



## Dranesville Happenings

December 2014

### *Announcements and Upcoming Activities in and Around the Dranesville District*



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**Welcome to the Dranesville Happenings, providing you with information about upcoming events and activities around the County and in the Dranesville District.**

## EVENTS

### **Throughout December: Herndon's Hometown Holidays**

Celebrate the holidays with neighbors and friends in the Town of Herndon at the following events, held throughout the town during December. For more information, visit [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov).

#### **Towne Square Singers' Holiday Concerts**

##### **"A Town Square Christmas"**

**Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The spirit of the season comes alive with festive holiday carols, including a group sing-along.

Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.

\$12. Purchase tickets at the Herndon Community Center.

703-787-7300. [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov)

#### **Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon**

**Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Tour Herndon homes decorated for the holidays.

Tickets available at the Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn St.;

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon;

and online at [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov)

\$15 before Dec. 1, \$20 week of event.

703-435-6800 x2222. [facebook.com/holidayhomestour](https://www.facebook.com/holidayhomestour)

### **Winter Open House and Santa's Workshop**

**Saturday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Live entertainment including storyteller Gary Lloyd, holiday music from *Bach to Rock* staff, visits with Santa, children's crafts and light refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Herndon Library, the Council for the Arts of Herndon, the Fortnightly Club, and the Herndon Chamber of Commerce.

Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon.

Free. 703-437-8855. [fairfaxcounty.gov/library](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library)

### **Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-a-Long**

**Saturday, December 6, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Carols, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.

Corner of Lynn and Elden Streets, Herndon.

Free. 571-323-5304. [dullesregionalchamber.org](https://www.dullesregionalchamber.org)

### **Herndon Holiday Arts & Crafts Show**

**Sunday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

More than 70 arts and craft vendors offer unique gifts, decorations and handmade items.

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon.

Free. 703-787-7300. [herndon-va.gov](https://www.herndon-va.gov)

### **"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Presented by NextStop Theatre Company**

**Friday, December 12 - Sunday, December 21**

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" - Live On Stage! Join Charlie Brown and the entire Peanuts gang as they go ice-skating, rehearse for the holiday pageant, decorate the doghouse and discover the true meaning of Christmas.

NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.

Tickets starting at \$16. 1-866-811-4111. [nexstoptheatre.org](https://www.nexstoptheatre.org)

### **Holiday Model Train Show**

**Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

N, HO and O Gauge Layouts.

Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn St., Herndon.

W&OD caboose and Depot Museum also open for tours.

Free. 703-437-5556

## A Story Book Holiday - Featuring "Frozen"

**Sunday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. to Noon**

Holiday fun includes a visit with Santa, crafts, brunch, and a reading of a holiday story by a special guest.

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon.

\$14 child/adult duo, additional adult/child \$7.

Register by Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m. 703-787-7300. [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov)

## Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays

**Monday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Judging)**

Neighborhood decoration contest throughout Herndon. Home decorations judged in traditional, whimsical, lights, and more categories.

Free. 703-435-6800 x2084. [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov)

## Chanukah on the Town Square

**Sunday, December 21, 5:30 p.m.**

Bring family and friends for an evening of Chanukah fun. Giant Menorah lighting, crafts, refreshments and more.

Town Hall Square, 730 Elden Street, Herndon.

Free. [Chabadrh.org](http://Chabadrh.org)

## New Year's Eve Golf Tournament

**Wednesday, December 31, 8:30 a.m.**

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. - Shotgun start.

Annual four-person scramble. Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, prizes and breakfast.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon.

\$70 per player. Entry deadline: December 21

703-471-5769. [herdongolf.com](http://herdongolf.com)

## New Year's Eve Celebration

**Wednesday, December 31, 7:00 p.m.**

7:00 p.m. - African drum & band workshop (youth event; \$10/family)

8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Bonfire with drum circle (all ages; free)

10:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - Dominion Notes Concert: *A Night of Blues with Herbie D. and the Dangermen* (\$30/single, \$25/ticket for 2+, for entertainment & BBQ; cash bar)

ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon.

703-956-6590. [artspaceherndon.org](http://artspaceherndon.org)

**Through December 15:  
Shoe and Gift Card Drive for Hutchison Elementary School**

Through December 15, the office of Supervisor Foust and the Council for the Arts of Herndon are collecting gift cards and new shoes for needy students at Hutchison Elementary School. Please consider making a donation.

