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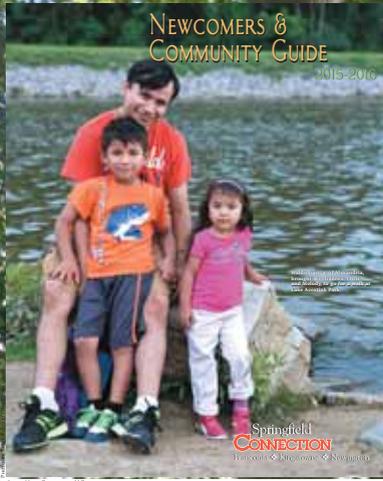
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John Geer's friend Jeff Stewart (center) speaks to reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following Adam Torres' arraignment hearing. Torres was indicted Aug. 17 by a special grand jury and faces second-degree murder charges in the August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



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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond E. 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.

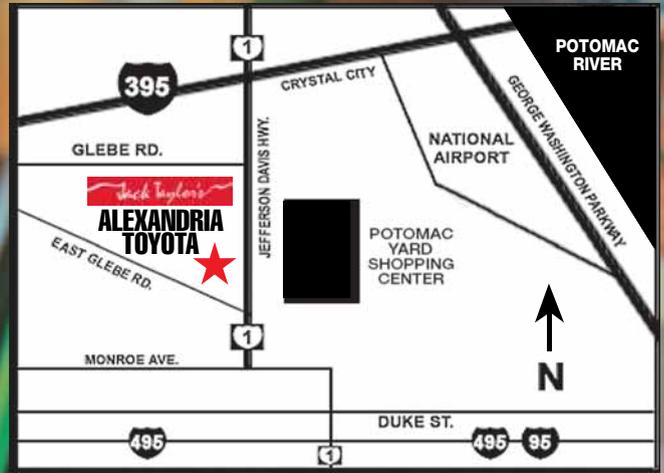
Jeff Stewart, Geer's best friend who witnessed the shooting and became a member of the Fairfax County ad hoc commission to review police practices, sat directly behind Torres during the arraignment. He had never seen the man face to face prior to that morning, and expressed sympathy for Torres and members 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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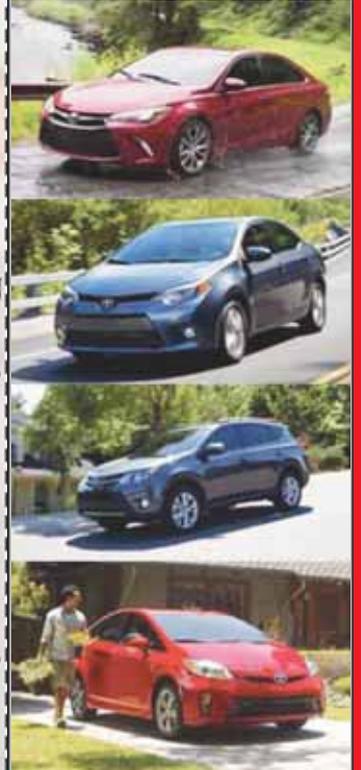
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Carter Murray (left) works with volunteers he organized to shore up trails along the Long Branch Stream Valley public path.

# The Path to Eagle

**Boy Scouts team up with Friends group to improve public trails.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n 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



Dennis Hosken (left) of Springfield and Casey French (right) of Burke are members of Burke-based Boy Scout Troop 1965. They helped spread gravel to improve the trail that's part of the Long Branch Stream Valley path.

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 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.

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 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."

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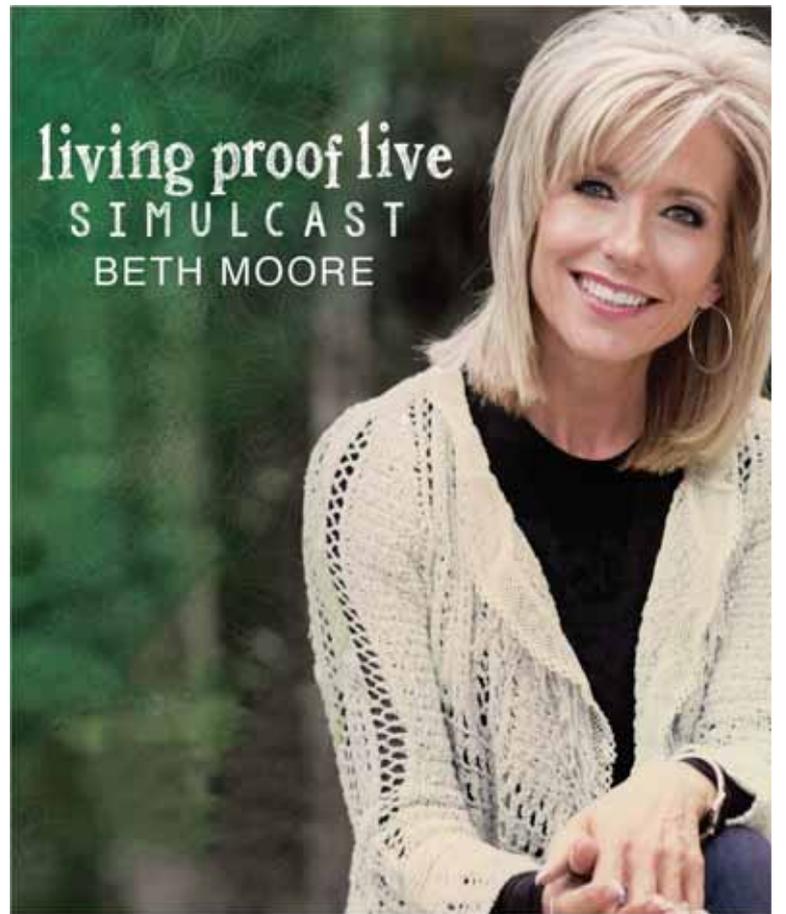
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### COMMENTARY

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  
ACLU OF VIRGINIA

### COMMENTARY

The following open letter was addressed to Michael Hershman, 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.



# NEWS

## Interstate Recognized for Positive Impact on Fairfax County

Washington SmartCEO named the Interstate Moving Relocation Logistics (MoveInterstate.com) the 2015 Cornerstone Award Winner in the Large Business category for Fairfax County. The Cornerstone Awards recognize the region's businesses and leaders who have made a positive impact on job creation and retention, market competition and philanthropy in their communities. This year's finalists and winners collectively generate more than \$1 billion in annual revenue and employ nearly 6,000 individuals. The Cornerstone Awards winners were announced and honored at a luncheon Aug. 17 at the Bethesda Marriott.

"It's no secret that Greater Washington is home to some of the region's most impactful companies. Moreover, they have become part of the fabric of the communities in which they reside," said Jaime Nespore-Zawmon, President of SmartCEO Events. "These companies are economic drivers, innovators and exemplary community stewards—they are true cornerstones of their communities."

"We're honored to be named a Cornerstone Awards winner by SmartCEO," said Arthur E. [Bud] Morrisette IV, Interstate managing director. "Fairfax County has been home to our headquarters since 1971, and is a very vibrant area in which to do business, and live," says Morrisette. "The community has provided us with a tremendous number of resources and talented employees; we employ 250 full-time people in the Washington, D.C. metro area alone, and that number swells to 450 during our peak season. And, with an abundance of top businesses



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### Bud Morrisette of Interstate receiving 2015 Cornerstone Award.

calling Fairfax County home, the area provides us with a wealth of business opportunities right in our own backyard. We are proud to be a part of this thriving community, and as a company that values giving back, we strive to support the community and its residents in as many ways as possible," said Morrisette.

