



Dranesville Happenings

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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.

January 30 and February 5: WMATA Hosting Meetings on Proposed Fare Adjustments

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is hosting public hearings to receive comments on Metro's FY15 fare proposals and capital improvement program. **Each public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be preceded by an informal "Information Session," starting at 6:00 p.m.** Two hearings are scheduled in Virginia:

Meeting details:

Thursday, January 30

Hilton Springfield - Hearing 590

6550 Loisdale Road
Springfield

Free shuttle to Franconia-Springfield station after 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5

Arlington Central Library - Hearing 593

1015 N. Quincy Street
Arlington

To facilitate additional means for the public to provide feedback, Metro is also hosting an online budget survey and will accept written comments. The online survey can be taken at www.wmata.com/budgetsurvey and is open until 5:00 p.m. on February 11. Written statements and exhibits may be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, or e-mailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. Statements also may be faxed to 202-962-1133. Written statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11.

The full public hearing docket is available in six languages on Metro's website:
http://www.wmata.com/community_outreach/B14-01_B14-02_landing/B14-01_B14-

[02_landing.cfm](#).

February 1: 7th Annual McLean Jewelry Showcase

A great opportunity to shop for the perfect gift just in time for Valentine's Day!

McLean Community Center is hosting the 7th Annual McLean Jewelry Showcase this Saturday. Choose from a variety of quality, handmade jewelry collections and designs by exhibitors from around the region. This is a must-attend event and it's happening just in time for you to find that perfect gift for Valentine's Day. This is a juried show. Items range from casual to elegant. There is something for every taste and budget at this year's show.

Event Details:

7th Annual McLean Jewelry Showcase
Saturday, February 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave.
McLean
Admission: \$3

(Save \$1 by printing out the ad found at

<http://www.mcleancenter.org/calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2014/02/01/1322/79/7th-annual-mclean-jewelry-showcase>)

February 1, 8 and 15: "Stuff the Bus: Helping Fairfax Families"

Now that the holiday decorations have come down and the cold winter months settle in, many people continue to go hungry in our community. For many local, nonprofit food pantries, this is the time of year where donations drop to one of the lowest points. To help address this need, Fairfax County is promoting "Stuff the Bus: Helping Fairfax Families," now through February 17. This collaborative program, now in its fourth year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local grocery stores and nonprofits to restock the shelves.

Each week a Fastran bus staffed by MV Transportation personnel will park at a different location and collect food donations. The campaign kicked off Saturday, January 18 at the Fox Mill Giant in Herndon and other locations. Events will run each weekend until President's Day, February 17.

Remaining "Stuff the Bus" events in or near the Dranesville district:

Saturday, February 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
McLean Giant

1454 Chain Bridge Rd.
McLean
Benefiting Share, Inc.

Saturday, February 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Center at Dulles Shoppers

2425 Centreville Road
Herndon
Benefiting Cornerstones

Saturday, February 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Falls Church Giant

1230 W. Broad St.
Falls Church
Benefiting Falls Church Community Service Council

For more information, please visit the "Stuff the Bus" website at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus/>.

February 1 and 2: 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 February 1 and 2. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

Event details:

Saturday, February 1, 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, February 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The library is also accepting donated media.

For more information please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ty/>, email TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or call 703-790-4031.

February 4: "An Interactive Discussion of the Inventions of the 20th and 21st Centuries that have Changed the World"

Hosted by Great Falls Senior Center without Walls

On February 4, The Great Falls Senior Center without Walls (GFSC) along with the Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services will present the program "An Interactive Discussion of the Inventions of the 20th and 21st Centuries that have Changed the World". The event will include a luncheon and music performed by Todd Thatcher, baritone, and accompanied by Tony Favero.

Event details:

Tuesday, February 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church

10100 Georgetown Pike

Great Falls

(Reservations required)

For reservations, please contact Polly Fitzgerald by email at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345. Guests who require transportation to attend may call Gene or Maddie McCabe at 703-438-0810.

The Great Falls Senior Center without Walls (GFSC) was created to enrich the lives of the Great Falls community's mature adults with stimulating programs and social networking opportunities. GFSC is part of "Aging in Community", a national movement whereby communities are exploring ways for seniors to stay in their own homes, or "age in community" and more fully enjoy their senior years.

