

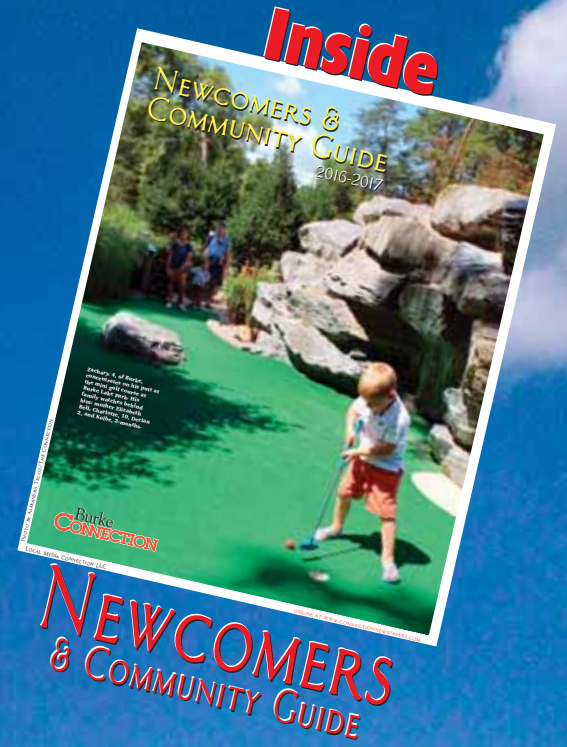
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Burke CONNECTION

Repairs have begun on the Silas Burke house, including foundation supports and new roofing. Groundbreaking for the assisted living facility is expected to take place in the fall. Completion target date is fall 2017.



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NEWS

You Choose the Adventure Storytelling

Northern Virginia storytelling group hosts interactive show in August.

Five years ago, Better Said Than Done brought the art of storytelling to Northern Virginia, producing monthly shows featuring performers from Northern Virginia and the DC area (along with some not-so-local), taking the stage to tell 7- to 10-minute true, personal stories - ranging from poignant to silly, and sometimes unbelievable, but always entertaining. This August, Better Said Than Done will deliver a unique twist on storytelling and let the audience choose which way their stories will go, while keeping to the confines of telling a true, personal story. "You Choose the Adventure" will be performed downstairs at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 27. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance at <http://www.bettersaidthandone.com/storytelling-shows/> or at the door. Full bar and dinner menus are available and seating is lim-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Better Said Than Done founder and host Jessica Robinson.

ited to first come, first served. (The stories are intended for an adult audience.)

"You Choose the Adventure" will be a storytelling adventure in which the audience chooses the story's direction. That's right, Better Said Than Done storytellers will let the audience choose which way their stories will go, while keeping to the confines of telling a true, personal story. This performance will be hosted by Derek

Hills and includes storytellers Len Kruger, Jessica Robinson, David Supley Foxworth, Mary Supley Foxworth, Stephanie Garibaldi, Jack Scheer and Anne Thomas.

"We're excited to give our audience - who are always great silent participants - the chance to direct the show a bit. It will take audience participation to a new level," explains Jessica Robinson, storyteller and founder of Better Said Than Done.

WEEK IN BURKE

Burke Historical Society Presents...

For the September session of our 2016 research seminar Burke Historical Society President Jon Vrana will speak about interpreting historic photographs. The class will be held in the large meeting room, immediately to your left as you enter, of Burke Centre Library located on 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 7 to 8 p.m., with time afterwards for consultations and practice with the techniques.

A monthly tutorial on conducting historical and

genealogical research. Bring your laptop.

First Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m. (practice/consultation time available afterwards).

Conference Room, Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

Registration opens 2 weeks before at <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Check "Burke Centre" and click "Calendar View". For more info: slawski_brian@yahoo.com.

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd., Burke, is offering day and evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to serve members of the community who wish to improve their English skills. Class levels offered are based on enrollment needs. Fall 2016 registration takes place Sept. 7 & 8 and classes begin Sept. 20. For more information call the church office at 703-323-5400. Leave your name and contact information and someone will get back to you.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also pro-

vided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or

www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Cup of Fellowship at 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

September 5th - 11th, 2016

PRS, Inc. and Connection Newspapers team up for

#MindsMatter

a Social Media Campaign promoting suicide prevention and mental wellness

#MindsMatter gives everyone a chance to raise awareness about suicide prevention. Pledge today at prsinc.org/mindsmatter to:

- Follow PRS Facebook and Twitter pages
- Submit a selfie showing support of National Suicide Prevention Week
- Participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's walk
 - #Take5 to learn the signs of suicide prevention
 - Make a donation
- Read and share stories about hope

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Members of the Hayfield Secondary School JROTC color guard led by Cadet Major Issac Bailey (left), present the colors on the first day of FCPS Great Beginnings for new and transferring teachers. South County High School rising senior, Hayley Denehy (right), sings the national anthem at the Aug. 22 event.



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The team from Fairfax Education Association, the county's largest teachers union, was among numerous vendors meeting and engaging with new and transitioning teachers at the FCPS Great Beginnings orientation program on Aug. 22.

Great Beginnings, Greater Expectations

1,200 teachers and instructional staff begin Fairfax County Public Schools orientation.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Growing up with two parents who immigrated to the United States from Egypt, Wala Osman of Springfield faced many challenges as a young student at Glasgow Middle School in Lincolnia.

But Osman remembers having an “awesome seventh grade teacher” at Glasgow.

“My middle school teacher was always there for me,” Osman said. Since that experience, she’s always wanted to be a teacher, “to give back.”

Osman is transitioning from a job in furniture sales to becoming one of Fairfax County Public School’s newest faces in the front of the classroom this year. She joined around 1,200 teachers and instructional staff Monday morning Aug. 22 for the 21st running of FCPS “Great Beginnings” orientation for new teachers and teachers new to the county. The event is based out of South County High School in Lorton.

Teachers are divided into cohort by subject matter to begin forming relationships immediately with other new hires and coach-mentors that will work with and guide them throughout the year.

Osman will be teaching self-contained science classes for students with emotional disabilities at Mark Twain Middle School in Springfield. Her cohort for special education teachers was led by Kelley Brown of Mount Vernon High School and Dawn Simpkins of Falls Church High School.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY this week were scheduled to include motivational speeches and instruction, and onboarding for FCPS

culture. Wednesday is a visit to the coaches’ schools to see model classrooms. On Thursday teachers return to their base school for localized orientation.

“They work on classroom management, building relationships and establishing processes and routines,” said Richard Culp with the newly formed FCPS Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement, who’s in his ninth year of organizing the Great Beginnings program.

For beginning teachers, “there’s so much to learn and know right away,” Culp said. “And on the emotional side, they need support too. We know that supported teachers stay in the profession longer. They come here, plan out their first few days and have lots of friends.”

FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza welcomed the new and transitioning teachers to the South County gymnasium, recalling her own roots starting her career as a kindergarten teacher.

Garza emphasized Fairfax County as a great place to work and learn, and promoted some of the school system’s progressive pedagogy.

She said FCPS is working to “minimize the focus on high stakes testing and maximize the focus on authentic learning, authentic engagement.”

This she said is part of the sweeping “Portrait of a Graduate” guiding vision for student development.

“How do we make this a reality for every child in our school system,” Garza said.

Of the 1,600 teachers FCPS hired for the 2016-2017 school year, 811 are new to FCPS the superintendent said. Some are new to teaching, others are coming from other school districts. All have different rea-



Sean McCormally of Fairfax will be teaching special education chemistry at South County High School.



Wala Osman of Springfield faced many challenges as a young student at Glasgow Middle School in Lincolnia.

Strauss also stressed the vital role of teachers in forming close relationships with students. “For many it will be a pivotal one in their life,” Strauss said. “Twenty years from now, you may not know you touched someone.”

“The work of FCPS is only as successful as you are successful,” said Strauss.

New teacher Simon Chang of Centreville is already well-versed in relationship building, having worked for a non-profit that does counter-sex trafficking work. Chang decided he wanted to transition to teaching, and spent last year as an instructional assistant at Mountain View High School.

Chang said he loves working with students with emotional disabilities, a role he’ll be taking at South Lakes High School this fall.

“Maybe they don’t have anyone to show them love or affection,” Chang said. “I do my part, and show them that I care about them, that I respect them.”

SPEAKER COREY THORNBLAD, the 2016 FCPS Outstanding Teacher from Joyce Kilmer Middle School in Vienna, also shared a few points from her 12 years in front of the classroom.

She encouraged the teachers to “find your people,” or personal learning network of people who inspire them, and that “things fall apart, but it’s what you do when that happens that matters and show what real learning is all about.”

After the teachers’ lunch and more time in cohorts, they listened to a keynote speech from Rick Smith, author of “Conscious Classroom Management.”

sions for coming to teaching in Fairfax County.

Sean McCormally of Fairfax will be teaching special education chemistry at South County High School. McCormally didn’t begin medicating for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder until he was 25 — he then raised his grade point average in undergrad more than a full point in graduate school.

“I didn’t receive service in high school,” McCormally said. “I appreciate what some of these students are going through. I want to help.”

For Candice Tenerelli, she’s been a special education instructional assistant in math and Strategies for Success in kindergarten and high school for the last five years. A mother with one student of her own off to college and another getting close, “It was the right time in life” to upgrade her teaching to full time, she said.

FCPS School Board Vice Chairman Jane

Women's Equality Day Is 96 Years Young

BY PEGGY KNIGHT

PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FAIRFAX AREA

On Aug. 26, 2016, our nation celebrates the Women's Equality Day for the 96th time. In only four years, we will be celebrating the centennial of this historic day recognizing the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote and to full citizenship for the very first time.

During this seven decade struggle, many fearless men and women suffered jail time, public disgrace, and physical assaults by the police and spectators at demonstrations. However, it was only in 1971 that Congress, by resolution, designated this day as "Women's Equality Day." This designation recognized the many sacrifices made by these women and men to

achieve this ratification.

On Feb. 14, 1920, six months before ratification of the 19th amendment, The League of Women Voters, was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, during the association's convention. Ms. Catt was a women's rights activist and a suffragist, who stated that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens, men and women.

