



Dranesville Happenings

October 2015

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



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[New Date for MPAartfest: October 12 from 10:00 am- 5:00 p.m.](#)

Due to predicted severe weather,

McLean Project for the Arts has rescheduled MPAartfest to Columbus Day, Monday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Based on the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, the National Hurricane Center's alerts about the possible land fall of Hurricane Joaquin within the next several days, and the heavy rains predicted through the weekend, after consultation with the Fairfax County Park Authority, McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) made the prudent decision to postpone MPAartfest until **Columbus Day, Monday, October 12 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm**. MPA believes this is the best decision to ensure the safety of its artists, vendors, sponsors and the general public.

MPA invites everyone to make plans to attend and bring their family and friends to MPAartfest on **Monday, October, 12**, to meet outstanding regional artists, and take part in exciting arts activities throughout the day.

For more information about MPAartfest, visit <http://www.mpaart.org/mpaartfest/>.

October 5: Fairfax County Car Taxes Due
What You Need to Know

More than 800,000 personal property (car) tax bills have been mailed to County residents. Tax payments are due on Monday, October 5.

Here is what you need to know:

- The 2015 Personal Property Tax bill includes a \$33 registration fee (\$38 for vehicles in excess of 4,000 pounds, or \$18 for motorcycles) regularly garaged, stored or parked in Fairfax County.
- You may qualify for tax relief if you are a senior at least 65 years old, or permanently and totally disabled, a disabled veteran, or a spouse of a veteran killed in action.
- There are several convenient ways to pay. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pay-car-taxes/> for more information.

If you have a question or concern about your tax bill, contact the Department of Tax Administration, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594), or send an email to dtappd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

October 5 through 9: Town of Herndon Residents: Curbside Pickup for Fall Clean-Up

The annual Herndon town-wide fall clean-up will take place Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9, with pickup on your trash day only. Items should be placed curbside for pickup and may include:

- appliances (remove doors)
- furniture
- vehicle parts and plumbing fixtures (under 50 lbs.)
- tires (maximum 2 per household)
- limited amount of building materials (approx. 1 cubic yard, lengths not to exceed 4 feet)

Loose yard waste, auto parts in excess of 50 lbs, large quantities of building materials and household hazardous waste will **not** be picked up.

Items should be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on your trash day only, but no earlier than 24 hours prior to pickup. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at publicworks@herndon-va.gov.

Public Meetings to Learn more about "Transform 66"

October 5 & 6: Inside the Beltway

October 19, 20 & 21: Outside the Beltway

Residents interested in the "Transform 66" projects -- inside and outside the beltway - can learn more at several Virginia Department of Transportation public meetings being held in October.

For more information about both projects visit Transform66.org.

Transform 66 Inside the Beltway

Learn more about the "Transform 66 - Inside the Beltway" project, which involves converting I-66 to dynamically-priced toll lanes in both directions during morning and afternoon rush hours between I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and U.S. Route 29 in

Rosslyn, along with implementing a series of multimodal improvements that benefit the I-66 corridor.

***Monday, October 5**

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)

VDOT Northern Virginia District Office

4975 Alliance Drive

Fairfax

**A live stream of this meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.*

at Transform66.org

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)

Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Cafeteria

7130 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:30 p.m.)

Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria

1301 N. Stafford Street

Arlington

Transform 66 Outside the Beltway

Learn more about the "Transform 66 - Outside the Beltway" project's Preferred Alternative, which consists of multimodal improvements along 25 miles of I-66 between I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket. The latest information on VDOT's recommendation to implement the project in phases will also be provided.

Monday, October 19

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Oakton High School Cafeteria
2900 Sutton Road
Vienna

***Tuesday, October 20**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax

**A live stream of this meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Transform66.org*

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym
8301 Linton Hall Road
Bristow

October 6: Former Secret Service Agent Charles Taylor to Speak at Great Falls Senior Center Event

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) will welcome Charles Taylor, a former Secret Service agent, as guest speaker at its October 6 event. Mr. Taylor was on the White House detail during the Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Questions from the audience will be welcome at the end of his talk.

Event details:

Tuesday, October 6

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

Great Falls United Methodist Church
10100 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls
(Includes lunch)

This event is sponsored by Keller Williams Ritchey. Great Falls Senior Center is partnered with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services in all ventures and events.

Reservations are a must. Contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345 to RSVP. For more information call Diane Drewry at 703-759-5829 or Marietna (Mimi) Mascolo 703-404-0124.

October 7: Virtual Career Fair for Job Seekers with Disabilities

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board is holding the last of several career fairs for job seekers with disabilities. **Businesses represented are hiring for a variety of open positions**

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb, email wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-7000, TTY 711.

October 8: "Where Connections are Made" Small Business Vendor Forum

In conjunction with the Small Business Conference

If you own a small business or are looking to work with one, consider signing up for the 2015 Vendor Forum, "Where Connections are Made"!

The Vendor Forum is an annual event hosted by Fairfax County that provides a forum for small businesses to interact directly with County department representatives. Hosted in conjunction with the Fairfax County Small Business Commission, the Vendor Forum provides an intimate and interactive setting for suppliers to network, explore and learn about business in the County.

Forum details:

Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax

To learn more or register, visit online at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/vendorforum.

October 13: Future Innovation Center Station (North) Informational Meeting

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, in coordination with Supervisor Foust's office and Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will be holding an informational meeting on the future Innovation Center Station. The meeting will provide information on the entire Silver Line Phase 2 project, but will focus on construction of the Innovation Center Station and the associated project improvements for the north side of the station.

Event details:

Tuesday, October 13
7:00 p.m.
Herndon Middle School
901 Locust Street
Herndon

Project leaders will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, visit the project website at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/innovationcenterstationgarage/>.

October 13: Old Firehouse Teen Center 25th Anniversary Celebration

Please join the McLean Historical Society and the McLean Community Center in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Old Firehouse Teen Center.

Event details:

Tuesday, October 13
7:30 p.m.
Old Firehouse Teen Center
1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

All members of the community are invited to not only attend but also to participate, by sharing their memories of the community-wide efforts to bring the Old Firehouse Teen Center to fruition and to sustain it since 1990.

For More information, contact Paul Kohlenberger at paulkohl@masn.com.

October 14: Meet the Candidates for Dranesville Supervisor and School Board Member

On October 14, all certified candidates campaigning for the offices of Dranesville District Supervisor and Dranesville District School Board member have been invited to participate in a debate at the McLean Community Center.

Event details:

Wednesday, October 14
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean

A question-and-answer session will be held after candidate presentations. Candidates for other offices may also be present at this event, though they will not have a speaking role.

This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area; American Association of University Women (AAUW), McLean Branch; Fairfax County Council PTA; Voice of Vietnamese Americans and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

For more information, visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/. To submit questions, send an e-mail to league@lwv-fairfax.org.

October 16: 2015 Annual Conference of Together on the Pathway to Wellness: "Investing in Yourself"

If you or someone you care about has experienced a mental health and/or substance use challenge, and want to learn more about wellness and recovery, the "Investing in Yourself" conference may help. The conference will explore how to build and grow good relationships, stay healthy and feel good. The featured speaker will be Gina Calhoun, National Director for Wellness & Recovery Education, Copeland Center for Wellness and Recovery.

Event details:

Friday, October 16
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Ernst Community Cultural Center
Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale

Early Registration: \$25 (until Sept 25, 2015)
Late Registration: \$35 (Sept 26 through Oct 10, 2015)
A limited number of scholarships are available.

Register Online at WellnessAndRecoveryCommittee.org.

For More Information: Call the Conference Coordinator at 703-324-9355, TTY 711, or email pathwaytowellnessconference@gmail.com.

Reasonable accommodations for this conference will be provided upon request. To request an accommodation, please call Lara Larson at 703-324-7027, TTY 711.

October 17: AARP Home Modification Workshop

On October 17, "McLean Community: A Village for All Ages" (MCVA) is teaming up with Virginia AARP, the Building for All Committee (BFAC) of Fairfax County and the McLean Community Center Lifetime Learning Program to hold the AARP Home Modification Workshop. Attend to receive comprehensive advice, tips, and checklists on modifying your home for comfort, safety and long-term livability.

You'll hear from experts how to fund your modification (including tax incentives), avoid frauds and scams, and learn about the shared housing movement.

Workshop details:

Saturday, October 17

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

McLean Community Center Community Hall

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

Light refreshments will be served

This is a free community workshop. RSVP is requested as seating is limited. To register, call AARP at 1-877-926-8300 or go to aarp.cvent.com/McLean101715VA.

To request an ADA reasonable accommodation, contact Matthew Barkley with Fairfax County at 703-324-5868, TTY 703-449-1186, matthew.barkley@fairfaxcounty.gov.

October 17: "K-9 Krawl 5K" - Benefitting Victims of Domestic Violence

Supporting National Domestic Awareness Month

Join in a free walk on Saturday, October 17, to help increase awareness of the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty, at the Fairfax County Government Center. This annual event is held during October in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dogs are welcome to walk along.

If you are the victim of domestic violence, please call the Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence 24-hour Hotline at 703-360-7273.

In addition to the walk, there will be a variety of family-friendly activities, including pet portraits (for a \$10 donation), dog adoptions and a lemonade stand operated by local children with proceeds donated to children impacted by domestic violence.

Event details:

Saturday, October 17

9:00 a.m.

K-9 Unit Demonstration at 8:45 a.m.

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax

The K-9 Krawl 5K is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) Victim Services Section and the FCPD Domestic Violence Unit.

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015K9Krawl>. The first 100 registrants will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, call 703-814-7009.

October 18: MCA Local Political Candidates Debate

The MCA will host a political debate in advance of the November 3rd elections.

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Event details:

Sunday, October 18

2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

The following candidate have agreed to participate in the debate (names shown alphabetically; incumbent shown by (I)):

*State Senate (District 31) - Barbara A. Favola (I) v. George Forakis

*House of Delegates (District 34) - Kathleen J. Murphy (I) v. Craig Parisot

*Dranesville Supervisor - Jennifer Chronis v. John Foust (I)

*Dranesville School Board Representative - Pete Kurzenhauser v. Jane K. "Janie" Strauss (I)

The MCA is offering its members unique opportunities regarding this debate.

Reserved seating available to MCA Members when signing up with via online ticket system. Please click this link to register. <http://goo.gl/forms/rnHESBV5ci>

Please be sure to check in with the MCA Table no later than 2:15 as we will not be able to hold the seats past this time.

Questions for the candidates will come from the MCA Board, MCA Committees and MCA members. If you have questions you would like to propose for the candidates, you may submit them on the [form](#) or by email to mcleancitizensassoc@gmail.com. Questions will be screened for fairness, lack of partisanship, and objectivity. Both candidates for each race will be asked the same questions. Also, because MCA is hosting four debates, there will be limited time for questions, so we may not be able to ask all of the questions that are proposed. Please be sure to submit your questions no later than Sunday October 7, 2015.

October 18: Last Grinding Demonstrations of Year at Colvin Run Mill

Tours Resume After Restorations and Renovations Completed

Although the park was open, the mill at the park was closed to the public for about two weeks earlier this month while restorations and renovations took place. Now, along with the park grounds and the site's historic General Store, the mill is turning again, tours are being offered and reservations are being taken for school groups.

The historic site is open every day of the week and mill tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Tuesdays, when park facilities are closed. The final grinding demonstration of the year will take place at the park from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 18.

Colvin Run Mill, listed on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places, is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, Va. For more information, call the park at 703-759-2711 or visit its website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/>.

October 24: VolunteerFest 2015

Registration is now open for VolunteerFest 2015, being held on October 24. This region-wide day of community service is held every October in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day. VolunteerFest mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Anyone is eligible to participate. Join hands-on projects such as landscaping, maintaining outdoor classrooms at local elementary schools, sorting thrift shop donations, and many others. Last year over 400 community and corporate volunteers donated their time to participate in VolunteerFest, supporting 45 projects.

Projects generally begin in the morning of Saturday, October 24 and usually last for two to four hours. Locations are throughout the Northern Virginia area.

Click [here](#) to see a list of projects and to register to participate.

Help out by spreading the word. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Participants will need a profile to register, which you can create by visiting http://volunteerfairfax.civicore.com/public/index.php?section=volunteerNOW&action=profile_new.

For more information contact Jessica Warren at jwarren@volunteerfairfax.org.

November 15: Purchasing Deadline for Town of Herndon Vehicle Decals

The Town of Herndon has mailed vehicle decal notices to all Town of Herndon residents. All vehicles, trailers, motorcycles and semi-trailers normally garaged, stored or parked within the Town of Herndon limits for more than 30 days are required to display a decal.

The deadline to purchase 2016 decals is November 15. However, since November 15 falls on a Sunday this year, decals may also be purchased on Monday, November 16.

To accommodate residents, the Herndon Municipal Center will be open on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Decals may also be purchased at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue. Get your payment in the mail early and avoid the lines.

For more information, contact Town's Department of Finance at revenue@herndon-va.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olney Park Renovated for Accessibility

Olney Park in Falls Church has undergone a facelift. Thanks to the efforts of the Fairfax County Park Authority, the park is now fully compliant with the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Accessibility improvements made:

- All sidewalks and walkways now meet ADA standards.
- There is now an ADA ramp that allows access to the tennis courts.
- A picnic table and grill (soon to arrive) in the open field area have been made accessible.
- The dugouts are also accessible.

In addition, the parking lot has been re-paved and the cracks in the tennis courts have been sealed.



Friends of Riverbend Donate Fishing Boat

The Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB) handed over the keys to a new \$16,000 fishing boat for the park at Riverbend's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on September 25.

This addition to Riverbend's fleet of rentable kayaks, canoes, and jon boats will extend the reach of the park's educational programs and provide a new source of revenue. The boat was purchased with funds primarily provided by FORB, a significant portion of which were made possible by a generous grant from the Curtis & Edith Munson Foundation of Washington, D.C., and also by a contribution from the Fairfax County Park Authority.

The new 16-foot boat will be used for photography and sightseeing charters, specialized fishing programs and other events. It will also be available as a back-up rescue boat. Specialized fishing programs will begin in the spring of 2016, but charters are expected to begin this fall.



John Callow, Riverbend Park Manager, and Tim Hackman, President, Friends of Riverbend Park.

Fairfax County Introduces "NewsCenter" News Site

Fairfax County has introduced an innovative news site: NewsCenter. The Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs has developed a new way to deliver news and information to the community by first researching best practices in public affairs, journalism, social media and other government communication trends and then creating a different type of news platform.

Visit the Fairfax County Government NewsCenter at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2.

The vision of NewsCenter is to selectively package, promote and publish relevant, timely and actionable audience-focused information for our community in three categories: to know, to do, and to go.

There is often a void in traditional journalists sharing our information as news organizations continue to shrink, so the County has created this news site to serve as the main hub for audience-focused information.

Here are some sample NewsCenter stories:

"**Don't Fall for Tree Trimming Scams**" is a unique article based on content from police, DPWES and consumer affairs; it's been shared more than 1600 times and read thousands of times: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/dont-fall-for-tree-trimming-scams/>

"**Homeless Kids Going Back to School**" helps shine a light on that issue: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/homeless-children-go-back-to-school-too> We then asked the community to get involved with ending homelessness.

"**VDOT's I-66 Traffic Management System**" has gone live. NewsCenter, reports that information to residents directly (and WTOP shared the direct link to its audience): <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/vdot-i-66-traffic-management-system/>

Dominion Power Employees Volunteer to Construct Outdoor Classroom at Franklin Sherman Elementary School

On September 22, twenty employees of Dominion Virginia Power volunteered to construct an outdoor classroom at Franklin Sherman Elementary School as part of Dominion's Energize Our Communities" initiative, now in its 16th year.

Volunteers built benches; a deck, podium and table for teachers; and cleared grass to install landscape fabric and mulch over a new classroom area.



Tim Sargeant, Carolyn Moss and volunteers from Dominion Virginia Power, join Elaine Tholen from Fairfax County Public Schools, School Board member Janie Strauss and Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff for Dranesville Supervisor Foust, during construction of the new outdoor classroom.

Shepherd Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church and the Herndon Village Network Need Volunteer Drivers

Shepherd Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church (SCMAFC) and the Herndon Village Network (HVN) are recruiting more drivers to provide seniors with free transportation. Volunteer to help seniors get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. No long term commitment is required and you may volunteer only when your schedule permits. The need is great and these organizations appreciate any and all assistance offered.

To find out how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services:

Contact Shepherd's Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail info@scmafc.org. Follow SCMAFC developments at their website:

<http://www.shepherdscentermcafc.org/index.html>.

Contact the Herndon Village Network at 703-375-9439 or email HerndonVillageNetworkInfo@gmail.com.

SHARE of McLean Needs Your Help

SHARE of McLean welcomes your donations of food, clothing, linens, furniture and computers. Cash donations help SHARE's Family Assistance Program to solve client crises such as eviction, utility cut-off, and medical prescription refills.

If you would like to volunteer, help is needed in the Clothing Room, Food Room, Furniture Moving or Family Assistance programs.

SHARE of McLean is located on the lower level of McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road. For more information about giving and volunteering, please visit the SHARE of McLean website at <http://www.shareofmclean.org/>.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library to Undergo Renovations

The Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library at 7584 Leesburg Pike will soon be undergoing a renovation and expansion. The existing facility is in need of modifications to meet the needs of the community and prolong the life of building and building subsystems. Renovations will provide for a more efficient layout and use of the available space, upgrades to the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and updates to the power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking to meet the technological demands of patrons.

The library was constructed in 1983. Planned renovations include increasing public space meeting rooms and adding public computers.

Construction is slated to begin in February 2016 and continue until Summer 2017. While under construction, the library will be temporarily relocated to 7700 Leesburg Pike.

During this time Dolley Madison and Patrick Henry will have extended hours and children's programming from Tysons-Pimmit will be integrated at these locations.

For more information, contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor John Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Community Working Group Formed to Address Reagan National Airport Noise

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has established the Reagan National Airport Community Working Group in response to increasing community concerns regarding aircraft noise affecting residential areas in the District of Columbia and Virginia along the Potomac and Anacostia rivers.

The Working Group is comprised of community representatives from Washington, D.C., and representatives from the Virginia jurisdictions of Arlington County, the City of Alexandria and the Dranesville and Mount Vernon Supervisor Districts of Fairfax County. Elected officials representing each community selected citizens to represent the jurisdiction in the Working Group. Supervisor Foust appointed Jim Phelps, of the McLean Citizens Association, to represent the Dranesville District.

Topics considered by the Working Group could include air safety requirements, current operating conditions affecting air traffic patterns occurring at Reagan National, existing and emerging technologies that affect aircraft movements and performance, roles and responsibilities of government and business entities related to aircraft noise, and experiences of other airport communities in addressing noise issues.

The Working Group will complete its work by the summer of 2016 by presenting its final recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration.

McLean Governmental Center Renovation and Expansion Complete

The renovation and expansion of the McLean Governmental Center, located at 1437 Balls Hill Road, is complete. The multi-phased project to expand the governmental center will accommodate projected police staffing needs through the year 2030.

The building expansion added 17,600 square feet for a total of 39,200 square feet and includes the expansion of community meeting space to two rooms, police support spaces and new mechanical and electrical rooms. Parking spaces for the police and public have also been added.

The Governmental Center, constructed in 1970, underwent its last renovation and expansion in 1980. This project is financed with public-safety bond funds approved by voters.

Sugarland Run Stream Valley Trail Repaired, Repaved and Restored to its Natural Condition

This summer the Sugarland Run Stream Valley Trail in Herndon, near Cliveden Court, Cliveden Street and Wiehle Avenue area, was repaved and repaired by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). FCPA agreed to make the repairs after a number of meetings with Supervisor Foust's staff and Dan Flavin, president of the adjoining Dranesville Estates Homeowners Association.

Improvements and repairs included:

- Two low areas of the asphalt trail adjacent to a tot lot and basketball court, frequently inundated with water and washed out, were repaired and improved prior to repaving.
- A washed-out section of the trail adjacent to the fairweather crossing was milled and repaved.
- Two fairweather crossings in the Sugarland Run Stream Valley and Folly Lick Stream Valley parks had new rip rap installed.
- The gas line trail and trail shoulders on the elevated sections were repaired, along with repairs to areas damaged by construction traffic.



Section of renovated Sugarland Run Stream Valley Trail.

Construction Starts Early Next Year on Widened Route 7 Bridge over Dulles Toll Road

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has received funding to widen the Route 7 bridge over the Dulles Toll Road (Rt. 267) from four lanes to six lanes. Project construction is scheduled to begin early next year, with an estimated completion date of May 2018. The bridge will remain open throughout construction. This bridge project includes widening the bridge and the roadway from approximately 0.1 mile west of Tyco Road to approximately 0.6 mile west of Tyco Road. The six-lane facility will tie into the existing four lanes of Rt. 7.

An attractive 14-foot-wide shared-use path will be built for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel in each direction on both sides of Route 7, tying into future planned trails. VDOT project engineers worked with Supervisor Foust and Dranesville residents to arrive at an underpass design that allows pedestrians to travel under exit and entrance ramps, crossing only one ramp at ground level.

This project replaces the decks and widens the middle of both separate sides of the bridge, to accommodate one extra lane in each direction.

For more information, visit

http://virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/rt_7_over_dulles_toll_road.asp.

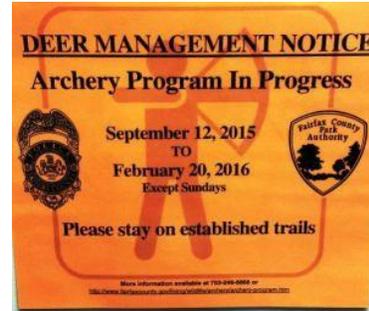


Rendering of aerial view of bridge widening project.

Deer Management Archery Program Began September 12

The [Fairfax County Deer Management Archery Program](#) began on September 12, and will continue through February 20, 2016. Under the oversight of the Fairfax County Police Department, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the archery program is conducted in [parks and other locations](#) throughout Fairfax County.

Fairfax County's [Archery Program standards](#) require that all archers meet state hunter education and safety requirements and must pass [qualifications](#) to demonstrate skill and marksmanship, in addition to carrying program identification. All archers participating in the program must pass a criminal background check. They are approved to hunt at assigned sites Monday through Saturday during legal hunting hours, 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Florescent orange and yellow signs are posted in parks where hunting is authorized.



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Because of its proven track record of safety, archery is a preferred deer management method in Fairfax County. Virginia began tracking hunting injuries in 1959. No injuries related to archery have been reported anywhere in the Commonwealth during this time.

[Innovation Center South Development is Underway](#)

On June 15, members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors joined representatives from Nugget Joint Venture, LC (Rocks Engineering) and invited guests at a ceremony to officially break ground for Innovation Center South, a new 1.6-million-square-foot, mixed-use development in Herndon. The ceremony marks the start of construction on common infrastructure (stormwater management, new roads, street lights, and landscaping) that will serve the transit-oriented development and a [new Metro station garage](#).

In coordination with the shared infrastructure work, Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is designing and building a 2,100-space parking garage that will serve bus and rail commuters, a pocket park, and a metro plaza to support the Metro station. The garage will include bus bays, kiss-and-ride

spaces, a taxi stand, motorcycle spaces, and a secure room to house up to 100 bicycles.

Site work began this summer, and construction on the parking garage is scheduled to start in spring 2017. Project details can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/innovationcenterstationgarage/>.



Rendering of future Innovation Center.

Fairfax County Public Schools Budget Task Force Formed to Address School Budget Challenges

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) expects the 2016-17 school year (FY 2017) budget to face challenges. Because community input, discussion, and engagement are critical to shaping the difficult decisions necessary in balancing the FCPS budget, Superintendent Karen Garza created the **Superintendent's Budget Task Force**, [comprised of numerous community representatives](#). The Task Force is charged with identifying potential programs and services to reduce, eliminate, or redesign, beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

During its meetings to date, the Task Force has discussed ideas for potential reductions, including suggestions received from the community -- some submitted through [UserVoice](#). These preliminary suggestions were evaluated for their potential cost savings and then posted [online](#). It is important to note that no decisions have been made at this time as to the items that will be recommended for the proposed FY 2017 budget.

Suggested items, and their potential savings, are included in an online tool available via www.fcps.edu. The community can use the tool to make choices from a list of potential items and submit their approach to balance the budget. Once all the input

has been received, the Citizen Task Force will develop suggestions and provide them to the Superintendent and the School Board.

The Superintendent's Proposed Budget will be presented formally to the School Board on January 7, 2016.

Complete FY 2017 budget and Task Force details and documents can be found at: www.fcps.edu/savefcps.

Free Student Bus Pass Pilot Program for County High School and Middle School Students

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has announced the **Free Student Bus Pass Pilot Program**, allowing Fairfax County Public School students to ride Connector buses at no charge on weekdays. The goal of the program is to benefit students needing access provided through public transit, while encouraging increased student and youth ridership on public transit services in Fairfax County.

Pilot Program details:

- The permits are being made available to High School and Middle School Students attending Fairfax County Public Schools.
- The free student bus pass permits the student to ride Fairfax Connector for free from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The students need to contact their school to sign up; parental/guardian consent is required for this program.

For more information, view the video: "Elizabeth's journey on the Connector"
<http://youtu.be/zaFYZsCDgmA>.

Native Trees for McLean Neighborhoods

McLean homeowners can improve the environment and contribute to the health of their neighborhood by planting a native tree in their front yard this fall or next spring with the help of the McLean Trees Foundation (MTF).

"Homeowners who plant trees enhance the character, quality, health, and beauty of our community," said Joyce Harris, Chairman of MTF. "Additionally, homeowners benefit economically from planting trees. Trees increase property values by 10% to 15% and reduce heating and cooling costs. Homes with trees sell faster than homes without trees."

The program is funded in part by the McLean Community Foundation and encourages homeowners to become actively engaged in the selection, planting, and care of their trees.

To join the program, homeowners must complete an application that can be found online. Once an application is received, MTF volunteers visit the homeowner's property to discuss the program, review the property, and recommend native tree species and planting locations. If the homeowner decides to participate in the program after the consultation, a \$50 fee is charged to help supplement program costs.

More information can be found on MTF's website at www.mcleantreesfoundation.org.

New Lighted Turf Field Completed at McLean Governmental Center

Dranesville youth now have a new lighted and turfed athletic field on the grounds of the McLean Governmental Center (1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean), replacing an originally grass-surfaced field. Construction of the new field coincides with the renovation and expansion of the McLean Governmental Center, with the first game on the field to be played on September 19.

Supervisor John Foust worked with the County Board of Supervisors and McLean Youth Soccer to reach an agreement on how the field would be built. Under the arrangement, McLean Youth Soccer agreed to pay for construction of the field and lights, with electricity for the lights provided by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

This field project is part of the ongoing effort by Fairfax County to meet the growing need for athletic fields and address the current field shortage. When Supervisor Foust took office in 2008, there was only one synthetic turf field in the Dranesville

District. The completion of this field brings the total number to 14, including the stadium fields at each of the high schools in the Dranesville district.



New lighted turf field at McLean Governmental Center.



Officially opening the new field on September 19 are (from left to right) Rich Irons, Recreation Director - BOD; Gary Evans, MYS Recreation Programs Director; Scott Marinus, Coach; Michael Himes, Coach; Clyde Watson, MYS Technical Director; Matt Richardson, Fields Director - BOD; Supervisor John Foust; John Harkes, MYS Sr. Technical Advisor; Louise Waxler, MYS Executive Director; James Socas, MYS Chairman; Katherine Forrer, Coach.

Westmoreland Street and Old Chesterbrook Road Improvements Completed

Fairfax County has substantially completed a project at the intersection of Westmoreland Street and Old Chesterbrook Road in McLean. The project modified the angle of the intersection to slow down drivers making turns between the two streets and to shorten the pedestrian crossing at Old Chesterbrook Road. In addition, an exposed stream culvert was extended and is now covered with a new

sidewalk connecting Old Chesterbrook Road and Dillon Street. This project was funded by Commercial and Industrial Tax revenues and by the 2007 Fairfax County Transportation Bond.

This is one of several projects recently completed along Westmoreland Street to improve pedestrian safety and discourage speeding. Supervisor Foust worked extensively with area residents, McLean High School staff and PTA, and County transportation staff, to identify, obtain funding and implement these changes on Westmoreland Street:

- Installed an experimental Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (a strobe light activated by pedestrians) at the McLean High School crosswalk.
- Installed raised median pedestrian refuges at intersections with Bonheim Court and Southridge Drive.
- Updated numerous pedestrian crossings between Kirby Road and Chain Bridge Road with curb ramps, new crosswalk striping and signage.
- Upgraded streetlights in the area of the school entrance.
- Installed an additional crosswalk, just north of the school entrance.

Arranged for Fairfax County Public Schools to install "wink-o-matic" lights on approaches to the high school from both directions -- alerting drivers to the 25 mph speed limit. These lights activate during school arrival/dismissal times and are normally reserved for elementary schools.





*Top photo: Extended stream culvert.
Center photo: Modified intersection angle and new shorter crossing at Old Chesterbrook Road.
Bottom photo: New sidewalk from Dillon Street to Old Chain Bridge Road.*

"Text to 9-1-1" Now Available in Fairfax County

You can now send a text message to 9-1-1 in Fairfax County - and it's critical to understand how the system works. Voice calls are still the best and preferred method for most people to contact 9-1-1.

Remember this important phrase: Call if you can. Text if you can't.

Primary Uses for Text to 9-1-1

Text to 9-1-1 is intended for specific emergency scenarios:

- For a person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or has a speech disability.
- For someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1.
- A medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech.
- If you are unable to call 9-1-1 due to being in a remote location with limited voice network availability.

Where You Can Use Text to 9-1-1

Text to 9-1-1 is available within Fairfax County, Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna, Town of Clifton and City of Fairfax

Text to 9-1-1 is Not Universally Available

If text to 9-1-1 is not available in your area when you send a message, you should receive a message indicating that text to 9-1-1 is not available and to contact 9-1-1 by phone.

