Colorful flowers and tasty fruits, vegetables and fresh herbs are among the many reasons the Saturday farmers market in Fairfax City is a big hit.
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Where to Give Locally

List of Nonprofits in Fairfax County

❖ Northern Virginia Family Service: Just $50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation or via check payable to “NVFS” with “Operation Turkey” on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards. Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday Initiatives, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

❖ Second Story — Abused and Homeless Children’s Refuge: 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent. second-story.org.

❖ Shepherd’s Center of Oakton: Veterinary services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000+ mature adults in the region. 703-281-0538, www.scv.org.

❖ Touching Heart in Herndon: a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.

❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — Food pantry at 13981 MetroTech Drive in Chantilly. For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying “food basket program” and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.

❖ HomeAid builds and renovates facilities that house the homeless, and partners with many local organizations to do so. 3684 Centerview Drive, Suite 110B, Chantilly, VA 20151. www.homeaidnova.org.

❖ FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetsscares.org. wwwfacetsscares.org, 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030.

❖ Britepaths has been helping to stabilize low-income working families, build resilience through financial literacy and mentoring, and provide seasonal supports. britepaths.org.

❖ Fairfax City Area FISH: (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) helps local people who are in temporary need of life’s basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 ffish@fairfaxva.org.

❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178.

❖ Food for Others provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. 2938 Prosperity Ave. info@foodforothers.org Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. www.foodforothers.org.

❖ Eucomenical Community Helping Others (ECHO): 703-565-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. www.eco-ico.org.

❖ Lorton Community Action Council: will provide Thanksgiving and Holiday assistance to more than 450 families this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets along with fulfilling gift wishes for more than 1,000 children and teens will help low-income families. More information at lortonaction.org/seasonal-assistance/. Volunteers are needed for events as well. Register online at lortonaction.org or call 703/339-5161, ext. 140.

❖ Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League’s philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children at 11 Title 1 schools in Northern Virginia, serving children most in need at selected schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria. To learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, contact anlserthema@gmail.com or visit www.assistanceleagueofnorthernva.org.

❖ Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services (CAUSE) ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org.

❖ Shelter House provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. www.shelterhouse.org/get-involved/

❖ United Community, Mount Vernon, 703-786-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306 assists low-income families and individuals living along the Route 1 Corridor. United Community provides housing programs as well as a Workforce Development Center to help prepare people for moving forward with their jobs. Last year, for the holidays, donations of nearly 10,000 toys, books, games, clothing, and other gifts ensured a joy-filled holiday for more than 1,200 children in 600 families. 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria VA 22306. www.ucfootprint.org. Donations of cash/checks and gift cards are also welcome.

❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6853 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. www.capitalfoodbank.org

❖ See Giving, Page 11

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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.

Learn about the history of the Fitzgerald Family and how the Braddock District came to be at Oak Hill Day.

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.

Learn about the history of the Fitzgerald Family and how the Braddock District came to be at Oak Hill Day.

Braddock Basics for Newcomers

Activities, resources, and opportunities for all to enjoy.

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
- FairfaxGovt Center – Celebrate Fairfax

Wakefield Chapel was built in 1899 by Civil War era Union officer and Methodist pastor Reverend E. W. Wakefield.

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

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At Lake Accotink, Barred Owls like this one on display hunt the stream valley.
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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 state-issued identification card, Virginia voter registration card or more than one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver’s license, Virginia state-issued identification card, Virginia voter registration card or more than one year after the ID has expired.

