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We have several projects coming online that embody his goals advancing his desire for financial success of the New Town. Private enterprise was always foreseen as a major force in the creation of Reston. The anticipated development, commercial, cultural, and recreational facilities will make it possible to live, work, play, and enjoy in a place called Reston.

Moreover, Hunter Mill is a beautiful area that is easily accessible and manageable. Take transportation, for instance - The Hunter Mill District’s streets are laid out in an easy to navigate grid that is accommodating for both novice and experienced drivers. The streets are lined with beautiful landscaping and greenery that make your drive more enjoyable as you travel through the area.

If traffic concerns you, please know that numerous projects are underway designed to reduce congestion and create new accessible routes to your destination, one of them being The Soapstone Connector. When completed, the Soapstone Connector will provide a direct connection between Sunset Hills Road and Sunrise Valley Drive, over the Dulles Toll Road. Also in process is the replacement of the one lane bridge that carries Hunter Mill Road over Colvin Run. The new bridge will have two lanes and four-foot-wide shoulders, reducing congestion and improving operations and safety.

The combination of our emergency services, environmental protection, economic growth and development strategies coupled with consumer protection ensures a productive, secure, and friendly community. With so much happening, how can you keep abreast of current news and developments?

My Office strives to help with a variety of tools. Subscribe to my monthly electronic newsletter, Hunter Mill Highlights, and news updates following the Board of Supervisors’ meetings and special alerts. Just call 703-478-0282 or e-mail huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov. Delve into a local topic by watching “Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins,” my monthly cable show on the County’s Channel 16. If you prefer a more personal touch, stop by on one of the First Wednesday events to meet with me one-on-one to discuss your topic. And, for a one-stop-shop for Hunter Mill facilities, events, land use cases, transportation and more, check out the Hunter Mill District website – www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill. It is an honor to serve you as your County Supervisor and I look forward to getting to know you.

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Newcomers & Community Guide

How To Vote

First, be sure you are registered. Oct. 15 is the deadline to register, and to check your registration.

Many voters across the country have discovered that they have been unexpectedly dropped from the voter rolls, so be sure to check at elections.virginia.gov

Absentee Voting in Person Begins Sept. 21

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 20 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’re eligible: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee: in person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date.

If you vote absentee in person, you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

Locations, Dates and Hours

Scheduled to begin Friday, Sept. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center, and Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at the satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035

Sept. 21-Oct. 12

Closed Monday, Oct. 8, Columbus Day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 15-Nov. 3

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All Satellite Locations:

Oct. 13-Nov. 3

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays: Closed

Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079

Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Election Day is Nov. 6, 2018; early voting starts Sept. 21

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190
❖ Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031
❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151
❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Absentee Voting By Mail

To track the status of your absentee ballot application and ballot, you can view your Virginia Voter Record, https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, by fax, or by email is 7 days prior to Election Day by 5 p.m. You can apply for your absentee ballot online, https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

Print, complete, and sign the absentee ballot application (PDF), https://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VirginiaAbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf

Absentee ballot applications are also available for in-person visits at county government centers as well as Fairfax County library branches. Send in the completed application: Scan then email the application to absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov or mail the application to the Office of Elections at Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038 or Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Once your completed application is received and accepted, your absentee ballot will be sent to you in three business days. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Nov. 6, 2018 in order to be counted, Virginia Voter ID

Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver’s license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

Need a Photo ID?

If you don’t have an ID, go to your voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo ID, even on Election Day. You will be required to complete an ID photo application, have your photo taken and sign a digital signature pad.

Forgot photo ID on Election Day?

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board to or 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, or through the mail or commercial delivery service. 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 can be provided to the electoral board for the identification requirement.

Upcoming Events to Register and Get Voter ID

The Office of Elections is open daily during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15

Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30.

