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## NEWS

### Fairfax Ballet Names Artistic Director

Andrea Cook will serve as The Fairfax Ballet Company's new artistic director. One of the longest running ballet companies in Northern Virginia, the Fairfax Ballet Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization.

Cook, a Fairfax County native and Chantilly High School alum, attended Point Park University, where she received a BFA in Dance Performance, with a concentration in jazz and was awarded Outstanding Graduating Senior for her class. She then moved to New York City to pursue dance performance and teaching opportunities.

During her time in New York City, Cook danced with PushFactor Dance Company and was a founding member of the Undertoe Dance Project, worked for the New York International Ballet Competition, and taught dance classes at the New York Kids Club. She also served on the faculty of and was a judge for DanzJam Conventions in the New England area. Cook is currently the academy administrator at the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, after directing its dance program for 9 years. As the dance director, she received a Wolf Trap Grant for



High School Performing Arts Teachers, which allowed her students to learn and perform two works by Paul Taylor.

Cook's choreography has been featured on numerous companies and as part of choreography festivals in Pittsburgh, New York City, and the Washington D.C. area, in addition to local theatre companies. She has been nominated for numerous WATCH awards and won for Best Choreography for Reston Community Player's production of "Curtains." Cook joined the NCA Cappies Gala team to direct and choreograph the Cappies Gala Dancers at the Kennedy Center each June. She has worked with dancers at various youth companies including setting both ballet and contemporary works for the Fairfax Ballet Company.

"Having worked with the dancers of the Fairfax Ballet Company for the past decade, I am excited to be taking on a new role that will allow me to continue to stretch myself and the dancers artistically," Cook said. "I am thrilled to be part of a program that creates a wonderful environment for dancers to learn, grow, and discover who they are as artists and human beings."

## BULLETIN BOARD

### VOTER REGISTRATION AND EVENTS

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

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

- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Ct, Fairfax.
- ❖ Monday/Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- ❖ Wednesday/Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield.
- ❖ Tuesday/Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke.
- ❖ Thursday/Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

Leewood Healthcare Center, 7120 Braddock Road, Annandale.

Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call 703-945-7483.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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


**Docents Needed.** Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

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



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

## Shop with The Sheriff Adventure

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

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

and Next Steps family shelters participating.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Celebrating Women's Equality

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Stop Isolating the Children

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## September Is National Voter Registration Month

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

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

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

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

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

Also, check the League of Women Voters' [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) website.

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





# ENTERTAINMENT



## BBQ and Beer

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

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

### ONGOING

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

**The Sunday Farmers' Market.** Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com).

**Saturday Community Farmers' Market.** Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 23

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

### FRIDAY/AUG. 24

**Rock the Block: The Darby Brothers.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock).

**B-I-N-G-O.** 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit [www.fairfaxvfd.com](http://www.fairfaxvfd.com) or call 703-273-3638.

**Family Movie Night: “Ferdinand.”** 7 p.m. at Sherwood Community

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

### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

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

### SUNDAY/AUG. 26

**First Responders Day.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Volunteer Fire and Rescue personnel as well as Fairfax County Police Officers will bring emergency vehicles for display and offer hands-on activities to demonstrate the critical role played by modern day first responders. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.or](http://www.fairfax-station.or) or call 703-425-9225.

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

### TUESDAY/AUG. 28

**Farm to Fairfax Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only — meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

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

### THURSDAY/AUG. 30

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**A.R Rahman Live in Concert.** 8 p.m. at Eagle Bank Arena, George Mason University, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The “Slumdog Millionaire” actor will entertain fans of his composing, acting, and performing skills. Rahman is an Oscar and Grammy award winner. Visit [www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com) or [www.arrahman.com](http://www.arrahman.com).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

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

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

## Shop with The Sheriff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

their educational adventure.