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Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

Upcoming Voter Photo ID Events

- Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308
- Aug. 27, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Burke Lake Garden, Thursday, 9609 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015
- Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leesburg Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003
- Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Ayersville Burke Pavilion, Wednesday, 1739 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA 22101
- Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Chesterbrook Residences, Monday, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA 22043
- Sept. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., The Virginian, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031
- Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads, Monday, 5440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041
- Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunrise at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Founain Dr., Reston, VA 20190
- Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191
- Sept. 25, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Tall Oaks Assisted Living, Wednesday, 12052 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA 20192
- Sept. 26, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Crossings at Chantilly, Thursday, 2980 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171
- Sept. 28, Noon until 4 p.m., Reston Multicultural Festival - Lake Anne Plaza, Saturday, 2310 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20190
- Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4326 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030
- Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 2019 First Baptist Church of Merrifield Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8122 Ransell Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042
- Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
- Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood-Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

Candidates, Fairfax County

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph E. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth’s Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District
John W. Fouyst (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunt District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District
Penelope A. “Penny” Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. “Dan” Storek (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District
Dalla A. Palchik (D)

Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. “Pat” Herity (R) incumbent

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent
Srilakshma R. Palle (R)

School Board
School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrah E. Omeish
Cheryl A. Buford
Pricilla M. DeStefano
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Vinon Palhatnbig
Ilyong Moon, incumbent
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent

Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutous
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen

Hunt Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain
Melanie K. Meren

Lee District, School Board
Tamarra J. Derenak Kaulfous

Mason District, School Board
Riccardy J. Anderson
Tom L. Palford

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Omoniwi
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. Schultz, 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

School Bond 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 purpose 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?

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

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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/view-your-info

House of Delegates
District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent, unopposed
Gary G. Pan (R)

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

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

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

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

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

District 40
Dan J. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)

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

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

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

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

District 46
Charniele 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
Karrin 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)

Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Newcomers and Community Guide

My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987 the Braddock District was called Annandale. Fairfax County's population (now 1.15 million) was approximately 746,600. There was no VRE (Virginia Railway Express Commuter Rail System) nor was there a Springfield Franconia Metro Station or a Fairfax County Parkway. When I took office as a freshman Supervisor in January 1988, Fairfax County was, for the most part, a rapidly growing suburban bedroom community. Tysons was still just a shopping mall.

I will be retiring at the end of December, after serving 31 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — 11 years as Chairman and 20 years before that as the Braddock District Supervisor. What I have come to understand over these many years is that the one thing you can be certain of is that things will change. Indeed, a lot has changed over that span of time.

During the past decade while I have had the honor to serve you as Chairman, Fairfax County has:

❖ Navigated the financial crises caused by the Great Recession with the County’s coveted triple A bond rating by all three rating agencies still intact;
❖ Welcomed Metro’s Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, with a station at Dulles Airport to open next year;
❖ Ushered in new land use plans for Tysons and other aging commercial and industrial areas of the County in need of revitalization;
❖ Reengineered our police policies to include more transparency and de-escalation tactics with a focus on the sanctity of life;
❖ Created Diversion First, a program for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, experiencing an encounter with law enforcement to receive treatment instead of incarceration;
❖ Updated the County’s Environmental Vision to include a new focus on Energy Efficiency and Climate;
❖ Strengthened collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the areas of budget development, land use planning and joint environmental initiatives;
❖ Reduced homelessness by nearly 50% employing a Housing First strategy to put a roof over homeless individuals’ heads and connecting them to resources needed to help them get back on their feet;
❖ Lastly, and most importantly, our Board, in partnership with the School Board, established One Fairfax, a social and racial equity compact, to ensure that ALL residents of Fairfax County have access to equitable opportunities for success.

I have been deeply honored to serve the residents of Fairfax County for these many years. I will really miss this job! Jurisdictions throughout the country look to Fairfax County as a leader and innovator, and I am proud, working with my colleagues on the Board and our excellent County staff, to have led our county to where it is today. Fairfax County is an awesome place, with a culture of engagement, acceptance of different cultures and backgrounds and a willingness to work together to resolve conflicts.

Fairfax County is poised for many exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident the next Board of Supervisors, in partnership with members of the community, will continue the positive momentum we are known for.
What’s on the Horizon for Fairfax City

Multifamily homes, retail and redevelopment.

By Bonnie Hobbs

With an eye toward the future, several development projects are either proposed or in the works in the City of Fairfax. Below are details about some of them.

Scout on the Circle

This mixed-use development will replace an obsolete strip mall with 400 Class-A apartment units, 29,000 square feet of retail divided between two buildings, plus a Giant Food store – which will be a 54,000-square-foot, full-service, grocery store with pharmacy. Two parking garages are also part of the project.

Dubbed a “transit-oriented development,” it’s located at Fairfax Circle and flanked by Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50), Lee Highway (Route 29) and Pickett Road, so it will have easy access to and from major highways. And once the lease agreement was signed with Giant, the project’s construction schedule was accelerated, and the apartments are now being built along Fairfax Boulevard.

CBG, Clark Builders Group, is constructing the all-rental apartments, and 6 percent of them will be affordable housing. Two buildings will have retail uses on the first level and five stories of residential above. There’ll be some 3-bedroom apartments, but most will be 1- and 2-bedroom units. Parking-garage entrances will be from Route 50 and from a back street.

Fairfax Gateway

Work has now begun on an 8.33-acre site to turn part of the Kamp Washington triangle between Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway into a modern, community-serving, mixed-use project. It’s the Fairfax Gateway project and will contain 403 multifamily apartments, 24 of which will be affordable dwelling units. The apartment mix will be 43 studios, 179 one-bedroom, 169 two-bedroom and 12 three-bedroom.

Also planned are 21,249 square feet of commercial space, including 4,000 square feet dedicated to the nonprofit CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates). The remaining 17,249 square feet of commercial use is proposed as a restaurant, plus ground-floor retail and office space. There’ll be a six-story parking garage, plus on-street parking, as well as a pool and a dog park.

The project also contains a through street with a connection at the Bevan Drive signal at Fairfax Boulevard, plus a new, un-signalized entrance on Lee Highway. The community’s road network will then correspond to the future redevelopment of the rest of the Kamp Washington triangle, while treating the section connecting Lee Highway to Fairfax Boulevard with several traffic-calming elements to reduce cut-through traffic.

Also planned are trails connecting to adjacent properties, plus open space including a 5,600-square-foot contemplative space next to the Jermantown Cemetery. Fairfax Gateway will maintain this space and the cemetery for 30 years. And the utilities will be underground. The new neighborhood is estimated to yield 53 students, but developer FF Realty IV LLC has proffered $200,000 to the City schools in mitigation.

Fairfax Shopping Center/Point 50

Fairfax Shopping Center is being revitalized and will be renamed Point 50. This development will include a Whole Foods 365 grocery store, plus a restaurant and two other retail uses in three separate buildings. And Fairfax officials hope this project will be a catalyst for future residential and mixed uses in the City’s Northfax area.

The site is 6.27 acres along Fairfax Boulevard and Eaton Place. Regency Centers LLC will replace the existing, outdated, 68,500-square-foot shopping center with 48,200 square feet of commercial uses – a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and retail buildings of 5,000, 7,000 and 6,200 square feet.

Three access driveways will be along Fairfax Boulevard, with another at a traffic light at University Drive. An access will also be added for the Whole Foods. There’ll be no access to Eaton Place, but the University Drive Extension will provide it.

Paul VI Site Redevelopment

In 2020, Paul VI High School will move from its 18.5-acre home in the City of Fairfax to a much larger site in Loudoun County. And developer IDI Group Cos. will then redevelop this land along Fairfax Boulevard after the school leaves. The property also includes two, adjacent, single-family lots on Cedar Avenue.