For more information about Dranesville's Aging in Community activities, please contact Jenny Phipps in the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at 703-471-5076 or by email at jenny.phipps@fairfaxcounty.gov.

February 9 & 23 and March 2: Boil Down Syrup at Colvin Run Mill

This is your chance to be part of a Maple Syrup Boil-Down, because it's sugaring time at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site. The sap is rising and the trees are already tapped at the park. No reservations are required for Colvin Run's boil-down, where you'll see how the sap is boiled down into syrup over an open fire. You'll also have a chance to taste the sweet syrup over cornbread.

Event details:

Noon until 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 9

Sunday, February 23

Sunday, March 2

Colvin Run Mill

10017 Colvin Run Road

Great Falls

No reservations required. \$3 per person (Ages 3-93).

It's the maple syrup that puts the zing in morning pancakes and waffles, but most folks may not know how the real thing is made. The syrup really is from the maple tree, and the sweet delicacy needs some love and simple refining before it lands on your breakfast table.

Native peoples showed early European colonists how to tap the trunks of certain maple trees during springtime to harvest sap. The Europeans then turned maple sap into a trade by 1680, and maple sap became a common form of concentrated sugar for the next two centuries.

For more information call 703-759-2771 or visit the park's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/events.htm>.

February 11: Herndon Town Council Seeks Input on Budget at Public Hearing

The Herndon Town Council is seeking citizens' input on programs and services to be included in the town's FY 2015 Budget. On February 11, the council will hold a public hearing to solicit citizens' guidance on the budget. Additionally, citizens may provide input directly via an online comment form posted on the town's website, www.herndon-va.gov. (See the budget item on the homepage.)

Meeting details:

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Mary Ingram Council Chambers
765 Lynn Street
Herndon

According to Mayor Lisa Merkel, this early input from citizens is an important part of the budget development process. "As we consider resource allocation for the next fiscal year, we encourage citizens to share with us their views on programs and services that are most important to them," Merkel said.

By April 1, Town Manager Art Anselene will deliver to the council a proposed FY 2015 budget. The council will then conduct two public hearings on the proposed budget, at its April 8 and April 22 meetings. The town's FY 2015 budget must be adopted by June 30, 2014.

Information on the town's FY 2015 budget will be posted throughout its development on the budget page at http://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Government/Town_Budget/default.aspx?cnlid=1770.

February 13: VDOT Public Hearing on Route 7 over Dulles Airport Toll Road Bridge Replacement

On February 13, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a public hearing on plans to replace the two bridges carrying Route 7 over the Dulles Toll Road, as well as widen them to accommodate an additional lane on each bridge. The project would also include a 14-foot-wide shared-use path to tie into future planned trails.

Meeting Details:

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Open house format -- no presentation)

Colvin Run Elementary School

1400 Trap Road

Vienna

(If cancelled due to weather: Thursday, Feb. 20)

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions.

You may review project information and the environmental documentation at www.virginiadot.org, at the public hearing, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

You may give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by March 3, 2014 to Mr. Arifur Rahman, at the VDOT District Office address above. You may also e-mail comments to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 7 over DATR" in the subject line.

February 23 and March 23: Fairfax County "Electric Sundays"

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices - including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials - and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. There is **No Charge** for Fairfax County residents to participate in Electric Sunday; however, you may be required to show proof of residency.

Upcoming Event Schedule

(All electronics recycling events are held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

- Feb. 23: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax
- March 23: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

View the Electric Sundays video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFdTS8eOOrc>.

For more information, please contact us at 703-324-5230, TTY 711 or visit the Electric Sundays website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm>

March 5, 13 and 20: * SAVE THE DATE * Dranesville Budget Town Hall Meetings for Fiscal Year 2015

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has scheduled three town hall meetings to give Dranesville residents an opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget that will be presented by the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors on February 25. County Management and Budget staff will be present to make a summary presentation of the budget and answer questions.

Meeting details:

Great Falls Budget Meeting

Wednesday, March 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Great Falls Library
9830 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls

Herndon Budget meeting

Thursday, March 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Herndon Town Council Chambers
765 Lynn Street
Herndon

McLean Budget Meeting

Thursday, March 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean

For more information on these public meetings contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust's Dranesville District office at (703) 356-0551, TTY 711 or email Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

March 11, 18: Dranesville Tax Relief Workshops for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Supervisor John Foust is hosting two free tax relief workshops in March at the Dranesville District office. Real estate tax relief is available for seniors and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. Staff from the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) will assist residents with completing the tax relief application form and answer questions.

