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# About the Connection

**A**s your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and

record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an 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 email or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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

anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

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# An Arlington Abecedary ... for Newcomers

**Arlington residents name favorites in the county.**

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

**“A”** is for Ayres Hardware Store in Westover Village. Arlington resident Mary Lanaras said, “You can find anything there. Like hair nets. It is like a trip back in time to the old family hardware and variety store. There aren’t many left like it.” Ayers is at 5853 N Washington Blvd, Arlington.

A is also for Arlington Cemetery, said Mary Lanaras. “It’s one of the most beautiful places in the area.

“A is for Atmosphere,” said Jerod Hudley. “There is a really good atmosphere in Arlington.”

A is for the Arlington Mill Community Center 909 South Dinwiddie Street, because, said Dawit Mulugeta, “There is always something to do there, for any age group.”

**“B”** is for the Birchmere concert venue, “Even though it’s not in Arlington, it’s right across the county line and it’s wonderful and where Arlingtonians go to have a good time,” said Lanaras. It’s at 3701 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

B is for Bluemont Park at 5910 Wilson Blvd. — the park, the tennis courts, and the bike path — one of Arlington resident Jean Turner’s favorites.



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUIHE/THE CONNECTION

## A is for Ayres Hardware

**Step back in time at Ayres Variety and Hardware on Washington Boulevard in Westover where you can find that special “hard to locate” gift that matches the personality of your hostess. Ceramic turtles, dogs, owls and dogs crowd the shelves along side decorative-themed glasses and “crazy high heel salt and pepper shakers.” A clerk points out that it is wise to know your host or hostess in order to buy one of these specialty hostess gifts. “They are fun but not extravagant.”**

**“C”** is for Cinema: the Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse at 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. “We don’t go there enough,” said

both Lanaras and Turner.

C is for Celtic House, at 2500 Columbia Pike, Arlington, an Irish bar in South Arlington that Anne Stewart, a teacher at Yorktown High School likes. It was also named one of the best Irish pubs in the U.S. by Business Insider.

C is for Central Library, said Dawit Mulugeta, a student at NOVA. “I study there because it’s quiet and great place to study and they also have a conference room too.”

Mulugeta also likes “Catholic Charities” at 80 N. Glebe Road “because they help you with hiring people who arrive here as immigrants, and giving support to political asylees.”

**“D”** is for Dogs - the Lost Dog Cafe in North Arlington and the Lost Dog Cafe in South Arlington. “What I like about Lost Dog in S. Arlington,” said Turner, “is the pizza, of course, but also the parking. It’s so easy.”

D is for Dama Pastry and Restaurant at 1505 Columbia Pike in South Arlington, a favorite of the Ethiopian diaspora “because they have delicious fasting food made from Tofu when we aren’t allowed to eat any meat,” said Mulugeta.

**“E”** is for Edith: Bob and Edith’s Diner in South Arlington is one of my favorites,” said Josh Dobson. It’s at 2310 Columbia Pike, Arlington. “Bob and Edith’s?” said Lanaras: “Oh gosh, I haven’t been there in ages but yes, it’s a tradition, very much the old style diner.”

And E is also for El Paso Cafe, another Dobson recommendation, at 4235 N Pershing Dr.

E is for “Enjera” at 549 23rd Street, S. Arlington. “They have good cuisine especially their Shekla Tebes (Cooked Beef),” said Mulugeta.

And lastly, E is for Encore Learning, said Lanaras. Encore learning is the adult learning network residents can teach at or learn at — everything from Copperplate italic writing to cooking Indian food. See [www.encorelearning.net](http://www.encorelearning.net).

**“F”** is for Food: that’s what I really like about Arlington, said Dobson. “Any kind of food you want. You can find it in Arlington. And I eat out a lot.” Dobson waxed fondly about Arlington, where he has lived a long time: “But I’ve lived all over the country,” he adds. “And Arlington is the only place that is a big city but feels like a small city.”

F is for all the “Fort” parks in Arlington — old Civil War forts that are now parks, like the Fort C.F. Smith, Fort Reynolds, Fort Barnard parks.

**“G”** is for Gulf Branch Nature Center at 3608 N. Military Road. “Their nature center is full of creatures found on local hiking trails, and people can go there to identify what snake they saw or what spider,” said Youssef Thomas.

**“H”** is for Hayes Park, one of Turner’s favorites. It’s at 1516 N. Lincoln St.,



## D is for Dama Bakery

**Enter Dama Pastry and Cafe, an Ethiopian Bakery tucked away in a small row of stores on Columbia Pike. The large green board behind the counter lists the pound cakes, tortes, baklava and other specialties offered. Almaz Dama said they make 15 kinds of cakes with a lot of vegan specialties, and this year’s cakes will have holiday frostings. When shopping for holiday cakes, try a bombolino (large dense donut), a fried pastry laced with cumin or a whole wheat bread wrapped in banana leaf for breakfast.**

Arlington, and is one of the four spray parks in the area.

**“I”** is for Interior Journey: A Spirituality for the 21st Century: just one of the many courses offered at Encore Learning at the Syphax Center. Participants are invited to explore their inner terrain. I is for “I should be hired by Arlington County, said Lanaras. All you have to do is ask me what I like about Arlington and I can talk all day about how wonderful this county is.”

**“J”** is for the Arlington Jazz Festival, cited by Kenny Robinson, a fitness coach at the YMCA. It’s in Rosslyn around the end of the summer. It’s on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1-7 p.m., at Gateway Park at 1300 Lee Hwy. and it’s official name is the Rosslyn Jazz Fest. For the past 26 years, the Rosslyn Jazz Fest has taken over all of the three-acre, urban Gateway Park. This much-anticipated annual event draws thousands of music fans to Gateway Park for a day of performances in Arlington’s largest urban park.

**“K”** is for Robinson’s class at the Arlington YMCA, located at 3422 13th St. North. He and Jerod Hudley have a following for their “Yoga /Stretch fitness” classes, as do most of the teachers there. There is something for everyone at the Y.

**“L”** is for Lubber Run Park’s Amphitheatre at 200 N Columbus St

Arlington. “Not too many people even know about Lubber Run,” said Charles Lanaras. “I’m not sure you should mention it. It will get crowded.” His wife adds that sometimes really well-known singers and musicians play there, and it’s free.”



## C is for Clarendon Days

**The street was lined with pizza stacked high, chili tasting booths for the International Chili Cookoff Tournament, one-hour free yoga giveaways, craft beer and a sangria booth, five bands playing all day, balloons and face painting for Clarendon Day.**

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# A Tour of Arlington's Future Major projects and zoning changes ahead.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hroughout the county, development is changing the streets and skylines of Arlington's neighborhoods. Both along and outside the Metro corridors, new projects are coming online within the next year, and the next few months will see even more changes coming before the Arlington County Board.

One of the most recognizable changes coming to Arlington will be the complete redevelopment and renovation of the Ballston Mall.

"This is one of the first projects that's really exciting for Arlington County in the plan," said Robert Duffy, Arlington County planning director. "The project involves the total reconstruction of the retail mall. It involves major new exterior improvements, new public spaces, streetscape and garage improvements. The redevelopment is one of the centerpiece projects of Ballston. It will include a new 22-story residential apart-



**Aerial concept rendering of the Ballston Mall redevelopment**

ment building with 405 units. The new development will turn the mall inside out and create a great street life. It's a major anchor redevelopment project."

Plans for the new Ballston Mall include an open-air design for the main shopping avenue.

Duffy said the development is also bringing in new projects to the area, like a 121,000-square-foot residential development at 750 North Glebe Road. A few blocks away, the Shooshan Company is

redeveloping 4040 Wilson Boulevard, formerly home to the Blue Goose, to allow Marymount University to expand.

