Crepe myrtle hangs over the W&OD trail during the summer months.
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At the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s® people carry flowers representing their connection to Alzheimer’s — a disease that currently has no cure. But what if one day there was a flower for Alzheimer’s first survivor? What if there were millions of them? Help make that beautiful day happen by joining us for the world’s largest fundraiser to fight the disease. Register today at alz.org/walk.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s
Sept. 29 • Reston Town Center
Oct. 12 • National Mall

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List of Nonprofits in Fairfax County

❖ Cornerstones, 11130 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 Emby 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.

❖ SHARE of McLean operates a food pantry, 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 this year. Help us help our neighbors in need donating Walmart, Target, Giant, or Safeway gift cards. Contact ShareWishes@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.shareofmclean.org for more info about Share.

❖ 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 more 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 16 and under receive gifts. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.

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Mayor Welcomes You to the Town

Mayor Laurie DiRocco on what’s the best about living in Vienna.

I would like to welcome you to our lovely Town of Vienna. I think you will agree that Vienna is a special and memorable place. Before I share my favorite things about our Town, I strive to honor the Town’s rich history. Listed on the National Historic Registry, the Freeman Store and Museum on Church Street is a small, local gift store filled with historical displays and memorabilia. I always buy the newest Christmas ornament there.

I also appreciate the Town’s original Little Library, which smells of wood and old books. Every year students at Louise Archer Elementary School, built in 1939, host a special day to celebrate the school’s history and first educator.

I strive to honor the Town’s rich history while planning for thoughtful growth. We recently completed renovation of the Town’s community center, which was originally constructed in 1966. I am so excited for big windows that allow sunlight to shine through the walkways and the new full-size gymnasium. The community center will be the Town’s community center, which was originally completed renovation of the Town’s community center, which was originally built in 1939, hosts a variety of local bands. I can’t forget to mention Vienna Idol, the Town’s annual musical talent contest that raises money for the Khristin Kyllo Memorial Fund.

Mayor Laurie DiRocco’s Top 10 Places/Events

1. Vienna Halloween Parade – the Town has hosted this parade on Maple Avenue for 70 years!
3. Town Green – hosts Town events and musical acts.
4. ViVa Vienna – Vienna Rotary hosts this Memorial Day weekend event and all proceeds go back to the community!
6. Meadow Lane Park – lots of tree coverage makes this a great park for little ones in the summer.
7. Walk on the Hill – people stroll through the lovely Woodend Heights neighborhood and view gardens while learning about environmental sustainability.
8. Church Street Stroll – shop at local businesses on Church Street while seeing Santa and roasting marshmallows.
9. Chillin’ on Church – enjoyable summer events with cold drinks, music, and tasty food trucks.
10. Renovated Vienna Community Center – the central hub of the community!

which supports redevelopment along Vienna’s main thoroughfare. The plan includes green buildings, mixed uses, outdoor seating, public art, and improved pedestrian walkways.

My husband and I love to walk around Town, especially to local restaurants. On any given day, you will see lots of people walking and biking in Town, and we strive to support these activities. The Town has a Transportation Safety Commission and a Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission that work on adding more sidewalks; implementing traffic-calming measures where needed; researching creative solutions to challenging intersections; and supporting Safe Routes to School. On Fridays at 9:30 a.m., I lead a Vienna, let me provide some general information and a few facts and figures about our Town.

The Town of Vienna is 4.4 square miles with about 16,500 residents and 14 parks, including the W&OD trail and Town Green. Vienna has inviting residential neighborhoods, a vibrant business district with many unique and local shops, and some of the best-ranked schools in the country. The Town is known for its numerous community events, including the Fourth of July fireworks, Oktoberfest, and the Halloween Parade as well as its strong sense of home-town pride.

These facts and figures help explain why Vienna is a great place to live and work, but they don’t reveal the true heart of Vienna. To me, Vienna is its numerous volunteer firefighters who drive Santa around in their 1946 antique truck to greet residents young and old. To me, Vienna is the place where Town police shut down Maple Avenue for the James Madison High School homecoming parade.

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Many people don’t realize that Vienna has an eclectic music scene with Jammin’ Java, School of Rock, and Vienna Jammers, to name a few. Right outside of Town is Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Additionally, the Town Green hosts a variety of local bands. I can’t forget to mention Vienna Idol, the Town’s annual musical talent contest that raises money for the Khristin Kyllo Memorial Fund.

You may not realize that the train depot on Dominion Road is home to the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, who host monthly open houses so the public can view their model train displays.