For more, email the Sheriff's Office at [sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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

### SATURDAY/AUG. 25

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

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit.** 8-10 a.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun Campus in Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. The event will feature elected officials from across the area, including Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. \$50 for members of the co-hosting chamber groups; \$70 for non-members. Register at bit.ly/2w0Fflr.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 31

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

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 6

**Gentle Yoga.** 12:30-2 p.m. at Sentara Surgery Specialists Comprehensive Breast Center, 8988 Lorton Station Blvd., Suite 103, Lorton. This yoga protocol is facilitated by Pat Fitzsimmons RN, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500, an instructor specifically trained to work with cancer patients who will adapt traditional yoga practices to meet the physiological and psychological needs of cancer patients. No registration required. It is recommended that participants dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, towel(s), and water. Visit www.sentara.com for more.

**ESL Class Registration.** 7 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church's two campuses: Fairfax Campus, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax; or Clifton Campus, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Registration fee \$15; Text book \$25. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.; start date is on Sept. 11 and ends Nov. 15, 2018. Call 703-323-9500 or visit www.lordoflifeva.org.

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

**Walter4FCPS Campaign Kickoff.** 6-8 p.m. at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Robert Walter is running to represent the Springfield District on the Fairfax County School Board. With special guest: Donte Tanner. \$25. Email walter4fcps@gmail.com or visit www.walter4fcps.com/ for more.

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## When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

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

I wish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Braddock Basics for Newcomers

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK

**I**t is an honor to welcome you to Fairfax County and the Braddock District. As you will soon discover, this County is filled with activities, resources, and opportunities for all to enjoy. I would like to highlight a few in Braddock.

Autumn is the perfect time to explore Braddock's lakes and parks. Lake Accotink Park is the environmental gem of the Braddock District, with a scenic 50-acre lake and a variety of activities surrounding it. Visitors can play mini-golf, rent boats, walk a 4-mile loop trail, ride a carousel, and enjoy the well-stocked snack bar.

Another outdoor locale residents enjoy is Royal Lake Park. There, families can enjoy playgrounds and easy walking trails around a smaller, but beautiful lake. Nature lovers and outdoorsmen will feel right at home here.

**THE SCHOOLS** in our District are some of the best in the nation. Every year, our elementary and middle schools receive top-scores in state and national standardized testing. Meanwhile, our three top-rated high schools — Lake Braddock, W.T. Woodson, and Robinson — produce scores of national merit scholars and countless champions in sports, music, arts and more.

George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College offer first-rate higher education to Braddock residents and contribute immensely to the Braddock neighborhood.

The Braddock District has a strong tradition of providing music and cultural events to the community. Each year, my office hosts a free summer concert series called Braddock Nights, which features local artists at Lake Accotink Park and Royal Lake Park. At George Mason University's EagleBank Arena, concert-goers can see the hottest musical acts and entertainers year round in the 10,000 seat stadium. Also on campus is George Mason's Center for the Arts. Students, faculty, and renowned international artists present the best of classical music, opera, jazz, world music, dance, theater, global music and dance, and more. There is never a lack of cultural events in Braddock.

One problem we do have is choosing where to eat with so many wonderful restaurants nearby. University Mall, located just across from George Mason University, has plenty of eateries, shops, a newly renovated Giant grocery store, and the University Mall Theatres. Fairfax Corner is another exceptional shopping center with popular restaurants. After a meal you can watch a movie at the Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theater, take the kids to the "splash pad," or go shopping



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION  
**Sunset over Lake Accotink, a perfect reading spot for Megan Huber.**



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION  
**The Burke Centre Festival in September, featuring music, an arts and crafts show, and community displays and demonstrations: Flipping burgers, Ralph Menzel and Clyde Findley of the Rotary Club, have things under control.**

at the numerous boutiques throughout the main street-style center. We welcomed several new restaurants to the community re-



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION  
**Top-rated high schools: One of the shining stars from Lake Braddock Secondary School's 2018 graduating class, Sinclair Jones accepts her diploma. Her proud family reports that Sinclair is heading to Princeton, where she will study to be an astrophysicist.**



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**From left, Kiera Hogan, 8, and Amelia Roberts, 5, both from Fairfax are ready to take off on the Flying Elephants ride at this year's Celebrate Fairfax festival.**

cently, including Chick-Fil-A, CAVA, and Waranku. The number of restaurant choices here is pleasantly overwhelming.

