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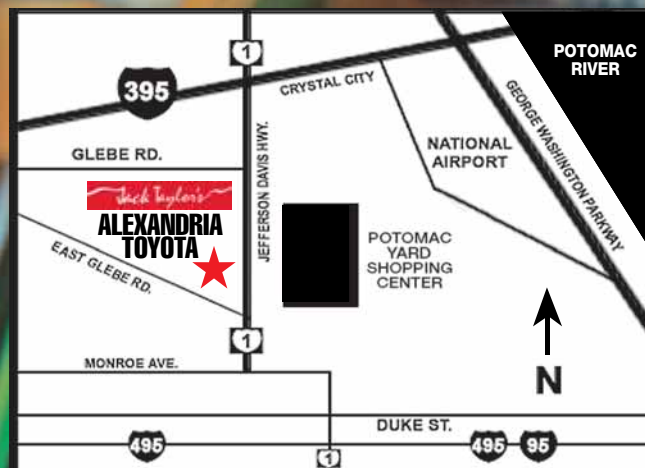
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John Geer's friend Jeff Stewart (center) speaks to reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following Adam Torres' arraignment hearing. Torres was indicted Aug. 17 by a special grand jury and faces second-degree murder charges in the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer.



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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh (center) speaks with reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following the arraignment hearing for former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres. Judge Stephen Shannon denied Torres' counsel's request to set a bond; Torres was released to the custody of the Sheriff's Office. Both parties agreed to begin a jury trial on Dec. 14.

Torres Trial Date Set for December

Bond denied for former police officer charged with murdering John Geer.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Aug. 19, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres entered the circuit courtroom for his arraignment, dressed in a baggy, blue-green prison jumpsuit. Torres was indicted the previous Monday by a special grand jury for killing Springfield resident John Geer in August, 2013.

He was still an officer at the time and one of several who responded to a call from Geer's longtime partner Maura Harrington that Geer was throwing her belongings out on to the lawn of their Springfield home.

After the indictment, Fairfax County Police said Torres surrendered himself that evening at the County Adult Detention Center.

Circuit Court judge Judge Stephen C. Shannon placed Torres' arraignment first on his docket. The defendant's attorney John F. Carroll began by rebutting his client being held without bond until the trial. Murder qualifies as an offense for which bond is denied in Virginia, but it can be argued whether the person accused poses a flight risk or is a threat to the community.

Carroll stated the case that Torres, 32, immediately turned himself in, has no prior criminal record and has a wife and two children. As Hayfield and George Mason University graduate, Carroll said he doesn't think "you can find anyone with greater ties

to the community."

The attorney went on to summarize the Geer shooting incident, beginning to justify Torres by saying a handgun owned by Geer had been found on the scene "within reach, in our estimation," and that Geer had made "numerous erratic movements," prior to Torres firing.

And because the shooting in question was in Torres' performance of duties as a police officer, Carroll argued, "there's no reason for anyone to be fearful." Carroll then asked that a bond for Torres be set at \$25,000.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh spoke after Carroll in opposition to the bond motion. "Not only did he kill Mr. Geer," Morrogh said, "but did so with malice." Morrogh later added that was the consensus of the special grand jury.

The prosecutor also referenced evidence that Torres had been in a "deteriorating mental state," saying the former police officer had fought with his supervisor and with his wife because he suspected her of infidelity.

Though Morrogh didn't disagree with Torres' connection to the community and lack of flight risk, "It's the first time I've seen a

police officer shoot someone who had his hands up," he said. "I think that makes him dangerous."

Judge Shannon reminded that, "We're not here to decide the merits of the case today, solely the bond."

Citing "some indications at the time of

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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh



the incident of a deteriorating mental state," Shannon denied Carroll's request for a bond to be set.

Torres and the attorneys were asked to stand while the details of his trial were negotiated. Carroll hoped to start early in 2016 while Morrogh was intent to begin as soon as possible.

The two parties settled on Dec. 14 to begin the trial, which Morrogh said he expected would last about a week. As the date was reached, Torres suddenly collapsed backward and fell to the ground.

Judge Shannon cleared the entire courtroom as the bailiffs rendered first aid and called a rescue team.

Torres was taken to a nearby hospital, Morrogh said afterwards, and his vitals were said to have returned to normal. The attor-

ney said it's not unusual for individuals to faint or pass out in the courtroom.

Outside the courthouse, Morrogh commented to reporters that though he's prosecuted judges and lawyers in his career, "It's rare to see a case like this — there's certainly no joy in it."

As for Torres being the first Fairfax County Police officer in 75 years to be charged with such an offense, Morrogh said he thinks "it's a really good thing that we don't have many of those."

"It's just the length of time this case has taken, that's not right," Morrogh said. "We have to have a finality to this."

Fairfax County had withheld much of the information about the case, including Torres' name, until Geer's family filed a \$12 million lawsuit against the Police Department.

Torres had been taken out of field work but remained employed by Fairfax County until he was fired in July of this year.

The county justified not releasing the information previously due to ongoing investigations by Police Internal Affairs, the Commonwealth's Attorney's office and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Jeff Stewart, Geer's best friend who witnessed the shooting and became a member of the Fairfax County ad hoc commission to review police practices, sat directly behind Torres during the arraignment. He had never seen the man face to face prior to that morning, and expressed sympathy for Torres and members of his family who were present at the hearing.

Stewart described having "mixed emotions" since the indictment. "I feel good for the process, and bad for the man," he said.

Torres' wife and family members declined to comment after the hearing.

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Carter Murray (left) works with volunteers he organized to shore up trails along the Long Branch Stream Valley public path.



Volunteers help spread and pack down special trail-maintaining gravel along the Long Branch Stream Valley path as part of Carter Murray's Eagle Scout service project.

The Path to Eagle

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

On the morning of his service project, Carter Murray of Fairfax realized he'd forgotten a small but vital detail: Food.

It took two months to develop the project: shoring up sunken, well-worn trails of the Long Branch Stream Valley with special gravel provided by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Murray had to get the plans approved by the leadership of his Burke-based Boy Scout Troop 1965, the Boy Scouts of America Patriot District representative, as well as the County.

"I had to make sure all the aspects were covered," he said. "I didn't plan for lunch."

At 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 22, the rising W.T. Woodson High School senior compiled a shopping list and "hit the Giant" grocery store. By the time volunteers arrived for a 9 a.m. kickoff at the Woodland Way entrance to the trail, he and his mother Aimee Murray had all the necessary supplies ready to feed the work force.

"He learned a lot in the last 24 hours," said Aimee, whose family moved to the area a year and a half ago. The day before the project was complicated by a Woodson football practice which was postponed and extended into the evening. Carter lined up as an inside slot wide receiver in the Cavaliers' spread offense.

Though her son had maturely made arrangements with the Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley nonprofit service organization and local civic and homeowners associations to drum up manpower, seeing it all pull together was still an experience.

"It's been great," Carter said.

"I'm really impressed with the community," Aimee said, "and the amount of people who came from different areas and said, 'We're here to help.' And all the people out on the trail on bikes and walking who've said thanks, or said where there's another low spot."

Alex Buchanan, of Annandale, was among local residents who came out to help with



Boy Scout Troop 1965 assistant scoutmaster Richard Russell of Burke dumps a load of trail gravel as part of the effort to maintain the Long Branch Stream Valley path.

the project. His mother heard about it through the Stone Haven Civic Association, one of several Carter contacted. "We use the trail a lot," Buchanan said.

The most difficult part of preparation, Carter said, was acquiring enough tools — shovels, wheelbarrows and gravel-flattening tampers — to go around. After contacting community members, other troops and his peers, Carter was able to gather enough to keep everyone busy.

When the Eagle Scout-hopeful was trying to conceive of a service project, one of the requirements to obtain the highest full rank in Boy Scouts, he got connected with Scott Thaxton of Annandale. Thaxton is vice

Boy Scouts team up with Friends group to improve public trails

president of the Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley, a nonprofit organization like several others in the area dedicated to maintaining and cleaning specific public trails, streams and the surrounding environment.

"We help support what the Park Authority can't do, be a stopgap for them," said Thaxton, who suggested the trail maintenance idea to Murray. Earlier this summer the Friends group received the Best of Braddock award for Club or Organization Making a Difference.

"They'll dump the gravel," Murray said, "but they have no manpower to spread the trail and maintain it." The volunteers Murray organized worked on several

stretches of trail, roughly 200 feet each.

Richard Russell of Burke is the assistant scoutmaster for Troop 1965. "You'll be able to notice there's a trail now with this," he said. "It's an exciting, good project, and lots of exercise."

Younger scouts from Troop 1965 Dennis Hosken of Springfield and Casey French of Burke were also part of the effort. "We're here for the service hours towards a rank," Hosken said while the pair used rakes to spread gravel, "and to help with the community too."

For more information about Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley, visit longbranchstream.weebly.com.

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Burke Historical Society Meeting. 5 p.m.
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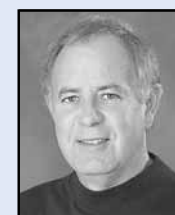
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COMMENTARY

It is encouraging to read in a recent Connection commentary by Jim Corcoran, president and CEO Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (“Now Is Time to Unite for Education”), that the chamber is taking seriously the funding crisis facing Fairfax County Public Schools. Mr. Corcoran is absolutely right that K-12 spending at the state level has not kept pace with rising enrollments and costs. In fact, Virginia now ranks in the top 10 nationally in measures of wealth, but in the bottom 10 in support for public schools. Virginia ranks 41st out of 50 states in K-12 funding.

After eight years of painful budget cuts, the deep deficit FCPS faces for FY 2017 — perhaps in the range of \$100 million — is certainly due in part to chronic underfunding of public schools at the state level. However, the relative share of state and county contributions to the FCPS operating budget has not changed

in that time. The annual transfer from the Fairfax County government to the schools has also not kept pace with growing enrollments and costs. FCPS is spending \$1,000 less per child, in real dollars, than in 2008 - the state and county governments share this responsibility.

Mr. Corcoran correctly points out that FCPS has received increased funding from the county over the years. It is important to note that during the last eight years, however, enrollment growth and rising costs have outpaced increased revenue by \$500 million. In FY 2015, for example, the county increased the transfer to the school system by 3 percent resulting in an increase in revenue of \$51.5 million. In that same year, FCPS experienced unavoidable cost increases totaling \$78 million: a required increase to the Virginia Retirement System of \$38.9 million; health rate increases of \$19.9 million; and enrollment growth of \$19.5 million.

