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Preliminary site work is underway at The Preserve at Westfields.



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

What's on the Local Horizon Homes, shops, restaurants and grocery stores.

BY BONNIE HOBBS derway.

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/performing and gathering area, plus a lake that's currently not accessible. Proffer highlights include almost \$6 million in recreation improvements and more than \$5.5 million in road improvements. Construction is already un-

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 and containing the same amenities, but will have surface parking, instead. Also planned are 32,500 square feet of retail shops, plus a 10,500-square-foot sit-down, full-service restaurant.

But that's not all. It will come with walking trails, an exercise park near the Flatlick stream valley, outdoor seating outside the Wegmans café and a slew of proffered pedestrian and road improvements for safety plus better traffic flow.

Commonwealth Centre

This is a project of Commonwealth Centre at Westfields developer Regency Centers

and involves a parcel of land adjacent to the Wegmans property. The amended rezoning allows for residential and retail, and the Board of Supervisors approved this development in July.

Planned are 550,000 square feet of residential uses to include 120 single-family, attached homes and 112 multifamily units — 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 Chantilly. The community will be at Elmwood and Vernon streets and will be called Rockland Village Green. Developed by Carr Homes, it will go on five land parcels off Route 50, behind the Pohanka Lexus dealership.

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

More than 25 percent of the property will be kept as open space. There'll be a 90x70-foot village green, with landscaping and benches, where the community residents may relax and socialize. Some 17 of the townhomes' fronts will face Vernon and

Elmwood streets to create a welcoming streetscape. The other seven townhomes will be in the interior, with access from Vernon Street.

The 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

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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.

OPINION

About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

In 2016 alone, Connection papers won dozens of awards, including the top Virginia Press award — for Integrity and Community Service, for our coverage of police reform and related issues.

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. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

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

We are also interested in events at your

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

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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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 time 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.

Tysons 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 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 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 accomplish-

ments 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 fxva.com to see what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family every season and every day. Welcome to your new home.

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Greetings from the 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.

- ❖ Explore some 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.



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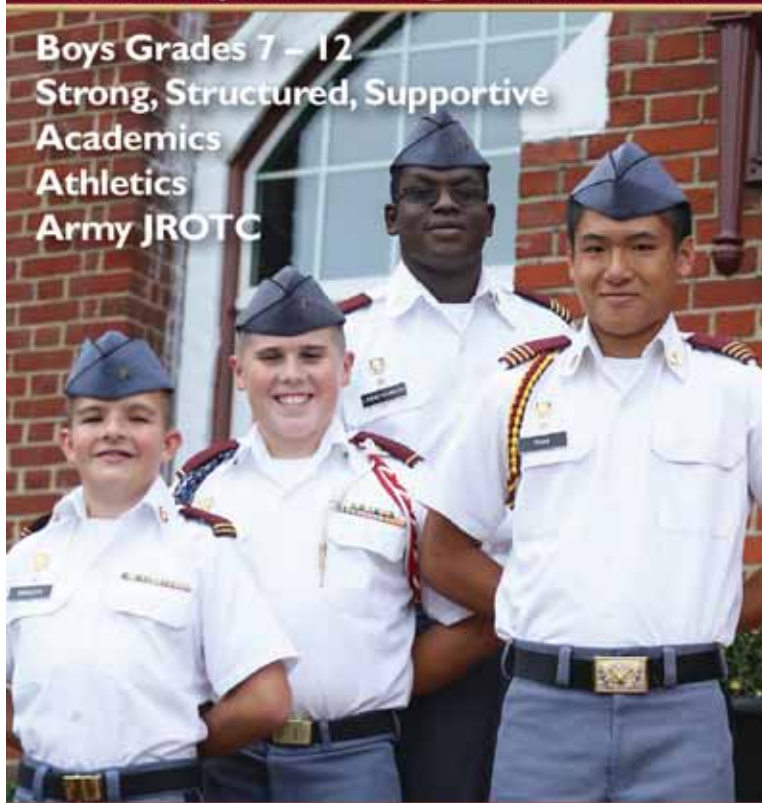



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Area Interstates Have Toll Lane Options

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 Dulles 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.