❖ Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

❖ For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Office of Elections 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323 Fairfax, VA 22033 Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711 Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725 Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov Elections Office Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711 For 24-hour recorded information call 703-324-4700

obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. 703-222-0776, 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

❖ The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get your photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030

❖ Monday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Heathwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Greenspring Retirement Community, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA 22150

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Burke Health and Rehab Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon, VA 20170

❖ Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lewinsville Retirement Residence, 1515 Great Falls Street, McLean 22101

❖ Tuesday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon, VA 20170

❖ Thursday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1799 Kirby Road, McLean, VA 22101

On The Ballot, Fairfax County, Nov. 6, 2018

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Herndon, Mayor and Town Council

If you live inside the Town of Herndon, local elections for mayor and Town Council are now if November. These are nonpartisan positions. http://www.herndon-va.gov/government/mayor-town-council/town-elections

Mayor

Lisa C. Merkel, unopposed

Town Council, vote for six, * means incumbent

Jennifer K. Baker *
Grace Wolf Cunningham *
Cesar A. Del Aguila
Pradip Dhakal
Signe V. Friedrichs *
W. J. “Sean” Kees Jr.
William “Bill” J. McKenna *
Shelba A. Olem *
Joseph T. “Joe” Plummer
Roland Taylor

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

On Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 6.

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. 6, 2018, a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15

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Two Virginia Constitutional Amendment Ballot Questions

State Ballot Question One

Question: Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property? Present Law

Generally, the Constitution of Virginia provides that all property shall be taxed. The Constitution

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New President To Lead Northern Virginia Chamber

Julie Coons, CAE will serve as the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce’s next president and CEO effective Sept. 10.

Coons currently serves as chief operating officer of the Council of Better Business Bureaus based in Arlington. She brings to the Northern Virginia Chamber diverse experience leading regionally-focused business organizations, guiding financial and brand transformations, and successfully advocating for business in local, state, national and international arenas.

Among her leadership roles, she served previously as president and CEO of the Electronic Retailing Association and, prior to that role, as president and CEO of the Maryland Tech Council.

The selection of Coons as the chamber’s next president and CEO comes after a national search facilitated by The McCormick Group, a national executive search consulting firm, and led by the chamber’s Search Committee, chaired by Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR.

“After a comprehensive search process, we are pleased to have identified the best individual to lead the Chamber into its next season of growth, innovation, and member service,” said Jennifer Siciliano, chief communications and external affairs officer, Inova, and chair of the Northern Virginia Chamber Board of Directors.

“The Northern Virginia Chamber has an outstanding reputation serving and representing Northern Virginia’s robust business community,” said Coons. “This is an exciting time for Northern Virginia and Greater Washington, and the chamber is well positioned to develop new and exciting opportunities for businesses from across our region to engage, interact, and lead.”

The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the “Voice of Business in Northern Virginia,” represents over 650 local employers with more than 500,000 regional employees. For 90-plus years, the Northern Virginia Chamber has been working hand-in-hand with companies in the region to build a strong business community. To learn more about visit http://www.novachamber.org and follow the Northern Virginia Chamber on Twitter: @NOVACHamber.

UPCOMING NOVA CHAMBER EVENTS

- Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit, Aug. 29, at 8 – 10 a.m., Waddell Theater. Join the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Prince William Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission for a roundtable featuring the mayor of the City of Alexandria, chairs of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, as well as the vice chair of Arlington County.
- Capital Region Business Forum, Sept. 6, at 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser will discuss their plans to work cooperatively to bolster the regional economy.
- 2018 Virginia Senatorial Debate, Sept. 26, at 5 – 8 p.m., Capital One Bank between U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) and Chairman-at-Large of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors Corey Stewart (R). Chuck Todd of NBC’s Meet The Press, will moderate, to be televised live on NBC4.

Welcome to Virginia!

I am proud to represent you in Richmond as a Virginia State Senator, and am interested in hearing your views.

Senator Janet Howell

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703-709-8283
Newcomers

Ribbon cutting for new trackless train and picnic shelter at Clemyjontri Park.

Places I Would Take a Newcomer in Dranesville District

By Supervisor John W. Foust
(D-Dranesville District)

W e are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, historical features, and community events in the Dranesville District. The following are some of my favorites.

Clemyjontri Park: Since opening in 2006, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side. Equipment allows children who have physical, sensory or developmental disabilities to have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration. The park also includes a carousel, picnic pavilion, and new trackless train. The parking lot is currently being expanded so more visitors can enjoy the park.

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Riverbend Park: This park offers over 400 acres of forests, meadows and ponds. Trails include a 2.5 mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail that links national and regional parkland. Kayaking, canoeing and fishing are all available on the Potomac River. The nature center and picnic shelter are available for rent. Through a grant received this year, new canoes will be purchased for the park.