**Details:**

- Shoes should be new children's closed-toed sneakers in sizes 4 through 12.
- Gift cards should be for Target, Kohl's, Walmart or K-Mart in \$10 increments.
- Donations may be dropped off during regular business hours at either of the two offices for the Dranesville District:

730 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA 20170

or

6649-A Old Dominion Drive  
McLean, VA 22101

The shoes and gift cards will be presented to the children and administration of Hutchison Elementary School by Supervisor Foust and the Council for the Arts of Herndon.

For more information, please call Jenny Phipps in the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551 or email [Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov).

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**December 1: McLean Citizens Association Sponsors Conversation with  
School Superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza**

The McLean Citizens Association cordially invites you to join them in a conversation with Dr. Karen Garza, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent. The meeting is free and open to the general public.

**Event details:**

Monday, December 1 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean

In her first year with FCPS, Dr. Garza led the charge to provide elementary school

students with five full days of school and supported later high school start times. Dr. Garza has been proactive in efforts to modify the FCPS audit structure. By December 1, she also will have spent considerable time on the FY 2016 Proposed Budget for FCPS. This event is your opportunity to learn how Dr. Garza proposes that we meet substantial challenges and to weigh in with your thoughts and concerns.

Please join the MCA for this important conversation. There will be ample time for questions and answers.

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## **December 1: Bruin Park Master Plan Amendment Community Meeting**

Herndon Environmental Network (HEN) has proposed to build and maintain community garden plots in Bruin Park in Herndon.

HEN, a collaborative group of 34 local citizens and members, has been working to establish a community garden since the summer of 2012. The group represents varying interests and levels of support, ranging from those who want to secure a garden plot, to community garden experts who are willing to offer garden knowledge and workshops when the project is in operation.

After evaluating both the proposed facility and the site in the park, the Fairfax County Park Authority will seek public input on the proposal at a community meeting.

### **Meeting details:**

Monday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.  
Herndon Middle School  
901 Locust Street  
Herndon

The proposal will require a park master plan amendment. At the meeting, the proposal and plan amendment will be presented after which, Fairfax County Park Authority officials will listen to community input on the proposed park use.

The draft park master plan is available online at:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/bruin-park.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/bruin-park.htm) or in hardcopy from the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax.

A 30-day public comment period will begin following the meeting and end on January 2, 2015.

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## **December 2: Board of Supervisors Holding Public Hearing on Changes to County Spot Blight Abatement Program**

On December 2, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider changes to the current Spot Blight Abatement Program to address vacant and dilapidated properties in the County. Based on the Board's request that staff review the program to ensure alignment with State enabling code to ensure that the County is using all of the authority allowed by the State Code, staff provided a series of recommendations to expand the current program. At the public hearing, the Board will consider whether to repeal the existing criteria. The public hearing is open to the public.

**Meeting Details:**

Tuesday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Board Auditorium

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax

*In addition, the public hearing will also be televised on the County's cable channel 16, will be later rebroadcast on that channel, and will also be available on the Fairfax County's web site.*

Under the present Spot Blight Abatement Program, before staff may refer a property to the Board of Supervisors for enactment of a blight ordinance, the property must have been vacant and/or boarded up for at least one year, the subject of complaints, is no longer being maintained for useful occupancy, and is in a dilapidated condition or lacks normal maintenance or upkeep.

These criteria have been in place since 1996, but under State code these criteria are not required. Thus, the County's existing Spot Blight Abatement Program is more restrictive than what is currently authorized by state code and thwarts the ability of the County to address these properties. Similarly, the County's policy that the Spot Blight Abatement Program only be used for demolition is also overly restrictive. In certain situations, it would be useful for the County to have a Spot Blight Abatement Program that would permit the County to repair the property at the owner's expense if the owner fails to do so. This remedy is authorized by the State Code.

Copies of the staff report and the proposed resolution may be obtained in the office of the Clerk of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 533, Fairfax, VA 22035. Persons desiring to speak at the public hearing may call the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151 to have their names placed on the speakers' list. TDD 703-324-3903. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Donna Keefe in the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551, or email her at [donna.keefe@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:donna.keefe@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## **December 2: Great Falls Senior Center Hosting Holiday Potluck Luncheon**

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) is ending its year with a holiday potluck celebration of the season. Entertainment will be provided by The Madrigals , Langley High School.