"There's a great deal of redevelopment coming within the Ballston Area," said Duffy.

The mall redevelopment is expected to take place throughout 2017 to be opened in 2018.

**FURTHER UP** the Metro Corridor, the county is beginning to work on implementing the West-



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Building heights limited where necessary to preserve prime public views  
Gaps between buildings preserved for view and street connections  
Green roofs and penthouses sculpting complement views  
Freedom Park access improved to enhance experience of unique views at and near street level

**Concept rendering for Rosslyn Sector Plan skyline**

ern Rosslyn Area Plan. The plan was the subject of controversy over the summer as the County Board approved the placement of a temporary fire station on the outdoor space of the new H-B Woodlawn school site. Duffy said in October, the County Board will begin to consider zoning changes to Western Rosslyn.

The more central parts of Rosslyn could also see major zoning changes in the fall as modifications come forward in the fall to implement the Rosslyn Sector Plan approved in 2015. On a street level, one of the most visible changes will be an extension of the 18th Street Corridor from N. Quinn Street. Duffy says the new 18th Street extension will create a new central pedestrian and bicycle spine that will become a defining element for Rosslyn. The Sector Plan calls for a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge to connect the waterfront near Roosevelt Island with downtown Rosslyn.

"We're really reinventing Rosslyn's street level with this plan," said Duffy. "The plan defines where and how we widen sidewalks and create bike amenities.

There are a number of recommendations intended to move Rosslyn beyond its 1970s and early '80s car-oriented environment to a more pedestrian environment that offers opportunities for more public space."

Above the street level, Duffy says shifts in building heights will continue to be a major discussion at the County Board.

"We're introducing new zoning standards that will address building heights," said Duffy, "ensuring that the great views that Rosslyn offers to our nation's capital are preserved."

In August 2015, discussion of the Rosslyn Sector Plan centered around a new "Peaks and Valleys" architectural approach that encouraged a varied skyline with new floor area ratio and height allowances. At that time, members of the Planning Commission and the North Rosslyn Civic Association expressed concerns that the new height allowances might block the views of existing residents. The Ballston and Rosslyn Business Improvement Districts, as well as the Chamber of Commerce,

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**More retail and residential development is taking place at Pentagon City.**

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# Exploring Local History

BY MARK BENBOW  
ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**D**o you like history? Do you like local history? The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) was founded in 1956 to preserve and promote the history of Arlington County. Since 1963 the AHS has operated the Arlington Historical Museum in the Hume School at 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road. The Hume School is itself a bit of a historic artifact. Built in 1891, it operated as a school until 1958. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

So, what would you see if you came to the AHS museum? We have lots of cool Arlington objects on display in our permanent exhibits. One of my favorites include the county's first television. Built by Dumont, its original owner in 1946 won it in a contest. In the evenings the family would move it outside so the neighbors could join in watching this new form of mass media entertainment.

If you came over the Key Bridge into Rosslyn in the 1940s and 1950s you'd find a number of pawnshops. The museum has the trefoil pawn sign (three large gold balls) that hung over the National Pawn Shop for decades. If you wanted to get something to drink after visiting the pawn shop you might want to have a Cherry Smash, made for years in the old Arlington Brewery by John Fowler. One of Mr. Fowler's grandsons gave the AHS some rare Cherry Smash items and his generous gift sparked one of our most colorful and popular displays. It includes a

painting of model of silent movie star Lillian Walker who posed for a company calendar in the early 1910s.

Many local residents still find Minié balls and other Civil War artifacts in their yards 150 years after the last Union fort protecting Washington was abandoned. The Arlington Historical Museum has a display of items dropped by soldiers and found by local residents illustrating life in the Union Army encampments in the county. Of course it includes things such as bullets and uniform buttons, but also everyday items like coins, pens, and parts of a harmonica. We even have a cannon ball a local resident found while planting a bush in her yard.

Of course this area was inhabited before the Europeans arrived. Numerous Native American villages sat along the Potomac and their inhabitants left behind their own artifacts. The museum displays some of the items found by archeologists in the county, including a stone ax head found on a local golf course.


Speaking of archeologists, did you know the AHS is sponsoring an archeology dig at its second property, the Ball-Sellers House? Built in the 1740s by John Ball and his family (he had a wife and five daughters) it's the oldest surviving building in the county. It's open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday afternoons from April into October and we are currently hosting a dig led by trained archeologists to uncover an addition that was torn down a century ago. The dig is open to the public on Saturday and Sundays through September. Check the AHS website for more

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## August 2016

### SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**Central Arlington History Tour.** 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Walk 1-12 miles visiting parks and historic sites in Clarendon, Ballston, Glencarlyn and surrounding areas. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to early 20th century. Tickets are free for Center Hiking Club Members, \$2 for non-members. Call 7030243-0179 for more.

**Summer Block Party.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. The Arlington County Police Department invites residents to get to know their neighbors and police officers while enjoying interactive stations, safety demonstrations, entertainment, food and more. Free. Visit [arlingtonva.us](http://arlingtonva.us) for more.

**Wags n' Whiskers.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At the Village at Shirlington, 4000 Campbell Ave. Wags n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal loving shoppers of all ages. The event features 65+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags n' Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, and children's activities such as face painting, balloon art, strolling entertainment and more. Free. Visit [www.villageatshirlington.com](http://www.villageatshirlington.com) for more.

**Bat Fest.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Live bat shows are presented by the riveting Leslie Sturges, director of the Save Lucy Campaign established to protect and conserve bats in this region. Tickets are \$8. Call 703-228-3403.



## Clarendon Day

Clarendon Day, scheduled for Sept. 17, is Arlington's biggest street festival. Find four music stages, craft beer and wine, the Clarendon Chili Cookoff, scores of local restaurants, a kids area, a VIP tent, arts and crafts vendors, plus local businesses and nonprofits. Admission to the festival is free. Visit [www.clarendon.org](http://www.clarendon.org) for more.



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and walkers. Registration is \$32, \$40 the day of run. Visit [www.ace-pt.org](http://www.ace-pt.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

**Rosslyn Jazz Festival.** 6-9 p.m. on Friday, 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The Jazz Festival kick-off event will feature Mexico's fusion band Troker and DJ G-Flux on the 33rd floor of the 1812 North Moore building. The Funk Ark, Sonny Knight & The

Lakers, Debo Band, and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will headline the main event. Free admission—registration required for kickoff. See [www.rosslynva.org/events](http://www.rosslynva.org/events).  
**Memorial 5K.** 6 p.m. in Crystal City. This race was organized to honor the victims, firefighters, and public safety who responded on Sept. 11, 2001. Registration fees are \$35-40. Visit [www.arlington911race.com](http://www.arlington911race.com).

### SEPT. 10-21

**34th Annual Senior Olympics.** Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

**Beckett's Celtic Festival.** 12-7 p.m. at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, 2800 S. Randolph St. Find live music, traditional food and entertainment. Free. Visit [www.samuelbecketts.com](http://www.samuelbecketts.com) for more.

### FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

**Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa.** 5-10 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. Wine from Spain Portugal, and Argentina and food from local latin restaurants come together at this annual event. Also find live Latin music and salsa lessons. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance; designated drivers tickets are also available for \$10. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

**Scholar's Cup.** 3:30-7 p.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd.

Participate in the Chamber's Annual Scholarship Fund fundraising event. This family-friendly event includes a mini-golf tournament, dinner, and music. Registration is \$15-80. Visit [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

**Clarendon Day.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. On Clarendon and Wilson boulevards between Washington and Highland. Find all the traditional trappings of a street fair plus an International Chili Cookoff, arts and crafts promenade and more. Free to attend. Visit [www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day](http://www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**Vintage Crystal: Pups and Pilsners.** 2-6 p.m. at 12th and Crystal Drive. This dog-friendly festival will feature a beer garden with 10 stations—each featuring a different brew. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org) for more.