This year, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area LWVFA celebrates the selection of the country's first female nominee for President from a major party. While the League never endorses candidates or political parties, it recognizes this historical achievement for women.

The League encourages active participation by citizens. It conducts studies of important policy issues, has monthly meetings during which members discuss these issues, and uses

education and advocacy to influence public policy, at the local level, in the interest of the public. It conducts candidate forums so that citizens can ask candidates questions, candidates can answer those questions and also interact directly with the public. LWVFA also registers voters and provides them with unbiased information about the voting process, issues of interest, and elections.

To learn more about this organization, please go to its website, www.lwv-fairfax.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Adarsh Trehan at PR@lwvfairfax.org or 703-795-7281. You can also contact Peggy Knight, President, at peggy.knight1@verizon.net or 703-772-4939

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

#MindsMatter: Lifesaving Conversations Every Day

BY WENDY GRADISON
CEO, PRS, INC.

COMMENTARY

It's 3 p.m. School's out. Like clockwork, alerts start ringing, letting our crisis workers know that young people are out of class, and they need to talk.

"Hi, I don't know who to talk to. I don't know what to do." Every day PRS, a local nonprofit helping those with mental health issues and facing life crises, gets texts like these through our CrisisText Connect textline.

Our trained volunteers respond and engage in life-saving conversations with teens and others who are facing life crises, steering them to help and safety. Having dialogues and making it easier to discuss problems before crisis occurs is key to preventing suicides. After all, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged 15-24, so the individual and societal toll of suicide is real.

In preparation for National Suicide Prevention Week NSPW which starts Sept. 5, PRS has teamed up with Connection Newspapers to

host the second annual #MindsMatter Social Media Campaign. Visit prsinc.org/mindsmatter. We designed the campaign to encourage the community to pledge to do something that raises awareness about suicide prevention.

Our #MindsMatter campaign uses social media as a catalyst for conversation and action to prevent suicide. Our campaign deputizes the community, providing ways to "pledge" to spread the word, change minds and save lives. This is an especially important way to reach younger people with a message of hope.

The #MindsMatter pledge outlines activities that people can do to make a difference and spread awareness before, during and after the week. Anyone can take the pledge by visiting www.prsinc.org/mindsmatter or the Connection Newspaper's social media pages. Examples of activities people can pledge to do include:

- Following PRS Facebook and Twitter pages
- Submitting a selfie showing support of

National Suicide Prevention Week

- Participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's walk on Sept. 24, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness walk on Sept. 24

- Taking a stress test
- Sharing the campaign with family and friends
- Setting a personal goal to improve mental health

- Reading and sharing stories about individuals who have survived a suicide attempt and/or helping individuals cope with thoughts of suicide

- Signing up for a suicide prevention workshop

Each year, more than 42,000 Americans die by suicide. Despite this statistic, for every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. By participating in the #MindsMatter campaign, you can play a role making it okay to discuss suicide and mental health issues openly. Take the pledge. It may just save a life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back to School: Keeping our Kids Safe on the Way to the Classroom

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again: back to school! As much as it pains all of us, it's time to make the drive back home from our favorite vacation spots and head to the store for new school clothes and a fresh batch of school supplies. In September, we will see more children in the roadway, either walking or biking to school and enjoying the last of the warm weather.

As motorists, we have a responsibility to take extra caution when we see children on the side of the road or crossing at a crosswalk. As many of us know, children's actions can be unpredictable, so take extra care when driving in the proximity of children or when passing through a school zone.

Be sure to remember that yielding the right of way to pedestrians at a crosswalk is not just the right thing to do, it's the law. The Fairfax County Police Department will monitor school zones to educate both parents and children about staying safe as they travel to and from school. Fairfax County is a busy area, but please keep in mind that the safety of our children and others is more important than a motorist arriving more quickly to his or her destination.

When you observe a school bus dropping off or picking up children, double check that the stop sign is not extended before passing. It is very difficult to see children as they get on and off the school bus, so pay extra care and respect the rules of the road. Being involved in

an accident with a child or a pedestrian is a risk you cannot afford to take.

We appreciate our community for taking the time to help maintain a safe environment for our children. Together, we can ensure that our students thrive in an environment that is fun, safe, and constructive.

John C. Cook

Braddock District Supervisor and Public Safety Committee Chair

Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department

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HOME SALES

In July 2016, 79 Burke homes sold between \$1,000,000-\$223,425.

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9901 YACHTHAVEN DR	5	4	1	BURKE	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.63	22015	EDGEWATER
6314 TIMARRON COVE LN	6	5	1	BURKE	\$915,000	Detached	0.46	22015	TIMARRON COVE
6321 TIMARRON COVE LN	6	5	1	BURKE	\$900,000	Detached	0.26	22015	TIMARRON COVE
9732 BURKE VIEW CT	4	3	0	BURKE	\$800,000	Detached	5.21	22015	BURKE HILLS ASSN
9009 DIGORY CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$760,000	Detached	0.25	22015	MEADOWS OF NARNIA
6158 HATCHES CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$675,000	Detached	0.11	22015	MILLSTONE POND
9208 WYETH LN	4	2	1	BURKE	\$674,990	Detached	0.20	22015	SOUTHPORT
10363 STEAMBOAT LANDING LN	5	2	1	BURKE	\$672,250	Detached	0.25	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5408 MOUNT GREENWICH CT	5	2	1	BURKE	\$655,000	Detached	0.23	22015	SIGNAL HILL
9926 WOODEN HAWK CT	4	2	2	BURKE	\$654,000	Detached	0.21	22015	BURKE CENTRE
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5627 HERBERTS CROSSING DR	3	3	1	BURKE	\$634,900	Detached	0.22	22015	SIGNAL HILL
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9700 VELLILA RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$630,000	Detached	0.42	22015	CHERRY RUN
9702 IRONMASTER DR	5	3	1	BURKE	\$625,000	Detached	0.22	22015	CHERRY RUN
9221 BYRON TER	4	3	1	BURKE	\$620,000	Detached	0.20	22015	SOUTHPORT
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5812 HERBERT ST	5	2	1	BURKE	\$570,000	Detached	0.52	22015	HOMEWOOD
10019 MARSHALL POND RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$560,600	Detached	0.18	22015	BURKE CENTRE
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ONGOING

Burke Lake Seniors Golf League seeks members. Interested golfers are invited to join the Burke Lake Seniors Golf League. Must be 55 and older, enjoy playing golf, meeting new people and having an all-around good time. Reserved tee times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Course on Ox Road. Annual dues for the season – April 1 through October 31 – are


\$20 plus green fees. For more information, call Charlie Ryan 703-690-4227.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/litombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Shepherd's Center of Western Fairfax needs volunteer drivers for medical/foodbank appointments. Shepherd's Center serves 50+ residents in Clifton and western Fairfax/Fairfax Station, helping them remain independent and age in place at home. Office help also is needed for coordinating drive requests. More info is at www.scwfc.org or 703-266-3548 or scwfc.office@gmail.com.




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Alilhson Senel holds up a mirror so one of the party attendees can see how the haircut Selim Arasli gave him turned out. Doing haircuts on site presents difficulties, since all the styling equipment needs to be brought and folding chairs can't be raised.



Members from the Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce who joined the FACETS back to school party to provide on-site haircuts. Erdi Mutlu, Mahmut Yeter, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, Mustafa Demirkiran, owner of Salon O Tony in Vienna, Cem Surucu, owner of Salon Macomb in Washington D.C., Enes Senel, Selim Arasli, owner of Charmed Hair Salon in D.C., Alilhson Senel, Irfan-Selim Senel.

Building Confidence for the Return to School

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

More than 80 children from low-income families attended the FACETS Back to School Party on Monday, Aug. 15 in Fairfax. FACETS, a non-profit that focuses on the diverse needs of those in poverty in Fairfax County, The Mid-Atlantic Chamber of Commerce and volunteers with Amazon Women in Engineering united to coordinate the party. As the party wound down, children filtered out talking about their new backpacks, admiring new hairstyles and imagining the possibilities in the upcoming school year.

The party started with children hunting through tables piled with backpacks for the one they treasured. The styles pleased kindergartners to those in high school. A favorite moment by many of the staff and volunteers was when a 5-year-old found her backpack, exclaiming "It's Nemo!" The backpack featured the young clownfish from Pixar's film "Finding Nemo."

Each child was provided school supplies based on their schools' lists. Pencils, crayons, hand sanitizer, notebooks, binders and more. The stacks were taller than some of the children weaving their way through the tables. Some backpacks weren't large enough to fit all the school supplies required for the year, backpack zippers left open for the short walk home.

"We try to take care of everything on their list," explains Josh D'Antonio. The supplies are collected during the summer through the FACETS Back-to-School Drive where workplaces, faith communities, various other organizations and individuals donate school sup-



Teresa Williams, 9, mother Maura Williams of Stafford and FACETS Event Intern Huang Cao help Natalia, 4, find her school supplies. FACETS Community Development Advocate from Centreville, Shanel Hudson, helps Nana, 14, of Fairfax High School find his required supplies.

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Mohamad, 10, of Eagleview Elementary is helped by Amazon Women in Engineering volunteer Desiree Toler and FACETS event Intern Huang Cao find school supplies while Ali Sison, also from Amazon, helps Nathan, 8.

plies or purchase items from FACETS's Amazon wish list. The items collected are distributed to all the children with need in FAC-



Enes Senel giving a haircut to a frightened toddler as mother tries to calm him and sister watches. Cutting children's hair is often more difficult because they can be frightened.

also present to give trims or stylish new haircuts. Although a bit hesitant at first, entire groups of friends joined, often asking for the same cut as their first friend to brave the chair. This is the first year haircuts were performed at a FACETS Back to School Party, usually children are provided with vouchers, explains Alaha Ahrar, a FACETS Community Development Advocate. The stylists and barbers are all industry professionals, owners or working at salons around the area, and members of the Chamber.

"It's not all about school," explains Selim Arasli, owner of Charmed Hair Salon in Washington D.C. "You look at them, give them compliments and you just see them change" Araslem says. The haircuts and new backpack and school supplies "make them feel better, more confident. They stand out for their confidence, not their poverty," explains D'Antonio, a FACETS Community Engagement Coordinator.

