Children dip strings in wax to make candles during Centreville Day 2016. This year’s event is Oct. 21.
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What’s on the Local Horizon

By Bonnie Hobbs

With several projects in the works — developers are planning to build more homes, restaurants, shops and two new grocery stores here — Centreville and Chantilly are the places to be in Northern Virginia. Here’s a look at just some of the things on the local horizon:

Preserve at Westfields

Some 50 acres of formerly-vacant land along Route 28 and Stonecroft and Westfields boulevards in Chantilly are undergoing a transformation. Called The Preserve at Westfields, this spot will eventually contain 155 townhouses, 650 apartments, plus retail and other amenities.

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

Included will be an amenity area with walking paths, a pavilion/performance and gathering area, plus a lake that’s currently not accessible. Proffer highlights include almost $6 million in recreation improvements and more than $5.5 million in road improvements. Construction is already underway.

Wegmans

The Commonwealth Centre is along Westfields Boulevard, across Route 28 and just northeast of the Akridge site. And there, a Wegmans grocery store is currently under construction.

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

The centerpiece will be a 140,000-square-foot Wegmans similar to the one in Fair Oaks — stacked townhouses — for 232 homes total. The developer is also proposing to build 100,000 square feet of retail/movie theater/shopping center uses there.

Rockland Village Green

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

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

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

The plan includes curbs, sidewalks and street ramps at intersections to make it pedestrian-friendly. And the community’s entrance off Vernon Street will lead to an interior street. Plenty of parking is also slated, with 113 spaces on site, including two-car garages underneath each townhome, plus driveway spaces for every unit, and 17 more spaces for visitors. It’s still in the site-plan phase.

Trinity Centre

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

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

Now, though, JLB Partners will instead construct a residential project of 355 apartments there. Also included will be a six-story

Homes, shops, restaurants and grocery stores.

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Preliminary site work is underway at The Preserve at Westfields.

Artist’s rendition of the view across the pond to The Preserve at Westfields’ amenity area.

The Wegmans store in Chantilly is under construction on Newbrook Drive.

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

An artist’s rendition of the new, Rockland Village Green townhouses planned for Chantilly.
About the Centre View

Welcome to Fairfax County: ‘Work Hard, Play Hard’

By Sharon Bulova
Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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 term resident or new to the county, I hope you’ll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots and enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

 Tyson Corner Center, Fair Oaks Mall, 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, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts and the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton are some of my favorites. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenegers. 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

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

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

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Washington region’s job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to nine Fortune 500 company headquarters, approximately 9,000 tech businesses and over 116 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate of nearly 93 percent. Fairfax County Public Schools is the third largest employer in Virginia and the 10th largest school system in the country with more than 189,000 students. After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy offers a wide array of impressive career opportunities for both our older and younger residents. On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions.

Some recent Fairfax County 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. Phase 2 of Metro’s Silver Line is currently under construction and will extend 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. In Fairfax County, we believe we must all do our part to set a positive tone of acceptance, inclusiveness and kindness.

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 new community. I also encourage you to visit fairfaxcounty.gov and Fairfax County has to offer you and your family every season and every day. Welcome to your new home.
Welcome to Sully District

By Kathy Smith
Sully District Supervisor

Welcome to the Sully District. I am your Sully District supervisor, Kathy Smith, and I proudly represent our community on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Our district runs from Herndon to Chantilly, to Centreville, and includes many great neighborhoods in between, including Poplar Tree where I live.

One of the great things about living in the Sully District is the array of public events and activities that happen throughout the year. Coming up on Oct. 21, we have the 25th Annual Centreville Day celebration—a local favorite. The event includes family-friendly activities and entertainment.

Our region is also lucky to be close to Dulles International Airport and the associated Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. If you have not been yet, I highly recommend visiting soon and taking in a movie at its IMAX movie theater. Parking is free after 4 p.m.