**HISTORY BUFFS** will love visiting the historic Oak Hill Mansion and Wakefield

Chapel. The Oak Hill Mansion in Annandale is a Georgian-style manor built in 1790. It is the last standing of three properties owned by the Fitzhugh family, who played significant roles in the Revolutionary War and Civil War. The mansion was also the site of a pivotal Civil War ambush called the "Oak Hill Kitchen Skirmish."

Another popular historic landmark is Wakefield Chapel. Built in 1899, this place of worship was named after a Union soldier-turned-pastor, E.W. Wakefield. Visiting these sites helps you understand the significance Braddock played in the course of American history.

**FOR FUN FAMILY EVENTS**, don't miss Celebrate Fairfax! at the Government Center in June, an exciting County-wide carnival and musical event fit for the whole family. Good Charlotte, Sugar Ray, and Gin Blossoms headlined this year's shows.

The Burke Centre Festival in September, featuring music, an arts and crafts show, and community displays and demonstrations, is a wonderful and very popular local celebration.

I hope you take advantage of everything Braddock has to offer.

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### New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber

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

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

The selection of Coons as the chamber's next president and CEO comes after a national search facilitated by The McCormick Group, a national executive search consulting firm, and led by the chamber's Search Committee, chaired by Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR. "After a comprehensive search process, we are pleased to have identified the best individual to lead the Chamber into its next season of growth, innovation, and member service," said Jennifer Siciliano, chief communications and external affairs officer, Inova, and chair of the Northern Virginia Chamber Board of Directors.

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



**Julie Coons**

Greater Washington, and the chamber is well positioned to develop new and exciting opportunities for businesses from across our region to engage, interact, and lead." The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the "Voice of Business in Northern Virginia," represents over 650 local employers with more than 500,000 regional employees. For 90-plus years, the Northern Virginia Chamber has been working hand-in-hand with companies in the region to build a strong

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

#### UPCOMING NOVA CHAMBER EVENTS

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

### Volunteering Makes the Area a Better Place for All

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lington and Volunteer Alexandria, that matches those 55 and better with meaningful and fun volunteer opportunities. Volunteer Fairfax also offers an array of training programs that help nonprofits and volunteer groups run more efficiently. For corporations looking to engage their employees in the community, Volunteer Fairfax's BusinessLink program offers customized employee volunteer engagement at sites in Northern Virginia and throughout the DC Metro Area.

Volunteer Fairfax also runs three signature programs to promote and recognize community involvement. They include VolunteerFest pre-

sented by AT&T, powered by Volunteer Fairfax, Saturday, Oct. 27, a regional day of volunteerism featuring project sites across the region; Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a large family-friendly event where children of all ages engage in volunteering and The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, a breakfast held each April to honor volunteers who have given outstanding service to the community. For more information on any of Volunteer Fairfax's programs or to find a volunteer opportunity now, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or call 703-246-3460.

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# How To Vote

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

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



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

locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035  
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Oct. 15-Nov. 3

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Oct. 13 - Nov. 3

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❖ 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

❖ 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>

## 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](https://elections.virginia.gov) or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

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

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

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

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

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

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

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.

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VoterInformation

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

Absentee ballot applications are also available for in-person visits at county governmental centers as well as Fairfax County library branches.

Send in the completed application: Scan then email the application to [absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov) or mail the application to the Office of Elections at Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038 or Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Once your completed application is received and accepted, your absentee ballot will be sent to you in three business days. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

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

### Virginia Voter ID

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

### Need a Photo ID?

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

### Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

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

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may

submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person, or through the mail or commercial delivery service. The copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

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

### Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

The Office of Elections is open daily during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or 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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### TWO VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

#### State Ballot Question One

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

Present Law

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

The Constitution of Virginia also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. For example, the Constitution of Virginia allows the General Assembly to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real estate taxes

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



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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 ex-

empt from taxation the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability.