Dranesville District Tax Relief Workshop Dates:

Tuesday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 18

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

6649-A Old Dominion Drive

McLean

(NOTE: The Dranesville District Office has been temporarily relocated to the McLean Square (Balducci's) Shopping Center)

To schedule an appointment, please call Patricia Dinkelmeyer in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551. For a detailed list of qualifications visit

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_faq.htm.

Residents may also be eligible for car tax and rental grant relief.

If you cannot attend a workshop and would like information on tax relief please call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594) or visit

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm.

Speak out on Great Falls Transportation Issues by Taking the Great Falls Transportation Survey

The Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) is surveying residents of Great Falls to gather current opinions on some important community transportation and environmental topics. In 2007, the GFCA conducted the "2020 Survey", addressing these topics and others. (View a summary of the 2020 Survey results at

http://gfca.org/documents/2020_Vision_Survey_Results.pdf.) The GFCA now asks Great Falls residents to express their opinions by taking two new surveys: The Transportation Survey (available now) and the Environment Survey (available in late February). Data gathered from these community surveys will guide GFCA's work as an advocate for Great Falls. The results will help GFCA determine which issues the community feels are important, and help GFCA understand community preferences as the area continues to grow and evolve.

To take the Transportation Survey, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3LHWCH9>.

A link to the Environment Survey will be accessible from the GFCA website (www.gfca.org) in late February 2013.

Over the past 20 to 30 years, Great Falls has changed from a rural community to one that is more densely populated. Wooded areas have been replaced by neighborhoods, and the number of households has grown. The new Metro Silver Line will bring more jobs and people to Tysons and Reston, further impacting Great Falls' roads. Overall, the growth in Great Falls and the surrounding areas is creating a number of new and difficult challenges for transportation and the environment.

GFCA knows that you care about your community. Please take the time to share your views about these important topics.

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Announces College Scholarship Opportunity

Are you currently enrolled or will you soon be enrolled in a Virginia college or university? Are you pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice? If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, then you are eligible to apply for a college scholarship from the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute (VSI) Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available to both full-time and part-time students.

As part of the application process, Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid must submit a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant. To obtain a letter of recommendation, please contact Lieutenant Steve Elbert at shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-246-3251.

Founded in 1981, the Virginia Sheriff's Institute is a non-profit professional and educational organization. In May 2013, the VSI Scholarship Committee awarded 63 scholarships for a total of more than \$30,000. There are \$500 scholarships available for full-time students and \$250 scholarships available for part-time students. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each year vary depending on the number of eligible students and the amount of money that is raised.

For more information about the VSI Scholarship Program or to download the application, go to <http://vasheriffsinstitute.org/scholarship/>.

Celebrate Fairfax to Award Community Spirit Scholarships

Applications Accepted through April 1

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc.(CFI), producer of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is now accepting applications for the Celebrate Fairfax Community Spirit Scholarship Program. Created in 2011 as part of its mission to "Celebrate Fairfax County and Its Communities," ten \$1,000 college scholarships will be awarded to Fairfax County high school seniors during the 2014 Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

Scholarship recipients will be named from each Fairfax County Supervisory District, and one at-large recipient selected from students living in Fairfax County or Fairfax City. Recipients will be recognized for their community involvement, academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership.

Information regarding eligibility and criteria may be found along with the online scholarship application at www.celebratefairfax.com/scholarships. The deadline for application submission is April 1. Final selection of awardees will be made by the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors.

For more information or questions regarding the Community Spirit Scholarship Program or the Friends of Celebrate Fairfax, please contact CFI President & CEO Barry Feil by email at Barry.Feil@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-324-5315.

McLean Senior Source: Staying in Place. Staying Informed. Staying Connected.

If you are over 55, or concerned about an older adult, or adult with disabilities, and wondering where to find information, McLean Senior Source (MSS) provides information on resources and services you may not know about from Fairfax County government, faith-based, and other non-profit organizations. Topics cover these areas and more:

- Community involvement
- Daily living solutions
- Education, adult & aging
- Entertainment, enrichment choices
- Financial help & management
- Health & wellness
- Housing solutions
- Insurance, health & other
- Legal & protection
- Recreational facilities
- Social connections
- Transportation & accessibility

Three ways to reach McLean Senior Source (MSS) include:

- 1) Phone: 703-300-1751
- 2) Email: McLeanSeniorSource@gmail.com
- 3) Visit: the McLean Community Center lobby during operating hours, Tues, Wed, Thurs from 10 am to 2 pm.

MSS, a free, non-emergency, volunteer-managed information source, is supported by the Dranesville District Supervisor, the Fairfax County Health Department Long Term Care program, the McLean Community Center, the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Dolley Madison Library, other organizations and engaged volunteers. Learn more about MSS at www.McLeanSS.weebly.com

McLean Senior Source is a program of McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA).

VDOT Repairing Potholes in Northern Virginia

Report your favorite potholes to VDOT now

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) crews are out in full force patching potholes following recent winter storms. Patching operations are prioritized by pothole severity and location, with potholes on high-traffic roads filled within 24 hours of being reported. Drivers should watch for crews and lane closures during off-peak hours.

To report a pothole, citizens can visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp> or call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623). TTY users, call 711. Northern Virginia drivers can also e-mail novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

Crews in northern Virginia patch potholes on roads in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties. If the pothole is in a city, town, or Arlington County, please call the public works department in that location.

Safe driving tips, pothole patching videos and other useful information on potholes is also available on VDOT's website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-potholes.asp>.

First-Time Home Buyer Classes Offered by Cornerstones

Classes conducted in English and Spanish

Cornerstones (formerly known as "Reston Interfaith") is proudly participating in the [Virginia Housing Development Authority \(VHDA\) Homeownership Education Program](#), designed to take the mystery out of the home buying process.

Cornerstones offers First-Time Home Buyer classes, in both English and Spanish, free of charge.

Class Location:

Connections for Hope
1086 Elden Street
Herndon

(In the Dulles Park Shopping Center.)

Classes are held on scheduled Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are free of charge.

For the full schedule of classes visit <http://www.cornerstonesva.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Homeownership-Classes-year-2013.pdf>.

Register at <http://www.cornerstonesva.org/first-time-home-buyer-registration-form/> or call 703-956-6722 for more information.

Buy Used Furniture From Fairfax County Surplus

Furnish Your Home Office for Less Than \$100

You can save thousands of dollars when you set up a home office or small business by buying used office furniture through the Fairfax County Government public auction site. You can often find chairs, desks, computer tables, shelves and more for a small fraction of what they cost new. Inventory is constantly changing - Start shopping today!

As a large local government, Fairfax County Government generates a wide variety of surplus equipment. The Department of Purchasing and Supply Management (DPSM) ensures responsible disposal of this equipment in several ways, including:

- donating to charities who further our mission
- selling our surplus equipment using online, live and sealed bid auctions
- trading in equipment back to our contracted vendors, including 'producer responsibility' or take-back clauses in new contracts to enhance recycling options
- dealing with waste intelligently by recycling e-waste, toner cartridges, scrap metal, used tires and spent oil

Through this "toolbox" of options, we positively impact our environment by reducing waste and improve the County's bottom line by cutting disposal costs and increasing revenue.

For more information visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/surplus.htm>.

Free Income Tax Preparation for Qualifying County Residents

If you worked in 2013, and earned less than \$52,000, then you may qualify to receive free income tax preparation assistance. IRS certified volunteers will ensure you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for the earned income tax credit.

Families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$8.1 million in federal refunds last tax season through this free service.

For more information about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, including locations, days and times assistance is available, please contact Attia Mahmood at 703-324-7731; TTY 711 or visit the VITA website at <http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=locations>.

Saturdays: Great Falls Farmers Market

Have you visited the Great Falls Farmers Market? This unique market is a "farm-to-table" market where most vendors grow, cultivate, produce, or make their products. The market is open Saturdays year-round at the Great Falls Village Center.

Details:

Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Great Falls Village Center Parking Lot
750 Walker Road
Great Falls
(Next to Wells Fargo Bank)

Bring your recyclable bags with you!

For more information visit the market's web site at <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org>.