On-site barbers and stylists were

PEOPLE

Delegate Filler-Corn Honored by the Autism Society

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Autism Society of Northern Virginia (ASNV) honored Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) with the Community Builder of the Year Award during ASNV's Annual Wine and Dine for Autism event. This award recognizes those who have had a significant positive impact on the autism community.

ASNV chose to honor Filler-Corn for her work in making the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act a reality in the Commonwealth. Her 2015 bill created "ABLE" Accounts, similar to the 529 college savings accounts, which would allow for those with disabilities as well as their families to save money for various needs including housing, education and medical care. Virginia was the first state to pass such legislation since the passage of the federal act. This past session, Del. Filler-Corn introduced and passed legislation that would ensure these same accounts would be free of means testing. In addition, she also worked with the Governor this year to ensure that the biennial budget included a \$2000 income tax deduction for contributions to the ABLE savings ac-

counts starting in Taxable Year 2016.

Addressing the crowd, Filler-Corn spoke of how the ABLE Act came to be, adding with pride that the idea came from constituents in her district. "Stephen Beck and his wife Catherine are parents of a child with Down syndrome and they worried for years about how they would care for Natalie when she was older and they were unable to provide the day to day support they were once able to provide. While sitting at their kitchen table they developed the idea for the [federal] ABLE Act," said Filler-Corn "After years of advocating and working for its passage at the federal and state level, Catherine and Stephen's hard work as well as the work of so many others paid off. While unfortunately Stephen is no longer with us, his work with Catherine will live on in these ABLE accounts, which will help countless Virginians for years to come."

"Overall, it was an incredible evening with fabulous people all committed to make a difference. There was an impressive speech by Connor Cummings, the namesake of Connor's Law, who I had the opportunity to meet in Richmond last year as he advocated in support of legislation. Amazing musi-



Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (-41) and Connor Cummings.



Delegate Filler-Corn addressing the crowd upon accepting her award.

cal entertainment as well by several incredibly talented individuals including my constituent Jake

Sizemore, from Burke, who teaches us that we should look for the talent in everybody," she said.

Susan and Elizabeth Lydick Receive Nancy Jennings Award

Susan and Elizabeth Lydick traveled to Portland, Oregon, in June to receive the 2016 Nancy Jennings Award during the bi-annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Nancy Jennings Award is presented to a person or congregation or PC (USA) entity that affirms, supports, and advocates for the gifts, rights, and responsibilities of persons with disabilities in the total life of the church.

Susan and Elizabeth provide leadership for the BPC TreeHouse Ministry, having founded the ministry in 2006, with Burke Presbyterian Church.

The BPC TreeHouse ministry is a life-changing, transforming place where the focus is on abilities and not

disabilities and loving God and loving others are readily apparent. The ministry strives to be "a faith community of people whose mission is to create, nurture, and share a safe place where people can connect with



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Susan and Elizabeth Lydick of Burke Presbyterian Church receiving award.

themselves and with others to find acceptance, encouragement, healing, and support as they face difficult mental, emotional, and physical challenges."

BPC TreeHouse is open to all and helps people to identify and become engaged in the total life of the church community. Members

organize and participate in church events, serve in church leadership roles, attend worship and Sunday School/Christian education classes, and are actively involved in a variety of mission and outreach activities. For more information, you can go to <http://www.burkpreschurch.org/>

TreeHouse or contact Susan E. Lydick, PhD; Selydick@gmu.edu; 703-328-4421 mobile.

The Nancy Jennings Award is presented by the Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC), a network of Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA). The award is given in memory of Nancy Jennings, a former moderator of PDC, who worked tirelessly advocating for people with disabilities.

Nancy lived with seizures and encountered the fear and prejudice of people who believed that she had an "evil eye." Some neighbors refused to allow their children to play with Nancy's children because they believed that she was demon possessed.

"We are honored to present the Nancy Jennings Award to Susan and Elizabeth Lydick for their development and leadership of the BPC TreeHouse Ministry", according to Rev. David Young, Co-Moderator of Presbyterians for Disability Concerns.

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Farmers Market & Food Trucks: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27 at the Fairfax County Government Center front parking lot.

Storytime in the Park. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-385-2712.

Wednesday Morning Tai Chi. 6:30 a.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. At the pergola. 703-385-2712.

Rock the Block! 6:30 p.m. Every fourth Friday through Oct. 28. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Come any way you can - walk, run, ride your bike or drive! You don't want to miss out on this brand new concert series! Food is available for sale. Bring chairs and or blankets to sit on. Kids - wear swim suits and bring towels. Enjoy the new spray pad. No Pets allowed except service animals. fairfaxva.gov.

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town Center. May 7-Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern



Apples at the weekly Fairfax County Farmers Market & Food Trucks event at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy Thursday's 3-7 p.m

Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel! Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

Olly Olly Presents Lush Life Aug. 27 through Sept. 17 at Olly Olly located at 10417 Main Street, 2nd Floor in Fairfax, VA. *Lush Life* is an immersive and experiential hyper-color art exhibition that creates a world of luscious extravagance. *Lush Life* interrogates materialism, contrasts excessiveness with art-world sustainability, and connects the artistic fantasy to the mundanity of the artist's day-to-day life and practice. Join us at Olly Olly on Saturday, August 27, 2016, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. for a dreamworld extravaganza complete with pastel-palette rooftop pool party and buffet, and spend an evening with these amazing artists. Call 703-789-6144 for more information.

LUNCH N' LIFE A bi-monthly lunch and program at various sponsoring churches. Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Lifes* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at *The Lutheran Church of Abiding Presence* located at 6304 Lee Chapel Rd, Burke, VA 22015. The quest speaker will be Sharon Lynn, Director of Area Agency on Aging Fairfax County. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by *September 9th*. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 323-4788. See www.scfbva.org

WEDNESDAY/ AUG. 24

Join Fairfax CASA and Lift Up a Child's Voice 7-9 p.m. at the Fairfax CASA office 4103 Chain Bridge Rd. Suite #200, Fairfax VA 22030. Information session on becoming a court appointed volunteer. Email Kristy Tootle: ktootle@casafairfax.org or call 703-273-3526 to RSVP.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The

Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/>

Family Fun Fair 6-8 p.m. at Chesterbrook Academy Preschool 4750 Rippling Pond Drive Fairfax, VA 22033. Chesterbrook Academy preschool is celebrating its grand re-opening with a family fun fair. Current Chesterbrook Academy families and members of the local community are invited to attend for free food, music and activities. Contact: Prachi Patel 703-818-9002 Cost: FREE

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

Summer Reading Triathlon Closing Ceremony. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade, Fairfax. Local children's author Sue Fliess will join to read and sign copies of one of her 2016 releases: "A Fairy Friend." Wrap up summer with the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Triathlon with special events and activities. 703-278-8527.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28

First Responders Day at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Civil War reenactors and modern practitioners who will demonstrate medical and rescue practices then and now in commemoration of Fairfax Station's role as an evacuation center during the Battle of Second Manassas in 1862. Free-\$4. 703-425-9225.

TUESDAY/AUG. 30

15th Annual Bridgeway. 7 p.m. Intersectoin of Bland Street and Amherst Avenue in Springfield. Walk across Veteran's Bridge to American Legion Plaza for an old-fashioned community celebration with music by the Kings Park Concert Band. 703-971-6262.

TUESDAY/ SEPT. 13

Dementia Caregivers Support Group noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group is for those caring for someone with dementia or interested in learning more about providing caregiving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

FAITH NOTES

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The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Cup of Fellowship at 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

JCCNV Mothers Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or HYPERLINK "mailto:Laurie.Albert@jccnv.org" Laurie.Albert@jccnv.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. RCIA classes are held on Tuesdays beginning September 15 and continuing through April. The classes are usually from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm and they meet in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Hall, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, 10383 Democracy Lane in Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. and choir practice, open to all, on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. www.mccnova.com or 703-691-0930.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

Arabic New Life Baptist Church is located at 6428 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Worship services are on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and prayer services are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study is on Fridays at 7 p.m. Pastor: Wissam Jamil. Call 703-273-5599.

Sydenstricker United Methodist Church has Worship services Saturday in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional worship. Sunday School for youth and children is in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School for adults is in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Fellowship is in Hottle Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. www.sumcdisciples.org or 703-451-8223.

St. Anthony of Padua American National Catholic Church, 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax, holds mass for Contemporary Catholics every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. St. Anthony's is an independent Catholic parish, inclusive and accepting of all people. Experience true acceptance and true Catholicism. www.MySaintAnthonys.org.

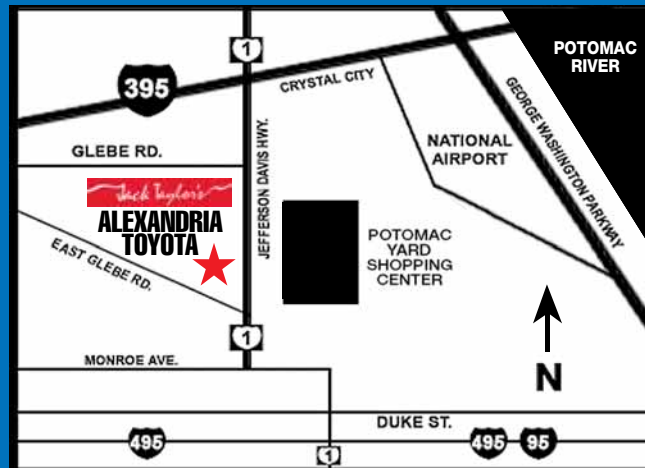
Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, conducts Worship team practice for the Praise Band in the Sanctuary every Thursday at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 703-323-1347

The Fairfax Church of Christ, 3901 Rugby Road in Fairfax, has facilitators available to help those who are experiencing a separation or divorce. 703-631-2100 or www.fxcc.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services during the summer on Sundays at 10 a.m. The regular schedule, Sundays at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., resumes Sept. 11. www.uucf.org.