Another great advantage in our region is our abundance of public facilities. Fairfax County has an excellent public school system, which includes many wonderful theater programs. I encourage you to attend one of the musicals or plays put on by our students. Every day of the week, there are activities and educational programs at both Chantilly and Centreville Regional Libraries. You can learn about new technologies and join a book discussion group.

The county also has an exceptional park system. The Cub Run RECenter offers an indoor pool, nature program, and a gym. EC Lawrence Park’s 650 acres include: the Walney Visitor Center, athletic fields, trails, a picnic area, and an outdoor amphitheater. The Sully Historic Site, completed in 1799, was home to Northern Virginia’s first Representative to Congress. Guided tours as well as programs and camps happen all year long. The Sully Senior Center is a great place for older adults to exercise, pursue a hobby, and engage with members of the community.

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

Furthermore, if you need any help with county services or any other issues, please feel welcome to contact my office any time via email at sully@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-814-7100. We have two community rooms that available at the Sully Governmental Center for free for Fairfax County residents to use. You can reserve our community rooms, and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sully.

Things To Do

By Michael Frey

Happy to give my favorite things to do in western Fairfax:
❖ There are some wonderful trails in the area, great for walking the dog or riding a bike. The Cub Run stream valley trail is wonderful, as is the trail along Big Rocky Run through EC Lawrence park. And of course there is the Blue trail running from Bull Run Park 18 miles to Fountainhead park.
❖ We have some of the best high school athletic teams in the Commonwealth. Westfield football is a two-time, defending state champion, and Centreville and Chantilly have also won numerous state crowns in all the different sports.
❖ Exploring our amazing history. The area played a key role during the Civil War and there are many different locations and sites to visit, including the Manassas National Battlefield. Preservation efforts continue in the Centreville Historic District and every year new items of interest are added.
❖ Centreville Day! Every fall there is a celebration of Centreville — its history, culture and present-day community. It is held in the Historic District every fall, usually in early October.
❖ Just a few minutes from Centreville on West Ox Road is the county’s animal shelter. There all sorts of volunteer opportunities available for those who love animals and want to help those less fortunate animals find their forever homes.
❖ Enjoy the many fine eating opportunities! Great restaurants abound throughout the area — take your pick!

Michael Frey is the former Sully District supervisor.
Area Interstates Have Toll Lane Options

Latest addition, 395 Express Lanes, are scheduled to be opened in 2019.

By Mike Salmon

The introduction of the “express lanes,” on area highways have made tolls commonplace for anyone driving in the Northern Virginia area. These lanes on I-95, I-495, and I-395 are outfitted with overhead sensors instead of booths, and everything is done with the E-Z Pass or the E-Z Pass Flex which has a feature for high occupancy vehicles (HOV) to avoid the tolls by carpooling. The variable toll amount is calculated by traffic levels at that time, and this price is reflected on the overhead digital signs.

On I-495, commonly known as the Capital Beltway, the 495 Express Lanes stretch 11 miles from Springfield in the south to a point just past the Dllies Toll Road in the McLean area. These are two lanes in each direction that are in operation 24-hours a day. The 95 Express Lanes stretch 29 miles from Alexandria inside the beltway, south to Route 610 in Stafford County. These lanes are “reversible,” meaning they are heading northbound in the morning, and southbound in the afternoon and evenings during the week, and almost entirely southbound on the weekend.

The 395 Express Lanes are a continuation of these lanes inside the beltway, ending at the Potomac River. This project is just getting underway, and are scheduled to be opened in 2019. For now, the northern stretch of HOV lanes is still operating under the old rules, that requires a minimum of three passengers during rush hours, and open to anyone during non-rush hours.

In December this year, I-66 inside the beltway, from Arlington to Falls Church, will be a tolled facility but only on the eastbound lanes in the morning and westbound lanes in the afternoons. It will be toll-free for vehicles with at least two passengers for now, but that HOV requirement will change to HOV-3 in a few years when the I-66 express lanes outside the beltway open in 2022. In addition, the Virginia Department of Transportation is adding an additional lane on the eastbound side only, from the Dulles Access Road to Fairfax Drive, a distance of four miles.

