

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

2018-2019

Bikers on the W&OD: Following the trail through the Town, you pass many Vienna landmarks: the community center, the Town Green, the historic Freeman Store and Museum, the iconic red caboose, the historic train depot and Caboose Brewery on the other end of Town.

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NEWCOMERS

VIEWPOINTS

What's the Best Part of Living in Vienna/Oakton?

These interviews have been edited and condensed.

—CARLYN KRANKING



Susan Fay, Vienna resident of 19 years

"This is a unique little place; it's a little hometown feel in this large county. I don't live in the town proper, I live outside the town, but I still feel it. There's a pulse and a vibe, and you don't get that everywhere."

PHOTOS BY CARLYN KRANKING/THE CONNECTION



Fred "Cotton" Via, Vienna resident of 62 years

"It's a nice place for a family to grow up. It's a great place for sports, a great place for kids. The Metro's close. I love the big buildings going up. Being a builder, I like to see progress."



Sharon Ng, Vienna resident of 1 year and Joseph Rubin, Oakton resident of 12 years

"I have a lot of friends who all go to Madison, so it's a community that's right around the school, so that's really nice," Rubin said.

"I really like how it's just a Metro ride from the nation's capital. Whenever I have friends visiting me, I always just take them to D.C.," Ng said. "It's a really nice place to be."

So Much to Do in Hunter Mill District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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How To Vote

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

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

Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

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

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

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

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 or mail the application to the Office of Elections at Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038 or Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Once your completed application is received and accepted, your

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

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

Virginia Voter ID

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

Need a Photo ID?

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

Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

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

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

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

Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

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

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Office of Elections
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323
Fairfax, VA, 22035
Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711
Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725
Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov
Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711
For 24-hour recorded information call 703-324-4700

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Herndon, Mayor and Town Council

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

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

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Lisa C. Merkel, unopposed

Town Council, vote for six, * means incumbent

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William "Bill" J. McKenna *
Sheila A. Olem *
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Roland Taylor

TWO VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

State Ballot Question One

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

Present Law

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit volunteer announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar.

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

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

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

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

at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

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

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmafc.org. The Center's website is www.scmafc.org.

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

The **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/litcombudsman/.

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About the Connection

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

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

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

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

dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

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

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Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

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On The Ballot

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

Proposed Amendment

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

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

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

State Ballot Question Two

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

Present Law

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

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would allow the surviving

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

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

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

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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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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



Bikers on the W&OD.



The historic train depot, just beside the W&OD trail through Vienna.

Highlights of Vienna

BY CARLYN KRANKING
THE CONNECTION

Since I was five years old, I've lived in Vienna: dancing, as a child, on the Town Green during summer concerts, going to summer camps at Nottoway Park and riding the Ferris wheel at the ViVa! Vienna! festival Memorial Day weekend.

Now I'm 19, and for the first time since moving here, I spent an extended amount of time away from Vienna: nine months living in a Chicago suburb for college. Though I enjoyed the new experiences in Illinois, here are a few of the many places I was happy to come home to in Vienna this summer.

W & OD Trail

Though this trail along what formerly was the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad extends far beyond Vienna, I like how scenic the Vienna section of the trail is in contrast to other stretches of the W&OD. Following the trail through the Town, you pass many Vienna landmarks: the community center, the Town Green, the historic Freeman Store and Museum, the iconic red caboose, the historic train depot and Caboose Brewery on the other end of Town.



Jen Morrow, owner of Bards Alley

Cocoa Vienna

When I walk through the door of Cocoa Vienna, the first thing I notice is the smell of chocolate. I've always been impressed with the friendly service here, and while it's hard to choose what to get with such a wide variety of handmade chocolates, I have never been disappointed.

Bards Alley

This corner bookstore on Church Street caught my attention as soon as it opened. Bards Alley offers storytimes for kids and book clubs for adults as well as a wide variety of books. It includes a small cafe to make the bookstore into a place to spend time chatting with friends in addition to finding good reads.

Crepe Amour

Crepe Amour offers a wide selection of extremely satisfying sweet and savory crepes. Employees make the crepes right there at the counter, so you can watch the process as they're prepared for you. Its gelato is the perfect complement to the crepes, and the room provides the perfect atmosphere to eat and relax with friends.



Dima Baldueb, employee of Magnolia Dessert Bar & Coffee



Rose Ramey, a barista at Caffe Amouri

Magnolia Dessert Bar & Coffee

Magnolia actually opened while I was away at school, and when I first saw it, all it took was one Google search for me to realize I had to go there – the pictures I saw of the food had me sold. Magnolia did not disappoint. The food is delicious and, like the whole establishment, is beautiful. Everything is photogenic, from the decorations,

to the food, to the Instagram-worthy floral bathroom walls.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

These beautiful botanical gardens are a fun place to walk around and spend time outdoors. I like to go each year to Meadowlark's Winter Walk of Lights, a light display around the botanical gardens that



Crepe Amour employee Emma Knoke prepares a gelato sample for a customer.