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Obituary


Robert "Bob" Francis Daly, 83, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, husband of Geraldine Cline Daly, died Tuesday, August 16, 2016. His Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 in J. HENRY STUHR, INC., MOUNT PLEASANT CHAPEL, 1494 Mathis Ferry Road at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends in the Mount Pleasant Chapel one hour prior to the service.

Bob was born October 23, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois, son of the late Frank Patrick Daly and the late Anna Marie Klinosky Daly. He received a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. Bob's long career included working for the United States Senate's Office of Technology Assessment and he was a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He was the author or co-author of over 20 publications and was listed in the American Men and Women of Science. Bob was a marathon runner, expert do-it-yourselfer, excellent cook and avid reader. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be sorely missed by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Daly of Mt. Pleasant, SC; son, Robert F. Daly, II (Alison) of Asheville, NC; three daughters, Maura Daly (Mark) of Richmond, CA, Cathleen Daly of Berkeley, CA, and Shannon Daly Marchell (Richard) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; grandchildren, Charlotte Marchell, Jackson Marchell, and Holden Marchell; four sisters, Mary Ann Jedrejcek, Lori Coons, Carolyn Daly, and Franny Richardson. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bernard Daly, and a sister, Pat Clarke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W. #103, Lilburn, GA 30047 or www.lbda.org/donate.

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Zachary, 4, of Burke, concentrates on his putt at the mini golf course at Burke Lake Park. His family watches behind him: mother Elizabeth Bell, Charlotte, 10, Declan 2, and Kolbe, 2-months.

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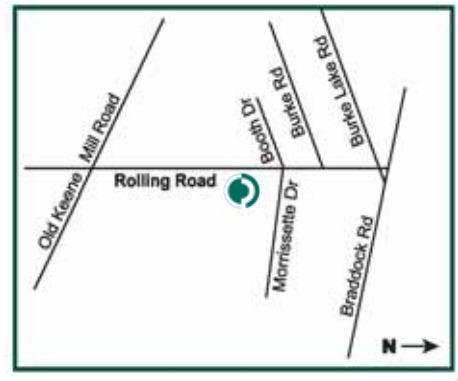
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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
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Northern Virginia Community College are located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy ensures career opportunities for both our older and younger residents.

Welcome 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 notorious 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

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 maintain 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.

Welcome Neighbors!

Take full advantage of everything the Braddock District, and Fairfax County, has to offer.

BY JOHN COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)



Thank you for choosing to make Fairfax County your new home! As you will quickly find out, there is no shortage of activities here, and let me be the first to tell you what's going on around town.

As summer winds down, and we all make the long trip back from the beach, you'll notice that there are a ton of events throughout September in which to take part. Personally, one of my favorite events in the Braddock District is the annual Burke Centre Festival, set this year for Sept. 10 and 11. Admission is free, and this year's festival will feature a massive arts and crafts show, karaoke, Fire and Rescue displays, live dance, musical entertainment, and much, much more. This event is incredible (and incredibly huge) so you owe it to yourself to come out and enjoy it.

As much as I love talking with my constituents and neighbors, I also enjoy taking some time to relax with nature. There are more than 900 miles of trails here in Fairfax County, and I am a particularly lucky Supervisor in that I represent a district with some fantastic parks and trails. One of my favorite spots is Lake Accotink, which boasts a carousel, bike rentals, a great snack bar, and mini golf. Accotink

has a sand volleyball and basketball court that you can take full advantage of, and, on some Saturday nights, Accotink even hosts campfires and gatherings. Events like these, focused on community involvement and interconnectedness, help make the Braddock District and Fairfax County the best

places to be.

Yes, summer is almost over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to be. Grab your friends, the family, and head out to Mount Vernon, Ox Hill Battlefield Park, or another famed historical site in the County and soak it all in. You can barely get around here without stumbling upon something with historical significance, and most of these treasures are totally free.

There are great sites, great restaurants, and a ton of things to do and see in my district.

Grab a bite to eat over at Fairfax Corner or head into Fairfax City for the day. The possibilities are truly endless.

Take full advantage of everything the Braddock District, and Fairfax County, has to offer with your friends and family. In these next few weeks, I challenge you to get out there and find out what you love to do in our community— just don't be overwhelmed with all the options!

'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

If 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.

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 Super-



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visors 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.fairfaxcountyyeda.org to see how the Economic Development Authority can help you.

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The old post office that stood on the Burke Junction property is being relocated to the grounds of the Silas Burke House.



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A renovation of Cherry Run Elementary School will add 21,000 square-feet of space.

Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Connection keeps a running list of land use projects being planned, under construction and nearing completion in the community. The list is updated quarterly.

Burke Junction — Guinea Road and Zion Drive area

The developer has begun clearing land for 17 single-family homes. Efforts to preserve the historical and environmental integrity of the site include the Potomac Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant society moving native plants to the site of a stormwater restoration project that was recently completed, as well as relocating the old post office that stood on the property to the grounds of the Silas Burke House. Base paving is scheduled for December, with building beginning in December or January.

Cherry Run Elementary School — 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke, VA 22015

Work is just getting underway on a full renovation of the elementary school, adding 21,000 square-feet and replacing an outdoor modular of eight classrooms for students with disabilities. The project includes upgrades to all spaces, music classrooms, art labs, multi-purpose spaces and spaces for specialists such as counselors that don't currently exist in the school.

Christopher at Kenilworth — Braddock Road near Dequincey Drive

Preliminary land clearing for a development of nine single-family homes has begun, with a large number of trees coming down. Construction will begin after the clearing and drainage grading is worked out.

Forest Ridge Lee Highway at Forest Hill Drive

NV Homes is working with an approved site plan to build 40 single-family homes. The land has been cleared.

Giant Food at University Mall



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Repairs have begun on the Silas Burke house, including foundation supports and new roofing. Groundbreaking for the assisted living facility is expected to take place in the fall. Completion target date is fall 2017.

10681 Braddock Road

The grocery anchor for University Mall is undergoing renovation that will increase the size of the existing store considerably, up to 58,000 square-feet. Demolition is complete, with construction expected to begin soon.

Lake Royal Dredging — Northeast of Guinea Road and Zion Drive

The last of the area's lakes to be dredged, Royal's ten acres of dredged material will be more difficult to relocate than Woodglen Lake's five. The lake will be drawn down over the course of the summer, 2016. Dredging is currently underway on the \$6 million project that's expected to take a year to complete.

New Chick-fil-A — 5793 Burke Centre Parkway

Chick-fil-A is moving into a former bank building near the Burke Kohl's. They're going through the bonding process, working out tree buffers and stormwater management. Construction is expected to begin in late September, early October, with March 2017 as an anticipated opening date.

Northern Virginia Training Center — 9901 Braddock Road

All residents of the former state-owned residence and treatment facility for individuals with disabilities were relocated as of March, 2016, though some were moved to group homes sitting on the site's 80-acre

property. The Commonwealth of Virginia is in the process of selling the land and has been in contract negotiations with the preferred, yet unnamed corporate buyer since April this year. Currently, four acres of the land are planned to be held aside for construction of a new Department of Motor Vehicles office that would replace the one currently at Fair Oaks Mall.

Old Burke Lake Preserve — Old Burke Lake Road at Lake Braddock Secondary School

Clearing is still underway for two new home lots out of a three-lot subdivision. One of the homes is already on the parcel.

Park Glen development — 5 acres around 6408 Spring Lake Drive

The developer Van Metre is working on a subdivision of 12 single family homes. The model is completed and other units are being sold.

Penn's Crossing Subdivision — Braddock Road and Dequincey Drive

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

New Popeyes — Braddock Road, in old Pizza Hut Building

Popeyes fast food fried chicken is moving

into the old Pizza Hut restaurant. A community information meeting for neighbors is scheduled for nearby Laurel Ridge Elementary School on Sep. 12. A rezoning hearing with the Planning Commission is scheduled for Sept. 29.

Silas Burke House — Along Burke Lake Road between Burke Centre Parkway and Shiplott Boulevard

Sunrise Senior Living is planning to build an assisted living facility behind the Silas Burke House. At a date yet to be determined, the historic house will be joined on the top of the hill by the old post office from Burke Junction. Repairs have begun on the Silas Burke house, including foundation supports and new roofing. Groundbreaking for the assisted living facility is expected to take place in the fall. Completion target date is fall 2017.

Townes at Burke Lake Crossing — 9537 Burke Lake Road

The developer has begun clearing the site for Christopher Companies' planned 12 townhomes at the intersection of Burke Lake Rd. and Shiplott Blvd.

Woodglen Lake Dredging — Burke-Fairfax Station

The project began with fish relocation to Lake Accotink in November 2014 and is now complete. The contractor added vegetative plugs to the bottom of the lake that will support a new fish population. Over the summer, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries began restocking the lake with fish, the first in a three-year cycle.

Woodward property — Corner of Burke Lake Road and Coffey Wood Road

Christopher Companies has filed an application to develop 2.72 acres for nine single family homes at the end of June. Alternative proposed plans include entrances on Burke Lake Road and on Coffey Woods Road.

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

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Burke Area Nonprofits: Making Community Work

Lions Club

The Burke Lions, formed in 1967, hold two big annual fundraising events, including selling food at the Burke Centre Fall Festival and Christmas tree sales at Cardinal Forest Plaza, all proceeds of which benefit charities. The club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Those with questions should call Lion Stephen Pawlow to enjoy a free dinner and to find out what the group is about. 703-764-9656 or www.burkelions.org.

Moms Club of BURKE

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

Burke CARES

Burke CARES is a community-building, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1997 and composed entirely of volunteers that serves the members of Burke Centre and the larger Burke community by helping community members with resources to come to the aid of community members who need those resources. Burke CARES is determined to help create a community of residents aware of each other's needs and helping to meet those needs <http://BurkeCARES.tripod.com/index.html>.

Burke Centre 55ers

The Burke Conservancy decided to sponsor a club for people 55 and older. We meet the first and third Mondays of each month. If Monday is a holiday, then the meeting will be on the next day (Tuesday). The club meets at the Commons Community Center, 5701 Roberts Parkway, Burke, at 9:30 a.m. We begin with coffee and refreshments, then a short business meeting at 10 a.m. followed by speakers or enter-

tainment. The purpose of the Burke Centre 55ers is to enjoy congenial company, participate in community and charitable projects, and take part in occasional luncheons and trips. Questions call Becky Fial at 703-691-0543 or Sam and Shirley DiBartolo at 703-250-3348.