Text to 9-1-1 is available in less than 5 percent of the United States. Other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia and Maryland, as well as Washington, D.C., are planning their own launches of text to 9-1-1 in the future.

Wireless Carriers of Text to 9-1-1

At this point, text to 9-1-1 in Fairfax County is provided by the following carriers: Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile.

Language Availability

English is the only language available right now for text to-9-1-1.

How to Text 9-1-1

1. Enter "911" in the "To" or "Recipient" field of your text message (no dashes in 911).
2. Text in simple words - no photos, videos, abbreviations or slang.
3. The first text should be short to include the location of the emergency and who you need: police, fire or ambulance.

4. Be as specific as possible when providing your location. Provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Exact address to include unit/apartment number and city
- Business name
- The names of both streets at the nearest intersection
- Landmarks

5. Push the send button.

6. Answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.

Technical Details

As with all text messages, 9-1-1 text messages can take longer to receive, may be delivered out of order, or may not be received at all.

- Text to 9-1-1 is not available if you are in a "roaming" situation.
- A text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time.
- Text to 9-1-1 cannot include more than one person. Do not copy your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1. Wait until you are safe to notify others of your situation.
- Prank-texters can be identified and possibly prosecuted according to local laws/regulations.

For more details visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/text-to-9-1-1-launches-in-fairfax-county>

Citizen's Police Academy Announces Dates for Spring and Fall 2016 Sessions

If you are interested in learning more about local law enforcement, the Citizen's Police Academy can help. The Academy is designed to give participants a glimpse behind the badge and to provide information about training, policies, and the many units and divisions within the Fairfax County Police Department.

The Citizen's Police Academy is now accepting applications for the Spring 2016 session that will meet from March 10 to May 14, 2016 and for the Fall 2016 session that will meet from September 15 to November 19, 2016.

Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Live or work in Fairfax County
- Must clear a review of your criminal record and police contact history prior to acceptance
- Provide your own transportation

This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>, call (703) 280-0713 or e-mail CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Express Lanes Community Grant Program

Transurban, operator of the 495 and 95 Express Lanes, is providing local organizations an opportunity to apply for grant funding for projects that improve our community. Transurban's Express Lanes Community Grant Program supports organizations that sustain, enhance or protect the local environment and communities. You are encouraged to see if your local organization is eligible by learning more in the complete Express Lanes Community Grant Program Overview and Guidelines, found at

<https://www.expresslanes.com/uploads/Express%20Lanes%20Grant%20Program%20Overview%20and%20Guidelines%20FINAL.pdf>.

Last remaining 2015 grant application deadline:

- December 31

To apply for a grant, please complete the online application at

<https://www.expresslanes.com/grant-application>.

For questions about the Express Lanes Community Grant Program, please contact Christine Manley at CManley@transurban.com.

Volunteer Opportunities and Events at 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.

Volunteering Opportunities

Below is a sample of volunteer opportunities available in the Dranesville district. For a complete list visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

- The Herndon Senior Center needs Social Visitors, a Trivia Group Leader, and a Baked Goods Table Manager. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Meals on Wheels needs 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.
- Korean Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals. (Speaking Korean not required.)

To volunteer, 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.

Upcoming Events

Fairfax County Sponsors Free Caregiver Seminars. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Caregiver Seminars. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

- Legal Tools for Caregivers - WEBINAR, October 7

- Hospitalization Happens: A Challenge for Caregivers, October 8
- Caregiver Stress and Healthy Living, October 22
- Understanding and Caring for a Person with Dementia, October 27
- Hiring In-Home Care - WEBINAR, October 28

Fairfax County Offers Free Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs. To register, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/chronic-disease.htm or call 703-324-5489, TTY 711.

- Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop, October 5
- Diabetes Self-Management Workshop, October 7
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop, October 9

Fairfax County is offering free Medicare 101 and Senior Medicare Enrollment presentations in October. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm.

- Medicare 101. Tuesday, October 13
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Thursday, October 15
- Medicare 101. Thursday, October 15
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Friday, October 16
- Medicare 101. Monday, October
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Wednesday, October 21
- Medicare 101. Wednesday, October 21
- Medicare 101. Wednesday, October 21
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Friday, October 23
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Tuesday, October 27
- Medicare 101. Thursday, October 29
- Senior Medicare Enrollment. Thursday, October 2

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.

