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Sam Goodkind and Julia Ha-keem pack bikes for shipping at the Old Firehouse Center Block Party in McLean on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

McLean CONNECTION

Old Firehouse Center Holds 28th Block Party

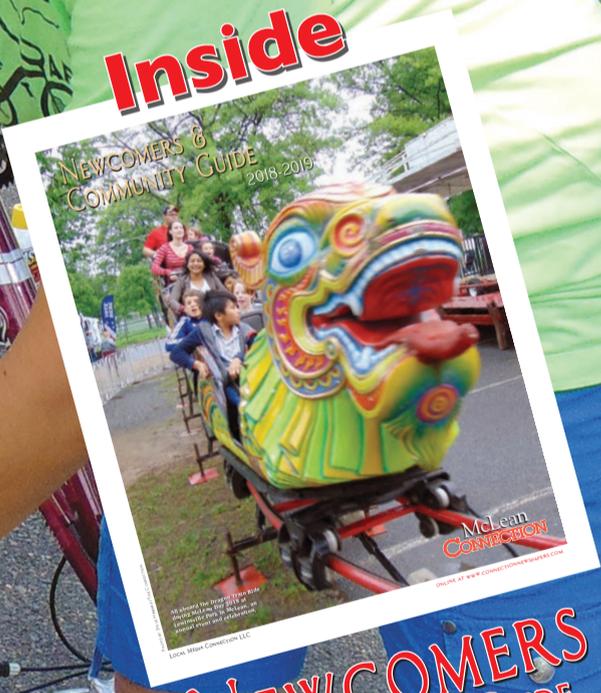
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Public Hearing on the McLean Community Center's FY 2020 Budget (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)



McLean Community Center Governing Board

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers list. The draft budget proposal is available on the Center's website. Copies will be available at the Public Hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's temporary Administrative Offices (see address below) marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov. Written comments may be provided after the Public Hearing up through Monday, Oct. 22.



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Samira M. Hadeed

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Born in Ramallah, Palestine on Jan. 24, 1939. Samira M. Hadeed died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 17, 2018, at her home of 50 years in Alexandria, Va.

A loving mother and homemaker, Samira was a remarkable cook and enjoyed entertaining, dancing and preparing meals for her family and friends, most especially over the holidays. While never using a cookbook or reading recipes, her classic middle eastern food dishes were famous among her party guests, church community and all who knew her. After raising her children, she spent her later years generously sharing her knowledge of the foods she loved while working as a hobby at the Mediterranean Bakery.

Samira is survived by the love of her life for 60 years, Michael Hadeed; her children, Michael Hadeed Jr., Mary Hadeed Zaboli, and Joseph Hadeed; her two daughters-in-law, Marcella Hadeed and Valerie Hadeed; 12 grandchildren, John Hadeed, Michael Hadeed III, Teresa Hadeed Ragno, Joan Hadeed, Catherine Hadeed, Thomas Hadeed, Samantha Zaboli, Alexander Zaboli, Adam Zaboli, Sarah Zaboli, Michael Frix and Samira L. Hadeed; her two great-grandchildren, Samir Minda and Elizabeth Hadeed, and several siblings. Samira was predeceased by her son-in-law, Shawn Zaboli. Samira's unconditional love and support for her family and others in her life was exhibited daily in her humble and kindhearted manner.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Holy Transfiguration Greek Melkite Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, followed by a Meal of Mercy at the Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to United Palestinian Appeal, upconnect.org

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Bikes to Africa volunteers.



Violin duo Julia and Yousif Hakeem performs. Julia organizes the bike collection at James Madison High School.

Old Firehouse Center Holds 28th Block Party

Event includes Wheels to Africa bike collection and Bands for Bikes.

The Old Firehouse Center in McLean held its 28th Anniversary Block Party on Saturday, Aug. 11. The event included a Bands for Bikes (and Bach to Rock) concert featuring five stage acts organized by Claire Fulton and Jack Lichtenstein. The event also featured a Wheels to Africa bike collection organized by Michael Lesmez, who has been doing this since second grade.

In addition, The Old Firehouse Center held an Open House that featured a rock wall, surfboard balance obstacle and moon bounce as well as sand art and airbrush tattoos. During the event, the club heads offered samples of what their clubs do in the after-school program.

"We're really proud to have this community support from these various non-profits supporting the Firehouse and our anniversary," said Mike Fisher, General Manager of the Old Firehouse Center.

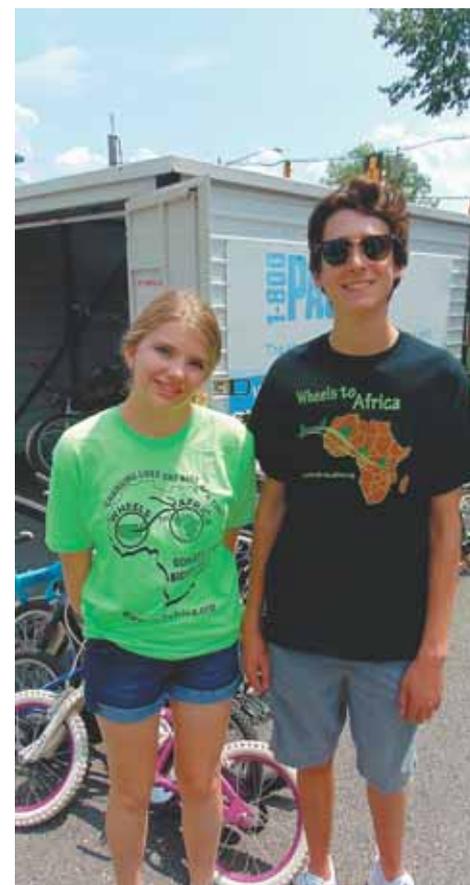
Dixie Duncan of Arlington runs Wheels to Africa, a grassroots non-profit that collects bikes in the metro area and sends them to needy communities in Africa as well as locally. Operating with a budget under \$10,000, she said in 13 years, she and her son Winston have sent more than 9,000 bikes to Africa. She just returned from a three-week trip to Ghana, as well as Tanzania and Zanzibar, where she delivered bikes and looked into making new deliveries. On Saturday, they collected about 50 bikes at the block party.

For five years, Jack Lichtenstein of McLean has been coordinating the Bands for Bikes part of the entertainment, and because he's recently graduated from Langley High School and is heading to Drexel College, he's handing over the task to Claire Fulton.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Omar Hallab, 10, and brother Adon, 8, of McLean sit on the Engine Co. 1 fire truck with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department at the Old Firehouse Center Block Party on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.



Bands for Bikes organizer Claire Fulton of McLean with Jack Lichtenstein.



Noelle Oliver, 8, of McLean balances on the Super Surf Sensation.



Old Firehouse Center after-school program participants Alexa Zawicki, Gabrielle Kapatos and Brianna Zawicki with James Everson.

Celebrating Women's Equality

BY JUDY HELEIN AND ANU SAHAI
CO-PRESIDENTS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE FAIRFAX AREA

On Aug. 26, our nation celebrates Women's Equality Day. This day recognizes the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Many fearless and dedicated women suffered jail time, physical assaults by the police and spectators (at demonstrations), as well as insults, during the struggle for voting rights. This struggle spanned more than seven decades. However,

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it was not until 1973 that Congress by resolution designated this day as "Women's Equality Day."