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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 display-

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 additions at three existing high schools to add capacity at Madison, Stuart and West Potomac.

* Plan and/or construct renovations of 10 elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools.

See www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/2017-school-bond-referendum.

ing 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 following 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.

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. Keys-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-bo/

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.

To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7,

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 16.

❖ Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

❖ Vote early (in-person absentee ballot by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

For more on voting in Fairfax County: Voter Registration – 703-222-0776, TTY 711

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67th District

Karrie Delaney (D)

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To cut costs, some of the plants were raised from seeds.



In April, the sprouts soaked up the spring sunshine before being transplanted to the garden in May.



The strawberries were the first to be caged for varmint protection, and the first to be eaten.



In July, tomatoes appeared, although this first batch was eaten by something.



In late August, the tomatoes were BLT sandwich-bound.

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



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON

From the community garden at Grist Mill Park in the Mount Vernon area, the barn creates a farming atmosphere.

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 shriveled, 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.

Fairfax County Park Garden Plot Locations

- Baron Cameron**, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston – 32 plots
- Broyhill Crest Park**, 7128 Murray Lane, Annandale – 15 plots
- Eakin Community Park**, 8515 Tobin Road, Fairfax – 20 plots
- Franconia Park**, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield – 86 plots
- George Mason Park**, 9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax – 46 plots
- Grist Mill Park**, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria – 45 plots
- Lewinsville Park**, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean – 142 plots
- Nottoway Park**, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna – 128 plots
- Bo White Gardens (Pine Ridge Park)**, 3401 Woodburn Road, Annandale – 156 plots



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.

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Site plan of the Arden Courts memory-care facility proposed for Centreville's Compton Village community.

What's on the Local Horizon

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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.



Artist's rendition of the Trinity Centre east façade of the apartments.

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An example of the exterior of a Lidl grocery store.

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FEATURING GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK
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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, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center

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

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

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

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

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

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark

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

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

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

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

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

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

GSG Green Spring Gardens

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

HPP Hidden Pond Park

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



HMP Huntley Meadows Park

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

LAP Lake Accotink Park

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

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

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

FRA Lee District Park

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

MDP Mason District Park

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

NWP Nottoway Park

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

RBP Riverbend Park

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

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

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

SRD South Run District

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

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

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

PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE CENTREVILLE, CHANTILLY & CLIFTON AREAS

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 MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