On I-66 outside the beltway, officials are building one lane in each direction for 22 miles from Vienna to Gainesville, and there will be two express lanes on each side, similar to I-495. This project, priced at $2.3 billion, is expected to be done in 2022.

The Dulles Access Road and the Dulles Greenway are toll facilities also but the access road still takes change as well as the E-Z Pass, and neither road has an HOV exception.

Photo by Mike Salmon

This toll gantry in Arlington is not in use yet, and is currently being tested.

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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: 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.

Virginia Voter ID

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

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

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 ID in Person

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.

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General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Nov. 7. To determine whether eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at elections.virginia.gov/or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

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Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent, unopposed

86th District
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Linda Schultz (R)

School Bonds on Ballot

There is a $315 million public school bonds referendum on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. If approved by voters, the Fairfax County Public Schools’ current plans to use this bond money are to:
- Plan and/or construct two new elementary schools, one in Fairfax/Oakton area and another in the Northwest county area.
- Relocate one modular building
- Plan and/or construct renovations of 10 elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools.


Special Election

Aug. 29, 2017 Special Election, School Board At-Large
All county polling places will be open on Aug. 29 to fill a vacancy for member, School Board At-Large for the remainder of the present term of office which expires Dec. 31, 2019.
In-Person Absentee voting is underway until Aug. 26
- Aug 26: Final Day In-Person Absentee Voting
- Aug 29: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline, 7 p.m.
Four candidates are on the ballot: Chris S. Grisafe
Sandra D. Allen
Karen A. Raya-Gamarra
Michael H. Owens

For more on the school board race, see www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jul/31/low-turnout-high-stakes-special-election-school-board/
Learning, Sweating, and Reaping What You Sow

By Mike Salmon
The Connection

It looked easy when I leaned over the fence of a local community garden last year, mentally planning my own garden with several types of tomatoes, corn, beans and a couple of cucumber vines overwhelming the fence, weighted down with “cukes,” that would soon be in my salad. The unseen battle with weeds, bugs, a family of groundhogs and other furry creatures that munch plants down to the nub are part of the deal too, but didn’t dampen the spirit of my community garden. My first year this year will be a learning experience for next year’s garden, and years after that.

The Fairfax County community gardens are available through the park service for $125 a year. On the county website, I read the long list of rules for this project, and then found a plot that is relatively close to my house and got on the waiting list for one to be available. I was finally matched up with a 20x30 foot plot in the Grist Mill Park near Mount Vernon that would soon be my home away from home for the duration of the summer. In January, the plot was nothing but weeds and grass that was about 3 feet tall. After hours of hacking away, I discovered that there were six beds underneath that would be perfect for my plan. I read books, watched videos on YouTube, talked with other gardeners and came up with a loose plan that wouldn’t cost me too much.

March came around, and I researched the planting process that began with soaking seeds in wet paper towels, putting them in a pitch black closet for a few weeks, then to empty egg cartons and biodegradable pots, and then to the garden. May 1 is the preferred date for the freeze line, and off I went with my shovel and seedlings. Disappointment set in later in May when I discovered my corn stalks nibbled off to the dirt, and the same with my zucchini, sunflowers and 20 tomatoes that were still green. Chatter around the garden pointed the blame at the family of groundhogs that lived in the barn. So out came the chicken wire and soon every plant left had a cage over it.

During the summer, I watched the weather, the holes in the fence, and the birds that were tough to defend against. The strawberries were the first to get picked for us to eat, followed by a few blueberries, and then tomatoes. The peppers, which I had grown from seed, along with the cucumbers, didn’t come until later in August, but were good to eat as well. The two beds that went without plants became a mass of weeds in a matter of weeks, and it was soon discovered that a layer of newspaper with mulch on top was a good way to fight the weeds, although some in the garden did use weed killer, a practice frowned on by the die hard gardeners.

This fall, when the tomatoes are dried and shirveled, and the weeds have died down, next year’s plan will come together and the work will start all over again. I can hardly wait.