Founded in Washington, D.C. in 1943, the Interstate Family of Companies encompasses a worldwide group of transportation, warehousing, relocation management, logistics and real estate solutions serving government, corporate, and individual clients. The company maintains its headquarters in Springfield, working with a global alliance of 1,500 service partners, 17,500 professional associates in 112 countries across six continents. On an annual basis it is entrusted with the care and oversight of more than \$1 billion in customer-valued goods and property.

For more information, visit [MoveInterstate.com](http://MoveInterstate.com) or email: [media@invan.com](mailto:media@invan.com).

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 29

**Navigating the Caregivers Maze: Finding Support and Planning for Your Caregiving Journey.** 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Join AARP and the Philippine American Foundation for Charities (PAFC) for a special event with Retired Major General Antonio Taguba as he discusses his personal experience taking care of his parents and in-laws and shares why he is now an outspoken advocate for caregivers and their families. RSVP is kindly

requested but not required. Please let us know if you are attending by calling 1-877-926-8300 or signing up online at: [aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA](http://aarp.cvent.com/Fairfax829VA).

#### SUNDAY/AUG. 30

**Blood Drive.** 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Only 3 percent of the population will donate blood - if 1 percent more could be convinced, blood shortages could be eliminated. Appointments strongly preferred: <https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/>

**Burke Historical Society Meeting.** 5 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Speaker, Carol Bessette, will give a presentation on "World War II Washington."  
**First Responders Day.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Re-enactors and modern practitioners will demonstrate emergency and medical practices of today and 150 years ago. \$2-\$4.

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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

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 27

**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](mailto: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/>

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Oct. 30. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey and hand held pies and rolls. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm)

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 28-29**

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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

logic skills. All ages. Sign up required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>

**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](http://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](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com](http://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](http://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/lorntonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorntonmkt.htm)

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 10-Oct. 25. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com/](http://www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com/)

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax.va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax.va).

**MONDAY/AUG. 31**

**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/>

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 1**

**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.

**Christopher Zimmerman conducting the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.**



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# Fairfax Symphony Orchestra to Celebrate Beethoven

**Season opening performance on Saturday, Sept. 19.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Plenty of reasons to celebrate the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) about to begin its 59<sup>th</sup> season as Fairfax County's flagship orchestra. This year, under the baton of music director Christopher Zimmerman, the FSO will celebrate the genius of Beethoven's masterpieces while featuring the coming generation of virtuoso classical pianists.

Why feature Beethoven piano concertos? "I have designed most of our past seasons with some kind of binding thread, be it focusing on a composer, or a topic," said Zimmerman. "This year I thought both a composer and an instrumental medium would provide the focus for an interesting musical exploration as well as be a strong attraction in themselves.

"The audience will hear, and be fascinated by, how Beethoven's compositional style changes and evolves from concerto to concerto," said Zimmerman. "I hope also that their enjoyment of these works will be enhanced by the fact that we will be performing other orchestral works of his alongside these concertos, and also those of his immediate predecessor, Mozart, and successor, Brahms."

The pianists will include Alon Goldstein, already known to FSO audiences. He will be featured in the season opener on Sept. 20 at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University. Awadagin Pratt, performing later in the season, "has developed an extremely

## Where and When

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra performs at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Season opening performance Beethoven: "Coriolanus" Overture, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No.5 "Emperor" with Alon Goldstein, piano and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5. Performance on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$34-\$58. Ticket information call 703-563-1990 or visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org)

distinguished career and is a major figure, particularly in this country." Sean Chen, George Li and Andrew Tysons each has had "a spectacular kick-off, all having won significant prizes at the world's most prestigious piano competitions," Zimmerman pointed-out.

Each artist will provide audiences "with their tremendous gifts and convey to the audience their own fresh perspective."

As for celebrating the 59<sup>th</sup> season, Zimmerman acknowledged that "it is a major accomplishment". When asked about the upcoming, anticipated 60<sup>th</sup> season, now just a year away, it "is of course a milestone which we will hold as something special, but I will give nothing away at this point."

"In the coming years the orchestra will continue to perform at the level that the audience expects and is proud of and excited about. We will continue to collaborate with great instrumentalists and artists of the highest stature, and we will continue to present programs of the greatest and most beautiful (in all aspects of that term) music in combinations that hopefully will delight, stimulate and fulfill the audience in the way that this great legacy of orchestral music—past and present—can," said Zimmerman.

**Note:** Read a bio of accomplishments of the five pianists on online FSO at:

[http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/images/2015-2016/PDF/FSO%2015\\_16%20flyer\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/images/2015-2016/PDF/FSO%2015_16%20flyer_pdf.pdf)

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**English Conversation.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking English with others and improve your skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.4-6

**50th Reunion.** Annandale High School class of 1965, 50th reunion will be the weekend of

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### ONGOING

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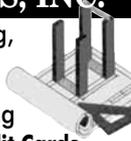
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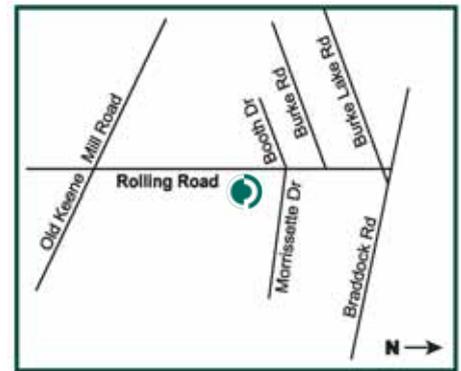
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## Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

**GSA Warehouse** 6808 Loisdale Road, Building A

The large warehouse off Loisdale Road in Springfield is in the running to become the new headquarters of the FBI. The building, owned by the General Services Administration (GSA) is competing with sites in Greenbelt and Landover. Environmental impact statements regarding the three sites are expected to be released this fall, with the final contract scheduled to be awarded in spring 2016.

**Corridor study of Van Dorn Street** from Kingstowne to Alexandria city

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) is interested in tapping into an Alexandria study of the corridor, extending it to Kingstowne and potentially bringing a bus rapid transit system to Van Dorn. The County is working with Alexandria to make sure the stretch is part of the conversation.

**Bonefish Grille parking lot area**

5920 Kingstowne Town Center, Alexandria  
The Bonefish parking lot area has been approved for the building of four office structures, including a special exception to allow for a residential component and ground-level retail. However no detailed plans have been provided. The mix of condos, apartments and age-restricted housing has gone through rezoning but is still in very early stages.

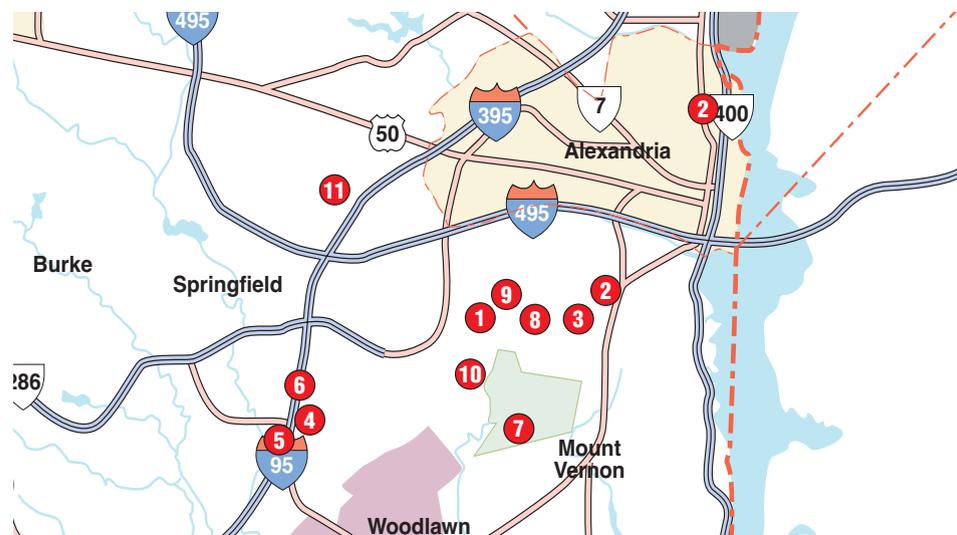
**Gambrill Pointe subdivision**  
Gambrill Pointe Court and Ridge Creek Way

These 20 homes on roughly 11 acres are built and finished selling.