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 Address, City
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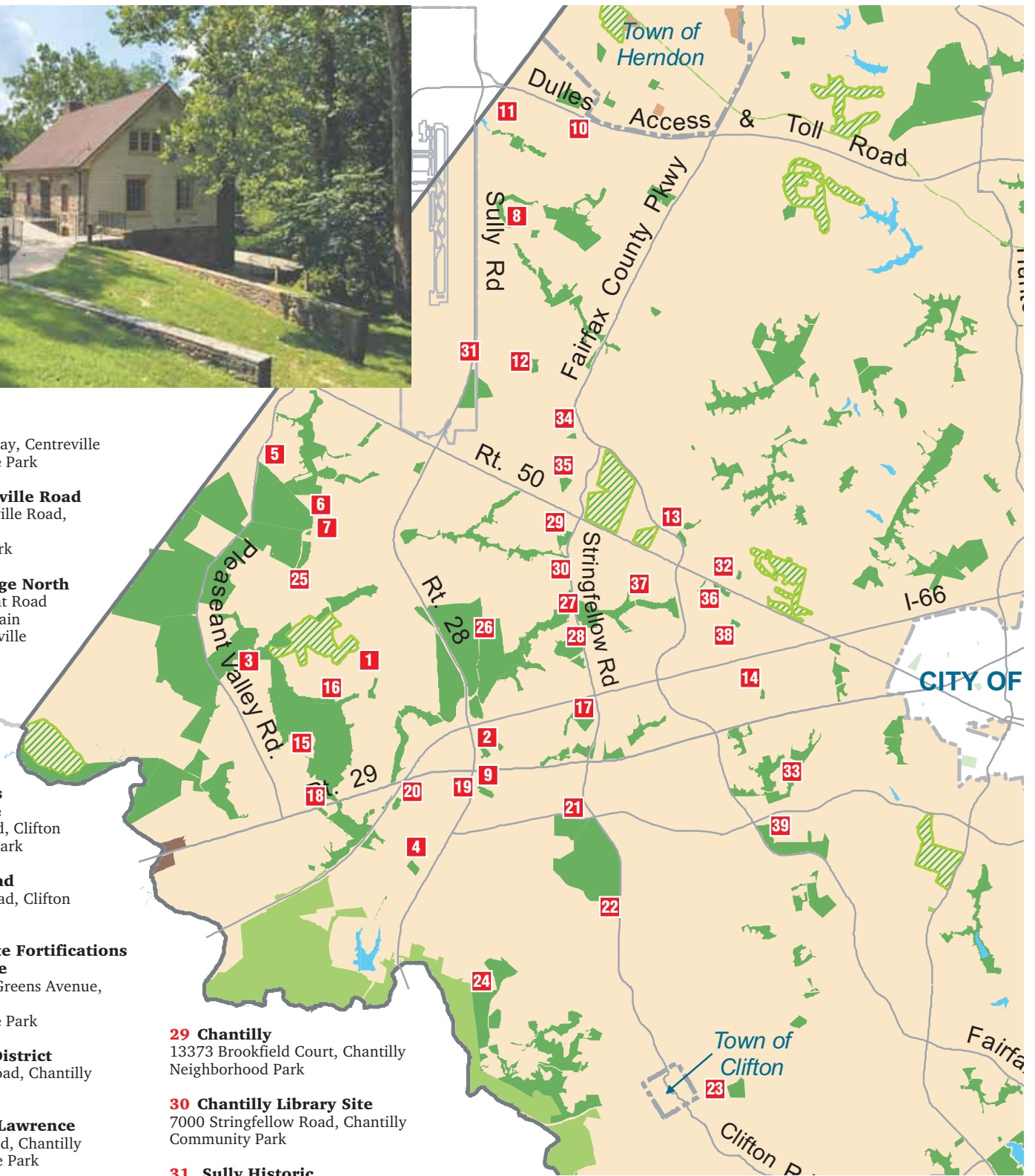
- 1 Stone Crossing**
 Sully Lake Drive, Centreville
 Neighborhood Park
- 2 Historic Centreville**
 5714 Mt Gilead Rd, Centreville
 Cultural Resource Park
- 3 Elklick Preserve**
 Access From Pleasant Valley Road,
 Centreville
 Multiple Resource Park
- 4 Centre Ridge**
 14400 Old Mill Road, Centreville
- 5 Richard W Jones**
 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly
 Multiple Resource Park
- 6 Cub Run RECenter**
 4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
 Special Purpose Park
- 7 Westfield SS**
 4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly
 School Site
- 8 Coppermine Crossing SS**
 2744 Cooper Creek Road, Herndon
 School Site
- 9 Lincoln Lewis Vannoy**
 Braddock & Willow Springs School
 Road, Centreville
- 10 Arrowbrooke**
 2351 Field Point Road, Herndon
 Community Park
- 11 Dulles Corner**
 2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon
 Community Park
- 12 Franklin Farm**
 13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
 Community Park
- 13 Fair Woods**
 12601 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax
 Neighborhood Park
- 14 Flatlick**
 4501 Brookfield Corp Drive,
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 Multi-Use
- 15 Pleasant Hill**
 6305 Hidden Canyon Road,
 Centreville
 Community Park
- 16 Chalet Woods**
 14912 Cranoke Street, Centreville
 Community Park
- 17 Arrowhead**
 5200 Arrowhead Park Drive,
 Centreville
 Neighborhood Park