Many people when they think of Church Street, think of Vienna Presbyterian Church, whose historical chapel sits on the corner of Church and Mill Street. But the First Baptist Church has been in existence longer than the Town itself, with its original location on Lawyers Road near Church Street. This year the First Baptist Church is celebrating 150 years in the Town of Vienna!

I believe Vienna’s strong sense of community is created by its citizens and their desire for a caring and welcoming place to call home. I am so grateful to be mayor of this special Town. If you ever want to know more about the Town or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ldirocco@viennava.gov or 703-255-6310. For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.viennava.gov.

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Grateful for Discovering Vienna

“Our family moved to Vienna five years ago from Louisville, Kentucky with our seven-year old daughter and a new baby girl on the way,” said Jeffrey Carpenter. “Both my wife and I had previously lived in Alexandria and in Washington, D.C. prior to starting a family, but in looking to move back to the D.C. area from Louisville with a growing family, our priorities had changed. We wanted to live in a city that was still close to D.C. and all of the economic vitality and cultural experiences it offers while also enjoying a safe, child-friendly neighborhood, excellent schools, and a home with a yard for the kid’s first dog. We found all of that and more in Vienna. Vienna is great because it has a small town feel with accessibility to large city life, kids can still play outside, ride a bike, and walk to a friend’s house in the neighborhood, neighbors come over for barbeques and host Halloween parties at their homes. The schools are committed to academic excellence while promoting citizenship and kindness. Our family is so grateful to have discovered Vienna and to have made it our home.”

A Family Night in Town

Brian and Joy Harrington are Vienna’s Parks and Rec dream duo. “We love living in Vienna,” said Joy Harrington. “The schools and sports programs, as well as the wealth of Community Center classes and events and beautiful parks for children, help to make Vienna a favorite spot for families. Everything we need is close and convenient to access. Brian and I have lived in Vienna our whole lives, 34 years, and are so grateful we could buy a home in Vienna and raise our children here. Both sets of our parents live in Vienna and my Grandmother decided to retire here too, to be near all of us. Vienna is our family tradition! Just last night we had a family night. We went swimming at Hunter Mill Pool and Tennis Club and then returned to see the Disney movie ‘Moana’ on the Town Green. It was so much fun seeing our friends and other families enjoying a great time right here in our hometown. Brian and I both work for Vienna Parks and Recreation, so we are near home and the children’s schools during the day. Living and working in Vienna makes it simple to participate in special events at school and the children are comfortable knowing we are usually nearby.”

The Magic of Vienna

The Stunz family are somewhat icons in the Vienna community. “My grandad picked out Vienna as a great place to live after he graduated from college in Wisconsin in 1900 — he loved the easy commute to his job in D.C., he loved the people who lived here, and he loved the small town atmosphere; it really was a small town in the early 1900s,” said Anne Stunz. “I especially appreciate Vienna’s Department of Parks and Recreation. They create so many wonderful events and facilities for the community, and they really support history by working hard to keep the 1959 Freeman Store and 1897 Little Library in good repair and by helping Historic Vienna Inc. with our programs. They are wonderful people. I love that Vienna keeps its unique identity through fun events all year that celebrate its sense of community — such as Viva Vienna, the Chillin’s on Church Street Oktoberfest, Church Street Stroll, and all the events at the Town Green and elsewhere around town. I always think of the Freeman Store and Museum as the heart of Vienna. The town was brilliant to save this piece of its history back in the 1960s so that Vienna would never forget its small town roots.” Anne Stunz’s parents wrote a book titled “This Was Vienna” detailing Vienna from its birth. The book can be bought at the Freeman Store and museum.

Brad Swanson, Stunz’s husband, added that, “When you fly over northern Virginia you see an undifferentiated mass of housing, roads and commerce. But somehow a part of that agglomeration, marked off by invisible lines, is a real community with an identity, a history and a continuing tradition that pulls people together whether they are longtime residents or new to the town. That, to me, is the magic of Vienna.”

Sharing Vienna, Oakton Experiences with Newcomers

The Carpenter children: Gabrielle, 12, and Cate Carpenter, 5, enjoy life in Vienna, especially around Halloween time.

The Heads: Dan, JJ, Abigail, 24, Emily, 22, Paxton, 21, and Brian Head, 27, love the events and amenities that Vienna has to offer.

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Vienna, Oakton: A Small Town Next to City Life

Allie Jensen had the privilege of growing up between two great towns. “I think Oakton and Vienna is great because it’s a small town with its own unique traditions and spaces but it’s also in close proximity to such a big city (D.C.), so you can really get a combination of the small town and big city life. My family has lived in Oakton since 2001, so 18 years.”

