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

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Man Facing Nine Charges After Threats at Mosque

A 22-year-old man is facing five felony and four misdemeanor charges after being arrested at the Masjid Noor Mosque on Aug. 19, according to Fairfax County Police reports. Officers were called to the mosque, located at 8608 Pohick Road in Springfield, after Zulfarnain Khan was reported threatening to kill everyone he encountered and refusing to let people inside the mosque. He also rammed three parked cars with his own car, including one that was occupied, prompting calls to 911, police said. No one was injured during the incident.

Police reported that when an officer arrived, Khan sped towards the officer before jumping out of his car, blocking Pohick Road. He began cursing and screaming at the officer before he was taken into custody. Investigating officers learned that Khan arrived at the location and not only prevented people from entering the mosque, but also forced people to leave as he threatened them.

Khan was taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with the following felonies: three counts of abduction, one count of attempted malicious wounding, and one count of destruction of property. In addition, he was charged with three counts of misdemeanor destruction of property and one count of disorderly conduct. He is being held without bond.

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VOTER REGISTRATION AND IDEAS

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

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

- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Ct, Fairfax.
- ❖ Monday/Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- ❖ Wednesday/Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive,

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



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

Shop with The Sheriff Adventure

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

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE partners each year with Target and other sponsors, and



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

PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION



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

solicits donations to provide each child with \$250 in gift cards to purchase clothing, undergarments, shoes, accessories, and school supplies.

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



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

and Next Steps family shelters participating.

“Some of the kids were so excited, they didn't really sleep last night,” reported Joe Meyer, the executive director and CEO of Reston-based Shelter House, the nonprofit that operates both the Hanley and the Henry shelters. Meyer said that the result of Shopping with the Sheriff was more than just

the children “getting some new things. It's also about helping maintain their dignity and their pride.”

Before starting their shopping spree, the kids, aged 5 and up, were treated to a Paisano's pizza party at the Fairfax County court house where they engaged in some fun activities that helped them get acquainted with the deputy or the support staff member who would be their shopping partner.

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

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

The law enforcement personnel who accept Shop with the Sheriff duties all volunteer their time, but Kincaid said it's not too difficult to get willing participants from among her officers and staff.

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

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

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Celebrating Women's Equality

BY JUDY HELEIN AND ANU SAHAI
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE FAIRFAX AREA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stop Isolating the Children

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

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

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

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

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

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



out that racial disparities in Virginia's juvenile system are higher than the national average. In Virginia, black youth are seven times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers, and youth of Latino heritage are 2½ times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers. Likewise, the higher the rate of poverty in their community the more likely children are to be sent to youth prisons.

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

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

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

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

September Is National Voter Registration Month

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

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

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

The National Association of Secretaries of State, also recognizing the importance of voter registration, designated Sept. 25, 2012, as the first National Voter Registration Day. It has been celebrated on

the fourth Tuesday in September since then. This year, it will be celebrated on Sept. 25. Many local chapters of League of Women Voters will be registering voters in their counties, cities and towns during September. Register to vote if not already registered. This is also a time to check and update one's voter registration if recently moved or had a name change. Check the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area website at www.lwv-fairfax.org to get information on the voter registration drives.

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

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

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Rock the Block: The Darby Brothers. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock.
B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

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

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Discover What’s Hiding at



New Orleans Funk band Bonerama

BBQ and Beer

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

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

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

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

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

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

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415

North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only – meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

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

The Annual Springfield Bridge Walk. 7 p.m. at the FedEx office at the corner of Amherst Avenue and Bland Street. Hosted by the American Legion Post 176, this is an event to recognize the relationship between Springfield and Fort Belvoir. This family-friendly event is open to the entire community. As the lights begin to shine, the police will close the road and participants will stroll across Veterans Bridge to American Legion Post 176, followed by a brief ceremony and community covenant signing with Fort Belvoir, followed by community time and good food with friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. vapost176@vap.vacoxmail.com.

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A.R Rahman Live in Concert. 8 p.m. at Eagle Bank Arena, George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The “Slumdog Millionaire”

actor will entertain fans of his composing, acting, and performing skills. Rahman is an Oscar and Grammy award winner. Visit www.eaglebankarena.com or www.arrahman.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

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

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 6

History of Belvoir Manor. 7-8:30 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn about the fascinating history of Belvoir Manor with Patrick O’Neil from the Burke Historical Society. Discover the mansion’s past from its Fairfax family ties to its role in the War of 1812 and creation of Fort Belvoir. Adults and teens. Free. Call 703-978-5600 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4454036.