**Corbet Manor** Around 7717 Gambrill Road

Seven single-family homes are going into 4.5 acres of what were previously unconsolidated parcels of land. The project has been approved, but construction is pending.

**Park Pointe subdivision** East side of Gambrill Road, near the Fairfax County



Homes are finished selling in the new Gambrill Pointe subdivision.

Parkway.

Eighteen single-family homes on 7.7 acres have been approved; the plan is still under site review.

**Wegmans at Hilltop Village Center** (corner of Telegraph Road and Beulah Street)

The long-awaited grocery experiencing destination opened June 14. The 126,000 square-foot store includes a full-service "Pub" bar-restaurant.

**Liberty View** 13.45-acre site near Beulah Street and the Fairfax County Parkway.

This was approved for single family home neighborhoods, four office buildings and fifth structure that would be either a hotel or office building. It was rezoned in 2011 and previous structures have been demolished.

**Springfield Town Center** 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield

Since the Oct. 14 2014 release of the tenants roster, owner Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust announced there have been over 60,000 square feet of new tenant leases executed at the rebuilt version of what was once called Springfield Mall. Later stages of redevelopment planning for the area include residential, office and hotel space.

But their execution will be dictated by the performance of the Springfield Town Center market. Dave and Busters have applied for permits and are hopeful to be open by the end of 2015.

**Jennings Toyota** and new field 7601 Loisdale Road, Springfield

The Japanese car brand dealership has already been completed. Part of that construction included a proffer for a new artificial turf field at Loisdale Park. The field is now open to local sports groups after a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 23.

**U-Haul Warehouse** at 5285 Port Royal Road.

U-Haul is planning to repurpose a previously vacant personal storage facility for a truck rental business. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the re-zoning required for the project in its May 21 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved amending the zoning ordinance and special exception application in its June 23 meeting.

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

### Demographics

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%)**  
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**  
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**Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) visiting the Children's Science Center Lab: "A fantastic museum."**

## Springfield Supervisor's Top Five Places

**Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) recommends top places to visit in his district.**



**Pat Herrity**

schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus there's few things I enjoy more than getting to a football game in the fall where there's a buzz in the air and a little snap of cold from the changing seasons. So cheer on your local high school team at West Springfield, Lake Braddock,

Fairfax, Chantilly, South County, Robinson or Centreville (nationally ranked in 2015).

**4. WSHS Job Fair:** On March 12, 2016, I will be hosting a job fair for teens and recent graduates at West Springfield High School. The last one I hosted was a great success with over 35 local companies looking for employees. Many students got jobs right at the job fair, and others were given opportunities to interview at a company. This is a great way to connect our youngsters with our business community, so if your child is looking for full time or part time employment mark your calendar for March 12 and sign up to my email list where I will publish more details by emailing [springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov). I am planning a second job fair in the western part of the district.

**5. The Children's Science Center Lab:** The newly opened Children's Science Center Lab in Fair Oaks Mall is a fantastic museum that allows children (and their parents) to get hands on experience with STEM concepts (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Education is so important, and this museum which is designed for kids between 2 and 12 years old does an excellent job of challenging and shaping young minds. Be sure to stay and shop and/or eat at one of the best malls in the area.

—SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY  
(R-SPRINGFIELD)

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# NEWCOMERS

## Demographics

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(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

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 years 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/Afri-**

**can 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 years 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%**

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

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 (86.1%)**

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

Zip code: **22033**

Population: **29,795**

Race: **White-17,144 (57.5%), Black/Afri-**

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## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

# 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/>

Welcome to Fairfax County, a great place to live, work, play and grow old.

— CHIEF EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.

### 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](http://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](http://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' cooperative gallery representing over 100 local artists, houses monthly exhibits with special shows held twice a year. 703-352-2787.

#### Fairfax Museum

Fairfax Museum, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. The museum produces special exhibitions on city history, provides educational outreach to school and youth groups and offers walking tours of Old Town Fairfax and the city's historic buildings in the spring and fall. 703-385-8414.

## NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

### Supervisor Welcomes You to Lee District

**Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) reflects on must-visit places in his district.**

**D**ear Lee District Newcomer: Welcome to Fairfax County and Lee District. I am very pleased to meet you and I'm sure you won't be a newcomer for long. Lee District is a friendly place, filled with a mix of longtime residents and those who've come here from somewhere else. The first thing I'd like to do is invite you to drop by my office to meet me and my staff. We'll be happy to tell you about the district, provide information about Fairfax County and its many opportunities, and answer any questions you may have. We're at 6121 Franconia Road in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County and we share the building with the Franconia Police Station and the Franconia Museum.

There are some wonderful places to visit in Lee District. If you're in the mood for shopping, don't miss the Springfield Town Center and Wegmans. The Springfield Town Center is on Franconia Road, just a short distance from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station. It's got loads of great restaurants and retail and it hosts a farmers market on Saturday mornings. (<http://springfieldtowncenter.com/>)

Wegmans, at the corner of Beulah Street and Telegraph Road is a must-visit and I challenge you to leave with empty hands.

Once you've had your fill of shopping, head over to Huntley Meadows Park, often called the jewel of the Fairfax County Park System. Huntley Meadows Park is more than 1,500 acres with majestic forests, wildflower-filled meadows and wetlands bursting with life. Take a walk on the wetlands boardwalk—and experience some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area. From the half mile long wetlands boardwalk trail and observation tower, you'll see beavers, frogs, dragonflies and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with over 200 species identified in the park. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/>) This 19th century architectural gem is located at 6918 Harrison Lane. You can visit the



**Supervisor McKay**

house for scheduled programs and tours as well as Saturday tours between the months of April and October.

The Lee District ReCenter and park has two unique features—an accessible treehouse and Our Special Harbor accessible spraypark. The complex features Chesapeake Bay-themed attractions including a spraying osprey nest, Chessie the sea serpent, misting sunflowers and a lighthouse. The beach area is quieter with softer bubblers and interactive water tables. The computerized water maze and dumping crab basket provide more lively activity. In addition to the spraypark, the family recreation

area has a fully accessible tree house, and a playground for children of all abilities from ages 5 to 12. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec/lee-spraypark.htm>)

In keeping with our park theme, be sure to visit Lake Accotink Park and its 493 acres including a 55-acre lake, wetlands, and streams with splendid views of waterfowl and marsh life. I particularly recommend the tour boat rides on the lake—especially at sunset—and the canine cruises. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>)

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

Just a short walk from the main entrance to Huntley Meadows Park, you'll find Historic Huntley, the house that was built for Thomson Francis Mason. Thomson Francis Mason was the mayor of Alexandria, D.C. from 1827-30 and a grandson of George Mason, as well as author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. He used the federal period villa, which was built for him in 1825, as a summer retreat. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm>)

It's hard to imagine that busy Franconia Road was once a rural road for Virginia tobacco on its way to the port city of Alexandria. Before it was a bedroom community, Franconia was the birthplace of the first Virginia governor from Northern Virginia, witness to a Mosby raid, and a thriving Afro-American community called Carrolltown. The Franconia Museum, co-located with my office and the police station at 6121 Franconia Road, offers a glimpse into the Franconia of yesterday.