This tax exemption is also provided to the surviving spouse of such a veteran, so long as the surviving spouse continues to occupy that property as the surviving spouse's principal place of residence.

### Proposed Amendment

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

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

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

### FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BOND

**TEXT:** “Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$182,000,000 to provide funds, in addition to funds from public safety facilities bonds previously

authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training and operational facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?”

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

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

The Adult Detention Center needs \$45 million of improvements to three wings, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, elevator and fire protection systems as well as security and camera equipment.

\$5 million would be used to improve the Jennings Judicial Center.



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A view of some of the new, Mount Vineyard homes and interior courtyard.



Site plan for the revitalized Fairfax Shopping Center, which will be renamed Point 50.



Artist's rendition of the residential and retail planned for Scout on the Circle.



Site-preparation work has already begun for the Scout on the Circle project.

# What's on Fairfax City's Horizon

Multifamily homes, retail and redevelopment planned.

By BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax is an exciting place to be because new things are always on the horizon. Looking toward the future, several development projects are either proposed or in the works. Below are details about some of them:

## Mount Vineyard

The Oak Knolls Realty Corp. is redeveloping the former Oak Knolls apartment complex into Mount Vineyard, which will boast 102 brand-new condos and 30 townhouses. The site is 6 acres along Main and Oak streets in Fairfax. Being constructed are two, 32-unit condominium buildings with elevators; 38 stacked condo units and 30 townhomes, for 132 units total.

They're all for-sale units. The four-story, 32-unit condo buildings will have red-brick, fiber-cement siding, metal railings, stacked siding and bay windows on the corners. And a red-brick, courtyard wall along Oak Street will offer privacy to the 22-foot townhome units.

The developer is undergrounding all utilities on site and in the adjacent rights of way on Oak and Main streets, constructing a bus shelter, donating money for improvements in nearby Pat Rodio Park and contributing \$550,000 to the City of Fairfax toward affordable housing. It's also making streetscape improvements, providing a pedestrian connection to the park and reducing about 95 percent of the site's surface water flow.

The homes will feature "green" building practices and other contemporary amenities, including rooftop terraces and garage parking. Mount Vineyard is the site of the former home of Richard Ratcliffe, the city's original architect. The community's design incor-

The central green space with benches provides a peaceful setting inside the Mount Vineyard neighborhood.

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BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION



porates several of the mature oak trees on Oak Street, plus a commemorative marker honoring Ratcliffe and Mount Vineyard. Construction is almost complete and should be finished later this year. Meanwhile, many people have already moved in and made this neighborhood their new home.

## Fairfax Shopping Center/Point 50

Fairfax Shopping Center will be revitalized and renamed Point 50. This development will include a Whole Foods 365 grocery store, plus a restaurant and two other retail uses in three, separate buildings. And Fairfax officials hope this project will be a catalyst for future residential and mixed uses in the City's Northfax area.

The site is 6.27 acres along Fairfax Boule-

vard and Eaton Place. Regency Centers LLC will replace the existing, outdated, 68,500-square-foot shopping center with 48,200 square feet of commercial uses – a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and retail buildings of 5,000, 7,000 and 6,200 square feet.

Three access driveways will be along Fairfax Boulevard, with another at a traffic light at University Drive. An access will also be added for the Whole Foods. There'll be no access to Eaton Place, but the University Drive Extension will provide it. Work won't begin until late this year, but it's earmarked to start before the University Drive Extension project does.

## Scout on the Circle

This already-approved, mixed-use development will replace an obsolete strip mall with 400 Class-A apartment units, 29,000



The revised site plan for the Novus Fairfax Gateway mixed-use development.



The Paul VI High School site will be redeveloped when the school moves to Loudoun County.

square feet of retail divided between two buildings, plus a Giant Food store – which will be a 54,000-square-foot, full-service, grocery store with pharmacy. Two parking garages are also part of the project.

Dubbed a "transit-oriented development," it's located at Fairfax Circle and flanked by Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50), Lee Highway (Route 29) and Pickett Road, so it will have easy access to and from major highways. And once the lease agreement was signed with Giant, the project's construction schedule was accelerated and site-preparation work has already begun.