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, during its convention which was held six months before the ratification. She was a women's rights activist and a suffragist, who stated correctly that the vote was the "emblem of equality" for all citizens, women and men.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) celebrates the fact that in 2018 there are 38 female legislators in the General Assembly as compared to 24 in 2015, an increase of 14. Although the LWVFA does not endorse any candidates, we recognize this his-

torical achievement. The LWVFA is a non-partisan organization. It provides voter services such as voter registration for first time voters, updating registration for people who have moved or had name changes and citizen education. LWVFA also advocates and takes action at the state and local levels for particular policies that are in the public interest such as Election Reform, Voting Rights, Redistricting Reform, Firearms Safety, Transportation and Behavioral Health. To learn more about the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, please go to its website, www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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

Stop Isolating the Children

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The federal administration policy of breaking up families as an intentional strategy aimed at refugee families has shocked the conscience of most Americans. Taking innocent children out of the arms of their mothers or fathers and shuffling them off to a "facility" without any explanation or known plans for their future has to be one of the cruelest acts of the federal government ever and is completely abhorrent to the moral standards of most Americans.

At the same time we condemn these evil acts of a misdirected federal agency and work in every way in the courts and through the ballot box to get these policies changed, it is important that the subject of isolating children be viewed in its larger context.

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As more is learned about the traumatic effects separation and isolation can have on the future emotional stability, mental health, and behavior of children, the necessity of reforming the way that our juvenile justice system functions becomes obvious.

Information gathered by The Commonwealth Institute shows that almost three-quarters of youth who have been held in the state's juvenile prisons are convicted of another crime within three years of release. Data shows the longer a child is held in a facility the more likely it is they will commit a crime. (www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org)

I recently talked with Valerie Slater who heads RISE for Youth: United Families, Safe Communities on my television show "Virginia Report." Listen to that conversation on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). She points



out that racial disparities in Virginia's juvenile system are higher than the national average. In Virginia, black youth are seven times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers, and youth of Latino heritage are

2½ times more likely to be incarcerated than their white peers. Likewise, the higher the rate of poverty in their community the more likely children are to be sent to youth prisons.

As Valerie wrote recently, "we must dismantle, once and for all, the systems that allow the institutionalization of children. The best way to protect and rehabilitate children is to ensure their parents are the foundation of their support, whether in their homes, communities or suitable community-based environments. There are community-based alternatives to youth prisons that work better,

cost less, and help young people get the support they need to get back on track." (www.riseforyouth.org)

At the recent meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) I learned of the important work being done by a committee in NCSL to identify the principles that states should adhere to in reforming their juvenile justice systems. It is being demonstrated in states that it is possible to reform the system to reduce crime and recidivism, enhance public safety, and produce good citizens from those who in the past may have been referred to as criminals. I am pleased that Virginia is making improvements, but we must stay vigilant to continue progress.

As a nation of high moral standards, we must insist that the youngest and most vulnerable among us have an opportunity to succeed even if they are in our poorest communities or seeking asylum for their safety among us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to Representative Comstock

Representative Comstock:

I am a lifelong Republican and voted for you in the past two elections, but I feel compelled to speak up about what is happening to our country.

After more than 18 months in office our President continues to assault our democracy on almost a daily basis.

Whether it's defending Russia and their attack on our elections, alienating our allies, attacking immigrant families, obstructing justice, sullyng the reputation of the country and the presidency at

home and around the world, or now, trying to punish those who speak out against his actions, this President appears willing to use whatever power is available for his own personal aggrandizement and protection. This is made much worse by the fact that the organization charged with primary responsibility for checking this abuse of power, the U. S.

Congress, is apparently missing in action. It is far past time for our representatives in government to speak out against these abuses and to let this administration

know that they must operate in the interests of the entire country, not only their personal desires and those of the minority that constitutes their "base".

I recognize that the midterm elections are approaching and that there may be some political risk associated with standing up to President Trump, but I sincerely hope that your primary motivation in seeking office is to do what is best for our country and not what is most likely to win an election. It's time to do the right thing and to speak out forcefully against this

administration and to exercise your oversight powers. I, and I believe many other Republicans, are looking to our elected representatives to actually "represent."

If you feel compelled to follow the "lead" of this president rather than try to help steer the Ship of State in a more democratic, and frankly more American, direction, we will have no choice but to send a clear message in November that we are more than dissatisfied with our representation.

David Pope
Great Falls



ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday.

ONGOING

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, through Nov. 3 at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Visit optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/.

Oakton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays year round at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Visit community-foodworks.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon now to Nov. 16. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Games at Riverbend Park. 4:30-6 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Looking for new ways to keep children entertained this summer? Play traditional Eastern Woodland Indian games of skill and luck that were popular when first Europeans reached this area. Enjoy the tradition of oral storytelling and make a game to take home. Ages 4-adult. \$12 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

SoberRide Fundraiser. 6-9 p.m. at Glory Days Grill, 3059 Nutley St. SW, Fairfax. The Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) third-annual "Football & Fundraising" event features former Washington Redskin Gary Clark, a sports memorabilia silent auction and door prizes. Open to the public. Visit www.wrap.org for tickets.

Nottoway Nights. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Featuring The Amish Outlaws (Amish cover band). Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy music every Thursday evening at Nottoway Park. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/nottoway-nights.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

River Fishing by Boat. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or boat with an introductory class on boating and fishing basics. No previous experience paddling or rowing is required. Boats and personal flotation devices (PFDs), fishing rods and bait are provided. Designed for participants age 5 to adult. Maximum of three participants per boat, one of whom must be 16 or older. \$16 per person, and each participant must register. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Theater Under the Stars. 8 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Town of Vienna offers "Paddington 2" on the Big Screen on the Green at 8 p.m. Friday, August 24. The 2017 movie, which is rated PG, follows the adventures of Paddington the bear, who spreads marmalade and joy wherever he goes. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Free popcorn and water will be available while supplies last. Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 26. Free admission. Visit www.viennava.gov.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Concerts on the Green: Mike Terpak Blues Explosion. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre



Cuppett Performing Arts Center dancers from 2017.

Dance: Open House

Cuppett Performing Arts Center's hosts an open house for prospective students to learn about their programs: beginner through pre-professional dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop, acro and musical theatre. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m. at Cuppett Performing Arts Center, 135 Park St. S.E., Vienna. Free. Call 703-938-9019 or visit cuppettpac.com for more.

Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Ian Anderson presents 50 Years of Jethro Tull. Formed in 1968, Jethro Tull have released 30 studio and live albums, selling more than 60 million copies worldwide. \$35-\$95. Call 703-255-1900 or visit wolftrap.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Dance Open House. 4-6 p.m. at Cuppett Performing Arts Center, 135 Park St. S.E., Vienna. Cuppett Performing Arts Center's hosts and open house for prospective students to learn about their programs: beginner through pre-professional dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop, acro and musical theatre. Free. Call 703-938-9019 or visit cuppettpac.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7-9

Tyson's Library Booksale. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at Tyson-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Half Price / \$10 per bag sale on Sunday. Email TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or call 703-790-4031.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31-SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

AAUW's Used Book Sale. Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. The McLean Branch of AAUW's 49th Annual Used Book Sale will feature 40,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and records. On Sunday, most books are \$10 a bag. Proceeds provide scholarships for women. Visit mclean-va.aauw.net.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Lahey Lost Valley Open House. Noon-3 p.m. at historic Lahey Lost Valley property, 9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is preparing the historic Lahey Lost Valley property for the Resident Curator Program. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program or Stephanie Langton at 703-324-8791.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Live Music: Hot Lanes Big Band. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Performance will feature Capitol Steps singer Delores King Williams. Visit www.jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

A Doggone Good Time. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The Water Mine will go to the dogs with a season-ending event benefiting the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and Fairfax County Park Foundation. Dogs can swim in Rattlesnake River and splash in the playground area for a suggested donation of \$10 per dog. A low-cost rabies clinic will be available in Lake Fairfax Park's Main Office from noon-2 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/watermine/ or call 703-324-8662.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Newcomers & Neighbors Coffee. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at in the Community Room of the Regency at McLean, 1800 Old Meadow Road, McLean. The McLean Newcomers and Neighbors will host a coffee for members and people who might be interested in joining. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org or email McLeanNewcomers@yahoo.com.