- 18 Lane's Mill**
 14901 Lee Highway, Centreville
 Cultural Resource Park
- 19 Old Centreville Road**
 5885 Old Centreville Road,
 Centreville
 Neighborhood Park
- 20 Centre Ridge North**
 Field Encampment Road
 And St. Germain
 Drive, Centreville
 Community Park
- 21 Braddock**
 13451 Braddock
 Road, Clifton
 Special Purpose
 Park
- 22 Twin Lakes
 Golf Course**
 6100 Clifton Road, Clifton
 Special Purpose Park
- 23 Chapel Road**
 12300 Chapel Road, Clifton
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 13772 Balmoral Greens Avenue,
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 Cultural Resource Park
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 15150 Old Lee Road, Chantilly
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 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
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 4601 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly
 Community Park
- 28 Poplar Tree**
 4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly
 District Park

- 29 Chantilly**
 13373 Brookfield Court, Chantilly
 Neighborhood Park
- 30 Chantilly Library Site**
 7000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly
 Community Park
- 31 Sully Historic**
 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly
 Cultural Resource Park
- 32 Fair Oaks**
 3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax
 Neighborhood Park

- 33 Brentwood**
 11903 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax
 Neighborhood Park
- 34 Franklin Glen**
 13395 Springhaven Drive, Fairfax
 Community Park
- 35 Fox Valley**
 13420 Hollinger Avenue, Fairfax
 Community Park
- 36 Fair Ridge**
 12300 Meadow Field Drive, Fairfax
 Neighborhood Park
- 37 Greenbriar Commons**
 4300 Middle Ridge Dr, Fairfax
 Neighborhood Park
- 38 Ox Hill Battlefield**
 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax
 Cultural Resource Park
- 39 Patriot**
 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax
 District Park



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August 2017

SATURDAY/AUG. 26

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 2

Ken Fischer in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Throughout the year, the winery has musicians every week. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SEPT. 3-4

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

Ride to Thrive Polo Classic. 1 p.m. at Chetwood Park, 6429 Clifton Road, The Plains. Benefit for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Email polo@nvtrp.org or call the office at 703-764-0269.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

Building a Train Set. 1-4 p.m. at the 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.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

Meet the Civil War Author. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Local historian, lecturer and author, Arthur Candenquist will look at a Confederate military railroad that ran between Centreville and Manassas Junction. Free, open to the public. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/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.fopwalk.org.

October 2017

MONDAY/OCT. 2

"Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament. 8:30 a.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Benefiting The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax County. Visit bgcgw.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 8

Family Golf Festival. 1 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. An afternoon of free golf instruction, clinics, fun



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDA HELMS

Colorful elves strike a pose at the Encore Christmas show in 2016.

activities, interactive golf games, family programs, a chance to win a variety of prizes. After 5 p.m., families and children can play for free as part of Marriott Golf's Kids-Golf-4-Free program. Email westfieldsgolfclub@cybergolfcentral.com.

fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-23

Craftmen's Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Watch craftspeople and artists from across America at work on original designs including pieces that cater to every style, taste and budget during demonstrations. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. Call 336-282-5550 or visit www.craftshow.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 14

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

SATURDAY/OCT. 15-21

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. at Chapel Road, Clifton. This annual event winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 21

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

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

Historic All Hallows Eve. 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with story telling,



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK HEYER

A part of the 2016 Sully Antique Car Show was Rick Heyer's 1930 Ford Model A — a Good Humor Ice Cream truck when he found it in 2010. Heyer spent seven months restoring the vehicle.

NOV. 23-JAN. 8

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

SATURDAY/NOV. 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 \$5-7. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

A Visit With Santa. noon at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

December 2017

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

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

SATURDAY/DEC. 9

Christmas with the Lees. Various times, at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. See the home of northern Virginia's first Congressman Richard Bland Lee decorated for a Federal Period Christmas. Tour the 1794 house by candlelight and hear stories of Christmas celebrations from the time. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SATURDAY/DEC. 9

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

SATURDAY/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 homefront. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

February 2018

MID-FEBRUARY

Community Tax Assistance Day. Fairfax SkillSource Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite 300 West, Annandale. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free assistance with federal and state tax 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 Craftmen's Spring Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit www.gilmoreshows.com/craftmens_classics_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.visitfairfax.com/events/the-city-of-fairfax-spotlight-on-the-arts.