Friends of the Burke Centre Library

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

Rotary Club of Burke

The Rotary Club of Burke offers the opportunity to participate with a group of diverse, ethical, business and professional people in activities designed to give back to the community. While their individual contributions are modest, collectively they make a huge difference by supporting local and international efforts to improve lives. They enjoy the social and networking advantages of membership and the opportunity to gain new leadership skills. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. at Brion's Grille, 10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax. For more information, visit www.burkerotary.org or email info@burkerotary.org.

The Burke Toastmasters Club

The Burke Toastmasters Club is a group of speakers ranging from novice to very experienced dedicated to help everyone become a more confident and better speaker. The meetings are held on the first, third and fifth Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Oaks Community Center, 5708 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Visit www.burketoastmasters.org.

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Every one of us has the exciting opportunity to shape our

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

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

Come in and see us!

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Burke Conservancy leadership includes (from left) Brian Engler, Board Vice President & Trustee At-Large; Renee Mumford, Landings Trustee; Marc Flaster, Board Treasurer & Commons Trustee; Brenda Trask, Woods Trustee; Anita Musser, Board President & Oaks Trustee; Lee Schmidt, Board Secretary & Ponds Trustee; Patrick Gloyd, Executive Director; and Sam DiBartolo, Trustee At-Large.

Who Runs Burke?

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Who's in charge here? It's a simple question with a multi-faceted answer in our Fairfax County communities. For different aspects of life in Burke, there are elected officials at several levels responsible for making sure things run smoothly, safely and most importantly, better.

Daily operations in Burke Centre, including the five main neighborhoods — Commons, Landings, Oaks, Ponds and Woods — are managed by an administrative staff within the Burke Conservancy and overseen by a Board of Trustees. The staff is lead by executive director Patrick Gloyd, who is then a liaison to the board.

Pools, community centers and events, and other property issues not handled by the Board of Supervisors fall under the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

At the county level, Burke is part of the Braddock magisterial district and represented by supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). The nine-member Board of Supervisors is Fairfax County's central, elected governing body that sets policy, approves the budget, sets local taxes and approves land use plans.

The largest portion of that budget goes to the Fairfax County Public Schools system, which, with more than 180,000 students, is in the top ten in the country. Megan McLaughlin is the Braddock representative (also elected) on the County's School Board.

Representing Burke area interests and needs in Richmond at the Virginia General Assembly are del-



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34).



State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37).



Del. David Bulova (D-37).



Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41).



Megan McLaughlin, Braddock Representative, School Board.

egates and senators — the Virginia version of the U.S. congressmen.

David Bulova (D) is the delegate representing the 37th District, while Eileen Filler-Corn serves the 41st District.

Chap Petersen (D) represents the 34th District in the Virginia Senate

and Dave Marsden (D) is the senator for the 37th. The website for the Burke Conservancy is www.burkecentreweb.com. A map gallery of magisterial and other government districts is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/gallery.htm.

About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Burke 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.

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Nonprofits around Northern Virginia Help with Chronic Homelessness, Homeless Families, Homeless Youth and More

New Hope Housing

Location: Alexandria and Fairfax County
 Executive Director: Pamela L. Mitchell
 Contact info: 703-799-2293 –
 admin@newhopehousing.org
 Annual Budget: \$5,900,000

How to get involved: Contact Nicole Dillon to learn about volunteering opportunities at shelters & housing programs: ndillon@newhopehousing.org

New Hope Housing provides homeless families and individuals shelter, housing, and the tools to build a better life. It operates shelters and housing programs that serve more than 350 people each day in Alexandria, Fairfax County, Falls Church, and Arlington. Last year, more than 400 people moved from homelessness to housing through one or more of its programs.

Northern Virginia Family Service

Location:
 Multiple all over Northern Virginia; Headquarters – Oakton .
 Executive Director: Stephanie Berkowitz

(CEO/President)

Contact info: 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124, 571-748-2500, info@nvfs.org

Annual Budget: \$33.35 million

How to get involved:

Volunteer: NVFS is committed to engaging volunteers in meaningful opportunities that encourage innovative ideas, unique perspectives and specialized expertise. Visit nvfs.org/volunteernow to search for current opportunities and greatest needs.

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Welcoming Business Community

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce welcomes newcomers to the area. are the leading advocate for innovative solutions our region's connectivity challenges.

The Northern Virginia Chamber was and continues to be a supporter of Metro expansion via the Silver Line and safety improvements system wide. The Chamber was also a long-time supporter of the I-495 HOT Lanes and I-95 Express Lanes. Whether you use these or not, their availability has reduced congestion. Both projects were funded through unique public-private partnerships, bringing together government and business to solve regional transportation issues. We are excited to watch the same public-private solutions be applied to I-66 in the coming years. We were proud to advocate for these improvements in Richmond, and we stand ready to end the gridlock and



BY JIM CORCORAN
PRESIDENT AND CEO, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I am pleased to welcome you to Northern Virginia on behalf of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber) and the regional business community.

The Northern Virginia Chamber is The Voice of Business in Northern Virginia, representing nearly 700 member companies which in total employ more than 500,000 members of our regional community.

While our direct actions are targeted towards our business members, we always have this wonderful community in mind. Our strong economy provides a base on which families may flourish.

Northern Virginia is one of our country's greatest success stories, and without a thriving business community, we would not have the flourishing retail centers, competitive real estate, or world-class education system that our region proudly boasts. Because of this, Northern Virginia attracts the nation's leading businesses, including nine Fortune 500 headquarters and 125 Inc. 5000 companies.

Our business community is not only successful in keeping our economy healthy, but also in working to better our community and quality of life. Between 2014 and 2016 the Chamber made more than \$60,000 in direct cash donations to nonprofits through the collective power of our members and distributed more than \$60,000 in scholarships to family members of our first responders. It is exciting to see companies step up and support the many worthy causes across our region.

The Northern Virginia Chamber advocates for issues that impact businesses, workers, and residents alike, specifically transportation improvements. We

unlock I-66 in our growing region.

And grow we shall. There is much to look forward to in Northern Virginia. We continue to attract and develop emerging industries, particularly cybersecurity, bioscience, and hospitality. Businesses and academia that have been strongholds in the area are expanding and innovating in their own industries. For example, the new Inova Center for Personalized Health will explore human genomics and George Mason University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship provides students and alumni experiential learning opportunities to create value in the business world.

While Northern Virginia's economy has grown over the past few decades as compared to other major metropolitan regions, we have trailed over the last five years due to cutbacks in federal spending. In order to regain our region's standing as a leading economy, we must see the private, academic, non-profit, and government sectors innovate. Our future growth lies in our ability to cooperate as a region.

If you haven't yet, I encourage you to visit www.novachamber.org to learn more about what we're doing to build up the business community and better our region.

I look forward to working with you to ensure Northern Virginia remains a great place to live with support from an exceptional business community.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is a volunteer organization composed of men and women who are dedicated to making democracy work. It encourages active participation by citizens, but it does not support or endorse candidates. It conducts studies of important community issues, has monthly meetings during which members discuss these issues, and uses education and advocacy to influence public policy, at the local

level, in the interest of the public. It conducts candidate forums so that citizens can ask the candidates questions, candidates can answer those questions and also interact directly with the public. LWVFA also registers voters and provides them with unbiased information about the voting process, issues of interest, and elections. To learn more about this organization or to join, see www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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Homelessness

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proach to services, Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) helps more than 34,000 individuals and their families each year find housing and emergency services; health and mental health services; early childhood education and child placement services; intervention and prevention programs; job training; and legal services. More than half of NVFS clients live below the national poverty level (\$24,260 annual salary for a family of four). NVFS's needs vary greatly, depending on programs and locations. Visit nvfs.org to learn more about the organization, as well as nvfs.org/wishlist for a full list of donation requests.

Homestretch, Inc.

Location – Fairfax County
 Executive Director – Christopher Fay
 Contact info – Christopher Fay, direct 703-992-9584, email cfay@homestretchva.org
 Annual Budget - \$2.5M
 How to get involved – Visit Homestretch's website or call 703-237-2035 to become involved. Homestretch has a vast number of volunteer opportunities.
 The mission of Homestretch is to empower homeless families to secure permanent housing and to attain the skills, knowledge and hope to achieve lasting self-sufficiency. Homestretch provides an intensive

array of services designed to provide a comprehensive and personalized approach to helping homeless parents with children to undertake the process of securing housing, increasing income, reducing debt, acquiring skills, building savings, enrolling in and completing education, and restoring health. Homestretch has earned many awards and regularly produces outcomes that lead the nation in terms of families' ability to escape homelessness forever.

Shelter House

Location - Serves all of Fairfax County
 Executive Director & CEO - Joe Meyer
 Contact info - (703) 935-1542 / Joe.Meyer@shelterhouse.org
 Annual Budget - \$5.6 million
 How to get involved - Individuals or groups can donate time, items and/or money. visit shelterhouse.org for more information
 Shelter House is a private non-profit organization serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence. Currently, Shelter House operates two family shelters and the only 24/7 crisis shelter for victims of domestic violence. Most of Shelter House's work is done "outside" of the shelter where it provides financial support and services to families leaving the shelter and sometimes preventing families who are at-risk of becoming homeless. Its current needs

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How to Vote

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

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.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot.

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/>

Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

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. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Note: If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.

You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035

Weekday Schedule:

❖ Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday, Oct. 10, Columbus Day.

❖ Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

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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://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

❖ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 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

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekday Schedule: Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations:

❖ Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310

❖ McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151

❖ Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079 SATURDAYS ONLY (Closed Weekdays)

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.

QUESTION:

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 coun-

ties, 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 beverages.

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 and property tax relief.

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 residents.

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

<http://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?

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, Embury 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 Com

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monwealth; 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.

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. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday follow-

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

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?

The proposed amendment places the provisions of Virginia's right to work law into the Constitution of Virginia. While Virginia law may be amended by any future General Assembly, a constitutional prohibition can only be changed by a future constitutional amendment approved by the voters.

