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Something Fun For All Ages!
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A Diverse and Welcoming Community

Exciting projects taking place across Lee District.

By Jeffrey C. McKay
Supervisor - Lee District

Welcome to Lee District! I’m so glad you’ve decided to check out all the wonderful things that make this district the best part of Fairfax County. I might be a little biased having lived in this neck of the woods my entire life.

Here in Lee District, we have a wonderful blend of history, modern amenities, and some amazing plans in the works, which will continue to enhance the quality of life of an already excellent, all-encompassing community. I am proud of our area’s heritage, and we work hard to preserve our community’s neighborly, small-town atmosphere while continuing to bring modern and urban conveniences to all community members via retail, transportation, and entertainment. I’m happy to say we are a diverse and welcoming community.

Our district is a vibrant mix of neighborhoods, small family businesses, convenient shopping centers, parks and recreation centers, and boasts excellent schools. We are neighbors to the Fort Belvoir community, which not only serves our military residents, but offers friendly amenities to everyone in our community.

Additionally, we have many transportation options to help keep cars off the roads. If you are looking for an alternative to driving, consider hopping on the Metro at the Franconia-Springfield Station or the Virginia Railway Express (VRE). You may also want to try using one of the many Metro bus routes that serve our area, in addition to riding the Metro.

There are some wonderful places to visit in Lee District. If you’re in the mood for shopping, don’t miss the Springfield Town Center. The Springfield Town Center is on Franconia Road, just a short distance from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station. It’s got loads of great restaurants and retail and it hosts a farmer’s market on Saturday mornings. There is something for everyone to enjoy (young or old) including places like Dave and Busters. I’d also suggest checking out the Hilltop Village Center, home to Wegmans and many different restaurants. This is located right off Beulah Street, across from Fort Belvoir.

Once you’ve had your fill of shopping and entertainment, head over to Huntley Meadows Park, often called the crown jewel of the Fairfax County Park System. Huntley Meadows Park is more than 1,500 acres with majestic forests, wildflower-filled meadows, and wetlands bursting with life. Take a walk on the wetland’s award-winning boardwalk — and experience some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area. You’ll see beavers, frogs, dragonflies, and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with over 200 species identified in the park.

You can also head over to Lee District Park. Here we have the Lee District RECcenter and two unique features — an accessible treehouse and Our Special Harbor accessible spray park. The complex features Chesapeake Bay-themed attractions including a spraying osprey nest, Chesie the sea serpent, misting sunflowers, and a lighthouse. The beach area is quieter with softer bobbles and interactive water tables.

Top Ten

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Exciting New Developments

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By Pat Herrity
Supervisor - Springfield District

Springfield District, home to your families.

Improvements that will help to get you home to your families.

Top Ten

My top 10 favorite places in the District (it’s hard to pick just 10):

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A Diverse and Welcoming Community

While there is already so much to do and experience in Lee District, I believe that there is always work to do. That is what we strive for here in Lee District, to keep moving the needle forward and continuing to increase the quality of life for all our community members. As we work towards increased positive progress, there are quite a few exciting projects taking place across Lee District worth mentioning.

In addition to our ever-expanding retail and restaurant options across the district, we also have a few other additions coming to our area. I’m excited to say that the grocery store chain, Lidl, is coming to central Lee District and will be open next year as well.

THE REVITALIZATION in our district continues as well. The Springfield Branding Project is well underway. This project includes the design and implementation of many new “Welcome to Springfield” gateway signs. This project was developed to create a sense of place by creating recognizable images that identify our community and create a sense of togetherness of which we can all be proud.

In addition to revitalization efforts in Springfield, we are seeing lots of progress in the Richmond Highway Corridor which is filled with activity. In 2017, the County approved the largest planning effort in Fairfax County since Tysons. Embark, as it’s called, is a new land-use plan which creates a multimodal future for pedestrians and drivers. Embark will preserve and improve our affordable housing stock and create more environmental controls while increas-
Newcomers

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 Vienna providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000+ mature adults in the region. 703-281-0538, www.scov.org

❖ Touching Heart in Herndon is 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.

❖ 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@facencares.org. www.facencares.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 380, Fairfax VA 22030

❖ Britepaths will have 3,000 individuals and families in need of holiday assistance list this fall. Sponsor a family or donate to provide a family with a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Join Britepaths at Wine & Wonderment, Nov. 15, at 2941 Restaurant 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. 703-222-0840 fairfish.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

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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
❖ 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 in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
❖ School Bonds Referenda

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 22306
❖ Aug. 27, 7 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Gardens, Thursday, 9608 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015
❖ Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003
❖ Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Anewah 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 Virginia, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031
❖ Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads, Monday, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041
❖ Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunset at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Fournier Dr., Reston, VA 20190
❖ Sept. 24, 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunter’s Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Neck 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 Neck Rd., Reston, VA 20191
❖ Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4320 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. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood-Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

Information on the Fairfax County School Board includes: ballot questions for the general election, which will be held on Nov. 5, 2019.

School Board
School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abras E. Omeish
Cheryl A. Buford
Patrick S. “Pat” Herrity (R)

Ballot Question
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Fairfax County public school system?