8700 Potomac Hills, Great Falls

Colvin Run Park: Colvin Run Mill offers visitors a chance to step back in time. There are tours of the restored mill, which was built around 1811. A general store offers stone ground cornmeal, wheat flour, “penny candy” and snacks and drinks. Trails are available for quiet walks. Live music, craft demonstrations, ice cream making, and seasonal activities are available from February through December.

10017 Colvin Run, Great Falls

Turner Farm: Originally the site of a dairy farm, the 52-acre park offers a unique mix of educational and recreational facilities. In 2016, a new roll-top observatory opened in Observatory Park at Turner Farm. The observatory offers the public a chance to see the night sky from one of Fairfax County’s darkest spots through permanently mounted telescopes. The Analemma Society partners with the Park Authority to provide astronomy programs at the observatory. Equestrians can enjoy a cross country course and a large multi-purpose arena with stadium jumps and dressage markers. Small children can enjoy a toy lot.

625 Springvale Road, Great Falls

Runnymede Park: The Town of Herndon is located in the Dranesville District. The Town owns and maintains this 58-acre park. It is the site for many community nature-related events such as the annual Nature Fest. Situated near the Sugarland Run Stream, the park attracts over 100 species of birds, plus deer, fox and other wildlife. Two park shelters are available for rental.

196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon

Scotts Run Nature Preserve: One of the few nature preserves in the County. The 336-acre preserve, formerly known as the Burling Tract, had at one time been slated for development. Scotts Run offers wonderful hiking trails of varying difficulty, some of them leading to the bluffs of the Potomac River.

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Spring Hill Recreation Center: Visitors can take advantage of the indoor swimming pool, a 2-story fitness center and a gymnasium with an elevated running track. The gym features a single high school-sized basketball court with two overlay basketball courts and a volleyball overlay court.

1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean

MPArtfest: Every October, the McLean Project for the Arts converts McLean Central Park into a free, one-day festival of the arts. Thousands of area residents attend. Vendor tents display the works of numerous juried artists, which are complemented by the exhibitions of children’s and seniors’ artwork, an Open Studio demonstration, and performances by local musicians.

McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean

McLean Day: Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, McLean Day is held on the third Saturday in May. The festival features live entertainment, carnival rides, exhibits and delicious foods for visitors of all ages. The event also includes booths where artisans, local businesses, civic organizations, nonprofit groups, and local officials showcase their wares.

Leesylvania Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Herndon Festival: Held in early June, the Herndon Festival offers something for the whole family. The festival features three entertainment stages, 10X and 5K races, a Kid’s Alley with hands-on arts, food vendors, firewoks, and more. Enjoy four days of fun-filled activities and entertainment.

777 Lynn Street, Herndon

Claude Moore Colonial Farm: Visit Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run to experience life on a small farm just prior to the Revolutionary War. Claude Moore Colonial Farm is a living history museum dedicated to providing visitors with an authentic look at life in Virginia in 1771. Throughout the year, Claude Moore Colonial Farm hosts several events, typical of those a farm family would have experienced and enjoyed, such as the 18th century Market Fair held in May and cutting of tobacco and hanging it to dry in August.

6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Great Falls Freedom Memorial: The Great Falls Freedom Memorial was created in 2004 to honor all who have served our country. The Freedom Memorial hosts three annual ceremonies, on Memorial Day, September 11, and Veterans’ Day, as well as a 5K race on July 4. It is a special place to pay respects to and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

9830 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls (Behind the Great Falls Library)

Herndon Friday Night Live!: Friday nights during the summer, Friday Night Live! concerts are held on the Herndon Town Green. Concerts are free and feature popular local and regional acts. Most featured bands play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock but country and original music are also included for good measure.

Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon

The Orientation Room is an instructional space for educational programs. The observatory features a retractable roof that rolls over the top of the fixed roof that covers the Orientation Room.
Submit new volunteer announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar.

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 51st year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can’t afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they’ve earned. To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at Gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb17@verizon.net.

**STEM Professionals Needed**. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.

**Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed.** Help assist the Department of Family Services’ BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance, and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.Khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5447.

**Herndon High School Library** needs volunteers. Training available to help with re-shelving books, pulling books for teacher use, helping to check passes, or other special projects. To learn more, email hhs_library@fcps.edu.

