



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Please Pardon Our Dust: Two Fairfax County Dog Parks to Undergo Renovations

The dog parks at Chandon Park and Blake Lane Park will soon undergo renovations to enhance the visitor experience. The planned improvements will include converting the park surfaces to stone dust, with necessary dirt work and grading to ensure long-term durability.

Construction at Blake Lane Park is scheduled to begin on May 5, 2025, with an anticipated completion date of June 4, 2025. Renovations at Chandon Park will follow, starting on June 2, 2025, and concluding by July 2, 2025. During these periods, both dog parks will be completely closed to the public. Additional temporary closures will impact surrounding areas. At Blake Lane Park, the parking lot will be partially closed, and the trail leading to the dog park will be inaccessible during work hours. At Chandon Park, the parking lot will also be partially closed, and the walkway between the dog park and tennis courts, along with tennis court access via the walkway, will be closed during work hours.

Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly and utilize the Park Amenity Locator to identify alternative facilities to use during this time. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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### McLean Central Park Celebrates Grand Reopening with Community Ribbon Cutting

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On the morning of Saturday, March 29, community members, local officials and park supporters gathered to celebrate the grand reopening of McLean Central Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event marked the official unveiling of the park's revitalized amenities, including a state-of-the-art playground made possible by the fundraising efforts of the McLean Central Playground Team and generous community donations.

Kiel Stone, Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, welcomed attendees, highlighting the park's role as a vital community hub. "McLean Central Park is a shining example of what we can accomplish when passionate leaders, dedicated volunteers, and engaged community members come together," said Stone. "This park serves as a green oasis for everyone to enjoy, and we are thrilled to officially celebrate its reopening."

Dranesville District Supervisor Jimmy Bierman echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the park's lasting impact. "Seeing families, children, and residents already making use of these new amenities reaffirms just how important our public parks are," said Bierman. "This is a space that brings people together, and I'm grateful for everyone who played a role in making this project a success."

Jai Cole, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, shared excitement about the park's future. "With its upgraded facilities and vibrant green spaces, McLean Central Park will continue to be a beloved gathering place for all generations," said Cole. "We look forward to seeing it filled with laughter, play, and community connections for years to come."

The event also featured remarks from Former Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Laura Eakin Erlacher, Chair of the Fairfax County Park Foundation and Dr. Cara Schantz of the McLean Central Playground Team. Attendees then moved to the donor wall for a special unveiling, recognizing the contributions of individuals and organizations who helped bring the project to life.

The newly enhanced McLean Central Park now offers expanded recreational opportunities, including an all-abilities playground, a new open-air pavilion, and a new fitness area, providing a welcoming space for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

A full photo album from the ribbon cutting event is available on Flickr.

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### Park Authority Recognized as a Top Employer for Interns in Virginia

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is proud to announce that we have been recognized as a 2025 Top Employer for Interns by the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (VA-TOP). This recognition highlights FCPA's dedication to providing meaningful work-based learning experiences that empower the next generation of leaders.

At FCPA, interns gain invaluable skills and experience by working alongside seasoned professionals in various departments, including park management, recreation programming, resource management, environmental stewardship, marketing and communications, business administration, golf operations, engineering and more. These internship opportunities not only contribute to professional growth but also make a lasting impact on the Fairfax County community.

“We are honored to receive this recognition,” said Luca Twohie, Internship Program Manager at FCPA. “Our interns bring energy, creativity, and fresh perspectives that help drive our mission forward. We are committed to fostering an environment where interns can learn, grow, thrive and feel valued as part of #teamFCPA.”

FCPA encourages students, emerging professionals, career changers, and anyone interested in gaining knowledge in one of our operational areas, to explore upcoming internship opportunities by visiting: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/internships-opportunities](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/internships-opportunities)

For more information on the 2025 Top Employers for Interns, please read the official VA-TOP press release here: <https://lnkd.in/eUEeMNuN>.

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## Team Up and Tee Off: 2025 Spring Golf Tournaments

Hit the greens and test your skills in Golf Fairfax's exciting lineup of spring tournaments! Partner up for fun competition this season. Golfers of all ages and abilities are invited to showcase their skills. Registration opens 45 days before the event.

- **Going for the Green**

*Saturday, April 5*

*Pinecrest Golf Course (6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria)*

Players compete in a nine-hole individual stroke play (Stableford points) tournament in one of three divisions. Cost: \$110 per team, lunch and carts included. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrest>.

- **Two Person Best Ball**

*Saturday, May 10*

*Oakmont Golf Center (3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton)*

Teams of two (ages 12 and over) compete in a 9-hole, best ball, stroke play tournament, also known as better ball or four ball. Each participant plays their own ball from the tee shot through putting out, and the team records the lowest score between the teammates as their team score.

Cost \$60 per team. For additional information and to register, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/oakmont](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/oakmont).

- **Jefferson Cup Tournament Series: Spring Best Ball**

*Saturday, May 10*

*Jefferson District Golf Course (7900 Route 29, Falls Church)*

Teams of two (ages 18 and over) will compete in a 9-hole, best ball stroke play tournament. Cost \$80 per team. For more information and to register, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/jefferson](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/jefferson).

- **Spring Scramble**

*Sunday, May 18*

*Pinecrest Golf Course (6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria)*

Teams of two players (age 7 and over) compete in a 9-hole scramble format in one of three divisions. Cost: \$110 per team, lunch and carts included. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/pinecrest>.



- **Spring Team Challenge**

*Saturday, May 24*

*Burke Lake Golf Center (6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station)*

Teams of two (ages 12 and over) will compete in an 18-hole best ball, scramble tournament. Cost is \$90 per team and includes complimentary range balls, push cart, greens fees and lunch. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/burke-lake](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/burke-lake).

Discover all Golf Fairfax has to offer with seven municipal golf courses, golf classes, tournaments and special events at Golf website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf).

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