CBG, Clark Builders Group, will construct the all-rental apartments, and 6 percent of them will be affordable housing. Two buildings will have retail uses on the first level and five stories of residential above. There'll be some 3-bedroom apartments, but most will be 1- and 2-bedroom units. Parking-garage entrances will be from Route 50 and from a back street.

## Novus Fairfax Gateway

In 2015, the Fairfax City Council approved Novus Fairfax Gateway LLC's application to transform part of the Kamp Washington triangle between Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway into a modern, community-serving, mixed-use project.

Planned for the 8.33-acre site were 403 multifamily apartments, 24 of which would be affordable dwelling units. Also slated were 29,000 square feet of first-floor commercial uses – 25,000 square feet would be for retail and a restaurant, and a 4,000-square-foot office space would be dedicated to the nonprofit CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates.

The commercial space and three- and four-story buildings would front on Lee Highway and Fairfax Boulevard. Five-story buildings

would be centrally located, and a seven-story parking garage would have a pool on top. Some 11,000 square feet of residential amenities were also envisioned.

But in February, the applicant asked to amend the project. The new proposal maintains all the apartment units. But it features a more varied mix of apartments, including studios, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom. Furthermore, the commercial space has been reduced to just 19,136 square feet, including the 4,000 square feet for CASA.

The remaining 15,136 square feet of commercial use is proposed as a restaurant, plus ground-floor retail. One of the previously approved buildings has been removed from the plan and the footprint of another has been revised. And the pool has moved from the roof of the garage to behind one of the other buildings. The City Council public hearing on these revisions is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 11.

The plan also contains a through street with a connection at the Bevan Drive signal at Fairfax Boulevard, plus a new, un-signalized entrance on Lee Highway. The community's road network could correspond to the future redevelopment of the rest of the Kamp Washington triangle, while treating the section connecting Lee Highway to Fairfax Boulevard with several, traffic-calming elements to reduce cut-through traffic.

Also planned are trails connecting to adjacent properties, plus open space including a 5,600-square-foot contemplative space next to the Jermantown Cemetery. Novus will maintain this space and the cemetery.

## Paul VI Site Redevelopment

In 2020, Paul VI High School will move from its 18.5-acre home in the City of Fairfax to a much larger site in Loudoun County. And developer IDI Group Cos. hopes to re-

develop this land along Fairfax Boulevard after the school leaves. The property also includes two, adjacent, single-family lots on Cedar Avenue.

For the past 2-1/2 years, IDI executive Enrico Cecchi has proposed various incarnations of a complex, mixed-used development there, but many residents believe it would be too dense. So he's met with them and with City staff several times to come up with something more palatable.

At the June 12 City Council public hearing, the latest revision contained 295 residential units comprising 131 townhouses and 164 condos, 20,000 square feet of retail in two buildings, plus 24,000 square feet of commercial and/or community uses in the retained, original portion of the school building. Fifteen of the townhouses along Fairfax Boulevard would be live/work units with retail on the bottom.

The new, retail buildings would be one-story and to the east and west of the remaining school building. Overall, building heights would be one to five floors, with three floors adjacent to neighborhoods. A four-story, multifamily building would face Oak Street, with a five-story building behind it.

Drivers would access the site via an existing entrance from Oak Street and four points along Fairfax Boulevard. No vehicular connections are proposed between the site and McLean, Cedar or Keith avenues. A service road would run the length of the Fairfax Boulevard frontage, and Fairfax Boulevard would have slow-lane parking.

IDI would also add a shared-use path along McLean and Cedar avenues and a 10-foot-wide walkway along the Fairfax Boulevard frontage.

The amount of open space was increased, and the site will contain pocket parks and a village green. Ultimately, though, the public hearing was continued until Sept. 11 when the Council is slated to act on the proposal.



# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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

## September 2018

### MONDAY/SEPT. 3

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

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

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

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

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

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

## October 2018

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT 10-13

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

### SATURDAY/OCT. 13

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

## May 2019

### Great Falls Artfest on the Green.

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



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## Celebrate Fairfax!

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

### MONDAY/MAY 13

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

### FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

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

## June 2019

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

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

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

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

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

### JUNE-AUGUST

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



only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Concert information: [www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts).

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

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

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

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

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

### SUNDAY/JUNE 14

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

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

## July 2019

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

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

### Great Falls 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.

### Clifton Film Festival.

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

### Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771

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

### JULY-AUGUST

#### Braddock Nights Concert Series.

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

## August 2019

### Fairfax County 4-H Fair and

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



## NEWCOMERS

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

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

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

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

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



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**Northern Virginia Senior Olympics competitors**

volleyball and cornhole toss. New events this year include beach ball wallyball, canasta and croquet.

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

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

Registration ends postmarked Aug. 31 for regular mail and Sept. 3 for online registration at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

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

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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.

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dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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**1 Ashby Pond Conservatory Site**  
9817 Ashby Road  
Size: 4 acres. Features: natural pond, picnic tables and a walking trail.

**2 Cobbdale Park**  
3600 Burrows Ave.  
Size: 0.5 acres. Features: playground equipment and picnic tables.

**3 Country Club Hills Commons**  
10050 Spring Lake Terrace  
Features: picnic pavillion, walking trail and benches.

**4 Dale Lestina Park**  
3157 Plantation Parkway  
Size: 7 acres. Features: playground equipment and walking trail.

**5 Daniels Run Elementary School**  
3705 Old Lee Highway  
Features: playground equipment, soccer field and two softball fields.

**6 Daniels Run Park**  
Embassy Lane, Estel Road, Heritage Lane and Tedrich Boulevard  
Size: 48 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail, picnic pavillion, children's play area and wooded parkland.

**7 Draper Drive Park**  
9797 Beech Drive  
Size: 16 acres. Features: biking/hiking/running trail and two multi-purpose turf fields.

**8 Fairchester Woods Park**  
10836 Warkwick Ave.  
Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, playground equipment and benches.

**9 Fairfax High School**  
3501 Rebel Run  
Features: baseball and softball fields; basketball, racquetball and tennis courts; and outdoor track.

