



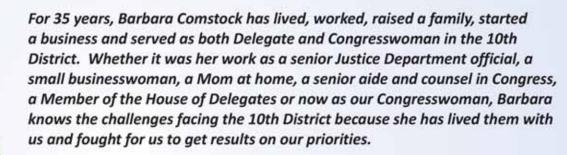
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- Advance breakthroughs in 21st century cures for chronic disease such as cancer, Alzheimer's and diabetes.
- A 5 year Transportation Bill, signed into law, which will help relieve traffic congestion, provide more transportation funds, and make Metro safer and more accountable.
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- Increased defense and cyber funding to protect us from terrorism.

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Looking Toward the Future Roads, homes, shops, restaurants and grocery stores.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

ith an infusion of money for the I-66 Interchange, plus developers looking to build more homes, restaurants, stores and two new grocery stores here, Centreville and Chantilly are the places to be in Northern Virginia. Here's a look at just some of the things planned for the near future.

Development Projects

Residences at Government Center

With the goal of providing workforce housing in the local area, Fairfax County officials broke ground last year on a 270-unit apartment complex in Fair Oaks. The apartments are being built on county-owned land off Monument Drive, on the Government Center's perimeter, so they're named Residences at the Government Center.

On some 9 acres across from the Fairfax Corner shopping center, they'll offer a 5,800-square-foot amenity space including an outdoor pool, fenced playground, two courtyards and connections to walking trails. The apartments will be full of green and energy-saving features and will be available to people making up to 60 percent of the area median income (AMI).

In addition, at least 20 percent of the units are geared for households at or below 50 percent AMI. Paradigm Construction Co. is the general contractor and will build studio, plus one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

And since they back up to a forest, they'll have serene and leafy views.

Because the developer was able to lease land from the county, and federal low-income, tax credits were obtained, said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, "This is being done at no cost to the county. By providing workforce housing, many young people, low-income families and those having long commutes to jobs here will be able to live here."

Preserve at Westfields

There's a plan to transform 50 acres of vacant land along Route 28 and Stonecroft



Work is progressing on construction of the Residences at the Government Center, along Monument Drive in Fairfax.



The Arbors of Chantilly will be off Route 50 and Downs Drive.

and Westfields boulevards in Chantilly. It's being called The Preserve at Westfields and will eventually contain 155 townhouses, 650 apartments, plus retail and other amenities

Fairfax County approved a rezoning for that site and also amended its Comprehensive Plan for that area so that high-density, residential uses may be built there. Akridge owns the land and will build the apartment and retail components; Elm Street Development will construct the townhouses.

Included will be an amenity area with



The Lidl site layout showing the proposed location of the two, new buildings.

walking paths, a pavilion/performing and gathering area, plus a lake that's currently not accessible. Proffer highlights include almost \$6 million in recreation improvements and more than \$5.5 million in road improvements.

"If we do this right, we're ultimately making the Route 28 Corridor stronger by providing amenities and a live, work and play environment," said attorney Greg Riegle, representing the developer. "And that's the philosophy the Westfields Business Owners Association has endorsed."

Wegmans

The Commonwealth Centre is along Westfields Boulevard, across Route 28 and just northeast of the Akridge site. And there, plans are to bring a Wegmans grocery store to Chantilly.

It will go inside the Newbrook Drive loop road and will be part of a commercial complex including shops and a restaurant. A Comprehensive Plan amendment for that 21-acre site enables the developer, Regency Centers, to replace the currently approved 338,400 square feet of hotel, office and retail uses with 183,000 square feet of retail.

The centerpiece will be a 140,000-square-foot Wegmans similar to the one in Fair Oaks and containing the same amenities, but not the parking garage. It would, instead, have surface parking. Also planned are 32,500 square feet of retail shops, plus a 10,500-square-foot sit-down, full-service restaurant.

It will come with walking trails, an exercise park near the Flatlick stream valley, outdoor seating outside the Wegmans café and proffered pedestrian and road improvements for safety plus better traffic flow.

Rockland Village Green

Two dozen new townhouses are coming to Chantilly. The community will be at Elmwood and Vernon streets and will be called Rockland Village Green. Developed by Carr Homes, it will go on five land parcels off Route 50, behind the Pohanka Lexus dealership.

The buildings' facades will be brick or other masonry material, and the architecture will be compatible with homes in the surrounding community. Most of the residents will also be offered 5x22-foot, cantilevered decks on their townhouses.