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

Shop with The Sheriff

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PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

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

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

"This has got to be the safest place to be right now in the whole county," laughed Carole Miller of Fairfax. Once the activity was explained to her, Miller seemed a bit emotional.

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

AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR of shoe-sizing, holding up pants to check for fit, serious deliberations about the right cap to buy, deputies crawling about looking for size 6 jeans in *that* color and helping to choose which pencil case best matched a glittery binder, the carts rolled to the checkout points and the tallying began. There was some jovial ribbing among the deputies aimed at those who had exceed the \$250 budget, like Lt. Ricardo Evans who was shopping with 8 year-old Jamaury – "Hey, he needed all this stuff!" – but the little extras were kept, even the Barbie Doll that Miss Nirvana couldn't help but proudly show to one and all.

Target still had one more surprise for the young shoppers before they headed off with their bundles; each child also received a backpack filled with a variety of school supplies.

Well-kitted out and having made some new friends in their deputy



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



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

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

their educational adventure.

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

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Springfield.

- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- ❖ Thursday/Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, 7120 Braddock Road, Annandale.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 51st year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

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

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 22

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

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

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

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

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

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

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

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When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

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

I wish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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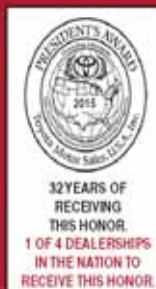
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Best of Lee District

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay welcomes newcomers.

BY JEFFREY C. MCKAY
LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Welcome to Lee District. You've chosen one of the friendliest and well-located communities in Fairfax County. Here in Lee District, we have a wonderful blend of history, modern amenities, and some amazing plans for the future, which will continue to enhance the quality of life of an already excellent, all-encompassing community. I am proud of our area's heritage, and we work hard to preserve our community's neighborly atmosphere. We are also proud to have a diverse community, which enriches the experiences of our neighborhoods.



Jeffrey C. McKay

Your new home is a vibrant mix of neighborhoods, small family businesses, convenient shopping centers, parks and recreation centers, and boasts excellent schools. We are neighbors to the Fort Belvoir community, which not only serves our military residents, but offers friendly amenities to everyone in our community.

If you are looking for an alternative to driving, consider using one of the many Metro bus routes that serve our area, in addition to riding the train. You can travel to D.C., Maryland, and of course, throughout Fairfax County, using these modes of transportation.

Your new community is home to Huntley Meadows Park, one of the largest parks in the Fairfax County park system, as well as many smaller parks for quiet walks or sports activities.

The Lee District Recreation Center offers many amenities, including an Olympic-sized pool and ball fields. Summer in Lee District features free outdoor concerts in the beautiful amphitheater at Lee District Park. You can enjoy the best of local produce at our Farmers Markets, which are open spring through fall.

The revitalization in our district continues. The Richmond Highway Corridor, which is filled with activity, has been approved for the largest planning effort in Fairfax County since Tysons Corner. Embark, as it's called, is a new land use plan which creates a



Huntley Meadows Park – beautiful wildlife, a boardwalk, and many scheduled activities.

'Must Visit' Places

- ❖ Huntley Meadows Park – beautiful wildlife, a boardwalk, and many scheduled activities
- ❖ Lee District RECenter – much more than just a gym
- ❖ Lee District Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park (all accessible park, sprayground, trail, and more!)
- ❖ Historic Huntley – was home to Thomas Francis Mason, grandson of George Mason
- ❖ Springfield Town Center – warm, inviting atmosphere with many shops, and restaurants to delight your day
- ❖ Lake Accotink – tranquil and quiet 493-acre park

multimodal future for pedestrians and drivers, preserves and improves our affordable housing stock, and creates more environmental controls. Our other revitalization area, Central Springfield, is seeing tremendous enhancements and excitement, as well.

Lee District has outstanding civic and business resources with a long

history of citizen involvement in community and government. You are welcome to become part of that tradition.

Please stop by the Franconia Government Center to say hello, and tell us how we can be of service. Our office is at 6121 Franconia Road, and the phone number is 703-971-6262.

VIEWPOINTS

PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD

What is the best part about living here?

Interviews conducted at Pohick Regional Library in Burke.

Teagan Pollack, 9, of West Springfield

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



Michaela Rossi of Springfield

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



Dan Pulver of Springfield

"We really enjoy the friends we've made here and we really like the parks and the library and the resources."



Marilyn Harriman of Springfield

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



Renee Williams of Lorton

"In this area in general, I like how amongst all the busy, crazy roads, there's always parks and quiet spots that you can walk through nature. There's so many playgrounds and things like that for our kids to play at."