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Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutsou Aravan Mabasher Elaine V. Tholen

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

Lee District, School Board
Tamara J. Drenak Kaulaf, incumbent

Mason District, School Board
Ricard J. Anderson Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiuwe Steven D. Moseley 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. Schulz, 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 Jonath E. “Jed” Thomas Monica A. Billger Gerald Owen “Jerry” Peters Jr., incumbent

School Board Ballot Question
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Springfield 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)

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives
Brianna Louis (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Dranesville District
John W. Fouss (D) incumbent

Hunter Mill 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" Storck (D) incumbent

Providence District
Dalla A. Palchik (D)

Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)

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

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Ballot Question
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Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal 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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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/registra-
tion/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 D. Bell (R)
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

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

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

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

District 43
Mave D. Sicksles (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

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

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

District 46
Charniele L. Herrington (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. Mogdlin (I)

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

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

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (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.

My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

By Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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 growth 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.
Exciting New Developments

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Engineering and Math). Education is so important, and this museum, which is designed for kids between 2 and 12 years old, does an excellent job of challenging and shaping young minds. Be sure to stay and shop and/or eat at one of the best malls in the area. (11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax).

4. Make sure to catch your fill of Friday Night Lights! The Springfield District has some of the best high schools both academically and athletically in the country. As a West Springfield High School alumnus, there are few things I enjoy more than getting to a football game in the fall where there’s a buzz in the air and a little snap of cold from the changing seasons. Go cheer on your local high school team at West Springfield, Lake Braddock, South County, Robinson, or Centreville.

5. The newest addition to Fair Oaks Mall, Dave & Buster’s is a great time no matter what age you are. With a full arcade and an entire room of potential prizes, plus you can get half-priced games all day every Wednesday. After playing your favorite arcade games, you can make it a complete afternoon or evening by stopping by the restaurant for dinner or bar for drinks and snacks.

6. One of our most visited “one-stop shops” is South Run RECenter. Not only does it feature a two-story fitness center with heated indoor pool and poolside spa, but the surrounding park offers soccer and baseball/softball fields, two tennis courts, two outdoor basketball courts, a field house with newly installed athletic turf playing surface, accessible playground, and an off-leash dog area. In addition, the newly opened Go Ape ropes and ziplining course is another great feature of South Run Park. (7550 Reservation Dr., Springfield).

7. Peterson’s Ice Cream Depot is a family owned and operated business in Historic Clifton, and let me tell you, they serve some of the best gourmet ice cream in Northern Virginia. (7150 Main St, Clifton). Peterson’s Ice Cream and Two Silos Food and Drinks at Springfield Nights Summer Concert Series at Burke Lake Park.

8. Don’t miss Fairfax’s own little slice of paradise: the award-winning Paradise Springs Winery. The land the winery is built on has remained in the same family since it was granted to them by Lord Fairfax in 1716. Head down on Friday nights between 5 and 9 p.m. to hear live music and best wine in Fairfax County. (8511 Creeley Blvd., Springfield).

10. The Annual Clifton Day Festival (the Sunday before Columbus Day) is a unique opportunity to bring your family to the historic town of Clifton and enjoy arts and crafts, antiques, demonstrations, the Town Market, live music, children’s activities, and lots of good food. With so many fun things to do and see, you can easily spend an entire day enjoying the charm of Clifton.

Most importantly, if there is ever anything my office can do for you, do not hesitate to ask. I have always agreed with Thomas Jefferson’s notion that government closest to the people is best, and you cannot get much closer to the people than being a Supervisor. Our jobs are multi-faceted; I would go as far to say that somewhere around 80 percent of an individual’s contact with government at any level is at our level. Whether it’s land use, transportation, education, public safety, or tax related, my staff and I are always here to answer your questions.
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Prosperity Ave info@foodforothers.org Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-30 a.m. – 5 p.m. www.foodforothers.org

❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. 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.echo-inc.org.

❖ Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) 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 these 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 I 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 alnorthernva@gmail.com or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

❖ Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services (CAUSES) 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

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❖ Food pantry
❖ Fall for LCAC, a food-raiser for the pantry - September 29th
❖ Wine Tasting at a home on Mason Neck - October 20th
❖ Lorton’s Attic Thrift Store
❖ Thanksgiving, Warm Coat and Christmas Outreach
❖ Adult, Group and Youth Volunteer opportunities

See our website for ways to involved or call 703/339-5161, ext. 140! LortonAction.org Donate. Volunteer. Shop.

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❖ 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 Richland Road, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA 22039. 703-768-9419, 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, Cultmore and Mount Vernon/Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. www.bgcfw.org/fairfax

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-8
Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Burke Centre Conservancy 6460 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by locally and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com/ 4b_center_index?category=9114-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 sponsors. 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.restonmulticultural.org/attend shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival for more.

October 2019

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 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.com for more.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
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 show off local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration toSampling creations every restaurant, wine tasting, and more. Visit www.annandale.org/tasteofannandale for more.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Washington West Film Screening. Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit www.westfilmfest.com.

November 2019

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Reston Holiday Parade. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Reston Town Center. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support Reston’s charitable organizations. Visit www.reston.org/ events for more.

December 2019

SUNDAY, DEC. 1
Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field. 3:45 p.m., Great Falls Village Green. The official 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.

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January 2020

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Sundays. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for a celebration of free, live music! 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-greens for more.

July 2020


July to August

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Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Lott-Acquoni Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Visit www.sprngd.org for more.

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