More than 25 percent of the property will be kept as open space. There'll be a 90x70-foot village green, with landscaping and benches, where the community residents may relax and socialize. Some 17 of the townhomes' fronts will face Vernon and Elmwood streets to create a welcoming streetscape. The other seven townhomes will be in the interior, with access from Vernon Street.

The plans includes curbs, sidewalks and street ramps at intersections to make it pe-See What's Ahead?. Page 14



Artist's rendition of the central boulevard leading to the public park at the Preserve at Westfields.



Artist's rendition of the new Wegmans store earmarked for Chantilly.



The Trinity Centre site plan showing the new apartments.

Welcome to Fairfax County

By Sharon Bulova Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

elcome to Fairfax County, one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work, play and raise a family. Fairfax County is home to a thriving business community, vibrant entertainment and shopping destinations, a world class university, beautiful parks, and a diverse population of engaged residents. Whether you are a long-time resident or are new to the county, I hope you'll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots to enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

Tysons Corner and Fair Oaks Malls, Reston Town Center, Fairfax Corner, Springfield Town Center and the Mosaic District are great places to shop, eat and spend time with friends. For cultural destinations, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts are two of my favorites. And for enjoying the arts along with community gatherings like Springfest and Brewfest, the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is a must. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenters.

While there are a lot of fun things to do in Fairfax County, our community is notori-



Sharon Bulova.

ous for our "work hard, play hard" ethic. Time Magazine has described us as the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to

eight Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 8,400 technology firms, and over 116.2 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate topping 90 percent.

Our school system is the 10th largest in the country with nearly 187,000 students and 196 schools and centers. After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our businessfriendly economy ensures career opportunities for both our older and younger residents. On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to main-

tain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions.

Some recent accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston, with Phase 2 of the Silver Line currently under construction all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County.

Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fxva.com to learn more about what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents.

My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or give my office a call at 703-324-2321.

I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community! Welcome to your new home.

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s your local, weekly newspaper, the Centre View'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

s your local, weekly newspaper, the Centre View's mission is to deliver dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Top 10 Picks

By Pat Herrity
Springfield District Supervisor

here are so many quality places to visit in the Springfield District, it is hard to pick 10. Here is my attempt:



Burke Lake Park is the most

visited park in Fairfax County's Park system, and after going there you will see why. The park contains a trail that goes around the lake and is great for walking (with or without your dog), running and cycling. There is also fishing, boat rentals, camping, disc golf, mini-golf, an 18 hole golf course, a driving range, volleyball courts, a miniature carousel, and miniature train. There's something for everyone. (7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039)

Make sure to catch your fill of **Friday Night Lights**! The Springfield District has some of the best high schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus, there'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 Fairfax, Chantilly, Robinson or Centreville (nationally ranked in 2015).

The **Children's Science Center Lab** is celebrating its one year anniversary in Fair Oaks Mall. It 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. (11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Learn valuable collaboration skills at **Hemlock Overlook Regional Park**, a fully equipped Outdoor Education Center. Take your family, friends, or co-workers to navigate the challenging rope course and zip line. Designed to bring school groups, office teams and community groups alike together to collaborate and solve real life challenges in the outdoors. (13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton, VA 20124)

Any golfers in your family? **Twin Lakes Golf Course** offers golfers the opportunity of a full day of golf with two 18-hole courses. The Oaks' par 71

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Join In, Get Involved

By Kathy Smith SULLY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

ello new neighbor! Welcome to Sully District. I'm your Sully Supervisor, Kathy Smith and proudly represent you on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Our district runs from



Herndon to Chantilly, to Centreville, and includes many great neighborhoods in between — including Poplar Tree where I live and where I raised my four children with my husband Steve. We were newcomers here once too just like you and we are happy we made the choice to settle here. I hope you are too!

One of the great things about living in Sully District is the array of public events and activities. Right now, we are in the middle of our Starlight Cinema outdoor movie screening season. Every August, you can join us at Trinity Parkway to enjoy family friendly movies on Saturday evenings after dark. Coming up in just a couple months, we have Centreville Days a local favorite.

Our region is also lucky to be close to Dulles International Airport and the associated Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. If you haven't been yet, I highly recommend visiting soon and taking in a movie at

their IMAX movie theater. Parking is free after 4 p.m. Another great advantage in our region is our abundance of public facilities. Many people move to Fairfax County and stay here because of our excellent public schools. Every day of the week, there are activities and educational programs at the Chantilly and Centreville Libraries. You can learn computer skills and participate in English conversation practice. Besides the library, you can get outside and explore nature in one of our excellent parks. The Cub Run Rec Center offers a community pool, nature program and gym. EC Lawrence Park offers several athletic fields, trails, and picnic areas. Some educational

I also hope you will find opportunities to get involved in your new community. Sully District has representatives on 80-plus boards, authorities, and commissions. If you or someone you know would be interested in one of these positions, please contact my office to inquire about opportunities.

snapping turtles.