**RSVP**. A volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-3360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

**Master Gardener Training**. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner’s meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 for more.

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/.

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

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**RESTON RETIREMENT LIVING**

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Katie Yoshida, Stay-at-Home Mom, three months in Herndon with sons Joshua and Matteo.

**Favorites:** “Frying Pan Farm Park, the Japanese Immersion Program at Fox Mill Elementary School and although not in Herndon, Nova Parks Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna.”

**Concerns:** “I have no concerns about Herndon.”

**Event Notices:** “I find out about events through the websites, DullesMoms.com and Fairfax County Park Insider, word of mouth and my church, Epiphany Episcopal. I’d like to add, Fairfax County blows California out of the water. Northern Virginia and the Herndon area are amazing. We love the parks, as we love to be out in nature. Parks are everywhere.”

John Leach, IT, 33 years Town of Herndon resident

**Favorites:** “I really like the Red Kimono Restaurant in Downtown Herndon, Rotary Club of Herndon meetings every Wednesday morning at Amphora Diner Deluxe in the town, and sitting and sipping wine on my friend’s and his wife’s porch at their home on Elden Street.”

**Concerns:** “The high cost of housing, traffic congestion, and integrating foreigners into the mainstream of Herndon and making them feel welcome.”

Bill McKenna, Cygnacom business development director, Herndon Town Councilmember, 6-year resident Town of Herndon

**Favorites:** “What do I like to do? Communicate with the residents in the Town of Herndon about what the town is currently doing. Development, both at the Metro station and in the downtown. The soul of our town will be its Downtown, its heart, its engine, the Metro. The Silver Line will be self-sustaining. There will be a circulator bus that will provide access from the Dulles Toll Road Metro Station to the Downtown. In the Town of Herndon, I like Jimmy’s Old Town Tavern, Nunu’s Thai Dishes and Sugarland Run Valley Stream Trail with its paved paths and bridges.”

**Concerns:** “Transportation and traffic, working with those in the surrounding community and supervisors to have better traffic flow and better efficiencies in public transit.”

Handan Radosh, Payroll Consultant, 13 years Town of Herndon

**Favorites:** “I like the Herndon Festival and the Friday Night Live concerts. These events are so amazing. We use the W & OD Trail and hike and run the Sugarland Run Valley Stream Trail. We love it here; we know many people.”

**Concerns:** “Yes, because the Metro is coming. I see developments everywhere. We are going to get crowded and have traffic problems, but we are going to retire here though. We want to stay. Everywhere I look, there’s greenery and trees. For me, it is the best, and then there is Washington D.C.”

**Event Notices:** “My husband finds about events and has a map of what’s happening.”

Jolene Wolfanger, Human Resource Recruiter, multiple years in Herndon Pictured with her daughter, Siena White, 3, and son Matteo, 5, at Frying Pan Park

**Favorites:** “One of the best-kept secrets is the event, Elden Street Tea Shop & Board Games at ArtsSpace Herndon every Saturday. I like the Town of Herndon Festival, Labor Day Festival, Homecoming Parade, Friday Night Live Concerts, Farmers Market Fun Days and Third Thursdays Arts Crawls by Arts Herndon. At Frying Pan Park, there is the 4-H Fair, equestrian events and Katydid Preschool. The preschool raises chickens in their classes and visits farm animals at the park like the baby cows.”

**Concerns:** “As for concerns, the Comstock Redevelopment Project in the downtown and the pending traffic increase. You add 273 more residential units, and there are traffic concerns. Also, there is the possible proposed new Catholic high school on Vine Street by St. Joseph’s Church. I feel like many of the new Downtown Redevelopment Project plans are happening behind closed doors. I wish the community had a more formal platform rather than three minutes at the Town Council Public Hearing.”

**Event Notices:** “I find out about events through Fairfax County Park takes, word of mouth and the Connection Newspaper Calendar. I would like to add; I like the urban experience in the small town setting of Herndon. I’m looking forward to the Labor Day Festival. I drag my mom there and enjoy the wine.”
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.

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, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, held a wedding, gained a job, was named to a board, gave a presentation, won a sports championship, or your community published a book, launched a business, or any other major event.

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.