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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.

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### 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](http://www.giveyouth.org).

### Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)

Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families. ECHO is constantly seeking donations and volunteers. 703-569-9160 or [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org).

### South County Cares

South County Church congregation members and south county area community members work together on local and international projects like National Night Out, Operation Christmas Child,

and local and international aid efforts. [www.southcountycare.org](http://www.southcountycare.org).

### National Capital Food Bank

A group of food banks serving all of Northern Virginia seek monetary donations and general volunteers. 703-541-3063 or [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org).

### Northern Virginia Family Services

Offers employments and job training, health care, housing, mental health, foster care and home visitations to new parents. 703-385-3267 or [www.nvfs.org](http://www.nvfs.org).

### Assistance League of Northern Virginia

An all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. The schools involved include Dogwood Elementary in Reston, Lynbrook Elementary and Garfield Elementary in Springfield, Cora Kelly Elementary in Alexandria and Pine Spring Elementary in Falls Church. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact [ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com](mailto:ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com) or [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

### 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 experience through seasonal concerts. Ticket proceeds also provide support for charitable organizations local to Northern Virginia.

[www.celebrationsingersva.org](http://www.celebrationsingersva.org).

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South Run RECenter is located at 7550 Reservation Drive in Springfield.

## Visit South Run RECenter

South Run has a heated, in-door, 25 yard pool with a poolside spa, beach and wading area, saunas, showers and locker rooms. The facility also houses one racquetball/volleyball court, a new 7,000 square foot fitness center with Cybex VR2 machines equipped with FitLinxx computerized personal training programs, and five multi-purpose rooms.

The facility offers fitness, aquatics and other classes year-round for adults and children of all ages. South Run also operates an 18,000 square foot indoor artificial turf field that is available for rental for all sports and a wide variety of other activities.

The surrounding park has two large lighted artificial turf multi-sport fields, one large lighted multi-sport field, two smaller lighted multi-sport fields, three lighted baseball fields, two lighted tennis courts, two lighted outdoor basketball courts, a trail connecting the Park to both Burke Lake Park and Lake Mercer, a playground with sunshade and an off-leash dog park.



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## Meet the Candidates for County Board

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

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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 Herry (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?

### 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/](http://www.VPAORg/localities/Fairfax-county-va/elections/tracked/)

— VICTORIA ROSS

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

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Sharon Bulova



Arthur Purves



Glenda Parker

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 Purves did not respond to the questionnaire.

### Race: Springfield District Supervisor

**Incumbent: Patrick S. “Pat” Herry (R)**  
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**ANSWERS: HERRY**  
1) I am a firm believer that government closest to the people – the Board of Supervisors – must be the most responsive. I take pride in the job I do working to resolve residents issues – from land use, to public safety, to schools, to transportation and neighborhood blight. I also believe communication is critical and I hold townhall meetings, attend HOA meetings, and publish a newsletter – sign up at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/herry-report-newsletter.htm>. – I look forward to serving you.  
2) The Town of Clifton for Clifton Day, Paradise Springs Winery, Burke Lake Park almost any day, and the Children's Science Center Lab at Fair Oaks Mall.  
3) I prefer playing sports but like

### Race: Lee District Supervisor

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watching the Washington Capitals and Virginia Tech Football.  
4) #WSHSJobs – I will be holding my second annual job fair for teens and recent graduates at WSHS on March 12, 2016.

**ANSWERS: FOLEY**  
1) As full-time Springfield Supervisor, I will provide leadership and community engagement for affordable taxes to maintain outstanding school system and safe neighborhoods. Vote for me, Corazon S. Foley, because the incumbent is not doing his job of constituent service to improve our quality of life, particularly for seniors. In particular, he has ignored our proposed solutions to redress unfairness toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families; other districts have 17 permanent senior centers, Springfield District NONE!  
2) My three Burke history books describe former Coffey properties in Springfield: Burke/Coffey home (1825); and Braddock: Second Coffey Home (1790); Little Zion Baptist Church (1891).  
3) The Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) Line Dance Teams won for three years the gold and silver medals in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics – and have been providing public service with free performances at numerous community events.  
4) #buildSpringfieldSeniorCenter

### Race: Lee District Supervisor

**Incumbent: Jeffrey C. McKay (D) \*Running Unopposed**  
Home: Alexandria  
Email Address: [friendsofjeffmckay@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjeffmckay@gmail.com)  
Phone: 703-501-7752



Jeffrey C. McKay

**ANSWERS: MCKAY**  
1) The County Board is the elected body closest to the people and has the most direct impact on residents' quality of life—everything from zoning enforcement to schools, libraries, parks, human services and transportation. We set the property tax rate. We are where residents go for information and assistance, often for matters involving the state and federal government even when they are not our responsibility.  
2) The new Springfield Town Center—light years away from its predecessor and a vibrant shopping and dining center that appeals to residents and visitors alike.  
3) The Saints  
4) #FBIheadquartersinSpringfield

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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.**



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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.**

LIST COMPILED BY ABIGAIL  
CONSTANTINO

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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>.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

**Food for Others Tysons 5K.** 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of about 5 percent - more than 90,000 people are living in poverty and 30 percent are children. Come run or walk to help feed our neighbors. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/McLean/NeighborsFeedingNeighbors5K>.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 26 - TUESDAY/NOV. 3

**Cox Farms Fall Festival.** Daily. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

**Walk to End Alzheimer's.** 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit [http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=7382&pg=entry](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=7382&pg=entry).

**Reston Multicultural Festival.** 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/)

[MulticulturalFestival.shtml](http://MulticulturalFestival.shtml).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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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# CALENDAR

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.paradisewinery.com/winery-events.html](http://www.paradisewinery.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cliftonwine.com).



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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.