Furthermore, if you need any help with county services or any other issues, please feel welcome to contact my office anytime via email at Sully@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-814-7100. You can also reserve our community rooms for activities and sign up for our newsletter at fairfaxcounty.gov/sully. Welcome to the neighbor-







Entertainment

September 2016

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Bichon Bash. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The 2016 Bichon Bash is sponsored by the Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for children. Visit www.bichonbash.org for more.

St. Veronica Farm, Food, and Faith Dinner. 5-8:30 p.m. at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm, 42920 Broadlands Blvd., Ashburn. St. Veronica Catholic Church of Chantilly is hosting the Fourth Annual Catholic Farm, Food and Faith Dinner. Predinner cocktails and appetizers, a three-course dinner with locally grown ingredients, paired with wines from Rappahannock Cellars. Tickets are \$65, \$125 for couples. Visit www.stveronica.net.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Dulles Day Family Festival and

Plane Pull. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarinen Circle, Dulles. The Dulles Day Festival & Plane Pull is Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser, pitting teams of 25 against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airplane 12 feet the fastest. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

D.C. Big Flea Market. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Find period and modern furniture, housewares, and more. Tickets are \$8, good for both days. Visit www.dullesexpo.com or call 703-378-0910.

Virginia Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Virginia Wine Festival offers a unique array of both free and ticketed tasting and learning opportunities. General admission tickets are \$29 in advance, \$40 day of; VIP tickets are \$59. Visit www.virginiawinefest.com.

SEPT. 10-21

34rd Annual Senior Olympics.

Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in dozens of events.Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 23-25

Capital Home Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. This is an one-stop shopping experience for the latest remodeling and decorating products and services. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children, 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Visit www.dullesexpo.com or call 703-278-0010

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Barktoberfest. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. festival, 7-10:30 p.m. Glow DOG Glow walk and race, at Loudoun County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Road, Leesburg. Listen to live music, play games (for children and dogs), shop from a variety of vendors, food and beverages, watch canine demonstrations, participate in the Glow DOG Glow Walk and Race and more. Various ticket prices. Visit www.barktoberfest.org for more.

Annual Irish Folk Festival. 12-7:30 p.m. at The Sherwood Center, Van

Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to experience Irish music, dance, language and sport. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-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.

October 2016

SUNDAY/OCT. 2

21st Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk. 12 p.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits

Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pet on Wheels, which provides pet visitation to nursing home residents and hospitals. Visit www.fpow.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic

Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Historic downtown Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with more than 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.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Centreville Day. Historic Centreville
Park in the Centreville Historic
District, 5714 Mt. Gilead Road. Food,
crafters and other vendors, parade,
entertainment and more. The theme
is Safe and Healthy Homes. Free Visit
www.centrevilleva.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-23

Craftmen's Classic Art & Craft

Festival. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Watch craftspeople and artists from across America at work. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. Call 336-282-5550 or visit www.craftshow.com.

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 for more.

Blood and Guts Run. 9:30 a.m. at Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A zombie-themed 5K. Registration is \$35. Visit

www.bloodandgutsrun.com for more. **Historic All Hallows Eve.** 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with story telling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. at Chapel Road, Clifton. This annual



At the 2016 Sully Antique Car Show, Rick Heyer poses with the 1930 Ford ice cream truck he restored after finding it sitting in a barn for more than 30 years. Fully operational, Heyer keeps the ice cream in the back cool with dry ice.

event winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

November 2016

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

The Robinson Marketplace. 10

a.m.-4 p.m. at James W. Robinson, Jr., Secondary School, 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop more than 80 vendors at the Holiday Market; raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

NOV. 23-JAN. 8

Lights Festival. 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 26

Turkey Walk. 10 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk in the cedar forest. Look for wild turkeys and their signs. Tickets are \$5-7. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/eclawrence.

December 2016

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

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

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Deck the Halls. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Take a house tour focusing on holiday decorations - the history, style and materials.

Create your own wreath to take home using cuttings from the historic property. Before you leave enjoy hot cider and cookies. Tickets are \$20-22. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/sully-historic-site.

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

Holidays at Walney Farm. 1 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Learn about the gifts and foods of an 1850 farm create your own historic holiday ornament, take a wagon ride through the trails, and enjoy hot apple cider and treats around a campfire. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit

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historic-site.