Countdown Concerts in the Park: Superfly Disco.

5 p.m. in the McLean Central Park Gazebo, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The McLean Community Center prepares for the reopening of the Ingleside Avenue facility. Visit www.mcleancenter.org/alden-theatre/.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

50 Years of Jethro Tull at the Filene Center. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap,

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Barbara McKinney passed away August 17, 2018 at the Johnson Center, Falcons Landing, Potomac Falls, VA. She was born January 3, 1924 to Lottie and John C. Neely in Wichita, Kansas. Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Joe McKinney; four children: Marilyn McKinney, Thom McKinney, Susie Doran and Cathy Sterling; six grandchildren: Christy Budd, Kimberly McKinney, Alek Ohlhausen, Helen Coburn, Richard Sterling, and Misty Doran; and five great-grandchildren: Caitlin Ray, Ashlynn Ohlhausen, Skyler Carbone, Deven Henley and Ian Coburn. A memorial service will be held at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 201 E Frederick Dr, Sterling, VA 20164 on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 1PM. A reception will be held following the service in the Falcons Landing Auditorium, 20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Potomac Falls, VA 20165. Interment will be at Arlington Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Falcons Landing Chaplain's Benevolent Fund or the St. Matthews Rector's Discretionary Fund in her name.



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An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

Middle Eastern Food Festival Returns Sept. 1

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE CONNECTION

For most Americans, Labor Day weekend marks a major change — vacation is over, kids are heading back to school, and the outdoor grilling season is just about over. For devoted foodies who love handmade treats, freshly grilled meats, and a festive atmosphere, one area destination provides family fun, frolic, and food in one appealing setting: the Middle Eastern Food Festival at McLean's Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church.

Hosted by the parish as an area family favorite, the festival is celebrating 25 years of bringing the Middle East cultures and foods together to celebrate life and brotherhood. Crowds attend, because besides the fun and frolic, the food rules.

After all, this is a food festival, and consider what's on the menu: roasted lamb dinner; kibbeh platter; vegetable platter; sandwiches such as beef-lamb shwarma and falafel; and ala carte dishes that range from spinach pie, hummus, and stuffed grape leaves to several more offerings. To wrap it up, guests have a choice among numerous Arabic sweets (also available for take-home) plus American and Arabic coffee.

One of the big draws during the festival is the grilled meats that turn up in the roast lamb dinner and among several other entrée and sandwich offerings. Of course, the smoky aroma coming from the grill out back of the parish hall sparks appetites for sure. Manning the fires this year as in years past is Robert Salem, who admits he is not a professional grill master, just doing what he loves. "I have been running the grill for 5 or so years," he said. "I just have home experience, but I get great joy when I cook for people ... There is love in what we do."

As Salem noted, the recipes are all family favorites, his and other parishioners' families, and everything is done fresh and by hand.

"When we make the kefta, sometimes I have formed all the patties on my own," he said. "I mix, and form, and grill." He added that he uses his mother's recipe, but really as a guideline. "I don't measure the ingredients. We spice to taste, then mix and taste and mix again."

The most popular grilled meat is the beef-lamb shawarma, and the chicken comes next. "The kefta is my favorite," he said, "now that I am using my



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Manning the grill last year at Holy Transfiguration's Middle Eastern Food Festival are, from left: Robert Salem, Omar Samaha, Marks Brubaker and Matt Leiva.

Kefta

A Middle Eastern favorite, kefta consists of ground beef and/or lamb that is seasoned and shaped into a patty or into a sausage shape. The meat can be grilled, fried, or baked. Plan to serve the meat on a pita bread with onions, spice, chopped tomatoes, and tahini sauce. This recipe is Robert Salem's creation.

- Serves 6 to 8
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- 2 to 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon or allspice
- 2 teaspoons salt

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. Taste for the right seasoning. Form the meat into hot dog lengths. Wrap in the pita with seasoning, tahini, and chopped tomatoes, and form into a roll.

momma's recipe," adding that in the past the kitchen served lamb on the spit. Now, the lamb is oven-roasted, but still very popular.

As he concluded, the festival serves thousands of guests, starting at 11 a.m. Saturday for a full 12 hours. Sunday's eating starts after morning liturgy, and ends earlier than Saturday hours. "God willing," he concluded, "we have good weather."

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Rd., McLean, Va. 703-734-9566. Admission and parking are free. This year the festival runs from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 and then will be held again on Sunday, September 2 from midday until early evening.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Comstock Accepting Applicants for 2018 Congressional App Challenge

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) announced that her office is accepting applications for the 2018 Congressional App Challenge. The Congressional App Challenge is a competition for high school students that provides them the opportunity to join with their peers to create their own apps and learn how to code.

The Congressional App Challenge runs through Oct. 15, 2018, challenging high school students to design and create an original app for submission. Eligible high school students in Virginia's 10th Congressional District may enter this challenge as individuals or groups of not more than

four students and will be judged by a panel chosen by the Office of Congresswoman Barbara Comstock. The submitted app can be on any topic, provided it is original, appropriate, and has been made within the last year. For more information, visit <https://comstock.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge>.

Used Book Sale

The McLean Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold 49th Annual Used Book Sale on Aug. 31, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sept. 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be held at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA 22102. Forty thousand books, CDs, DVDs, and records will be available for sale. On Sunday, most books are \$10 a bag.

Credit cards will be accepted. Proceeds provide scholarships for women.

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID EVENTS

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 for ID 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.

- Monday/Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.. Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson Street, Falls Church.
- Thursday/Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewinsville Retirement Residence, 1515 Great Falls Street, McLean.
- Tuesday/Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1739 Kirby Road, McLean.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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).

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 703-322-9080).

AUG. 26-SEPT. 9

Pool Closure: Providence RECenter. Four Fairfax County Park Authority RECenter pools will be closing for regular, periodic cleaning and maintenance next month. Consider trying out another county pool during the temporary shutdown. RECenter passes are valid at all nine Park Authority RECenters. Dates are subject to change. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter for more.

AUG. 27-SEPT. 23

Pool Closure: Spring Hill RECenter. Four Fairfax County Park Authority RECenter pools will be closing for regular, periodic cleaning and maintenance next month. Consider trying out another county pool during the temporary shutdown. RECenter passes are valid at all nine Park Authority RECenters. Dates are subject to change. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit. 8-10 a.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun Campus in Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. The event will feature elected officials from across the area, including Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. \$50 for members of the co-hosting chamber groups; \$70 for non-members. Register at bit.ly/2wOFFlr.