### SEPT. 18-24

**ReelAbilities Film Festival.** Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia, powered by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of opening and closing. Visit [www.northernva.reelabilities.org](http://www.northernva.reelabilities.org).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

**Wine Helps.** 6-8:30 p.m. at National

Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building – Ballston Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Proceeds will buy winter coats for children. Sample wine and cheese, listen to music and more. Tickets are \$75. Visit [arcwinehelps.wordpress.com](http://arcwinehelps.wordpress.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

**BBQ, Boots & Bingo.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Columbus Club, 5115 Little Falls Road. A family picnic with moon bounces, a climbing wall, face painting, bingo, music and more, at the Columbus Club of Arlington. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, \$50 per family. Visit [www.arlingtonthrive.org](http://www.arlingtonthrive.org).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

**Latinoamerican Festival.** 1-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by learning more about the folk traditions, music, food and dance of several Latin-American countries. Free. Visit [www.parks.arlingtonva.us/events/latinoamerican-festival](http://www.parks.arlingtonva.us/events/latinoamerican-festival).

### SUNDAY-FRIDAY/ SEPT. 25-30

**Fall for the Book Festival at GMU.** Times vary. Select locations throughout Northern Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. This week long regional celebration of literature and the arts, connects readers and authors at all levels. Offering bookworms the chance to meet their favorite writers. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

**Bowen McCauley's 21st Birthday Bash.** 6-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive. Find an open bar, a buffet, and dancing. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org) for more.

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## September 2016

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

**Roosevelt Run 5K.** 7 p.m. at 1301 Lee Highway. ACE Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Institute and Safety Health Foundation welcome runners



**Bowen McCauley Dance celebrate 21 years on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Holiday Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive. Find an open bar, a buffet, and dancing. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org) for more.**

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**Herb Levitan trains for the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics at Ocean Dunes Waterpark on Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. He is entered in seven swimming events as well as a number of other events including pickleball, rowing and some track events.**

PHOTO BY  
SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION



## Never Too Old To Compete

**800 expected to compete in Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.**

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**H**erb Levitan adjusts his goggles, pulls on his swimming cap and lowers himself into the pool. Levitan had been up at 7 a.m. to run three miles and had biked from home to the Ocean Dunes Water Park as he trains for the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

Levitan has participated in the Olympics for the last 9-10 years and is entered in about 30 events this year. He says swimming is his favorite: "I train all year long with swimming a couple of times a week, weights, running the track at Thomas Jefferson, and I ride my bike everywhere. I think cross training is important and I avoid injury by not just concentrating on one sport."

While preparing for the Senior Olympics, Levitan is also training for a triathlon in September. "It's a mile swim, 25-mile cycle and 6-mile run. The first time was pretty tough." Levitan says he had never competed in sports before but the people who organize and participate in the Senior Olympics are nice, and there is camaraderie among the competitors. Over the years Levitan has won so many medals that he doesn't even collect them anymore.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is scheduled to be held Sept. 10-21. These local Olympics for adults age 50 and over began in 1982, and nearly 800 seniors participated last year. According to the chair of this year's event, Jim Mackenzie, they hope to exceed that number this year. Mackenzie said he competed for a number of years and then volunteered last year for

the swimming events. "This year I found myself chairman," he said.

Opening events begin Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8 a.m. with track followed by rowing and diving and they conclude on Sept. 21 with pickleball singles and a spelling bee. More than 50 events will take place at 25 different venues including senior and recreation centers, parks, pools and golf courses around the area. Registration is \$12 for as many non-conflicting events as a participant is willing or able to schedule with extra fees for golf, bowling and orienteering.

Participants must live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions including the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, and Prince William. Register online at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us) or postmark by mail by Aug. 27.

"Things are getting a little hectic," according to Mackenzie. "We like to encourage people to sign up online, but seniors sometimes find it difficult and we have to walk them through it."

New events this year include 100-yard Breast Stroke, Orienteering, Spelling Bee, RummiKub and Sudoku. Events are broken down in 5 year, 10 year, 20 year or no year age groups. Events include swimming, golf, miniature golf, table tennis, badminton, ten pin bowling, bridge, cycling, pickleball, bocce and cornhole and others.

Last year they had 37 people competing in the 90-99 year-old range. "We had a 100-year-old chosen to carry the torch this year but unfortunately he passed before the games," he said.

Mackenzie said a lot of people take the games seriously and some practice year round. For instance, last year 85-year-old Helen Moot not only won the 80-89 year old Wii bowling competition but the next closest person was 150 points behind, "and she beat all of the men."

Mackenzie said, "Senior or not, they want to win." He adds there is a podium for presentation of the medals for the track and swimming events, and the medal winners are all beaming with their families taking pictures.

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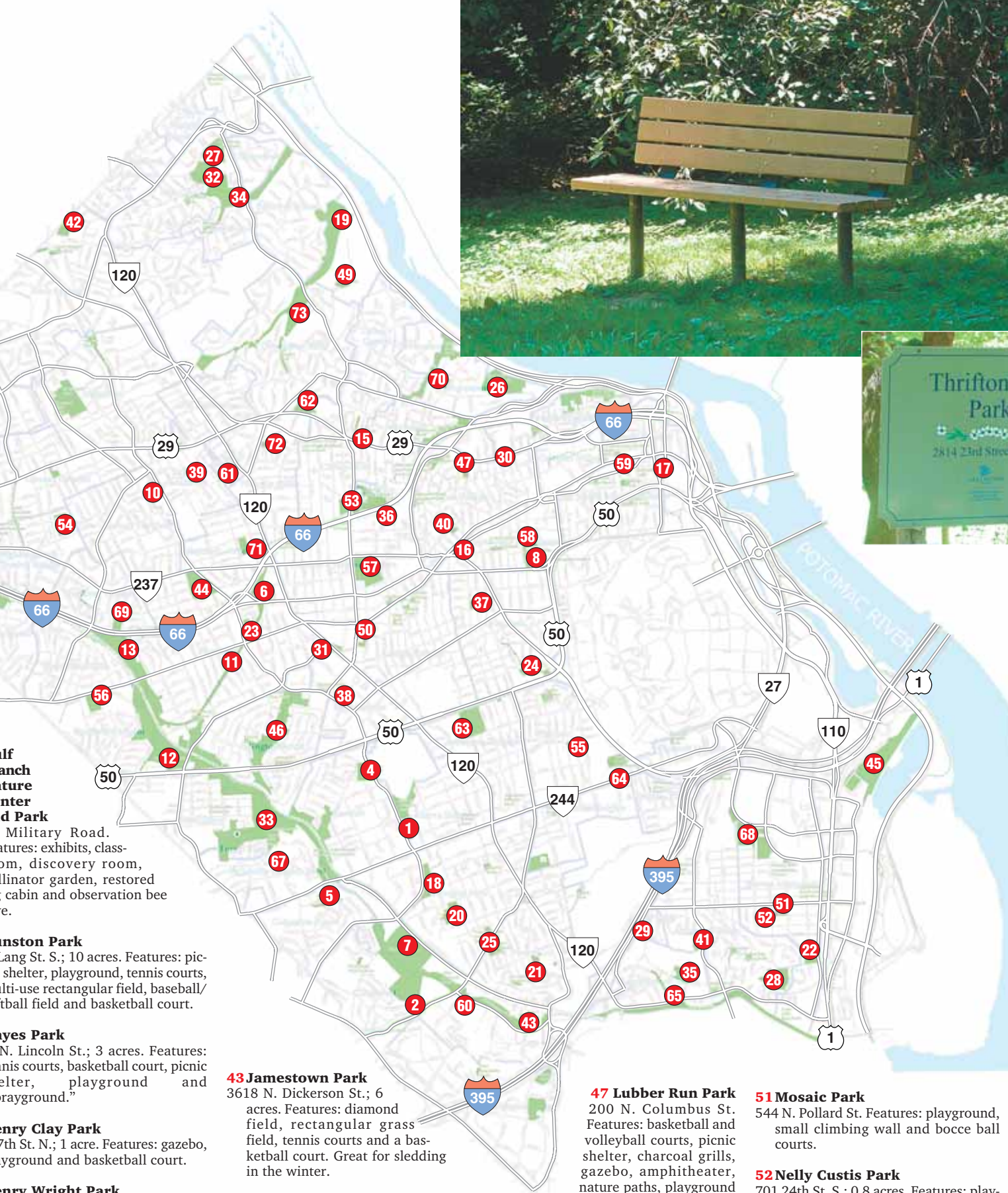
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# PARKS