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

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Herndon Experience

The 4-day Herndon Festival packs four days of fun-filled activities, vendors, and entertainment. Parking is free as is the shuttle bus. Plus admission and entertainment are always free. Next year festival will be held May 30—June 2, 2019.

— Mary Kimm
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

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Proposed Amendment
The proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to allow localities to provide a partial tax exemption for real property subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have been made on the property to address flooding.

The General Assembly and participating localities would be able to place restrictions or conditions on qualifications for the tax exemption.

"YES" vote will authorize the General Assembly to allow localities to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have already been made on the property to address flooding.

"NO" vote will not allow such a tax exemption.

State Ballot Question Two
Question: Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouse of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse move to a different primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouse of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have already been made on the property to address flooding?

Present Law
The Constitution of Virginia currently requires the General Assembly to attempt to tax the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. This tax exemption is also provided to the surviving spouse of such a veteran, so long as the surviving spouse continues to occupy that property as the surviving spouse's principal place of residence.

Proposed Amendment
The proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to claim the surviving spouse's principal place of residence, even if the property is subject to recurrent flooding.

The proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if improvements have already been made on the property to address flooding.

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How it Works
When a complaint is received, it is sent to the Police Department for investigation.

Investigators interview the person who filed the complaint and witnesses.

Police examine the evidence and write a report outlining the findings.

The person who filed the complaint receives a letter summarizing the findings of the investigation.

If the person does not agree with the outcome of the investigation, he or she may request a review.

If a review is requested, either the Civilian Review Panel or the Independent Police Auditor reviews the investigation and issues a public report.

More About the Independent Police Auditor
The Board of Supervisors appointed Richard G. Schott, a 27-year veteran of the FBI, as Fairfax County's first independent police auditor. Schott reports directly to the board, which approved the creation of the position as a follow up to one of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Among his roles, Schott will be responsible for:

- Monitoring and reviewing internal investigations of Police Department officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use-of-force cases in which an individual is killed or seriously injured.
- Requesting further investigations if he determines that an internal investigation was deficient or conclusions were not supported by the evidence.
- Issuing public reports for each reviewed internal investigation.
- Reviewing all resident complaint investigations of alleged excessive or unnecessary force by officers.
- Producing annual reports that analyze trends and recommend improvements.

Schott has spent his entire 27-year FBI career as a special agent working with local law enforcement officers, and for the past 16 years has provided training to members of state and local law enforcement agencies, including legal issues as associated with police officers' use of force and deadly force.

He has experience with Color of Law violations, including reviewing police reports and citizen complaints, recommending to U.S. Department of Justice attorneys whether to proceed with investigations and conducting the ensuing investigations.

Schott is also an instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, where he has taught thousands of new agents on basic constitutional criminal procedure and the legal ramifications involved when an agent fires a gun.
Newcomers Guide

Submit new announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID
The Fairfax County Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad. Call 703-222-0776. The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Wednesday/Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon.

Volunteer Opportunities

From Page 7
Fairfax County’s Meals on Wheels urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Habitat Heroes Project: The fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.- noon. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston’s forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7996.

ARTSPACE HERNDON – ArtSpace Herndon needs volunteer docents to greet guests, answer the phone and complete sales during normal gallery hours. Volunteers are also needed a few hours each month to assist with exhibit installation and special performing arts events. Training is provided. Flexible shifts are available. For additional information see our website www.artspaceherndon.com. Or contact us at 703-956-9560, volunteer@artspaceherndon.com. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board’s Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB’s Patient Track software alerts staff based on clinicians’ schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9680).

The Library Can Help
Visit any library branch for more information or to sign up. More information and branch locations at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.
A sampling of the many fun and family-friendly events taking place around Fairfax County much of the year.

**September 2018**

**MONDAY/SEPT. 3**
Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndonfestival.com. Special events labor-day-festival for more.

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY/SEPT. 8-9**
Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Burke Centre Community Festival, 6060 Burke Road, Fairfax. The Burke Centre Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.virginia.org/Listings/Exhibits/BurkeCentreFestival for more.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 15**
Dulles Day Plane Pull. At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airport纳米 events, entertainment the children’s zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 22**
Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows/arts-.reston-multicultural-festival for more.