Civil War by Candlelight. 5-8 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience a Civil War Christmas as Confederate soldiers cook dinner in the field and fire the Christmas guns. House tour is 45 min. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

February 2017

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day.

Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611
Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West,
Annandale. The IRS Volunteer
Income Tax Assistance program
offers free assistance with 2015
Federal and state tax returns for
households with a total income of
\$52,000 or less. Visit
www.volunteerfairfax.org.

March 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN MARCH

Chantilly Egg Hunt. Saturdays and Sundays at Ticonderoga Farm, 26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly. Join the Easter Bunny and search for candy and toy-filled eggs. Visit www.ticonderoga.com/about.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 24-26 19th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10

a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_spring.shtml.

April 2017

Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Dedicated to showcasing

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. Visit www.visitfairfax.com.

June 2017

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Sully Antique Car Show. Bring dad to this historic show featuring foreign and American cars, trucks and specialty vehicles through 1990. Visit www.fairfaxcountyva.gov for more.

Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Northment Visited Parkway.

Government Center Parkway. Northern Virginia's largest annual three-day festival and communitywide celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com.

Ice Cream Race. At Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Ice Cream Race is an all-ages event that features Whipped Cream-like Foam, Chocolate Syrup Water Slide, and more. Visit www.theicecreamrace.com for more.

July 2017

JULY 4

City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Events at various

locations around the city. A fun-filled Independence Day celebration in the City of Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/specialevents/independence-day-celebration.

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Greater Transparency in Policing

Fairfax County Police embrace change, sanctity of life for all.

BY COLONEL EDWIN C. Roessler Jr. CHIEF OF POLICE

ear Community Members: The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,406 sworn law enforcement officers. Our greatly engaged community exceeds 1.1 million residents which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and to keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety Com-



Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Chief of Police.

mittee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department emb r a c e s reengineering the law enforcement profession and we are proud to be national leaders truly engaged with creating change with an engaged community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has endorsed our reengineering of the policies governing the use of force which value the sanctity of human life. The Police Department has adopted policies and practices which utilize the Critical Decision Making Model to ensure that all actions are proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary, and ethical. Y

our Police Department has mandated annual in-service training on use of force critical decision-making because the essential knowledge and skills are considered "perishable," therefore rendering training on an annual basis a necessity.

The final report issued by the Ad Hoc

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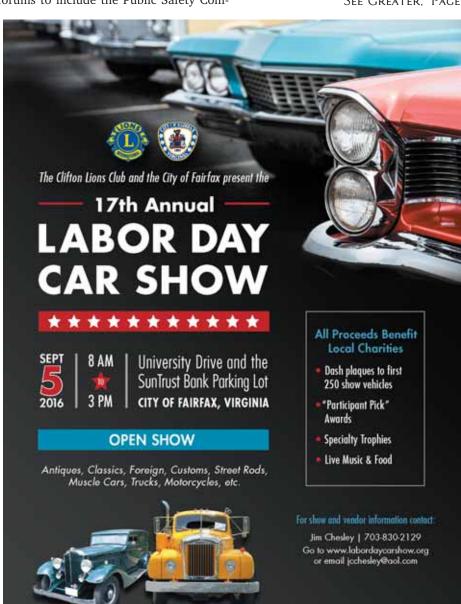
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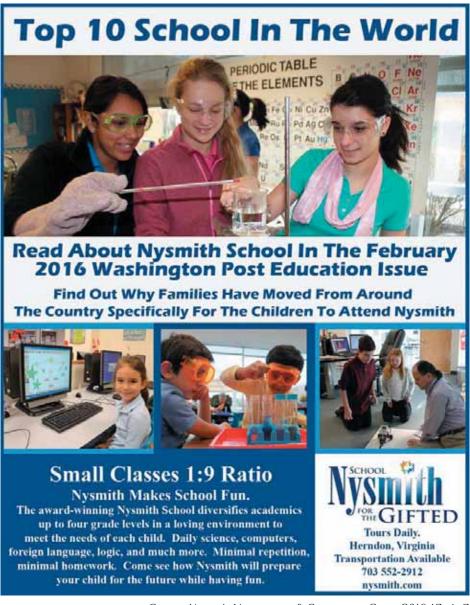
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Bull Run Marina Regional Park &

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 though 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.

Cameron Run Regional Park/Great **Waves Waterpark**

4001 Eisenhower Äve., 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

private functions and weddings. 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 political life in Alexandria and gained a

Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in

1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in

Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house,

exhibits and lectures explore the life and times

of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria.

foothold in history when British General

Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century

programs for schoolchildren, special events,

The site may be rented in the evenings for

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

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, 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.