2014 Document Shredding Events for Fairfax County Residents

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. These events are only open to Fairfax County residents along with residents of the Towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

Fairfax County will not shred documents for businesses - even if documents are delivered by an employee who is a county resident. These events are only for residents to destroy sensitive material they have from their home.

2014 Shredding Event Schedule:

(All shredding events are held from 8 a.m. - Noon.)

- March 22: South County Governmental Center**, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria
April 26: North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston
May 17: Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly
June 21: Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna
July 19: Mt Vernon High School, 8515 Mt. Vernon Rd, Alexandria
Aug. 16: Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Rd., McLean
Sept. 20: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Rd., Burke
Oct. 18: Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale
Oct. 25: Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield

For details and additional information please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm> or call 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

McLean Citizens Association Conducting Residents Survey

It's not too late!

It's not too late to participate in the McLean Citizens Association's survey on community perspectives and desires at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/McLeanAreaSurvey>.

Your responses on what you like about McLean, what you would like to see preserved, and what changes you would like to see will help MCA focus on what matters to McLean residents in 2014 and beyond. The survey is short -- only 10 questions -- and should take only a few minutes to complete.

For more information, please contact MCA President, Sally Horn at s-horn@verizon.net or Animesh Gupta at indoraj@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Fairfax County Division of Adult and Aging Services

The "Volunteer Solutions" function 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. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer across the County.

To volunteer for any of the positions described below, 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 or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

- The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Find more information on becoming a Long-Term Care Ombudsman Volunteer.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs.
- Grocery shoppers and social visitors needed for older adults in Annandale, Falls Church and McLean.
- The Little River Glen Senior Center in Fairfax needs front desk coverage, help with special events and ESL instructors.
- The Kingstowne Senior Center in Alexandria needs instructors for classes in art, bridge, and beginning Spanish.
- The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center in Alexandria needs a volunteer assistant from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays to assist with activities and lunch and social companions for participants on Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m.
- The Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale needs Spanish speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Fairfax, Reston, McLean and Falls Church.
- The Lewinsville Senior Center of McLean needs a volunteer knitting instructor to assist with an existing knitting class on Thursday mornings and a volunteer certified Zumba instructor to teach a class on Friday afternoons.
- 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.
- Adult Day Health Care and Senior Centers - Visit centers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, meal time, entertainment and much more.
- Grocery Shopping - Shop for an older adult or accompany them to the grocery store. Commitment: two hours every other week.
- Household Services - Unpack boxes, change light bulbs, paint small areas, straighten cupboards or closets, organize paperwork, write letters. Commitment: varies.
- Meals on Wheels - Transport meals to older adults or adults with disabilities Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Program also needs driver coordinators and group coordinators. Commitment: two hours/month and longer. Volunteer opportunities are available near where you work or live. Employee groups are welcome to share a delivery commitment. Check us out on YouTube now!

- Nutritional Supplement Delivery - Pick up and deliver nutritional supplements to an older adult's home. Deliveries are made early in the month. Commitment: a six-month commitment is requested. Two to three hours per month.
- Caregiver Respite - Respite volunteers give family caregivers of older adults, who can't be left alone, a well-earned break. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Volunteers receive training and support.
- Regional Volunteer Office Managers - Help Volunteer Solutions recruit and train volunteers, track status of new volunteers, collect and enter volunteer hours. Must be highly skilled with computers, data entry, records management, phone etiquette, communication (both oral and written). Must be able to volunteer in the office, use county database, and maintain confidentiality. Commitment: 10-15 hours per week.
- Senior Centers - provide assistance to program managers or offer activity programming
- Social Visits - Visit older adults who need company. Commitment: once or twice a week visits for one to two hours at a time. A one-year commitment is requested.
- Transportation - Drive older adults to and from medical appointments, pharmacy, bank, library, grocery shopping etc.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Community Ambassador Program

- Bilingual volunteers are needed to plan seminars and resource fairs that inform older adults of county services. There is a special need for volunteers who speak Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Laotian, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese. Commitment time varies.

Volunteer Opportunities in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

- Fairfax Pets on Wheels - Visit residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with your pets. Provide companionship and compassion through pet therapy. Pet orientation and temperament testing is required. Commitment: one time weekly or monthly.
- Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - Advocate for the rights and quality of life of residents in nursing and assisted living facilities.

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