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# NEWCOMERS



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Springfield Town Center

## A Diverse and Welcoming Community

Exciting projects taking place across Lee District.

BY JEFFREY C. MCKAY  
SUPERVISOR - LEE DISTRICT



Welcome to Lee District! I'm so glad you've decided to check out all the wonderful things that make this district the best part of Fairfax County. I might be a little biased having lived in this neck of the woods my entire life.

Here in Lee District, we have a wonderful blend of history, modern amenities, and some amazing plans in the works, which will continue to enhance the quality of life of an already excellent, all-encompassing community. I am proud of our area's heritage, and we work hard to preserve our community's neighborly, small-town atmosphere while continuing to bring modern and urban conveniences to all community members via retail, transportation, and entertainment. I'm happy to say we are a very diverse and welcoming community.

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

Additionally, we have many transportation options to help keep cars off the roads. If you are looking for an alternative to driving, consider hopping on the Metro at the Franconia-Springfield Station or the Vir-

ginia Railway Express (VRE). You may also want to try using one of the many Metro bus routes that serve our area, in addition to riding the Metro.

**THERE ARE SOME WONDERFUL PLACES** to visit in Lee District. If you're in the mood for shopping, don't miss the Springfield Town Center. The Springfield Town Center is on Franconia Road, just a short distance from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station. It's got loads of great restaurants and retail and it hosts a farmer's market on Saturday mornings. There is something for everyone to enjoy (young or old) including places like Dave and Busters. I'd also suggest checking out the Hilltop Village Center, home to Wegmans and many different restaurants. This is located right off Beulah Street, across from Fort Belvoir.

Once you've had your fill of shopping and entertainment, head over to Huntley Meadows Park, often called the crown jewel of the Fairfax County Park System. Huntley Meadows Park is more than 1,500 acres with majestic forests, wildflower-filled meadows, and wetlands bursting with life. Take a walk on the wetland's award-winning boardwalk — and experience some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area. You'll see beavers, frogs, dragonflies, and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with over 200 species identified in the park.

You can also head over to Lee District Park. Here we have the Lee District RECenter and two unique features — an accessible treehouse and Our Special Harbor accessible spray park. The complex features Chesapeake Bay-themed attractions including a spraying osprey nest, Chessie the sea serpent, misting sunflowers, and a lighthouse. The beach area is quieter with softer bubblers and interactive water tables.

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Peterson's Ice Cream in Historic Town of Clifton.

## Exciting New Developments

From nationally ranked parks, fine restaurants, and shopping there is something for everyone in Springfield.

BY PAT HERRITY  
SUPERVISOR -  
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT



Springfield District encompasses everything from the historic town of Clifton, to the bustling shops of Fair Oaks Mall, to miles of trails at beautiful Burke Lake Park. Our district offers a variety of attractions for the whole family throughout the year. From our nationally ranked parks, fine restaurants, and shopping there is something for everyone in Springfield.

There are some exciting new developments in Springfield District. One major project is the renovation of the Old Keene Mill Shopping Center. The shopping center's owner, Federal Realty Investment Trust, is giving the entire shopping center a face-lift through renovations including a double-sided outdoor fireplace and a communal village design, with new storefronts and signs, wider sidewalks, as well as new landscaping and pavilions. I recently attended the opening of an interactive art exhibit at the shopping center sponsored by ARTSFAIRFAX. This project is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving 2019.

There are also a number of critical transportation improvements in the pipeline for Springfield District — Rolling Road from Old Keene Mill Road to the Parkway will be widened to 4 lanes with trail improvements; the Fairfax County Parkway will be widened from four lanes to six lanes from Popes Head Road to Route 29 and the interchange at Popes Head will be grade-separated (no traffic light); Route 29 will be widened from 4 to 6 lanes from Buckley's Gate to Union Mill Road; Route 28 will be widened from the Route 29 interchange to Bull Run and a new interchange is being constructed at I-66. There will be new HOT lanes on I-66 and many other minor transportation

improvements that will help to get you home to your families.

### Top Ten

My top 10 favorite places in the District (it's hard to pick just 10):

**1. Burke Lake Park** was named "Best Public Park" by NoVA magazine in 2018 and is the most visited park in Fairfax County's Park system. The park contains a trail that goes around the lake and is great for walking (with or without your dog), running and cycling. American Hiking Society has named these trails in the top ten in the nation. There is also fishing, boat rentals, camping, disc golf, mini golf, an 18-hole golf course, a newly renovated driving range, volleyball courts, a miniature carousel, and miniature train. My favorite event at the park is the Springfield Nights Concert Series that runs from July through August sponsored by my office and the Park Foundation. With free music by nationally and internationally recognized bands, beautiful scenery, and the best of local food vendors from Two Silos Brewery and Peterson's Ice Cream, these are a great way to spend your summer nights. (7315 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station).