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?

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Greater Transparency in Policing

BY COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



Dear 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 Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department embraces 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. Your 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 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 Enforcement 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, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>

Keeping Youth Safe, Healthy and Drug Free

Looking for ways to keep Fairfax County youth and young adults safe, healthy and drug free? Then check out getting involved with the nonprofit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC).

UPC will hold its school year kickoff meeting on Monday, Sept. 26. Come to "Taste of UPC" and learn about the programs offered by UPC to educate parents and youth about the issues of underage and binge drinking, marijuana and prescription medicine abuse as well as the growing problem of heroin in the community. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Public Schools' Gatehouse Administration Center (First Floor

Café), 8115 Gatehouse Road in Falls Church.

High school youth are invited to learn more about the UPC Youth Council, which aims to include two representatives from each high school. Youth Council members help create youth-directed prevention activities, develop leadership and advocacy skills and gain volunteer and service hours by becoming active and helpful members of the community.

UPC partners with more than 60 organizations and needs your help to make a difference. For more information, contact UPC at 703-938-8723 or check out the group's website at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org. Donations are appreciated and can be made online via the group's website.

County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

BY DR. KAREN K. GARZA
SUPERINTENDENT, FAIRFAX
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Welcome to the 2016-17 school year in Fairfax County Public Schools. With each new school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to build upon our previous successes and continue to improve our work with our students.

We are continuing to look to our Portrait of a Graduate and our strategic plan in shaping our future work. Our most pressing challenge is making this vision a reality for every child in our system. How do we refine what we do to ensure that all of our students graduate well-prepared for this rapidly changing world? We acknowledge that this is a daunting challenge, but there is no school system in the United States more well-prepared and well-equipped to effectively respond to these important issues.

The goals of education can no longer simply be to provide the basic literacy skills for the majority of the students, while reserving the teaching of skills for higher order 21st century thinking for a select few. As we learn more about the skills our students will need for success in this changing world, we recognize the

need to innovate — to consider new and different ways to design instructional practices to support the development of these essential skills.

We are also working to define contemporary teaching and learning practices while better integrating technology. For example, through a pilot program we are calling FCPSON — this year we begin evaluating how digital resources can best scaffold that model — and how we provide teachers and students with the tools and policies needed to facilitate the use

of that technology.

One change you will see this school year is a new central website and a new FCPS logo. Our new website will better serve everyone — it is mobile responsive, features more modern design — and search will work. As we modernized our website, we also believed it was time to reimagine the FCPS logo. While the previous logo has served us well for 40 years, we heard from many that it was time to transform our logo to one reflective of who we are now and who we aspire to be in the years to come.

Our new logo includes a tie to our legacy, while representing our role as a catalyst — sparking curiosity, learning and excellence for our students, employees and community.

I wish all students, teachers, parents and the entire FCPS community a very successful and fulfilling school year in FCPS where all are engaged, inspired, and thrive.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE MILLER

Members of the Youth Council of the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County joined students from around the state in July at the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) at Longwood University. This is the fifth year UPC has sent its students to the annual leadership conference.

Homelessness

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that support the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness — willing landlords to rent to homeless families. Also, household items that will furnish homes for families ending their homelessness after leaving our shelters.

Alternative House - Abused, Homeless Children's Refuge

Location: Northern Virginia
Executive Director: Judith Dittman

Contact info: 703-506-9191
Hotline on runaway/homeless youth: Call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text TEENHELP to 855-11.

www.thealternativehouse.org
Annual Budget: \$3.3 million
How to get involved: Alternative House relies heavily on donations and volunteer support to meet the critical needs of at-risk children, youth and families. You can make a monetary contribution, volunteer, or donate goods or services. You are strongly encouraged to attend an Open Door Information Session held the second Tuesday of each month at our Emergency Teen Shelter in Vienna. Learn more on its website, www.thealternativehouse.org.

Alternative House's vision is of a community in which all young people are safe, live in a nurturing environment and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Founded in 1972, Alternative House transforms the lives of children and youth, helping them stay safe, make positive decisions, achieve educational success, and overcome personal crises. It offers children, youth and families hope for brighter futures by providing counseling, shelter and neighborhood-based support. Its hotline served 2,000 callers last year, and its emergency shelter housed nearly 200 youth in crisis. Alternative House always welcome the support of our community.

Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, Inc.

Location: Alexandria
Executive Director: David Levine
Contact info:

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Top Ongoing Stories

Issues affecting Burke, neighboring communities.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Here's a look at some of the top ongoing stories and issues to watch around Fairfax County and in your community.

Fairfax County Public Schools Budget

FCPS superintendent Dr. Karen Garza made news in January 2016 when she announced a \$2.67 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2017 that would make “no further cuts.” Garza prioritized raising employee salaries with an extra kick for teachers to make the positions more competitive with surrounding school districts. Making that budget a reality required a significant bump in the annual transfer from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — without it, FCPS at one point was looking at a deficit upwards of \$70 million. There was a strong campaign of organized community support, including the hashtag #SaveFCPS. After an increase in the transfer, coupled with increased funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the supervisors raising the real estate tax an extra cent, the deficit reduced to where the School Board was able to better manage balancing the budget. With a rising student population and other projected cost increases, the FY2018 budget has already been projected by FCPS for around a \$74 million structural deficit. Which means the school system leaders and supervisors will have to again negotiate and come up with solutions for continuing to fund the schools without losing any valuable programs or employees.

More information on the adopted FY2017 budget is available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

Transgender Student and Employee Regulations

In May 2015, the FCPS School Board voted in favor of adding “gender identity” to its lengthy list of characteristics for which no student or employee within the school system could be discriminated against. They brought in a special contractor to help develop a set of regulations for implementing this policy, though several board members insisted the change in policy was merely formalizing what has already been done in practice throughout FCPS. Those regulations reached the School Board at the beginning of the summer; however due to pending legislation pertinent to the topic, they decided to postpone discussion of and implementation of the regulations indefinitely.

Police Transparency and Accountability

In August 2013, Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres shot Springfield resident John Geer in the doorway of his home. Geer was unarmed at the time, and had been talking with two officers with guns

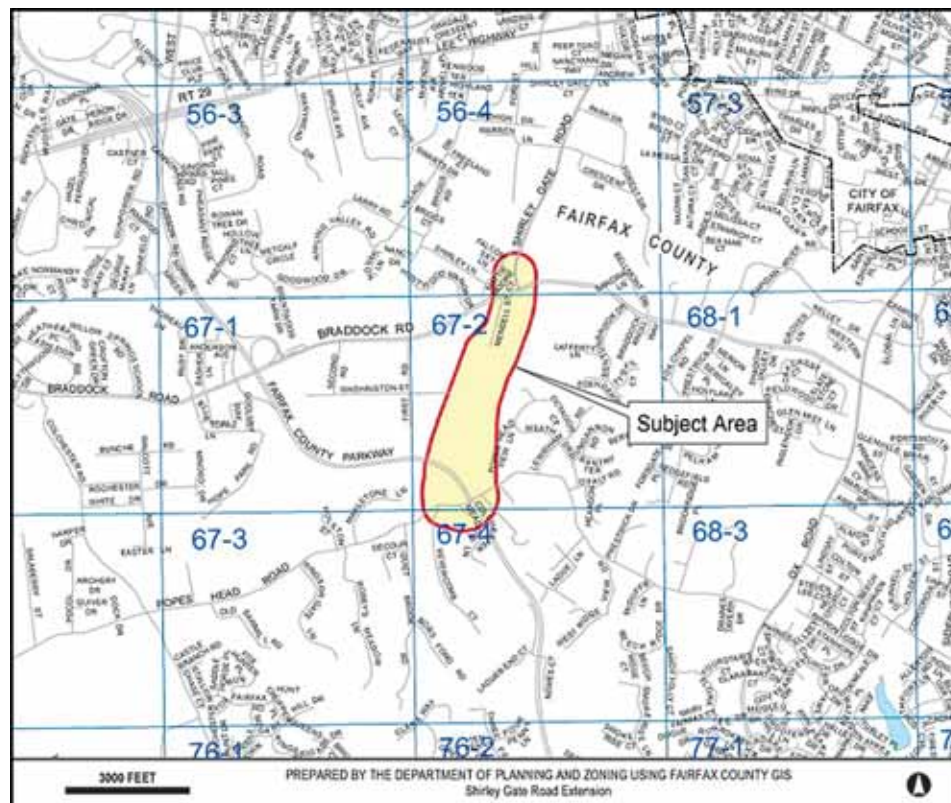


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A new interchange project is in the works with the goal of extending Shirley Gate Road to provide an alternate route between the Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road.

drawn for more than 40 minutes. It took a lawsuit from Geer's family a year after the shooting to force FCPD to release information about the shooting to them, much less the public, including Torres' name. Torres was charged with murder, a first for a Fairfax County Police Officer, but worked out a plea deal with the Commonwealth's Attorney to bring the offense down to felony manslaughter. Torres was sentenced to a year in prison, which he had served by that time after the indictment. He was released in July.

Outrage over the handling of the Geer case by police and the Board of Supervisors was widely seen as motivation for Board chairman Sharon Bulova to form an Ad Hoc Commission last year to review police policy and practices. The commission presented its recommendations in several areas including use of force, oversight and communication to the Supervisors in fall 2015. Since then, Police Chief Edwin Roessler says he's already begun to implement some of the recommendations. Others that require more discussion, including adopting body cameras for police officers and creating an independent auditor and civilian review panel for police, are being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13. At this meeting Chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) expects more discussion on the creation of an independent auditor position before it will be voted on at the board's business meeting the following week.

More information about the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is avail-

able at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission.

Shirley Gate Road Extension

A new interchange project is in the works with the goal of extending Shirley Gate Road to provide an alternate route between the Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road. It would also give options for new interchanges north of Popes Head Road and at the Shirley Gate Road extension to relieve traffic congestion on the Parkway, Braddock, Popes Head and Ox Road.

An additional interchange option including three levels and bidirectional roadways was designed to better accommodate the concerns of residents on both sides of the Parkway.