Where to Give Locally

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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 youths, 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, 703-801-7355.
❖ 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@facetsofac.org. wwwfacetsofac.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030

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Saturday, Aug. 31, 11:00 am–11:00 pm
Sunday, Sept. 1, 12:00 noon–6:00 pm
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Sun., Sept. 1, All Day

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Postcards from Vienna

Celebrating a small-town feel year-round.

Vienna's red caboose is a bright marker for the center of town.

Vienna's Little Library is open the first Sunday of each month, excluding January and February, from 1-4 p.m.

Cocoa Vienna gets festive by putting out Santa's sleigh on their porch.

Caffè Amouri transforms into “Caffè Wonderland” during the holidays.

Crepe myrtle hang over the W&OD trail during the summer months.

The inside of the Vienna Train Depot features old pictures of the depot.

The Town Green has a small theater for local performers and events.

Viva! Vienna! festival is celebrated every Memorial Day weekend in the town.

Church Street during Viva! Vienna! Vendors decorate the street.

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Diamond Spa sits on Church Street and offers a variety of services.

The Vienna Train Depot in the snow.

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Santa and his elves enjoy a cup of coffee at Caffè Amouri.

The Freeman Store and Museum decorated for the Christmas holiday.

Church Street during Viva! Vienna! Vendors decorate the street.

The original part of Vienna Presbyterian Church.

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**Newcomers and Community Guide**

**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. 703-222-0776. 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 8:** Voting 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, 3 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. 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, 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.

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- 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, Fairfax County**

**Chairman, Board of Supervisors**

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph E. Faldo (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**

Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

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

**Hunters 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" Storek (D) incumbent, unopposed

**Providence District**

Dalia A. Palchik (D)

**Springfield District**

Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

**Sully District**

Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent
Srilakha R. Palle (R)

**School Board**

School Board At-Large

Abral E. Omeish
Cheryl A. Buford
Priscilla M. DeStefano
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Vinson Palahalng
Ilryong Moon, incumbent
Karen A. Keys-Gammar, incumbent

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

- **Dranesville District, School Board**
  - Anastasia S. Karloutsos
  - Arddan Mobasheri
  - Elaine Y. Tholen

- **Hunters Mill District, School Board**
  - Laura Ramirez Drain
  - Melanie K. Meren

- **Lee District, School Board**
  - Tamara J. Derenak Kaulaf, incumbent

- **Mason District, School Board**
  - Ricardy J. Anderson
  - Tom L. Palford

- **Mount Vernon District, School Board**
  - Pamela C. Ononivi
  - 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
  - Kyle McDaniel
  - Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent

- **Sully District, School Board**
  - Stella G. Peckarsky
  - Tom A. Wilson, incumbent

- **Soil and Water Conservation**
  - Director Northern Virginia District

- **Board of Supervisors**
  - Tom A. Wilson, incumbent
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Candidates, General Assembly, Nov. 5, 2019

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House of Delegates
District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent,
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)
Vivian 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
Mark 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)

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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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Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndon-va.gov/ recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival-for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-8
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.burkecenterweb.com.  

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 airline and airport silent auction, the children's zone and bus pull, variety of 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-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival-for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10-12
Faifax’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.

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 Festival of Annandale will showcase the local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration to build community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a SK, multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chill cook-off; and much more. Visit tasteofannandale.com for more.

THURSDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 24-25
Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival  
At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The fifth annual Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and silent auction, entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.burkecenterweb.com.

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 hypothermia shelters this winter. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviours-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259199987 for more details.

APRIL 2020
APRIL 18-25
Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborately gardened homes with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.gardenweek.org for more.

May 2020
Great Falls Artsfest 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 sale highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Centre. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club. 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 28-31
Herndon Festival 2020. Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. The 4th annual festival features interactive entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid’s Alley with children’s art, arts and craft shows, and more. Visit www.herndonfestival.com.

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 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 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.greatfallsart.org/artfest/ for more info.

THURSDAYS-MAY-AUGUST
Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11-204 Washington Plaza West, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break-for-a-weekly-lineup.

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

June 2020

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

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

Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create street art. Festival goers can purchase a “plot” of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Visit www.chalkonthewater.com.


Love Yoga Body Festival  
Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations in pursuance to classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. Visit www.belovedyoga.com.

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

JUNE-AUGUST


Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason Farm Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly manner, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ arts-in-the-parks-for more.

July 2020

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 9 a.m. Walk Run, Blood Donor, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks will be held. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-and-parade.


July-August
Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/bradcock-nights-for location and schedule.

August 2020
Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2790 West Ox Rd, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 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. Thursday and Friday – free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Children can ride for free on Saturday and Carnival is free; $10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/celebration-parade-for more.

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