A SAMPLING OF ARLINGTON PARKS

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- 1 Alcova Heights Park**  
901 S. George Mason Drive; 13 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, public restrooms, playground, baseball field, basketball court, volleyball court and grill.
- 2 Allie S. Freed Park**  
2465 Culpeper St.; 5 acres. Features: running trail, bridge, stream, open space.
- 3 Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone**  
2824 N. Arizona St.; 0.25 acres. Features: the boundary markers of the original District of Columbia, picnic tables and benches.
- 4 Arlington Hall West Park**  
290 S. Taylor St.; 7 acres. Features: playground, multi-use rectangular field, picnic area and grill.
- 5 Bailey's Branch Park**  
990 S. Columbus St.; 2 acres. Features: playground, benches and open green space.
- 6 Ballston Pond Park**  
4747 N. Fairfax Drive; 4 acres. Features: a great spot to observe wildlife.
- 7 Barcroft Park**  
4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive; 65 acres. Features: lighted handball, basketball and tennis courts, lighted baseball and softball fields, batting cages, volleyball courts, a drop-in rectangular field, horseshoe pit, fishing at the stream, scenic running/walking/biking trail, sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds.



- 8 Barton Park**  
2401 10th St. N.; 3 acres. Features: healing garden, labyrinth and seating.
- 9 Benjamin Banneker Park**  
6620 N. 18th St.; 11 acres. Features: trail access, picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field and dog park.
- 10 Big Walnut Park**  
1915 N. Harrison St.; 2 acres. Features: open space, playground and picnic area.
- 11 Bluemont Junction Park**  
744 N. Emerson St.; 15 acres. Features: paved walking trail, Bermuda grass rectangular field and the retired Bluemont Junction Caboose.
- 12 Bluemont Park**  
601 N. Manchester St.; 70 acres. Features: biking/running/hiking trails, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields, a playground, picnic areas and nature areas with streams for fishing.
- 13 Bon Air Park**  
850 N. Lexington St.; 24 acres. Features: memorial rose garden, azalea and ornamental tree gardens, playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic areas and charcoal grills.
- 14 Charles A. Stewart Park**  
2400 N. Underwood St.; 4 acres. Features: woods, fields, gazebo, playground and basketball half court.
- 15 Cherrydale Park**  
2176 N. Pollard St.; 0.8 acres. Features: open green space, benches, playground and path.
- 16 Clarendon Central Park**  
3140 Wilson Blvd.; 1 acre. Features: War memorial dedicated to Arlington citizens, hosts seasonal farmers market and occasional concerts.
- 17 Dark Star Park**  
1655 Fort Myer Drive; 0.4 acres. Features: sculptures by artist Nancy Holt and a fountain.
- 18 Doctor's Run Park**  
1301 S. George Mason Drive; 6 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground, volleyball court and path.
- 19 Donaldson Run Park**  
4020 30th St. N.; 8 acres. Features: forested area, trail and stream.
- 20 Douglas Park**  
1718 S. Quincy St.; 5 acres. Features: playground, nature trails, stream, picnic shelter, volleyball court and stone fireplace.
- 21 Drew Park**  
3500 23rd S. Features: basketball court, baseball field, playground and "sprayground."
- 22 Eads Park**  
2730 S. Eads St.; 4 acres. Features: gazebo, charcoal grills, playground and multi-use field.
- 23 Fields Park**  
825 N. George Mason Drive; 4 acres. Features: multi-use field with bleachers, path and ornamental garden.
- 24 Fillmore Park**  
33 N. Fillmore St.; 1 acre. Features: playground, picnic area and baseball and softball fields.
- 25 Fort Barnard Park**  
2101 S. Pollard St.; 5 acres. Features: dog exercise area, playground, diamond field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and a path.
- 26 Fort C.F. Smith Park**  
2411 24th St. N.; 19 acres. Features: tree canopy, open meadow, the Hendry House, preserved earthworks of a Civil War Fort and more.
- 27 Fort Ethan Allen Park**  
3829 N. Stafford St.; 15 acres. Features: gazebo, playground, basketball court, multi-use field and a dog park.
- 28 Fort Scott Park**  
2800 S. Fort Scott Drive; 12 acres. Features: picnic area, playground, baseball and softball fields, tennis court wall and a basketball court.
- 29 Fraser Park**  
1800 28th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: grills, picnic tables and open green space.
- 30 Gateway Park**  
1300 Lee Highway; 3 acres. Features: ornamental garden, fountain and amphitheater.
- 31 Glebe and Randolph Park**  
N. Glebe Road and N. Randolph Street. Features: bocce ball courts, benches and green space.
- 32 Glebe Road Park**  
4211 N. Old Glebe Road; 4 acres. Features: playground, tennis courts, basketball court, nature trails, drinking fountains and picnic tables.
- 33 Glencarlynn Park**  
301 S. Harrison St.; 95.5 acres. Features: picnic shelters, fishing, nature trails, playground, amphitheater and dog park.
- 34 Greenbrier Park**  
2700 N. Greenbrier St.; 18 acres. Features: basketball and tennis courts, diamond fields, multi-use synthetic turf field and a track with high jump and shot put discus area.
- 35 Gulf Branch Nature Center and Park**  
3608 Military Road. Features: exhibits, classroom, discovery room, pollinator garden, restored log cabin and observation bee hive.
- 36 Gunston Park**  
2700 Lang St. S.; 10 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, tennis courts, multi-use rectangular field, baseball/softball field and basketball court.
- 37 Hayes Park**  
1516 N. Lincoln St.; 3 acres. Features: tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground and "sprayground."
- 38 Henry Clay Park**  
3011 7th St. N.; 1 acre. Features: gazebo, playground and basketball court.
- 39 Henry Wright Park**  
4350 4th St. N.; 0.7 acres. Features: gazebo, playground and picnic tables.
- 40 High View Park**  
1945 N. Dinwiddie St.; 3 acres. Features: picnic area, charcoal grills, playground, baseball/softball field, lighted basketball courts and an amphitheater.
- 41 James Hunter Park**  
1299 N. Herndon St. Features: plaza terrace, open lawn, gardens, water feature and community canine area.
- 42 James W. Haley Park**  
2400 S. Meade St.; 5 acres. Features: charcoal grills, gazebo and nature trail.
- 43 Jamestown Park**  
3618 N. Dickerson St.; 6 acres. Features: diamond field, rectangular grass field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Great for sledding in the winter.
- 44 Jennie Dean Park**  
3630 27th St. S.; 22 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court and open field.
- 45 Lacey Woods Park**  
1200 N. George Mason Drive; 14 acres. Features: picnic shelter, lighted basketball court, charcoal grills, playground, multi-use field, nature trails, ornamental garden, wooded areas, open green space and a fire ring.
- 46 Long Bridge Park**  
475 Long Bridge Drive. Features: three rectangular synthetic turf fields, walkways, art features and picnic areas.
- 47 Lubber Run Park**  
200 N. Columbus St. Features: basketball and volleyball courts, picnic shelter, charcoal grills, gazebo, amphitheater, nature paths, playground and grassy multi-use fields.
- 48 Lyon Village Park**  
1800 N. Highland St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court and "sprayground."
- 49 Madison Manor Park**  
6225 12th Road N. Features: restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, stream, playground, baseball/softball field, tennis courts and a lighted basketball court.
- 50 Marcey Road Park**  
2722 N. Marcey Road; 3 acres. Features: tennis and basketball courts and access to Potomac Overlook Regional Park.
- 51 Mosaic Park**  
544 N. Pollard St. Features: playground, small climbing wall and bocce ball courts.
- 52 Nelly Custis Park**  
701 24th St. S.; 0.8 acres. Features: playground, landscaped open green space and benches.
- 53 Nina Park**  
800 S. 24th St. Features: sand pit, picnic area and wave wall.
- 54 Oakgrove Park**  
1606 N. Quincy St. Features: picnic tables, gazebo, playground, rectangular fields and paved walking trail.
- 55 Parkhurst Park**  
5820 20th Road N. Features: play area for toddlers, sand area, playground and gazebo.
- 56 Penrose Park**  
2200 6th St. S.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, charcoal grills, playground and basketball court.
- 57 Powhatan Springs Park**  
6020 Wilson Blvd. Features: skatepark, drinking fountains, concessions, stream, rectangular grass field, ornamental rain garden and fountain.
- 58 Quincy Park**  
1021 N. Quincy St.; 4 acres. Features: tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; baseball and softball fields; picnic area and playground.
- 59 Rocky Run Park**  
1109 N. Barton St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic shelter, playgrounds and a lighted oval field.
- 60 Rosslyn Highlands Park**  
1529 Wilson Blvd.; 2 acres. Features: basketball court and playground.
- 61 Shirlington Park**  
2601 S. Arlington Mill Drive; 29 acres. Features: drinking fountain, stream, walking path, benches and dog park.
- 62 Slater Park**  
1837 N. Culpeper St.; 3 acres. Features: playground, picnic tables, charcoal grills and a path.
- 63 Stratford Park**  
4321 Old Dominion Drive; 5 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, picnic tables, lighted tennis courts, rectangular multi-use field and a lighted basketball court.
- 64 Thomas Jefferson Park**  
3501 S. 2nd St. Features: lighted basketball and tennis courts, diamond field, lighted multi-use rectangular field and fitness trail.
- 65 Towers Park**  
801 S. Scott St.; 4 acres. Features: playground, lighted tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball court, community garden, lighted dog park, picnic tables, charcoal grills and gazebo.
- 66 Troy Park**  
2629 S. Troy St.; 2 acres. Features: picnic tables, horseshoe pit, stream, playground and basketball courts.
- 67 Tuckahoe Park**  
2400 N. Sycamore St.; 12 acres. Features: playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis courts, rectangular grass field, nature trails, ornamental garden, amphitheater and picnic tables.
- 68 Tyrol Hill Park**  
5101 7th Road S.; 2 acres. Features: playground, picnic shelter and tables, charcoal grills, basketball and volleyball court, open drop-in field and nature trails.
- 69 Utah Park**  
3191 S. Utah St.; 4 acres. Features: baseball/softball field, volleyball court, dog park with water hook-up and picnic tables.
- 70 Virginia Highlands Park**  
1600 S. Hayes St.; 18 acres. Features: lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, volleyball court, "sprayground," rectangular drop-in fields and petanque courts.
- 71 Westover Park**  
1001 N. Kennebec St.; 4 acres. Features: picnic shelter and tables, playground, baseball/softball fields, lighted basketball courts, volleyball courts, rectangular grass field, path and ornamental garden.
- 72 Windy Run Park**  
2420 N. Kenmore St.; 14 acres. Features: stream, nature paths and wooded areas.
- 73 Woodlawn Park**  
1325N. Buchanan St.; 1 acre. Features: stream, playground, half basketball court, open green space and picnic tables.
- 74 Woodstock Park**  
2049 N. Woodstock St.; 1 acre. Features: water fountains, picnic tables, gazebo, playground and basketball court.
- 75 Zachary Taylor Park**  
2900 Military Road; 44 acres. Features: nature trails, stream and baseball/softball fields.