**2. Fair Oaks Mall**, one of the region's largest shopping destinations in Fairfax, features a collection of 200 shops, services, and dining establishments in an enclosed, two-story retail center. The mall offers one of the most diverse and compelling retail and dining collections under one roof and is the perfect destination on a sweltering or rainy weekend afternoon. (11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax).

**3. The Children's Science Center Lab** in Fair Oaks Mall is a fantastic museum that allows children (and their parents) to get hands on experience with STEM concepts (Science, Technology,

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**The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) building in Springfield (currently under construction).**



**Springfield Days' Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park.**

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# A Diverse and Welcoming Community

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The computerized water maze and dumping crab basket provide more lively activity. In addition to the spray park, the family recreation area has a fully accessible treehouse and a playground for children of all abilities from ages 5 to 12. During the summer, you can also stop by Lee District Park's Amphitheater to enjoy live music and bands every Wednesday night as part of Park Authority's Lee Summer Entertainment Concert Series.

In keeping with our park theme, be sure to visit Lake Accotink Park and its 493 acres including a 55-acre lake, wetlands, and streams with splendid views of waterfowl and marsh life.<sup>9</sup>

Now that you've relaxed with nature and parks, it's time to experience some history.

Just a short walk from the main entrance to Huntley Meadows Park, you'll find Historic Huntley, the house that was built for Thomson Francis Mason. Thomson Francis Mason was the mayor of Alexandria, D.C. from 1827-30 and a grandson of George Mason. He used the federal period villa, which was built for him in 1825, as a summer retreat.

It's hard to imagine that busy Franconia Road was once a rural road for Virginia tobacco on its way to the port city of Alexandria. Another great spot, rich with history, is the Franconia Museum, co-located with my office and the police station at 6121 Franconia Road. It offers a glimpse into the Franconia of yesterday.

While you're in the Franconia area, you might also be interested in learning about Laurel Grove School on Beulah Street. Laurel Grove was a school that served African American children in the community until 1932 as the Laurel Grove Colored School. The school survives as the only remaining African American schoolhouse in Northern Virginia and offers those interested in learning a rich history lesson.



**Historic Huntley House.**

While there is already so much to do and experience in Lee District, I believe that there is always work to do. That is what we strive for here in Lee District, to keep moving the needle forward and continuing to increase the quality of life for all our community members. As we work towards increased positive progress, there are quite a few exciting projects taking place across Lee District worth mentioning.

In addition to our ever-expanding retail and restaurant options across the district, we also have a few other additions coming to our area. I'm excited to say that the grocery store chain, Lidl, is coming to central Springfield and is expected to open in 2020. Additionally, we will soon begin seeing the construction of the Springfield Commuter Parking Garage, expected to open in Spring of 2022. This garage will give our commuters and carpoolers in the community more parking options. Additionally, we were glad to have the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) decide to make Springfield its new home to thousands of employees. The ground was broken on this project last

year and what will be the second-largest office building in the County is expected to open next year as well.

**THE REVITALIZATION** in our district continues as well. The Springfield Branding Project is well underway. This project includes the design and implementation of many new "Welcome to Springfield" gateway signs.

This project was developed to create a sense of place by creating recognizable images that identify our community and create a sense of togetherness of which we can all be proud.

In addition to revitalization efforts in Springfield, we are seeing lots of progress in the Richmond Highway Corridor which is filled with activity. In 2017, the County approved the largest planning effort in Fairfax County since Tysons. Embark, as it's called, is a new land-use plan which creates a multimodal future for pedestrians and drivers. Embark will preserve and improve our affordable housing stock and create more environmental controls while increas-

## Lee District Top 10 Places and Events (In no particular order)

1. The Annual Springfield Bridgewalk
2. Lee District Nights Concert Series
3. Fort Belvoir
4. Springfield Town Center
5. Huntley Meadows Park
6. Huntley House
7. Lee District Park/Waterpark
8. Springfield Days
9. Lake Accotink
10. Franconia Museum

ing retail and entertainment options along the highway. As part of Embark, we will also see the implementation of a state-of-the-art Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT).