To balance the cumulative effects of inadequate budgets since 2008, FCPS has had to raise class size three times and forego regular teacher step increases four times, budget choices that are simply not sustainable. In that time the relative share of county and state funding has not changed, so both funding bodies are responsible for the very challenging position FCPS finds itself in today.

It is past time for school systems, local governments, PTAs, employee associations and businesses throughout Virginia to join forces and hold the General Assembly accountable for its responsibility to fully fund K-12 education in every corner of the Commonwealth. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce has an opportunity to lead the business community in that fight.

I hope the chamber also takes a leading role in local advocacy for full funding of FCPS for FY 2017 and beyond. As Mr. Corcoran has often said, great public schools are the smartest investment we can make in our local economy. We are stronger together.

Some Recommendations To Improve Law Enforcement

BY CLAIRE GUTHRIE GASTAÑAGA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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COMMENTARY

The following open letter was addressed to Michael Herschman, chair of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

We commend the members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission for their work to ensure that the Fairfax County Police Department encourages a culture of public trust in law enforcement. As you know, this trust is key to ensuring a safe community.

Ensuring public trust in the FCPD will require a shift in its culture and mindset and the reassertion of civilian authority over the policies that guide policing in the county. At the foundation of this shift are the concepts and values of constitutional policing and respect for the sanctity of human life — concepts and values that should be in the DNA of all law enforcement personnel. As such, these concepts and values should provide the foundation for the Commission’s recommendations and should guide all policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the FCPD.

We believe the following recommendations, if implemented, will help achieve the needed shift in the FCPD’s culture and mindset. These recommendations, many of which outline policies that the supervisors should adopt as elected officials responsible to the residents they serve, include:

❖ Understanding Policing in a Democratic Society – Law enforcement are the guardians of the U.S. Constitution, thus the FCPD should initiate department-wide training to ensure its personnel understand the mission and role of police in protecting constitutional rights and

the sanctity of human life, prioritizing de-escalation, and ensuring a duty to intervene if another officer uses excessive force.

❖ Emphasizing Mental Health Training – Embracing the sanctity of human life requires law enforcement to differentiate between a person who needs mental health care and a criminal offender who poses a serious threat. Training FCPD officers to distinguish between criminal offenders and individuals in need of mental health services will also better ensure that the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center does not also serve as a mental health facility.

❖ Establishing a Civilian Review Board – The establishment of a civilian review board with investigatory and discipline authority can be an effective tool for enhancing trust between the FCPD and Fairfax residents. It does so by making the FCPD more transparent and accountable to the people.

❖ Funding and Mandating Police Body Worn Cameras – If, and only if, proper policies and procedures are in place for their use, body cams can be a win-win. They can both protect the public from police misconduct and protect the police from false allegations of abuse.

❖ Ending the War on Drugs - Drug use is a public health issue, and the Commonwealth, the County Board, and FCPD should implement policies and procedures to deal with it as such. Drug policies must be evidence-based and incorporate prevention, treatment, and public safety elements. The end of the war on drugs should begin with a policing policy that deprioritizes enforcement of marijuana possession and includes supervisors’ advocacy for decriminalization of possession by the Commonwealth.

❖ Mandating Data Collection – To ensure that the FCPD is not engaged in racially biased policing, the supervisors should adopt a policy requiring the FCPD to collect, analyze, and publish an annual statistical report covering all FCPD stops, frisks, citations, arrests, and use-of-force incidents.

❖ Restricting the Use of SWAT – The supervisors should adopt a policy limiting use of SWAT to scenarios in which there is a likelihood that the situation for which the FCPD deploys a SWAT team presents an imminent threat to the lives of civilians and/or police personnel.

❖ Reforming Civil Asset Forfeiture – Policing should be based on public safety, not supplementing the FCPD’s budget. The supervisors should determine as a matter of policy that the FCPD should use asset forfeiture only when: 1) a person has been found guilty of a crime; 2) the convicted person is the owner of the property; and 3) the government has proved by clear and convincing evidence that the owner/offender either used the property in the commission of the crime or received the property as a result of the crime.

❖ Enhancing Existing Policies, Practices, and Laws Regarding Police-involved Incidents – Law enforcement should focus on de-escalation techniques and ensure that any use of force tool used is the least severe for the situation at hand, including a recognition that some less-lethal force options are less severe than others are.

While there is no silver bullet to ensuring a safe and effective police force, with restoration of effective civilian oversight the recommendations we have made will help restore public trust by making the FCPD a model for what policing in a democratic society should look like. We urge their adoption.

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NEWS

Burke Principals Preview Changes for the Upcoming School Year

BY LESLIE DAVIS
THE CONNECTION

The 2015-16 school year begins on Sept. 8 for Fairfax County students. However, for school administration, staff and parent associations in Burke, preparation for changes and new initiatives promoting communication and student engagement started earlier this summer.

For the Burke School, the special education middle school on Burke Lake Road, this means receiving the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant of roughly \$120,000 (for the first year). This five year grant from the Office of Afterschool Programs of the Virginia Department of Education will be used to expand the afterschool program to four days, provide community partnerships with organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect, and help offset costs such as bus transportation and paying afterschool staff.



PHOTO BY LESLIE DAVIS/THE CONNECTION

Principal Ryan Richardson of White Oaks Elementary School stands in front of the main entrance.

"The goal of afterschool programming is to help increase student achievement, but it's really to keep kids engaged in school," said Principal Frank Tranfa. As the majority of Burke School's students live outside of the school's boundaries, it has been Tranfa's goal to make students and parents feel attached to Burke

School. One avenue is through a thriving afterschool program.

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Roman Lowery, seen during the 2014 season, is one of three Robinson starting running backs whose listed weight is at least 200 pounds.

Robinson Football to Lean on Physical Running Back Trio

Vossler returns for second season as Rams head coach.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Injuries and the rigors of a Conference 5 schedule derailed a promising start to Scott Vossler's head-coaching career.

Vossler became the Robinson football program's third head coach in as many years and fourth in five seasons in 2014. He led the Rams to six straight victories to open the campaign, including a 19-17 win over rival Lake Braddock on the Bruins' home field. But as schedule difficulty increased and injuries took a toll, the Rams closed the regular season with a four-game losing streak before ending the year with a 50-23 loss to South County in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs.

Nine months later, Vossler is back as Robinson head coach — the first time since 2012 a Rams head coach returned for a second season.

"Coach Vossler is just a great coach to be around," rising senior running back Dajon Lee said. "[He] coaches well; [he] takes care of us [and] that's why I like him even better. It was a great transition [when he was hired]. They picked a great head coach."

Vossler said he learned from his inaugural season as Robinson head coach. And thanks in part to a trio of big, sturdy running backs, he is hopeful the Rams will be the ones dishing out physical punishment in 2015, rather than succumbing to it.

Rising seniors Lee (6 feet 2, 220 pounds) and Sean Foncha (5-11, 205) and rising junior Roman Lowery (6-0, 205) have the size and ability to accumulate rushing yards while wearing down a defense. Lee and Lowery are halfbacks in Robinson's wing-T offense and Foncha is a fullback.

"They're all big, strong boys and they're not slow," Vossler said. "We really think that's going to be an asset for us. We think we can run them at people

and hopefully this year we can put some damage on the defense instead of our backs getting dinged up. We think that's the strength of our offense. We feel good about our offensive line, but with those three horses in the backfield, we feel like we should be able to go toe-to-toe with people."

Helping set a physical tone are returning offensive linemen Nick Bernacchi (6-3, 265), Lars Stevenson (6-1, 200) and Mason Velasquez (6-2, 225). Bernacchi, a rising junior, is the Rams' right tackle. Stevenson, a rising senior, is the left guard. Velasquez, a rising senior, has moved to tight end. Rising senior Wes Richmond (6-1, 185) is a pass-catching tight end.

Rising junior quarterback Alex Miller (6-0, 185), who started Robinson's final five games last season, is the likely starter this year. Rising junior Matt Oakley (6-0, 185), a starter in the secondary, could also see time at quarterback.

On defense, the Rams will run a base 3-4 scheme. Donnie Warter (5-11, 185) is Robinson's top returning linebacker. The rising junior makes the move from outside backer to inside.

"Warter's been fantastic throughout the summer and early in camp," Vossler said. "He was a great player for us last year as a sophomore. ... He's making plays all over the field."

Warter said he feels more confident on the field. "Last year, I was a little unsure about myself," he said, "so this year I have more confidence and more knowledge about the varsity level."

Rising senior defensive end Ieuan Israel (6-1, 220) figures to be a difference-maker on the line.

Robinson faces a daunting 2015 schedule that includes eight opponents that qualified for the 2014 postseason, seven of which won at least one playoff game. The Rams will open on the road against West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4. Robinson's first home game is Sept. 11 against Woodson.

"We feel like we're several weeks ahead of where we were at this time last year," Vossler said, "just because it's our second year going through and we just think we're a lot better at it."

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

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I'll Be Me. 2 & 6 p.m. The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir. The Fairfax & Alzheimer's Association invite you to attend a full length screening of Glen Campbell I'll Be Me. The event free and open to all. Proceeds from concessions and any donation will be presented to the Alzheimer's Association, NCA. RSVP to beth.mclean@sunriseseniorliving.com
Children & Teen Book Sale. 1-8 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Plenty of books as well as CDs and DVDs.

FRIDAY/AUG. 28

Midsummer on a Playground. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. This adaption of Shakespeare's classic A Midsummer Night's Dream is told by a traveling magician, his assistant and some unsuspecting "volunteers." Tickets: \$10-\$12.
Library Playdate: Toddlers. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Play with other toddlers at the library. Ages 1-2 with adult. Sign up required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. Sign up required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>
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SATURDAY/AUG. 29

SPCA NoVA Charity Dog Wash. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket back lot, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Volunteers will wash and towel dry your dog, trim nails and clean ears. Donation based on size of dog. 703-799-9390.
Art of Movement Class on the Quad. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy a free pilates class - no experience is necessary, bring your own mat.
Teen Art and Digital Media Contest Award Ceremony. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Winners of the Art and Digital Media Contest will be announced and prizes awarded. Ages 12-18. Teen. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>
Family Math Games. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Games for all levels with tips for parents to use at home to improve math and

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Mount Vernon Nights 2015: Ryan Shupe and The Rubber Band. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. This five man-band, hailing from the Salt Lake City, Utah, is a breath of fresh air with their organic approach to performing. Free admission.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 21. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

29th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 3-Nov. 8. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

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PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Enjoy Jewish storybooks from the PJ Library and make a craft. Ages 6 months to adult. Sign up required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>

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Storytime at Old Town Square. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come across the street to Old Town Square to hear some stories, weather permitting. Age 2-5 with adult.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 2

Bilingual Storytime. 4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Bilingual storytime in English and Spanish. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

Read! Build! Play! 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends! Age 3-5 with adult.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

Back to School

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which was suggested by its students. The exploratory learning lab will be a space for students to create hands on projects by integrating various school subjects.