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## October 2016

### SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Arlington Fun Ride.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at various locations in Arlington. Now in its 5th year, This scenic, family-friendly bike ride will give the anticipated 250+ participants a chance to experience the paved, multi-use trails that make up the "Arlington Loop" while enjoying support from rest stops in Crystal City, Columbia Pike, Ballston and Rosslyn. Registration is \$15, \$40 for a family of up to 4 people. Visit [www.arlingtonfunride.org](http://www.arlingtonfunride.org) for more.

### 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic

**Oktoberfest.** 12-7 p.m. at Capitol City Brewing Company, 4001 Campbell Ave. Breweries bring 4 oz. samples to accompany a day of authentic German food, music, and more. Tickets are \$30. Visit [www.facebook.com/CapCityOktoberfest](http://www.facebook.com/CapCityOktoberfest).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Fall Wine & Craft Beer Festival.** 3-8 p.m. at Adams Street and Columbia Pike. Taste food paired with wine and craft beer. Ticket prices not yet announced. Visit [www.columbiapike.org](http://www.columbiapike.org) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 14-16

**US FreedomWalk Festival.** 3-6 p.m. on Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The FreedomWalk Festival is a three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit [www.usfreedomwalk.org](http://www.usfreedomwalk.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 15

**Fall Heritage Festival.** 1-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Step back into history and try your hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coon-skin cap, or work the cider press. Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. Tickets are \$5. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us](http://parks.arlingtonva.us) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

**VolunteerFest.** A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-25

**Marine Corps Marathon Weekend.** Events like the Health & Fitness Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event—The 40th Annual Marine Corps Marathon—on Sunday at 7:55 a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) for more.

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 23

**Pumpkin Carving Party.** 1-3 p.m. at



Left: Grupo Fantasma, below: Glen David Andrews performs last year.



## Rosslyn Jazz Fest Lineup Announced

For the 26th year, Rosslyn Jazz Festival returns to Gateway Park (1300 Lee Highway) with food, drinks, and music. This year's lineup includes Akua Allrich, Vieux Farka Touré, Glen David Andrews Band, and Grupo Fantasma. Admission to the festival is free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**Dia de Muertos / Day of the Dead.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center at Glencarlyn Park, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Make Calaveras, the decorative sugar skull masks, enjoy holiday snacks, and see some night animals up close. Then, go on a night hike through the candlelit forest. Tickets are \$5. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us](http://parks.arlingtonva.us) for more.

**Annual Halloween Party.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Snacks, games, arts and crafts, storytelling, guided hikes through the woods, and the Haunted Nature Center makes up the yearly party. Cost is \$15 per participant for the party, \$20 per participant includes the Haunted Nature Center experience. Children 3 and under are free. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) for more.

### MONDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Trick-Or-Treating.** 5-7 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Free. Visit [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com) to register.

## November 2016

### NOV. 4-DEC. 18

**Exhibit: "Dia de los Muertos."** Gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artists living in the Mid-Atlantic states submit work that responds to the concepts, themes, and imagery of this beloved holiday. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 11

**Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony.** Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of visitors gather to honor fallen and living veterans. Visit [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 12

**Toast to Hope.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at UUCA Gallery, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Toast to Hope is SCAN's signature fall giving event and offers wine and beer tastings, food samplings, plus a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets prices yet to be announced. Visit [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 19

**Virginia Cider Week Tasting Event.** 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. In partnership with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee, the Lyceum offers a cider tasting as part of Virginia Cider Week. Tickets are \$50-75. Visit [www.show.alexandriava.gov/events](http://www.show.alexandriava.gov/events).