Additionally, many bus stop sites along Route One have been substantially completed as part of the Richmond Highway Bus Stop Improvement project. These improvements include the installation of bus shelters, benches, bike racks, and sidewalks. We are also hard at work increasing pedestrian refuges, crosswalks, and bike lanes to foster ease of multimodal transportation in the community.

Lee District has outstanding civic and business resources with a long history of citizen involvement in community and government.

Our community's involvement and engagement in the civic process is a true testament to the wonderful people you'll encounter here in Lee District and I invite you to join them. Please stop by the Franconia Government Center to say hello and tell us how we can be of service. Our office is at 6121 Franconia Road and the phone number is 703-971-6262.

Whether you have just moved into the neighborhood, are visiting, or driving on the mixing bowl and passing through, Lee District has something to offer everyone!



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# Where to Give Locally

## List of Nonprofits in Fairfax County

703-988-9656.

❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service.** Just \$50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at [give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation](http://give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation) or via check payable to "NVFS" with "Operation Turkey" on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards. Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday Initiatives, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

❖ **Second Story** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent. [second-story.org](http://second-story.org).

❖ **Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna** providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000+ mature adults in the region.

703-281-0538, [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org)

❖ **Touching Heart** in Herndon is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. [www.touchingheart.com](http://www.touchingheart.com), 703-901-7355.

❖ **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153.

❖ **HomeAid** builds and renovates facilities that house the homeless, and partners with many local organizations to do so. 3684 Centerview Drive, Suite 110B, Chantilly, VA 20151. [www.homeaidnova.org/](http://www.homeaidnova.org/)

❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or [volunteer@facetscares.org](mailto:volunteer@facetscares.org). [www.facetscares.org](http://www.facetscares.org). 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030

❖ **Britepaths** will have 3,000 individuals and families in need of holiday assistance list this fall. Sponsor a family or donate to provide a family with a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Join Britepaths at Wine & Wonderment, Nov. 15, at 2941 Restaurant [britepaths.org](http://britepaths.org)

❖ **Fairfax City Area FISH** (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) helps local people who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 [fairfaxfish.org/](http://fairfaxfish.org/)

❖ **Lamb Center**, [www.thelambcenter.org](http://www.thelambcenter.org), day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178.

❖ **Food for Others** provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. 2938

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- > Our Children's Education
- > Our First Home
- > Our retirement



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# Dates and Deadlines for Election Day

❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,  
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323  
Fairfax, VA 22035

703-222-0776 TTY 711

voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/

When you register to vote in Virginia, you DO NOT register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

## Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. 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

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.

## OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County

❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district

❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district

❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one

❖ Sheriff, vote for one

❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one

❖ Member School Board at Large

❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district



**Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.**

❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district

❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

❖ School Bonds Referenda

## Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

## Upcoming Voter Photo ID Events

❖ Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Aug. 27, 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Gardens, Thursday, 9608 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015

❖ Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Wednesday, 1739 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA 22101

❖ Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Chesterbrook Residences, Monday, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA 22043

❖ Sept. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., The Virginian, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031

❖ Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Monday, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041

❖ Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunrise at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Fountain Dr., Reston, VA 20190

❖ Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Sept. 25, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Tall Oaks Assisted Living, Wednesday, 12052 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA 20192

❖ Sept. 26, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Crossings at Chantilly, Thursday, 2980 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171

❖ Sept. 28, Noon until 4 p.m., Reston Multicultural Festival - Lake Anne Plaza, Saturday, 2310 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 2019 First Baptist Church of Merrifield Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8122 Ransell Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood/Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

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## Candidates, Fairfax County

### Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)

Joseph F. Galdo (R)

### Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)

Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

### Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)

Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

### Board of Supervisors, District Representatives

Braddock District

James R. Walkinshaw (D)

S. Jason Remer (R)

Carey Chet Campbell (I)

### Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent

Ed. R. Martin (R)

### Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

### Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

### Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent

Gary N. Aiken (R)

### Mount Vernon District

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

### Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D)

### Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)

Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

### Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent

Srilekha R. Palle (R)

## School Board

### School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish

Cheryl A. Buford

Priscilla M. DeStefano

Rachna Sizemore Heizer

Vinson Palathingal

Ilryong Moon, incumbent

Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent

### Braddock District, School Board

Zia Tompkins

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent

### Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos

Ardavan Mobasheri

Elaine V. Tholen

### Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain

Melanie K. Meren

### Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent

### Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson

Tom L. Pafford

### Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu

Steven D. Mosley

Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent

### Providence District, School Board

Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer

Jung Byun

Karl V. Frisch

### Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen

R. Kyle McDaniel

Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent

### Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky

Tom A. Wilson, incumbent

### Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

Vote for Three

C. Jane Dudik

Chris E. Koerner

Christopher A. Bowen

Edward F. McGovern

Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas

Monica A. Billger

Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent

## School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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## Candidates, General Assembly, Nov. 5, 2019

To check what is on your ballot and the status of your voter registration, visit [elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info](https://elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info)

### House of Delegates

- District 34  
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent,  
Gary G. Pan (R)
- District 35  
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 36  
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed
- District 37  
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 38  
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 39  
Nick O. Bell (R)  
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent
- District 40  
Dan I. Helmer (D)  
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent
- District 41  
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent  
John M. Wolfe (I)  
Rachel D. Mace (L)
- District 42  
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent  
Steve P. Adragna (R)
- District 43  
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent  
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 44  
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent,  
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 45  
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 46  
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 47  
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 48  
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 49  
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent  
Terry W. Modglin (I)
- District 53  
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 67  
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed



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**Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

- District 86  
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

### Virginia State Senate

- District 30  
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 31  
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- District 36  
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- District 37  
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- District 39  
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## My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

BY SHARON BULOVA,  
CHAIRMAN  
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS



When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987 the Braddock District was called Annandale. Fairfax County's population (now 1.15 million) was approximately 746,600. There was no VRE (Virginia Railway Express Commuter Rail System) nor was there a Springfield Franconia Metro Station or a Fairfax County Parkway. When I took office as a freshman Supervisor in January 1988, Fairfax County was, for the most part, a rapidly growing suburban bedroom community. Tysons was still just a shopping mall.

I will be retiring at the end of December, after serving 31 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — 11 years as Chairman and 20 years before that as the Braddock District Supervisor. What I have come to understand over these many years is that the one thing you can be certain of is that things will change. Indeed, a lot has changed over that span of time.

During the past decade while I have had the honor to serve you as Chairman, Fairfax County has:

- ❖ Navigated the financial crises caused by the Great Recession with the County's coveted triple A bond rating by all three rating agencies still intact;
- ❖ Welcomed Metro's Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, with a station at Dulles Airport to open next year;
- ❖ Ushered in new land use plans for Tysons and other aging commercial and industrial areas of the County in need of revitalization;
- ❖ Reengineered our police policies to include more transparency and de-escalation tactics with a focus on the sanctity of life;
- ❖ Created Diversion First, a program for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, experiencing an encounter with law enforcement to receive

treatment instead of incarceration;

- ❖ Updated the County's Environmental Vision to include a new focus on Energy Efficiency and Climate;
- ❖ Strengthened collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the areas of budget development, land use planning and joint environmental initiatives;
- ❖ Reduced homelessness by nearly 50% employing a Housing First strategy to put a roof over homeless individuals' heads and connecting them to resources needed to help them get back on their feet;
- ❖ Lastly, and most importantly, our Board, in partnership with the School Board, established One Fairfax, a social and racial equity compact, to ensure that ALL residents of Fairfax County have access to equitable opportunities for success.

I have been deeply honored to serve the residents of Fairfax County for these many years. I will really miss this job! Jurisdictions throughout the country look to Fairfax County as a leader and innovator, and I am proud, working with my colleagues on the Board and our excellent County staff, to have led our county to where it is today. Fairfax County is an awesome place, with a culture of engagement, acceptance of different cultures and backgrounds and a willingness to work together to resolve conflicts.

Fairfax County is poised for many exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident the next Board of Supervisors, in partnership with members of the community, will continue the positive momentum we are known for.



## NEWCOMERS



Springfield Nights Summer Concert Series at Burke Lake Park.



Clifton Day Local Vendors in Historic Town of Clifton.

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# Exciting New Developments

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Engineering and Math). Education is so important, and this museum, which is designed for kids between 2 and 12 years old, does an excellent job of challenging and shaping young minds. Be sure to stay and shop and/or eat at one of the best malls in the area. (11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax).

**4. Make sure to catch your fill of Friday Night Lights!** The Springfield District has some of the best high schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus, there are few things I enjoy more than getting to a football game in the fall where there's a buzz in the air and a little snap of cold from the changing seasons. Go cheer on your local high school team at West Springfield, Lake Braddock, South County, Robinson, or Centreville.

**5. The newest addition to Fair Oaks Mall, Dave & Buster's** is a great time no matter what age you are. With a full arcade and an entire room of potential prizes, plus you can get half-priced games all day, every Wednesday. After playing your favorite arcade games, you can make it a complete afternoon or evening by stopping by the restaurant for dinner or bar for drinks and snacks.

**6. One of our most visited "one-stop shops" is South Run RECenter.** Not only does it feature a two-story fitness center with heated indoor pool and poolside spa, but the surrounding park offers soccer and baseball/softball fields, two tennis courts, two outdoor basketball courts, a field house with newly installed athletic turf playing surface, accessible playground, and an off-leash dog area. In addition, the newly opened **Go Ape** ropes and ziplining course is another great feature of South Run Park. (7550 Reservation Dr., Springfield).

**7. Peterson's Ice Cream Depot** is a family owned and operated business in Historic Clifton, and let me tell you, they serve some of the best gourmet ice cream in



Supervisor Pat Herrity congratulates Baseball State Champions at West Springfield High School football game.

Northern Virginia. (7150 Main St, Clifton).

**8. Don't miss Fairfax's own little slice of paradise: the award-winning Paradise Springs Winery.** The land the winery is built on has remained in the same family since it was granted to them by Lord Fairfax in 1716. Head down on Friday nights between 5 and 9 p.m. to hear live music and best wine in Fairfax County. (13219 Yates Ford Rd, Clifton).

**9. Acres of undisturbed woodland, quiet trails, splashing streams and a tranquil pond** are just a few of the reasons to visit **Hidden Pond Nature Center.** The nature center, which is accessible to everyone, fea-

tures exhibits and live displays which orient you to the park and the natural world of Fairfax County. In addition, the center has a small sales area featuring books and other items for the nature enthusiast and nature study areas for group visitors. (8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield).

**10. The Annual Clifton Day Festival** (the Sunday before Columbus Day) is a unique opportunity to bring your family to the historic town of Clifton and enjoy arts and crafts, antiques, demonstrations, the Town Market, live music, children's activities, and lots of good food. With so many fun things to do and see, you can easily



Peterson's Ice Cream and Two Silos Food and Drinks at Springfield Nights Summer Concert Series at Burke Lake Park.

spend an entire day enjoying the charm of Clifton.

Most importantly, if there is ever anything my office can do for you, do not hesitate to ask. I have always agreed with Thomas Jefferson's notion that government closest to the people is best, and you cannot get much closer to the people than being a Supervisor. Our jobs are multi-faceted; I would go as far to say that somewhere around 80 percent of an individual's contact with government at any level is at our level. Whether it's land use, transportation, education, public safety, or tax related, my staff and I are always here to answer your questions.



# NEWCOMERS

## Give Locally

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Prosperity Ave.  
info@foodforothers.org Hours:  
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
www.foodforothers.org

❖ **Ecumenical Community Helping Others** (ECHO), 703-569-9160.  
Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. www.echo-inc.org.

❖ **Lorton Community Action Center** (LCAC) will provide Thanksgiving and Holiday assistance to more than 450 families this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets along with fulfilling gift wishes for more than 1,000 children and teens will help low-income families. More information at lortonaction.org/seasonal-assistance/. Volunteers are needed for these events as well. Register online at lortonaction.org or call 703/339-5161, ext. 140.

❖ **Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League's philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children at 11 Title I schools in Northern Virginia, serving children most in need at selected schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria. To learn more about volunteer and sponsorship

opportunities, contact  
alnorthernva@gmail.com or visit  
www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

❖ **Comfort for America's Uniformed Services** (CAUSE) ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org

❖ **Shelter House** provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. www.shelterhouse.org/get-involved/

❖ **United Community**, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306 assists low-income families and individuals living along the Route 1 Corridor. United Community provides housing programs as well as a Workforce Development Center to help prepare people for moving forward with their jobs. Last year, for the holidays, donations of nearly 10,000 toys, books, games, clothing, and other gifts ensured a joy-filled holiday for more than 1,200 children in 600 families. 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria VA 22306. www.ucmagency.org  
Donations of cash/checks and gift cards are also welcome.

❖ **National Capital Food Bank**, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. www.capitalareafoodbank.org

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## Lorton Community Action Center

**LCAC has been serving the community for over 44 years!**

You can help your neighbors by getting involved with one of LCAC's many programs and events.

- Food pantry
- Fall for LCAC, a food-raiser for the pantry - September 29th
- Wine Tasting at a home on Mason Neck - October 20th
- Lorton's Attic Thrift Store
- Thanksgiving, Warm Coat and Christmas Outreaches
- Adult, Group and Youth Volunteer opportunities

**See our website for ways to be involved or call 703/339-5161, ext. 140!**

**LortonAction.org Donate. Volunteer. Shop.**



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



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Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local and regional fairs and festivals, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

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

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

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— MARY KIMM

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### What do you like best about the Burke-Springfield area?

—MIKE SALMON

“Having friends to hang out with.”  
— **An Tran, works at Wash Fair.**



“Close to my work, no shortage of employment.”  
— **Jacob Wheeler, manager at Wash Fair, graduated from Lee High School.**

“We do have parks in the area that make you feel like you're in the forest. To see nature, the forest, the animals.”  
— **Dylan Van Balen, Lake Accotink Park Naturalist, graduate of Longwood University.**



“There's so many things to do.”  
— **Aly D'Anna, right, and Ramsha Baig, boat attendees at Lake Accotink.**



“Lee District Park and the splash park, the different activities we find for the little ones.”  
— **Emily and William Nehring, 1, Springfield**



## NEWCOMERS

### Give Locally

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❖ **Homestretch** is the largest provider of transitional housing in Fairfax County and offers a services to help the homeless better their lives through education. Email: [jhenderson@homestretchva.org](mailto:jhenderson@homestretchva.org); 703-237-2035 x125; [homestretchva.org/volunteer/](http://homestretchva.org/volunteer/)

❖ **Pathway Homes** focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full

potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. 703-876-0390 [info@pathwayhomes.org](mailto:info@pathwayhomes.org) [www.pathwayhomes.org](http://www.pathwayhomes.org) [www.pathwayhomes.org/support-pathway/](http://www.pathwayhomes.org/support-pathway/)

❖ **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**, 8305-17B Richmond Highway, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA, 22039. 703-768-9419, [www.goodhousing.org/](http://www.goodhousing.org/) The mission of Good Shepherd Housing (GSH) is to reduce homelessness,

increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency. GSH housing manages more than 70 housing units.

❖ **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area** operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and Mount Vernon/ Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. [www.bgcgw.org/fairfax](http://www.bgcgw.org/fairfax)

❖ **Christian Relief Services**, 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900, Alexandria, VA 22309, 703-317-9086, 703-317-9690 [christianrelief.org/](http://christianrelief.org/)



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# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

## September 2019

### MONDAY/SEPT. 2

**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. 7-8

**Burke Centre Festival.** 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Conservancy  
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.burkecentreweb.com/sub\\_category\\_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival](http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

**Dulles Day Plane Pull.** At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2019 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. 28

**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 2019

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 10-12

**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. 5

**Taste of Annandale.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fifth 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. Visit [tasteofannandale.com](http://tasteofannandale.com) for more

### THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 24-28

**Washington West Film Festival.** Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit [wwfilmfest.com](http://wwfilmfest.com).

## November 2019

### FRIDAY/NOV. 29

**Reston Holiday Parade** at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Reston. Holiday parade with tree lighting, sing along, and more. Visit [www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/](http://www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/) for more.

## December 2019

### SUNDAY/DEC. 1

**Great Falls Celebration of Lights** at Village Field. 3:45-6:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit [celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/](http://celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/) for more info.



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**The whirl and twirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax County 71st 4-H Fair and Carnival held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.**

## Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. 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. In August at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. 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.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Living Saviour's Holiday Bazaar** at 5500 Ox Road Fairfax Station. Event is 9: a.m-3 p.m. This is a family event with free admission. Shop a variety of vendors including small business and homemade arts and crafts. There will also be a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting local hypothermia shelters this winter. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) for more.

## April 2020

### APRIL 18-25

**Historic Garden Week.** This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit [www.va.gardenweek.org](http://www.va.gardenweek.org) for more.

## May 2020

**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. This annual event is a show and sale highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Centre. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/](http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/)  
**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 three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

**Herndon Festival 2020.** Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 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.

### 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 2020

**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 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. Visit [www.chalkonthewater.com](http://www.chalkonthewater.com).

**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.

**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).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

**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/).

### 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. Visit [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 Road, Great Falls. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/).

**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.

## July 2020

**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 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/](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.

### 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/parks/performances/braddock-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights) for location and schedule.

## August 2020

**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. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. 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.