On Burke Centre Parkway, Terra Centre Elementary School underwent a two year long renovation to the entire building. Students will now return to a completely refurbished school, which includes a brand new library, a Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) Lab, and updated classrooms equipped with the latest technology.

"As a school community we've been spending the last two years working with the renovation and now we have the finished product, so there is a lot of excitement that is stirring" said Principal Greg Brotemarkle.

Terra Centre's focus this year will be on an instructional concept called the 21st Century Skills, which enable students to be creative, collaborative, critical thinkers and good communicators. Now that the school has updated resources from the renovation, the school plans to emphasize these skills for students to use during their entire scholastic careers.

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) system is experiencing many county wide changes such as new start times. FCPS is adjusting middle school and high school times primarily, in the hope that later start times for high school students will promote academic success and overall better health.

THE LATER START TIME will be a major change for Lake Braddock Secondary School. During 2014-15, school started at 7:25



Principal Frank Tranfa of Burke School sits in his office. This will be his second year as principal.

a.m. whereas school this year will begin at 8 a.m.

"Having more people alert while they are here and learning can only be a positive," said Dr. Tony Copeland, assistant principal of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

FCPS is also launching a new tool for parents called the Student Information System (SIS) Parent Account. This online gradebook will allow parents to see their child's grades in real time. FCPS anticipates that SIS Parent Account will encourage more communication between families and teachers.

"I contend that there are good opportunities for students and parents. For students always wanting to know 'What's my grade? What's my grade?', that's a question you won't have to ask anymore. For parents going to kids and asking 'how are you doing in class?' that's something you don't have to ask them, you can just look and see," said Copeland.

Providing more communication between schools and their communities has been a primary focus of the schools in Burke, especially White Oaks Elementary School.

Principal Ryan Richardson aims to build community as White Oaks implements Responsive Classroom, a new social curriculum that changes the focus of kids' motivations at school.

"Instead of saying 'if you clean up your table, you get token', it's more 'you need to clean up your table because you are taking care of the school community and because it's the right thing to do,'" said Richardson.



Assistant Principal Dr. Tony Copeland of Lake Braddock Secondary School stands beside the main office school sign.

Richardson plans to hold various events and sessions on Responsive Classroom, so that parents can learn more about the program as it's utilized at White Oaks for the first year.

"We are not there yet, but my hope is at the end with the parent education piece, since our staff is already on board, that we will

have an educated community and it won't be just the teachers knowing what it [Responsive Classroom] is and the kids knowing what it is; it will be the entire community" said Richardson.

For more information on the upcoming school year or on any of the Burke schools, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/index.shtml>.

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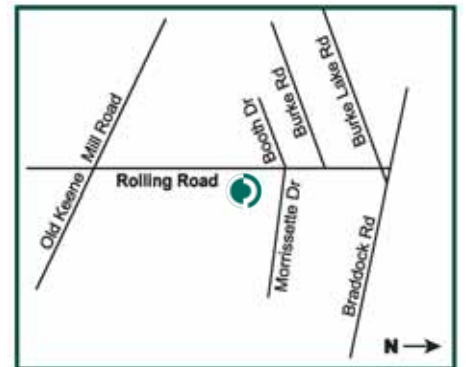
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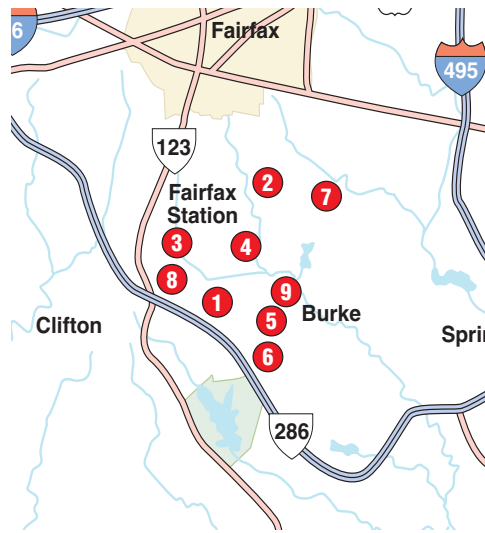
6000 Burke Centre Parkway. The project by Henley Construction Company, Inc., includes renovating the 68,500 square feet of the previous school building, as well as 20,500 square feet of additional space. The majority of construction was completed shortly after the end of the school year.

2 Penn's Crossing Subdivision

Braddock Road and Dequincey Drive. Construction is still underway on this ten-home infill project located around Braddock Road and Dequincey Drive. The land had been owned by the Penn family and sits within the Briarwood area.

3 Woodglen Lake Dredging

Burke-Fairfax Station. Fish relocation to Lake Accotink took place in November 2014. The lake's water has already been completely drawn down, and the notice to proceed with dredging was given to the contractor on April 7. The \$3 million project is still in progress and projected to be completed in October of this year. During fish relocation, workers discov-



ered invasive Grass Carp fish and Gizzard Shad, a species not normally found in lakes.

4 Lake Royal Dredging

Royal's 10 acres of dredged material will be more difficult to relocate than Woodglen's five acres. Design for the dredging is in its final stages and the project, one of supervisor John Cook's (R-Braddock) highest priorities, his office said, is sched-

uled to receive funding after July 1, 2016.

5 Silas Burke House property

Along Burke Lake Road between Burke Centre Parkway and Shiplott Boulevard. Sunrise Senior Living is planning to build an assisted living facility behind the Silas Burke House, but requires an amendment to the county's Comprehensive Plan that would allow for a higher residential density for the area. The Board of Supervisors approved the project after a July 28 public hearing, so the next step is a site plan review.

6 Park Glen development

5 acres around 6408 Spring Lake Drive. The developer Van Metre is working on a subdivision of 12 single family homes, with construction on utilities, sewer lines and an entrance road about to begin.

7 Pilgrim Community Church

4925 Twinbrook Road. The plan for a 20,687-square-foot addition to the church with private school on 5.16 acres zoned R-1 is about ready for con-

struction.

8 New Chick-fil-A

5793 Burke Centre Parkway. Chick-fil-A is moving into a former bank building near the Burke Kohl's. Their plans were recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Planning Commission after a July public hearing. A public hearing with the Board is scheduled for Sept. 22, with a potential next step being the site plan review. The Board's approval could allow for construction to begin before the end of 2015, with an estimated opening in late 2016.

9 Townes at Burke Lake Crossing

9537 Burke Lake Road. The plan proposed by Christopher Companies for 12 townhomes at the intersection of Burke Lake Rd. and Shiplott Blvd. in Burke is scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing on Sept. 24.

Sources: Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) land use aide, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and land use aide, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) land use aide.

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The Best of Braddock District

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) recommends places to see in his district.

Lake Accotink Park's 493 acres include a 55-acre lake, wetlands and streams offering unique views of waterfowl and marsh life.

Picnic areas, playground, pavilions, trails and open play fields are open daily year-round, 7 a.m. to dusk. Facilities and activities vary with the season and include bike rentals, canoe and pedal boat rentals, boat launch, tour boat rides, fishing, pavilion shelters and picnic areas with grills (some areas may be reserved, call 703-324-8732), restrooms, playground, sand volleyball court and basketball court.

Situated along the Cross County Trail, the park also has a four-mile loop, natural-surface hiking/biking trail. Boats powered by electric motors, sailboats under 15 feet and kayaks are allowed on the lake. Pay \$2 launch fee at marina.

Swimming, windsurfing, paddle boarding and gas powered boat motors are prohibited. A Virginia State Fishing License is required for fishing.

The Center for the Arts is the centerpiece of performing arts on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University. Each year the Center welcomes thousands of community members into its 2000-seat Concert Hall for performances by renowned professional artists, accomplished faculty, and emerging student artists.

Great Performances at Mason, an annual season of national and international artists, features the best of classical music, opera, jazz, world music, dance, theater, global music and dance, and more. The Center for the Arts is also the performing home for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

Fairfax Corner is a beautiful mixed-use shopping center that offers main street style shopping at both national chains and local boutiques. It features fun events and entertainment, a state of the art movie theater and some the best restaurants around.

Fairfax Corner also combines office space for rent and residential living to make it the ideal place to live, work, dine and shop.

Oak Hill Mansion, a privately owned 18th century Georgian-style home, is all that remains of the Ravensworth Tract – totaling more than 22,000 acres – dating from the 1670s.

Under an innovative agreement involving the County, the Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the home is privately owned and maintained, but preserved as a historic site and open to the public up to four times per year.

The EagleBank Arena (originally the Patriot Center) is a 10,000-seat arena located on the campus of George Mason University. It has attracted 9.6 million people to over 2,958 events.

On May 7, 2015, George Mason Univer-



Cook

sity announced that the name would be changed on July 1 to "EagleBank Arena at George Mason University," following a partnership deal with EagleBank. It's a great place to check out a sport-

ing event or concert.

Bruce Springsteen, Keith Urban, Bob Dylan, Ricardo Arjona, Enrique Iglesias, the Harlem Globetrotters and Disney on Ice are only a few of the concerts and family shows that have performed at the arena over the past 29 years.

Royal Lake is a 42 acre lake is filled with fascinating wildlife within the woodlands and on the lakefront, including nocturnal animals such as bats and opossums. The lake itself contains bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish. There is also a two mile trail that circles the lake, making it a great spot for a run, a bike ride or a just a relaxing stroll.

Wakefield Chapel was built in 1899 on land donated by local sawmill owner, Oliver Besley.

The chapel was named for its first local preacher, the Reverend E. W. Wakefield, a colorful figure in Virginia Methodism and a Union Officer during the Civil War. The building served as a community church until 1951, and was later turned over to the Park Authority to be preserved for future generations.

A country Gothic structure with white clapboard siding and arched windows, Wakefield Chapel is a quaint setting for weddings or other services and ceremonies. It features original pews, two stained-glass windows and a beautifully restored pulpit.