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.

Pohick Bay Regional Park & 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 Pennisula 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.



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.

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.

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.

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 boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton www.lortonarts.org 703-584-2900

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

Major Fairfax

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

County Parks

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

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens 30.9 acres, special purpose park

historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails,

baseballl, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit),

community center, nature center, amphitheater,

HPP Hidden Pond Park

CJP Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean

18.6 acres, special purpose park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly

fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

open areas, playground 135.3 acres, multiple resource park

GSG Green Spring Gardens

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon



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



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

LEP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/ hiking trails, picnic areas, craftroom 411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

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









Map Number Park Name

Address, City Property Class

1 Stone Crossing Sully Lake Drive, Centreville Neighborhood Park

2 Historic Centreville 5714 Mt Gilead Rd, Centreville

Cultural Resource Park

3 Elklick Preserve

Access From Pleasant Valley Road, Centreville

Multiple Resource Park

Centre Ridge 14400 Old Mill Road, Centreville

5 Richard W Jones Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly Multiple Resource Park

6 Cub Run RECenter 4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly Special Purpose Park

Westfield SS

4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly School Site

Coppermine Crossing SS

2744 Cooper Creek Road, Herndon School Site

Lincoln Lewis Vannoy

Braddock & Willow Springs School Road, Centreville

10 Arrowbrooke 2351 Field Point Road, Herndon Community Park

11 Dulles Corner

2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon Community Park

12 Franklin Farm

13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon Community Park

13 Fair Woods

12601 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

14 Flatlick

4501 Brookfield Corp Dr, Centreville Multi-Use

15 Pleasant Hill 6305 Hidden Canyon Road, Centreville Community Park

16 Chalet Woods

14912 Cranoke Street, Centreville Community Park

17 Arrowhead

5200 Arrowhead Park Drive, Centreville Neighborhood Park

18 Lane's Mill

14901 Lee Highway, Centreville Cultural Resource Park



27 Greenbriar

4601 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly Community Park

28 Poplar Tree

4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly District Park

29 Chantilly

13373 Brookfield Court, Chantilly Neighborhood Park

Community Park

31 Sully Historic 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly

Neighborhood Park

Cultural Resource Park 32 Fair Oaks

3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax

Neighborhood Park 33 Brentwood

11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax

34 Franklin Glen

13395 Springhaven Drive, Fairfax Community Park

35 Fox Valley

13420 Hollinger Avenue, Fairfax Community Park

36 Fair Ridge

12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

37 Greenbriar Commons 4300 Middle Ridge Drive, Fairfax Neighborhood Park

38 Ox Hill Battlefield 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax Cultural Resource Park

39 Patriot

12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax District Park





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COMMUNITY GUIDE

Greater Transparency

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Commission included recommendations made by its Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. These recommendations, the subject of current deliberation by the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, propose the creation of a Police Auditor position and establishment of a Civilian Review Panel. The Police Department welcomes immediate implementation of both as they maximize accountability through transparency, and will lead to higher levels of public trust and confidence in the Police Department.

The Police Department is committed to enhancing its transparency at all levels and we have established policies and procedures in coordination with the Board of Supervisors to achieve maximum communication with the communities we serve. Throughout the remainder of 2016 and into 2017 we will continue to reengineer our profession in many operational and administrative areas to achieve effective change while increasing community engagement.

In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align its policies and procedures to comply with 484 national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law En-

forcement Agencies (CALEA). The required on-site assessment was conducted by assessors from outside Virginia in early 2016, and CALEA accredited status was awarded on July 30, 2016.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates partnered to implement the Diversion First program which provides a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. Our police officers receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to prepare them to recognize when persons are experiencing a mental health crisis and how best to de-escalate such initial encounters. Our CIT-trained officers now have the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, as well as two Mobile Crisis Units, enabling them to offer persons in crisis the mental health services they may require.

Welcome to Fairfax County and we encourage you to engage with your Police Department as we all continue to make our County a great place to live, work, play, and grow old. To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department,

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



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- **Carrots, Mixed Vegetables)** Box/bag of Rice (2 lb pkg)
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- Soap
- **Deodorant**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Feminine Hygiene Pads** (Note: Toiletry items can't be purchased with food stamps)

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Newcomers & Community Guide

How to Vote

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

FAIRFAX COUNTY:

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks.