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Cocoa Vienna co-owner Staci Meruvia prepares a box of chocolates for a customer.

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Some drinks at Magnolia Dessert Bar & Coffee

ends with hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows.

Church Street Pizza

Church Street Pizza is a great, low-key place to spend time with friends or bring the family and enjoy New York style pizza. It's one of the places that my friends and I most like to go to in the Town. They also offer delivery in Vienna, Tysons and Oakton.

Vienna Inn

A true Vienna landmark, the Vienna Inn has a real community vibe. I've seen servers greet people by name as they walk in the door. There are community events posted and kids' drawings hung up, so the place really has a small town feel. The Vienna Inn is famous for its chilli dogs, reportedly selling over 10,000 each month.

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Jeanie and Bill Monroe enjoy an afternoon at Crepe Amour.

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PARKS IN THE TOWN OF VIENNA

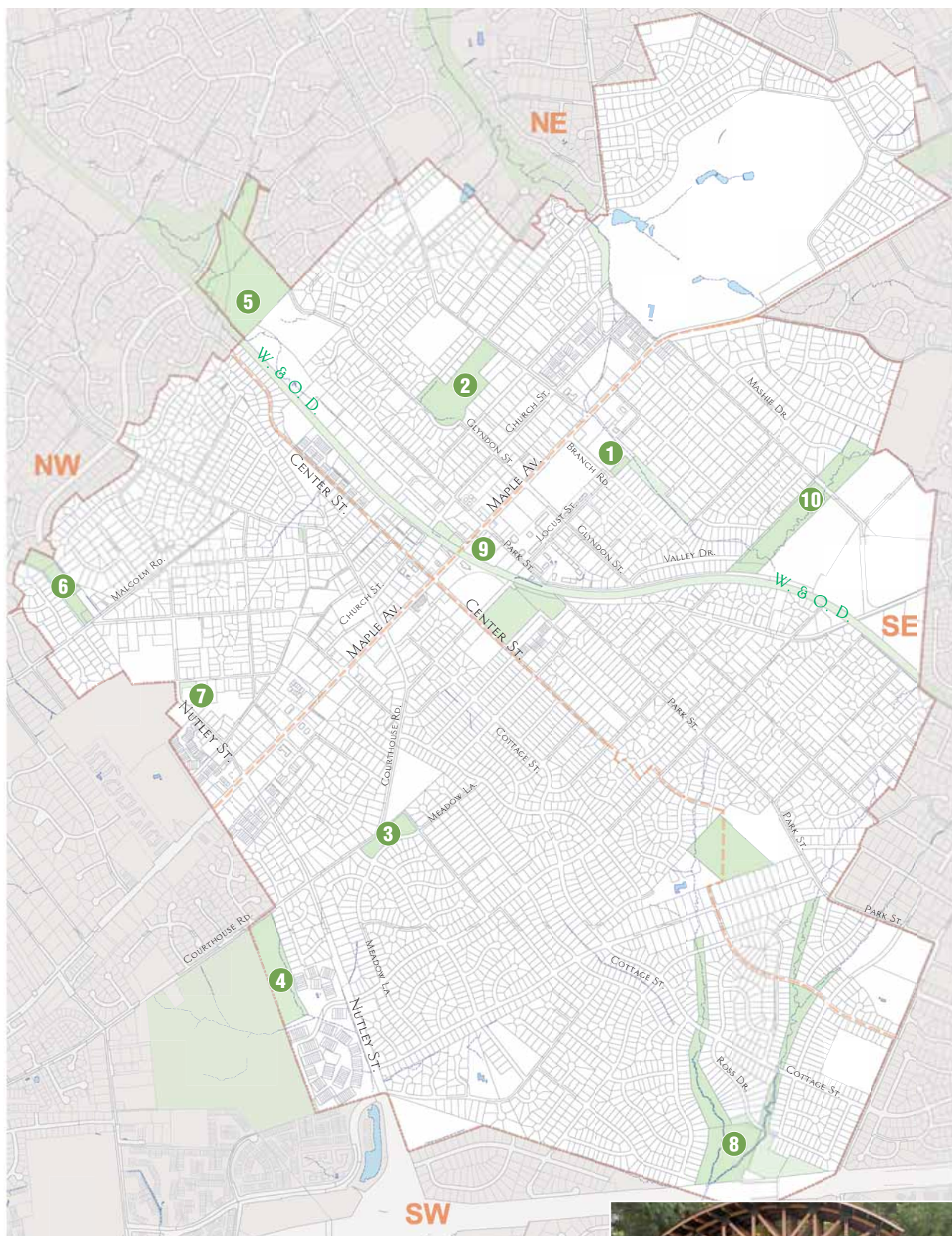
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The entrance to Vienna Town Green is marked by this Veteran's Memorial.