### FRIDAY/NOV. 25

**Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 6-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Attend the ceremony in which the City Tree is lit and visited by Santa, the Town Crier, and other city officials. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).

### FRIDAY/NOV 25-SATURDAY/JAN. 6

**Christmas in Mount Vernon.** 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/christmas](http://www.mountvernon.org/christmas).

## December 2016

### SATURDAY/DEC. 3

**Jingle Bell Run/Walk.** Registration begins at 6:45 a.m., events begin at 8 a.m. race starts at 8:50 a.m. at Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. This run/walk features a "Jingle in Your Jammies" and a "Children's Fun Run" as well as races for adults. Registration is \$15-40. Visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 10

**Great Chocolate Race.** 7:30 a.m. at N. Kent Street and Wilson Boulevard. Take a 5-mile trip around the capital,

Arlington National Cemetery, and other monuments. Registration is \$5. Visit [www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington](http://www.crucibleracing.com/chocolatearlington).

## March 2017

### SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH

**Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade.** Annual parade to celebrate Fat Tuesday. Visit [www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras](http://www.clarendon.com/mardi-gras).

### Persian New Year Celebration.

The Nowruz Festival celebrating the Persian New Year will include entertainment from musicians, dancers, artists, costumed characters, and traditional players. About 55 street vendors will be offering traditional and exotic foods, as well as jewelry, crafts, and other traditional Persian products. Visit [www.nowruzfestival.org](http://www.nowruzfestival.org) for more.

## April 2017

### APRIL-JUNE

**Relay for Life.** Raise funds for cancer research by attending all-night-long events sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for specific details.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23

**Arlington Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3003 Washington Blvd. Artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and more. Free. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

### APRIL 23-30

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

### LATE APRIL

**Annual Move Me Festival.** Each

year, local dance company Bowen McCauley Dance hosts a family-friendly celebration of arts and culture featuring live performances and interactive demonstrations. Activities in arts and crafts, theatre games, singing, storytelling, world dance, yoga, Pilates, and more are perfect for the whole family. Free. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org) for more.

## May 2017

### SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Taste of Arlington.** 12-6 p.m. at Downtown Ballston. This annual event turns the Ballston area into a street festival featuring Arlington's restaurants and live music. Ticket prices vary. Visit [www.ballstonbid.com](http://www.ballstonbid.com).

## June 2017

### MONDAYS, JUNE-AUGUST

**Crystal Screen.** 1851 S. Bell St. Each year a different theme is chosen for this outdoor film festival beginning at sunset each Monday. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 25

**Pops for Pets.** 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, 200 N. Columbus St. The Arlington Philharmonic will collaborate with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) to present the fourth annual Pops for Pets, an informal outdoor benefit concert. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org](http://www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org) for more.

## August 2017

### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 16-20

**Arlington County Fair.** Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second Street South. Summer family event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Admission is free. Visit [www.arlingtoncountyfair.us](http://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us)

## COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Arlington's Future

FROM PAGE 4

wrote in letters arguing that the height allowances were still too restrictive for potential development. There was debate on the County Board over the height allowances, but the board unanimously approved the Sector Plan.

**FURTHER SOUTH**, Crystal City and Pentagon City are both seeing significant residential growth. Duffy said the recent improvements to the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City have had a major change on development in the area, bringing in new restaurants and 60,000 square feet of new construction along Hayes Street.

"It's a whole new appearance and new frontage to the Fashion Centre Mall," said Duffy. "We're seeing retail and residential development occurring in Pentagon City at that Metro station. Looking at those two different areas in our Metro corridors we see active mixed use development underway."

At the southern border of Arlington, Duffy says the county is beginning a major project centered around Jennie Dean Park in the Shirlington neighborhood. Duffy said the park, the temporary home to Arlington's ART bus fleet, will be improved with new active recreation facilities and passive, open space park areas. Plans for the

park include more pedestrian connectivity to the Four Mile Run stream, where Arlington and Alexandria are both engaging in conservation efforts, and to the nearby dog park.

The last major project underway in the upcoming months is the Lee Highway Planning Initiative. In early 2016, consultants unveiled a draft plan for upgrading the Lee Highway corridor. The plan included limiting the highway to two lanes to make room for more green space and bicycle accessibility.

"By the end of the year, we will recommend to the County Board efforts to undertake to continue to work with the Lee Highway residents to realize this vision," said Duffy.

In addition to development questions, Arlington faces the daunting task of implementing 2015's Affordable Housing Master Plan.

"One of the priorities that the board has charged is that we need to put

strategies in place that will help preserve several thousand market rate affordable units located throughout Arlington," said Duffy. "We're completing a set of recommendations and strategies and actions that the board can take to preserve existing affordable units. We will be bringing those recommendations forward in the fall for consideration by the County Board."

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**— Robert Duffy,  
Planning Director,  
Arlington County**



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### Arlington by Zip Code

From U.S. Census data

**Zip code:** 22201

**Population:** 34,427

**Race:** White-27,095 (78.7%), Black/African American-1,448 (4.2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-89 (0.3%), Asian-3,574 (10.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,654 (10.6%)

**Total housing units:** 19,597

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 6,407 (32.7%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,213 (13.1%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,324 (7.8%)

**Median household income:** 117,332

**Mean family income:** 206,905

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 22.6%

**Zip code:** 22202

**Population:** 22,543

**Race:** White-16,872 (74.8%), Black/African American-1,777 (7.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-83 (0.4%), Asian-2,698 (12%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,823 (8.1%)

**Total housing units:** 14,505

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 3,005 (22.9%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,137 (8.7%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,774 (13.5%)

**Median household income:** 109,006

**Mean family income:** 170,684

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 24.4%

**Zip code:** 22203

**Population:** 21,850

**Race:** White-15,552 (71.2%), Black/African American-1,321 (6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-256 (1.2%), Asian-2,247 (10.3%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,839 (17.6%)

**Total housing units:** 11,272

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 3,859 (34.3%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,554 (13.8%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,937 (17.2%)

**Median household income:** 100,874

**Mean family income:** 166,006

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 26.8%

**Zip code:** 22204

**Population:** 47,233

**Race:** White-24,650 (52.2%), Black/African American-7,920 (16.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-322 (0.7%), Asian-5,407 (11.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-14,433 (30.6%)

**Total housing units:** 21,637

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 8,205 (41.5%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 5,272 (26.7%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,794 (14.1%)

**Median household income:** 75,135

**Mean family income:** 99,944

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 49.4%

**Zip code:** 22205

**Population:** 18,875

**Race:** White-15,416 (81.7%), Black/African American-484 (2.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-2 (0.0%), Asian-1,452 (7.7%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,684 (8.9%)

**Total housing units:** 6,922

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 5,074 (73.3%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 2,554 (36.9%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 1,239 (17.9%)

**Median household income:** 149,703

**Mean family income:** 196,055

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 19.1%

**Zip code:** 22206

**Population:** 19,051

**Race:** White-13,346 (70.1%), Black/African American-2,459 (12.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native-61 (0.3%), Asian-1,294 (6.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,700

**Total housing units:** 11,166

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 4,586 (45.8%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 1,730 (17.3%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 927 (9.2%)

**Median household income:** 95,023

**Mean family income:** 125,954

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 22.9%

**Zip code:** 22207

**Population:** 33,553

**Race:** White-27,831 (82.9%), Black/African American-1,029 (3.1%), American Indian and Alaska Native-230 (0.7%), Asian-1,877 (5.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,125 (9.3%)

**Total housing units:** 11,997

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 9,160 (76.4%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 4,047 (35.8%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 2,637 (23.1%)