Audrey Moore Recreation Center at Wakefield Park is approximately 76,000 square feet in size and houses a 50m pool with one 3m and two 1m diving boards. The natatorium also contains spectator seating, doors that lead to a spacious outdoor sundeck, and locker rooms containing saunas and showers. In addition to the various racquetball and squash courts, the center has a large gymnasium with six basketball hoops, and volleyball nets.

The center also contains a cycle studio, a dance room, a pottery lab and kiln, an arts and crafts room, three multi-purpose activity rooms, and a senior center. Wakefield Skate Park, located next to the rec center, offers a chance for people of all ages and skill levels to enjoy the thrills and excitement of skateboarding, inline skating, and BMX biking on our Freestyle and Competition courses.

INSIDER TIPS

What is your favorite place in your community?

— COMPILED BY ARISA ISHITA

Diana Bharucha, senior research analyst, lived in Burke in 1995 and has recently moved back to Burke Centre:

"I would say Burke Lake Park because of the lake and different activities there. Also, living near the VRE is convenient to get into D.C. The third thing I would say is Burke Centre has its trails to enjoy nature in your own backyard."

Sitting on one of the benches by the Lake Barton, Bharucha says she sometimes sits there and reads a book on the phone. She describes the environment as "nice and peaceful."



Daniel Collings, movie theater manager, resident of Burke for 15 years:

"I like Villa Bella. They have really good pizza. They have a real brick oven. [Their] pastas are good too. Sometimes, I go there, pick up the pizza and go home."

Kelly Fadl, homemaker and school volunteer, resident of Burke for six years:

"Burke Lake Park has walking/biking trails, seasonal miniature train ride, carousel, ice cream parlor and small boat rental. Fishing is allowed with license if 16 years or older. To me, the beautiful, peaceful setting, it is relaxing, and really pretty." Fadl — who grew up in Colorado — says nature there is beautiful all year round and that is part of the reason she also likes Burke Lake Park.

"Another fun place is going to Spartans Restaurant. It is a nice place to eat and talk with family, friends and neighbors. They have a nice community atmosphere and you feel like you are part of the community when you are there."



Cathy Noonan, assistant branch manager at the Kings Park Library in Burke, resident of Springfield for 27 years:

"The best place in Burke is the Kings Park Library. We have great free programs for children and adults, English classes, books in Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese, Internet access, free Wi-Fi, a big collection of fiction and nonfiction for both children and adults, databases like Ancestry.com and Valueline, and reference librarians to help. All this plus comfy chairs, easy parking and a helpful staff." Noonan also adds, "I like Burke for its friendly people and good restaurants."

Felix Olivera, construction worker, resident of Burke for 13 years:

"Burke Lake Park, because we got bigger space for playing, barbecue, basketball and volleyball. A lot of space over there." Olivera says he has several brothers living in Woodbridge and when they visit him, he would like to take them to Burke Lake Park to have some fun.



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Burke

Zip code: **22015**
Population: **43,102**
Race: **White-29,315 (68%), Black/African American-2,515 (5.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-101 (0.2%), Asian-7,589 (17.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-5,989 (13.9%)**
Total housing units: **15,039**

AREA DEMOGRAPHICS

Owner-occupied housing units: **12,262 (82.7%)**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **5,906**
Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,983**
Median household income: **121,508**
Mean family income: **146,790**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **33.9%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Fairfax

Zip code: **22030**
Population: **55,066**
Race: **White-35,095 (63.7%), Black/African American-4,244 (7.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-197 (0.4%), Asian-10,880 (19.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-6,546 (11.9%)**
Total housing units: **19,322**
Owner-occupied housing units: **11,610 (62.6%)**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **6,041 (32.5%)**

Households with individuals 65 and over: **3,449 (18.6%)**
Median household income: **101,356**
Mean family income: **145,835**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **35.3%**

Zip code: **22031**
Population: **29,795**
Race: **White-17,144 (57.5%), Black/African American-1,842 (6.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-130 (0.4%), Asian-8,239 (27.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,948 (13.3%)**
Total housing units: **12,364**
Owner-occupied housing units: **6,155 (53.4%)**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,507 (30.4%)**
Households with individuals 65 and over: **2,281 (19.8%)**
Median household income: **106,119**
Mean family income: **143,269**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **42.7%**

Zip code: **22032**
Population: **29,377**
Race: **White-20,983 (71.4%), Black/African American-1,287 (4.4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-49 (0.2%), Asian-5,296 (18%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,657 (9%)**
Total housing units: **10,005**
Owner-occupied housing units: **8,610**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,864 (39.4%)**
Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,598 (26.5%)**
Median household income: **127,784**
Mean family income: **157,919**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **30.2%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Springfield

Zip code: **22153**
Population: **31,285**
Race: **White-21,039 (67.2%), Black/African American-3,311 (10.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-94 (0.3%), Asian-4,309 (13.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,517 (11.2%)**
Total housing units: **10,849**
Owner-occupied housing units: **8,951 (85.5%)**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **4,403 (42.1%)**
Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,904 (18.2%)**
Median household income: **136,561**
Mean family income: **157,918**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.9%**

Zip code: **22152**
Population: **28,500**
Race: **White-19,323 (67.7%), Black/African American-2,252 (7.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-105 (0.4%), Asian-4,548 (15.9%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,778 (13.2%)**
Total housing units: **10,503**
Owner-occupied housing units: **8,535 (82.1%)**
Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,879 (37.3%)**

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Welcome from Police Chief Ed Roessler

Dear Community Members:

The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,372 sworn law enforcement officers who protect and serve the communities of the County. On average, officers respond to over 400,000 calls for service each year. As we engage with the communities we serve, we understand our profession must always assess our services and constantly strive to challenge each other to re-engineer how we deliver essential law enforcement services in a community that exceeds 1.1 million residents. We are fortunate to have an engaged community which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures. The review, conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum, proposed 71 enhancement recommendations. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. We have initiated policy changes and embarked on many training programs which embrace state-of-the-art decision making models and best practices for de-escalation and escalation techniques and new initiatives to safely interact and divert from jail those suffering mental illness. Currently 43 percent of our patrol officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Team training and all recruits now receive parallel training.

Other recent policy changes include the concepts of being able to hold and contain events in order to develop successful resolutions to each call for service when possible.

In 2014 the Police Department began a



Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

self-assessment process to align all of its policies and procedures to comply with several hundred national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The on-site assessment, required to obtain accredited status, is scheduled for early 2016 and will be conducted by assessors from outside the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department continues to maintain its accredited status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

During the last year the Department's social media presence has continued to expand in efforts toward sharing more information with the community. Recently the Department posted 10 years of officer-involved shooting case summaries and data on our public web site. Our goal is to share

information on officer-involved shooting cases in order for the community to better understand the investigative processes of these events and to engage in dialogue on these matters.

In 2013, the Department created a Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment. Its strategic mission is to assist the Department to increase the cultural diversity of the sworn, civilian, and volunteer workforce to better reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. When visiting the Chief's web site you can view the diversity scorecard accountability measure, read the Council's strategic plan document, and learn about the varied volunteer opportunities you can engage in with the Police Department.

Several community members have graciously volunteered time from their busy personal lives to establish and serve on a Communities of Trust Committee which is comprised of all public safety agencies and reports directly to the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. This effort aligns well with recommendations from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Many forums have been held throughout the community and numerous initiatives are in development to increase public engagement with the community to build upon mutual trust.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates have partnered to develop additional crisis intervention programs, including a drop off center which will provide a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. We look forward to achieving this critical strategic goal.

In recent years a majority of our homicides have been domestic related. On July 1, 2015, the Fairfax County Police Department launched a Lethality Assessment Pro-

gram in which all patrol officers have been trained to administer an assessment to provide resources to victims of domestic violence which are available 24/7. This program truly demonstrates engagement with many partners who share our goal in increasing services and eliminating domestic violence.

In early 2015 another community engagement endeavor was launched with the creation of the Ad Hoc Police Policy and Practices Commission. This Commission is comprised of five sub-committees which are conducting reviews of the Police Department as related to use of force; communications; recruitment, diversity, and applicant vetting; and independent oversight and investigations. The Commission will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors this fall. The Police Department is highly engaged with all of the community members serving on the Commission and we look forward to positive change recommendations to better serve all of Fairfax County.

The Police Department values technology advances and we are migrating to a new records management system to assist all personnel in achieving an intelligence led community policing model. The Department is also preparing to institute an electronic summons system for issuing traffic and criminal violations. Our patrol cruisers are equipped with in-car video recording devices and we are exploring the viability of body worn cameras with community stakeholders.

To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department, please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>

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— CHIEF EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Greater Springfield Chamber

The Chamber works with businesses within and those with ties to the Springfield community. www.springfieldchamber.org/.

Small Business Development Center

The SBDC helps aspiring entrepreneurs start new businesses and helps existing businesses to remain competitive in the economy. www.asbdc-us.org/.

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its more than 600 member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia mar-

ket. www.fairfaxchamber.org/ or 703-479-9075.

Pakistan American Business Association Inc.

PABA is a non-profit, bilateral trade association that promotes business opportunities between Pakistan and the United States of America, and nurtures leadership skills within the Pakistani American business community. 703-627-1500 or www.pabausa.org/.

Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

The Alexandria-based organization provides resources to black-owned businesses in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties. www.novabcc.org/.

Asian American Chamber of Commerce

Located in Tysons, it offers programs to Asian

and Pacific business communities in the region. www.asian-americanchamber.org/.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia

Located in Herndon, the organization serves businesses lead by and those that work with the Hispanic community in the area. www.hccnva.org.

US Lebanese Chamber of Commerce

A privately held business association founded in 2010 offering networking and resources to Lebanese Americans. 703-761-4949.

Afghan American Chamber of Commerce

AACC provides resources to members through business advice, conferences, seminars, network-

ing events, publications and other avenues to stimulate U.S.-Afghanistan business and investment; also, sector-based Working Groups seek to reduce impediments to business and market progress for members. AACC also serves as a link between the private sector and government to encourage economic policies that result in increased business and investment between the U.S. and Afghanistan. 703-442-5005 or www.aacc.org/.

Small Business Commission

As part of the commonwealth's Division of Legislative Services, the Commission provides resources and support to the businesses. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb/sbc/.

Greater Merrifield Business Association

The association provides advertising and networking opportunities in Vienna and parts of Fairfax. www.greatermerrifield.org/.