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When Did This Happen?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I remember conversations regularly occurring between me and some other person, presumably older (if heard over the phone) or in person if my sight and senses didn't deceive me, where the question was asked to me: "You're probably too young to remember?" concerning any number of subjects. Now, I'm asking the identical question, and I don't think my sight or senses are deceiving me, though they are refracted, so to speak.

Somehow, I'd like to believe that despite the obvious passage of time, I am, to quote Bob Dylan from his song "My Back Pages," included on his "Another Side of Bob Dylan" album released in 1964: "Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

I wish.

I may be wiser and full of perspective, but despite flowery lyrics, I am older - just check the calendar. Father time waits for no man - or woman. As years pass, the pages turn and you simply aren't the person you used to be (or thought you were).

Benjamin Button may have gotten younger (aged in reverse, having been born an old man), but for the rest of us, we may feel that "youth," as they say, "is wasted on the young." Nevertheless, none of us is getting any younger.

Moreover, to quote Charles Franklin: "No one gets out of this life alive." (Although, I swear I remember my late mother attributing that quote to the legendary screen actress, Bette Davis.)

Life goes on is the short version, and through that passage of time, at some point, apparently you're addressed respectively as "Mister" and "Sir," and doors are opened/held, seats are offered and accommodations made. And when I have those random conversations with strangers - to pass that time or even with people with whom you have a familiarity, more and more of those people are younger than I am and I find myself asking/presuming if they know what past event, historical fact, popular culture reference or sports memory, etc., I am even referring to. And as often as not, they don't.

What's odd - or lost on me because I'm loathe to admit it, is that the former "questioner" - yours truly - has become the current questioner - again yours truly. As is becoming abundant clear, where I was once ascending, I am now descending.

This has nothing to do with my last few cancer columns. It has to do with my birth year: 1954. Meaning, as the birthday card jokes on the front cover "I wouldn't say you were old this year" to the inside-of-the-card slam: "Hell, you were old last year."

It just seems/feels that this juxtaposition of the "space-time continuum" ("Star Trek: Voyager") time/age relative to others has happened in a blink (nanosecond) and that blink is a tell. And no matter what I do to counter that impression, I can't stop it. It seems that tell has become a tell all.

And since I'm telling all, dealing with one's own mortality for as long as I have been: Feb. 27, 2009, the official date of my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis, has certainly had its share of wear and tear, emotionally and physically.

For me - or for any of you regular readers to think that this unexpected journey has not been fraught with before, during and after side effects - and main effects, up and down and all around, is unrealistic at best and delusional at worst. And since I'm rarely delusional except when it comes to the Boston Red Sox, it must be unrealistic.

But maybe being unrealistic is what has taken me nine years and nearly six months past my original diagnosis. If that's the reason, I see no reason to change now, age notwithstanding, or sitting, however the case may be.

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All aboard the Dragon Train Ride during McLean Day 2018 at Lewinsville Park in McLean, an annual event and celebration.

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Outdoor Education Classroom/Picnic Shelter will support the Riverbend Park's educational mission.



Renderings of the McLean Community Center renovation.

The Year Ahead in the Dranesville District

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN
W. FOUST
(D-DRANESVILLE DISTRICT)



Riverbend Park in Great Falls, the only Fairfax County

park located along the Potomac River, is known for its natural, educational, and cultural features. Many County school children visit the park annually to learn from naturalists who make science and history fun and engaging.

In accordance with the Riverbend Park Master Plan, the Park Authority is constructing an Outdoor Education Classroom/Picnic Shelter to support the park's educational mission. The new facility will enhance the programs Riverbend currently offers, which range from bird watching to canoeing. Construction is underway and the project will be completed this fall.

Making Herndon Metrorail Stations More Accessible

Understanding the importance of the County's investment in the Metrorail Silver Line, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff to initiate the Herndon Metrorail Stations Access Management Study (HMSAMS) in 2012. The purpose of the study was to engage the public to identify and prioritize necessary bicycle and pedestrian facility projects to improve access to the future Herndon and Innovation Center Metrorail Stations.

The County's current six-year transportation program includes approximately \$21 million dedicated to HMSAMS projects. Approximately half of that money has been programmed to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Currently in design is a project that will construct approximately 300 feet of sidewalk from Innovation Station to Dulles Green Boulevard. Another project that is under design will install almost 650 feet of sidewalk from the Arrowbrook Centre to Sunrise Valley Drive. Construction on both of these projects is expected to begin in fall 2019 and be completed in spring 2020. I look forward to continue working with the Town of Herndon and FCDOT staff on these



Rendering of the independent living facility.

and other HMSAMS projects.

Revitalizing Downtown McLean

The area designated as the McLean Community Business Center (CBC) is more commonly known as "downtown McLean." The CBC has long been planned to include a mix of residential and community-serving commercial uses and to serve as a focal point and gathering place for McLean area residents.

While there has been significant support for revitalizing downtown McLean, provisions of the current Comprehensive Plan for the CBC have not helped stimulate those revitalization efforts. That is why I asked the Board of Supervisors to direct County staff to initiate a community-led review of the Comprehensive Plan for the McLean CBC. That effort began earlier this year and has included three well-attended, consultant-led community workshops. The consultant is currently analyzing the input received at those workshops and will convert that data into a draft vision statement for further consideration by the community.

There will be two community meetings held in the fall to help finalize the vision statement. Once consensus is reached on the community's vision for the CBC, a task force composed of representatives from the McLean Citizens Association, McLean Revitalization Corporation, McLean Planning Committee and the McLean Chamber of Commerce as well as several other McLean area residents will work with County staff to translate the community's vision into recommendations for a revised Comprehensive

Plan for the CBC. The plan they recommend will then go through another community vetting process that will include public hearings at the Planning Commission and before the Board of Supervisors. We anticipate that, ultimately, the Board will adopt a revised Comprehensive Plan for downtown McLean that will help stimulate the revitalization that has long been desired.

Welcoming Lewinsville Senior Center

This year, we will see the grand opening of the first of two buildings in the Lewinsville Redevelopment Project in McLean. That building will consist of 80 independent affordable living apartments for low-income seniors. The second building, which is also under construction, will house an expanded senior center, an adult day care center and two children's day care centers, and is expected to open in early 2019. The Lewinsville Project is a private-public partnership between the County and Wesley-Hamel Lewinsville LLC.

McLean Community Center Expands

Early next year, residents will be welcomed back to a renovated and expanded McLean Community Center. The project involves renovating approximately 33,000 existing square feet and adding 7,700 square feet to the facility. The project includes two additional multi-purpose rooms, an enclosed

outdoor courtyard with seating and landscaping, refurbished meeting rooms, and a more modern look with new wall, ceiling, and floor treatments. The renovation will also upgrade the technology throughout the building and improve and enhance the storm water management system while bringing the MCC into compliance with current ADA and building code regulations. The parking lot will be regraded and resurfaced; additional parking spaces will be added, and walkway lighting will be improved. The \$8 million renovation project is fully funded through the MCC's capital reserves. The MCC building has been closed since April 2017; however, programs and special events have continued to be held in various locations around town.