**Median household income:** 167,594

**Mean family income:** 255,264

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 15.3%

**Zip code:** 22209

**Population:** 11,551

**Race:** White-8,247 (71.4%), Black/African American-646 (5.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-17 (0.1%), Asian-2,183 (18.9%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,393 (12.1%)

**Total housing units:** 8,075

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 1,981 (24.5%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 495 (7.7%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 586 (9.1%)

**Median household income:** 94,742

**Mean family income:** 150,798

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 33.6%

**Zip code:** 22213

**Population:** 3,470

**Race:** White-2,915 (84%), Black/African American-19 (0.5%), Asian-359 (10.3%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-146 (4.2%)

**Total housing units:** 1,376

**Owner-occupied housing units:** 1,022 (74.3%)

**Households with individuals under 18 years:** 444 (32.3%)

**Households with individuals 65 years and over:** 207 (15.1%)

**Median household income:** 151,477

**Mean family income:** 217,299

**Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:** 23%

Source: American Community Survey 2014

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## An Arlington Abecedary

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And L is for Arlington's libraries. There is no comparison between Fairfax County libraries and Arlington's, said several of the "Splash Girls," a group of early risers who swim together at Yorktown.

And Liberals, said Sheila Taylor, a Splash Girl, who said loves Arlington because there are so many liberals living here.

There's also the Lee Community Center, said Mulugeta, for its art classes for seniors, and music.

**"M"** is for Meaza Restaurant, 5700 Columbia Pike, South Arlington. Mulugeta said they "have delicious food, a wide variety of fasting food and also Shiro with beef." Ethiopians fast several times during the year Meaza caters to a strict fasting regimen.

**"N"** is for the Netherlands Carrillon, said Lanaras. "If you have never been to a concert there, you should try it."

**"O"** is for "Oh Say Can You See?" The military band plays regularly in Arlington, whether at the Iwo Jima memorial, or at other monuments.

**"P"** is for Parks. Jean Turner rhapsodizes about parks in Arlington: "No matter where you live there is a park you can walk to in Arlington," she said.

P is for People: the people in Arlington are just different: nicer, friendlier, said Jerod Hudley.

P is for the Pentagon City mall: "The beauty of this mall is that you can get it all in one place: Costco, Nordstrom, Best Buy, and parking."

**"Q"** is for Quesadilla: one of the favorites of Jennifer Penick is District Taco, at 5723 Lee Hwy., North Arlington.

**"R"** is for Ravi Kabob, one of Josh Dobson's favorite places to eat out. Both Ravi Kabob restaurants are great: one is more take out style and one is more family restaurant. They are right across from each other at 305 N Glebe Road, Arlington and, 250 N. Glebe Road. The restaurant has dishes like lamb shanks that fall off the bone.

R is also for Rocky Run Park, one of the easy to park at parks, according to Jean Turner.

**"S"** is for Spray parks: "it's a new thing for Arlington," said Turner. "There is a new one at Pentagon City."

**"T"** is for Tailor: Reeds Custom Tailor and Alterations at 5179 Lee Hwy., Arlington near all the Bangladeshi stores. Local resident Bryan McAlister said he goes to Reeds because "If you want to get it done right, this is where you come." Farid Salahi alters a new suit for McAlister and agrees to help a new client, who has waited until the last minute, get a custom order done ... overnight. In between fittings, he bemoans the lack of a good Afghani restaurant in Arlington: Bamiyan, in Falls Church, he said: "still the best." The kindness Salahi shows his customers, many of whom need their item right away, is typical in South Asia, but not so much in the U.S. "Going to that strip of stores is like taking a little trip to South Asia," said Elizabeth Thomas.

**"U"** is for Upton Hill Regional Park: Jim Moore said it's "his favorite place to go in Arlington: they have putt- putt golf, a great pool, batting cages, and



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### U is for Upton Hill Regional Park

**With a loud creak, the batting machine shoots a ball through the air to the batter in number two baseball fast pitch batting cage at Upton Hill Regional Park on Wilson Blvd. This park also offers a swimming pool with two slides and a 500-gallon dumping bucket tower as well as miniature golf.**

many other things for only \$12 a day." It's at 6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

**"V"** is for very interesting that there was only one letter not mentioned by residents: perhaps next year's guide will be able to include readers' comments on a favorite that begins with V.

**"W"** is for William Jeffery's Tavern, at 2301 Columbia Pike, according to Anne Stewart. It has a raw bar and a long list of craft beers.

And the "Westover Beer Garden," said Josh Dobson. "That really brought Westover back to where it used to be years ago: a happening place." The Beer Garden and Haus is at 5863 Washington Blvd.

W is for Walter Reed Community Center at 2909 16th St S, Arlington. Mulugeta goes there "to play basket ball, table tennis, ground tennis, and volley ball."

**"X"** - well, X is for 'extraordinary,' said Jean Turner. "The way they (Arlington County) try to use everything so well," said Turner. "Like the high schools all have pools and they are used by the public."

**"Y"** is for the YMCA in Arlington, said Hudley. Fitness classes there are demanding but social: sometimes announcements are made about one of the attendees having a concert or book reading.

**"Z"** - Zen, as in Sushi Zen at the Harrison Shopping Center, 2457 N Harrison St. "One of the elderly residents I took care of, Calvin Thomas, loved to go to Sushi Zen for lunch, where he was treated with respect and kindness by the staff, and the food was great," said his caregiver, Dawit Mulugeta.



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# How to Vote

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

**W**hile the Presidential election will take top billing, in Arlington four important bond questions plus one County Board seat and two School Board seats are on the ballot. Every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, meaning the 8th district in Arlington.

Arlington voters will be asked to vote yes or no on four bond questions, details below: \$58 million in transportation bonds, \$19 million in park bonds, close to \$100 million for county "infrastructure," and \$138 million for schools bonds. More information at <https://budget.arlingtonva.us/bond-referenda/>

### Absentee Voting in Person in Arlington

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below).

### Absentee-in Person Voting

Friday, Sept. 23 through Sat. Nov. 5.  
 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Lobby Level  
 Mon-Fri, Sept. 23-Oct. 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Mon-Thu, Oct. 24-Nov. 3 8 a.m.-7 p.m.,  
 Fri, Oct. 28: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
 Fri, Nov. 4: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S  
 Madison Community Center, 3829 N Stafford St.  
 Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Mondays-Thursdays, Oct. 24-Nov. 3: 1-7 p.m.  
 Fridays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4: 1-5 p.m.

### Proposed Arlington County Bond Referenda Metro and Transportation

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$58,785,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

This proposal would fund a variety of transportation, road, pedestrian enhancement and transit projects across the county. The largest components of this proposal are

\$30 million for Arlington County's share of WMATA/Metro's capital improvement program, and \$24 million to fund a portion of the costs for paving local streets and roadways. Proceeds of this proposal would also fund bridge renovation, street lights, transportation systems and traffic signals, as well as the WALKArlington, BikeArlington, Safe Routes to Schools, and Curb and Gutter Missing Links programs. The County Board may reallocate bond funds among the various projects to the extent necessary or desirable.

### Local Parks and Recreation

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$19,310,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open space?

The proposed Local Parks and Recreation program would fund parks improvements and enhancements, as well as \$3 million for the Land Acquisition and Open Space program for strategic park acquisitions and land acquisition for parks and open space. This proposal would also fund the Trail Modernization program, design and planning at Jennie Dean Park and construction at Tyrol Hills Park, and maintenance capital improvements such as playground, courts and other parks infrastructure improvements. The County Board may reallocate bond funds among the various projects to the extent necessary or desirable.

### Community Infrastructure

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$98,850,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for county facilities, joint county - schools projects, information technology, and other county infrastructure?

This proposal will fund a variety of county infrastructure projects.

The largest component of this proposal is \$46.46 million for the Lubber Run Community Center project.

Also included is \$12 million of funding for Neighborhood Conservation projects, as well as funding for the Nauck Town Square, planning and design of the Fire Station 8 replacement, renovations and improvements to government facilities in the Court House Complex, renovation of the Barcroft Sports and Fitness Center for additional gymnastics, and a county childcare facility.

The Neighborhood Conservation Program provides funding for a variety of neighborhood-identified capital improvement projects including street improvements (sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage, paving), traffic management and pedestrian enhancements, park improvements, street lighting, recreational facilities, landscaping, and beautification.

It also includes funding of a joint county

and schools parking deck and other improvements at the Thomas Jefferson middle school site due to the construction of a new elementary school, critical systems infrastructure upgrades to 24x7 hour facilities; and facilities maintenance capital improvements, including design and construction of projects including but not limited to roofs, electrical and heating / cooling systems and other facilities infrastructure. The County Board may reallocate bond funds among the various projects to the extent necessary or desirable.

### Arlington Public Schools

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$138,830,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools?

This proposal will make funds available for the Arlington Public Schools' capital improvement program. The proposed bonds will fund the following projects:

- ❖ the new middle school at the Stratford site (\$26,030,000)
- ❖ the new school at the Wilson site (\$78,400,000)
- ❖ addition and renovation at the Career Center/Arlington Tech (\$12,000,000)
- ❖ planning for secondary seats at location(s) to be determined (\$10,000,000), and
- ❖ infrastructure capital projects such as HVAC, roofing, etc. (\$12,400,000)

The School Board may reallocate bond funds among the various projects to the extent necessary or desirable.

### Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

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Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth.

### Constitutional Amendments

Two proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments will also be on the ballot:

Ballot Question 1: Should Article I of the

## Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

❖ Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm)

❖ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online [www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov) 11:59 p.m.

❖ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

❖ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

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### On The Ballot in Arlington:

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- ❖ President and Vice President
- ❖ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th District
- ❖ Arlington County Board
- ❖ Arlington School Board (two seats)
- ❖ Two Proposed State Constitutional Amendments
- ❖ Four Proposed County Bond Questions

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#### Arlington Economic Development

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#### The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID)

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## Getting To Know ...

### O'Connell Softball Wins 5th State Title In a Row

**School:** Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School.  
**Mascot:** Knights.  
**School Colors:** Blue and silver.  
**Athletic Director:** Joe Wootten  
**Football Coach:** Colin Disch (second year).  
 The Knights finished the 2015 season with a 1-9 record.

**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Alberto Starace.  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Joe Wootten.  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Aggie McCormick-Dix.  
**Baseball Coach:** Kyle Padgett.  
**Softball Coach:** Tommy Orndorff.  
**Rival Schools:** Paul VI, Bishop Ireton.

**What happened last year:** The Knights won their 21st softball state championship in the history of their school. They finished the season with a 23-5 record and defeated Norfolk Christian School 16-0 on May 20 to secure their 5th straight title. Head Coach Tommy Orndorff coached his 24th straight 20-win season in his 31st year as head coach. O'Connell's all time softball state tournament record is 67-2.

**Notable:** Bishop O'Connell hired former NFL tight end Chris Cooley to their football coaching staff for the upcoming season.

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### Boys' Basketball Returned to VCU

**School:** Wakefield High School.  
**Mascot:** Warriors.  
**School Colors:** Kelly green and black.  
**Athletic Director:** Noel Deskins  
**Football coach:** Wayne Hogwood, (fourth year)

**WAKEFIELD SPORTS** The Warriors finished the 2015 regular season with an 8-3 record and earned a 5A North region playoff berth. Wakefield was defeated in the opening round by Potomac Falls 21-6.

**Field hockey coach:** Mike Wisniewski  
**Boys' basketball:** Tony Bentley  
**Girls' basketball:** Marcia Richardson  
**Baseball:** Mike Ruck

**What happened last season:** The Warriors boys' basketball team won the Conference 13 championship — the program's fourth straight district/conference title — and finished 5A North region runner-up before eventually losing to L.C. Bird, 54-51, in the state semifinals. Wakefield finished the season with a 25-3 record. After falling to Potomac in the region final, the Warriors beat Deep Run 50-48 in the state quarterfinals on March 5 at Robinson Secondary School. Three days later, Wakefield returned to VCU for the first time since 2013, but fell short against L.C. Bird again.

**Notable:** The boys' basketball program, led by head coach Tony Bentley, has won four straight district/conference championships. The Warriors are 98-15 during that stretch, with one region title and two region runner-up finishes.

### Boys' Soccer Brings Home State Title

**School:** Washington-Lee High School.  
**Mascot:** Generals.  
**School Colors:** Blue and Gray.  
**Athletic Director:** Carol Callaway  
**Football Coach:** Josh Shapiro (tenth season).  
 The Generals finished the 2015 regular season with a 5-6 record and qualified for the 6A North playoffs. W-L lost to Westfield 44-20 in the opening round.

WASHINGTON-LEE SPORTS

**Cross Country Coach:** Matt Przydzial.  
**Field Hockey Coach:** Beth Prange.  
**Boys' Basketball:** Bobby Dobson.  
**Girls' Basketball:** Angie Kelly.  
**Gymnastics Coach:** Joe D'Emidio.  
**Baseball:** Doug Grove.  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Jimmy Carrasquillo.  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Eddy Matos.  
**Rival School:** Yorktown.

**What Happened Last Season:** The Washington-Lee boys' soccer program was one of Virginia's best during the last three years, compiling a record of 48-4-6. While the 2014 and 2015 seasons ended in disappointment for W-L, the 2016 campaign ended with the Generals hoisting a state championship trophy. Washington-Lee defeated First Colonial 3-1 in the 6A state final on June 11 at Robinson Secondary School, capturing the first state title in program history and the school's first team state championship since girls' tennis won it all in 1977. W-L senior striker Maycol Nunez scored a pair of goals in the state final, one day after scoring four against Grassfield in the semifinals. The Generals finished the year with an 18-1-2 record and a third consecutive undefeated regular season.

**Notable:** The girls' varsity basketball team finished their season 11-11, but lost to McLean High School in the opening round of the Liberty Conference 6 Tournament 53-45.

### Yorktown Gymnastics Wins Title

**School:** Yorktown High School.  
**Mascot:** Patriots.  
**School Colors:** Columbia blue and white.  
**Athletic Director:** Mike Krulfeld  
**Football Coach:** Bruce Hanson (32st year).  
 Yorktown finished the 2015 regular season with a 3-7 record and missed the playoffs after qualifying last season.

YORKTOWN SPORTS

**Volleyball coach:** Sheena Gauer.  
**Boys' basketball coach:** Joe Reed.  
**Girls' basketball coach:** Devaughn Drayton.  
**Baseball coach:** John Skaggs.  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Greg Beer.  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Crystal Fraser.  
**Rival school:** Washington-Lee.

**What Happened Last Season:** The Yorktown gymnastics team was arguably one of the more talented in the area during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons, but with the Patriots competing against state powers Washington-Lee and McLean in Conference 6, Yorktown was unable to advance past the conference meet. Yorktown finally got over the hump during the 2015-16 season, winning Conference 6 and 6A North region championships, along with earning a trip to the state meet. Freshman Julia Hays was one of the top performers on a team that included junior standouts Juliette Mitrovich and Olivia Zavrel. Hays won region championships for all-around, beam and floor, and went on to share the beam state championship with Mitrovich, both earning a score of 9.75.

**Notable:** The boys' soccer team finished with an 11-7-3 record and won the Conference 6 championship by defeating Langley 2-1. They would then lose to W-L in the Region finals and lose to First Colonial in the opening round of the State playoffs.

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