

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



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EVENTS

October 1: MPAartFest

The McLean Project for the Arts will host its annual MPAartfest, a free, one-day juried fine art and craft show featuring a Children's Art Walk, hands-on art studios, food vendors, live music, and more. During MPAartfest, McLean Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of acclaimed artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Event Details

Sunday, October 1
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
McLean Central Park
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean

Admission is free and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit <https://mpaart.org/mpaartfest/> or call 703-790-1953.

October 3 through 28: Expressions Portrait Exhibit

ArtSpace Herndon

Finalists from ArtSpace Herndon's 9th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition will be featured in the *Expressions Portrait* Exhibit at ArtSpace Herndon October 3 through October 28. Winners of the competition will be announced during the awards reception.

Event Details

October 3 through October 28
Tuesdays through Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sundays and Mondays: Closed
ArtSpace Herndon
750 Center Street, Herndon

Awards Reception
Saturday, October 14
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
ArtSpace Herndon
750 Center Street, Herndon

For more information, visit <https://www.artspaceherndon.org/>.

October 4: Georgetown Pike Trail Phase IV Community Meeting

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is holding a community meeting concerning the Georgetown Pike Trail Phase IV project, which will complete a 1200' long section of trail between Falls Bridge Lane and Seneca Road. County staff will discuss design elements of the trail and answer questions.



This is a follow-up to a meeting that was held on March 22, 2017, which focused on Phase III of the trail and the preliminary designs for Phase IV.

Event Details

Wednesday, October 4
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Great Falls Library, Large Meeting Room
9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

More information about both Phase III and Phase IV is available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/georgetownpiketrail.htm>.

The public is invited to comment on the project online; by writing to FCDOT at 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; or by calling 703-877-5600. Comments are due by Friday, October 27, 2017.

October 4: Community Meeting *Proposed Comprehensive Plan Changes*

The Department of Planning and Zoning is hosting a community meeting to discuss the Middleton Farms (DSC-D1-1) and Jackson Property (DSC-D1-2) proposals to change the Comprehensive Plan. At the meeting, County staff will review a preliminary recommendation to change the Comprehensive Plan language for these properties.

The Middleton Farms submission proposes to add an option to the Comprehensive Plan for single-family attached residential units at a density of 5 dwelling units per acre. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/submissions/dsc-d1-1/.

The Jackson Property submission proposes to add an option for residential development at 10 to 12 units per acre. This proposed density has since decreased. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/submissions/dsc-d1-2/.

Event Details

Wednesday, October 4
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Coates Elementary School
2480 River Birch Road, Herndon

If you are unable to attend the community meeting, but have questions or would like more information, contact Clara Johnson or Roger Dindyal in the Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1380, TTY 711.

October 6, 7, 8: McLean AAUW Used Book Sale

The McLean American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its 48th Annual Used Book Sale in October. This year, a Washington Nationals jersey and cap signed by Max Scherzer will be raffled at the sale.

Proceeds from the sale are used to help fund scholarships for women.

Book Sale Event Details

Friday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spring Hill RECenter
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean

For more information, email aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703-527-4206.

October 7: Scarecrow Making Workshops at Colvin Run Mill

Visit Colvin Run Mill for a scarecrow making workshop and take home a "friend" for your garden or lawn. Bring pants and a shirt, plus an old pair of panty hose (for head and body). The Mill staff will supply the stuffing and know-how.

Event Details

Saturday, October 7
12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Colvin Run Mill
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls

The cost is \$6 per scarecrow. Panty hose can be purchased on site for an additional \$1. No reservations required.

For more information visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/events.htm>.

October 7: Metro - Fund It/Fix It - A Call to Action

League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area, Coalition for Smarter Growth

The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area and the Coalition for Smarter Growth are hosting a forum to energize grassroots activists.

Event Details

Saturday, October 7

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington

The morning session will feature a panel discussion and provide background on the Metro system, the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits it provides, and the challenges it faces. The panel will include:

- Moderator: Martin De Caro, Transportation Reporter, WAMU
- Allison Davis, Director of Strategic Planning, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority
- Kate Mattice, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- Chuck Bean, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Following the panel presentation, a light lunch will be served (must request at reservation and costs \$10 at the door). The participants will meet in region-specific groups, Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, for a facilitated discussion.