Transportation Projects

Several pedestrian and road projects are scheduled to start or be completed in 2018, including the following:

- ❖ Route 7 Widening – A design-build contract was awarded to the team of Shirley Contracting Company LLC and Dewberry Engineers Inc. to complete the Route 7 Corridor Improvements Project, which includes widening and improving of Route 7 from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive. The improvements will decrease congestion, increase capacity, improve safety, and expand mobility for cyclists and pedestrians - all in conformity with Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan. Delivering the project using a design-build team is expected to condense the project timeline and save two years over conventional project delivery. Construction is expected to commence as early as mid-2019 in some parts of the corridor and to be completed in late 2025.

- ❖ McLean Streetscape – This project includes installation of brick pavers, lights and landscaping along the south side of Chain Bridge Road from Redmond Drive to Old Dominion Drive to Center Street, and along both sides of Chain Bridge Road from Laughlin Street to Curran Street. This project is expected to be completed in late 2018.

- ❖ Baron Road Walkway – Approximately 430 linear feet of sidewalk including curb

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VIEWPOINTS

What is the best part about living in McLean?

Interviews conducted at Dolley Madison Library in McLean.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Henry Foster, 11, of McLean

"That I can go to the pool and I like my friends that are here."



Brandon Leung, 13, of McLean

"I think the best part of living in the community is the local businesses; it's quite quaint."



Yabsira Hailu, 11, of McLean

"I like living here because there's a lot of grass; there's a lot of nature; you can go outside. I like the library and I like my friends at school."



Zecharias Hailu, 9, of McLean

"I like living near the mall so you don't need to drive a really long way. I like the library because it has a live video camera of animals."



Chris Ding of Great Falls

"I like living here because we have a lot of opportunities, and different interest groups, to help children to grow and learn."

NEWCOMERS

The Year Ahead

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and gutter will be installed along Baron Road connecting the Dead Run Park trail to Douglas Drive. This project is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

❖ Jones Branch Connector - Work on the Jones Branch Connector is well underway. This project, being completed by the Virginia Department of Transportation in cooperation with Fairfax County, will provide an important new link to Route 123 over the Capital Beltway (I-495) for commuters and visitors to Tysons. The link will improve local traffic and access for drivers, as well as provide a vital option for area bicyclists and pedestrians. By providing an alternate route across the Beltway and linking the Tysons East and Central areas, the Connector is expected to relieve traffic along Route 123, at the I-495 interchange, and at other congested intersections. One lane in each direction is expected to be open to traffic in early 2019, and the project is expected to be completed in fall 2019.

❖ North West Street - Construction on an important missing link of sidewalk on the border of Fairfax County and the City of Falls Church will begin this year and is expected to be completed in early 2019. Approximately 300 feet of sidewalk will be built on the north side of North West Street to connect to existing sidewalk in Falls Church. Handicap ramps and crosswalks will also be installed at the intersection of North West and Great Falls Streets. This sidewalk will connect to a future Fairfax County project that will construct sidewalk along Great Falls Street.

McLean Regional Traffic Mitigation Efforts

During the past year and a half, I have worked with other elected officials and staff from VDOT and Fairfax County to address resident concerns regarding congestion and cut-through traffic caused by the lack of sufficient capacity on the American Legion Bridge and the Beltway on the Maryland side of that bridge. On the north side of Georgetown Pike between Balls Hill Road and the Beltway ramp, VDOT constructed a pull-off area so that the police can safely enforce traffic violations in the area. Recently, two streetlights were installed to provide lighting for police enforcement. In addition, I formed a community group, the McLean Traffic Advisory Group, to consider traffic concerns in the area, make recommendations, and share updates with their neighbors. This group has met several times since the beginning of the year and is tasked with reviewing options through a regional lens.

Recently, VDOT proposed a pilot project to close the northbound entrance to the Beltway from Georgetown Pike from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. A community meeting was held in early August and another will be held this fall. VDOT is seeking input from the community to determine if the pilot project will be implemented. I look forward to continuing to work with the community to address these very serious traffic concerns.



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



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.

Places I Would Take a Newcomer in Dranesville District

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN W. FOUST
(D-DRANESVILLE DISTRICT)

We 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, grits, "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 makers. Small children can enjoy a tot lot.

925 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

MPAartfest: 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 numer-



Supervisor Foust with Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel, Town Council Members Grace Wolf Cunningham and Bill McKenna, and Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board Member Melissa Jonas at Friday Night Live! in June 2018.

ous 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, exhibitions 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.

Lewinsville 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, 10K and 5K races, a Kid's Alley with hands-on arts, food vendors, fireworks, 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit 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, 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 lynnieb517@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 703-324-4547.

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 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmafc.org. The Center's website is www.scmafc.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 **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltoombudsman/.

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

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

The **Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean** needs a **Certified Arthritis Exercise Instructor**.

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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, 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, wed-

dings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

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

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Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Fairfax County

Office of the Independent Police Auditor, Civilian Review Panel now reviewing cases.

The Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel and the Independent Police Auditor were established by the Board of Supervisors as recommended by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, formed after the police shooting death of John Geer. The panel and the auditor are independent from the Police Department and report directly to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The nine-member Police Civilian Review Panel's mission is to enhance police legitimacy and to build and maintain trust between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. The panel reviews police investigations resulting from public complaints about officers of the Fairfax County Police Department. The panel has nine members who are Fairfax County residents.

The panel reviews investigations involving police misconduct, including rudeness, threats, verbal abuse, harassment, racial profil-



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The nine members of the Civilian Review Panel marked with *: Gerarda Culipher, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court; Randy Sayles,* Oak Hill; Rhonda VanLowe,* Reston; Kathleen Davis-Siudut,* Springfield; Adrian Steel,* McLean; Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Judge William Webster, former director of FBI and CIA; Supervisor John Cook, chairman of Public Safety Committee; Jean Senseman,* Lorton; Douglas Kay,* Fairfax; Hollye Doane,* Oakton; Steve Descano,* Springfield; and Hansel Aguilar,* Fairfax.

ing, and discrimination.

Current panel members are: Rhonda VanLowe, Chair; Doug Kay, Vice-Chair; Hansel Aguilar; Kathleen Davis-Siudut; Steve Descano; Hollye Doane; Anna Northcutt; Randy Sayles; Adrian Steel.

The panel generally meets in

open session on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Check www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/ShowCalendar.aspx

The Independent Police Auditor's mission is to bolster trust between the citizens of Fairfax County and the Fairfax County

Police Department by providing accountability, fairness, transparency and trust in the complaint system and investigative process. The Independent Police Auditor also provides an accessible, safe, impartial, and responsive intake venue for complaints about the Fairfax County Police Department

and its employees.

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) reviews police investigations involving use of force and serves as an independent intake venue for complaints.

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The crowd watches a demonstration at Mars American Heritage Historic Chocolate during the McLean Chocolate Festival at McLean High School in January.



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Re-enactors at Claude Moore Colonial Farm in McLean.

Celebrating Community in McLean

McLean is always brimming with lots of fun things to do. For the Fourth of July, close to 4,000 people from the McLean community come out for the annual fireworks held at Churchill Road Elementary School. The event sponsored by the McLean Community Center includes fireworks, food trucks, and a DJ to help celebrate the nation's birthday.

The annual McLean Chocolate Festival brings out huge crowds at McLean High School in January. With about 20 vendors – and names like Dave's Candy Kitchen and

Mike's Fudge — the event is a fund-raiser for the Rotary Club of McLean, which then gives to local charities.