To get your own garden, go to the Fairfax County website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/plots.htm, find a location near your residence and get on the waiting list. Similar to the whole gardening experience, this takes patience as well, and then a certain level of commitment when taking over a plot.

Through the weeds, there were raised beds.

When first taking over Plot 29 at the Grist Mill Park community garden, the weeds ruled.

Under the weeds, there were raised beds.

This community garden continues to thrive into late summer.
Parking structure in the middle. The units will be within a building that’s four stories in front and five stories in back, because of the site’s topography.

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

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

**Lidl Grocery Store**

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

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

The entrances are off Chantilly Crossing Lane, adjacent to the main entrance of the grocery store; further east on the site; and via a left turn in from Lee Road, off Route 50. The Board of Supervisors approved this application in January. It’s also in the site-plan phase.

**Arden Courts**

Arden Courts, a new memory-care facility, is being proposed for Centreville’s Compton Village community. It would be built on now-vacant land at the intersection of Route 28 and Bradenton Drive. Proposed is a 64-bed, one-story building designed for memory-care (Alzheimer’s and dementia) patients.

The 30,050-square-foot facility would be located along Compton Village Drive. There’s also room on the site for a 16,070-square-foot building for a potential, future, medical-care use bordering Bradenton Drive. This plan is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission in September.

**National Parks**

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

- 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 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.

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

**State Park**

- Mason Neck State Park
  - 7301 High Point Rd., Lorton
  - www.dcrr.virginia.gov/park/masonneck/7301highpoint.html
  - 703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
  - masonneck@dcrr.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 GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

**Regional Parks**

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

- Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark
  - 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria
  - www.nvra.org/park/cameron_run/greatwaves_waterpark/703-966-0767
  - 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 in 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.

- Carlyle House Historic Park
  - 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
  - www.nvra.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 stile, 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.

- Fountainhead Regional Park
  - 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
  - www.nvra.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 carft tournaments, children’s fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

- Hemlock Overlook Regional Park
  - 13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
  - 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 with prior arrangement.

- Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
  - 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
  - www.nvra.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, iris, poinsettias, 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.

- Occoquan Regional Park
  - 9751 Ox Road, Lorton
  - www.nvra.org/park/ocooquan/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.

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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.

### 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, resurfacing and tournament coordinating.

### Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center
2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406

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

### Sandy Run Regional Park
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

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

### Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark
6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptHill@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.

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### Arts Center

#### Workhouse Art Center
9601 Os Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

The Workhouse Art 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 Art 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

#### Burke Lake Park & Golf Course
7115 Os Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

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

#### Elleanor C. Lawrence Park
5940 Valley Road, Chantilly
baseball (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

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

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

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

### Community 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.

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

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

### 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

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

### Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

### Nottoway Park
9357 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), softball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

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

### Scotts Run Nature Preserve
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

### South Run District Park
7500 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

### Wakefield Park & Recreation Center
8100 Bradstock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, biking, fitness trail, skate park
252.6 acres, multiple resource park

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### A Guide to Fairfax County Parks in the Centreville, Chantilly & Clifton areas

