

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

2018-2019

After biking to Lake Accotink, Liam Calhoun, 12, Denise Ordonez, 11, and Kaia Clarck, 10, caught a few fish.



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## NEWCOMERS



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**Northern Virginia Senior Olympics competitors.**

## Run, Throw or Dive and Use Your Brain in NVSO

### Northern Virginia Senior Olympics returns Sept. 15.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

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.

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](http://www.nvso.us).

Volunteers are also welcomed. To volunteer at an event, call RSVP at 703-403-5360 or email [RSVP@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:RSVP@volunteerfairfax.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Office Hours

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

We also have Community Use Rooms Available.  
To reserve: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/community-meeting-rooms>



## What's on Horizon for Lorton Community

### District supervisor discusses developments underway.

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK  
(D-MT. VERNON DISTRICT)

**H**ere is a look on some of the major issues facing the Lorton parts of the Mt. Vernon District:

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

❖ **Lorton Community Center**: In November 2016, Fairfax County voters approved the Human Services and Community Development Bond, which includes \$18.5 million in funding for a new community center in Lorton. When complete, the Lorton Community Center will provide a broad array of services, programs and activities for individuals of all ages and abilities throughout our community. It will be a one-story 30,000 sq. ft. building with a gymnasium, classrooms, a new home for the Lorton Senior Center and the Lorton Community Action Center, a park and new playground, and improved parking. In 2017, I formed a community steering committee to provide input on the location and to guide the development process for the Community Center. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by early 2022. For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/lorton-community-center>.

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



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



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



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

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

❖ **Opioid Disposal**: As the opioid epidemic continues to grow throughout the

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

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

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# How To Vote

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

**F**irst, be sure you are registered. Oct. 15 is the deadline to register, and to check your registration. Many voters across the country have discovered that they have been unexpectedly dropped from the voter rolls, so be sure to check at [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov)

### Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

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

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

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

### In Person Absentee Voting, Locations, Dates and Hours

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

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

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

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

### All Satellite Locations:

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

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

Sundays: Closed

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

### Absentee Voting By Mail

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Virginia Voter ID

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

### Need a Photo ID?

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

### Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

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

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

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

### Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### UNITED STATES SENATE

Corey A. Stewart (R)  
Timothy M. Kaine (D)  
Matt J. Waters (L)

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (D)

**District 10**  
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Jennifer T. Wexton (D)

### District 11

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

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

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

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

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**A**s 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.

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

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## New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber

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

Coons currently serves as chief operating officer of the Council of Better Business Bureaus based in Arlington. She brings to the Northern Virginia Chamber diverse experience leading regionally-focused business organizations, guiding financial and brand transformations, and successfully advocating for 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

in the region to build a strong business community. To learn more about visit <http://www.novachamber.org> and follow the Northern Virginia Chamber on Twitter: @NOVACHamber

### UPCOMING NOVA CHAMBER EVENTS

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



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**Caitlin Rincon of Clifton and her one-year-old daughter enjoy the music from the band Gin Blossoms at Celebrate Fairfax 2018, one of the events families don't want to miss**

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://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](http://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](mailto:gronbiz@aol.com) or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at [lynnieb517@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://stemvolunteers.org), during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

**Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed.** Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at [Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto: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](mailto:volunteers@fairfax-station.org) or 703-945-7483 to explore services that will fit your schedule and interests. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://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](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://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](http://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/](http://prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/). Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto: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](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lcombudsman/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.fairfaxcasa.org).



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

## Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Fairfax County

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

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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# NEWCOMERS

## VIEWPOINTS

What is the best part about living here?

Interviews conducted at Pohick Regional Library in Burke.

—STEVE HIBBARD

### Teagan Pollack, 9, of West Springfield

"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."



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# Fairfax Station: A Sanctuary

A welcoming place for weary souls and rescued animals.

BY MARTI MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The church’s stone grotto is a rock in the community, where individuals can light a candle and pray at an outdoor Catholic shrine. Park benches and a garden provide serenity and a peaceful place for quiet contemplation. Learn more about this church and programs online at [stmaryofsorrows.org](http://stmaryofsorrows.org).