The McLean Day Festival held in May at Lewinsville Park is always a blast. Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, the day includes amusement rides, Bubble Ball, a climbing wall, laser tag and Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo. The festival also includes stages for local entertainment as well.

The Old Firehouse Center's annual Block Party in August includes a Bands for Bikes (and Bach to Rock) concert featuring stage

acts as well as a Wheels to Africa bike collection. There's also an open house that features a rock wall, surfboard balance obstacle and moon bounce as well as arts and crafts.

Since 1973, the Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run in McLean has been a living history 18th century museum that portrays family life on a small, low-income farm just prior to the Revolutionary War. But the U.S. National Park Service wants to close it on Dec. 21, 2018, and now the community – with the backing of the Friends of Claude Moore Colonial Farm — is rallying to try to save it.

The New Dominion Women's Club, which celebrated its 50th Anniversary last May, is what makes McLean a great place to live. Says State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) about the club: "You have been an integral part of making our community livable, making our community more passionate and really helping us build community so everyone feels welcomed, everyone feels part of our neighborhood, a part of the fabric that makes McLean great."

— STEVE HIBBARD

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Omar Hallab, 10, and brother Adon, 8, of McLean sit on the Engine Co. 1 firetruck with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department at the Old Firehouse Center Block Party.



Francesca Bellora and Elizabeth Hughes, ninth-graders at McLean High School, show off their prizes they won from the Balloon Lagoon during the McLean Day Festival.



Lucy Danoff with daughter Ellie, 6, of McLean enjoy the Fourth of July festivities at Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean.



Eva Cardenas, 12, of McLean dips into the chocolate fountain provided by Chesterbrook Residences during the McLean Chocolate Festival at McLean High School in January.

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

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 herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 8-9

Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Community Festival, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. 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 Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, 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-events-exhibits/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.fallforthebook.org 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 Marr 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 Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. A plein air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception, Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale "Blues Explosion" to close the weekend and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/



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Celebrate Fairfax!

Attendees enjoy live entertainment, rides, games and food trucks as part of the 2018 Celebrate Fairfax! festival June 8-10 at the Fairfax Government Center. The annual festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year.

MONDAY/MAY 13

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available! For more information: www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 2

Herndon Festival 2019. Thursday: 6-10 p.m. Friday 5-11 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more! All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more information.

THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for a weekly lineup.

FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

June 2019

Springfield Days. South Run Park, 7550 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.

Cardboard Regatta.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featured during Springfield Days, witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival.

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival.

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Individuals can register at www.chalkonthewater.com. Only 100 spaces/plots are available for this event. Participants have a chance to win cash prizes for various categories, awarded by notable community judges. The festival will also include food, a live DJ, a wine garden.

Taste of Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

JUNE-AUGUST

Reston Concerts on the Town.

Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants



only. 11900 Market Street, Reston.

Concert information: www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Great Falls Concerts on the Green.

Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Rd, Great Falls. Full schedule list: www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/.

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival.

Select Sundays, 8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Grab a date, the family or a group of friends, bring the lawn chairs and a picnic and enjoy the free flicks under the stars.

Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason District Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities

for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. www.belovedyoga.com.

July 2019

Herndon 4th of July Celebration.

Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.

5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show.

Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration.

In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration

Obon Festival. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

Clifton Film Festival.

7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy live music, food and original films under the stars. During the event there will be two awards ceremonies, student's awards will be given during intermission and the 19+ category at the closing of the festival. For more information, please visit cliftonfilmfest.com

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit 1771.org for more.

JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series.

Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/performances/sesflyers18-braddocknights.pdf for location and schedule.

August 2019

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival.

At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Thursday and Friday - free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.

NEWCOMERS

Civilian Oversight

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Both the panel and the auditor determine whether the police investigation was thorough, accurate and impartial.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

If you feel you have experienced or observed misconduct by a Fairfax County police officer, you are encouraged to file a complaint. You will not be penalized by the police or any county official for filing a complaint.

FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM

❖ You may use a printed copy of the online form.

❖ You may also complete a complaint form online.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeauditor

❖ You may file your completed form by mailing it to: Office of the Independent Police Auditor; 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 233A; Fairfax, VA 22035

❖ You may file online. Instructions are provided at the website.

❖ You may deliver a completed complaint form to the Auditor's Office at the above address or to any Fairfax County Police Station.

If you need help completing the form, call 703-324-3459 or email PoliceCivilianReviewPanel@fairfaxcounty.gov

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 findings of the investigation.

❖ If the person does not agree with the outcome of the investigation, he or she asks for 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 Ri-

chard G. Schott, a 27-year Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) veteran, 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 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 or not 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 uses force.

He supervised the division's forfeiture program. As a special agent for the Birmingham Division, he orchestrated security for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games' soccer events in the area.

Schott received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Orleans and his juris doctorate from the Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans.

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.



Visit us on Facebook for upcoming event details!

CAREGIVER CONNECT

A Monthly Gathering for Caregivers at The Kensington

At The Kensington, we understand that caregiving for someone with dementia is a demanding responsibility. We also believe it is one you should not undertake alone. That's why we strive to preserve your well-being by helping you stay positive, manage fatigue and make the most of moments as your loved one's memory changes.

Join us each month to share time connecting with other caregivers and discussing common challenges. Guest facilitators offer information, advice and support in a welcoming, private setting.

Dr. Aleksandra (Anya) Parpura, an expert in aging and dementia, leads our Caregiver Connect program and brings to us vast knowledge, helpful tips and a kind heart.

The first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm
September 5 & October 3 • Light refreshments RSVP to
(703) 992-9868



THE KENSINGTON
An Assisted Living Community

FALLS CHURCH

(703) 992-9868

700 West Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046

www.TheKensingtonFallsChurch.com

Kensington Park, another Kensington community located nearby in Kensington, MD



NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

How To Vote

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

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 are 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.

In Person Absentee Voting, 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, 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 pm.

You can apply for your absentee ballot online, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

Or 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 governmental 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 a photo ID application, have your photo taken and to 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 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, 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

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

❖ 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, 22035

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711
Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov
Election Officer 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, 22306

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

❖ Monday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Heatherwood 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, 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, 20170

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

❖ Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, 22306

❖ Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1739 Kirby Road, McLean, 22101

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

UNITED STATES SENATE

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Timothy M. Kaine (D)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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District 10

Barbara J. Comstock (R)
Jennifer T. Wexton (D)

District 11

Jeff A. Dove Jr. (R)
Gerald Edward Connolly (D)
Stevan M. Porter (L)

Herndon, Mayor and Town Council

If you live inside the Town of Herndon, local elections for mayor and Town Council are now in 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" Kenis Jr.
William "Bill" J. McKenna *
Sheila A. Olem *
Joseph T. "Joe" Plummer
Roland Taylor

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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On The Ballot

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of Virginia also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. For example, the Constitution of Virginia allows the General Assembly to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real estate taxes as an incentive for property owners to make substantial improvements to existing structures by renovating, rehabilitating, or replacing those structures.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would 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 been made on the property to address flooding. The General Assembly and participating localities would be allowed to place restrictions or conditions on qualification 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 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 spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

Present Law

The Constitution of Virginia currently requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 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 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to continue to claim the tax exemption currently provided, even if the surviving spouse moves to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse.

“YES” vote will allow these surviving spouses to move to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse and still claim the tax exemption.

