.

## Back-to-School Brigade

Operation Homefront gives backpacks and school supplies to military families.

Operation Homefront held its annual Back-to-School Brigade on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. Some 500 military families from mostly Fort Belvoir, but also Quantico, Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Meade, and Baltimore, could take home free backpacks and school supplies like spiral notebooks, binders, crayons, rulers, and pens and pencils.

"Our mission is to build strong, stable and secure military families because we really want them to thrive in the communities they work so hard to protect. And not just struggle to get by. So, one of the ways we are doing that today by helping defray the cost of returning children to school," said Vivian Dietrich, senior director, Operation Homefront. She said it costs as much as \$500 to buy school supplies for just one child.

In addition to the back-to-school freebies, there were Superheroes for photo ops, face painting, and Nikita the Therapy Dog. This year, Operation Homefront partnered with the Dollar Tree store, which gave donations and offered their customers to donate school supplies.

Dietrich said since the program began in 2008, Operation Homefront has distributed over 4,000 backpacks locally, and 37,000 backpacks nationally, serving a total of 300,000 children. For more information, visit [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org).

— STEVE HIBBARD



Mikki Steddum, 8, of Alexandria pets Nikita the Therapy Dog.



Members of the military and their families select back-to-school supplies.

Jessica Donaldson and her son Eamon, 6, of Fort Belvoir color a thank-you card during Operation Homefront's Back-to-School Brigade.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Life Under the Sea.** Through Aug. 26 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, in Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Real or imagined, the world beneath the waves calls to the artists for this show: Enchanted mermaids, coral, shells, sunken ships, fish, and glorious colors. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935.

**Art Exhibit: “Off the Grid.”** Through Aug. 31, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. “Off the Grid” is an exhibit of artwork by Fairfax County and City of Alexandria inmates. The inmates vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most having never drawn before their lessons with volunteer art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

**Fine Art Photography Exhibit.** Through Sept. 2 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, located in Studio 312 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. Show features 30 images juried by Mark L. Power. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, except Thursdays, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

**Art Exhibit: “A Murder in Bruges: A Cast of Characters.”** Through Sept. 2, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21. Artist Ito Briones’s whodunit pays homage to the great mystery writers, from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Agatha Christie. This interactive exhibit, inspired by classic murder mysteries, presents viewers with a trail of clues that lead to a suspect hidden in plain sight; the murderer’s portrait is among the twenty five characters on display. Opening reception Thursday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit: Art, Light, and Metaphor.** Through Sept. 2 at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. New exhibition explores the connections between art, light, and metaphor. The opening reception will be the cornerstone of the Torpedo Factory Art Center’s Late Shift: Bright Lights on Friday, July 20, 7-9 pm. A Gallery Talk with select artist comments will take place at 8 p.m. There will also be a special Illuminate pop-up exhibition in the Grand Hall. Learn more at [torpedofactory.org/target](http://torpedofactory.org/target).

**Ceramics Combust.** Through Sept. 2 at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Featuring “Brilliance: An Exploration of Heat and Light.” Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org), [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

**Ancestry Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 2, at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The “Ancestry” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases how the diverse, vibrant cultures of our members come together to form one strong community. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/).

**Honoring Our Veterans Exhibit.** Through Labor Day, at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Included in museum admission - Adults: \$5, Children



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## Eschoir

Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London, formed in 2009 at the Borough Welsh Chapel near London Bridge with the aim of encouraging the male choir tradition among younger men, as well as creating a home-from-home in the busy city. They have sung for the British Prime Minister at 10 Downing St, at the British Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia, and for the Archbishop of Canterbury’s retirement reception at Lambeth Palace. Saturday, Sept. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. \$10-\$50. Visit [thewnaa.org/single-event—will-call-tickets.html](http://thewnaa.org/single-event—will-call-tickets.html) for more.

(ages 5 -12): \$3. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Hamilton went home to contribute to his community and nation. As part of the World War I 100th Commemoration, learn how returning veterans served Alexandria, including American Legion Post #24, which restored Gadsby’s Tavern in honor of WWI veterans. See how the museum looked under their care and hear about the contributions veterans still make to the City of Alexandria today. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**“Dredging The Lethe.”** On view through Sept. 14 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free admission. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org). Wrapped around the interior wall of a smokestack of the former munitions factory, Kara Hammond’s mural, “Dredging the Lethe,” uses recycled book-pages, collage, charcoal, gesso and ink to create large-scale drawings of Greek goddesses amid contemporary human events. Free admission. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Art Exhibit: Makers in the Mansion.** Through Oct. 22 at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House Historic Site, 9000 Richmond Highway. Six installations of work by local African American makers hosted in an 1805 mansion owned by Nelly Parke Custis and Lawrence Lewis, once a prominent plantation home. Stories of a transformed African American community through the artisan eye. RSVP to [Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org](mailto:Woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org).

**WFUMC Farmers Market.** Tuesdays through Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Orchard Country Produce, from Gardners, Pa., will operate a Farmer’s Market from the west parking lot of WFUMC. They also operate from the St. Luke’s parking lot on Fort Hunt Road on Saturday mornings. They have a very wide offering ranging from fresh vegetables to meat and desserts. Admission is free. Visit [www.washingtonfarmumc.org](http://www.washingtonfarmumc.org) or call

703-780-4696.

**Row by Row Junior.** Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic Artifacts (4750 Eisenhower Ave.) are welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It’s the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com) or [www.artisticartifacts.com](http://www.artisticartifacts.com).

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Every Wednesday (through Dec. 19), 15 local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

**Open for Tours.** Through December. At 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright’s Pope-Leighey House is open for tours Friday through Monday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.) Not open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. To learn more about National Trust Sites, visit [savingplaces.org/historic-sites](http://savingplaces.org/historic-sites).

**Tours of the Freedom House Museum.** Saturdays and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St. The Freedom House Museum was once the headquarters and holding pen for the largest domestic slave trading firm in the United States, Franklin and Armfield. The building is currently owned by the Northern Virginia Urban League and together with the Office of Historic Alexandria. Visit the museum in this historic reminder of slavery. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Museums](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Museums).