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Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,347 (22.6%)**
Median household income: **113,135**
Mean family income: **142,586**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.6%**

Zip code: **22150**
Population: **27,105**
Race: **White-13,166 (48.6%), Black/African American-2,463 (9.1%), American Indian and Alaska Native-191 (0.7%), Asian-6,415 (23.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-7,181 (26.5%)**

Total housing units: **9,525**
Owner-occupied housing units: **5,444 (59.9%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,186 (35%)**
Households with individuals 65 years and over: **3,097 (34.1%)**
Median household income: **86,480**
Mean family income: **114,018**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **54.8%**

Zip code: **22151**
Population: **17,456**
Race: **White-10,512 (60.2%), Black/African American-973 (5.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-82 (0.5%), Asian-3,777 (21.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,529 (20.2%)**

Total housing units: **6,033**
Owner-occupied housing units: **4,648 (80.6%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,246 (38.9%)**
Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,625 (28.2%)**
Median household income: **98,779**
Mean family income: **118,938**
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **45.3%**

Zip code: **22315**
Population: **26,202**
Race: **White-16,870 (64.4%), Black/African American-4,217 (16.1%), American Indian and Alaska Native-89 (0.3%), Asian-3,180 (12.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,494 (9.5%)**

Total housing units: **10,978**
Owner-occupied housing units: **7,650 (72%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,614 (34%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,487 (14%)**

Median household income: **120,517**
Mean family income: **149,932**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.4%**

Zip code: **22310**
Population: **29,609**
Race: **White-19,121 (64.6%), Black/African American-3,991 (13.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-94 (0.3%), Asian-3,517 (11.9%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,678 (15.8%)**

Total housing units: **12,048**
Owner-occupied housing units: **8,679 (76%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,654 (32%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,214 (19.4%)**

Median household income: **105,515**
Mean family income: **137,805**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **34.5%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012



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Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

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

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

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. We continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

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Deeper Missions

An aid and mission travel organization that aims to implement sustainability projects, such as clean energy, safe water and sanitation in developing nations. Locally, volunteer opportunities include helping design graphics, social media management and fundraiser writing, in addition to being part of a travel team. <http://deepermissions.org>.

Lions Club

The Burke Lions, formed in 1967, hold two big annual fundraising events, including selling food at the Burke Centre Fall Festival and Christmas tree sales at Cardinal Forest Plaza, all proceeds of which benefit

charities. 703-764-9656 or www.burkelions.org.

Moms Club of BURKE

The MOMS Offering Moms Support (MOMS) Club is an international, nonprofit organization that provides support for mothers. The Burke group provides forums on topics of interest for moms (child care, tea, coffee and baked goods provided) as well as during-the-day playdates and socializing activities. www.burkemomsnorth.org.

Burke CARES

Burke CARES is a community-building, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1997 and composed entirely of volunteers that serves the members of Burke

Centre and the larger Burke community by helping community members with resources to come to the aid of community members who need those resources. Burke CARES is determined to help create a community of residents aware of each other's needs and helping to meet those needs. BurkeCARES.tripod.com/index.html.

Celebration Singers

Celebration Singers is a performance-oriented and service-based community singing group that endeavors, through its presence and visibility in Prince William County, to enhance the county's image throughout Northern Virginia, and to provide members and audiences with a rewarding and enjoyable experi-

ence through seasonal concerts. Ticket proceeds also provide support for charitable organizations local to Northern Virginia. www.celebrationsingersva.org.

GIVE

GIVE (Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education) is a nonprofit organization founded and operated by high school students, which works towards promoting leadership of youth through volunteering time for a free tutoring program for children. Last year, GIVE ran 11 centers in both libraries and community centers, and is looking forward to expanding further this year with more support. The GIVE center at Richard Byrd Library, which has served over 1,000 students, has over

100 students and 60 tutors that meet every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. www.giveyouth.org.

Friends of the Burke Centre Library

The library maintains an association of persons and organizations interested in supporting and advocating for public library services. Members work together to host several large book sales throughout the year, advocate for all libraries to receive adequate funding, host guest speakers such as historians, publishers and authors, and support the Fairfax Library Foundation with the annual Fall for the Book Festival. bcfriendsbooks@yahoo.com.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

ARTS & ORGANIZATIONS Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 3905 Railroad Avenue, Suite 202 N, Fairfax. One of the finest regional, professional orchestras in the country. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Listen to Beethoven: Beethoven: "Coriolanus" Overture, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor" featuring pianist Alon Goldstein and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5. Led by conductor Christopher Zimmerman. Call 703-563-1990 for more info.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. Fairfax Symphony, 3905 Railroad Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy Sibelius: Valse Triste and Scene with Cranes, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring rising star pianist Sean Chen and Sibelius: Symphony No. 2. Call 703-563-1990 for more info.

George Mason University Center for the Arts

Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr., MS 2F5,

Fairfax. The Center for the Arts is the centerpiece of performing arts on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, and each year the Center welcomes hundreds of thousands of community members into its Concert Hall for performances by renowned professional artists, accomplished faculty and emerging student artists. 703-993-8888 or cfa.gmu.edu.

George Mason University EagleBank Arena

GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Located on the campus of George Mason University, the Patriot Center is a 10,000-seat arena that hosts Mason basketball games, concerts, family shows and commencement ceremonies. 703-993-3000 or <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/>.

SUNDAY/ SEPT. 6

WWE Live. 7 p.m. GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The World Wrestling Entertainment presents their wrestlers in a fight of epic proportions. See all your favorite WWE Superstars in action including: John Cena vs Kevin Owens - US Championship Match, Neville vs Money in the Bank Contract Winner Sheamus and many more! Tickets on sale now. Visit <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/> for prices and seating.

FRIDAY/SEPT 18-SATURDAY/SEPT 19

Spirit of America. Fri. 10:30 a.m. and

7:30 p.m. Sat. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. "Spirit of America" is a fast-paced journey that captures 240 years of Soldiers' true stories that span generations of Americans who upheld freedom and democracy. This live show is performed by a cast and crew of active-duty soldiers. More info at <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/events/>. Tickets are free.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Washington Wedding Experience. 11 a.m. .m. GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Chat with the area's most talented and trustworthy wedding professionals while you taste delicious cakes, see beautiful flower and find your dream dress. More info at <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/events/>. Tickets \$10.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Ricky Martin. 8 p.m. GMU Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Listen to Grammy Award winner and music superstar Ricky Martin on his One World Tour. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 703-993-3000 for more info.

Fairfax Art League Gallery

Fairfax Art League Gallery, Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League Gallery, operated by the Fairfax Art League, a members' co-operative gallery representing over 100

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NEWCOMERS

Meet the Candidates for County Board

All politics is local, in Fairfax County, too:
Who runs for Board of Supervisors in November?

You may be surprised – or dismayed – to learn that the 10 men and women who occupy Fairfax County Board of Supervisors wield enormous power and influence over your everyday lives.

They set your tax rate, fund the public school system, and determine priorities and policies for issues ranging from affordable housing, homelessness and human services to economic development, traffic calming and the environment.

They manage a \$7 billion budget, larger than the budgets of four states, and rule over a county with a diverse, well-educated population of more than a million people.

Their decisions can propel our community forward – or cost us our first-rate status in education, livability and culture.

If you happen to meet them this election season, thank them for the long-awaited Silver Line expan-

sion, a success that directly benefits you and your property values. Or, you may want to chide them for the extra \$185 you will pay in property taxes this year, or the generous \$20,000 pay raise they gave themselves after increasing your property taxes.

They do want to hear from you. What they don't want to hear are complaints about potholes on your road. Not because they don't care, but because they can't do anything about it.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state builds, maintains and operates local roads. Transportation funding, you will quickly learn, is a perennial hot topic in the Virginia General Assembly.

So is redistricting, also known as gerrymandering, which has kept the Commonwealth in another form of gridlock as Republicans and Democrats struggle ceaselessly for control of the legislature.

Another perennial problem is the socioeconomic divide between affluent Northern Virginia (NOVA) – where you now reside – and the Rest of Virginia (ROVA) – where a chunk of your tax dollars disappear. NOVA gets less back from Richmond than we send down there, and so Northern Virginians have the privilege of paying extra taxes (and tolls) to fund the badly-needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure. It drives us a little crazy.

As a newcomer, you may wonder why we still call ourselves a “Commonwealth,” instead of just an ordinary state. Good question. Virginia retained this nomenclature – as did Kentucky, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania – when we adopted our first constitution in 1776, most likely to emphasize the fact that our new government was based upon the sovereignty of the people united for the common good. If we're re-

ally honest, we are also very proud of the ruckus we kicked up with the British Monarchy when we declared our independence. There's a reason our state motto is “Sic Semper Tyrannis,” Latin for “thus always to tyrants.”

So, dear newcomer: Wherever you are from, you are here now. In the Old Dominion, the Mother of Presidents. Let that sink in for a moment.

We hope you will appreciate the fact that you are here, reading this guide, during an important election season. We assume you will join the ranks of Fairfax County's prolific electorate, where nearly 43 percent of residents cast their ballots last year, and vote on Nov. 3.

To make it a little easier for you, and give you the opportunity to feel like “political insiders,” we asked each of the 19 BOS candidates to give you their answers to questions specifically geared toward newcomers.

Their responses are unedited and enlightening. We hope.

— VICTORIA ROSS



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Current Board of Supervisors. From left: Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District), Michael R. Frey (R-Sully District), John C. Cook (R-Braddock District), Gerald W. Hyland (D-Mount Vernon District), Sharon Bulova (Chairman, At-Large), Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason District, Vice Chairman), John W. Foust (D-Dranesville District), Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District), Pat Herryty (Springfield District) and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District).

Questions

1) What should newcomers know about the impact the Board of Supervisors has on their daily lives? In other words - what do you do at the county level that's important enough to compel newcomers to vote in this election?

2) To make newcomers feel at home, what's a “must-see” place or event you recommend they check out in Fairfax County or your district?

3) What's your favorite sports team?

4) Fairfax County gained national and global Twitter prominence earlier this year when outraged FCPS students started the Twitter hashtag #closeFCPS after school officials did not call a snow day when it actually snowed. What Twitter or Instagram hashtag would you like to see trending in the coming year about Fairfax County or your district?