“NO” vote will not allow such surviving spouses to move and still claim the tax exemption.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BOND

TEXT: “Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$182,000,000 to provide funds, in addition to funds from public safety facilities bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training and operational facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?”

\$73 million would be earmarked for improvements to four fire stations — Mount Vernon (\$16 million), Fairview (\$16 million), Gunston (\$13 million), and Seven Corners (\$13 million) — that are all 37 years or older. An additional \$15 million would be used to improve one of the eight volunteer stations that is more than 40 years old.

The Fairfax County Police Department would receive \$59 million: \$18 million to renovate and expand the Mason District Station which was built in 1975; \$18 million to renovate and upgrade its Criminal Justice Academy, and \$18 million to renovate, expand or replace the Police Evidence Storage Building used to store evidence for court cases, and also houses the warrant desk and the victim services section.

The Adult Detention Center needs \$45 million of improvements to three wings, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, elevator and fire protection systems as well as security and camera equipment. \$5 million would be used to improve the Jennings Judicial Center.



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 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301

PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

FILE PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE,
FEATURING GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK
MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG AND DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

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.

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.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/www.piratescovepohick.com/703-339-6102

Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River, 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. The park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.



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



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

GSB 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

MIDP 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

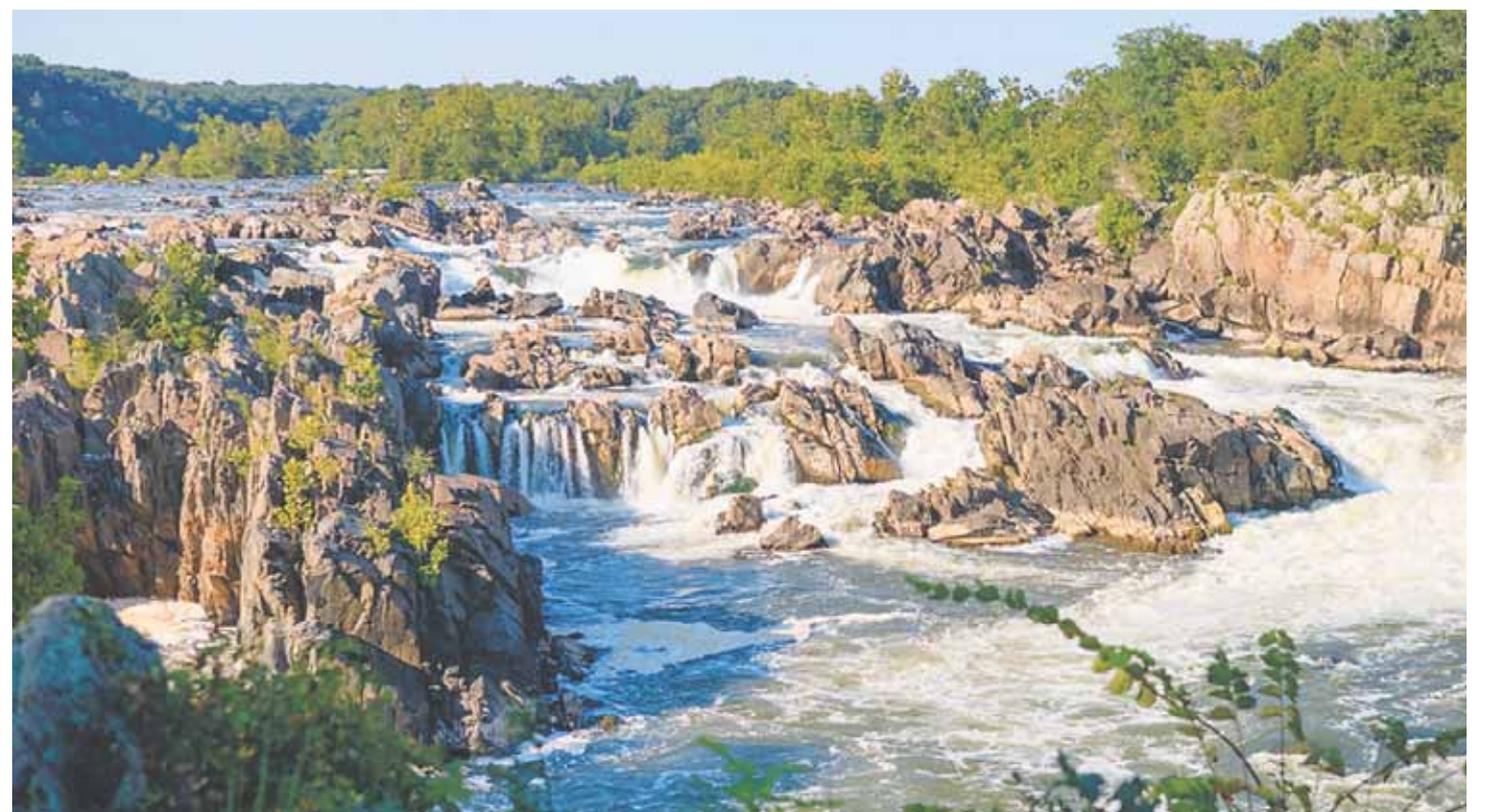
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

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

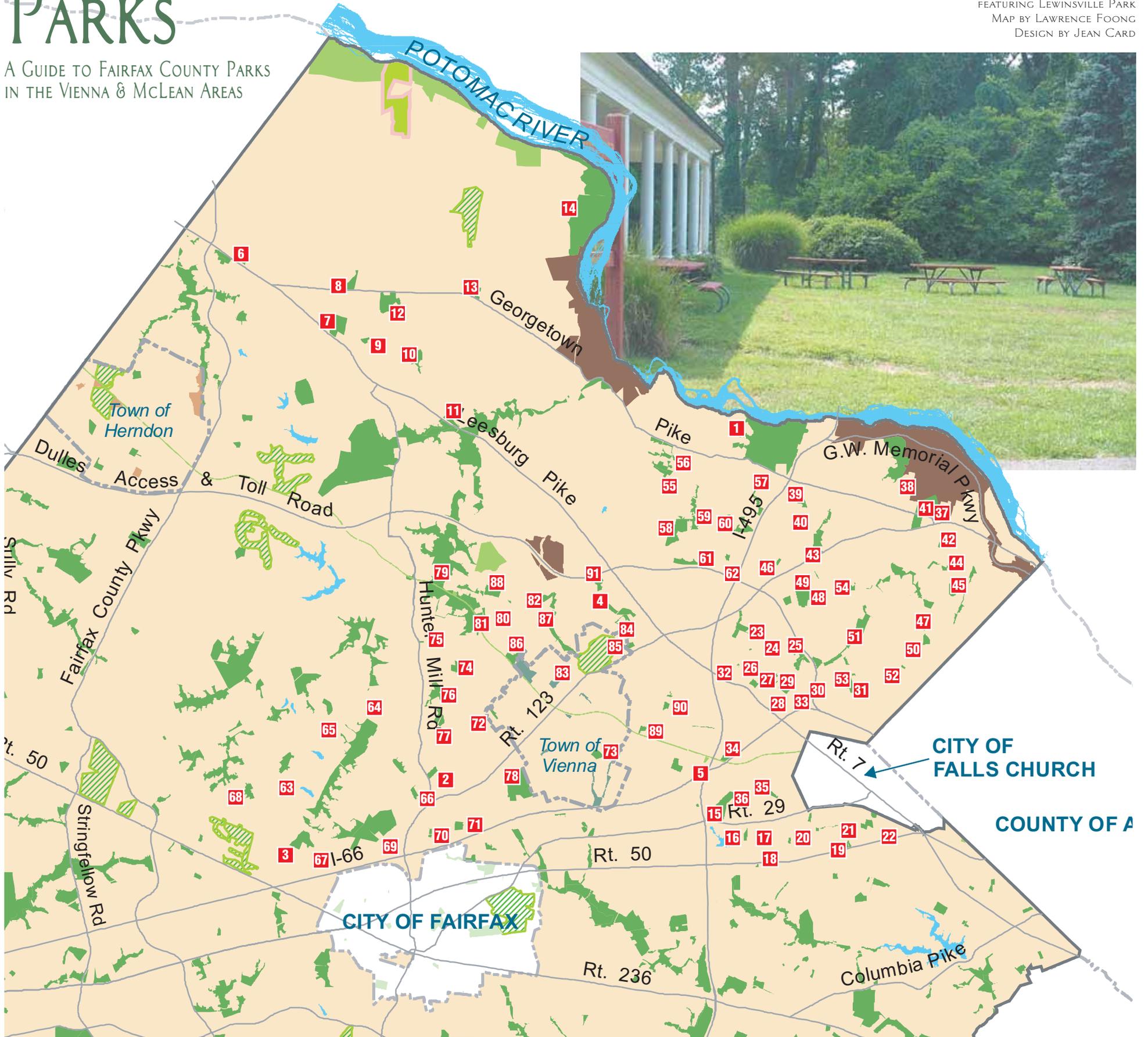
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS
IN THE VIENNA & MCLEAN AREAS

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FEATURING LEWINSVILLE PARK
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Map Number Park Name

Address, City
Property Class

1 Tollbrook Ridge

720 Boyle Lane, McLean
Neighborhood Park

2 Oakton Community

2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton
Community Park

3 Waples Mill Meadow

11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park

4 Heritage Resource

Westwood Ct, Vienna

5 Dunn Loring

2540 Gallows Road, Vienna
Community Park



6 Holly Knolls

1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

7 Great Falls Nike

1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park

8 Windermere

11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

9 Lockmeade

1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park

10 Lexington Estates

10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

11 Colvin Run Mill Site

10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

12 The Turner Farm

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

13 Great Falls Grange

9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

14 Riverbend

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park

15 Jefferson District

7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church
Multiple Resource Park

16 Pine Spring

7600 Willow Lane, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

17 Tyler

7216 Rice Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

18 Devonshire

2826 Edgehill Ave, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

19 Jefferson Village

2932 East Tripps Run Rd., Falls Church
Community Park

20 John Mastenbrook-Greenway

Downs, 2858 Woodlawn Ave., Falls
Church, Neighborhood Park

21 James Lee School Site

2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church
Community Park

22 Azalea

2905 Cleave Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park

23 Westgate

7508 Magarity Road, Falls Church
Community Park

24 Pimmit View

1905 Storm Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park



- 25 Olney**
1840 Olney Road, Falls Church
Community Park
- 26 Fisher**
7620 Fisher Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 27 Tysons Pimmit**
2026 Burfoot Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 28 Pimmit Hills**
2061 Arch Drive, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 29 Griffith**
2013 Griffith Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 30 Mt Royal**
7141 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 31 Haycock Longfellow**
6650 Kirby Court, Falls Church
Community Park
- 32 Lisle**
7744 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 33 Lemon Road**
7210 Idylwood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 34 Idylwood**
7715 Virginia Lane, Falls Church
Community Park
- 35 Hollywood Road**
2700 Hollywood Road, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 36 Lee Landing**
2780 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 37 Langley Fork**
6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean
District Park
- 38 Langley Oaks**
6504 Bright Mountain Road, McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 39 Cooper Intermediate School**
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Community Park
- 40 Churchill Road**
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean
Community Park
- 41 Clemyjontri**
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
Special Purpose Park

- 42 Dolley Madison Estates**
6139 Long Meadow Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 43 McLean Central**
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean
Community Park
- 44 Potomac Hills**
6125 Kinyon Place, McLean
Community Park
- 45 Marie Butler Leven Preserve**
1501 Kirby Road, McLean
Special Purpose Park
- 46 McLean Knolls**
1400 Balls Hill Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 47 Linway Terrace**
6246 Linway Terrace, McLean
Community Park
- 48 McLean High**
1609 Davidson Rd, McLean
Community Park
- 49 Lewinsville**
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
District Park
- 50 Chesterbrook School Site**
1753 Kirby Road, McLean
Community Park
- 51 Kent Gardens**
6621 Byrnes Drive, McLean
Community Park

- 52 Franklin Woods**
1938 Birch Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 53 Kirby**
2020 Kirby Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 54 Bryn Mawr**
6700 Tennyson Drive, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 55 Old Dominion School Site**
8211 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean
Community Park
- 56 Greenway Heights**
8203 Riding Ridge Place, McLean
Community Park
- 57 Scotts Run Nature Preserve**
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
Natural Resource Park
- 58 Spring Hill**
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean
District Park
- 59 McLean Hunt**
8003 Old Falls Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 60 Timberly**
1173 Swinks Mill Road, McLean
Community Park
- 61 McLean Hamlet**
8119 Dunsinane Court, McLean
Community Park

- 62 Falstaff**
7717 Falstaff Road, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 63 Foxvale**
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 64 Gabrielson Gardens**
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton
Special Purpose Park
- 65 Clarke's Landing**
11100 Vale Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 66 Oakborough Square**
2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 67 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 68 Wayland Street**
11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton
Community Park
- 69 Oak Marr**
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 70 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton
Neighborhood Park
- 71 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
Community Park
- 72 Peterson Lane**
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 73 Cunningham**
1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna
Community Park
- 74 Lawyers Road School Site**
10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 75 Fox Hunters**
10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 76 Kemper**
10206 Garrett Street, Vienna
Community Park

- 77 Ashlawn**
10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 78 Nottoway**
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
District Park
- 79 Tamarack**
1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna
Community Park
- 80 Symphony Hills**
9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 81 Clarks Crossing**
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna
District Park
- 82 Wolf Trails**
9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 83 Foxstone**
1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 84 Raglan Road**
8590 Raglan Road, Vienna
Community Park
- 85 Freedom Hill**
8531 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park
- 86 Eudora**
2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna
Community Park
- 87 Waverly**
1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna
Community Park
- 88 Lahey Lost Valley**
9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna
Cultural Resource Park
- 89 Tysons Woods**
8425 Overlook Street, Vienna
Neighborhood Park
- 90 Briarcliff**
2158 Silentree Road, Vienna
Neighborhood Park



McLean Community Center

The Center of It All

The Alden Theatre
 Professional Series
 McLean Kids Series
 Films & Lectures
 Summer Concerts



Classes & Trips

Day Trips and Tours, Bridge, Dance, Creative Play, Fitness, Music, Safety, Science, etc.



Special Events

McLean Day, Fall & Spring Garage Sales, Jewelry & Accessories Show, Antiques & Holiday Crafts Shows



...and so much more!

Youth & Teen Activities

Harvest Happenings, Camp McLean, Gingerbread House Workshops, School Break Trips, The Old Firehouse Center



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