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**The Harmony Heritage Singers** (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. visit [www.HHSingers.org](http://www.HHSingers.org), or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

## THROUGH AUG. 26

**Summer Restaurant Week.** Spans for 10 Days. In neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. Featuring 50 restaurants offering a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two; and select locations offering lunch from \$15 or \$22 per person lunch and brunch specials. New restaurants include: Mia’s Italian Kitchen and Café 44. Returning participants include: Hank’s Pasta Bar, Evening Star Café, BRABO, Vermilion, Hummingbird, Del Ray Café and Virtue Feed & Grain. Restaurants with lunch offerings include: The Majestic, Vola’s Dockside Grill, Bastille Brasserie & Bar, Blackwall Hitch and Society Fair. Restaurants with brunch specials include Chadwicks, Cheesetique, Cedar Knoll, The Wharf and Vermilion. Visit

[www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com); call 703-838-5005.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 23

**Westlaw Training.** 3-4 p.m. at Alexandria Law Library, 520 King St., Suite LL34, Alexandria. Designed for those researchers who have some experience with Westlaw, this seminar reviews basic legal research techniques and then builds on terms and connectors advanced searching, West Topics and Key Numbers, using filters, Copy with Reference, and explores features within KeyCite. Free. Email [aprice@alexlibraryva.org](mailto:aprice@alexlibraryva.org).  
**Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Fall is a delightful time to garden, with cool autumn days and waning pest populations. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even how to enjoy crops in the dead of winter. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or Visit [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**Children’s Art Workshop.** 1:30-3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Join artists on the Athenaeum staff for a hands-on art workshop. Explore techniques in creating mixed-media collages and then create your own masterpiece. Recommended for children ages 5-12, children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).  
**Teen Comic Book Club.** 4-5 p.m. at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Teens will discuss great comic books and graphic novels. Snacks provided. Free. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**Mount Vernon Nights.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. 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



## ENTERTAINMENT

# 4 Restaurants Offer a Football Feast

BY HOPE NELSON

There's just a touch of autumnal crispness to the air now, which can mean only one thing: Football is coming, and it's coming fast. And with those matchups come parties with enough food to feed an army. Here are some restaurants that can help your main course along with a quick phone call or a push of a button.

### Faccia Luna, 823 S. Washington St.

The venerable Italian eatery on Old Town's Washington Street can be easily overlooked for its pizza-takeout capabilities, but doing so would be a mistake. Faccia Luna has a baker's dozen pizzas to peruse and select; come in any night of the week to pick them up and you'll see you're not the only one with the carry-out idea. For a party-pleaser, the formaggio – a sauce-and-cheese selection – doesn't disappoint. Or branch out a bit and go with the Florentine, teeming with spinach and ricotta cheese, or the namesake Faccia Luna, with sausage, roasted red pepper and mushroom. Having a big gathering? Order them all and watch the slices disappear.

### Galae Thai, 215 Swamp Fox Road

Who says football parties are limited to pizza and wings? Strike out in a different direction with an online order from Galae Thai. Situated adjacent to the AMC Hoffman movie theater, the Asian restaurant offers more than just its namesake Thai; it also whips up a multitude of sushi dishes and bento boxes. For a small gathering, have guests order their preference, ranging from such signature dishes as pineapple fried rice to massaman curry with chicken. Or,

for a larger group, pick a smorgasbord of options that can easily be divided – a variety of fried rice, pad Thai noodles, spring rolls or panang, red and green curries with a choice of protein.

### Hard Times Café, 1404 King St.

What's a fall football party without some chili and wings? Hard Times has you covered with its U-Cater menu. A bridge between the standard carryout options and a full-on catering job, the U-Cater offers up all the chili-slinger's best dishes in party-sized quantities without the hassle of a proper catering gig. A \$25 half-gallon of chili will serve eight; \$48.99 will get you a gallon that serves 16. Fifty wings will set you back \$50, and don't skimp on the sides, such as spaghetti noodles, diced onions, jalapenos and more. Leave your slow cooker in the cabinet and dial up Hard Times for easy service.

### Taqueria Poblano, 2400-B Mount Vernon Ave.

Why not set up a taco bar for your guests, complete with chips, salsa, guacamole and more? Taqueria Poblano's catering menu is un-intimidating and straight to the point, offering diners a wide array of Mexican favorites. For the biggest bang for the buck, you could do worse than the taqueria's crispy or soft taco platter, offering 25 or 50 tacos with a filling of your choice. Thirsty? Taqueria Poblano also offers its margarita mix in party-sized amounts. Get a carton of rice or beans on the side and you'll have a fiesta for the ages.

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## CALENDAR

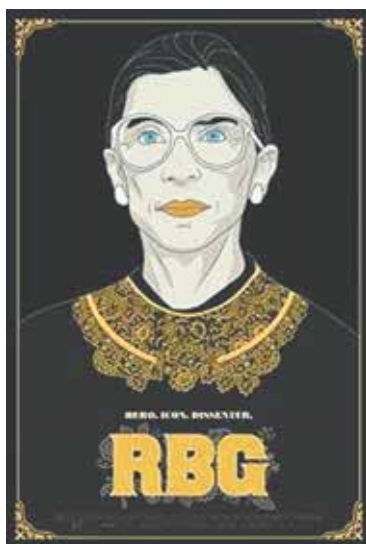
one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Flea Market will take place every fourth Saturday of the month through September. Vendors will sell items such as: homemade goods, lavender sachets, jewelry, soap, antique and vintage items; books, CD's and DVDs, comic books and more. Refreshments will also be on sale. Hosted by the Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 219. Rain or shine. Visit [www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/](http://www.facebook.com/mountvernonfleamarket/).

**Summer Kayak Cleanups.** 9 a.m.-noon at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run. Volunteers will have access to a water refill station, snacks, gloves, trash grabbers and bags, and a limited number of kayaks with life-vests, but are asked to bring their own reusable water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and water shoes. A limited number of boats may be reserved. Participants can use their own as well. Visit [www.fourmilerun.org/](http://www.fourmilerun.org/).

**Telling their Story: Museum Specialty Tours.** 10 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Tour the halls where Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison and Burr partied



and made history. Consider the ideas debated in the rooms where it happened... for some, but not for all. \$12. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org). **Yappy Hour.** 10 a.m.-noon at James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Light refreshments for people and dogs, and give away of free Alexandria Library frisbees for kids and dogs. Alexandria Animal Welfare League will join in with some of their adoptable animals. Free. Visit [alexlibraryva.org](http://alexlibraryva.org).

**War of 1812 Walking Tour.** 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. A guided walking tour of people and places in Old Town

## 'RBG' Movie

At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. But the unique personal journey of her rise to the nation's highest court has been largely unknown, even to some of her biggest fans – until now. From Betsy West and Julie Cohen, and co-produced by Storyville Films and CNN Films. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 7:55 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun) for more.

associated with the War of 1812 and the British occupation of Alexandria in 1814. \$10/advance; \$15/door. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org). **Cool Off with Hand-Cranked Ice Cream.** 11 a.m.-noon at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Make and taste hand-cranked ice cream as Huntley's Harris family may once have done. Discover how the histories of ice cream and Huntley followed a similar path from elite luxury to family fare. A tour of the ice well and the Historic Huntley House are included in the program. \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

**Alexandria Irish Festival.** 11 a.m.-7

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p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1-A Prince Street in Old Town Alexandria. There will be vendors, crafts, food, beverages, pipe bands, Irish Dance Schools and Irish entertainment. The Festival is a fundraiser to support Alexandria's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Ballyshaners have organized and hosted the Parade for over 35 years. This year, they will be celebrating Pat Troy, the organization's founder. Without Pat, there would be no Ballyshaners. Without the Ballyshaners, there would be no parade. Visit [www.ballyshaners.org](http://www.ballyshaners.org).

**Container Workshop: Geometric Garden Terrarium.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Enjoy the outdoors inside by creating a beautiful, hanging, geometric terrarium. Begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn provides information on this versatile genus and teaches you techniques for creating the perfect terrarium. Modern, metal terrarium, plants, soil and care instructions provided. Ages 16-adult. Register for program (\$38, code 290 384 7001) and supply fee (\$25, code 290 384 7002). Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 25-26

**33rd Annual Begonia Show and Sale.** Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday noon-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Be tempted with splashes of color and shape for homes and greenhouses that last long after frosts have put outdoor gardens to bed. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Free admission. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/082518](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/begonia-show-and-sale/082518).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**Swim for Engie.** 8 a.m. at Waynewood Pool, 127 Dalebrook Drive, Alexandria. Lap-swimmers of all ages welcome to participate in swimathon in honor of Engie Mokhtar to raise money for breast cancer research. Sponsored by Alexandria Masters Swimming and

Alexandria West Rotary. \$10 suggested donation. Contact Madeline Muravchik at [swimforengie@gmail.com](mailto:swimforengie@gmail.com) or call 202-262-0184. Visit [secure.metavivor.org/page/contribute/swimforengie](http://secure.metavivor.org/page/contribute/swimforengie).

**Yoga for Healthy Backs.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 532Yoga, 532 North Washington St., Alexandria. Maintain a strong and healthy back. Take charge of back pain. Improve posture and related health. \$25 drop-in. Visit [www.532yoga.com](http://www.532yoga.com).

**Meet the Junior Docents.** 2-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. These young historians, grades 4 and older, will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. Great for families as children connect with the building through their peer tour guides as well as for adults looking for some inspiration. Included in regular admission: \$5 adults (\$4 with AAA), \$3 children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Andes to Romances.** 2 p.m. at Alexandria Historical Society, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Join in an afternoon of authentic Andean melodies from the Latin-American repertoire and international song book of Juan Cyrampoma and Ernest Bravo, performing as Andes to Romances. Using an array of traditional Andean and contemporary instruments, they perform music that embodies the soul of the Andes while paying homage to love, hope, romance and their native land. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Concert.** 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents its weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week's concert features violinist Benjamin Scott and pianist Brad Clark playing the music of Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, and Bartok. Free. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 28

**Undulations.** At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center. Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Work exhibiting movement, swaying rhythms, or



Participants in Partners in Art meet to share share their goals and get feedback on their artwork.

## Partners in Art

Join a collegial group of artists to share goals and get feedback on artwork. Monthly meetings include discussions on exhibit opportunities, the creative process and the local art scene. Artist can bring 1-3 works – complete or in progress – for feedback. All skill levels and media welcome. Donations (\$1-3) appreciated. Monday, Sept. 10, 2-4 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mt Vernon Ave. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art](http://DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art) for more.

other interpretations of undulation will be solicited from fiber artists for this themed show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Cool Yoga 2018.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Clyne teaches Cool Yoga – Del Ray's free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email [yoga@prasadayoga.com](mailto:yoga@prasadayoga.com). **"RBG Movie."** 7:55 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. From Betsy West and Julie Cohen, and co-produced by Storyville Films and CNN Films. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun)

## AUG. 30-SEPT. 30

**"The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard.** At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. "The Painted Rocks at Revolver Creek" by Athol Fugard, directed by MetroStage Artistic Associate Thomas W. Jones II, will open the 2018-19 season at MetroStage. Visit [metrostage.org](http://metrostage.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**Four Mile Movies: Space Jam.** 6:30 p.m., film begins at dusk, Four Mile Conservatory Center 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. A summer tradition in Arlandria returns with a host of new and old favorites on the last Friday of

the month this summer. Fun with friends and family, a picnic dinner, and a blanket or chair. Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).

**Mount Vernon Nights.** 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights).

**Twilight Hilltop Tour.** 8-9 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. This historic site sits high upon a hill overlooking Hybla Valley and Huntley Meadows Park. It's a dramatic setting made all the more stunning by the setting sun. Join this after-hours tour to see the house in a different light. Light refreshments will be served afterward. \$5. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**Perk Up Fall Garden.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Horticulturist Brenda Skarphol discusses dividing perennials, planting cool-season plants and beautifying a garden with fall season show stoppers so it looks its autumn best. Special emphasis placed on plants for pollinators and other wildlife. \$18. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) using code 290 484 5901 or call 703-642-5173.

**Story Time for Little Historians.** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Featuring The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth by Margaret Musgrove and Julia Cairns.

Children's story time in the Watson Reading Room (located next door to the museum). Join in cultural stories and creative craft activities. Explore the museum exhibits afterwards to learn about local Black History. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 3-6 years old. \$3 admission ages 3-plus. Visit [alexandriava.gov](http://alexandriava.gov).

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**Welsh Choir.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London, formed in 2009 at the Borough Welsh Chapel near London Bridge. \$10-\$50. Visit [thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html](http://thewnaa.org/single-event-will-call-tickets.html).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

**BBQ and Beer.** 5 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton. 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. Early bird pricing: \$20 per person. Visit [workhousearts.org/event/bbq-beer-bonerama/](http://workhousearts.org/event/bbq-beer-bonerama/).

## SEPT. 4-OCT. 14

**Photography Exhibition: Michael Borek.** Gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. "Aimless Walk Reprise" presents 22 photographs taken by Michael Borek in his native Czech Republic. Over the last 10 years, Borek continued to return to photograph an old blue-collar neighborhood in Prague, where he grew up. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).



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# LETTERS

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nancial incentives such as tax abatements for owners who commit to maintain rents at an affordable level in well-maintained complexes or county funding for maintenance and improvements in return for committing units to a period of affordability should be considered. In either an acquisition or redevelopment scenario, the county must provide gap financing to developers of affordable housing. To do this, the county will need a larger housing trust fund and should consider a substantial bond for affordable housing development.

Co-locating affordable housing with public facilities — fire stations, libraries, and community centers — offers an opportunity to acquire land at little or no cost. There are numerous examples of co-location across Northern Virginia, including the county's own Residences at the Government Center. Moreover, the county should work with supportive houses of worship to create housing on their land, as some churches have done in Arlington and Alexandria.

Maintaining and expanding affordability along the EMBARK corridor allows low-income households who live there — overwhelming people of color — to participate in the new neighborhoods of opportunity that will be created there.

This is at the core of the One Fairfax Pledge adopted in July 2016, directing that “a racial and social equity lens be applied in the planning and delivery of all public services.” Recognizing that “people of color are driving Fairfax County's population growth, and their ability to participate and thrive is central to the county's success,” recommendations for the corridor must be viewed through a lens of social and racial equity. This is the county's promise in One Fairfax.

As regional organizations who have worked on issues of multi-modal transit, mixed-use compact development and housing affordability in South County, we look forward to working with the Housing Advisory Group and the community to ensure adoption of a set of strategies that make the EMBARK corridor a thriving, diverse and sustainable community for all who live there.