June 2018

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

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

Celebrate Fairfax! Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Northern Virginia's largest annual three-day festival and community-wide celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com.

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

City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Events at various locations around the city. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration.



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The Sully Antique Car Show in 2016 included a 1971 Triumph TR6, owned by Ben Cheshire of Great Falls.

Join Girls On the Run

As students prepare to head back to school, many parents are looking for afterschool activities that provide a safe and structured space to learn skills and be physically active. That's where Girls on the Run of NOVA comes in.

Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D, an expert on youth development, recently conducted an independent study on Girls on the Run programs across the country. It found evidence that Girls on the Run is effective at driving transformative and lasting change in the lives of third- to fifth-grade girls. It also showed that the program's combination of a physical activity, research-based curriculum, trained volunteer coaches, and a strong commitment to serve all girls resulted in these key findings:

- ❖ 97 percent of girls said they learned critical life skills at Girls on the Run that they are using at home, at school and with their friends.

- ❖ 7 out of 10 girls who improved from pre-season to post-season sustained improvements in competence, confidence, connection, character, caring or physical activity beyond the season's end.

- ❖ Girls on the Run participants were significantly more likely to learn and use life skills, including managing emotions, resolving conflict, and helping others.

- ❖ Girls who were the least active before Girls on the Run increased their physical-activity level by 40 percent from pre-season to post-season and maintained this increased level beyond the program's end.

It's currently in 93 local elementary schools – including Brookfield, Bull Run, Greenbriar East, Poplar Tree and St. Veronica Catholic School. Fall registration opened Aug. 21 and is continuing. For more information, go to www.gotrnova.org.

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NEWCOMERS

High School Sports

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Chantilly

Mascot: Chargers
School Colors: Purple and white
Athletic Director: Corey Bowerman
Football Coach: Sean Curry
Girls' Soccer Coach: Melissa Bibbie
Boys' Soccer Coach: Mike Dougherty
Girls' Basketball Coach: Kurt Sporkmann
Boys' Basketball Coach: Jim Smith
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: N/A
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Kevin Broderick
Baseball Coach: Kevin Ford
Softball Coach: Megan Jeter
Rival Schools: Centreville & Westfield
What happened last year: Indoor and Outdoor Track athlete Brandon McGorty was named Runner of the Year for All-Met, particularly for the 1600M (one mile) run where he set a PR at 4:13:31. Wrestlers Hadley Horner (145lbs) and Sam Tenaglia (152lbs) received honorable mentions. Girls' Soccer player Serena Pham was nominated to 1st Team All-Met with Laurel Buck receiving honorable mentions.

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 Klippenstien
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Ewell
Girls' Lacrosse Coach: Katie Ruch
Boys' Lacrosse Coach:
Baseball Coach: Rob Hahne
Softball Coach: Brian Fleury
Rival Schools: Chantilly & Centreville
What happened last year: The Bulldogs won their second straight football state championship in two years, making it 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 Kimener
Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Michael Carfang
Baseball Coach: Scott Findley
Softball Coach: Donnie Dutton
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.

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Two, Hopefully for Won



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Being diagnosed with cancer; then having cancer/living with cancer, is like having a second job. A job that unlike many, requires and/or imposes a 'round the clock-type 24/7 adherence to protocol, policy, procedure, presumptions and principle. To live not like you're dying takes more than scoffing at a country music song that twangs an alternative vision. Believing in what routines you're following and any lifestyle changes you've made allows (I didn't say enables) a cancer survivor to thrive under the most difficult and demanding of circumstances.

Unfortunately for those reading this column looking for answers/guarantees, there aren't any other than: if you abuse the privilege of post-cancer-diagnosis survival, the ends will likely justify the means; meaning, you are responsible for your own actions and "inactions." The prognosis one is given at diagnosis is a reasonably thought out prediction. However, as grim as those words sound and seem at that moment, that prediction is not cast in stone. I'm living proof of that. The words you hear are based on the past. Your ensuing treatment is more about the present and future and what you decide to do living forward. Being open and unassuming, and by 'unassuming' I mean: not taking anything for granted, presuming facts not in evidence, considering that which has happened to somebody else - either good or bad, could happen to you and of course, asking as many questions in as many ways as necessary to get the answers you need, will help you co-exist with this terrible burden. Being diagnosed with a heretofore "terminal" disease presents one with innumerable challenges but not the slim pickin's (choices not the actor) of yesteryear.