The church’s parking lot offered this reporter and few other curiosity seekers a preview to the “greatest show on earth” nearly a decade ago as circus animals were paraded from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus train up Hill Street, along Fairfax Sta-



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



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

## VIEWPOINTS

### What is the best part of living in Fairfax Station?

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

“It’s a beautiful community.”



tion Road, up Ox Road and along Braddock Road to the former Patriot Center arena at George Mason University.

**THE MIDNIGHT PARADE** featured ponies and their handlers. Elephants followed each other using their trunks to gently hold onto the tails of the elephant in front of them.

Between the church and train station museum, a pet rescue center called Homeward Trails finds homes for dogs through their adoption center at Tinkers Lane and Fairfax Station Road. Counselors are on site to answer questions every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit their website at [homewardtrails.org](http://homewardtrails.org).



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



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

## ‘Great place to Visit; Better Place to Live’

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

BY MARTI MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

### VIEWPOINTS

### What is the best part of living here?

It’s 4:11 in the Town of Clifton on an ordinary Sunday afternoon in the August heat. For your information, the atmosphere was lethargic on the main drag 15 years ago, when school was out for summer and nearly half of area residents were away on family vacation. Few local shops were open and the town’s two restaurants were preparing for dinner guests.

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

More than a decade later in 2018, this very same Main Street is robust with new merchants, old locals and visiting day trippers drawn by Clifton’s historic charm.

And great coffee. “We are a destination now with six eateries and a sprinkling of shops,” says long-time Clifton resident Wayne Nickum, who adds, “We’ve got a post office.”

And great grapes.

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

Inside town limits vehicles line both sides of the street Aug. 19 — including motorcycles and a vintage muscle car with the hood propped up. Although former Clifton mayor Jim Chesley moved his successful annual Labor Day Car Show fundraiser to the City of Fairfax a couple of years ago, other town traditions continue in October — beginning with the annual Clifton Day



Wayne Nickum, 75, Town of Clifton since 1971, newly retired town councilman after 41 years and two months of service

“Great place to visit. Better place to live.”

festival Oct. 7 and the Haunted Trail Oct. 27.

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

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

Opinions in Clifton are like noses — everybody’s got one. Wayne Nickum, 75, is no exception.

Since 1971, he and his wife, Donna, have lived on Main Street in the same home — one of several historic landmarks throughout town: The Harris House.

Although the sign along the white picket



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

“Neighbors are fantastic.”

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

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

Nonetheless, he looks forward to continued work on town projects like park and historic preservation, so Nickum can help “keep the town intact for future generations,” he says.

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

“Great place to visit. Better place to live.”

## CLIFTON POSTCARDS



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



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



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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# One of the Best Places to Live

## Supervisor Storck Welcomes You to Mount Vernon District

**D**ear Mount Vernon District Newcomer:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

❖ Woodlawn Estate is also home to the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. Arcadia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington, DC area. Arcadia manages four distinct program areas that address a specific need in the community, while collectively engaging consumers, farmers,

schools, and institutions. ([www.Arcadiafood.org](http://www.Arcadiafood.org))

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

❖ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve: Located just a few miles south of Alexandria, Dyke Marsh is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington metropolitan area. Dyke Marsh is viewed as a national treasure that holds extensive value not only for plants and animals, but for its recreational, educational and cultural purposes. It is estimated that the southern marsh has existed for 2,200 years, and the northern marsh has existed for 500 years.

In July, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began restoration of Dyke Marsh. Construction of a 1,500 foot breakwater is expected to take up to 18 months and will help protect the marsh from erosion, shield the marsh from storms and encourage the accumulation of sediment, which is necessary for marsh regeneration.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully yours in public service,

**Dan Storck**

Supervisor, Mount Vernon District  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon)

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

# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Volunteering Makes the Area a Better Place for All

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

Volunteer Fairfax's offerings include Volunteers For Change, a program that makes volunteering accessible and fun for busy adults; Alternative Community Service, a program that places a range of court-ordered clients in community service positions and RSVP Northern Virginia, a program sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax in partnership with Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria, that matches those 55 and better with meaningful and fun volunteer opportunities.