Lyle Shaffer of Orange Hunt in Springfield

"The availability of good medical services, primarily, and a lot of public areas like this where we can enjoy sightseeing. Those are the things we enjoy the most."

—STEVE HIBBARD





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Attendees enjoy a ride as part of the Celebrate Fairfax Festival June 9, 2018. The 37th annual festival attracted tens of thousands of visitors.



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LCAC's mission is to enhance the quality of life by providing food, basic needs and self-sufficiency programs through the generous support of our community.



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John C. Cook

Braddock District Supervisor



Braddock Neighbors:

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Every one of us has the exciting

opportunity to shape our neighborhoods and make Fairfax County an even better place to work and live. That's why, here in Braddock, I continually encourage folks to become active participants in their community and their local government. So come on out, step up and become an involved Braddock District resident.

Remember, I am here to serve you. Please keep in touch and let me know what more I can do for you.

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How To Vote

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

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

Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

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

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

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

In Person Absentee Voting, Locations, Dates and Hours

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

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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

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

Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

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

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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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

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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 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.

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

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

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

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

dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

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

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Upcoming Year in Lee District

There are some big changes coming to Lee District, which will make this an even more amazing place to live!

The Embark Richmond Highway plan, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year, is going to change commuting in Lee District for the better. It is a new land use plan that supports walking and biking. It also calls for a bus rapid transit system in the short term, and the extension of Metro's Yellow Line in the long term.

Here is a link to a video which explains how this futuristic vision will create ease for our commute along Richmond Highway: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq9druGj2t8.

This plan is long overdue. Mt. Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck and I will spend much of the next year working to bring it to life. In fact, we have created a group, the Strategic Economic Development Team, which meets monthly, and have already come up with great ideas for the future of the Richmond Highway corridor.

Our other revitalization area, Central Springfield, is seeing tremendous positive growth. Springfield Town Center was again the third most valuable property in Fairfax County, which continues to jump start interest in our area. Now that the Transportation Security Administration is moving to Springfield, I expect much of this positive momentum to continue. We've already approved the next phases of Springfield Town Center and Kingstowne Center, which will continue to push forward this effort.

Lee District parks also have an exciting year ahead.

This will be the first full year that the accessible Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park will be complete. Now, people of all abilities can enjoy the trails, waterparks, and amenities we have to offer.

This will be an important year for Lake Accotink, which has been the subject of many community meetings working towards a long-term solution to save the lake.

It will also be another great year to visit Lee District's crown jewel, Huntley Meadows Park, which features majestic forests, meadows, wetlands, and a boardwalk.

We will be seeing a number of new trails and bike paths coming online for residents. Although this may seem to be of small consequence, it is big for promoting multimodal options, which makes a major impact in our district.

Our Office of Community Revitalization is also investing in our area with improvements such as street sweeping, curb/median repairs, and other beautification efforts.

It's a pleasure to represent Lee District and partner with the great communities in it. We will continue to move forward, keeping our future bright in the year ahead.

—SUPERVISOR JEFFREY C. MCKAY
(D—LEE DISTRICT)



Annual Springfield Bridgewalk will be held this year on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.



National Night Out – annual event throughout neighborhoods solidifying partnership with local police to work together to fight crime.

What Goes On in Lee District

- ❖ Annual Springfield Bridgewalk – this year on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Lee District Nights – summer series of free public concerts
- ❖ National Night Out – annual event throughout neighborhoods solidifying partnership with local police to work together to fight crime
- ❖ Farmers Markets - Springfield Town Center, Huntington, Kingstowne

SPRINGFIELD POSTCARDS

“Mildred,” the 1954 fire truck belonging to the Volunteer Fire Department of Greater Springfield Station 22.

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MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION



Standing guard at Greater Springfield Fire Station 22.



A memorial statue at the American Legion Post 176.



The Veteran's Bridge over Old Keene Mill Drive is the site of a bridge walk every year hosted by Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).



The new playground at Hidden Pond park is a big hit for children in the summer.

VIEWPOINTS

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

What do you like the best about living in Springfield?

Katya Scanlan, 8 year resident of Colonial Heights in West Springfield:

“I love my neighborhood the best, it's filled with kids my kids age.”



Jon Scanlan, 14, Colonial Heights

“I like how it's sort of a big town with a small town feel, everybody is so kind to each other.”



Juliet Neal and Maura Park, Orange Hunt and Springfield Estates
“Community.”



Ashton Streavig and son Beckley, 2, Springfield
“Lake Accotink.”



Derrick McJury, Kingstowne resident kayaking at Lake Accotink

“Very metropolitan area but being here, you'd never know it”



—MIKE SALMON

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Run, Throw or Dive in NVSO

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics returns Sept. 15, at 29 different venues.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

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

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

Events will be held at 29 different parks, recreation centers and sports courts including Fairfax Senior Center-Green Acres, Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Wakefield District Park, Northern Virginia Badminton Club, The Jefferson, Prince William Golf Course, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.



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Northern Virginia Senior Olympics competitor.

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

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

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

On The Ballot

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

State Ballot Question Two

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

Present Law

The Constitution of Virginia currently requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent 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

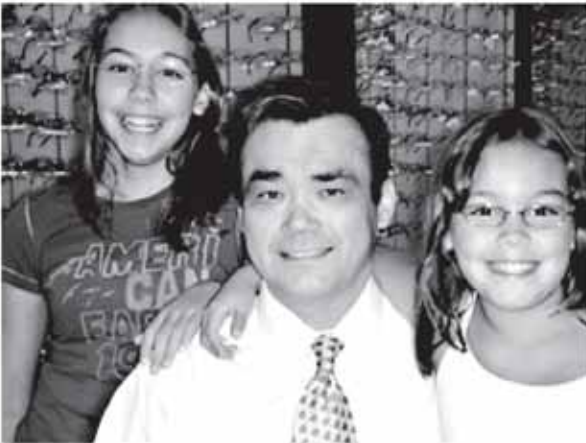
safety facilities bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training 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), Fairfax (\$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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New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber

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

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

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

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

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



Julie Coons

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

The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the "Voice of Business in Northern Virginia," represents over 650 local employers with more than 500,000 regional employees. For 90-plus years, the Northern Virginia Chamber has been working hand-in-hand with companies

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UPCOMING NOVA CHAMBER EVENTS

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

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

Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Fairfax County

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

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

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

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

Current panel members are: Rhonda VanLowe, Chair; Doug Kay, Vice-Chair; Hansel Aguilar; Kathleen Davis-Siudut; Steve Descano; Hollye Doane; Anna Northcutt; Randy Sayles; Adrian Steel.

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

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

The Independent Police Auditor's mission is to bolster trust between the citizens of Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Police Department by providing accountability, fairness, transparency and trust in the complaint system and investigative process. The Independent Police Auditor also provides an accessible, safe, impartial, and responsive intake venue for complaints about the Fairfax County Police Department and

its employees.

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

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

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

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

FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM

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

❖ You may also complete a complaint form online.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeauditor

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

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

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

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

HOW IT WORKS

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

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

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

❖ The person who filed the complaint receives a letter summarizing findings of the investigation.

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

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

MORE ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

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

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

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

❖ Issuing public reports for each reviewed internal investigation.

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

❖ Producing annual reports that analyze trends and recommend improvements.

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

with police officers' use of force and deadly force.

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

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

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

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

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 51st year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

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

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

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaaldrea@aol.com.

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

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

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

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50 and older who no longer drive. **Volunteer drivers** are needed for trips

(Monday-Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. **Office workers** are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office (Monday-Friday) to match drivers and those who need rides. Call 703-323-4788.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FEATURING GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK
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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

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

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

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

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

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



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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

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

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

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

GSG Green Spring Gardens

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

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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

HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

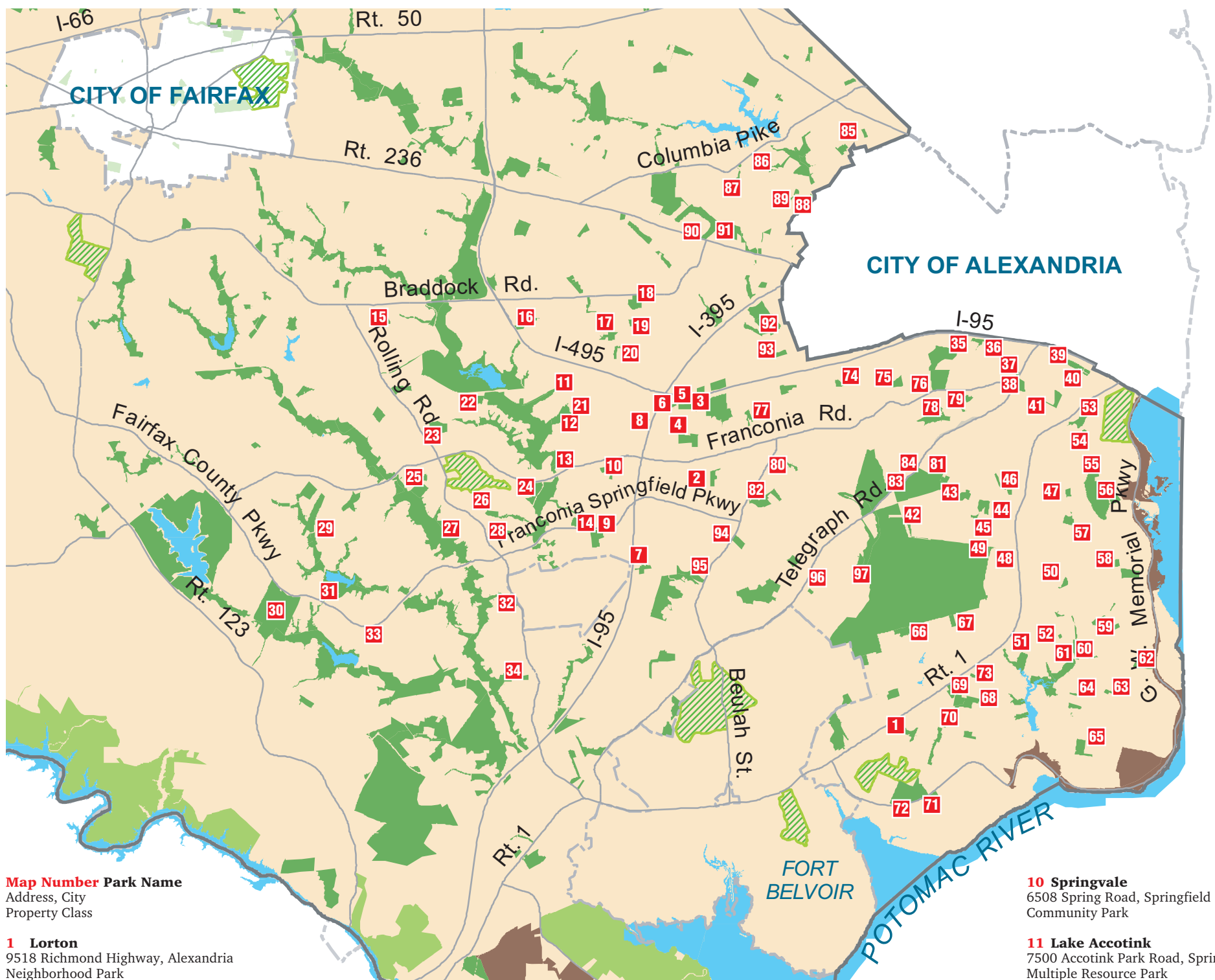
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

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

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



Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

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

35 Loftridge
5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria
Community Park

36 Burgundy
5516 Norton Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

37 Heritage Hill
5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

38 Jefferson Manor
2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

39 Huntington
2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria
Community Park

40 Farrington Avenue
2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

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

42 South Kings Forest
4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

43 Stoneybrooke
3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

44 Groveton Heights
3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria
Community Park

45 Huntley Historic
6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

46 Lenclair
6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

47 Bucknell Manor
2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria
Community Park

48 Hybla Valley
3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park



49 Huntley Meadows
3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
Natural Resource Park

50 Hollin Meadows
7603 Elba Road, Alexandria
Community Park

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

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

53 Belle Haven
6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

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

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

56 Westgrove
6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria
Community Park

57 White Oaks
7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park



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

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

60 Kirk
2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

61 Williamsburg Manor
2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria
Community Park

62 Collingwood
8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria
Community Park

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

64 Stratford Landing
2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

65 Fort Hunt
8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

66 Muddy Hole Farm
7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria
Community Park



67 Mount Vernon Woods
4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria
Community Park

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

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

70 Mount Zephyr
8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

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

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

73 Vernon Heights
8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

74 Bush Hill
5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

75 Mark Twain
5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria
Community Park

76 Clermont School Site
4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria
Community Park

77 Franconia Forest
6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

78 Ridgeview
4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria
Community Park

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

80 Tara Village
6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria
Neighborhood Park

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

82 Manchester Lakes
6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria
Community Park

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

84 Lee District
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia

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

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7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria
Community Park

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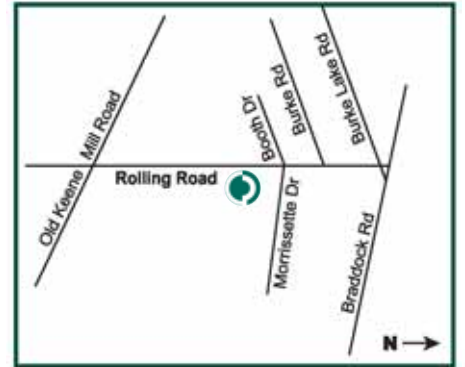
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