The Little Free Library, which stands in front of Vienna's first library, built in 1897. It was dedicated to the late Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, honoring her love of books.



1 BRANCH ROAD TOT LOT

Locust Street and Branch Road, SE; 0.62 Acres
Park features: Playground; Small Open Play Area
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

2 GLYNDON PARK

300 Glyndon St., SE; 11 Acres
Park features: walking trail; one youth ball field; one basketball court; two lighted tennis courts; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; three parking lots and three sheltered areas
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk — except for tennis courts
RESERVABLE AREAS: 1 Shelter with capacity for 75, eight tables and one grill

3 MEADOW LANE PARK

400 Courthouse Road, SW; 3.43 Acres
Park features: playgrounds; one basketball court; softball field; one basketball court; restroom; water fountain; and a playground
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk—except for tennis and basketball courts

4 MOOREFIELD PARK; VIENNA DOG PARK

700 Courthouse Road, SW; 9.99 Acres
Park features: Walking Trails
Dog Park: off-leash park; shaded area; open area; on-site water supply and doggie playground
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

5 NORTHSIDE PARK

Mill Street NE @ W&OD and Glyndon Street NE; 26.58 Acres
Park features: natural passive park; trails and stream
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

6 PETERSON LANE PARK

Malcolm Road, NW; 5.45 Acres
Park features: playgrounds; one basketball court; open play area and a parking lot. Jointly owned and operated with FCPA.
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk

7 SARAH WALKER MERCER PARK

247 Nutley St., NW; 1 Acre
Park features: walking/toddler bike trail; learning circle; lawn and a rain garden
OPEN: Daylight to dusk

8 SOUTHSIDE PARK

1317 Ross Drive, SW; 17.25 Acres
Park features: two full size softball fields (one lighted); one basketball court; one sand volleyball court; restroom facility; water fountain; playground; trails; stream; two parking lots and one sheltered area
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk—except for scheduled programs

9 VIENNA TOWN GREEN

144 Maple Ave., East; 2.5 Acres
Park features: walking trail; plaza/fountain; lawn/picnic area; amphitheatre; and restrooms
OPEN: Daylight to Dusk



The amphitheater is at the center of the Vienna Town Green. From May through August, concerts for all ages can be found there. Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All Stars play to families picnicking on the lawn.

10 WILDWOOD PARK

Valley Drive SE to Mashie Drive SE; 15.65 Acres
Park features: trails and natural wooded area; and a stream

NEWCOMERS



Customers at Vienna Inn enjoy a meal together

Highlights

FROM PAGE 9

Caffe Amouri

Another location with a feeling of community, Caffe Amouri is a coffee shop with a commitment to sustainability. It's also a place dedicated to the community, offering open mic nights and classes and partnering with local organizations. I like to come in and get work done or hang out with friends.

concert venue and National Park dedicated to the performing arts. In addition to the Filene Center (main stage), there is the Children's Theater in the Woods and trails for walking. Don't miss the free Winter Holiday Sing-A-Long concert with the United States Marine Band and local singers or the free Memorial Day concert and fireworks.

So, I invite you to go out and explore the Town, because this list doesn't even scratch the surface of all the places it has to offer. Welcome to Vienna, and I hope that you, too, will find aspects of the Town that are always a joy to come home to.

Wolf Trap National Park

Wolf Trap is an intimate outdoor



Caffe Amouri

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Rose Ramey, a barista at Caffe Amouri