Fairfax County voters will decide on three bond questions, including \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/

Ballot Question, Meals Tax

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/

Fairfax County voters will vote yes or no on establishing a 4 percent meals tax. The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides of this issue.

OUESTION:

State law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, commonly called a "meals tax," subject to certain restrictions. Most counties, including Fairfax County, may levy a meals tax only if the voters approve the tax by referendum.

The question presented in this referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to levy a meals tax, at a rate not to exceed four percent of the amount charged for the taxable food and bev-

70 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools; 30 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to County services, capital improvements

The question also states that the Board of Supervisors' reason for seeking authority to impose a meals tax is to reduce the county's dependence on real estate taxes. Currently, nearly 65 percent of Fairfax County's General Fund budget relies upon real estate taxes. State law limits what the county can tax and how it may otherwise raise revenue. Almost 90 percent of Fairfax County non-property tax revenues are capped, limited, or controlled by the state. A meals tax would give the County a new source of revenue, which would help diversify the County's revenue base. At the maximum four percent tax rate, a meals tax would generate an estimated \$99 million per year, with a significant percentage paid by non-county resi-

A number of area jurisdictions already impose a meals tax, including Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

Four Bond Questions

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/

TRANSPORTATION BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120 million to finance Fairfax County's share, under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, of the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements and facilities, including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, and to finance improvements to primary and secondary State highways and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for parks and park facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$107,000,000: (i) \$94,700,000 principal amount to finance the Fairfax County Park Authority's cost to acquire, construct. develop and equip additional parks and park facilities, to preserve open-space land, and to develop and improve existing parks and park facilities; and (ii) \$12,300,000 principal amount for Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to acquire, construct, develop and equip parks and park facilities?

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 http:/

5 p.m., Online 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. For more information on voting in Fairfax County: Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

- President and Vice President
- $\ \ \, \ \ \,$ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th, 10th, or 11th District
 - ❖ Meal Tax Referendum
 - Three Proposed County Bond Questions
 - Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS. Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000 to provide funds to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities, including the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

Replace the Sully Senior Center and a build new Lorton Community Center (\$37 million)

* Renovate, expand or replace four emergency shelters for people who are homeless: Patrick Henry, Embry Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's (\$48 million)

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.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

State Constitutional Amendments

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

Ballot Question 1: Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

Ballot Question 2: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty. where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

'Insider's Tip' to New Businesses

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority helps in starting or expanding business in the county.

By Gerald L. Gordon
President and CEO, Fairfax
County Economic Development
Authority

f you are new to Fairfax County, welcome to one of the world's most interesting places to live and work.

If you are new to the county and are interested in being part of our dynamic business community, here is an "insider's tip" that you will want to know: The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), works with everyone who wants to start or expand a business in the county.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, we host "Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County" workshops almost every month.

Some 4,000 people have attended one of these workshops since 2003 and you will find a wealth of local, state and federal resources to help you map out starting a business here.

If you need office space, the FCEDA helps businesses find the office space they need so they can grow in the county.



Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.

We have a complete database of office space options in every part of the county, and we can help you navigate that process so you become an established part of the business community.

Why do we do this? The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors charged the FCEDA with building a business community — help companies create jobs and fill office space — to build the commercial tax base.

This generates revenue that the Board of Supervisors uses to fund the full range of high-quality public services for which Fairfax County is well-known. Building

the commercial tax base means that residents don't have to pick up all the costs of providing those services

The FCEDA has been working for more than 50 years with entrepreneurs and owners of businesses of every size to enlarge the commercial tax base and make the Fairfax County economy one of the strongest anywhere. Visit www.fairfaxcountyeda.org to see how the Economic Development Authority can help vou.

CENTREVILLE DEMOGRAPHICS

ZIP Code: 20120 **Population:** 40,695

Race: White-24,374 (59.9%), Black/ African American-2,621 (6.4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-85 (0.2%), Asian-10,223 (25.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4592 (11.3%)

Total housing units: 14,040 Owner-occupied housing units: 10,597 (76.5%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 42.3% Households with individuals 65

and over: 6.7% Median household income:

111,926 **Mean family income:** 137,837

Mean family income: 137,837 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 38.2%

ZIP Code: 20121 **Population**: 27,988

Race: White-14,688 (52.5%), Black/ African American-2,693 (9.4%), American Indian and Alaska Native-114 (0.4%), Asian-7,392 (26.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,742 (6.7%)

Total housing units: 10,537 Owner-occupied housing units:

6,543 (66.1%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 41.9%

Households with individuals 65 years and over: 4.7%

Median household income: 89,786

Mean family income: 108,771 Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 50.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2014





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What's Ahead?

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destrian-friendly. And the community's entrance off Vernon Street will lead to an interior street. Parking is also planned, with 113 spaces on site, including two-car garages underneath each townhome, plus driveway spaces for every unit, and 17 more spaces for visitors.

Trinity Centre

Once envisioned as the heart of Centreville — a place where people would gather for various events and special occasions — Trinity Centre was originally planned for 1.8 million square feet of office space. Also there would be 250,000 square feet of retail uses, plus 336 homes.

But what's actually been built there are three restaurants, a hotel, Life Time Fitness, the 336 homes and three office buildings totaling just 587,000 square feet — or one-third of the approved office space.

Now, though, JLB Partners will instead construct a residential project of 355 apartments there. Also included will be a six-story parking structure in the middle. The units will be within a building that's four stories in front and five stories in back, because of the site's topography.

The building will be constructed adjacent to the existing lake and will have two internal courtyards. There'll be an outdoor pool, and the lower-level units will be walk-outs. In addition, the builder will seek LEED certification, and the lake will be an integral part of the project.

Amenities by the lake will include a fenced-in, off-leash, dog area; benches, chairs and an area where young children could climb. Planned, as well, is an outdoor area for senior citizens to use for games such as chess and bocce ball. Trails will connect it to the office development, and the developer will also improve pedestrian connections to this area.

The Board of Supervisors approved this project and it's currently in the site-plan process.

Arbor Terrace

As the number of senior citizens in Fairfax County continues to rise, so does the need for assisted-living facilities — and especially those focusing on people with Alzheimer's and dementia. Enter Artisan Land Group LLC.

It's going to build Arbor Terrace at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive. The six-and-one-half-acre site, zoned residential, is currently a vacant lot. Planned is a one-story, 37,000-square-foot, 48-unit, residential-looking building facing Route 50.

Considered a "memory-care home," the 35,000-square-foot facility will be architecturally compatible with the surrounding land uses, plus the abutting residential area. It'll also have a rain garden and fencing all around the property. Preliminary site work is now underway, with construction expected to take about 10 months.

Lidl Grocery Store

If all goes well, a little bit of Europe may someday come to Chantilly in the form of a Lidl grocery store in the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center. The 5-acre site, near the intersection of Chantilly Crossing Lane and Lee Road, is zoned commercial and is currently undeveloped. Lee Road runs north and south of it, and Route 50 runs east and west of it.

What's planned are two, new buildings, next to each other. One, housing the grocery store, would be 30,000 square feet. The other, envisioned as a rectangular, 19,000-square-foot structure, would contain two or three retail tenants.

The entrances are off Chantilly Crossing Lane, adjacent to the main entrance of the grocery store; further east on the site; and via a left turn in from Lee Road, off Route 50. The proposal is tentatively slated to go before the Fairfax County Planning Commission in October.

Transportation Projects

Route 29 from Union Mill Road to Buckley's Gate Drive

This project provides pedestrian facilities on the north side of Route 29 and widens Route 29 in this area from four to six lanes. It complements the VDOT bridge-replacement project at Little Rocky Run and completes the widening of Route 29 from Shirley Gate Road to Centreville.

It's currently the last segment of Route 29 between the City of Fairfax and Centreville that's not six lanes, so this work would eliminate the last remaining bottleneck. Cost estimate: \$32.7 million; FCDOT approved: \$25 million. Preliminary engineering could start as early as July 2018.

I-66/Route 28 Interchange

Good news for drivers who take the I-66/Route 28 exits and entrances in Centreville. A fix for the congestion, especially bad during rush hours, is on the way. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) just earmarked \$300 million for the I-66/Route 28 Interchange improvements in its 2017 budget.

They'll be constructed as part of the overall I-66 Corridor improvements being done by VDOT. The \$300 million will be spent on the Route 28 Interchange's design and engineering work, environmental mitigation, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

Three, potential design alternatives are on the table. A decision on which one will go forward has not yet been made, but the proposed alternatives are as follows:

- ❖ Alternate 2A provides direct access to and from the I-66 express lanes between Route 28 north and I-66 east/west. There's also direct access between the express lanes east of Route 28 and Route 28 south. But drivers can't go to and from Route 28 south and I-66 west.
- ❖ Alternate 2B offers direct access between Route 28 north and I-66 east/west.



Westbound Route 29 traffic approaching Stringfellow Road heads home to Centreville in the early evening. Three lanes on each side, instead of two, will help ease this rush-hour gridlock.

Alternate 2C has the smallest footprint, minimizing the impact to E.C. Lawrence Park. It has the same travel movements as Alternate 2A, as well as access between the I-66 express lanes west and Braddock and Walney roads in Centreville. It also extends Poplar Tree Road to the park.

The state has incentivized the proposed work by offering bonuses if the Route 28/I-66 interchanges, as well as the Walney Road and Braddock Road improvements, can be done early in the I-66 widening project. This fall, there'll be public informational and design-review meetings, followed early next year by design public hearings. Then, if all goes well, VDOT hopes to start construction in late 2017, with the Interchange opening to traffic in late 2020.

Route 28 Widening

This project will widen Route 28 from four to six lanes between Route 29 in Centreville and the Prince William County line. The work includes intersection improvements, plus pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Cost estimate is \$47.35 million, and FCDOT approved that amount.

And just recently, the NVTA allocated \$5 million for this project. The money will fund the design and engineering phases, as well as right-of-way acquisition, environmental mitigation and construction.

This widening complements the I-66/Route 28 Interchange and, in conjunction with other road projects, would complete the Route 28 Corridor through the entire county. Preliminary engineering should start between now and January 2017.

A large development just south of the county line is expected to exacerbate existing congestion. So this widening reduces significant congestion between Prince William and Centreville. And as a transportation corridor of regional significance, it would improve access to Dulles International Airport, Reston and Herndon.

Stone Road Overpass over I-66 from Route 29 to Route 28

This project provides an alternative to Route 28 that goes from Centreville to the Westfields Corporate Center. It received partial funding for an alignment study, environmental analysis and preliminary engineering. Cost estimate is \$81.55 million.

It will construct a four-lane divided road between Stone Road at Route 29 and New Braddock Road. The work includes curb and gutter, a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk on the east side and a 10-foot-wide shared-use path on the west side of Stone Road.

It will construct a bridge over I-66 and another bridge over Big Rocky Run. It will re-stripe westbound New Braddock Road to provide two, through travel lanes. This overpass could reduce congestion at the I-66/Route 28 and I-66/Route 29 interchanges. In addition, a future Metrorail station near this site is listed on the county's Comprehensive Plan.



Map of the I-66/Route 28 Interchange project area showing one of the proposed design alternatives.

Places To Visit in the Area

and 6,715 yards challenge all golfers with multiple tees to ensure a fair test for all playing abilities. Every hole except one is tree-lined on both sides of the fairway, making accuracy the primary goal off the tee. The Lakes Course features a par-72 and 6,695vard experience that requires more distance off the tee, but is much more forgiving than the Oaks Course. (6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124)

Attention history buffs: Ox Hill Battlefield Park is the site of the only major Civil War engagement in Fairfax County. Interpretive kiosks at the park present information about the battle and its significance and offer insights into some of the men who were wounded on this land. The park does a great job quickly orienting visitors and explain where they stand in relation to the events that occurred on the battlefield. (4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Peterson's Ice Cream Depot is a family owned and operated business in Historic Clifton. And, let me tell you, they serve some of the best gourmet ice cream in Northern Virginia. While you're there, make sure to pick up a Pat Herrity Root Beer Soda Shake it's not your usual ice cream float! (7150 Main St., Clifton, VA 20124)

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is Fairfax County's "Little Gem." It was the last operating railroad station in Fairfax County, closing in 1973. It was built primarily to transport farm products to the Potomac River area. Museum displays and events help preserve the local history. Come and explore the fascinating story of our local community. The Museum may also be rented out to hold special

events. (11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039)

One of the region's largest shopping destinations in Fairfax, Fair Oaks Mall features a collection of 200 shops, services and dining establishments in an enclosed, two-story retail center. The mall offers one of the most diverse and compelling retail and dining collections under one roof and is the perfect destination on a sweltering or rainy weekend afternoon. (11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Don't miss Fairfax's own little slice of paradise: the award-winning Paradise Springs Winery. The land where the winery was built has remained in the same family since Lord Fairfax granted it to them in 1716. Head down on Friday nights between 5 and 9 p.m. to hear live music and best wine in Fairfax County. (13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton, VA 20124)

Most importantly, if there is ever anything my office can do for you, do not hesitate to ask. I have always agreed with Thomas Jefferson's notion that government closest to the people is best, and you cannot get much closer to the people than being a supervisor. Our jobs are multi-faceted; I would go as far to say that somewhere around 80 percent of an individual's contact with government at any level is at our level.

Whether its land use, transportation, public safety, or taxation related, my staff and I are always here to answer your questions.

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