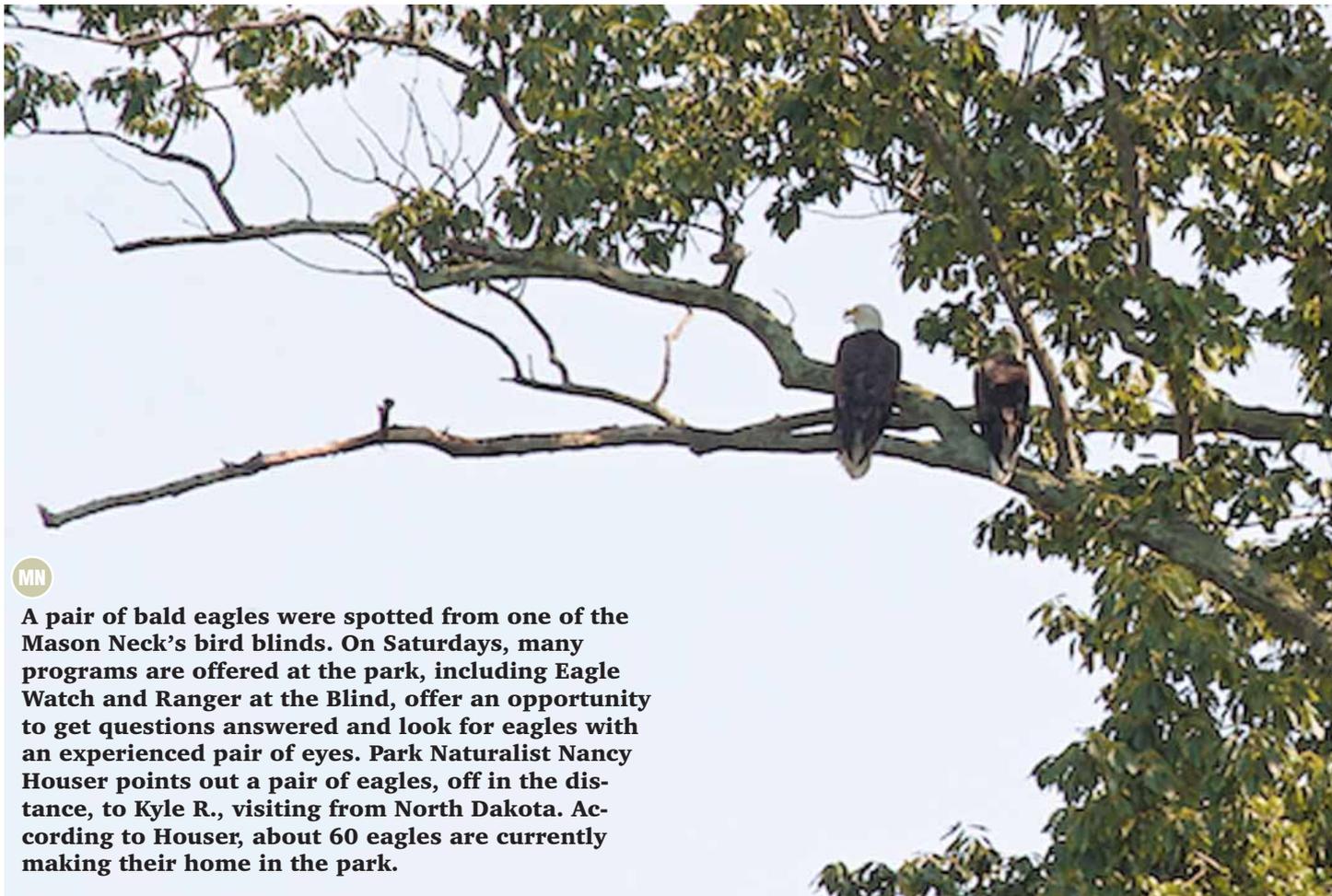
### PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

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 parkway.**

## 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 Fryng 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, craft room  
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

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

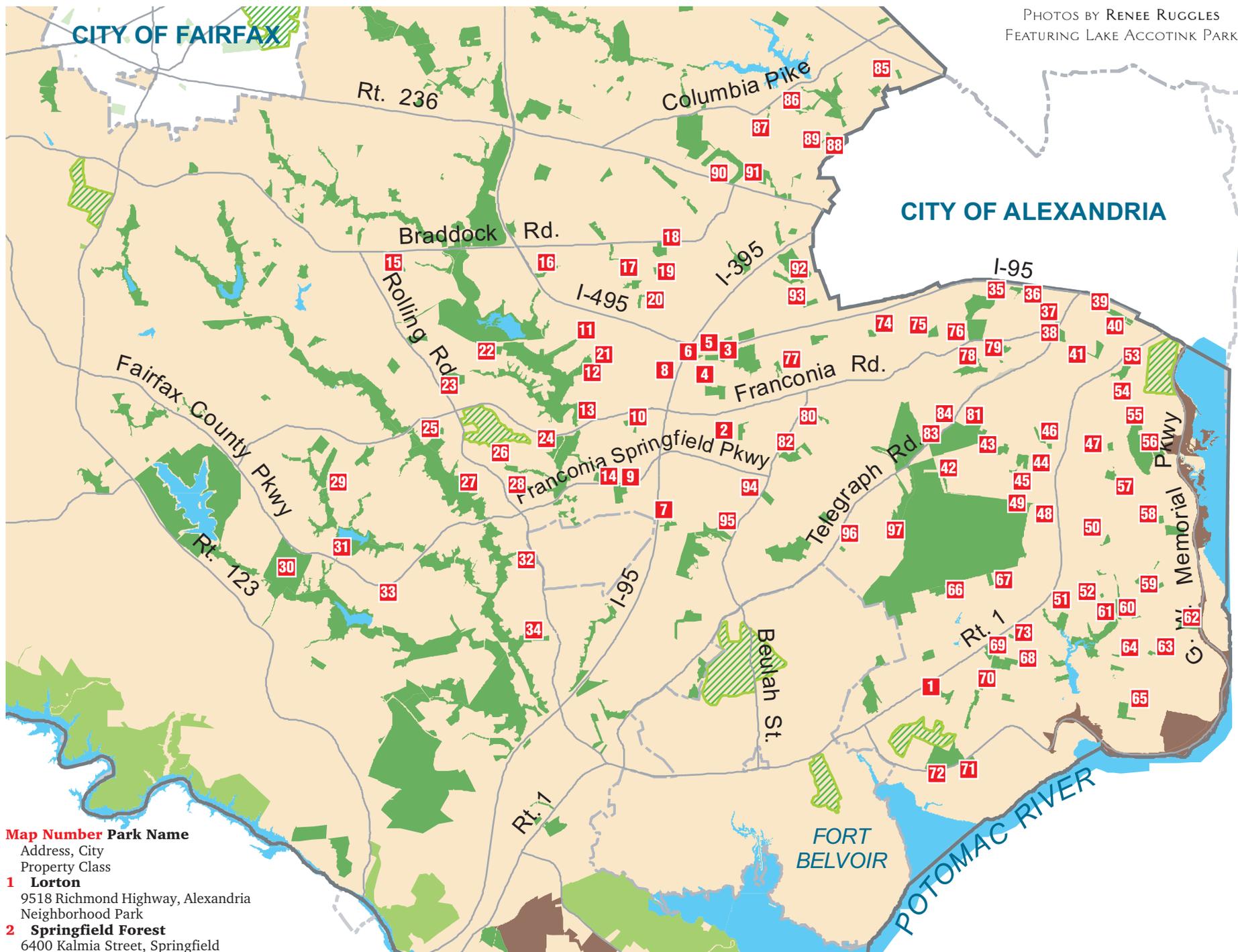


**On Sunday evenings, the community gathers in the pavilion, to enjoy a summer concert series, sponsored by the Friends of Fort Hunt Park.**

# PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE  
SPRINGFIELD & MOUNT VERNON AREAS

PHOTOS BY RENEE RUGGLES  
FEATURING LAKE ACCOTINK PARK



**Map Number Park Name**

Address, City  
Property Class

- 1 Lorton**  
9518 Richmond Highway, Alexandria  
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Springfield Forest**  
6400 Kalmia Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 3 Franconia**  
6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
- 4 Lee High**  
6501 Deepford Street, Springfield  
Community Park
- 5 Monticello Woods**  
6444 Northanna Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
- 6 Trailside**  
6000 Trailside Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
- 7 Loisdale**  
7419 Loisdale Road, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 8 Lynbrook**  
6005 Augusta Drive, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 9 Hooes Road**  
7233 Hooes Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 10 Springvale**  
6508 Spring Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 11 Lake Accotink**  
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield  
Multiple Resource Park
- 12 Brookfield**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 13 Byron Avenue**  
6500 Byron Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 14 Hooes Road School Site**  
7336 Hooes Road, Springfield

Community Park

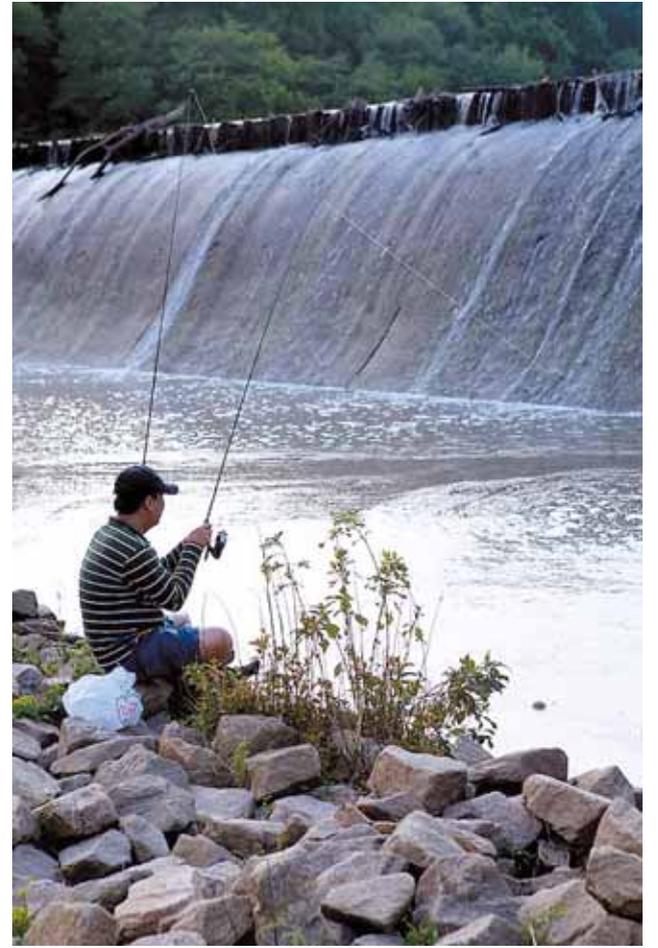
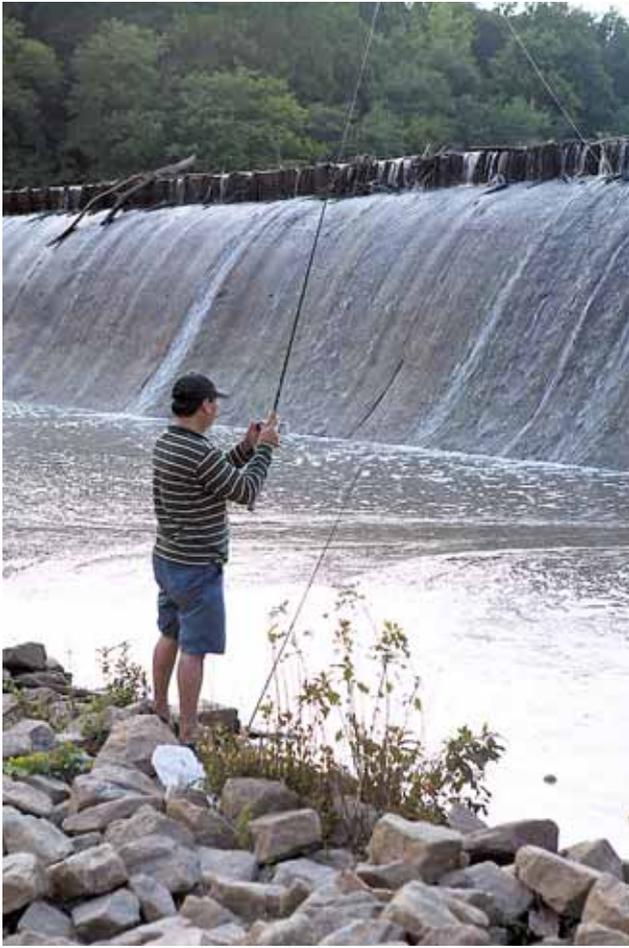
- 15 Kings Park**  
8717 Trafalgar Ct., Springfield  
Community Park
- 16 Flag Run**  
7620 Elgar Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Leewood**  
7111 Woodland Drive, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Deerlick**  
6821 Braddock Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 19 Edsall**  
6845 Edsall Road, Springfield  
Community Park
- 20 North Springfield**  
7025 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 21 Royal Ridge**  
7417 Floyd Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 22 Carrleigh Parkway**  
8020 Carrleigh Prkwy, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 23 Cardinal Forest**  
6121 Roxbury Avenue, Springfield  
Community Park
- 24 Hunter Village**  
7700 Jansen Drive, Springfield  
Community Park
- 25 Hidden Pond**  
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield

Community Park

- 26 West Springfield**  
6805 Caneel Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 27 West Springfield Village**  
6910 Loudoun Lane, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 28 Rolling Forest**  
7019 Flax Street, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park
- 29 Cherry Run**  
7001 Cottontail Court, Springfield  
Neighborhood Park

**Friends Andre R. (left) of Alexandria and Bryant Garcia, of Springfield, came out to ride the trails at Lake Accotink. The 493-acre park has extensive trails that are popular with cyclists and runners. The park has bicycles available for rent.**





With the dam as his back drop, Vu Anh Le tries his hand at fishing on a summer evening.

- 30 South Run District**  
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield District Park
- 31 Huntsman**  
9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield Community Park
- 32 Rolling Wood School Site**  
7511 Chancellor Way, Springfield Community Park
- 33 Chapel Acres**  
7900 Giles Street, Springfield Neighborhood Park
- 34 Saratoga**  
8121 North Umlerland Rd, Springfield Community Park
- 35 Loftridge**  
5549 Janelle Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 36 Burgundy**  
5516 Norton Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 37 Heritage Hill**  
5744 Telegraph Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 38 Jefferson Manor**  
2909 Farmington Drive, Alexandria Community Park
- 39 Huntington**  
2121 Fairfax Terrace, Alexandria Community Park
- 40 Farrington Avenue**  
2213 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 41 Mt. Eagle**  
5919 North Kings Highway, Alexandria Community Park
- 42 South Kings Forest**  
4505 Lantern Place, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 43 Stoneybrooke**  
3900 Stoneybrooke Drive, Alexandria Community Park
- 44 Groveton Heights**  
3429 Clayborne Avenue, Alexandria Community Park
- 45 Huntley Historic**  
6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria Natural Resource Park
- 46 Lenclair**  
6625 Lenclair Street, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 47 Bucknell Manor**  
2223 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 48 Hybla Valley**  
3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria

- Neighborhood Park
- 49 Huntley Meadows**  
3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria Natural Resource Park
- 50 Hollin Meadows**  
7603 Elba Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 51 Martin Luther King Jr**  
8115 Fordson Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 52 Stephen S. Foster Intermediate School Site**  
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria Community Park
- 53 Belle Haven**  
6036 Grove Drive, Alexandria Community Park
- 54 Fort Willard Circle**  
6625 Fort Willard Circle, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 55 Mount Vernon District**  
2017 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria Multiple Resource Park
- 56 Westgrove**  
6801 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 57 White Oaks**  
7100 Devonshire Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 58 Gilbert S. McCutcheon**  
7509 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 59 Hollin Hall School Site**

- 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 60 Kirk**  
2206 Collingwood Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 61 Williamsburg Manor**  
2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 62 Collingwood**  
8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria Community Park
- 63 Carl Sandburg School Site**  
8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 64 Stratford Landing**  
2301 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 65 Fort Hunt**  
8822 Linton Lane, Alexandria Community Park
- 66 Muddy Hole Farm**  
7941 Kidd Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 67 Mount Vernon Woods**  
4014 Fielding Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 68 George Washington**  
8426 Old Mount Vernon Road Special Purpose Park
- 69 Walt Whitman School Site**  
8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria Community Park
- 70 Mount Zephyr**  
8601 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria

- Neighborhood Park
- 71 Washington Mill**  
4341 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria Community Park
- 72 Grist Mill**  
4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria District Park
- 73 Vernon Heights**  
8225 Central Avenue, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 74 Bush Hill**  
5417a Waycross Drive, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 75 Mark Twain**  
5920 Larpin Lane, Alexandria Community Park
- 76 Clermont School Site**  
4100 Franconia Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 77 Franconia Forest**  
6013 Bitternut Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 78 Ridgeview**  
4111 Duvawn Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 79 Wilton Woods School Site**  
3701 Franconia Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 80 Tara Village**  
6417 Joyce Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 81 Virginia Hills School Site**  
6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 82 Manchester Lakes**  
6775 Beulah Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 83 Greendale Golf Course**  
6700 Telegraph Road, Alexandria Special Purpose Park
- 84 Lee District**  
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia District Park
- 85 Dowden Terrace**  
5616 Bradley Boulevard, Alexandria Community Park
- 86 Glasgow**  
3935 Arcadia Road, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 87 Parklawn**  
6454 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 88 Glen Hills**  
6090 Larstan Drive, Alexandria Neighborhood Park
- 89 Heywood Glen**  
6210 Larstan Drive, Alexandria



Lake Accotink Park is located in Springfield. The 493-acre park includes a 55-acre lake, wooded trails, and wetlands.

- Neighborhood Park
- 90 Pinecrest Golf Course**  
6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria Special Purpose Park
- 91 Green Spring Gardens**  
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria Special Purpose Park
- 92 Bren Mar**  
6324 Edsall Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 93 Backlick Run**  
5590 First Statesman Lane, Alexandria Community Park
- 94 Beulah**  
7119 Beulah Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 95 Amberleigh**  
7516 Beulah Street, Alexandria Community Park
- 96 Hayfield**  
7611 Hayfield Road, Alexandria Community Park
- 97 Wickford**  
7331a Wickford Drive, Alexandria Neighborhood Park



The park at Lake Accotink has much to offer. Visitors can ride a carousel, visit the snack bar, play a round of miniature golf, and take a ride on the lake in a paddle boat.

# SPORTS



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Then-Lee senior Jonathan Walters gained 201 yards of total offense and scored four touchdowns during a 40-38 loss to T.C. Williams in 2014.

## Getting to Know Area High School Sports

### 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.

**What happened last year:** The girls' basketball team won the Conference 7 championship and reached the region semifinals. The boys' basketball and boys' lacrosse teams qualified for regionals. The girls' cross country team placed sixth at the regional meet, earning a state berth.

**Notable:** The girls' basketball program has won at least 21 games in seven consecutive seasons. During that stretch, the Spartans have a record of 171-25 with five Conference 7/Patriot District championships, one AAA Northern Region title and four trips to the state tournament.

**Quotable:** "They know [regionals is] next. You go undefeated in district, you feel a little good about that and you feel we should win [the conference tournament], no two ways about it. If we go out and play like we can play, we're going to win, but you've still got to go out and do it and that's what they did." — West Springfield girls' basketball coach Bill Gibson about the Spartans' less-than-ecstatic response to winning the conference title.

### Lee High School

**Highlights:** Softball, boys', girls' basketball teams made regionals.

**School:** Robert E. Lee High School.

**Mascot:** Lancers.

**School Colors:** Blue and gold.

**Athletic Director:** Lori Barb, 703-924-8352.

**Football Coach:** Eric Pilson (first year).

The Lancers dropped five of their final six games and finished 2-8 in 2014.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Lindsey Conrad.

**Volleyball Coach:** Adam Greenberg.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** David Ivey

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Amy Lee.

**Baseball Coach:** Matthew MacDonald

**Softball Coach:** Suzy Willemssen.

**What happened last year:** The softball team finished 16-6 and qualified for regionals. The boys' and girls' basketball teams reached the region quarterfinals.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Then-freshman pitcher Avery Neuhart helped the Hayfield softball team upset Lake Braddock in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.

### Hayfield

**Highlights:** Boys' basketball team won Conference 6 title.

**School:** Hayfield Secondary School.

**Mascot:** Hawks.

**School Colors:** Orange and white.

**Athletic Director:** E.W. Nowland, 703-924-7472.

**Football Coach:** Eric Henderson (second season).

The Hawks went 7-4 in 2014, including a first-round playoff loss to Chantilly.

**Volleyball Coach:** Bradley Lacey.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Carlos Poindexter.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Rudy Coffield.

**Baseball Coach:** Michael Shore.

**Softball Coach:** Ron Giovannucci.

**What happened last year:** The boys' basketball team won the Conference 6 championship and

reached the region quarterfinals. Then-junior gymnast Molly Overstreet won conference and region bars championships. The softball team finished 18-7, including an upset win over Conference 7 champion Lake Braddock in the opening round of regionals, and reached the region semifinals.

**Quotable:** "It's a huge win for us because being a No. 4 seed, not too many people expected us to be here and [nobody] expected us to beat what everybody was telling us was the best pitcher in the region. It's huge for us. These kids are ball players. All of them are serious ball players. Usually ... we have maybe four, five kids who are serious, then we've got another four who are fringe players, but I've got nine players here that can play ball." — Hayfield softball coach Ron Giovannucci after the Hawks upset Lake Braddock in the opening round of regionals.

### Edison

**Highlights:** Girls' basketball team won third straight region championship.

**School:** Thomas A. Edison High School.

**Mascot:** Eagles.

**School Colors:** Red, white and navy blue.

**Athletic Director:** Berk Stoy, 703-924-8090.

**Football Coach:** Rodney Boyle (first

season).

The Eagles finished the 2014 season with a 3-8 record, including a 5A North region playoff loss to Tuscarora.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Ginger White.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Terry Henderson.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Dianne Lewis.

**Baseball Coach:** Adam Wells.

**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Jason Jeffries.

**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Samantha Shterengarts

**What happened last year:** The girls' basketball team won its third straight region championship, second at the 5A level. The boys' basketball team finished Conference 13 runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The girls' lacrosse team went 10-5 and finished conference runner-up.

**Quotable:** "He found a crease and they couldn't catch him. Do I think it deflated [Mount Vernon]? I really do. They had a really long drive — they drove right on down, they scored, we got the ball, we scored in one play and it was over." — Then-Edison football coach Scott Woodlief about Moses Kamara's 70-yard touchdown run during a 26-6 victory over Mount Vernon in 2014.

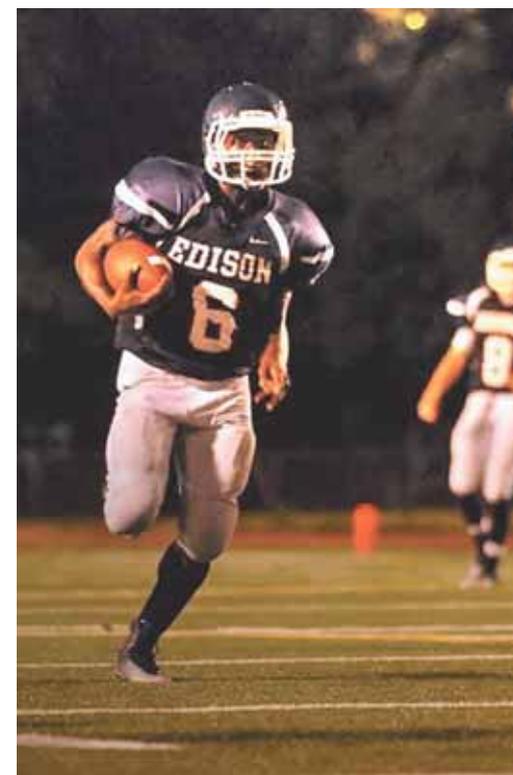


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Edison running back Moses Kamara rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns during a victory against Mount Vernon in 2014.