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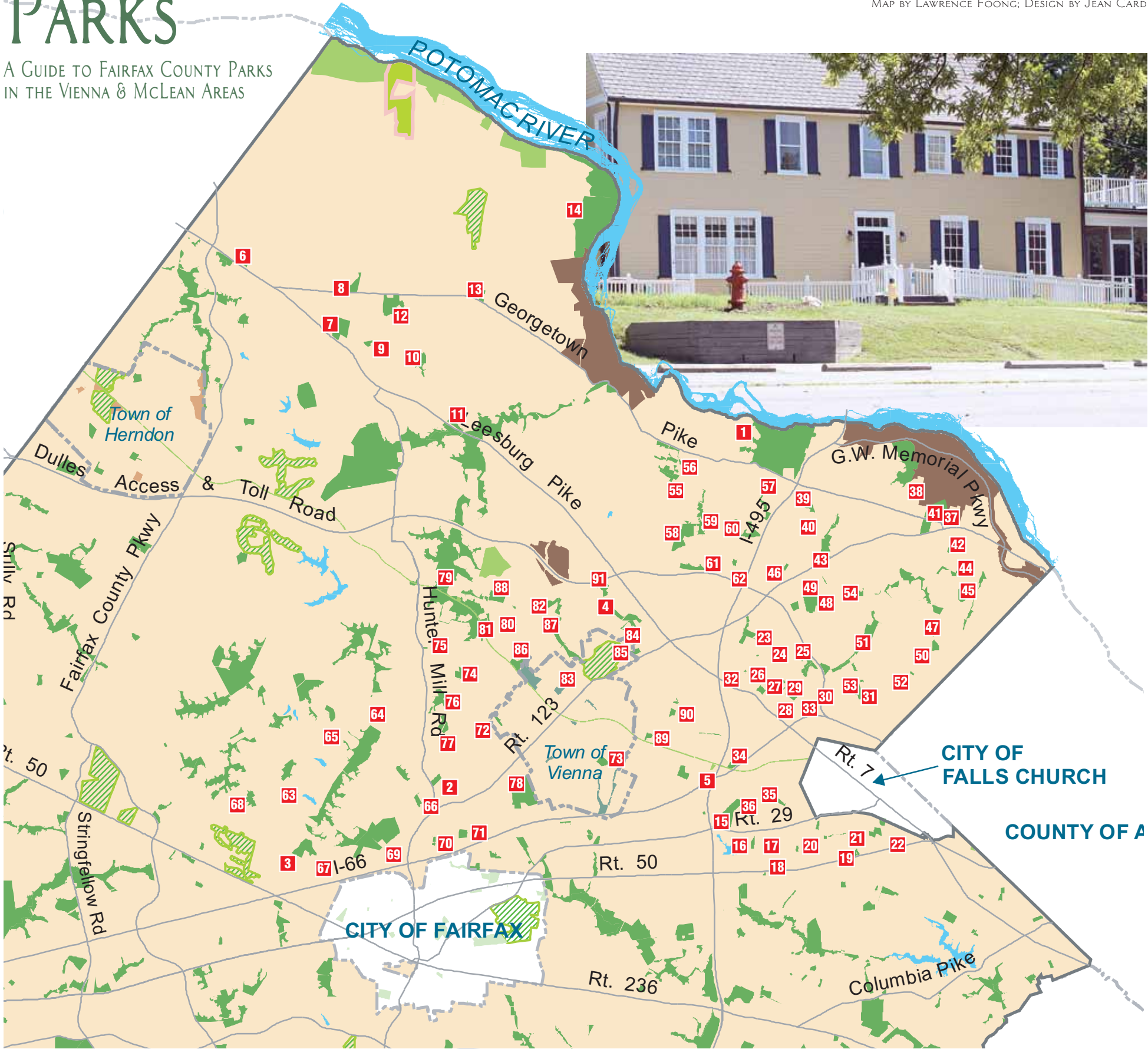
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A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS
IN THE VIENNA & MCLEAN AREAS

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Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

- 1 Tollbrook Ridge**
720 Boyle Lane, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Oakton Community**
2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 3 Waples Mill Meadow**
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 4 Heritage Resource**
Westwood Ct, Vienna
- 5 Dunn Loring**
2540 Gallows Road, Vienna
Community Park

- 6 Holly Knolls**
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park
- 7 Great Falls Nike**
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park
- 8 Windermere**
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 9 Lockmeade**
1104 Riva Drive, Great Falls
Community Park
- 10 Lexington Estates**
10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park
- 11 Colvin Run Mill Site**
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

- 12 The Turner Farm**
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park
- 13 Great Falls Grange**
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 14 Riverbend**
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park
- 15 Jefferson District**
7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church
Multiple Resource Park
- 16 Pine Spring**
7600 Willow Lane, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Tyler**
7216 Rice Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

- 18 Devonshire**
2826 Edgehill Ave, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 19 Jefferson Village**
2932 East Tripps Run Rd., Falls Church
Community Park
- 20 John Mastenbrook-Greenway Downs**, 2858 Woodlawn Ave., Falls Church, Neighborhood Park
- 21 James Lee School Site**
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church
Community Park
- 22 Azalea**
2905 Cleave Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 23 Westgate**
7508 Magarity Road, Falls Church
Community Park



- 24 Pimmit View**
1905 Storm Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 25 Olney**
1840 Olney Road, Falls Church
Community Park
- 26 Fisher**
7620 Fisher Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 27 Tysons Pimmit**
2026 Burfoot Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 28 Pimmit Hills**
2061 Arch Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 29 Griffith**
2013 Griffith Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 30 Mt Royal**
7141 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 31 Haycock Longfellow**
6650 Kirby Court, Falls Church
Community Park
- 32 Lisle**
7744 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 33 Lemon Road**
7210 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

- 34 Idylwood**
7715 Virginia Lane, Falls Church
Community Park
- 35 Hollywood Road**
2700 Hollywood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 36 Lee Landing**
2780 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 37 Langley Fork**
6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean
District Park
- 38 Langley Oaks**
6504 Bright Mountain Road, McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 39 Cooper Intermediate School**
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Community Park
- 40 Churchill Road**
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean
Community Park
- 41 Clemyjontri**
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
Special Purpose Park
- 42 Dolley Madison Estates**
6139 Long Meadow Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 43 McLean Central**
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean
Community Park

- 44 Potomac Hills**
6125 Kinyon Place, McLean
Community Park
- 45 Marie Butler Leven Preserve**
1501 Kirby Road, McLean
Special Purpose Park
- 46 McLean Knolls**
1400 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 47 Linway Terrace**
6246 Linway Terrace, McLean
Community Park
- 48 McLean High**
1609 Davidson Rd, McLean
Community Park
- 49 Lewinsville**
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
District Park
- 50 Chesterbrook School Site**
1753 Kirby Road, McLean
Community Park
- 51 Kent Gardens**
6621 Byrnes Drive, McLean
Community Park
- 52 Franklin Woods**
1938 Birch Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 53 Kirby**
2020 Kirby Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park

- 54 Bryn Mawr**
6700 Tennyson Drive, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 55 Old Dominion School Site**
8211 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean
Community Park
- 56 Greenway Heights**
8203 Riding Ridge Place, McLean
Community Park
- 57 Scotts Run Nature Preserve**
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 58 Spring Hill**
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean
District Park
- 59 McLean Hunt**
8003 Old Falls Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park

- 60 Timberly**
1173 Swinks Mill Road, McLean
Community Park
- 61 McLean Hamlet**
8119 Dunsinane Court, McLean
Community Park
- 62 Falstaff**
7717 Falstaff Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 63 Foxvale**
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 64 Gabrielson Gardens**
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton
Special Purpose Park
- 65 Clarke's Landing**
11100 Vale Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 66 Oakborough Square**
2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 67 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 68 Wayland Street**
11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton
Community Park
- 69 Oak Marr**
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park

- 70 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 71 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
Community Park
- 72 Peterson Lane**
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 73 Cunningham**
1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna
Community Park
- 74 Lawyers Road School Site**
10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 75 Fox Hunters**
10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park

- 76 Kemper**
10206 Garrett Street, Vienna
Community Park
- 77 Ashlawn**
10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 78 Nottoway**
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
District Park
- 79 Tamarack**
1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna
Community Park
- 80 Symphony Hills**
9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 81 Clarks Crossing**
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
District Park
- 82 Wolf Trails**
9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 83 Foxstone**
1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 84 Raglan Road**
8590 Raglan Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 85 Freedom Hill**
8531 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park

- 86 Eudora**
2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna
Community Park
- 87 Waverly**
1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna
Community Park
- 88 Lahey Lost Valley**
9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park
- 89 Tysons Woods**
8425 Overlook Street, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 90 Briarcliff**
2158 Silentree Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 91 Ashgrove**
8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park



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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.

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552

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

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria
www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/
www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/
703-960-0767

Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves Water Park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, play with friends in the shallow waters of the play

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

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997

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

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124

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

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631

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

OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121

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

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

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

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

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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

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

P0 Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

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

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

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

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

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

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark

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

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

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

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

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

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

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

CJP Clemyjontri Park

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

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

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

FPP Frying Pan Farm Park

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

GSG Green Spring Gardens

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

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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

HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

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



FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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

September 2018

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 8-9

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

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

October 2018

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 10-13

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

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

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

May 2019

Great Falls Artfest on the Green.

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



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Celebrate Fairfax!

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

MONDAY/MAY 13

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

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 2

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

THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

June 2019

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

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

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

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

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

JUNE-AUGUST

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



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

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

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

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

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

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

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

July 2019

Herndon 4th of July Celebration.

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

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.

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

Vienna 4th of July Festival and

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

Fairfax's Independence Day

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

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

Clifton Film Festival.

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

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771

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

JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series.

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