**Michelle Krockner**  
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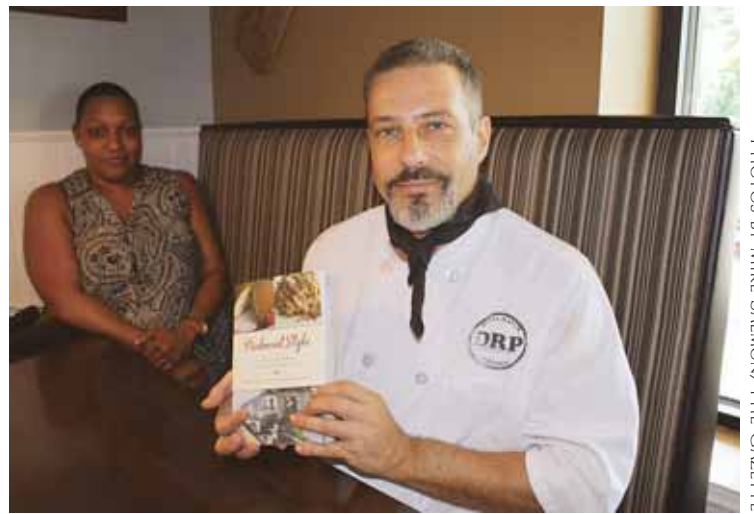
## BUSINESS



Julianne York, at the hostess stand, sees familiar faces every day.



Bar manager Danny Nguyen out by the vegetable garden that provides most of the ingredients for their salads during the summer.



Chef Mauro Molino holds his book while manager Erin Eley looks on.

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

# Community Embraces DRP Pizzeria in Belle Haven

Second DRP in Alexandria offers Northern Italian cuisine specialties.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE GAZETTE

Being nestled in an unorthodox restaurant site in Belle Haven gives the DRP Pizzeria the edge for a neighborhood hot spot and social venue for this part of Mount Vernon. After starting there as an ice cream dipper and then moving up to hostess, Julianne York enjoys the camaraderie.

"Lots of my friend's parents are here, you can't really come to work without seeing someone you know," she said.

Manager and head bartender Danny Nguyen sees the same faces too. "We've built a strong bond with this community," he said.

It helps that the restaurant has a bar and ice cream stand within walking distance of most residences in Belle Haven, but the food keeps them coming back. The pizza varieties change to keep things interesting, and Chef Mauro Molino uses his expertise from Italy to whip up authentic Northern Italian cuisine that features cheeses and cream sauces.

"There are two different climates," he said of the southern Italian and northern Italian styles. "I use a lot of red wine," he added. He put all his Northern Italian knowledge

in a book, "Piedmont Style: A Delectable Journey Through Northern Italy," which is full of his recipes and explanations of the regions where the dishes came from. "To let people know there is also other food in the world," he said. The book is available at the restaurant.

They've only been at the location on Belle Haven Road for a few years, but it is packed any given night of the week. To the insiders, this is really DRP2, sister to the original DRP1 in Del Ray, but the menu is a little different as is the clientele.

Inside there are 10 tables in front, booths along the walls, and a full bar in the back of the room, but outside there is dining Al Fresco, with tables on the patio next to their vegetable garden where much of the salad fixings come from in the warmer months.

The selection of pizzas have some quirky names that are borrowed from the staff. This summer it's "Zach's a Pretty Fungi," named for one of the staff in the back who cracks



Buffalo chicken sandwich and tater tots.

jokes, and the ingredients are alfredo sauce, parsley, smoked mozzarella and wild mushrooms. There is a "Smokin' Hot Chick," which comes in thin only, and even York, the hostess, had a pizza last year called "Julianne's Spring Fling" that featured barbecue sauce, brisket and fried Brussel chips.

"It's fun, gets our staff incorporated into our dishes, we have fun with it," said

Nguyen.

Tater tots are a big seller at DRP. "We have people that order just the tater tots," said York.

Next door is the Custard Shack, an ice cream shop that is only open in the warmer months.

They serve cones and shakes, with tables out front that stay crowded in the summer evenings. York helped open the Custard Shack a few years ago, and moved up to host over the summer before heading off to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She'll be back though when classes are over.

The wall between the two buildings was recently adorned with a mural that screams Alexandria, courtesy of the owner's daughter Jessica Dorn. There were no real instructions given, but her instincts took off, so now the mural features the Masonic Temple and other sites in Alexandria. The instructions were "we would like something amazing on this wall, just have a go at it," said Nguyen. Sonya Richard helped paint it with Dorn.

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### Cedar Knoll

**Caroline Anderson serves wine to Cliff and Debbie Conway on the terrace of Cedar Knoll Inn at 9030 Lucia Lane.**

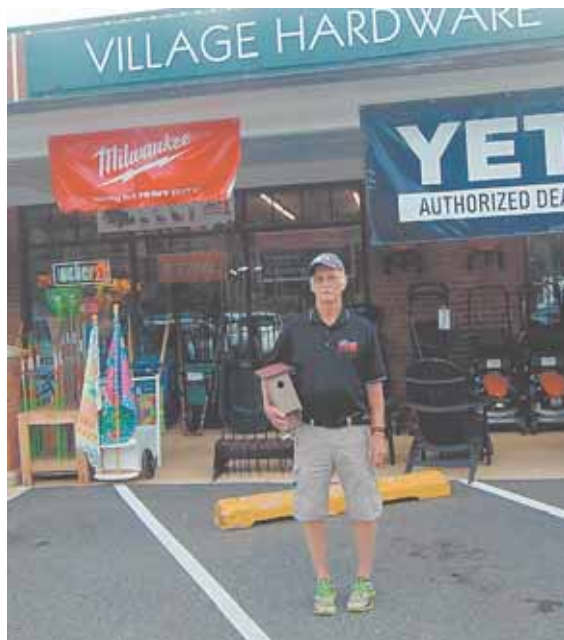
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## At Work in Mount Vernon



### The Variety Store

**Owner Deborah Bentley and assistant Dee Bopkin inside the Variety Store at 7902 Fort Hunt Road, which offers the nostalgia of an old Five and Dime Store.**



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## When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

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

I wish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Public Hearing.** 7 p.m. in the Oaks Room at Twin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and the Northern Virginia Park Authority (NOVA Parks) will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed adoption of an amendment to Park Regulation Section 1.17, Remote-Control Devices and Powered Models or Toys. The full text of the proposed amendment is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/model-aircrafts-drones](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/model-aircrafts-drones). Anyone wishing to speak, call 703-324-8662 or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).



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**Just Listed | Open Sunday!**



**3601 Drews Ct.  
\$725,000  
Incredible Value!**

Expansive classic Colonial in pristine condition. 4 Bed/3.5 Bath home incl dramatic entry foyer & excellent flow through main level, master suite includes spa like bath &

spacious walk in closet. Finished basement includes rec room, bedroom & full bath. Not a better deal to be found for a home of this caliber in the Mt Vernon area!

**Just Listed!**



**4417 Neptune Dr.  
Updated Colonial!**

Exceptionally unique and spacious Colonial on private .72 acre lot. Special features include: updated kitchen, updated baths, family room with gas fireplace opens to patio

overlooking serene pool scene, detached two car garage, extra parking area for RV/ Boat. Short walk to Mount Vernon Yacht Club and riverfront area! So much house and property for the money!

**Coming Soon!**



**4204 Mt. Vernon  
Memorial Hwy  
\$639,000  
Classic Colonial!**

Classic Southwood Colonial in one of area's premier communities. Home is in fabulous condition and has many substantial upgrades

including: roof, windows, kitchen, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and gorgeous hardwood floors. Other features include two car garage and expansive exterior deck. Home Warranty! Great value!

**Southwood!**



**5100 Burke Dr.  
\$850,000  
Unique Custom Flair!**

Gigantic tastefully expanded and updated home in prime river front community just steps to Potomac River. Updates include: \$140k Master BR addition, roof

(2016), Kitchen redesigned including appliances (2015), Windows (2016 & 2005), Exterior HVAC unit (2010), the list goes on! This custom gem offers it all!

**Huge Price Improvement!**



**9411 Mount Vernon Cir.  
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Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!**

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ceilings, three finished levels, four BR's including 3 room master suite with stunning bath, elegant trim detail, hardwood floors, extensive rear decking, oversize 2 car garage. Located in cul-de-sac with river access.

**Incredible Value in MVOP!**



**4519 Dolphin Ln  
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Great Potential!**

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**Yacht Haven Estates!**



**4306 Robertson Blvd  
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Well updated Colonial!**

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**8900 Camden St.  
\$675,000  
Generous square footage**

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sunroom addition overlooks expansive back yard. Paved driveway leads to oversize two car garage with work area. Great value!

**Price Improvement!**



**9421 Old Mt. Vernon Rd.  
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Rare Opportunity!**



**3608 Densmore Ct  
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Westgate Gem!**



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Impeccably Maintained!**

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2018-2019

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With the river on one side, there  
are hidden creeks and coves  
throughout Mount Vernon.



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# About the Mount Vernon Gazette, a Connection Newspaper

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

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and busi-

ness 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 obituaries.

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

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appre-

ciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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- Connecting you with County services.
- Sharing information about issues in our community.
- Communicating meetings and events happening near you.
- Answering questions about property zoning and maintenance.

There are many ways to  
**CONNECT WITH TEAM MVD!**

**Stop by:** Mount Vernon Governmental Center  
2511 Parkers Lane  
Mount Vernon, VA 22306

**Keep informed! Sign up for the Mount Vernon Advisor and follow us on social media!**

**Visit:** <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>

**Call:** 703-780-7518 (TTY 711)

**Email:** [mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov)



### Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am-5pm; Thursday: 5pm-7:30pm  
Second Saturday Each Month:  
Lorton Library: 9am - 11:30am  
MV District Office: 12:30pm - 3pm  
Walk-ins and by appointment

We also have Community Use Rooms Available.

To reserve: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/community-meeting-rooms>



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## Welcome to the Mount Vernon District

BY DAN STORCK  
SUPERVISOR, MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

**D**ear Mount Vernon District Newcomer:

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 is comprised of wonderful people, abundant resources and a rich history. First and foremost, I would like to invite you to stop by my office to meet 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



**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck with his staff outside the Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane.**

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 round out your evening, you can see a local 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.woodlawnpopeleighey.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, D.C. area. Arcadia manages four distinct program areas that address a specific need in the community, while collectively engaging consumers, farmers, schools, and institutions. ([www.Arcadiafood.org](http://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

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## Issues Facing Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck outlined the region's major issues:

### ❖ **George Washington Parkway Study**

The National Park Service is conducting a traffic study along the southern portion of the GW Parkway, to include evaluating key intersections between Belle Haven and Mount Vernon Circle. Along with other regional leaders, I have been calling for safety improvements on the Parkway for decades. A final report is expected in late 2018 or early 2019.

### ❖ **Richmond Highway Widening and Embark/BRT**

Embark Richmond Highway is an initiative focused on creating a multimodal future for the Richmond Highway Corridor. Phase one of this project will widen Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road from four lanes to six, as well as provide separate bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on both sides of the highway. The project will also

preserve the median width necessary to accommodate future planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) for dedicated bus-only lanes. Next steps include phase one widening, as well as funding and implementing the Embark vision.° For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway>.

### ❖ **Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS)**

Fairfax County is exploring future uses for the original Mount Vernon High School campus and surrounding property at 8333 Richmond Highway. The Alexander Company is working with the community to create a master development plan for the OMVHS site. The project will develop over three distinct phases: immediate, interim use, and long term reuse. The OMVHS reuse project supports our Economic Success Plan and Embark Richmond Highway. For updates, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/original->

[mount-vernon-high-school](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway).

### ❖ **Airplane Noise**

Since April 2015, Mount Vernon District residents have been subject to continuous high noise levels from aircraft flying over their communities, after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented a new satellite navigation system "NextGen." My office continues to work with the South Flow Alliance, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Working Group and the FAA to reduce aircraft noise pollution over our communities and to educate community members as to how they can help. I encourage anyone affected by this issue to stay engaged in efforts to address these concerns. You can do so by liking "the South Flow Alliance" on Facebook. Flying too low, let them know! Report planes that are too loud or too low at <http://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>.

### ❖ **Huntington Levee**

While the Huntington Levee project is

not complete, it does seem to have provided relief throughout the recent heavy rain storms for residents who have experienced past flooding. When complete in Spring 2019, the project will include a 6 – 11ft. high, 2800 ft. long earthen embankment with a 4 ft. high I-wall on top, a new water collection and storm water drainage system and a pump station. The walking and biking trail planned for the top of the embankment will connect outdoor enthusiasts to other trails in the immediate vicinity.

### ❖ **Opioid Disposal**

As the opioid epidemic continues to grow throughout the 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.



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# How To Vote

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

**F**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](http://elections.virginia.gov)

### Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date.

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

### Locations, Dates and Hours

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

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035  
Sept. 21-Oct. 12

Closed Monday, Oct. 8, Columbus Day  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Oct. 15-Nov. 3  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### All Satellite Locations:

Oct. 13 - Nov. 3  
Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sundays: Closed

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

### Absentee Voting By Mail

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Virginia Voter ID

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

### Need a Photo ID?

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

### Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

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

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

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

### Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

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

## Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711  
Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### UNITED STATES SENATE

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Timothy M. Kaine (D)  
Matt J. Waters (L)

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### District 8

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#### District 10

Barbara J. Comstock (R)  
Jennifer T. Wexton (D)

### District 11

Jeff A. Dove Jr. (R)  
Gerald Edward Connolly (D)  
Stevan M. Porter (L)

### Herndon, Mayor and Town Council

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

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

### Mayor

Lisa C. Merkel, unopposed

### Town Council, vote for six, \* means incumbent

Jennifer K. Baker \*  
Grace Wolf Cunningham \*  
Cesar A. Del Aguila  
Pradip Dhakal  
Signe V. Friedrichs \*  
W. J. "Sean" Kenis Jr.  
William "Bill" J. McKenna \*  
Sheila A. Olem \*  
Joseph T. "Joe" Plummer  
Roland Taylor

### TWO VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

#### State Ballot Question One

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

Present Law

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

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## NEWCOMERS GUIDE

# Visit Local Museums

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



As the delegate for the 44th District of Virginia covering much of Mount Vernon and parts of Lee, I would like to welcome all newcomers to our wonderful community. Normally, summer is a time to enjoy the outdoors, but with all the rain and muggy hot temperatures, many of us may be looking for indoor activities. Thankfully, we have the privilege of living in an area teaming with fascinating historical museums. Museums play a key role in education, job creation, tourism, economic development, historic preservation and environmental conservation. Below, I would like to highlight a few museums in the 44th district you simply must visit.

Mount Vernon is our most famous locale when it comes to historic places and is well worth a trip any time of year. Make sure to catch the ground-breaking major exhibit, "Lives Bound Together: Slavery at George Washington's Mount Vernon", and learn about the lives of the enslaved during the time of our first President. This exhibit is best viewed on the Enslaved People of Mount Vernon tour which is offered daily through October at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Additionally, one of most interesting attractions at George Washington's Mount Vernon is the distillery and gristmill site, located roughly three miles from the main estate. It was at this location that George Washington placed his water-powered gristmill and his famous distillery. Starting in 1797, the distillery quickly grew to become one of the largest in the young republic. In 1799 alone, it produced almost 11,000 gallons of whiskey and other spirits. The

Mount Vernon distillery is a fully functional 18<sup>th</sup> century replica that produces the general's rye whiskey using 18<sup>th</sup> century methods. Named as the official spirit of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

George Washington's Rye Whiskey. These are only two of the many reasons a trip to Mount Vernon is a must. My cousins from England visited last week and wish they had dedicated an entire day just to Mount Vernon.

Gum Springs Museum is another museum in the 44th district with moving exhibits. At Gum Springs Museum you can learn about our region's first freed black community and an art exhibit by Taj Elmelik until August 28th. The museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no admission fee and the museum is located at 8100 Fordson Road, in the Gum Springs Community Center. Further south down Richmond Highway, is the Federal-style house, Woodlawn. Woodlawn was designed by the first architect of the U.S. Capitol, Dr. William Thornton and constructed in 1805 for George Washington's nephew, Major Lawrence Lewis and his wife, Eleanor "Nelly" Custis Lewis. The Woodlawn Plantation is open Friday to Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is home to the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture, part of a new vision that reflects Woodlawn's agrarian heritage. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed Pope-Leighey House is at Woodlawn and well worth a visit.

Recently, I wrote about the National Army Museum at Fort Belvoir which will be opening in early 2020. The army is the only branch of the military without a

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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



Chamber members network at Burtons Grill, from left, Scott Stroh III, Gunston Hall; Stan Koussis, Andrews Federal Credit Union; Ken Board, M & T Bank; and Candice Bennett, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services.



The chamber welcomes four new members at the August Business Breakfast, from left, Sonja Caison, chamber president, The Cleaning Authority; Jody Bordeaux, Michael & Son Restoration; Rachel Maddox, Empire Today; Scott Stroh III, chamber chairman, Gunston Hall; and Jillian Mullian, Pella Windows and Doors.

# Transformative Changes for Richmond Highway Corridor

BY HOLLY HICKS DOUGHERTY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MOUNT VERNON LEE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**T**ake a good look at the Richmond Highway corridor because it will change. This dynamic commercial corridor is slated for widening, adding a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) sys-

tem, and has been rezoned for additional commercial development.

The past 10 years has seen remarkable re-development in the larger retail centers and additional housing options becoming available. The next 10 years will transform the area.

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber's vision for this area is a vibrant community enriched and supported by strong businesses. The

chamber is a stalwart champion of business and works with our members and other partners to build a community where businesses thrive.

New and enhanced options in transportation, housing, education, tourism and health care will make this area more attractive for businesses to locate here. Businesses bring vitality to a community and strength every part of the local fabric. Here are a few changes coming to our area.

Starting at the Beltway, the area around Huntington Metro will see a re-development of Riverside Apartments into its own town center with an addition of five new mid-rise multifamily buildings to the existing three apartment buildings with a pedestrian friendly street grid. All this plus new trails along Cameron Run and canoe/kayaking facilities.

Also on Huntington Avenue, the Huntington Walk Condos will be re-developed. According to the plan, the developer will tear down 364 condos and replace them with more than 1,500 condos and apartments, 65 townhomes, and retail and office space. The tallest buildings will be located near the Metro station and are planned for 200 feet going down to 55 feet. Completing the plan will take about 10 years with development closest to the Metro starting first.

Initial funding has been approved for Phase I of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system which will start at the North Kings Highway entrance of Huntington Metro, and follow North Kings Highway to Penn Daw where it will enter Richmond Highway and extend to Hybla Valley near Mount Vernon Plaza. Phase II will continue the system to Fort Belvoir.

This project will transform the northern

part of Richmond Highway as the road is widened to accommodate the bus lanes in the center of the road. The design of Phase I is planned to be completed by 2022, with construction tentatively scheduled for completion by 2026.

While the northern section of Richmond Highway will change with the BRT, the southern section will be

widened and modernized from Jeff Todd Way to the Costco. The widening will be three lanes in each direction, new intersections, and a median to accommodate the BRT. VDOT is

finishing the design for this project and will begin acquiring right-of-way and moving utilities in 2019. Construction should begin in 2023.

In addition to the transportation improvements, the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir is under construction with the opening planned for 2020. The 185,000-square-foot-museum space will house more than 1,300 artifacts, documents and images that will be selected from the Army's total collection of 630,000 items in order to tell the stories of American soldiers.

Adding the Army Museum to George Washington's Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall, Woodlawn Plantation, the Workhouse Arts Center, and other smaller attractions makes this area the tourism destination for all of Northern Virginia.

Additional amenities will be added to make the area even more attractive for visitors like new restaurants, bike share and dock-less bikes, and walking and bike trails and important transportation improvements.

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber will continue to work with our partners and bring changes and growth that benefits the community.



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# PARKS

## AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

FILE PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE.  
FEATURING GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK  
MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG AND DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

### National Parks

#### GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean  
[www.nps.gov/grfa](http://www.nps.gov/grfa)

Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

#### GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

[www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp)  
703-289-2500

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

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

1551 Trap Road, Vienna  
[www.nps.gov/wotr/](http://www.nps.gov/wotr/)

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

### State Park

#### MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton  
[www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/mas.shtml#](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#)

703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)  
[masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov)

The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

### Regional Parks

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

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/bull\\_run/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/)  
[www.atlantisbullrun.com/](http://www.atlantisbullrun.com/)  
703-631-0552

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

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

4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron\\_run/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/)  
[www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/](http://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



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

#### CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle\\_house\\_historic\\_park/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/)  
703-549-2997

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

#### FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/)  
703-250-9124

The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

#### HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock\\_overlook/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/)  
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

#### MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark\\_botanical\\_gardens/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/)  
703-255-3631

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

#### OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/)  
703-690-2121

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

#### PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton  
[www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick\\_bay/](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/)  
[www.piratescovepohick.com](http://www.piratescovepohick.com)  
703-339-6102

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

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





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

**PB Pohick Bay Golf Course**

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

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

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

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

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

**SR Sandy Run Regional Park**

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

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

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

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

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

## Arts Center

**LAC Workhouse Arts Center**

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

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

## Major Fairfax County Parks

**BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course**

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

**CJP Clemyjontri Park**

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

**ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park**

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

**FPP Frying Pan Farm Park**

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

**GSG Green Spring Gardens**

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

**HPP Hidden Pond Park**

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

**HMP Huntley Meadows Park**

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

**LAP Lake Accotink Park**

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

**LFP Lake Fairfax Park**

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

**FRA Lee District Park**

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

**MDP Mason District Park**

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

**NWP Nottoway Park**

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

**RBP Riverbend Park**

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

**SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve**

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

**SRO South Run District**

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

**WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter**

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





# PARKS

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

FILE PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES  
FEATURING HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK  
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



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

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



- 10 Springvale**  
6508 Spring Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 11 Lake Accotink**  
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield  
Multiple Resource Park
- 12 Brookfield**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 13 Byron Avenue**  
6500 Byron Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 14 Hooes Road School Site**  
7336 Hooes Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 15 Kings Park**  
8717 Trafalgar Ct., Springfield  
Community Park
- 16 Flag Run**  
7620 Elgar Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Leewood**  
7111 Woodland Drive, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Deerlick**  
6821 Braddock Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 19 Edsall**  
6845 Edsall Road, Springfield  
Community Park



**20 North Springfield**  
7025 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**21 Royal Ridge**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park

**22 Carrleigh Parkway**  
8020 Carrleigh Prkwy, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**23 Cardinal Forest**  
6121 Roxbury Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park

**24 Hunter Village**  
7700 Jansen Drive, Springfield  
Community Park

**25 Hidden Pond**  
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield  
Community Park

**26 West Springfield**  
6805 Caneel Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**27 West Springfield Village**  
6910 Loudoun Lane, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**28 Rolling Forest**  
7019 Flax Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**29 Cherry Run**  
7001 Cottontail Court, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**30 South Run District**  
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield  
District Park

**31 Huntsman**  
9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield  
Community Park

**32 Rolling Wood School Site**  
7511 Chancellor Way, Springfield  
Community Park

**33 Chapel Acres**  
7900 Giles Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**34 Saratoga**  
8121 North Umberland Road, Springfield  
Community Park

**35 Loftridge**  
5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**36 Burgundy**  
5516 Norton Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**37 Heritage Hill**  
5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**38 Jefferson Manor**  
2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park

**39 Huntington**  
2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria  
Community Park

**40 Farrington Avenue**  
2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**41 Mt. Eagle**  
5919 North Kings Highway, Alexandria  
Community Park

**42 South Kings Forest**  
4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**43 Stoneybrooke**  
3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park

**44 Groveton Heights**  
3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria  
Community Park

**45 Huntley Historic**  
6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria  
Natural Resource Park

**46 Lenclair**  
6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**47 Bucknell Manor**  
2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**48 Hybla Valley**  
3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park



**49 Huntley Meadows**  
3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria  
Natural Resource Park

**50 Hollin Meadows**  
7603 Elba Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**51 Martin Luther King Jr**  
8115 Fordson Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**52 Stephen S. Foster Intermediate School Site**  
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park

**53 Belle Haven**  
6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park

**54 Fort Willard Circle**  
6625 Fort Willard Circle, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**55 Mount Vernon District**  
2017 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria  
Multiple Resource Park

**56 Westgrove**  
6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**57 White Oaks**  
7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park



**58 Gilbert S. McCutcheon**  
7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**59 Hollin Hall School Site**  
1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**60 Kirk**  
2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**61 Williamsburg Manor**  
2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**62 Collingwood**  
8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria  
Community Park

**63 Carl Sandburg School Site**  
8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**64 Stratford Landing**  
2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**65 Fort Hunt**  
8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park

**66 Muddy Hole Farm**  
7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria  
Community Park



**67 Mount Vernon Woods**  
4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**68 George Washington**  
8426 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria  
Special Purpose Park

**69 Walt Whitman School Site**  
8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria  
Community Park

**70 Mount Zephyr**  
8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**71 Washington Mill**  
4341 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,  
Alexandria, Community Park

**72 Grist Mill**  
4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy,  
Alexandria, District Park

**73 Vernon Heights**  
8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**74 Bush Hill**  
5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**75 Mark Twain**  
5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park

**76 Clermont School Site**  
4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**77 Franconia Forest**  
6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**78 Ridgeview**  
4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**79 Wilton Woods School Site**  
3701 Franconia Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**80 Tara Village**  
6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**81 Virginia Hills School Site**  
6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**82 Manchester Lakes**  
6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**83 Greendale Golf Course**  
6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria  
Special Purpose Park

**84 Lee District**  
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia

**85 Dowden Terrace**  
5616 Bradley Boulevard, Alexandria  
Community Park

**86 Glasgow**  
3935 Arcadia Road, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**87 Parklawn**  
6454 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**88 Glen Hills**  
6090 Larstan Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**89 Heywood Glen**  
6210 Larstan Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park

**90 Pinecrest Golf Course**  
6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria

**91 Green Spring Gardens**  
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria

**92 Bren Mar**  
6324 Edsall Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**93 Backlick Run**  
5590 First Statesman Lane, Alexandria  
Community Park

**94 Beulah**  
7119 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**95 Amberleigh**  
7516 Beulah Street, Alexandria  
Community Park

**96 Hayfield**  
7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria  
Community Park

**97 Wickford**  
7331a Wickford Drive, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park



# Museums

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national museum and this one will be awe-inspiring, with over 186,000 square feet of displays with countless rare and priceless artifacts never before seen by the public. For war buffs, there will be exhibits that focus on each of our nation's major conflicts from the Revolutionary War up to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The exhibits will be a great way to educate our younger generations about the sacrifices made by men like my father, who started out in the U.S. Army Air Corps and retired as an Air Force colonel, and the other men and women of the Army, which allow us to enjoy the freedoms we do today. Additionally, the interactive exhibits will be a great way to cultivate the next generation of those interested in serving our country. The National Museum of the United States Army will be a tremendous addition to our Commonwealth and I can't wait to see it when it opens in 2020.