# Mega Road Projects in Northern Virginia Keep Traffic Moving

In Northern Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is working to keep up with growth in the area with transportation projects at both ends of the spectrum. Whether it's a new highway overpass, intersection improvement, or high occupancy toll lanes, the goal at VDOT is to keep the traffic moving.

On the Capital Beltway (I-495), the 495 Express Lanes opened in 2012 to give motorists an option when traveling through this busy corridor. Two additional lanes were constructed on the beltway in each direction between the Springfield Interchange (where I-95, I-495 and I-395 meet south of Washington) and a point on the beltway just north of the Dulles Toll Road. These lanes are free to vehicles with three or more occupants, while vehicles with one or two occupants will be able to use the lanes by paying a toll electronically. The express lanes use dynamic pricing to manage the flow of traffic and keep motorists moving, and roadside equipment monitors traffic, adjusting toll prices periodically to maintain free-flowing travel. As traffic increases, the toll price goes up to manage demand.

**IN DECEMBER 2014, VDOT** opened a 29-mile stretch of express lanes on I-95/395 between a point just north of Edsall Road in Alexandria, to Garrisonville Road (Route 610) in the south. These express lanes are reversible: on weekday mornings, the lanes head north to cater to commuters heading to busy employment centers like Tysons



**In the overnight hours, crews pour the deck for the Seminary Road bridge over I-395.**

Corner and Washington, D.C.; and in the afternoons, the lanes head south. Again, vehicles with three occupants can use the 95 Express Lanes for free, while cars with one or two occupants can choose to use the lanes by paying a toll, which varies depending on the number of cars in the lanes at that time. All vehicles using the 495 or 95 Express Lanes need an E-ZPass, or an E-ZPass Flex, which has a switch to engage the toll-free option when there are three or more occupants. Another highway construction project is underway at Seminary Road and I-395 in Alexandria. There VDOT is building a multi-faceted project that include a new 0.8-mile auxiliary lane on I-395 North

between Duke Street and Seminary Road, as well as a new ramp from the HOV lanes to the Seminary Road bridge overpass, and a new pedestrian bridge over I-395. These projects are intended to improve the flow of traffic associated with the Mark Center, a federal government building located in that area. The auxiliary lane opened in February with the HOV ramp and the stand-alone pedestrian bridge scheduled to open later this fall.

Other recently opened "Megaprojects" include the Fairfax County Parkway Extension, linking Springfield to Richmond Highway in southern Fairfax County; the fourth lane widening project, which added an ex-

tra lane on I-95 North and South between Springfield and Occoquan; the Telegraph Road interchange on the Capital Beltway in Alexandria; and the 495 Shoulder Lane project on the inner loop of I-495 between the 495 Express Lanes' northern endpoint and the George Washington Memorial Highway. Similar to the shoulder lane on I-66, this shoulder lane is open during the morning and evening rush hours, with a red "X" or green arrow signaling its availability for travel. In Arlington, just west of I-395, VDOT is putting finishing touches this summer on a new bridge carrying Washington Boulevard over Columbia Pike. This new bridge replaces a 1940's-era bridge, and includes bike and pedestrian access along Columbia Pike plus room for a future streetcar if needed. The bridge was renamed the Freedmans Bridge after the historical "Freedmans Village," a community the Federal government established in 1863 for newly freed slaves, that once occupied this area of Arlington.

**VDOT** officials are now looking to transform Northern Virginia's Interstate 66 into a multi-modal corridor that moves traffic and people quicker and in a more reliable way. The project, known as Transform 66, is a multi-modal proposal that will incorporate transit, carpooling and express lanes. The project is divided into a 25-mile stretch between Haymarket and the Capital Beltway, and a separate project inside the beltway with a toll option for travel through Falls Church and Arlington.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VDOT

## VRE 101 for Newcomers

**What is it?** The Virginia Railway Express, or the VRE, is a regional and commuter rail service. It is the commuter train in Virginia that is not the Metro.

**Where does it go?** There are two lines that start in Virginia, Fredericksburg and Manassas lines. Both lines terminate at Union Station in Washington, D.C.

**How do I get to where I need to go?** Look at the system map to find out what station is most convenient for you and where you want to travel. Here is the link to the station map, <http://www.vre.org/service/systmmp.htm>.

Stations on the Manassas Line are Broad Run/Airport, Manassas, Manassas Park, Rolling Road, Backlick Road, Alexandria, Crystal City, L'Enfant, Washington Union Station.

Stations on the Fredericksburg Line are Fredericksburg, Leeland, Quantico, Rippon, Woodbridge, Lorton, Franconia-Springfield, Alexandria, Crystal City, L'Enfant, Washington Union Station.

VRE stations often connect to Metrorail or Metrobus, so if your destination is not close to a VRE station stop, you can hop on the Metro or the bus to get closer to where you want to go.

**What does it cost?:** Take note of

your zones. The zone that your station starts in is the originating station and the station you will arrive at is your destination station. This zone pairing will determine your fare.

Fare information can be found at <http://www.vre.org/service/fares.htm>.

**How do I pay?** There are seven types of ticket and passes, ranging from a single-ride ticket to a monthly pass. Find out at <http://vre.org/service/buyval.htm>.

Get your ticket before getting on the train. There are no ticket sales on board. Remember to validate your ticket before boarding the train.

**Where can I buy tickets?** You can buy tickets on your phone by downloading the VRE Mobile app.

You can buy tickets from [commuterdirect.com](http://commuterdirect.com).

You can also buy tickets from selected sales outlets near the stations, <http://vre.org/service/vendor.htm>.

There are also vending machines at stations which only take credit cards.

Lastly, check with your employer, to see if they can help you get tickets.

**Who uses the VRE?:** Commuters who live in areas not covered by Metrorail and need to get into the Washington Metropolitan area, people who need to connect with



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other regional or city rail service and people who want to avoid road traffic are typical users of the VRE.

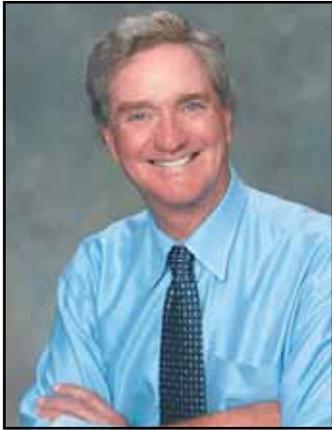
**Other costs:** If you are driving to and parking your vehicle at a VRE station, parking fees vary at each location. Check each station to find the cost of parking, <http://www.vre.org/service/staloc.htm>.

**Some statistics:** Average daily ridership is 19,300. For

more information, go to <http://www.vre.org/about/company/performance-measures.pdf>.

The the local subsidy for VRE is \$16,428,800. For more details check out [http://www.vre.org/about/Financial\\_statements/](http://www.vre.org/about/Financial_statements/).

Check out VRE's New Rider Information page at <http://www.vre.org/service/newrider.htm>



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Dr. Melanie Wilson Hartman

## 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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# John C. Cook

Braddock District Supervisor



## Braddock Neighbors:

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

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

Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our

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

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

Come in and see us!

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9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, Virginia 22015

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