— VICTORIA ROSS

Race: Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (At Large)

Incumbent:
Sharon S. Bulova (D)
Home: Fairfax Station
Email Address: sharonbulova@gmail.com
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Twitter @sharonbulova
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Sharon Bulova

Challenger:
Arthur G. Purves (R)
Home: Vienna
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Arthur Purves

Challenger:
Glenda Gail Parker (Independent Green)
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Glenda Parker

ANSWERS: BULOVA

1) We are the most grass roots level of government. Our Board is responsible for everything from ensuring clean drinking water, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, attractive parks and libraries to funding our fantastic school system.

2) Hard to choose a favorite. Fairfax has the most wonderful park system with something for everyone to enjoy. I jog through the woods in Villa Park three times a week.

3) My current favorite is Fairfax County's World Police & Fire Games Women's Basketball Team.

They won a gold medal at the Games and presented me with an autographed ball.

4) Trending: #FairfaxCounty/ #model/EngagedCommunity

“I'd like to see #FairfaxModel become a trend for what we are doing in the area of mental health. I want others to look to us the way we are looking to Memphis and Bexar County for examples of how to adequately train public safety to deal with people suffering from mental illness and diverting those individuals from jail into treatment.”

ANSWERS: PARKER

1) Your commute depends on politics, More Trains, Less Traffic! Trains as fast as planes. Nationwide and local rail feeder systems. We need light rail to serve tourists and

VRE service throughout the day and on weekends. The BOS can pressure the Virginia General Assembly and Virginia Congressional delegation to remove the barrier that prevents building rail mass transit and to encourage renewable energy – solar, wind, geothermal. Rail built anywhere in America benefits ALL of America.

2) Check out Channel 10's Green TV on Cox, Verizon or Fios. Visit us on YouTube: search for Independent Greens of Virginia or GailforRailParker YouTube channel.

3) My hometown girls' basketball team, the Kingston Princesses!

4) This is easy: #HHR4FXCounty/ #MoreTrainsLessTraffic/ #GailforRailRocks/ #www.GailParker.us

* Candidate Arthur Purvis did not respond to the questionnaire.

Race: Braddock District Supervisor

Incumbent:
John C. Cook (R)
Home: Burke
Email Address: jcook@cookcraig.com
Phone: 703-323-9066
Twitter @JohnCookVA
Campaign website - johncook4supervisor.com



John C. Cook

Challenger:
Janet S. Oleszek (D)
Home: Fairfax
Email Address: janet.oleszek@gmail.com
Phone: 703-323-1771
Twitter @JanetOleszek
Campaign website - janetoleszek.ngpvanhost.com

#LakeAccotinkPark, #RemadeMyMindAndGave

ANSWERS: OLESZEK

1) Newcomers to Fairfax County should know the famous quip “all politics is local.”

Local politics IS the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, who decide on issues and policies that direct our police, emergency and fire departments, while at the same time fund our public schools, parks, libraries and social services. Water, sewers and garbage collection are important duties of the Board too. So you can easily see that your vote will directly influence who will be making the decisions that affect your daily life and protect the quality of our community. In this election, we will be deciding on issues of importance such as the future of Braddock Road, which voters will be hearing more about from me.

2) Braddock District is home to some of the very best high school athletic programs in Northern Virginia, so come check out some of the games during fall sports season this year! You can meet me at the Friday night football games.

3) We are a baseball family. My sons and husband love the Nationals. Their love and enthusiasm for the game has rubbed off on me. Go Nats!

4) #keepBraddockBeautiful

ANSWERS: CAMPBELL

1) It's your money. Vote. Help decide how your taxpayer cash is, or isn't spent! The Board of Supervisors decides the property tax rate for our homes. It sets fees. The Board then decides how money



Janet S. Oleszek



Carey C. Campbell

is spent. How much? Over \$7 billion bucks last year.

I'm the Independent candidate in the nonpartisan Braddock District race. I'm for Green Growth. Smart Growth. The Green New Deal. Positive eco-solutions for the economy. Invest in money-making infrastructure. Get a return on our investment. Rail, bikeable, walkable, pedestrian-friendly communities increase the value of our homes, businesses, communities. That grows revenue for our schools, police, and fire departments.

You can make all the difference by voting. Your vote. Your money. Our community.

It's about your money. Let's grow our community, and get solid returns on investments in our community.

I ask for your vote for Braddock District Supervisor!

2) Must see: This Plus Green house. Plus means it creates more energy than it consumes.

Check out my house! 51 solar panels. Geothermal heating and cooling.

The first year installed the solar and geothermal produced 10 times the energy the house consumed. I'm making money. You can too! The exact same way. Every quarter I receive a check for my (SRECs). Last quarter the check was almost \$1,400.00.

Here's the check on my Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/carey.campbell.33/videos/718807278225089/?pnref=story
4) #GreenBraddock, #GreenFairfax

Money: How much have they raised?

We've compiled the most recent financial filings for candidates in the 2015 race for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The figures represent the reports candidates filed on July 15 for the period from Jan. 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The next financial report will be filed in September. For more details on candidates' financial filings, go to www.VPAOrg/localities/Fairfax-county-va/elections/tracked/

Braddock Supervisor
John Cook, Incumbent, (R)
Money Raised: \$178,744
Money Spent: \$83,468
Balance: \$83,468

Janet Oleszek (D)
Money Raised: \$41,909
Money Spent: \$37,072
Balance: \$4,854

Carey Campbell (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0

Dranesville Supervisor
Jennifer Chronis (R)
Money Raised: \$143,732
Money Spent: \$51,302
Balance: \$92,427

John Foust (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$164,364
Money Spent: \$112,824
Balance: \$52,559

Hunter Mill Supervisor
Catherine Hudgins (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$9,226
Money Spent: \$22,894
Balance: \$20,867

Lee Supervisor
Jeffrey McKay (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$91,563
Money Spent: \$54,378
Balance: **\$92,147**

Mason Supervisor
Penny Gross (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$185,26
Money Spent: \$152,808
Balance: \$118,311

Mollie Loeffler (I)
Money Raised: \$18,557
Money Spent: \$5,708
Balance: \$12,848
SOURCE: VIRGINIA PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

Mount Vernon Supervisor
Jane Gandee (R)
Money Raised: \$52,988
Money Spent: \$32,201
Balance: \$20,786

Daniel Storck (D)
Money Raised: \$115,079
Money Spent: \$109,153
Balance: \$5,924

Providence Supervisor
Linda Smyth (D)
Money Raised: \$112,210
Money Spent: \$108,020
Balance: \$22,499

Springfield Supervisor
Pat Herryty (R) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$409,995
Money Spent: \$309,925
Balance: \$102,129

Corazon Foley (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0

Sully Supervisor
John Guevara
Money Raised: \$71,697
Money Spent: \$58,333
Balance: \$13,362

Kathy Smith (D)
Money Raised: \$45,214
Money Spent: \$20,135
Balance: \$25,079

Chairman, Board of Supervisors (At Large)
Arthur Purves (R)
Money Raised: \$12,223
Money Spent: \$5,384
Balance: \$6,837

Sharon Bulova (D) Incumbent Money Raised: \$167,871. Money Spent: \$96,446. Balance: \$78,878.
Glenda Parker (I) Money Raised: \$0. Money Spent: \$0. Balance: \$0

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YEAR-ROUND ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEANNIE WINSLOW, BURKE CENTRE FESTIVAL

The 38th Annual Burke Centre Festival will take place Sept. 12-13 to celebrate the spirit of the community with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

LIST COMPILED BY ABIGAIL
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A LIST OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS IN
THE AREA.

August 2015

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

29th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

September 2015

SATURDAY/AUG. 1 - SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit <http://www.workhousearts.org/events/visual-arts/workhouse-clay-national-2015>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/>.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

16th Annual Labor Day Car Show. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Historic Clifton. Antiques, classics, foreign, customs, motorcycles and more. Pre-register by Aug. 24. www.labordaycarshow.com. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. DOWNTOWN Herndon celebrates Labor Day with an annual festival - great music, a craft show, food, wineries, micro-brews and culinary demonstrations will all be there. Visit <http://www.herndon-va.gov/>.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

ChalkFest. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for spectators, participants register for a fee which includes supplies. Rain or shine. Information: publicartreston.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons



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On Oct. 11, celebrate Clifton Day, the town's annual arts and crafts fair from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the corner of Main Street and Chapel Road.

Corner. Over 100 international different wines, beers, and spirits in an all-you-care-to-taste affair. Enjoy the best of D.C. chefs in hands-on grilling demonstrations in the drink. Eat. Relax. <http://www.tastetysons.com/>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-13

38th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Burke Centre's signature event, which celebrates the spirit of the community each year with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com and click on Festival.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dulles International Airport. Teams of 25 are pitted against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airbus 12 feet the fastest in Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser. Visit www.planepull.com.

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival. 12-6 p.m. 8025 Galleria Drive, McLean. Attend for a day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbecue eatin'. Your admission buys a sampling glass so you can enjoy all you care to taste while attending seminars in the tasting theater and enjoying live music all day. Visit <http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info>.



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Students race to the finish line in their homemade cardboard boats as part of the community celebration, Springfield Days, taking place every year at the end of May.

[MulticulturalFestival.shtml](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival).

20th Annual CCE Irish Folk Festival. Noon-7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 26-27

Workhouse Fall Arts Festival 2015. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Over 100 of the nation's best artists will exhibit their original fine art and crafts. The two-day outdoor festival will include work by artists from across the Mid-Atlantic region, showcasing paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafted furniture and much more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27 - SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life and much more with live animal shows throughout the day. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

October 2015

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

4th Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk. 11:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work,

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Children enjoying an amusement ride at last year's Fairfax Fall Festival. This year's festival will be on Oct. 10



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and even digital artwork. Each artist will display and sell their work from booths lining the Courtyard. Festival guests will have the opportunity to talk to the artists, get to know them, and ask questions about their stories and inspirations.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of juried artists. Visit www.mpaart.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit www.1771.org.

Tyson's Harvest Festival. 12-5 p.m. Lerner Town Square, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Stroll through the arts and crafts booths and taste some of the fun flavors of fall. Visit www.tysonsharvest.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

November 2015

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Turkey Trot 5K Race. 4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. The course takes you through Herndon Centennial Golf Course grass and paved paths, parts of the W&OD paved trail and vehicular paved road. All canned food will be donated to LINK. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

FRIDAY/NOV. 27

Reston Holiday Parade. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Holiday Parade on Market Street, tree lighting at Fountain Square, and much more through the day of charity and cheer. Rain or shine.

MONDAY/NOV. 30

Church Street Holiday Stroll. 6-9 p.m. Freeman House and Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Enjoy fun family-friendly activities including a visit from Santa, petting zoo, free hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows at supervised bonfires. Visit www.viennava.gov.