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/metro-fund-it-fix-it-a-call-to-action-tickets-36901682927>.

October 12: McLean Police District Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

The October McLean Police District Station Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Program will focus on the Fairfax County Police Department Explorer Program.

The Explorer Program provides opportunities for young people, ages 14 to 20, to learn about law enforcement, serve the community through public service, and learn important life skills such as leadership, public speaking, and self-confidence.

Event Details

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
McLean Governmental Center
1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean

For more information about CACs in Fairfax County, visit
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/citizenadvisorycommittee.htm>.

For more information about the Explorer Program,
visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/explorers.htm>.

October 11, 12, 23, 30: Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) Update Public Meetings

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has set four dates for public meetings regarding the Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) update, which includes unfunded but priority projects for which the County is seeking input.

- South County Government Center - 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria - Wednesday, October 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- North County Governmental Center - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston - Thursday, October 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Fairfax County Government Center - 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax - Monday, October 23, 2017, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Thomas Jefferson Library - 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church - Monday, October 30, 2017, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FCDOT will be providing more detail about the meetings [online](#) and Supervisor Foust will include additional information in a separate resident notice.

October 14: Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Reopening

The newly renovated Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library will open to the public on October 14 after a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

Community members are invited to join Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Library Board of Trustees Chairman Karrie Delaney, and Fairfax County Public Library Director Jessica Hudson.

Event Details

Saturday, October 14
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library
7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11:30 a.m. - Music 'n' Motion musical performance by Tracey Elridge

2:00 p.m. - Children's Storytime

All day - Technology Open House

Dolley Madison Library will return to a standard community library schedule beginning Monday, October 2:

Monday and Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ty/>.

October 17: Great Falls Senior Center October Event

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) will welcome David E. Hoffman as its guest speaker for its October event. Hoffman is an American writer and a Contributing Editor at the Washington Post and has been a journalist for 30 years. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 2010 for a book about the legacy of the nuclear arms race.

The event includes lunch and reservations are a must. Contact Karen Emami at Karen.emami@globalinfotek.com or call 703-938-6411 to RSVP.

Event Details

Tuesday, October 17

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

St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

For more information about the Great Falls Senior Center, visit <https://greatfallsseniorcentergfsc.wildapricot.org/>.

October 18: Tree Talks: Trees in McLean's Changing Landscape - Planting and Protecting

Sponsored by the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Trees Foundation and others. Hear from Supervisor Foust, McLean Trees Foundation, County staff, and local and regional homebuilders. View exhibits. Learn about tree rules and planting the right kinds of trees.

Event Details

Wednesday, October 18
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Churchill Road Elementary School Cafeteria
7100 Churchill Road, McLean

October 18: *Plastic Ocean* Film Screening

Clean Fairfax, Herndon Environmental Network, and the Great Falls Chapter of the Sierra Club will host a viewing of *Plastic Ocean*, which investigates how the world's increasing addiction to plastic impacts the food chain and corresponds to new and developing human health problems. The producers aim to change the world's attitude towards plastic within a generation.

Event Details

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oakton Library
10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2y6vkXt>.

October 20 through 22: 14th Annual Great Falls Studio Tour

Painters, photographers, potters, fiber artists, jewelers, sculptors, and more will open their studios throughout Great Falls. Guests can speak with artists, watch demonstrations, and participate in hands-on activities. This three-day event is family-friendly, free, and a great way to experience art being made in the community.

Begin your self-guided tour at Studio Tour Headquarters in the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike.

Event Details

Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.greatfallsstudios.com/studiotour>.

October 22: Bonis Ensemble

Amadeus Concerts

On October 22, Amadeus inaugurates its partnership with Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory, with the Bonis Ensemble. Violin, viola, cello, and piano join together to reveal hidden treasures by Mozart, Mahler, and the group's namesake, Melanie Bonis, a prolific composer who overcame the obstacles of Parisian society.

Event Details

Sunday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

For more information, visit <http://amadeusconcerts.com/calendar/concert-bonis-ensemble/>.

October 22: Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc.

In collaboration with community partners, the Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair will offer tools and information to educate and inspire adults to achieve a fulfilling and healthy lifestyle as they age. The keynote speaker will be Bob Levey, a prize-winning journalist who has covered the Washington scene since the Johnson Administration. Workshops covering wellness, creative aging, education, fitness and nutrition, and more will be offered throughout the day.