Overlooking the wonderful Huntley Meadows Park (also worth a visit!) is the Historic Huntley house that was built for the grandson of George Mason, Thomas Francis Mason. This federal period villa, built in 1825, has been used for many purposes over the years including a camp for Union troops during the Civil War. Today, you can take a tour of the stunning home from March-November.

Locally, museums contribute more than \$21.5 billion in direct spending to local communities from tourists, returning almost \$1.1 billion to the state and localities in tax revenues. Governments that support the arts on average see a return of over \$7 in taxes for every \$1 that the government appropriates.

I am proud to represent the 44th district here in Mount Vernon/Lee that is home to some of the best museums in the country. I encourage you to get out and explore them as well as the many historic sites throughout our Commonwealth. Virginia has over 1,000 museums, including 300 sites on the Virginia Civil War Trail, over 1,000 acres of botanical gardens and arboreta, over 100 art museums and galleries, six Smithsonian Affiliate museums and five of the 28 National Trust for Historic Preservation sites more than any other state (including locally, Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House.) So, go inside and experience one of our wonderful museums today, it's a great way to beat the heat and experience our amazing history.

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### Celebrating Fifth Anniversary

#### Couple manages River Bend Bistro & Wine Bar.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**R**iver Bend Bistro & Wine Bar's Chef-owner Caroline Ross is a native of the Fort Hunt community, having grown up in Wayneswood. After learning the ways of preparing upscale dining earlier in her career, she has realized her goal to own a upscale restaurant business in her own neighborhood.

Her business partner and husband, Bill Ross, supports her in many ways while also serving as a riverboat captain taking customers on river cruises to sites on the Potomac River.

They are celebrating their restaurant's fifth anniversary in October.

Caroline Ross characterizes her restaurant at 7966 Fort Hunt Road as "casual upscale" that offers lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch entrees. In addition to the daily and Sunday offerings, River Bend Bistro offers catering out, and closed special occasion private settings.

Asked what her most popular menu offerings are, she listed the following: Lunch — liverwurst sandwich, by far the most popular, and cheese burger; Dinner — Sautéed lump crabcakes, pan seared striped bass; Sunday Brunch — Eggs Benedict, and

Smoked Salmon with various side dishes. "It is a laid-back setting with great locally prepared food and a congenial and welcoming atmosphere," she said. "River Bend Bistro customers are great customers, neighbors, and regulars, and our prices are very reasonable for the quality of servings we offer. To top off our creative offerings we serve weekly wine tastings each Saturday from 2-4 p.m."

See [www.RiverBendBistro.com](http://www.RiverBendBistro.com).



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**Caroline and Bill Ross will celebrate in October their fifth anniversary managing River Bend Bistro and Wine Bar in the Hollin Hall Shopping Center.**



**The Westgrove Dog Park is located off of Fort Hunt Road and next to Belle View Elementary School.**



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### PACK Cares for Dog Park

**W**estgrove PACK is the sponsor of the Westgrove Dog Park, a private/public partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority. This park is the only dog park in Fairfax County that is all grass as opposed to stone dust. The Westgrove PACK is responsible for maintaining the turf surface and for many of the improvements since the park became official in 2012.


The current chairman of the Westgrove

PACK is Barry Spangler and he is supported by Vice Chair Mark Thomsen and seven other board members.

The park is open to all residents of the county but the PACK has a volunteer membership of about 150 caretakers who contribute annual dues to sustain the PACK activities.


The primary fundraiser for the PACK, a Fall Festival, will be held at the park on Sept. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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

## August 2018

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** Fourth Saturdays, April-October, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 8717 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Features furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, etc. Refreshments for sale. Free admission. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com).

## September 2018

### MONDAY/SEPT. 3

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

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

**Patriot Day Golf Classic.** 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. 5th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic to benefit two veteran and wounded warrior organizations. Visit [www.bellehavencc.com/golf/patriot](http://www.bellehavencc.com/golf/patriot).

### 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](http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Exhibits/BurkeCentreFestival).

### 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](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com).

## 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](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 20-21

**Fall Harvest Family Days.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with the family at Mount Vernon with activities including wagon rides, apple-roasting and a straw bale maze. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

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

## November 2018

### SUNDAY/NOV. 11

**Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans.** 9



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## Celebrate Fairfax!

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

a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Free for veterans and active duty military members, \$9-17 for everyone else. See [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## April 2019

**Relay for Life.** April-June. Fundraisers participate in all-night-long events to help those affected by cancer through the American Cancer Society. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for specific events and details.

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### APRIL 27-MAY 4

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

## 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/](http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/)

### MONDAY/MAY 13

**Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament.** Hidden Creek Country Club. 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

## 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](http://www.springfielddays.com).

**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](mailto:julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com).

**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](http://www.vintagevirginia.com).

**Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Individuals can register at [www.chalkonthewater.com](http://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](http://www.restontaste.com).

### JUNE-AUGUST

#### Reston Concerts on the Town.

Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Concert information: [www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts).

**Great Falls Concerts on the Green.** Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Rd, Great Falls. Full schedule list: [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/](http://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 Fryling 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks).

### 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/](http://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](http://www.belovedyoga.com).

## July 2019

**Obon Festival.** Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org).

**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](http://1771.org).

**Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration.** In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration)

**Independence Fireworks.** At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Mount Vernon's colonial artisans will reveal how 18th-century ice cream was made in the days before freezers. Enjoy a performance by Yorktown Fife & Drum and the National Concert Band. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### THURSDAY/JULY 4

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

### 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## August 2019

**Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival.** At Fryling 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/fryling-pan-park/4-h-fair](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryling-pan-park/4-h-fair) for details.



# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



## Sweet and Cool

A hot summer day attracts frozen custard lovers to the Custard Shack in Belle Haven.

West Potomac graduate Mariah Whitley, 17, makes a shake at the Custard Shack.



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THE GAZETTE

## On The Ballot

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

### Proposed Amendment

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

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

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

### State Ballot Question Two

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

### Present Law

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

### Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would allow the surviving

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

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

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

### FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BOND

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

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

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

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

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## Things To Do in the Area

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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](http://www.workhousearts.org))

❖ **Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve:** Located just a few miles south of Alexandria, Va., 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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!



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### Saturday, September 1

- 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run Fun and fitness for a great cause! Sign up online today, go to: [gs-cc.org](http://gs-cc.org)
- Yard Sale Early Bird Entry, 8:30 - 9:30am, \$10  
Regular Entry, 9:30am - 4pm, free

### Sunday, September 2

- Join us for Mass (see schedule at [gs-cc.org](http://gs-cc.org))

### Monday, September 3 Festival Day!

- 11am - 5pm Food, music, games, bingo, raffle, entertainment & more! • Free admission
  - Food and some activities require ticket purchase
  - Parking & shuttle at Mt. Vernon HS. No pets except service animals.
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