### **Event details:**

Tuesday, December 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
11550 Georgetown Pike  
Great Falls

Guests may bring their favorite dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) to share with fellow attendees, or make a modest contribution. The Senior Center will provide ham, turkey and beverages.

Ashby Ponds, a full-service maintenance-free community designed for an active independent retirement located in Loudoun County, is the event sponsor.

Great Falls Senior Center is partnered with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services in all ventures and events

To attend and to sign up to bring a favorite dish for the luncheon, call Joy Trickett at 703-404-8412.

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## **December 3: Free Medicare Presentation**

*Presented by Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program*

Fairfax County is offering free Medicare presentations in McLean and Alexandria, through its Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP). These presentations provide an overview of Medicare including coverage basics, supplemental insurance, prescription drug coverage and more. No registration is necessary.

### **McLean Session Details:**

Wednesday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean

For more information please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm>

or call 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

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## **December 4: Woman's Club of McLean Annual Holiday Homes Tour**

The Woman's Club of McLean will be holding its 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Homes Tour on December 4. This year, the club is featuring four homes in Langley Farms, a historic neighborhood just off Dolley Madison Boulevard. Each house will be decorated with the holidays in mind and will highlight family life in McLean.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the tour. Your ticket will also serve as a program guide with information on the homes as well as ads and messages of support from our friends and local community organizations and businesses.

Ticket books can be purchased **NOW** at the following stores:

Mesmeralda's: 1339 Chain Bridge Road in McLean

Karin's Florist: 527 Maple Avenue East in Vienna

Great Dogs of Great Falls: 9859 Old Georgetown Road in Great Falls

**Tour details:**

Thursday, December 4 from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Bus service to the homes will originate at:

Trinity United Methodist Church

1205 Dolley Madison Boulevard

McLean

*(This is also the location of **the MarketPlace**,  
where you can buy tour tickets the day of the event.*

*You can also **shop with vendors and crafters,**  
**buy baked goods from the Woman's Club Bakery and buy lunch!**)*

Funds raised from the tour ticket sales and ads/sponsorships in the tour program provide resources that will be distributed to many of local charities. Some of the recipients in the past have been SHARE, Capitol Hospice, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and the McLean Project for the Arts.

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**December 4: Human Trafficking Informational Meeting presented by  
Reston Citizens Association Advisory Committee**

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. All trafficking victims share one essential experience - the loss of freedom. Learn more about human trafficking in Fairfax County at the December 4 Reston Citizens Association Advisory Committee meeting.

**Meeting Details:**

Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce

1763 Fountain Drive  
Reston

Although slavery is commonly thought to be a thing of the past, human trafficking still exists today throughout the United States and globally. Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to control a person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. Sex trafficking has been found in a wide variety of venues within the sex industry, including residential brothels, online escort services, fake massage businesses, strip clubs, and street prostitution. Labor trafficking has been found in diverse labor settings including domestic work, small businesses, large farms, and factories.

To learn more about this issue visit: [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org).

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### December 5: Fairfax County Real Estate Taxes Due

If your Fairfax County Real Estate Tax is not included in your mortgage payment, your tax payment must be [submitted directly](#) to the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration. The bills were mailed before November 5. The payment deadline is Friday, December 5.

More information on your Real Estate Tax can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta), or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594). If you have questions about whether your tax payment is included in your mortgage payment, please contact your mortgage provider.

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### December 5 and February 6: Senior Safety Summits are Coming

Supervisor Foust is pleased to announce two upcoming Senior Safety Summits on the subject, "Safety in our Community - Preventing the 911 Call". Older adults are invited to attend and learn about safety topics such as fire and injury/fall prevention, home and personal safety, Project Lifesaver (keeping at-risk residents safer and reducing care giver anxiety), File of Life, disaster preparedness and how to defend yourself from scams and other frauds. Participants will be invited to take part in a question and answer session and enjoy refreshments and socializing.

- The first summit targets the **western Dranesville district**, along with Supervisor Hudgins and her Reston constituency.