December 2015

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

January 2016

FRIDAY/JAN. 8 - SPRING

Live Music at Paradise Springs Winery. Fridays 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays 2-6 p.m. 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Various live artists perform every Friday and Saturday. Visit www.paradisep Springswinery.com/winery-events.html.

April 2016

FRIDAY/APRIL 15-MAY 15

Destination Fairfax: Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Dedicated to showcasing the very best of the visual and performing arts in the City of Fairfax, Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts is an annual three-week festival comprising artists in and at local venues.

May 2016

FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY

Fairfax Fine Arts Festival. Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. A fine art festival in the heart of Fairfax. Visit www.paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/html/artist_application.html.

FOURTH SATURDAY IN MAY

Springfield Days. A community-wide celebration that harkens back to the good old days. Visit www.springfielddays.com

June 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

Celebrate Fairfax! Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Northern Virginia's largest annual three-day festival and community-wide celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com.

FOURTH SATURDAY IN JUNE

Clifton Wine Festival. 7150 Main St., Clifton. Virginia vineyards and wineries come together for a day of wine, food, arts and crafts. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

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PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
www.nps.gov/grfa

Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#

703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov.

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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

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

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

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

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

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

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

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

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

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

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

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

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

OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

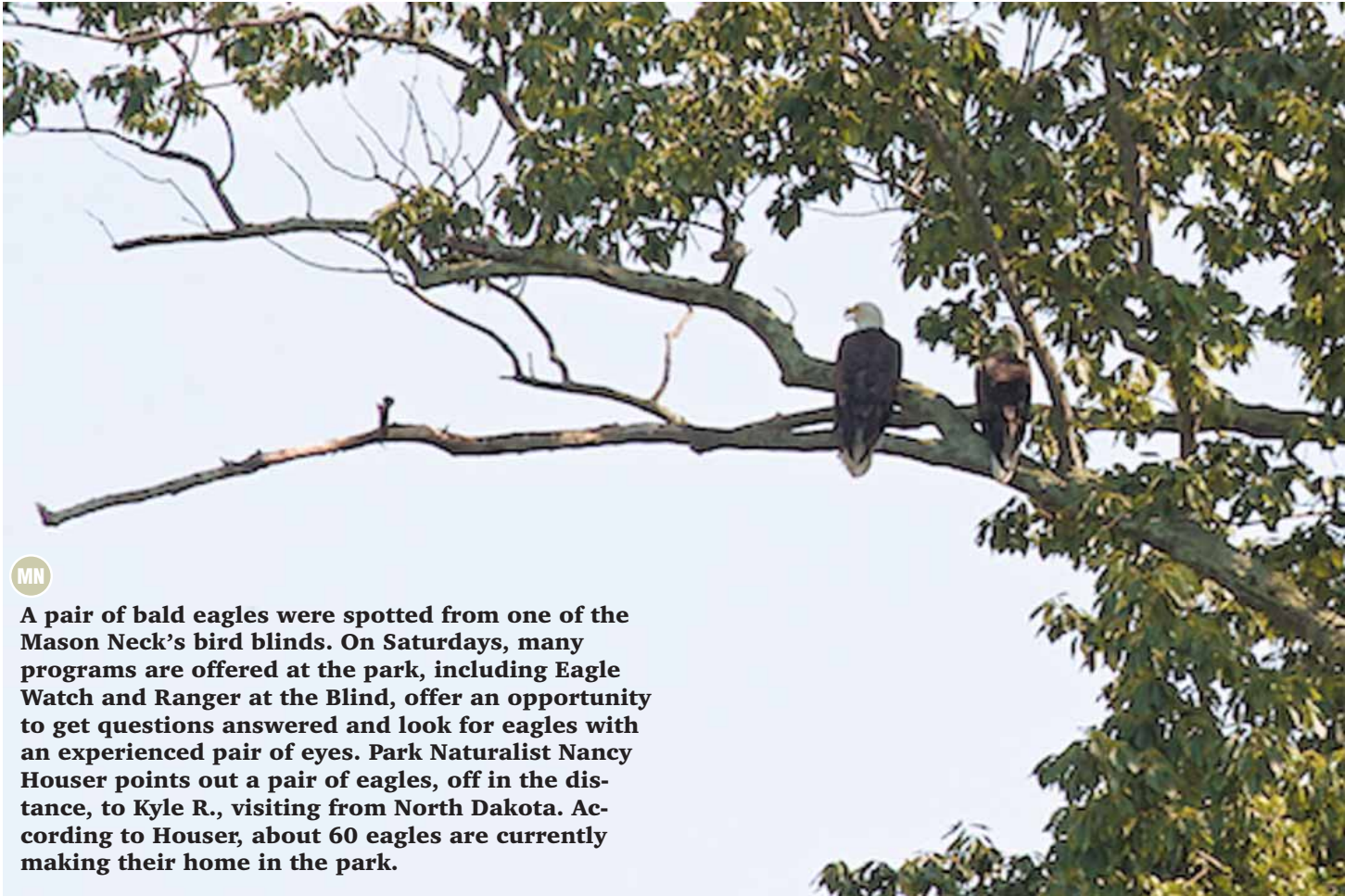
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont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

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

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

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

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



MN
A pair of bald eagles were spotted from one of the Mason Neck’s bird blinds. On Saturdays, many programs are offered at the park, including Eagle Watch and Ranger at the Blind, offer an opportunity to get questions answered and look for eagles with an experienced pair of eyes. Park Naturalist Nancy Houser points out a pair of eagles, off in the distance, to Kyle R., visiting from North Dakota. According to Houser, about 60 eagles are currently making their home in the park.

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

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585
This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay’s practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center
2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406
On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the “Energerium,” offering visitors a fun and accessible way to learn energy basics and ways they can help create sustainable energy solutions. The Nature Center also houses live animals and natural history exhibits.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392
The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark
6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org
Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in

this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

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



The Ratcliffs, of Rockville, came out to enjoy a family bike ride. Cycling is a popular activity along the park-way.

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

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

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

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

GSG Green Spring Gardens
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking

trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RBP Riverbend Park
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, 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

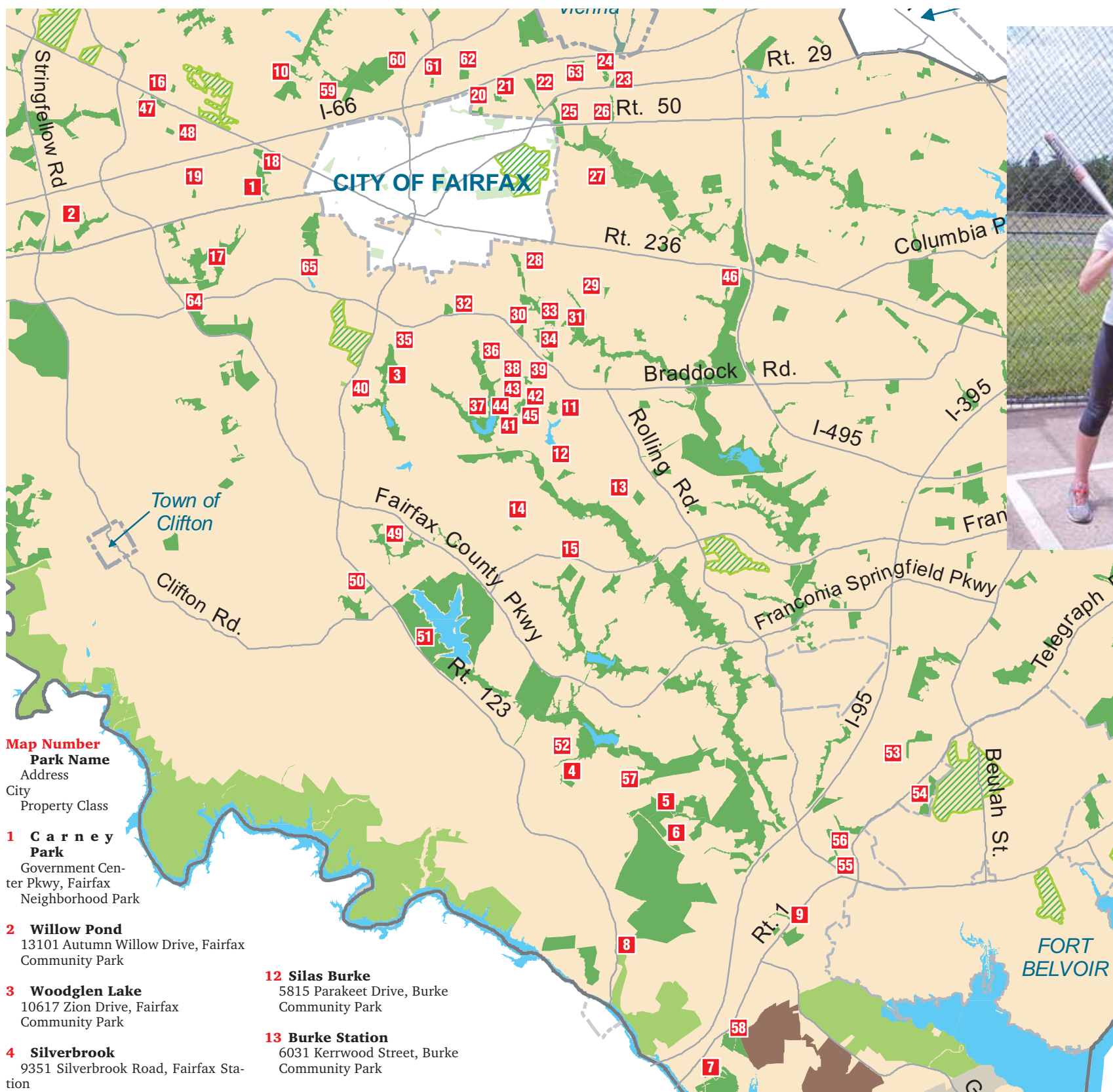
WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



On Sunday evenings, the community gathers in the pavilion, to enjoy a summer concert series, sponsored by the Friends of Fort Hunt Park.

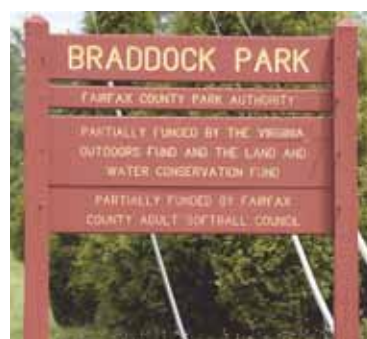
PARKS

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



Juliana S., of Fairfax, came with her family to practice at the batting cages.

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 RENÉE RUGGLES
 FEATURING BURKE LAKE
 PARK, BRADDOCK PARK &
 BURKE STATION PARK



Braddock Park is located in Clifton. In addition to baseball facilities, there is a picnic shelter that can be reserved.



The Lord of Life Softball Team, from Fairfax and Clifton, came to Braddock Park for practice.



The park offers a large piece of playground equipment, with multiple choices for active children.

Shan Wang, from Burke, cheers, as she watches her shot go in. Along with Eric Audia, also of Burke, she came to shoot hoops in the Burke Station Park basketball court.



Burke Station Park is a shady little spot tucked away in the Burke Station Square neighborhood.

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Asrat Akmu, of Springfield, helps his daughter Joy try her hand at fishing on the pier. Burke Lake has ample room for fishermen and can be accessed by those with disabilities. According to its website, largemouth bass are in good supply at the lake.



The lake covers 218 acres and offers boat rentals. Private craft with electric motors are also welcome.



David Meyer and his son Jonathan, of Springfield, relaxed at their campsite. The pair came for a boys' only campout at Burke Lake. The park offers a large campground with 100 sites, a camp store, playground, and bathhouse.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock boys' cross country team won the 2014 state championship.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Members of the 2015 Robinson boys' lacrosse team celebrate winning the state championship.

Getting to Know Area High School Sports

Lake Braddock

Highlights: Boys' XC, boys', girls' indoor, outdoor track won region titles.

School: Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Mascot: Bruins.

School Colors: Purple and gold.

Athletic Director: Mike Clark, 703-426-1001.

Football Coach: Jim Poythress (12th season).

The Bruins finished 10-3, won their sixth consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District title and reached the region semifinals.

Volleyball Coach: Aubrey Eaton.

Field Hockey Coach: Marie Bounds Bullock.

Cross Country Coach: Michael Mangan.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Metress.

Girls' Basketball Coach: John Giannelli.

Baseball Coach: Jody Rutherford.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Joe Soos.

Rival School: Robinson.

What happened last year: The boys' cross country team won the 6A state championship. Then-senior Alex Corbett won the individual state

title. Teammate Kevin Monogue placed second. The girls' cross country team finished state runner-up, led by a second-place finish by Kate Murphy. The boys' and girls' outdoor track and field teams and indoor track teams won 6A North region titles. The baseball and softball teams won Conference 7 championships.

Notable: The boys' cross country team's 2014 state championship was the program's first since 1987.

Quotable: "One of the last things we talked about [prior to the race] was, this is business. We have done all our investing, we picked all the right stocks, we think, we've done all that and now it's time to cash in on our investment. This is just business."

— Lake Braddock cross country coach Michael Mangan about the boys' team's approach to the state meet.



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Then-senior Eric Bowls scored 20 points in his final game as a member of the Woodson boys' basketball team.

Wakefield in overtime in the AAA Northern Region final. Woodson beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to Henrico in the semifinals. In 2014, the Cavaliers defeated Lake Braddock in the 6A North region final despite having lost to the Bruins three times earlier in the season. Woodson would lose to Landstown in the state semifinals. In 2015, the Cavaliers lost to eventual state runner-up Westfield in the region final. Woodson then lost to Colonial Forge in the state semifinals.

Quotable: "Our community, everybody knows, has been through some difficult things the last few years and I think boys' basketball is one of the things that's kind of uplifted not only the school and the kids, [but] the whole community. Our student support, our fan support I think is second to none. I don't know if anyone else down here will bring 10 busloads of kids." — Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig after the Cavaliers lost in the 2015 state semifinals.

Robinson

Highlights: Boys', girls' lacrosse teams won state championships.

School: James W. Robinson Secondary School

Mascot: Rams.

School Colors: Blue and gold.

Athletic Director: Jeff Ferrell, 703-426-2125.

Football Coach: Scott Vossler (second year).

The Rams finished the 2014 regular season with a 6-4 record and qualified for the playoffs before losing to South County in the opening round.

Volleyball Coach: Meghan Johnson.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Brian Nelson.

Girls' Basketball Coach: T.J. Dade.

Wrestling Coach: Bryan Hazard.

Baseball Coach: John James.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Robert Garza.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Matt Curran.

Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Liz Case.

Rival School: Lake Braddock.

What happened last year: The boys' and girls' lacrosse teams won 6A state championships. Wrestlers Austin Riggs (145 pounds) and Cole

DePasquale (182) won state titles. The gymnastics team repeated as Conference 5 champion. The softball team went 18-6, won the conference title and reached the region semifinals. The field hockey team finished 16-5 and qualified for regionals.

Notable: The Robinson boys' and girls' lacrosse teams each won state titles in 2015, marking the first time boys' and girls' teams from the same school won states in the same year since lacrosse became a VHSL sport in 2006. The boys' program has won four state championships, twice going back-to-back (2006-07, 2014-15). The girls' program finished state runner-up in 2006 and 2009.

Quotable: "I do like how we had a little more [adversity] this year, losing to them twice. We felt like the underdog coming in and I think that helped us out a little bit."

— Then-senior Chapman Jasien after the 2015 Robinson boys' lacrosse team repeated as state champion with a 10-9 double-overtime win against Chantilly in the 6A state final. Robinson lost to Chantilly in the Conference 5 and 6A North region championship games earlier in the season.

Woodson

Highlights: Boys' basketball team made third straight appearance at states.

School: W.T. Woodson High School.

Mascot: Cavaliers.

School Colors: Navy blue and white.

Athletic Director: Dan Checkosky, 703-503-4681.

Football Coach: Mike Dougherty (second year). The Cavaliers lost their final five games in 2014 and finished with a 2-8 record.

Volleyball Coach: Len Palaschak.

Field Hockey Coach: Meg Jarrell.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Craig.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Aseem Rastogi

Baseball Coach: Brett McColley.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Andrew Peck.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Warren Williams.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Ryan Hilliard.

Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Patrick Mahler.

What happened last year: The boys' basketball team finished runner-up in the 6A North region and qualified for the state tournament. The girls' soccer team won the Conference 7 championship and reached the region semifinals. The boys' soccer team finished conference runner-up and reached the region semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team won the conference championship and reached the region quarterfinals. The boys' lacrosse team was conference runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The field hockey team upset T.C. Williams in the opening round of the conference tournament and reached the region quarterfinals. Tennis players Jason Kros and Ryan Kros won the state boys' doubles championship. Jason Kros finished state runner-up in boys' singles. Alexis Merrill was state runner-up in girls' singles.

Notable: The Woodson boys' basketball program has qualified for the state tournament each of the last three seasons. In 2013, the Cavaliers overcame a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat



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The West Springfield girls' basketball program in 2015 won its fifth conference/district championship in the last six years.

West Springfield

Highlights: Girls' basketball won fifth conference/district title in six years.

School: West Springfield High School

Mascot: Spartans.

School Colors: Blue and orange.

Athletic Director: Andy Muir, 703-913-3861.

Football Coach: Jason Eldredge (third season).

The Spartans finished 9-3, won a share of the Conference 7 championship and reached the region quarterfinals.

Cross Country Coach: Chris Pellegrini.

Field Hockey Coach: Tina Nham.

Volleyball Coach: Stephanie Noriega.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Bill Gibson.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Durmia Marshall.

Baseball Coach: Jason Olms.

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Fairfax Museum

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

"Walking Through Time" Tour. 11 a.m. Old Fairfax City Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Come take a 90 minute guided walking tour of the Old Fairfax Historic District. Visit the old Courthouse, the William Gunnell House, Old Town Hall and more. For reservations and information call the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center at 703-385-8414. Adults: \$10; Children: \$5. Family rates and free parking available.

Workhouse Arts Center

Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center provides visual and performance art for a local audience. 703-584-2900 or www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5 - SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

Cabaret Series: Autumn in New York.

Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Our cabaret team performs music to ease us into the Autumn season, featuring the best songs from Broadway 'selectively harvested' to put us in the mood for the end of the summer heat. Tickets at www.workhousearts.org. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Education Open House.

12 - 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The event is open to the public and will feature demos, hands-on workshops, opportunities to talk one-on-one with our instructors as well as explore our historic campus. www.workhousearts.org. Free.

Mise en Dance: Dance

Choreography Through Audience Interpretations. 7 p.m. W-16 - Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Mise en Dance puts the creative process in center stage by opening up the process of creating dance. All are invited to join the creative process with the Beth Elliott Dance Group and artist from the Small Plates Choreography Festival Series. More info at www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12 - SUNDAY/OCT. 18

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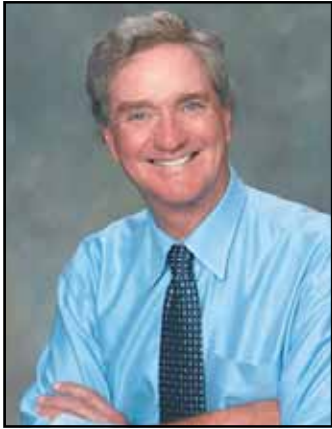
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Dear Neighbors,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dr. Erika Anderson, who joined our practice as an associate earlier this year. Dr. Anderson is a double graduate of Creighton University, earning her B.S. in Biology from the College of Arts and Sciences and her D.D.S. from the Creighton School of Dentistry. Although originally from North Dakota, Dr. Anderson fell in love with Northern Virginia after multiple educational experiences here during her college years, and she has practiced in the area for the past five years.

Dr. Anderson is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Association, and the Northern Virginia Dental Society. Dedicated to staying up-to-date on the latest dental innovations, Dr. Anderson has completed over 200 hours of continuing

education, including programs at the Dawson Academy and the Kois Center. At our practice she will be a participating dentist for both Delta Dental and United Concordia.

Most importantly, Dr. Anderson embraces our core dedication to providing top-quality, innovative general and cosmetic dental services with a caring and personal touch. Whether you need a simple restoration, preventative care or the latest cosmetic procedure, our patient-friendly team will help you love your smile!

So please join us in welcoming Dr. Anderson to our practice. We are thrilled to have her and are confident that she has a bright future. And as always, thank you for the many referrals of your family and friends, and for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Drs. James L. Gyuricza and Melanie W. Hartman



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Braddock District Supervisor



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Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our

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

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

Come in and see us!

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