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Newcomers & Community Guide

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, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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

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

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IDI will build 266 residential units – 115 townhouses, 144 condos in a four-story building, and seven single-family homes. The plan also contains 20,000 square feet of retail in two buildings, plus 24,000 square feet of commercial and/or community uses in the retained, original portion of the school building. Fifteen of the townhouses along Fairfax Boulevard will be live/work units with retail on the bottom. Some 40 percent of the condos will be one-bedroom, with the remainder mostly two-bedroom, plus some three-bedroom. The townhouses will be three- and four-bedroom and average 2,400-2,500 square feet. The single-family houses will be between 2,700 and 3,500 square feet. IDI will build the condos and commercial portions, and a development partner will construct the townhomes. IDI will also add a shared-use path along McLean and Cedar avenues and a 10-foot-wide walkway along the Fairfax Boulevard frontage. The site will also contain pocket parks and a village green.

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Site plan for the revitalized Fairfax Shopping Center, which will be renamed Point 50.

Drivers will access it all via an existing entrance from Oak Street and four points along Fairfax Boulevard. No vehicular connections are proposed between the site and McLean, Cedar or Keith avenues. A service road will run the length of the Fairfax Boulevard frontage, and Fairfax Boulevard will have slow-lane parking. In addition, IDI will contribute $133,000 to mitigate impacts to City schools, provide 60 parking spaces for Pat Rodio Park and underground McLean Avenue utility poles. The site-plan process is expected to take 8-10 months and work can’t begin until the school is vacated next summer. Construction is anticipated to take about three years.

Capstone Collegiate Communities

Aimed at providing housing for GMU students, Capstone Collegiate Communities will be constructed on 6 acres bounded by Democracy Lane and University and Layton Hall drives. Entrances will be from Democracy and Layton. It will replace an existing office park with two, connected, four- and five-story multifamily buildings containing 275 housing units. Ranging from studios to one, two, three and four bedrooms, some may be double-occupancy, provided the number of building residents does not exceed 825. Each rental unit will come fully furnished and will have a common living area, kitchen, washer and dryer, plus one bathroom per bedroom. And no more than four unrelated people may occupy a single unit. In addition, a swimming pool is proposed for an internal courtyard.

Some 737 parking spaces will be provided – 680 in a parking garage, plus 57 on-street and surface spaces. Parallel parking will be along Democracy and on a future, private street, and all streets will have sidewalks. And Capstone Collegiate Communities LLC will contribute $30,000 for two bus shelters.
Newcomers
Where To
Give Locally

❖ 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 15896, Alexandria, VA, 22303; 703-766-9419, www.goodshepherd.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.bgca.org/fairfax

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Fairs & Festivals

September 2019

Monday, Sept. 9

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** Noon – 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wine booths and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

Saturday, Sept. 14

**Burke Centre Festival.** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Burke Center Conservancy, 4060 Burke Center 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 for more.

Saturday, Sept. 28

**Reston Multicultural Festival.** Noon – 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 2019

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 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.com for more.

Saturday, Oct. 5

**Taste of Annandale.** Noon – 3 p.m. on the Town Green between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fifth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, restaurants and local businesses. Other activities include a 5K; entertainment stages; two fireworks displays; Kid’s Alley with children’s art area, arts and craft activities; bingo, face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

Thursday-Monday, Oct. 24-28

**Washington West Film Festival.** 777 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/arts-on-the-lake for more.

November 2019

Friday, Nov. 29

**Herndon Holiday Parade.** At Herndon Town Center, 11900 Market St. Resto. Holiday parade with tree lighting, holiday entertainment, and more. Visit www.herndon-chamber.org for more.

December 2019

**Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field.** 3:45 p.m. Join us as we begin the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit celebreategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights for more info.

The whirl and swirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax 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 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. 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. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair-for-details for more.

**THURSDAYS-MAY-AUGUST**

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

**Friday Nights during the summer.** Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for more.

**July 2020**

**Herndon 4th of July Celebration.** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Herndon and the entire Reston Herndon Community Centre, 8140 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with games, arts and craft activities. Visit www.herndon.gov for more.

**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 and entertainment, and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day for more.


**August 2020**

**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. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5:30-7 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. 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. Friday – free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Saturday – 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 for more.