Integrating/assimilating all of the facts, fiction and philosophy into one's daily cancer conundrum is a task often complicated by one's day job/intention to remain on that job. The thinking being, at least in my mind/experience: living as normal a life as possible and staying as true to one's usual and customary self as well as to one's wishes, desires, hopes, prayers, etc., will enable (not 'allow' this time) you potentially to live longer and prosper more and trek "where no man has gone before." For us cancer survivors/patients, where we hope to 'trek' is beyond the prognosis given to us by our oncologist.

I can boast of such an accomplishment, but I'd rather write it quietly and consistently as encouragement to others similarly diagnosed and "prognosed" than brag about it loudly. However, the changes/choices I've made might not suit another's personality. I regularly receive suggestions about additional anti-cancer pursuits. Some I embrace, some I don't. Some are conventional (Western), some are alternative (Non-Western). Many sound reasonable and "integratable" into my lifestyle. Many others don't. But given that my life is at stake, how can a suggestion's incompatibility with my personality matter? We're talking life versus premature death here; not sit-down Italian versus take-out Chinese. And though food certainly matters, it is of course to no comparison to living versus dying. Still, I don't always say "yes."

This is the yin and yang of my life and probably the lives of many other survivors of serious/terminal-type diseases. I want to feel like I'm winning. But I'm deathly afraid of losing.

Moreover, I want to live my life as normally as possible, but not if it has adverse consequence. And how would I know anyway? Symptoms can be misleading and scans are quarterly. And though I remain positive about my very negative circumstances, occasionally the reality of those circumstances interfere with that normalcy. When that happens, I usually put pen to paper and try to write myself out of it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Back to FCPS

BY SCOTT S. BRABRAND,
Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



It is great to be back in the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) family! I am returning to FCPS after spending the past five years as superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools. My family is also very excited to be back; my two sons will be attending Fairfax High School this year, the same school where I once served as principal. I always dreamed of coming back to FCPS and it is an honor for me to have the opportunity to lead this amazing school system.

I was a career changer, after doing volunteer work in the schools, and began in FCPS as a social studies teacher in 1994. I also served as an assistant principal at Herndon High and an associate principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School before being named principal at Fairfax High School in 2005. In 2009, I was named the cluster assistant superintendent for schools in the Hayfield, West Potomac and Mt. Vernon pyramids.

As your superintendent, I am making Fridays my school days. I want to visit our schools to understand the work and the challenges our teachers, administrators and employees face, to understand what is happening “on the ground” so I can be better informed when making decisions.

I am committed to following through on the work of my predecessor, Dr. Karen Garza, who established Portrait of a Graduate — the 21st century learning model that our system has embraced — that focuses on the skills necessary for our students to succeed in college and beyond. As a school division, we are com-

mitted to achieving this goal for every student, in every classroom, in every school. We can we make this vision happen through ...

Excellence: We need to make sure every student and family has an excellent experience during their time with us. This also requires our employees to be fully invested in the important work they do every day.

Equity: FCPS is a microcosm of the world with students and families who come from all backgrounds and cultures. We will ensure that all students reach Portrait of a Graduate outcomes by addressing opportunity, access and attainment gaps. Every child, by name and need, can succeed with the proper support.

Effectiveness: We need to ensure that FCPS is being effective and efficient. One step I am taking is to narrow down our strategic plan in order to focus our efforts on achievable priorities that we can do well this year as a school division. We will align our resources to these priorities.

Expectations: I want our employees to love kids. The personal connection that our students feel with their teachers and all of our employees is critical to their success. I want our employees to love teaching and learning which I know will positively impact a child every day, and I want our employees to be professional in their work and role models for our students.

All of the challenges we face as a community and a country can best be solved through public education and FCPS can and will lead the way.

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A view of the pond at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly.