



Dranesville Happenings

February 2017

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



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EVENTS

February 4: Better than Bling

Jewelry and Fashion Accessories at the McLean Community Center

Better Than Bling is a boutique event featuring unique designs, independent-label fashion accessories, and handcrafted jewelry. The items in this juried show range from casual to elegant, for every taste and budget.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children age 12 and under. Paid admission includes hot chocolate.

Event Details

Saturday, February 4
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean

For more information, visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming/icalrepeat.detail/2017/02/04/1689/-/better-than-bling>.

February 5, 12, and March 5: Maple Syrup Boil-Down

Colvin Run Mill

The sap is rising and the maple trees are tapped. Now it's sugaring time! Bundle up, brave the weather, watch and learn as sap is boiled down into sweet syrup over an open fire. Sample the delicious combination of maple syrup over fresh baked cornbread, while supplies last. This is an outdoor program; participants are encouraged to dress appropriately.

Event Details

February 5, 12, and March 5

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Colvin Run Mill

10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls

No RSVP is necessary and admission is \$5 per person. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/events.htm> for more information about this and other events at Colvin Run Mill.

February 9: North County Community Resiliency Group Tabletop Exercise

In partnership with Fairfax County, Volunteer Fairfax invites residents and representatives from nonprofits, houses of worship, homeowner and civic associations, private industry, parent-teacher associations, and community-based organizations in the Hunter Mill and Dranesville Districts to support disaster recovery efforts by joining a Community Resiliency Group.

Participants will come together to learn about community resiliency through an educational seminar (which was held in January) and an upcoming hands-on tabletop exercise. Participants do not have to have attended the seminar in order to participate in the tabletop exercise.

Event Details

Thursday, February 9
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Heritage Fellowship Church
2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston

Admission is free and dinner is included. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fairfax-county-community-collaboration-for-disaster-resiliency-hunter-mill-district-tickets-28659993813>.

For more information contact Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3828 or emergency@volunteerfairfax.org.

February 11: FCPS Instructional Job Fair

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is searching for educators with a strong academic background and a passion to make a difference in the lives of students during the 2017-18 school year. Principals and program managers will interview candidates at the FCPS Instructional Job Fair on Saturday, February 11 (inclement weather date: Saturday, February 25).

Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the [job fair webpage](#) to learn more and apply online. Instructional positions include teachers, counselors, librarians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech pathologists.

FCPS offers support to new instructional employees through an intensive mentoring program, professional development opportunities, and outstanding health and retirement benefits.

Job fair interviews are by invitation only. Questions should be directed to the FCPS Department of Human Resources at 571-423-3000.

February 18: Astronomy Festival

Riverbend Park

Park lovers of all ages are invited to Riverbend Park to enjoy guided star gazing, looking through the telescope, listening to ancient stories about the constellations around a campfire, and other games and activities. Hot chocolate and snacks will be available for purchase.

Event Details

Saturday, February 18

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls

Event will be canceled if it is raining or snowing. Admission is \$6 if pre-registered online or \$7 at the door. Register online at

http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?direct=YES&CDE=3571816001&view_records=Go.

For more information, call the Riverbend Park Visitor Center at 703-759-9018.

February 21: Great Falls Senior Center Monthly Event

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) will have author Mike High as guest speaker for its February event. High holds degrees in English and creative writing from the University of Virginia and his work has appeared in many publications. His *C&O Canal Companion* takes readers on a mile-by-mile tour of the 184-mile Potomac River and towpath that stretches from Washington, DC, to Cumberland, Maryland, and the Alleghany Mountains in West Virginia.

Event Details

Tuesday, February 21

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dranesville Church of the Brethren

11500 Leesburg Pike, Great Falls

This event is sponsored by the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation. Reservations are required. Contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345 to RSVP.

For more information about the GFSC, visit <http://www.gfseniors.org/>.

February 25: Storytelling: Bootlegging Past

Riverbend Park

Bring a snack and enjoy stories told by one of Riverbend Park's expert storytellers. The event will include a campfire if weather permits. Participants should meet at the Nature Center.

Event Details

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls

Admission is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Register online at

http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?direct=YES&CDE=3571080102&view_records=Go.

For more information, call the Riverbend Park Visitor Center at 703-759-9018.

March 21 and 28: Free Tax Relief Workshops

Dranesville District

Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hosts a series of free tax relief workshops at several locations throughout the County. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications; you also may be eligible for car tax relief and tax relief for renters.

County staff from the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) will be at the Dranesville District location listed below to assist with filling out the application form, as well as answering questions.

Dranesville District

Hosted by Supervisor John Foust

March 21 and 28

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

McLean Governmental Center, Community Room

1437 Balls Hills Road, McLean

703-356-0551

For more information on tax relief, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax County FY 2018 Budget Community Meetings

Dranesville District

The County Executive will release his Advertised Budget to Board members, County staff, and the public on February 14, 2017. The Board will authorize the proposed tax rate on February 29, 2017, will hold public hearings on the budget on April 4, 5 and 6, 2017, and will adopt the FY 2018 budget on May 2, 2017.

Prior to the Board public hearings, Supervisor Foust will join the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) and the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) at public meetings to discuss the Advertised Budget. Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer and Director of the Department of Management and Budget for Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) representatives will also participate in these public meetings. Details for the meetings are included below:

Great Falls

Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.
Great Falls Library
9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

McLean

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean

Both meetings are free and open to the public. For more information on the County budget, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

Celebrate Fairfax CV+ Events Education Workshops

Beginning on January 10, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. (CFI) will be offering 2 to 4 event planning educational workshops on a monthly basis. Upcoming classes focus on Sponsorships (January 10), PR and Social Media (January 25), and Creative Event Programming (January 30).

Register online for these free 2-hour courses at <http://celebratefairfax.com/cv-event-training-program/>.

Equally appropriate for volunteers, new/inexperienced staff, and long-time professionals, the CV+ courses are designed to raise the quality and quantity of programming in Fairfax County and its communities. All classes will be held in the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Limited spaces are available.

For more information, contact Barry Feil at 703-324-5311 or by email at Barry.Feil@FairfaxCounty.gov. TTY 711. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request.

Town of Herndon Seeks Architect to Serve on Review Board

The Town of Herndon is seeking an architect to serve on the Town's Architectural and Heritage Preservation Review Boards (ARB-HPRB). Members of the ARB-HPRB, appointed by the Herndon Town Council, determine whether property owners and builders are maintaining architecturally compatible qualities throughout the Town, and ensure that the historic integrity of buildings and sites is preserved in the Town's historic districts.

Town residency is not required to fill this position; the term for a qualified resident of the Town is three years, and one year for a qualified non-resident. The ARB-HPRB holds one work session and one public meeting per month. Board members receive \$100 per month.

The Town of Herndon is also seeking applicants interested in serving on the Town's boards, commissions, and advisory and ad hoc committees. Applications are available at www.herndon-va.gov under the government tab, and at the clerk's office in the Herndon Municipal Center, located at 777 Lynn Street. A description of all boards and commissions is included on the application.

For more information or to update an application already on file, citizens may contact the clerk's office at (703) 435-6804 or town.clerk@herndon-va.gov.

ArtSpace Herndon Events

Some Things I Can't Explain
featuring artist Rahshia Sawyer

Wednesday, January 11 through Sunday, February 11

Rahshia Sawyer is a conceptual photographer based in the Washington, D.C. area. Her current projects examine the relationships between beauty and humanity and its balanced (or imbalanced) interaction between reality and fantasy.

For more information, visit <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/ev/things-cant-explain/>.

8th Annual Fine Art Photography Exhibit
Tuesday, February 14 through Saturday, March 11
Awards Reception on Saturday, February 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The 8th Annual Fine Art Photography Exhibit includes 37 stunning and diverse photographs, selected from 225 submissions by 75 professional and amateur photographers in Virginia, Maryland, D.C., and West Virginia.

For more information, visit <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/ev/8th-annual-fine-art-photography-exhibit/>.

Gallery Hours

Monday and Tuesday: Closed
Tuesday through Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[View the Original Fairfax County Weights and Measures](#)

The original Fairfax County weights and measures, gifted by England, will be on display at the Fairfax County Government Center starting January 11 until the end of the year in honor of Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary.

Event Details

Beginning Wednesday, January 11
Fairfax County Government Center Lobby
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

The weights and measures date to 1744 and were used to stop the buying and selling "by false weights" of corn, grain, salt, and wine. Fairfax County Court oversaw exports and imports, so the weights and measures would have been integral to the operation of County government and to the County's economy. The weights and measures have been loaned by the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge No. 22.

For more information about Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary, visit <http://www.fxva.com/275/>.

Stuff the Bus 2017: Helping Fairfax Families

As the holiday decorations come down and the cold winter months settle in, many people continue to go hungry. 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 its annual "Stuff the Bus: Helping Fairfax Families" program at 14 locations from January 14 to February 20. This collaborative program, now in its seventh 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 January 14 and will run each weekend until February 20.

Below is a list of participating locations in or near the Dranesville District. All donation hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4

Falls Church Giant

1230 W. Broad Street, Falls Church

Benefitting Falls Church Community Service Council (FCS)

Saturday, February 18

Fox Mill Giant

2551 John Milton Drive, Herndon

Benefitting Helping Hungry Kids (HHK)

For more information and the complete list of Stuff the Bus locations throughout the County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus/>.

Great Falls Community Farmers Market

The Great Falls Community Farmers Market is held every Saturday at the Great Falls Village Centre. Visit the Farmers Market for local produce, pastured and grass-fed meat, unique vendors, fresh-prepared whole plant and artisan products, and more.

Great Falls Community Farmers Market Schedule

Every Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Great Falls Village Center, Walker Road Entrance

For more information about the Great Falls Community Farmers Market, visit <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>.

Tysons Library Friends Used Book Sale

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Temporary Location

While the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is closed for renovation, the Tysons Library Friends will host several books sales. Books on a variety of subjects and in several languages, children's books, vinyl records, and other media will be sold.

Used Book Sale Event Details

Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 137, Falls Church

Quarterly Book Sale Event Details

Thursday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 3, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

During these times, **books and media for adults will be available in the conference center at 7702 Leesburg Pike** in Falls Church, which is accessible through the South Lobby of the building. **Books and media for children and teens will be available in Suite 137 of 7700 Leesburg Pike**, accessible through the North Lobby of the building.

Bag Sale/Clearance Sale

Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
7700 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Suite 137
\$10 per bag or half price per item

The Tysons Library Friends will also accept donations Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In addition, a book donation bin, located in the parking lot between the North and South Lobbies of 7700 Leesburg Pike, can be used to drop off books 24/7.

For more information, to make an appointment, or to arrange for large donations or purchases, please contact the Tysons Library Friends at TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or 703-338-3307.

For more information regarding the library renovation, contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-356-0551.

How to Report and Request Road Maintenance

Information from VDOT and Fairfax County

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for the maintenance of most roads in Fairfax County. Some are maintained by Fairfax County, and even fewer are privately owned and maintained.

If you see a pothole, damaged or down traffic sign, or other issue of concern, you may report the problem to VDOT [online](#) or by calling 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623). VDOT will investigate each report and will schedule repairs as soon as possible.

Public street name signs are maintained by the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. More information is available from the County Sign Shop at 703-877-2800, TTY 711. To report a problem (e.g., missing sign, bent pole, etc.), call the Sign Shop or submit the information using the on-line Street Name Sign Maintenance Form at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/streetsignform.htm>.

For more information or for help determining who maintains your road, contact Jenny Kaplan in the office of Supervisor Foust at Jennifer.Kaplan@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-356-0551.

Volunteer/Nonprofit Trainings

Volunteer Fairfax

Volunteer Fairfax has several training opportunities for volunteer groups and nonprofits. Upcoming workshops include:

Volunteer Management: The Art of Managing Up and Down

February 16, Webinar

Volunteer Management Boot Camp 101 - The Basics!

Tuesday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Providence Rec Center, Room 1

7525 Marc Drive, Falls Church

Advanced Volunteer Management Boot Camp 201

Tuesday March 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Providence Rec Center, Room 1

7525 Marc Drive, Falls Church

To register, visit

<http://volunteerfairfax.civcore.com/public/index.php?section=trainings&action=main>. For more information, contact Susan Sanow, Special Projects Manager, Volunteer Fairfax at ssanow@volunteerfairfax.org or at 703-246-3534.

Herndon Village Network

The Herndon Village Network (HVN) is a neighbor-to-neighbor non-profit. Volunteers support Herndon's senior citizens by offering rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, classes, and social engagements. HVN recently announced its 2017 Board of Directors: Penny Halpern, President; Charles Marts, Vice President; Nancy Boughn, Treasurer; and Rosemary Kendall, Secretary. The Board of Directors will oversee the policies, administration, funding, and volunteers for the organization.

Herndon residents who are 55 or older, live in the 20170 zip code, and are interested in HVN services should call 703-375-9439. Interested volunteers should visit www.herndonvillagenetwork.org and complete an application. All volunteers are vetted.

Call for Volunteers and Drivers

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church

The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, run exclusively by volunteers, is working to establish an enduring network of volunteers to help support the needs of local seniors. Volunteers provide free transportation to medical and therapy appointments and pharmacy and grocery stores, visit homebound individuals, or make phone calls to check in with seniors.

No minimum amount of time or long term commitment is required and scheduling is flexible. All volunteers must undergo a screening process.

For more information or to get involved, call the Shepherd's Center at 703-506-2199, email info@scmafc.org, or visit www.scmafc.org.

McLean Caregiver Support Group

McLean Community Village for All Ages

The MCVA Caregiver Support Group is for caregivers of adult family members and close friends. Support group members may be the primary or remote caretaker for a spouse, parent, sibling, other family member, or close friend.

The meetings are held on the first and third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Old Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

To learn more about the MCVA Caregiver Support Group or to receive the e-Newsletter, email the facilitators Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net and Lynn Rafferty at radmom899@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities and Events

County Division of Adult and Aging Services

Meaningful volunteer opportunities and events are available to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities in Fairfax County or more information about those listed below, visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions" or call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Register online at <https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/index.php>.

Events

Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group will meet by phone on Tuesday, February 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Callers will have the opportunity to share their experiences, gain support, and get important information without having to travel. Register beforehand at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/> and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 for more information.

Fairfax 50+ Podcasts and Videos

- [Rebuilding Together - Volunteer Home Repair](#)
- [Alzheimer's Conversation with Ana Nelson](#)
- [Northern Virginia Senior Olympics 2016](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

- The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/>.
- Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of older adults 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.

- Meals on Wheels needs substitute drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators for routes throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

For these and other volunteer opportunities, email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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.