**October 2018**

**WEDNESDAY/SATURDAY/OCT-10-13**
Fairfax’s Fall for the Book. Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallfortheforbk.com for more.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 13**
Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Mary Drive. The fourth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K, multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more.

**May 2019**

**Great Falls Artfest on the Green.** On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Artfest is an Arts Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents. A painting competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception. Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale “Blues Explosion” to close the day and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit www.greatfallsart.org/artsfest/

**June 2019**

**Springfield Days.** South Run Park, 7200 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, “Pet Fest” and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

**F A I R S & F E S T I V A L S**
Parks

A Guide to Fairfax County Parks in the
Great Falls, Reston & Herndon Areas

File photos by Renee Ruggles

Featuring: Lake Fairfax Park &
Frying Pan Farm Park

Map by Lawrence Fong; Design by Jean Card

Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

1 Hutchison ES
13209 Purche Ave., Herndon
Community Park

2 Coppermine Crossing SS
2744 Cooper Creek Rd, Herndon
School Site

3 Arrowbrooke
2351 Field Point Road, Herndon
Community Park

4 Dulles Corner
2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon
Community Park

5 Franklin Farm
13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
Community Park

6 Reston Town Green
Cameron Glen Dr, Reston
Neighborhood Park

7 Shaker Woods
1225 Stuart Road, Reston
Community Park

8 Hickory Run SS
Sheshue St, Great Falls
School Site

9 Sully Historic
3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly
Cultural Resource Park

10 Dranesville Tavern
11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
Cultural Resource Park

11 Grand Hamptons
1081 Sully Street, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

12 Stanton
910 Third Street, Herndon
Community Park

13 Alabama Drive
1100 Alabama Drive, Herndon
Community Park

14 Bruin
415 Van Buren Street, Herndon
Community Park

15 Chandon
900 Palmer Drive, Herndon
Community Park

16 Fred Crabtree
2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
District Park

17 Franklin Oaks
2961 Franklin Oaks Drive, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

18 Stratton Woods
2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston
Community Park

19 Floris School Site
2621 Centreville Road, Herndon
Community Park

20 Frying Pan Farm
2717 West Ox Rd, Herndon
Multiple Resource Park

21 Baron Cameron
11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
District Park

22 Lake Fairfax
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
Multiple Resource Park

23 South Lakes Drive
11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston
Community Park

24 Reston North
1635 Reston Parkway, Reston
Community Park

25 Stuart Road
12801 Lake Newport Road, Reston
Community Park

26 Holly Knolls
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

27 Great Falls Nike
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park

28 Windermere
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park

29 Lockmeade
1104 River Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park

30 Lexington Estates
10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

31 Colvin Run Mill
Site
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

32 The Turner Farm
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

33 Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

34 Riverbend
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park

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Great Falls National Park
9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
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, bike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

Cameron Run Regional Park/Great 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 day hike. 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.

Pohick Bay
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
703-339-6102
The only national park dedicated to oysters, Pohick Bay Regional Park offers a variety of rekreations activities, from picnic, boating and fishing to birdwatching and wildlife tours.

Fountainhead Regional Park
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-260-9124
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.

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park
13320 YatesFord Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/ 800-877-9594; 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.

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, iris, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native/wildflowers, gazebos, birdhouses, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Arboretum’s indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin.

Occoneechee Regional Park
9751 Old Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoneech 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. Land trails, and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-Country 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.

also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain’s Gallery 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, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

**Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center**

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

On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the “Energuarium,” 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**

10430 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/ 703-690-4392

www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/

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.

**Burke Lake Park & Golf Course**

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/burke_lake/ 703-584-2900

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**Frying Pan Farm Park**

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
www.fryingpanfarmpark.org 703-880-3695

The Farmhouse offers a variety of activities, including guided tours, workshops and special events. The Park also offers a heated indoor swimming pool, a heated outdoor pool, a sprayground, a fitness center, tennis courts, and a basketball court. The Park also has a large picnic area with Grills, shelter, and playground.

**Hidden Pond Park**

8511 Greenway Boulevard, Springfield
www.hiddenpondpark.org

The Hidden Pond Park is a 26-acre park located in the heart of Springfield, Virginia. The park features nature trails, picnic areas, and a playground. The park is open to the public and offers a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy.

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ncorporated in 1879, the Town of Herndon is located in far western Fairfax County. A seven-member town council, one member, the mayor, governs the town. The town’s jurisdiction remains subordinate to Fairfax County government powers and those of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The town’s boundaries embrace 4.2 square miles of residential and commercial properties. The town is the gateway to the Dulles Technology corner and is designated as zip code 20170. The town describes itself as “innovative,” “inclusive” and a “Next Generation Town” where its residents respect history and the future.

The single word “Herndon” is used to describe the four nearby unincorporated areas of Fairfax County and not part of the Town of Herndon. They are designated with zip codes 20171, 20190, 20191 and 20194 and are governed by Fairfax County.

The Town of Herndon is the heart of the expanded community, intersecting small town charm with an urban environment of culture, dining, entertainment, and shopping. Town of Herndon residents drive, walk, cycle and use public transportation to get to work, places and events.

The town offers a wide range of attractions, enriching the area’s quality of life and bringing people together. Public spaces provide venues for free outdoor concerts, arts walks, festivals, races, children’s programming and farmers markets. Every citizen in the town lives within a 1/4 mile of at least one of the town’s 11 public parks. The town is near the center point of the famous Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Trail, a 45-mile, paved 9-foot wide asphalt path that begins in Dunn Loring and ends in rural Purcellville. A parallel horse path runs beside parts of the trail. The town boasts the award-winning Herndon Centennial Golf Course, named one of the premier public golf courses in the Northern Virginia area and the award-winning Herndon Community Center for fitness and recreation.

Arts and entertainment are vibrant in the Town of Herndon. Next Stop Theatre Company calls the town “home.” It is a professional theatre company with the same performers on their stage as one would see in D.C., but without the drive. CBS D.C. named Classical Ballet Theatre which is based in the town “...Best Places to see Ballet in the D.C. Area.” ArtSpace Herndon is a community art gallery showcasing artwork and events by local, regional and national artists of acclaim with artwork for sale, performances, and events. During warm weather months, it produces the Downtown Third Thursdays Arts Crawls series. The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon meets weekly at Amphora Diner Deluxe in the town, and hosts open mics and performances. The Herndon Senior Center offers a wide range of activities for adults 50 years and older. The Town of Herndon welcomes small locally owned businesses and global corporations alike. It provides a variety of housing options across multiple price ranges for its citizens. There are apartments, new elevator townhomes in the Historic Downtown District, two-level urban-style condominiums steps from the future Herndon Metrorail Silver Line Station, mid-to-late century houses and 104 houses listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Frying Pan Farm Park operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is located a ten-minute drive from the Town of Herndon in Greater Herndon. Frying Pan Farm Park is a working farm that recreates and interprets farm life in the first half of the 20th century. It offers visitors experiences with farm animals, a playground, Country Store, farmhouse tours and wagon and antique carousel rides. Frying Pan Farm Park is known for the Annual 4-H Fair held there the first 4-day weekend in August. During July and August, FCPA features free music at Arrowbrook Centre Park in Herndon. These are public concerts featuring folk to funk and everything in-between.

Volunteering Makes the Area a Better Place for All

Volunteer Fairfax engages thousands of volunteers of all ages annually and supports more than 600 member nonprofits and agencies striving to make Northern Virginia a better place for all. Volunteer Fairfax’s offerings include Volunteers For Change, a program that makes volunteering accessible and fun for busy adults; Alternative Community Service, a program that places a range of court-ordered clients in community service positions and RSVP Northern Virginia, a program sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax in partnership with Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria, that matches those 55 and better with meaningful and fun volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Fairfax also offers an array of training programs that help nonprofits and volunteer groups run more efficiently. For corporations looking to engage their employees in the community, Volunteer Fairfax’s BusinessLink program offers customized employee volunteer engagement at sites in Northern Virginia and throughout the DC Metro Area.

Volunteer Fairfax also runs three signature programs to promote and recognize community involvement. They include VolunteerFest presented by AT&T, powered by Volunteer Fairfax, Saturday, Oct. 27, a regional day of volunteerism featuring project sites across the region; Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a large family-friendly event where children of all ages engage in volunteering and The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, a breakfast held each April to honor volunteers who have given outstanding service to the community.

For more information on any of Volunteer Fairfax’s programs or to find a volunteer opportunity now, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.