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

Fairfax's BusinessLink program offers customized employee volunteer engagement at sites in Northern Virginia and throughout the DC Metro Area.

Volunteer Fairfax also runs three signature programs to promote and recognize community involvement. They include VolunteerFest presented by AT&T, powered by Volunteer Fairfax, Saturday, Oct. 27, a regional day of volunteerism featuring project sites across the region; Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a large family-friendly event where children of all ages engage in volunteering and The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, a breakfast held each April to honor volunteers who have given outstanding service to the community.

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

### Volunteer Announcements

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

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia**, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at [gronbiz@aol.com](mailto:gronbiz@aol.com) or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at [lynnieb517@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://stemvolunteers.org). Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

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

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

**The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltoombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltoombudsman/).

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# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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

## September 2018

### MONDAY/SEPT. 3

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

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 8-9

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

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

## October 2018

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT 10-13

**Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival.** 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 13

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

## May 2019

### Great Falls Artfest on the Green.

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



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## Celebrate Fairfax!

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

### MONDAY/MAY 13

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

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 2

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

### THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

### FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

## June 2019

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

### Cardboard Regatta.

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

### Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival.

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit [www.vintagevirginia.com](http://www.vintagevirginia.com) for more.

### Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival.

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

**Taste of Reston.** Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit [www.restontaste.com](http://www.restontaste.com) for more.

### JUNE-AUGUST

#### Reston Concerts on the Town.

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



only. 11900 Market Street, Reston.

Concert information: [www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts).

### Great Falls Concerts on the Green.

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

### Lake Anne Summer Film Festival.

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

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

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

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

### SUNDAY/JUNE 14

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

for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. [www.belovedyoga.com](http://www.belovedyoga.com).

## July 2019

### Herndon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

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

### Great Falls 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration & Parade.

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

### Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and Fireworks Show.

Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

### Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration.

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

### Obon Festival.

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

### Clifton Film Festival.

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

### Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.

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

### JULY-AUGUST

#### Braddock Nights Concert Series.

Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/performances/sesflyers18-braddocknights.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/performances/sesflyers18-braddocknights.pdf) for location and schedule.

## August 2019

### Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival.

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

# NEWCOMERS

## Summertime Activities in the Area

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



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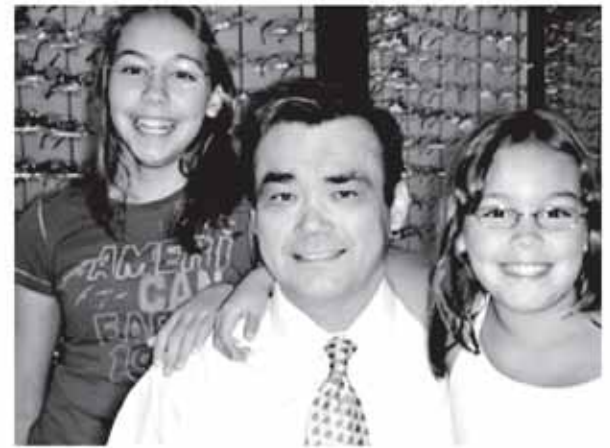
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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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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 amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

## State Park

### MN Mason Neck State Park

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

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

### CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

### FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

### HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

### MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

### OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

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

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

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

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## 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



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

**GSB 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

**MIDP 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 BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS

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

- 1 Carney Park**  
Government  
Center Pkwy, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Willow Pond**  
13101 Autumn Willow Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 3 Woodglen Lake**  
10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 4 Silverbrook**  
9351 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Sta-  
tion  
Community Park
- 5 Newington Heights**  
8590 Heller Road, Lorton  
District Park
- 6 Laurel Hill**  
8515 Silverbrook Road, Lorton  
Countywide Park
- 7 Old Colchester Preserve**  
10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton  
Cultural Resource Park
- 8 Lorton West**  
9800 Ox Road, Lorton
- 9 Lower Potomac**  
9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton
- 10 Waples Mill Meadow**  
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton  
Multiple Resource Park
- 11 Lake Braddock**  
9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
Community Park
- 12 Silas Burke**  
5815 Parakeet Drive, Burke  
Community Park
- 13 Burke Station**  
6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke  
Community Park
- 14 Burke Ridge**  
9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
Neighborhood Park
- 15 Rolling Valley West**  
6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke  
Community Park
- 16 Fair Oaks**  
3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Brentwood**  
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Random Hills**  
11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 19 Dixie Hill**  
4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 20 Villa D'este**  
3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park



**Colonel Silas Burke Park is a community park in Burke.**





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

- 21 Mosby Woods**  
9813 Five Oaks Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 22 East Blake Lane**  
9540 Bel Glade Street, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 23 Villa Lee**  
2901 Hunter Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 24 Hideaway**  
2900 Glenvale Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 25 Towers**  
9350 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 26 Armistead**  
8900 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 27 Eakin (Mantua Section)**  
8928 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 28 Smokewood**  
4120 Whitacre Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 29 Ashford East**  
4300 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 30 George Mason**  
9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 31 Rutherford**  
4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 32 University**  
10200 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 33 Olde Forge**  
4604 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Surrey Square**  
4819 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 35 Country Club View**  
10609 Henrico Street, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 36 Crooked Creek**  
9910 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax  
Community Park
- 37 Royal Lake**  
5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 38 Rolling Woods Estates**  
5208a Marvell Lane, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 39 Twinbrook Road**  
5124 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 40 Middleridge**  
5425a Governor Yeardley Drive,  
Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 41 Greenfield**  
5349 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 42 Monticello**  
5315 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 43 Kings Park West**  
5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 44 Lakeside**  
5216 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park
- 45 Herzell Woods**  
5328 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 46 Fairfax Hills**  
4304 Holly Lane, Annandale  
Neighborhood Park
- 47 Fair Ridge**  
12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park
- 48 Ox Hill Battlefield**  
4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax  
Cultural Resource Park
- 49 Poburn Woods**  
6325 Wendy Ann Court, Fairfax Sta-  
tion  
Community Park
- 50 Brimstone**  
6600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station  
Neighborhood Park
- 51 Burke Lake & Golf Course**  
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station  
Multiple Resource Park
- 52 Lake Mercer**  
9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Sta-  
tion  
Multiple Resource Park
- 53 Levell W Dupell**  
6812 Newington Road, Lorton  
Community Park
- 54 Mount Air Historic Site**  
8600 Accotink Road, Lorton  
Cultural Resource Park
- 55 Southgate**  
7438 Pohick Road, Lorton  
Neighborhood Park
- 56 Pohick Estates**  
7450 Pollen Street, Lorton  
Community Park
- 57 Newington Commons**  
8915 Hoopes Road, Lorton  
Neighborhood Park
- 58 Mason Neck West**  
10418 Old Colchester Road, Lorton  
Community Park
- 59 Tattersall**  
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton  
Community Park
- 60 Oak Marr**  
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton  
Multiple Resource Park
- 61 Borge Street**  
3030 Borge Street, Oakton  
Neighborhood Park
- 62 Blake Lane School Site**  
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton  
Community Park
- 63 Briarwood**  
2830 Zimpel Dr., Fairfax  
Community Park
- 64 Patriot**  
12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
District Park
- 65 Mountain Road District**  
15620 Braddock Road, Fairfax



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



A red caboose is a center of attraction at the Fairfax Station Train Depot.

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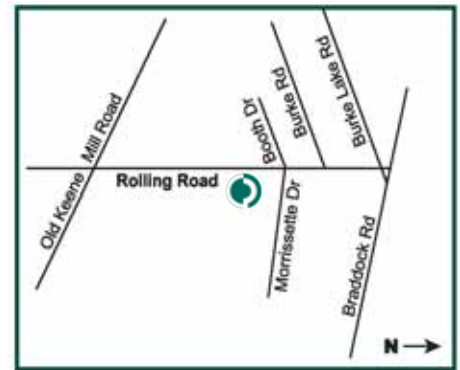
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