The roadway project would give access to Patriot Park that would avoid First Street, minimize impact on the neighborhood and wetland area. Design options are still being discussed with the Virginia Department of Transportation, including a follow-up traffic analysis. For more information, visit the Fairfax County project website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/shirleygate_extension.htm.

Meals Tax Referendum

This fall, Fairfax County voters will not only choose to shape the direction of the country by selecting a new President, but will also have the choice of whether to allow the Board of Supervisors to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, at a rate not to exceed four percent. As proposed, 70 percent of the estimated \$99 million in additional revenue generated by the tax would be dedicated to Fairfax County Pub-

lic Schools. The remaining 30 percent would go to county services, capital improvements and property tax relief. Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna already impose their own meals tax. The Fairfax County tax would not apply in the towns of Clifton, Herndon or Vienna. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax.

Braddock Road Improvements

Braddock Road, a main conduit linking parts of Fairfax, Burke and Springfield to each other and the Beltway, is the subject of a study to increase capacity — specifically between Guinea Road and the Interstate 395/495 entrances and exits. Some main improvement points of the study include:

- Re-working the entrance to the 495 Express Lanes;
- Creating a single perpendicular intersection at Wakefield, Braddock, and Danbury Forest Drive;
- Completing the bike and walking trail between Holy Spirit Church and Rolling Road;
- Building safer pedestrian crossings for Braddock and Burke Lake Roads;
- Potential construction of one Express Bus/HOV lane in each direction from Burke Lake Road to the Beltway;
- More commuter parking.

For more information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddockroadstudyhome.htm.

Revising Lake Accotink Park Master Plan

The master plan for Fairfax County's expansive, 449-acre Lake Accotink Park has been revised numerous times since it was first developed in 1964.

The latest revision was in 1993. Since then, Fairfax County says the area's population grew 37 percent by 2015, from 818,584 residents up to 1,125,385. The forecast is for that number to grow by another 12 percent by 2030. With the rising population and more people living in townhomes, apartments or multifamily units without backyards, more strain will be put on parks than ever before. To help Lake Accotink handle the changes since 1993 and prepare for future growth, the master plan is again being revised.

The latest public information meeting, dedicated to sustainability, was held in May earlier this year. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/lakeaccotink.htm.

Renovation of Audrey Moore RECenter

Audrey Moore, located off Braddock Road close to the I-395/495 interchange, is the next Fairfax County RECenter due for a total makeover. However, even being next in line, it's still ten years off, with funding for the project slated for the 2020 bonds.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Burke Demographics

ZIP CODE: 22015

Population: 43,102

Race: White-29,315 (68%), Black/African American-2,515 (5.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-101 (0.2%), Asian-7,589 (17.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-5,989 (13.9%)

Total housing units: 15,039

Owner-occupied housing units: 12,262 (82.7%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 5,906
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,983
Median household income: \$121,508
Mean family income: \$146,790
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 33.9%

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 2010; AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2012

Homelessness

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info@goodhousing.org

Annual Budget: \$2.2 million

How to get involved: Visit www.goodhousing.org/volunteer and sign up.

For more than 40 years, GSH has helped end homelessness and enable self-sufficiency by providing affordable housing and emergency financial services to working-class families and individuals in Fairfax County. Last year alone GSH helped more than 1,000 households who were unstably housed or were, in fact, experiencing an episode of homelessness. Learn more by visiting GSH's website www.goodhousing.org

FACETS

Location - Main office located at -

10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300 Fairfax VA 22030

Executive Director - Margi Preston
 Contact info - 703-352-5090/
www.FACETSCares.org

Annual Budget - \$3,300,466

How to get involved: Every other month FACETS offers an information session and tour to individuals interested in learning more about our impact in the community. Upcoming sessions take place on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.FACETSCares.org or contact Josh D'Antonio at JDantonio@FACETSCares.org.

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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

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FEATURING MEADOWLARK BOTANICAL GARDENS
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National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

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

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

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

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

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

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

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

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

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

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

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

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

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997
The historic Carlyle House was completed in 1753 by British merchant John Carlyle for his bride, Sarah Fairfax of Belvoir, member of one of the most prestigious families in colonial Virginia. Their home quickly became a center of social and political life in Alexandria and gained a foothold in history when British General Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in 1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house, programs for schoolchildren, special events, exhibits and lectures explore the life and times of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria. The site may be rented in the evenings for private functions and weddings.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

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

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

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

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

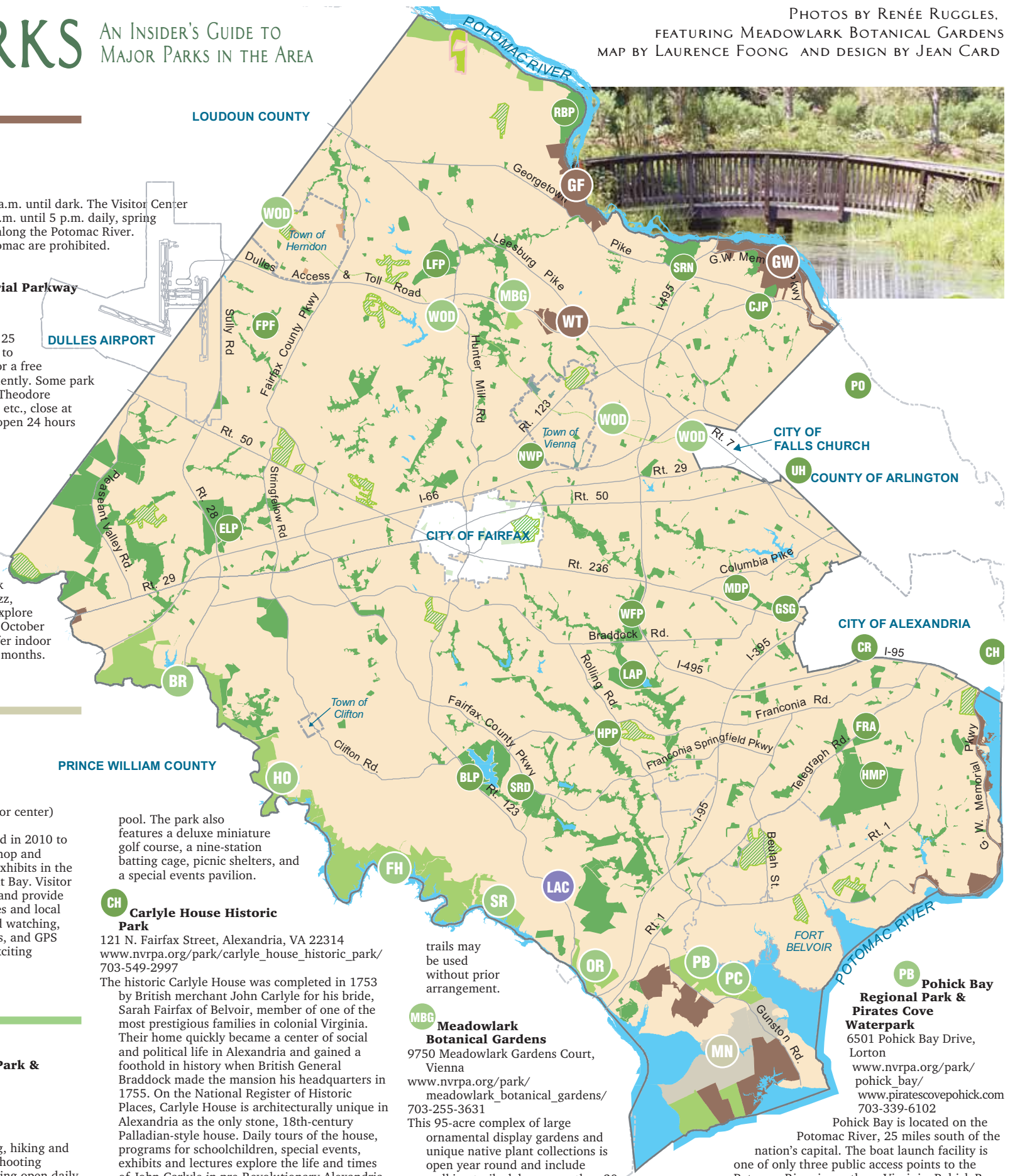
MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

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

OR Occoquan Regional Park

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

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, reshafing and tournament coordinating.

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406

On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the "Energerium," offering visitors a fun and accessible way to learn energy basics and ways they can help create sustainable energy solutions. The Nature Center also houses live animals and natural history exhibits.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark

6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org

Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

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

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

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park



CJP Clemyjontri Park

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

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park

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

BSG Green Spring Gardens

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

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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



HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

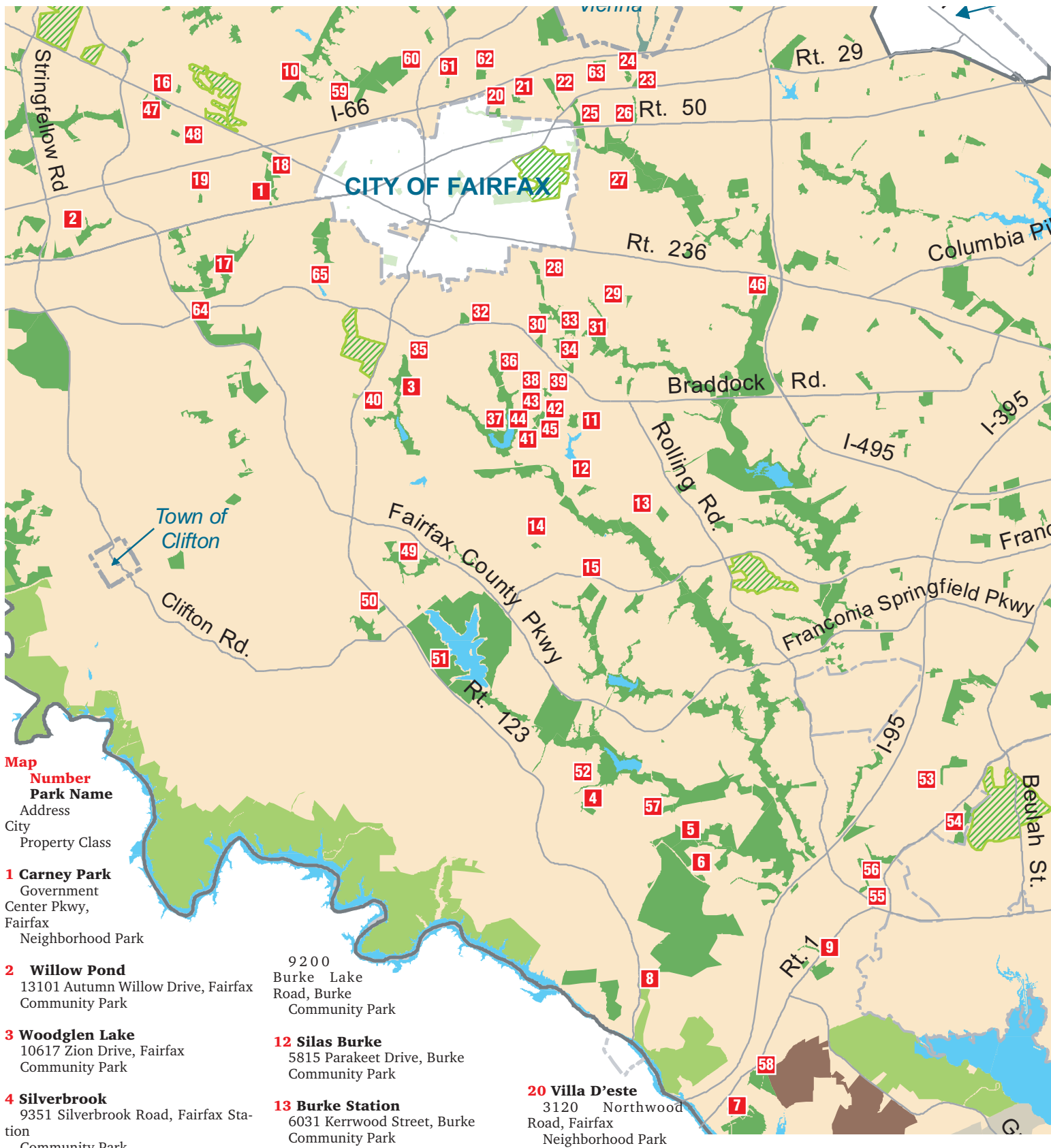
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

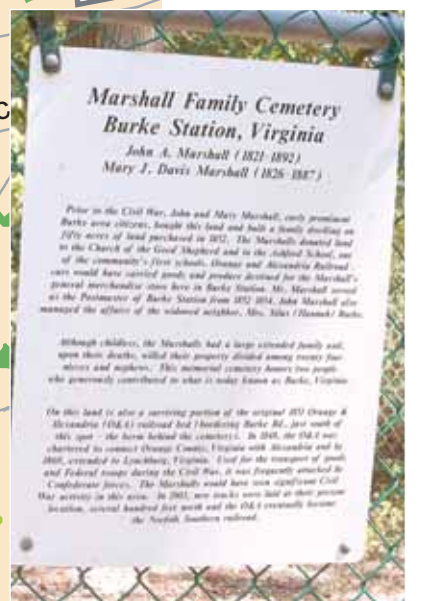
A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE BURKE, FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX STATION/LORTON/CLIFTON AREAS

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 MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD



Map
Number
Park Name
 Address
 City
 Property Class

- 1 Carney Park**
Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Willow Pond**
13101 Autumn Willow Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 3 Woodglen Lake**
10617 Zion Drive, Fairfax
Community Park
- 4 Silverbrook**
9351 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station
Community Park
- 5 Newington Heights**
8590 Heller Road, Lorton
District Park
- 6 Laurel Hill**
8515 Silverbrook Road, Lorton
Countywide Park
- 7 Old Colchester Preserve**
10646 Old Colchester Road, Lorton
Cultural Resource Park
- 8 Lorton West**
9800 Ox Road, Lorton
- 9 Lower Potomac**
9515 Richmond Highway, Lorton
- 10 Waples Mill Meadow**
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 11 Lake Braddock**
- 12 Silas Burke**
5815 Parakeet Drive, Burke
Community Park
- 13 Burke Station**
6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke
Community Park
- 14 Burke Ridge**
9719 Burke Lake Road, Burke
Neighborhood Park
- 15 Rolling Valley West**
6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke
Community Park
- 16 Fair Oaks**
3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Brentwood**
11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 18 Random Hills**
11550 Random Hills Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 19 Dixie Hill**
4540 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park
- 20 Villa D'este**
3120 Northwood Road, Fairfax
Neighborhood Park





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



NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Year-round Fun

Batting Cage Occoquan Regional Park 9751 Ox Road Lorton, VA 22079. Open through Oct. 30 Occoquan offers a baseball/softball batting cage, perfect for hitters of all levels, from beginner to expert. Cost: 14 balls \$1.50 Team Rentals Per Cage: 30 min. \$18 60 min. \$34 Visit: <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park/things-to-do/batting-cage>

AREA CALENDAR

Kayak Rental Occoquan Regional Park 9 - 6 p.m. daily through Sept. 30 This park offers hourly and daily kayak rentals for

those interested in exploring the river and surrounding. Kayaks are launched from shore and are available in one or two seat configurations. Please note: Pets are not permitted in rental boats.

Rock The Block Free Concert Series 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Old Town Square 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Recurring monthly on the 4th Friday through Oct. 28. Call: 703-385-7858

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesdays in **Mosaic - Strawberry Park** 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week taught by a group of unique storytellers. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Recurring weekly on Tuesday. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/mosaic-district/2326/>

August 2016

FRIDAY/AUG. 26, 2016

City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oberfest, featuring the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian Band, invites you to end your summer in oktoberfest style with authentic fest musik. Admission: Free. Visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

September 2016

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Great American Labor Day 5K Run 8 a.m. 11895 Grand Commons Avenue Fairfax, VA 22030. This year's race beneficiary will be Robinson High School Cross Country and Track & Field team. Cost \$35: Visit: <http://www.tantracking.com/>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

5k at the Bay 9 a.m. 6501 Pohick Bay Dr Lorton, VA 22079. There will be race day registration. Benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This race will take you on a scenic trip through the woods at Pohick Bay. Now offering a virtual run option for those who cannot make it on race day. You will receive a custom medal. Cost: \$25, until Aug. 31: \$30

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 10-11

Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit



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Celebrate Fairfax! Fairfax Festival attracts thousands of area residents to the the Fairfax County Government Center in June each year.

www.burkecentreweb.com
Fine Arts Festival. 11 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday 11 - 5 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton, VA 22079. The festival is juried to include only the best fine art, no commercial or mass produced objects, including; painting, ceramics, glass, fiber/clothing, mixed media, wood, precious metal/jewelry, printmaking, photography, furniture, sculpture. Admission & Parking: Free. <https://www.workhousearts.org/?s=fine+arts+festival>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10-

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21, 2016

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

125 Year History of Little Zion Baptist Church 7p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Join author Corazon Foley for a conversation on the history surrounding Little Zion Baptist Church, a 125 year-old historic landmark in Burke. Co-sponsored by the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center. Age(s): Adult. Call 703-249-1520 or visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Shane & Shane Concert 4 - 9 p.m. Fairfax United Methodist Church - 10300 Stratford Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030. Come on out for some great food and amazing music. Free.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

The Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge 10 - 6 p.m. George Mason University - 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge is the nation's largest mobile fitness event travelling from coast-to-coast dedicated to helping keep kids healthy and active. At the Kids Ultimate Fitness Challenge, kids of all ages get the opportunity to flex their physical fitness by participating in a time-based obstacle course that includes sprinting, jump roping, wall crawls, hurdles, jumping jacks, sit

ups, and tunnel crawls, before finishing off the course with a 20 foot confidence climb and 60 meter dash to the finish. Visit: <http://allstaractive.com/video.html>

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25 - 30

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax and at other locations throughout Virginia, DC, and Maryland. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25, 2016

21st Annual CÉ Irish Folk Festival. Noon - 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit <http://www.ccepotomac.org/irishfest.html>

October 2016

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

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

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9, 2016

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Visit: <http://www.cliftonday.com/>

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-23, 2016

Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml

November 2016

SATURDAY/NOV. 5-6

Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness. 10 - 5 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Come out and smash, throw, and launch those old pumpkins. Bring back your used Jack-o-lantern...We'll help you recycle it. Last admission 4 p.m. Visit: <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>

TUESDAY/NOV. 8, 2016

Election Day. General election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

SATURDAY/NOV. 12, 2016

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 19-20

30th Annual Holiday Craft Show 10 - 3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. What started out in 1987 as a very small show has grown to become a premium arts and crafts festival. Artisans from all over the United States, including many local artists, are participating in this year's show and we are delighted to be able to offer you so many wonderful holiday gift choices. There really is something for everyone on your shopping list. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/holiday-craft-show>

December 2016

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

My Gym Community Event 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Develop your child's large motor skills with physical exercise and games. Funded by the Friends of Burke Centre Library. Age 1-3 years with adult. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Creative Writers Group 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Holiday Book Sale 10 - 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Peruse and shop a selection of gently used holiday-themed books collected by the Friends of the Burke Centre Library. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

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

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2017

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 4

Read Build Play 10:30 a.m. Let's read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends! Have fun with your little one while building early literacy skills. Age 3-5 with adult child minder. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

TUESDAY/JAN. 3

S.T.E.A.M. 2 p.m. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Each month we will focus on one of these subjects with stories and activities appropriate for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Second Saturdays with Supervisor Storck 9 a.m. Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079. Meet with your Board of Supervisors representative, Dan Storck, to discuss your concerns. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/MAR. 4

GIVE 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library 10360 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030-2514 GIVE- Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education. Volunteers from Thomas Jefferson H.S. and Robinson H.S. offer tutoring in math, reading, writing, science, social studies and ESL. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/APRIL 22-29, 2016

Historic Garden Week. Visit www.vagardenweek.org/

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Father & Daughter Dance 6 - 9 p.m. Sherwood Community Center 3740 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030. Admission: \$30 per person. Visit: www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec