Jeanine Barakat of Burke Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station 414 gives a CPR demonstration to twins Noah and Logan Admire, 7, of Springfield and Josie Holet, 6, of Springfield during the 2018 Burke Centre Festival held in September.
Newcomers & Community Guide 2019-20

List of Nonprofits in Fairfax County

- Northern Virginia Family Service: Offers counseling, support groups, and other services for families in need. 703-506-9191
- Second Story: Provides emergency shelter and homeless assistance. 703-506-9191
- Shepherd's Center of Oakton: Offers meals, clothing, and other services to the community. 703-506-9191
- Lamb Center: Provides food, clothing, and other services to the homeless. 703-691-3178
- Fairfax City Area FISH: Offers food, clothing, and other services to those in need. 703-691-3178
- FACETS: Provides food, clothing, and other services to those in need. 703-865-4251
- Britepaths: Offers education and support services to those in need. 703-768-7106
- Fairfax City Area FISH: Offers food, clothing, and other services to those in need. 703-506-9191
- Lamb Center: Provides food, clothing, and other services to the homeless. 703-691-3178
- Food for Others: Provides food and other services to those in need. 703-915-5000
- Lorton Community Action Center: Provides food, clothing, and other services to those in need. 703-339-5161

Where to Give Locally

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- Shepherd’s Center of Oakton is committed to helping people in need in Oakton, Virginia. Shepherd’s Center of Oakton offers meals, clothing, and other services to the community. Shepherd’s Center of Oakton is located at 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

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Braddock Basics for Newcomers

Activities, resources, and opportunities for all to enjoy.

By John C. Cook
Supervisor - Braddock District

It is an honor to welcome you to Fairfax County and the Braddock District.

As you will soon discover, this County is filled with activities, resources, and opportunities for all to enjoy. I would like to highlight a few in Braddock.

There are more than 50 parks in our district alone that provide lush greenspace, activities for the family, and a place for everyone to connect with nature. Lake Accotink Park is the environmental gem of the Braddock District, with a scenic 50-acre lake and a variety of activities surrounding it. Visitors can play mini-golf, rent boats, walk a 4-mile loop trail, ride a carousel, and enjoy the well-stocked snack bar.

Another outdoor locale residents enjoy is Royal Lake Park. There, families can enjoy playgrounds and easy walking trails around a smaller, but beautiful lake. Nature lovers and outdoorsmen will feel right at home here.

Our top-notch schools provide rigorous academics and award winning extracurriculars to all students. Every year, our elementary and middle schools receive top-scores in state and national standardized testing. Meanwhile, our three top-rated high schools — Lake Braddock, W.T. Woodson, and Robinson — produce scores of national merit scholars and countless champions in sports, music, arts and more. George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College offer first-rate higher education to Braddock residents and contribute immensely to the Braddock neighborhood.

Lake Accotink is the perfect place to get the family outside and enjoy nature.

Top Ten

Supervisor Cook’s Top Ten Events, Places:
Braddock Nights
Lake Accotink
Audrey Moore Center
George Mason University
Northern Virginia Community College
Burke Centre Festival
The Wakefield Chapel
Oak Hill Day
Fairfax Corner
Fairfax Gov’t Center – Celebrate Fairfax

THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT has a strong tradition of providing music and cultural events to the community. Each year, my office hosts a free summer concert series called Braddock Nights, which features professional artists at Lake Accotink Park and Royal Lake Park. At George Mason University’s EagleBank Arena, concert-goers can see the hottest musical acts and entertainers year round in the 10,000 seat stadium. Also on campus is George Mason’s Center for the Arts. Students, faculty, and renowned international artists present the best of classical music, opera, jazz, world music, dance, theater, global music and dance, and more.

There is no shortage of restaurants to choose from in the Braddock District. University Mall, located just across from George Mason University, has plenty of eateries, shops, a newly renovated Giant grocery store, and the University Mall Theatres. Fairfax Corner is another exceptional shopping center with popular restaurants. After a meal you can watch a movie at the Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theater, take the kids to the “splash pad,” or go shopping at the numerous boutiques throughout the main street-style center. We welcomed several new restaurants to the community recently, including Chick-Fil-A, CAVA, and Waranku. The amount of restaurant choices here is pleasantly overwhelming.
Braddock for Newcomers

Historians will enjoy the many different landmarks and destinations in the Braddock District. The Oak Hill Mansion in Annandale is a Georgian-style manor built in 1790. It is the last standing of three properties owned by the Fitzhugh family, who played significant roles in the Revolutionary War and Civil War. The mansion was also the site of a pivotal Civil War ambush called the “Oak Hill Kitchen Skirmish.” Another popular historic landmark is Wakefield Chapel. Built in 1899, this place of worship was named after a Union soldier-turned-pastor named E.W. Wakefield. Visiting these sites helps you understand the significance Braddock played in the course of American history.

FOR FUN family events, don’t miss Celebrate Fairfax at the Government Center in June, an exciting County-wide carnival and musical event fit for the whole family. Good Charlotte, Sugar Ray, and Gin Blossoms headlined this year’s shows. The Burke Centre Festival in September, featuring music, an arts and crafts show, and community displays and demonstrations, is a wonderful and very popular local celebration.

I hope you take advantage of everything Braddock has to offer. If you have any questions on local government matters or the area please call my office at 703-425-9300. As always, I am honored and pleased to serve you as your Braddock District Supervisor.

Viewpoints

What do you like best about the Burke-Springfield area?

— Mike Salmon

“Having friends to hang out with.”
– An Tran, works at Wash Fair.

“Close to my work, no shortage of employment.”
– Jacob Wheeler, manager at Wash Fair, graduated from Lee High School.

“We do have parks in the area that make you feel like you’re in the forest. To see nature, the forest, the animals.”
– Dylan Van Balen, Lake Accotink Park Naturalist, graduate of Longwood University.

“There’s so many things to do.”
– Aly D’Anna, right, and Ramsha Baig, boat attendees at Lake Accotink.

“Lee District Park and the splash park, the different activities we find for the little ones.”
– Emily and William Nehring, 1, Springfield.
Where to Give Locally

Where to Give Locally

From Page 2

- Homestretch is the largest provider of transitional housing in Fairfax County and offers a services to help the homeless better their lives through education. Email: jhenderson@homestretchva.org; 703-237-2035 x125; homestretchva.org/volunteer/

- Pathway Homes focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. 703-876-0390 info@pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org/support-pathway/

- Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, 8305-17B Richmond Highway, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA 22309; 703-768-9419; www.goodhousing.org/ The mission of Good Shepherd Housing (GSH) is to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency. GSH housing manages more than 70 housing units.

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and Mount Vernon/Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. www.bgcgw.org/fairfax

- Christian Relief Services, 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900, Alexandria, VA 22309, 703-317-9086, 703-317-9690 christianrelief.org/

- Friends of Guest House Northern Virginia offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia. One East Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301-2025, 703-549-8072, info@guesthouse.org; friends@guesthouse.org/

- Wright to Read 703-299-9854, www.wrighttoread.org Provides volunteer-based, 1:1 tutoring and mentoring to City of Alexandria public elementary school children in need. Funds are needed to provide field trips and enrichment activities, books and other resources. For more information about Wright to Read and becoming a “Tutor/Mentor” please see our website.

- Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia transforms the lives of lower-income families in need by providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.

- Alice’s Kids (@alicewillhelp) aliceskids.org P.O. Box 60, Mount Vernon, VA 22121 When a child is raised in poverty they suffer both publicly and privately. When there is no food in the refrigerator, no electricity nor heat, these are hardships that they can keep hidden from their peers. But, when that same child can’t afford to pay for the band field trip, a pair of glasses, a chorus outfit or a new pair of shoes, these are indignities that are evident to their classmates. Alice’s Kids pays for these relatively inexpensive items in the hopes of preserving the dignity of the child. We help children from all over the Mount Vernon area through small acts of kindness.

- SHARE of McLean operates a food pantry; See Giving, Page 9

Fairfax Memorial
Full Service Cemetery
9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032
703-321-3828
www.impark.com

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Dates and Deadlines for Election Day

❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, VA 22033
❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.
❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
❖ Nov. 2: Final day to vote absentee-in-person, 5 p.m.
❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections, Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323 Fairfax, VA 22033 703-222-0776 TTY 711 voting@fairfaxcounty.gov www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/

When you register to vote in Virginia, you DO NOT register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

Voter ID Requirements:
Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. 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

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.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County
❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district
❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
❖ Commonwealth’s Attorney, vote for one
❖ Sheriff, vote for one
❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
❖ Member School Board at Large
❖ Member Board of Supervisors, vote for one in your district

Candidate, Fairfax County
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph E. Galdro (R)
Commonwealth’s Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)
Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)
Board of Supervisors, District Representatives
Brodhick District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)
Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)
Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acom (D) unopposed
Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unoposed
Mason District
Penelope A. “Penny” Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)
Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. “Dan” Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed
Providence District
Dalia A. Palthik (D)
Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. “Pat” Herrity (R) incumbent
Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent
Sreilka R. Palle (R)

School Board
School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abrar E. Omeish
Cheryl A. Buford
Ilryong Moon, incumbent
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Cheryl A. Buford
Abrar E. Omeish
Priscilla M. De Stefano
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Vinson Palathingal
Ilryong Moon, incumbent
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent
Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karlotous
Aravdhan Mobasher
Elaine V. Tholen
Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain
Melanie K. Merten
Lee District, School Board
Tamarra J. Derenak Kaulfau, incumbent
Mason District, School Board
Rickey J. Anderson
Tom L. Pafford
Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent
Providence District, School Board
Andrea L. “Andi” Bayer
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch
Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schlutz, incumbent
Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent
Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik
Chris E. Koerner
Christopher A. Bowen
Edward F. McGovern
Jonah E. “Jet” Thomas
Monica A. Billger
Gerald Owen “Jerry” Peters Jr., incumbent

Ballot Question
This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot: Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?
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Candidates, General Assembly, Nov. 5, 2019

To check what is on your ballot and the status of your voter registration, visit elections.virginia.gov/register/view-your-info

House of Delegates
District 34
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35
Mark L. Kearn (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Kenneth R. “Ken” Plumb, incumbent, unopposed

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. “Tim” Hugo (R), incumbent

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adriana (R)

District 43
Mike D. Sickles (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 44
Paul E. Kriekard (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 46
Charmiele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 48
Richard C. “Rip” Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed

Virginia State Senate

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)

District 34
J. C. “Chap” Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 35
Richard L. “Dick” Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. “Dutch” Hillenburg (R)

District 66
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Braddock: Year-round Festival

Andrew Kraak, who works in Fairfax, and his fiancé Gretchen Pascolini enjoy the rainy Sunday Brew with music from Herr Metal at Celebrate Fairfax festival 2019.

The Hawaiian All-Stars perform at the Burke Centre Festival 2018.

In spite of the rain, the crowds at the Burke Centre Festival 2018 were still healthy.

At the Burke Historical Society's booth at the Burke Centre Festival 2018 are (from left): Sherry Slawski, Charlene Heermans, Bill Mindak, and Barbara Keller.

Sunset over Lake Accotink was a perfect reading spot for Megan Huber at .2018 Braddock Nights.

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Giving
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provides assistance to families to avoid eviction, keep utilities on and meet other needs in a crisis. Share of McLean will provide holiday assistance to more than 250 needy families (630-plus people) this year. Each family will receive a grocery gift card in November along with a bag filled with pantry staples and traditional items. In December, our families will be welcomed to a festive party, served a light meal, and Santa will travel all the way from the North Pole to take photographs with the children. Each person will receive a “wish” gift and families will be given a grocery gift card, a bag filled with toiletries, and a jug of laundry detergent. Help us help our neighbors in need by fulfilling a wish or donating Walmart, Target, Giant, or Safeway gift cards. Contact Chris Wilbur at ShareWishes@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.shareofmclean.org for more info about Share.

Cornerstones, 11530 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Nonprofit providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Gifts for Kids and annual Coat Drive. Alacia Earley at 571-323-9568 or alacia.earley@cornerstonesva.org.

Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 herndonrestonfish.org. Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short term crises by since 1969. FISH provides Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help by responding to emergency requests for rent, transportation, utilities, medical prescriptions and other needs. FISH operates The Bargain Loft, a thrift store, which needs donations of good quality saleable items, accepting and selling art, furniture, jewelry, household items, dishes, pots and pans, books, women’s designer clothing (clean and on hangers), puzzles, games, collectibles, small electronics and much more. If you have store questions, call 703-437-0600. Herndon-Reston FISH also provides Holiday Food & Gift Baskets during the November and December season.

LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. Every year the goal is to provide each family with a week’s worth of non-perishable food in November and again in December. When funds allow, grocery gift cards are also included. In November, clients also receive a voucher for coats and warm clothing. In December, children 14 and under receive gifts. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Last year 450 children had a special Christmas through the annual Christmas Store. 703-281-7614, www.cho-va.com

WHERE TO START?
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Villa Bella Restaurant
In Private Dining Area
6050 Burke Commons Rd. • Burke, VA 22015
Stop by for hors d’oeuvres and educate yourselves on the options of downsizing, estate sales, selling your home and finding a Senior Living Community
RSVP to Alissa Schroeder at Alissa.Schroeder@uin.net or 703.425.1005
Hosted by Heatherwood Independent and Assisted Living Community Long and Foster Realtor
About the Connection

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

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local and regional fairs and festivals, 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, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, published a book, or your community published a book, or your community published a book, or your community published a book, or your community published a book.

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

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md. Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

— Mary Kimm
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

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Centre View: www.twitter.com/CentreView; @CentreView
Chantilly Connection: www.twitter.com/ChantillyConnect; @ChantillyConnect
Fairfax Connection: www.twitter.com/FairfaxConnection; @FFXConnection
Fairfax Station-Clifton-Lorton Connection: www.twitter.com/FFXSCConnection;

Great Falls Connection: www.twitter.com/GFCconnection; @GFCconnection
McLean Connection: www.twitter.com/McLeanConnect; @McLeanConnect
Oak Hill/Herndon: www.twitter.com/OHHCConnect; @OHHCConnect
Reston Connection: www.twitter.com/RestonConnect; @RestonConnect
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Newcomers

Postcards from Lorton

Looking out the pro shop window at Pohick Golf Course.

At the Workhouse Art Center, sculptures come in many forms.

Photos by Mike Salmon/The Connection

Burke Cente Festi

Burke Centre’s 42nd Annual Festival

Saturday, Sept. 7
9:30am - 5pm
(*Wine service - Sat. Only*  12-5PM; Evening Wine Garden Hours: 5-10PM)

Sunday, Sept. 8
11AM - 5PM

Rain or Shine!

Conservancy Office Grounds
6000 Burke Centre Pkwy

Free Admission

Something Fun For All Ages!

NEW this year — Wristbands!
fee one price for unlimited rides & face painting

* Art & Crafts Show * Mickey Carnival Games * Puppet Shows
* Face Painting (High Quality) * Festival Foods * Fire & Rescue Displays
* Inflatable Rides * Bounce Houses * Mechanical Rides * Nursing
* Moon Tents * Police Displays * Pony Rides * Roving Characters * Water Registration * Wildlife Shows * Lively Activities * Free Shuttle Service *

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Burke Festival

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Fairs & Festivals

September 2019

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
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 herndonva.gov/ recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m at Burke Centre Conservancy 4600 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.burkecentreweb.com or sub_category_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Dulles Day Plane Pull. At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2019 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto shows, the children’s zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and more. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
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-reston-multicultural-festival for more.

October 2019

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10-12
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, OCTOBER 5
Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The 8th annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration and a building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a SK-4 multicultural, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit taintofannandale.com for more.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24-28
Washington West Film Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit www.westfilmfest.com.

Fridays, November 1

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Reston Holiday Parade. 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 herndonva.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

Saturday, November 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Herndon Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Reston. Holiday parade with tree lighting and caroling, along with a Chili Cook-off. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.herndonconnection.com for more.

December 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field, 3111 Club House Road, Great Falls. The beginning of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/ for more info.

The whirl and swirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax County 71st 4-H Fair and Carnival held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5:30-6 p.m. ‘Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. Frying Pan Park Farm. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is $10 per vehicle parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair-for-details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Living Saviour’s Holiday Bazaar at 5500 Ox Road Fairfax Station. Event is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a family event with free admission. Shop a variety of vendors including small business and homemade arts and crafts. There will also be a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting local hyperthermia shelter this winter. Visit www.eventsbox.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195857#.ujvebdo8eza for more.

April 2020

APRIL 18-25
Historic Garden Week. Four day outdoor festival with three Great Falls elementary schools. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support restonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

May 2020

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. This annual event is a show and sail highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Center. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/ for more.

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club. 7111 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 28-31
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July 2020


A family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K, multicultural, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit taintofannandale.com for more.

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JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts. Alcohol permitted at restaurants and bars. For more information, call 703-324-3247 or visit www.herndonconnection.com for more.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd, Reston. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/flying-pan-park/4-h-fair-for-details for more.

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August 2020

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