**10 Gateway Regional Park**  
3333 Old Pickett Road  
Features: bike trail, pavillion and benches.

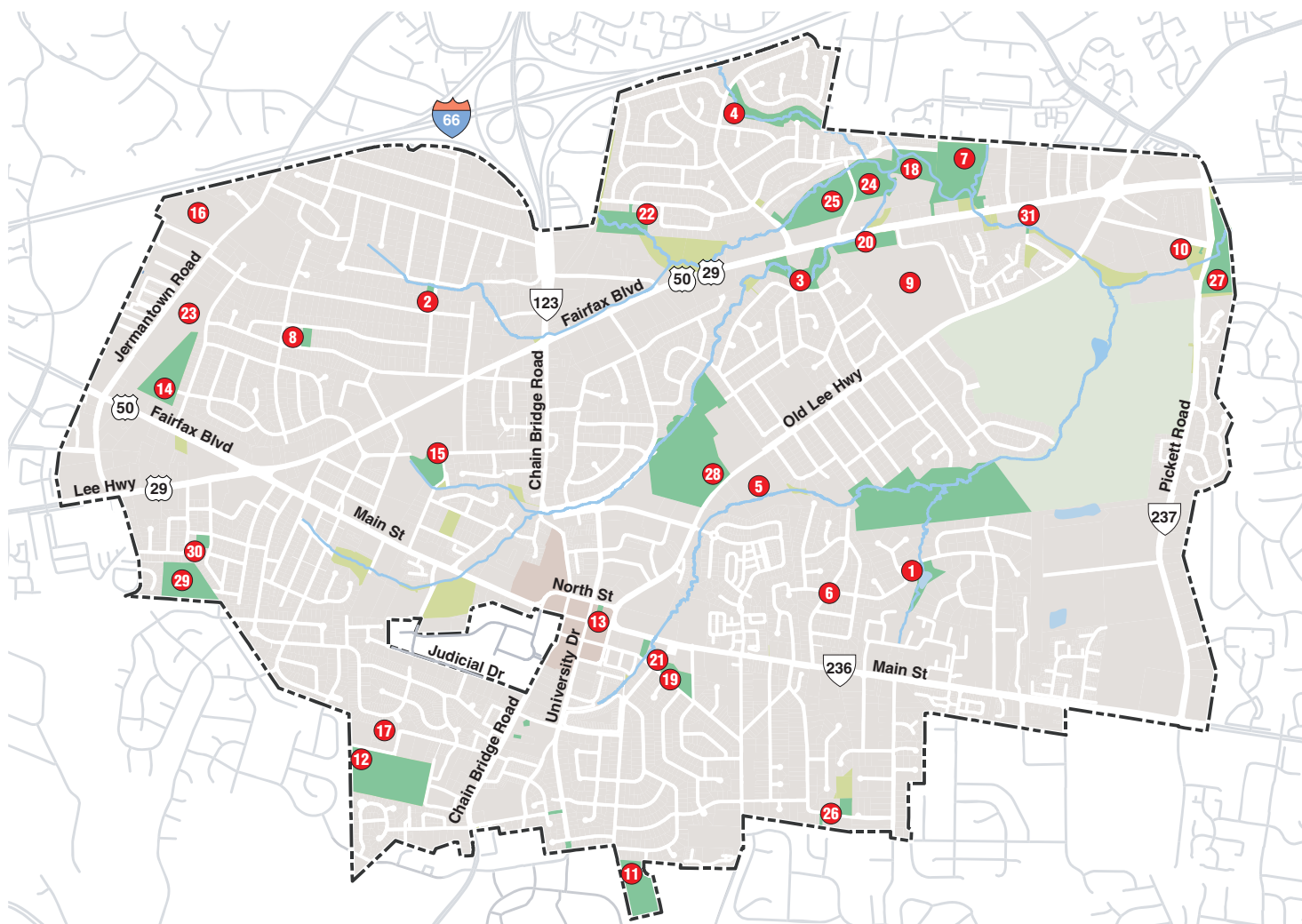
**11 Green Acres Center**  
4401 Sideburn Road  
Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, playground equipment, soccer fields and indoor activity rooms.

**12 Jester Property**  
10735 West Drive  
Features: undeveloped open space.

**13 Kitty Pozer Garden**  
10386 Main St.  
Features: benches.

**14 Kutner Park**  
3901 Jermantown Road  
Size: 10.5 acres. Features: hiking trail, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, soccer field, tennis court and volleyball court.

**15 Pat Rodio Park**  
3800 Keith Ave.  
Size: 4 acres. Features: football field, Little League baseball fields and playground equipment.



**At the center of Van Dyck Park is a large area filled with playground equipment. A tot lot, with equipment for little ones, is located in another part of the park.**

**16 Providence Elementary School**  
3616 Jermantown Road  
Features: basketball court, playground equipment, softball fields and Little League baseball fields.

**17 Providence Park**  
10715 West Drive  
Size: 20 acres. Features: biking/hiking trails, picnic pavillion, playground equipment and tennis courts.

**Van Dyck Park is one of the gems of the City of Fairfax Parks Department.**

**18 Ranger Road Park**  
9701 Ranger Road  
Size: 10 acres. Features: basketball court, picnic area and playground

**19 Ratcliffe Park**  
10300 Sager Ave.  
Size: 6 acres. Features: picnic pavillion, basketball court, Little League baseball field, small multipurpose field and playground equipment.

**20 Rebel Run Property**  
9985 Fairfax Blvd.  
Features: undeveloped open space.

**21 Sager Trail**  
10318 Sager Ave.  
Features: undeveloped open space and a fully accessible wooded walking path between Sager Avenue and Route 236/Main Street east.