#### Map Number | Park Name | Address, City | Property Class
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1 | Stone Crossing<br>Sully Lake Drive, Centreville | Neighborhood Park
2 | Historic Centreville<br>5714 Mt Gilead Rd, Centreville | Cultural Resource Park
3 | Elklick Preserve<br>Access From Pleasant Valley Road, Centreville | Multiple Resource Park
4 | Centre Ridge<br>14400 Old Mill Road, Centreville | Neighborhood Park
5 | Richard W Jones<br>Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly | Multiple Resource Park
6 | Cab Run RECenter<br>4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly | Special Purpose Park
7 | Westfield SS<br>4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly | School Site
8 | Coppermine Crossing SS<br>2744 Cooper Creek Road, Herndon | School Site
9 | Lincoln Lewis Vannoy<br>Bradnock & Willow Springs School Road, Centreville | Neighborhood Park
10 | Arrowbrooke<br>2351 Field Point Road, Herndon | Community Park
11 | Dulles Corner<br>2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon | Community Park
12 | Franklin Farm<br>13590 Farm Road, Herndon | Community Park
13 | Fair Woods<br>12601 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax | Neighborhood Park
14 | Flatlick<br>4501 Brookfield Corp Drive, Centreville | Multi-Use
15 | Pleasant Hill<br>6305 Hidden Canyon Road, Centreville | Community Park
16 | Chalet Woods<br>14912 Cranoke Street, Centreville | Community Park
17 | Arrowhead<br>5200 Arrowhead Park Drive, Centreville | Neighborhood Park
18 | Lane's Mill<br>14901 Lee Highway, Centreville | Cultural Resource Park
19 | Old Centreville Road<br>5885 Old Centreville Road, Centreville | Neighborhood Park
20 | Centre Ridge North<br>Field Encampment Road And St. Germain Drive, Centreville | Community Park
21 | Braddock<br>13451 Braddock Road, Clifton | Special Purpose Park
22 | Twin Lakes<br>6100 Clifton Road, Clifton | Special Purpose Park
23 | Chapel Road<br>12300 Chapel Road, Clifton | Community Park
24 | Confederate Fortifications Historic Site<br>13772 Balmoral Greens Avenue, Clifton | Cultural Resource Park
25 | Rock Hill District<br>3150 Old Lee Road, Chantilly | Community Park
26 | Ellanor C. Lawrence<br>5040 Walney Road, Chantilly | Multiple Resource Park
27 | Greenbriar<br>4601 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly | Community Park
28 | Poplar Tree<br>4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly | District Park
29 | Chantilly<br>13373 Brookfield Court, Chantilly | Neighborhood Park
30 | Chantilly Library Site<br>7000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly | Community Park
31 | Sully Historic<br>3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly | Cultural Resource Park
32 | Fair Oaks<br>3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax | Neighborhood Park
33 | Brentwood<br>11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax | Neighborhood Park
34 | Franklin Glen<br>13395 Springhaven Drive, Fairfax | Community Park
35 | Fox Valley<br>13420 Hollinger Avenue, Fairfax | Community Park
36 | Fair Ridge<br>12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax | Neighborhood Park
37 | Greenbriar Commons<br>4300 Middle Ridge Dr, Fairfax | Neighborhood Park
38 | Ox Hill Battlefield<br>4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax | Cultural Resource Park
39 | Patriot<br>12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax | District Park

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August 2017

SUNDAY/AUG. 20
Outdoor Movie Night. 6 p.m. at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway. Movie is “Storks.” Bring chairs, blanket and FM radio. Call 703-324-7469.

September 2017

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 2
Ken Fischer in Concert. 1:30 p.m. at The Venue, 2100 Lee Highway. Throughout the year, the venue has music almost every week. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryballrun.com.

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 3-4
Model Train Shows, noon-5 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Labor Day Weekend. The Potomac Model Crew members will have HO Scale and others will have a LEGO Model Train Show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, $2; children 5-15, $2; under 4, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 9
Ride to Thrive Polo Classic. 10 a.m. at Chetwood Park, 6429 Clifton Road, The Plains. Benefits for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Email polo@hvtr.org or call the office at 703-764-0669.

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 23
Building a Train Set. 1-4 p.m. at the Roosevelt Library, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Activities include making a sample train layout as well as involvement in demonstrations of railroad artifacts. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, $2; ages 16 and older, $4. Craft supplies included in admission. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225.

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 24
Meet the Civil War Author. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Activities include making a sample train layout as well as involvement in demonstrations of railroad artifacts. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, $2; ages 16 and older, $4. Craft supplies included in admission. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225.

SEPTEMBER/SEPT. 30
Walk for Poor. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13809 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. Event supports St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry. Three-mile walk starts at St. Timothy’s then proceeds through Ellanor Lawrence Park. Register or donate at www.topwalk.org.