Event Details

Sunday, October 22
8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Inova Center for Personalized Health Conference Center
3225 Gallows Road, Fairfax

For more information and to register, visit <https://positiveagingfair.com/>.

October 28: Halloween at the Mill

Colvin Run Mill

Dress up in your Halloween costume, and get ready for some not-so-spooky fun. Create Halloween crafts, enjoy hands-on activities, see a grain grinding demonstration, and trick-or-treat around the Colvin Run Mill site. Guests are welcome to drop by any time during the event. Cost is \$3 if you pre-register online and \$5 the day of the event.

Event Details

Saturday, October 28
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Colvin Run Mill
10017 Colvin Run Mill Rd, Great Falls

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2wicKag>.

October 29: Sunday Biergarten Brunch Bash

911 Racing

Join the 911 Racing Team and first responders for a benefit in support of those who have given their lives as first responders. The event will feature a live auction, raffle with prizes, and food and drink.

Event Details

Sunday, October 29
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tysons Biergarten
8346 Leesburg Pike, Vienna

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/2yFsx4j>. Admission includes a special Biergarten glass and proceeds will benefit the families of fallen first responders.

For more information on 911 Racing, visit <http://www.911racing.org/>.

October 30: Public Comment Meeting

Turner Farm Park Draft Master Plan Revision Underway

Members of the community are invited to attend a public comment meeting on Monday, October 30, outlining the master plan revision for Turner Farm Park in Great Falls.

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will present a draft revision to the park's

master plan that takes into account three additional parcels added to the park since the previous master plan. The master plan revision allows for the Resident Curator Program to maintain the historic Turner Farm House and will guide the park's future.

Event Details

Monday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.
Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

FCPA would like to gather input on the plan from community members. An outline of the plan will be presented, followed by public comment. Speakers can sign up in advance by contacting the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via email at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Speakers will also be able to sign up at the meeting. Individual speakers may speak for three minutes; those representing organizations may speak for five minutes. Each organization may have one primary speaker.

For more information, visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/turnerfarm.htm> or contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

December 3: McLean WinterFest Holiday Parade

Save the Date

Planning has begun for the McLean WinterFest Holiday Parade, scheduled for December 3.

This will be the 9th annual WinterFest and each year the parade gets bigger and better than the year before. As in previous years, the parade will take place down Old Chain Bridge Road from Fleetwood Road to Elm Street. The viewing stand will be at Langley Shopping Center and will include a variety of food trucks. Peggy Fox, from WUSA Channel 9, will announce the parade.

Register your car, float, or group online at www.mcleanwinterfest.org beginning October 2.

Join Friends of WinterFest at the McLean Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to learn more or contact Trish Butler at sagecommunications@earthlink.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2017 Proclaimed Cyber Security Month in Fairfax County

At its September 12 Board Meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors supported Supervisor Foust's motion to proclaim October 2017 as Cyber Security Month in Fairfax County.

For more information about cyber security in Fairfax County and how to protect yourself, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/hazards/cyber-security.htm>.

Fairfax County Well Water Clinic *Virginia Cooperative Extension Program*

Do you know what's in your drinking water? While public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants, most private water supplies, like wells and springs, are rarely tested. It is recommended that well owners test their water at least annually for bacteria and nitrates.

Learn more about the quality of your water and how to care for your water system at the Fairfax County Well Water Clinic. Pre-registration is recommended and can be completed online at <http://bit.ly/2xKl9qE>.

More information on the Virginia Cooperative Extension is available online at <https://register.ext.vt.edu/>.

Cooper Middle School Trash Parkout

Since 1959, residents of the greater McLean area have been bringing their trash and recycling to Cooper Middle School at 977 Balls Hill Road, every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Parkout is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation organized and operated by unpaid volunteers from the greater McLean area.

All profits go to support the McLean Tree Foundation whose mission is to preserve, plant and maintain trees in McLean. The Parkout aids those with long driveways or pipe stems by eliminating the need to bring garbage and recycling to the curb. In addition, using the Parkout removes large garbage trucks from neighborhoods as well as unsightly containers and scattered trash at one's curb.

Seeking new members, the Parkout is offering an introductory offer of \$25/month good through June 30, 2018. For additional information, contact Dennis Lucey at 703-407-9894 or dlucey@cox.net.

Jury Duty Scam Targets Residents

Authorities are seeing an uptick in scammers calling Fairfax County residents and requesting fine payments for missed jury duty.

The callers identify themselves as Fairfax County sheriff's deputies and claim the resident missed jury duty and there is now a warrant for their arrest. They will request payment so the victim can avoid arrest, which will often be in the form of store gift cards, prepaid debit cards, or money orders.

According to the National Center for State Courts, court authorities will not ask for personal or payment information for failure to report for jury duty. Residents can confirm if a jury duty summons is official by calling the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 (press 0).

Victims of scams can report these incidents with Financial Crimes [online](#) or by calling the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.

Dealing with Non-Reputable Tree Companies

Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Beware of people knocking door to door to solicit tree work. There is an epidemic of unscrupulous companies, also known as "Wood Chucks" telling residents that trees on their properties need pruning or removal. Never let these individuals into your home.

Before you agree to any work or if someone does come to your door, look for identification on their vehicle. Ask them for a current certificate of liability insurance and client references. Most companies will be happy to provide these documents for you. Residents may also contact the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch to verify whether a business has had past complaints before you hire them (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/complaints.htm>).

Warning signs are if the individual says they can only accept cash, will not write a contract or work plan, or uses an unmarked vehicle.

Remember to look after elderly family, friends and neighbors who may be especially vulnerable to exploitation by these non-reputable companies.

Code Compliance Corner

Home Occupations and Businesses

Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance allows certain businesses and occupations to be conducted in a residential dwelling unit as a home occupation provided a number of limitations are met. If you notice multiple people entering and leaving a residence during the day or night, multiple vehicles parked on the driveway or in the street, or advertising signs in the yard or neighborhood, you may contact the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) to file a complaint.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/flyers/home-occupations.pdf> or <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/>.

Free Secure Document Shredding for Fairfax County Residents

2017 Residential Document Shredding Event Schedule

Protect yourself from identity theft by destroying sensitive documents such as old tax forms, sales receipts, and other financial records that contain private information. Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program runs shredding events throughout the County, where residents may securely shred up to five medium-size boxes of documents.

Material from businesses will not be accepted. Other items that will not be accepted include plastic report covers, metal binder clips, floppy discs, CDs, newspapers, junk mail, film, and photographs.

2017 Schedule of Shredding Events (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) - Remaining Date:

- October 14, South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria

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

Dynamically Tolled Express Lanes on I-66 Set to Open in December

Starting in December, dynamic tolling will begin along a 9-mile stretch of I-66, from I-495 to U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn during peak hours, from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. eastbound and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. westbound, Monday through Friday.

The lanes will remain free to all users during the off-peak periods, including weekends. This will be the first time since 1982 that single occupant drivers can use that stretch of road during those hours.

How the Tolls Will Work

Dynamically priced tolls change with variances in traffic volumes and speed, which keeps traffic moving at free-flow speeds. When traffic volumes are heavy, tolls will increase; when volumes are light, tolls will decrease. Free-flowing lanes enable all users to experience more predictable trips that take less time.

All vehicles traveling during these periods will need an E-ZPass transponder, and HOV-2+ vehicles will need an E-ZPass Flex transponder switched to HOV-mode to travel for free.

The project involves installing eight toll gantries (frames over the road) spanning the eastbound and westbound travel lanes of I-66 along with a gantry that spans the eastbound lanes of the Dulles Connector Road (to differentiate trips east of the Dulles Connector Road). Also, approximately 125 signs are being installed along I-66 and approaching roadways. The current toll rate will be prominently displayed on some of these signs so drivers know what they will be charged.

Testing Now Underway

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently conducting field testing of the electronic tolling equipment through the fall to ensure that the system is fully functional when tolling begins this December.

Drivers are now seeing flashing lights indicating testing of tolling equipment mounted on overhead gantries along I-66 inside the Beltway including cameras and E-ZPass readers, as well as test messages displayed on new electronic toll signs on I-66. Crews also are testing indicator lights, which briefly flash to show that a vehicle is traveling with an E-ZPass Flex in the HOV mode and will be used for HOV enforcement once the express lanes are in operation.

Looking Ahead to the Future

A new lane will be added to a 4-mile stretch of eastbound I-66 between the Dulles Connector Road and Fairfax Drive/Glebe Road (Exit 71), removing a chronic bottleneck that slows travelers and compels some to divert from I-66 onto streets in Falls Church and Arlington. Construction is anticipated to start in 2018 with the lane opening to the public in 2020. Additionally, improvements to exits 69 (Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway) and 71 (Fairfax Drive/Glebe Road) will further enhance traffic flow.

The high-occupancy limit will be increased to HOV-3 when the I-66 express lanes outside the Beltway open in mid-2022. Raising the occupancy requirement will move more people in fewer vehicles, relieve traffic congestion and help the region meet federal air quality requirements.

The change to HOV-3 also will make I-66 consistent with the Capital Beltway, I-95 and I-395, which currently are designated HOV-3, as well as other HOV-2 facilities throughout our region that will be changing to HOV-3 in the future.

This information is available online at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/dynamically-tolled-express-lanes-on-i-66-set-to-open-in-december/>.

2017 Reduced Cost Rabies Clinics

Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Virginia law requires all dogs and cats more than four months old to be vaccinated for rabies and have their vaccinations up to date. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will offer rabies vaccinations at the reduced rate of \$15 per pet.

Dogs, cats, and ferrets will be vaccinated at these clinics. Dogs must be on leashes and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Only cash and checks will be accepted. 2017 County Dog Licenses will be sold for an additional cost of \$10.

Remaining Clinic Dates

Sunday, October 22

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

Sully District Governmental Center

4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

Sunday, December 10

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

Mason District Governmental Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

More information on the rabies virus, exposure prevention tips, and what to do if an animal bites, is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/rabies.htm>.

Fairfax - Falls Church Community Services Board

October Events

October 1 - DSANV Buddy Walk

The [Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia](#) is holding their 13th Buddy Walk on **Sunday, October 1**, beginning at **10 a.m.** around **Mason Pond at George Mason University (use 4373 Mason Pond Drive for GPS directions, then follow signs for Buddy Walk)**. VIPs - anyone with Down syndrome - are free, adults are \$25 and children are \$15. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2fpKcES>.

October 2 - Addressing Problem Behaviors: A Successful Team Approach

On **Monday, October 2** from **7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, the [Access Community Lecture Series](#) is presenting "Addressing Problem Behaviors: A Successful Team Approach." The speaker will be Dr. Jane Barbin, BCBA-D, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Behavioral Analyst, and Executive Director of Behavioral Directions, LLC, and the session will be held at the **McLean Bible Church (8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna) in Community Room B**. [Learn more about the session](#). RSVPs are appreciated but not required; contact Rosie Oakley at rosie.oakley@mcleanbible.org or 703-770-2938.

October 7 - F.A.N.tastic Times: Family Autism Night *Sound of the Night Trail Walk and Campfire*

Family Autism Night is a free drop-in program for individuals on the autism spectrum ages 2 to 22 years old and their families, offered by [Therapeutic Recreation Services](#). Planned activities provide an opportunity for the community to come together and have fun playing, socializing and interacting with other families. Join the fun on **Saturday, October 7** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the **Hidden Oaks Nature Center (7701 Royce Street, Annandale)**. Learn to identify nocturnal animal calls of owls, frogs and see deer during an evening woodland walk. Enjoy a song and stories of local inhabitants of the night around a campfire. There will also be s'mores! Children must be accompanied by an adult. No children under the age of 4 may be at the campfire. This is a free event, however, space is limited. RSVP is required. [Learn more about the event](#). Call 703-324-5621 (TTY 711), to reserve a spot.

October 17 - FCPS Resource Fair for Students with Disabilities and Their Parents

Students and parents are invited to learn about vocational, residential, leisure, recreational, independent living and advocacy options. "[Moving on to Life in the Community](#)" is a free Resource Fair being presented by Fairfax County Public Schools for all individuals requiring ongoing employment and community support services

after graduation. The resource fair will be held on **Tuesday, October 17** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.** at **Lake Braddock Secondary School (9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke)**. Register to attend the fair. Visit <http://bit.ly/2fpS35p> to register.

Reminder - October 20 is Pathways to Wellness Conference

The Wellness and Recovery Committee of the [Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation](#) sponsors "[Pathways to Wellness](#)," a day-long conference on **Friday, October 20** from **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the **Fairfax County Government Center, 12**. This year's theme is "#This Is Us: Resources. Resiliency. Recovery." The conference features keynote speaker Jennifer Marshall, co-founder of [This is My Brave](#). The conference will celebrate mental wellness and recovery. Conference cost is \$30; limited scholarships are available based on financial need. For more information, visit <http://www.novamentalhealth.org/conference>.

October 21 - Pathway Homes' Help the Homeless 5K Walk

Join CSB partner [Pathway Homes](#) at its 18th annual "[Help the Homeless 5K Walk](#)" on **Saturday, October 21**, at **Veterans Amphitheater at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street**. Check-in begins at **8:30 a.m.**, and the walk starts at **9:00 a.m.** 100% of the registration fees and donations in support of walkers goes directly to securing housing and providing supportive services for homeless adults who have severe mental illness and co-occurring conditions. Registration is \$32 for adults and \$20 for youth 17 and under. Visit <http://www.pathwayhomes.org/2016/12/07/help-homeless-walk-2017/> for more information and to register.

October 21 - The Arc of Northern Virginia's "Arctoberfest Halloween Extravaganza

The Arc of Northern Virginia is hosting "[Arctoberfest Halloween Extravaganza](#)," a fun, family-friendly event for all ages, perfect for people with and without disabilities. The celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 21**, from **7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** at **The Knights of Columbus (5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington)**. The evening includes a DJ, dancing, refreshments, haunted house, costume contest, a photo booth and more Halloween fun. Regular admission is \$25; premium admission and sponsorships are also available. Visit <https://thearcfnova.org/arctoberfest/> to learn more and purchase tickets.

More information about the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb.

Great Falls Senior Center Seeks Volunteers

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the 2018 GFSC Board of Directors. To qualify, you must be able to attend monthly Board meetings in Great Falls on the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m., be willing to participate in GFSC policy discussions and activities, and desire to get involved in the community.

More information about the GFSC is available online at <https://greatfallsseniorcentergfsc.wildapricot.org/>. Contact GFSC President, David Konder at david@MSGF1.com if you are interested in participating on the Board.

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.

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 Community: A Village for All Ages

McLean Community: A Village for all Ages (McLeanCVA) works to provide residents and visitors with references to helpful entities that provide solutions for practical living concerns including daily living, insurance, legal, financial, transportation, and housing. McLeanCVA also acts as a resource for entertainment, recreation, volunteering and social opportunities.

Visit <http://www.mcleancva.org/> for upcoming events and information on getting involved.

Fairfax Family Caregiver Support Program

Events and Opportunities

Planning for Your Financial Future After the Death of a Loved One

Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Brain Health as You Age

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center

4710 N. Chambliss Street, Alexandria

Services for Caregivers, Older Adults, and Adults with Disabilities

Wednesday, October 18, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Legal Tools for Caregivers

Wednesday, October 25, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Long-Term Care: The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Monday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sherwood Regional Library

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

To register for any of the above events,

visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=1>.

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.

Fairfax 50+ Podcasts and Videos

- [Alzheimer's Disease and Mental Fitness Courses](#)
- [Teaching Tech at 14 Senior Centers](#)
- Channel 16 [Tai Chi](#) and [Everyday Yoga for Older Adults](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Meals on Wheels Drivers, Substitute Drivers, and Co-Coordiators are needed for routes throughout the county. Much of the coordination can be completed via phone and computer. [Apply online.](#)
- Senior Centers - Technology Educators to provide support to participants in groups and one-on-one. Basic knowledge of MS Word, Phone Apps, Facebook, Digital books, etc. Schedule and location will vary based on center location and volunteer availability. Centers are looking for support between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. [Apply online.](#)
- The Pimmit Hills Senior Center in Falls Church is looking for General Volunteers, Lunch Assistants, a Volunteer Coordinator, and a Ceramics Instructor, two to three hours per week, who can lead participants and operate the center's kiln. [Apply online.](#)
- The Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Ballroom Dance and Basic Guitar. [Apply online.](#)

For these and other volunteer opportunities, email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm>.

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.