#### **Event details:**

Friday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Herndon Senior Center  
873 Grace Street  
Herndon

- The second summit will be for the **eastern Dranesville district**.

**Event details:**

Friday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean

**With presentations by:**

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department  
Fairfax County Sheriff's Office  
Fairfax County Office of Consumer Affairs  
Fairfax County Health Department  
Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management  
Fairfax County Police Department for both summits  
Town of Herndon Police Department for the Western summit

For more information, please call Jenny Phipps in the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551 or email [Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov).

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## **December 5, 6 and 7: McLean Community Center's Annual Holiday Craft Show**

The McLean Community Center's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show will be held on the weekend of December 5. Among crafts available are bonsai and bamboo trees, sculpted exotic eggshells, hand-dyed batik and all-natural salad dressings, along with the wreaths, ornaments and stained glass windows.

**Event details:**

Friday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean

*(Show admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children up to age 13,  
and is good for all three days of the show.)*

The juried show draws skilled crafters from all around the region and from as far away as New Mexico. This year's show includes more than 70 fine artisans. Food service will be provided by [Sweet Stuff](#) of McLean.

Detailed information and discount admission coupons are available on the Center's Web site, [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events). Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

## **December 6: Donate Blood at Spring Hill RECenter Community Blood Drive**

On December 6, Spring Hill RECenter in Mclean, will play host to a Red Cross community blood drive. There is a constant need for donated blood in Fairfax County. Just one donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

### **Event details:**

Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spring Hill RECenter

1239 Spring Hill Road

Mclean

*(Look for the Red Cross Blood Mobile parked in front.)*

Donors are asked to check in near the main entrance to the RECenter. Donors are encouraged to eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water. Photo ID is required at donation time.

Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 110 pounds and minimum age of 17. A 16-year-old may donate blood with written parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Many health conditions and medications do NOT prevent someone from donating blood. People taking insulin, blood pressure, thyroid, and cholesterol medications, aspirin, antidepressants, and hormone replacement can give blood. Tattoos are also okay as long as they are healed and have been done in a reputable tattoo facility. People can donate a pint of blood every 56 days.

To sign up in advance, call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767), or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code SPRINHILLRECVA.

## **December 6 and 7: Tysons-Pimmit Library Book Sale**

*Donations Welcome*

Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on December 6 and 7. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

### **Event details:**

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

(Bag Sale/Clearance will be on Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The library is also accepting donated media.

For more information please email [TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TysonLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or call 703-790-4031.

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## **December 7: 2014 McLean WinterFest Parade**

Mark your calendars for McLean WinterFest on Sunday, December 7. WinterFest is Mclean's only community parade. Don't miss the fun!

### **Event details:**

Sunday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Old Chain Bridge Road between Fleetwood Road and Elm Street  
McLean

*Pre-parade entertainment will begin at 2:30 p.m. Parade begins at 3:30 p.m.*

*Please plan ahead:*

*Beverly Road and Fleetwood Road will be closed at 2:00 for parade participants.*

*The parade route will be closed from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

### **Parade features:**

- This year the parade falls on Pearl Harbor Day. We will salute our WWII veterans with representatives of American Legion Post 270 acting as Grand Marshalls.
- WinterFest will present a check to SHARE of McLean, the local organization that does so much to help families in need.
- Peggy Fox from WUSA/Channel 9 will call the parade for us from the Fairfax County Showmobile situated in Langley Shopping Center.
- Bill DuBose of Vintage Wealth will host the pre-parade entertainment.
- Several great food vendor trucks will be available and on-stage holiday acts will precede the parade stepping off.

New this year is the WinterFest photo contest for spectators. Contest photo entries may win a prize or be used on the WinterFest web site to promote next year's parade. Winners will be announced in January. Images will be judged in the following categories:

- Best overall photo of the event
- Best photo of pre-parade entertainment

- Best photo of parade spectators
- Best photo of parade entries
- Best photo taken by a child aged 12 or under

For more information, including contest details, the parade route map and parking suggestions, visit the WinterFest website at [www.mcleanwinterfest.org](http://www.mcleanwinterfest.org). You may also call Trish Butler at 202-550-4019 or email [tbutler@sagecommunications.net](mailto:tbutler@sagecommunications.net).

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## **December 9: Public Meeting on Herndon Elected Office Term Lengths and Election Date**

The Herndon Town Council is considering an ordinance that would change the length of terms for the town's elected officials and would move the town's election day from May to November. Previously, public meetings on this subject were held on November 11 and 25. A final public meeting will be held on December 9, followed by an expected Council vote on the ordinance.

### **Event Details:**

Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.  
Ingram Council Chambers  
765 Lynn Street  
Herndon

Currently, the town's Mayor and six councilmembers are elected to two-year terms, with elections held biennially on the first Tuesday in May during even-numbered years. The proposed ordinance continues biennial elections but calls for four-year, staggered terms for councilmembers, with three councilmember positions on the ballot every two years. The Mayoral position would appear on the ballot every four years, with the elected Mayor serving a four-year term.

Additionally, the ordinance considers moving the town's election day from May to the first Tuesday in November, to coincide with election day for county, state and federal offices.

Hearings are also telecast live on HCTV and are available via streaming video on the town's website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov). Town citizens may also review the ordinance on the website and may submit comment to the Town Clerk's Office, [town.clerk@herndon-va.gov](mailto:town.clerk@herndon-va.gov) or 703-435-6804.

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## **December 9: Telephone Support Group "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Caregiving with Family and Friends"**

Fairfax County is offering a free *telephone* support group for family caregivers of older adults. Join us to discuss "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Caregiving with Family and Friends." This telephone support group allows you to share your experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel.

**Event details:**

**Tuesday, December 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

This and other one-hour free sessions are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

Find out how to register, call in and more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/) and click on [Free 2014 Fall Caregiver Seminars](#).

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**December 10: Community Meeting on  
Proposed Design of Reston-Herndon Bus Facility**

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is holding a community meeting on December 10, to present the proposed design for the Reston-Herndon Bus Operating Facility located at 268 Spring Street in Herndon.

**Meeting details:**

Wednesday December 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Herndon Community Center  
814 Ferndale Avenue  
Herndon

The Reston-Herndon Bus Operating Facility project will be a renovation of the existing 21,400-square foot building, located on a 5.5-acre site at 268 Spring Street, Herndon. The renovation will increase efficiency of the interior and exterior, provide additional building square footage, and upgrade building systems. Construction is planned to start in the spring of 2016 and be completed in the summer of 2017.

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**December 13, 20, 21, 27 and 28: Holiday Programs at Colvin Run Mill**

Colvin Run Mill Park is offering two great family-friendly programs this holiday season. The park is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls.

**Santa in the Mill**

Saturday, December 13  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
\$5 per person.  
No reservations required.

### **Model Train Display**

Saturdays and Sundays  
December 20 & 21 and 27 & 28  
From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Colvin Run Mill at 703-759-2771 or visit their website at [fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***"12 Ways of Giving" from Fairfax County Give the Gift of Charity this Holiday Season***

The "joy of giving" season is upon us. This year think about "giving" and "giving back" at the same time with the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships "12 Ways of Giving" campaign. This annual event showcases ways for meaningful, local giving during the holiday season. The campaign is an alternative gift giving that benefits the giver and the receiver! The promotion is ongoing and runs through the month of December. *Find and give the perfect gift online at: [www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org](http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org).*

The gifts include:

- Helping kids with supplies to help them stay prepared for school through [Collect for Kids](#)
- Donating toys to needy children through our Firefighters at [Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue](#).
- Donating a bench to a park in memory of a relative or friend through the [Fairfax County Park Foundation](#)
- Buying a book from Amazon to fulfill the [Library Foundation Wish List](#)
- Keeping Fairfax green by donating the gift of trees through [Reforest Fairfax](#) of the

## Fairfax County Restoration Project

- Giving generously to the support the animal shelter who provides care to animals suffering from illness, injury, abandonment and abuse through [Friends of the Animal Shelter](#)
- Providing a meal and a smile through [Our Daily Bread](#)
- Stamping Out Homelessness by offering to help the [Office to Prevent and End Homelessness](#)
- Encouraging our heroes through the [World Police and Fire Games](#)
- Adopting a family for the holidays through [A Way Forward](#) and donate a care package to those who need it most
- Giving gift cards to those who have been impacted by domestic violence through the [Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation](#)
- Supporting scholarships for Fairfax County high school seniors through the [Celebrate Fairfax Education Fund](#)
- And if you can't give monetarily, you can always give the gift of time through [Volunteer Fairfax](#)

### About Fairfax County OP3

**Fairfax County OP3** is the Office of Public Private Partnerships for Fairfax County, Virginia. OP3 develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical needs in Fairfax County. Visit [www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org](http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org) for more information on how to become engaged in the community.

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### **Volunteering: Fairfax County Division of Adult and Aging Services**

Volunteer Solutions of Fairfax County Division of Adult and Aging Services provides meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County.

To volunteer for any of the following positions, please complete an online registration form at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/volunteer/VolReg/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>. For more information please call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, email [VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov) or visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs a **Van Driver** to take participants on outings and an **ESL Teacher**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- **Meals on Wheels** needs drivers in **Chantilly and Clifton** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **Substitute drivers** needed throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs a **Chair Exercise Instructor**, **Spanish-speaking interpreters**, an **Experienced Canasta Player** to teach participants, and certified instructors for classes in **Ballroom Dance** and **Pilates**. Volunteer instructor positions **could** lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs; **urgent need in Reston area**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- The **Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center** in **Annandale** needs **Spanish-speaking** social companions and a **licensed hair stylist** to wash, cut and style hair for participants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs a **DJ** to provide a wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, a **Ballroom Dance Instructor** and a **volunteer with basic carpentry skills** to build a "Little Free Library," for people to donate and borrow books from. Center will provide plans and materials. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- The **Sully Senior Center** in **Centreville** needs a **certified personal trainer** twice a week, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- **Korean Meals on Wheels** needs **Korean-speaking volunteers** to deliver meals Monday, Wednesday and Friday in **Centreville, Reston and Annandale**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

- The **Gum Springs Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs a **Spanish teacher** for a beginner's class. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- **Volunteers, who are fluent in American Sign Language**, are needed in **Reston, Herndon** and **Vienna** to provide clients with direct assistance (not interpretation) with computers, grocery shopping, or social visiting. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- **Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

#### **Fairfax 50+ Podcast: Dealing with Depression during the Holidays:**

The holidays can be a really tough time for people dealing with depression or grief. On the latest issue of *Fairfax 50+ Podcast*, Jim Person speaks with Maureen H. McCracken, a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist with the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board. McCracken talks about the signs of depression and what you or your loved should do to deal with depression.

[Tune in now!](#)

Please share!

Find mental health resources at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) and services for older adults at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults).

#### **Channel 16 Mature Living Features Creative Aging:**

The current edition of *Mature Living* explores "Creative Aging", a new concept that differs quite a bit from former understandings of aging.

This edition's guests include:

- Gay Hanna, Executive Director of the National Center for Creative Aging.
- Julie Ellis, Director of the Hollin Hall Senior Center for Creative Retirement and Art Beat columnist for the County's Golden Gazette.
- Irene Rouse, a senior artist.
- Sharon Fishel, ArtReach director at McLean Project for the Arts.

- Kimberly Warner, recreation therapist, Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Program.

[Watch now on YouTube](#) or watch on Channel 16 on:

- Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mondays at 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays at 12 p.m.
- Fridays at 9 p.m.

### **Services Spotlight- Transportation:**

Corrine, aged 77, called the **Aging and Disability Resource Line (703-324-7948)** requesting transportation to the doctor and the grocery store. She explained that her eyesight is failing and her children don't want her to drive anymore. The problem is, her children are not always available and she cannot afford taxi service.

The resource line worker told her that there are a number of transportation alternatives. Most of these, she explained, involve income qualifications. After discussing Corrine's needs, the worker sent her applications for **Seniors-on-the-Go** and **Dial-A-Ride**, two discount taxi programs.

There are several other transportation programs for older adults and people with disabilities offered by the county, Metro and volunteer organizations. [Check out this comprehensive list with links to eligibility information.](#)

One of the most significant programs for transportation for people with disabilities, including people with newly acquired disabilities, is **MetroAccess Paratransit**. This program provides door-to-door service to people who cannot use bus or rail service because of their disability. [Find out how to apply for MetroAccess.](#)

If you need help figuring out the best transportation options for you, don't hesitate to call **703-324-7948**, TTY 711.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

*If you would like your community announcement included in Dranesville Happenings please send an email to [Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov).*