October 2017

OCTOBER/OC. 1
“Fore” the Kids Golf Tournament. 8:30 a.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Benefits The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax County. Visit bgc.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 8

NOV. 23-30

SUNDAY/NOV. 25
Turkey Walk. 10 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover the wild turkey’s habits and secret ways during a walk in the cedar forest. Look for wild turkeys and their signs. Tickets are $5.75. Visit www.FairfaxCounty.gov/parks/edgewood.


December 2017

SUNDAY/DEC. 10
Deek the Halls. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Take a house tour focusing on holiday decorations – the history, style and materials. Create a wreath to take home using cuttings from the historic property. Enjoy hot cider and cookies before leaving. Tickets are $20-22. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SUNDAY/DEC. 9

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Holidays at Walney Farm. 1 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Celebrate the winter holidays with the Marsch family at Walney Farm in the ongoing program. Learn about the gifts and foods of an 1850 farm create a historic ornament, take a wagon ride through the trails, and enjoy hot apple cider and treats around a huge Christmas tree. 10-12. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SUNDAY/DEC. 16
Christmas on the Homefront. 4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Set in the 1940s, learn about cooking with substitutions, made necessary by the war. Soldiers on leave and others in the know share the latest on the war and efforts on the homestead. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

February 2018

FEBRUARY/FEBRUARY
Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7811 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free assistance with federal and state returns for households with a total income of $52,000 or less. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/ individuals/vita.php.

March 2018

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

FRIDAY/SUNDAY/MARCH 24-26
19th Annual Craftsman’s Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftsmen from across America. Visit www.gilbernhowe.com/ craftsman_classic_chantilly_spring.shtml.

April 2018

Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Dedicated to showcasing the very best of the visual and performing arts in the City of Fairfax, Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts is an annual three-week festival comprising artists in and at local venues. Visit www.visith Coxarts.com/events/the-city-of-fairfax-spotlight-on-the-arts.

June 2018

FATHER’S DAY WEEKEND


Ice Cream Race. At Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Ice Cream Race is an all-ages event that encourages participants to fight their way through a unique course by running through Whipped Cream-like Foam, zooming down the Chocolate Syrup Water Slide, and more. Visit www.theicecreamrace.com.

July 2018

JULY 4
ABC LICENSE
KUTTANAD LLC trading as PEPPER CLUB
INDIAN CUISINE, 5639 Stone Rd, Centreville, VA 20120. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Beer And Wine on premises, Mixed beverage on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Nixon Sunny/Manager. NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days after the publication date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.
Westfield
Mascot: Bulldogs
School Colors: Black and Gold
Athletic Director: Terri Towle
Football Coach: Kyle Simmons
Girls’ Soccer Coach: Patrick Barthold
Boys’ Soccer Coach: Nick Hoang
Girls’ Basketball Coach: Noel Kippenstein
Boys’ Basketball Coach: Doug Devill
Girls’ Lacrosse Coach: Katie Ruch
Boys’ Lacrosse Coach: Rob Hahne
Softball Coach: Brian Flury
Rival Schools: Chantilly & Centreville
What happened last year: The Bulldogs won their second straight football state championship in two years, taking it in their fourth state title in program history. Going into double overtime, the Bulldogs were able to defeat the Oscar Smith Tigers 34-28.

Centreville
Mascot: Wildcats
School Colors: White and Carolina Blue
Athletic Director: Jimmy Sanabria
Football Coach: Chris Haddock
Girls’ Soccer Coach: Jimmy Toms
Boys’ Soccer Coach: Tyler Mishalow
Girls’ Basketball Coach: Tom Watson
Boys’ Basketball Coach: Kevin Harris
Girls’ Lacrosse Coach: Ashley Kimerer
Boys’ Lacrosse Coach: Michael Carfang
Baseball Coach: Scott Findley
Softball Coach: Donnie Dunton
Rival Schools: Chantilly & Westfield
What happened last year: The Boys’ basketball team won the Concorde conference championship for the second time in program history since 2001.

Service for Seniors Who Want to Serve
RSVP is the region’s largest volunteer network for people 55 and older, providing individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.
RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to group projects and social gatherings with other RSVP volunteers.
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