**22 Shiloh Street Park**  
10400 Shiloh St.  
Features: playground equipment and a hiking trail.

**23 Sidney Lanier Middle School**  
3801 Jermantown Road  
Features: indoor and outdoor basketball courts, soccer fields, outdoor running track and indoor activity rooms.

**24 Stafford East Park**  
3255 Stafford Drive  
Features: undeveloped open space.

**25 Stafford Drive Park**  
3300 Stafford Drive  
Size: 24 acres. Features: barrier-free playground, fully accessible walking trail, and a multi-purpose synthetic turf field.

**26 Ted Grefe Park**  
9980 Mosby Road  
Features: undeveloped open space and a walking trail.

**27 Thaiss Memorial Park**  
3401 Pickett Road  
Size: 10 acres. Features: Little League baseball fields, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.

**28 Van Dyck Park**  
3720 Old Lee Highway.  
Size: 20 acres. Features: lighted basketball court, exercise trail, multi-purpose play areas, picnic pavillion, playground equipment, four lighted tennis courts and three sand volleyball courts.

**29 Westmore Elementary School**  
11000 Berry St.  
Features: basketball court, Little League baseball field, softball field, playground equipment and a soccer/football practice field.

**30 Westmore Park**  
4030 Fern St.  
Size: 1 acre. Features: basketball court, picnic pavillion and playground equipment.

**31 Willcoxon Park**  
9725 Fairfax Blvd.  
Size: 3 acres. Features: hiking trail and benches.





# PARKS

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

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

### National Parks

#### GF Great Falls National Park

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

#### GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

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

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

### State Park

#### MN Mason Neck State Park

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

### Regional Parks

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

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

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

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



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

#### CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

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

#### FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

#### HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

#### MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

#### OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

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

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

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

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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





# PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE,  
FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS

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

**1 Carney Park**  
Government  
Center Pkwy, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park

**2 Willow Pond**  
13101 Autumn Willow Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park

**3 Woodglen Lake**  
10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax  
Community Park

**4 Silverbrook**  
9351 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Sta-  
tion  
Community Park

**5 Newington Heights**  
8590 Heller Road, Lorton  
District Park

**6 Laurel Hill**  
8515 Silverbrook Road, Lorton  
Countywide Park

**7 Old Colchester Preserve**  
10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton  
Cultural Resource Park

**8 Lorton West**  
9800 Ox Road, Lorton

**9 Lower Potomac**  
9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton

**10 Waples Mill Meadow**  
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton  
Multiple Resource Park

**11 Lake Braddock**  
9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
Community Park

**12 Silas Burke**  
5815 Parakeet Drive, Burke  
Community Park

**13 Burke Station**  
6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke  
Community Park

**14 Burke Ridge**  
9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke  
Neighborhood Park

**15 Rolling Valley West**  
6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke  
Community Park

**16 Fair Oaks**  
3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park

**17 Brentwood**  
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park

**18 Random Hills**  
11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park

**19 Dixie Hill**  
4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park

**20 Villa D'este**  
3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax  
Neighborhood Park



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







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

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



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



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





# John C. Cook

*Braddock District Supervisor*



## Braddock Neighbors:

One of my most important jobs as your County Supervisor is to keep you informed of county issues and important neighborhood events.

I send out a monthly newsletter, the Braddock Beacon, and periodic Cook Advisories updates. Sign up for our email newsletters and keep up with your community. You can also stay informed by visiting my website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock).

Every one of us has the exciting

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

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

## Come in and see us!

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9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, Virginia 22015

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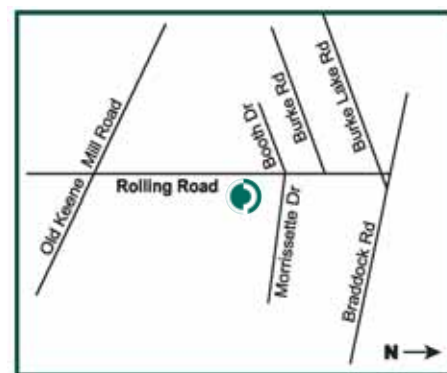
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