



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



INFORMATION RELEASE

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IR-065

Additional Fairfax County Farmers Markets Open in May

Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and the remaining Fairfax County Farmers Markets will be opening the first week of May! The warmer weather will bring seasonal produce, beautiful flowers and vegetable seedlings that can be planted directly into your garden. You will find breads, meats, honey, baked goods, prepared meals and many other products. Fairfax County Farmers Markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that our vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. You can always find fresh and local products when you visit. Come out and enjoy the fresh air, while also supporting local businesses!

Market shoppers are asked to comply with all COVID-19 health and social distancing requirements designed to protect customers and market staff and volunteers—including limiting groups of shoppers to four members, wearing facial coverings and maintaining 6 feet of distance from others at the markets.

2021 Schedule:

WEDNESDAY

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon

Now through Dec. 22

8 a.m. - Noon

Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

Oak Marr

May 5 – Nov. 10

8 a.m. - Noon

Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

Wakefield

May 5 – Oct. 27

2 - 6 p.m.

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

THURSDAY

Annandale

May 6 – Nov. 4

8 a.m. - Noon

Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

Herndon

Now through Nov. 4

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, by the Red Caboose

FRIDAY**McLean**

May 7 – Nov. 12

8 a.m. - Noon

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

Kingstowne

May 7 - Oct. 29

3 - 7 p.m.

In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center

SATURDAY**Burke**

Now through Dec. 18

8 a.m. - Noon

VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston

May 1 – Dec. 4

8 a.m. - Noon

Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza

SUNDAY**Lorton**

May 2 – Nov. 21

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

The Annandale, Lorton, Reston, McCutcheon/Mount Vernon and Herndon Farmers Markets accept SNAP benefits. Currently all SNAP at Market purchases will be matched up to \$20 for additional fresh produce under the Virginia Fresh Match Program.

For information, including locations, directions and a list of vendors at each market go to Farmers Markets website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/, or contact the Community Horticulture Office at 703-642-0128. Follow us on Instagram @fairfaxfarmmarkets to stay updated about the markets!

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Water Mine to Host Drive-Thru Open Hires for Lifeguards

We're hiring lifeguards! The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole is hiring more than 150 lifeguards for the upcoming summer. Come out to The Water Mine for a drive-thru and socially distanced open hire event. Job seekers will have the opportunity to interview from their vehicle or socially distanced outside. Applicants could potentially be offered a job on the spot and will be able to complete hire paperwork the same day.

Drive in or walk up to the Water Mine, located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, Virginia, on any of the following days:

- Friday, May 7, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, May 24 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, June 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To complete hire paperwork, please bring your original Social Security card **AND** an unexpired photo ID (Such as driver's license/permit, passport or school ID). **Copies will not be accepted.**

Lifeguards must be 15 years old or older to apply. No prior experience or certifications are required to apply. Lifeguard training and uniforms are provided free of charge.

Prerequisites for the lifeguard certification course are the ability to:

- Swim 50 yards continuously using a front crawl or breaststroke.
- Retrieve a 10-pound dive brick from a depth of 5 feet.
- Swim a minimum distance of 10 feet underwater.
- Successfully get out of the pool at the pool's edge without using a ladder, steps or ramp.

Can't make it to the open hire? Apply now at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/watermine/employment-opportunities>.

For information, contact the Water Mine at FCPAWaterMine@fairfaxcounty.gov; or call 703-246-5933.

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New Playground Coming to Newington Heights Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority began work this week on a playground replacement project at Newington Heights Park located off Monacan Road in the Mount Vernon District. The existing playground was at the end of its expected lifecycle. Funding for the project was provided in the amount of \$168,000 and includes removal and replacement of the existing play equipment and updating trail connections and the parking lot to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The Fairfax County Park Authority began with demolition of the existing playground the week of April 26, 2021. Construction access to the site will be from Monacan Drive. The park will remain open while the project is underway, but the parking lot will be closed at times to accommodate construction traffic. It is anticipated that the playground replacement will be completed by early June 2021. Residents should expect construction traffic entering and exiting the park entrance on Monacan Drive.

For more information, please contact the Project Manager, Pat Rosend at Patricia.rosend@fairfax-county.gov or 703-324-2387.

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RECenters Forming Teams of Otters, Dolphins and Stingrays!

Do your kids want to make a big splash this summer? Get them involved in Fairfax County Park Authority Summer Swim Teams! Children from age 6 to 14 who can swim 25 yards on both front and back in deep water are invited to become a RECenter swimmer.

“Swimming is a wonderful, lifelong leisure activity, and our new summer swim teams are a great way to reinforce what they’ve learned, get some exercise and have fun,” said team coordinator Betty Cook. “We want kids to experience friendly competition and have fun.”

The summer swim team season will run from early June through July and teams will be led by USA Swimming certified coaches. Practices will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Swimmers will enjoy the challenge of racing at five Friday evening swim meets held at area RECenters. Space is limited to 20 swimmers per team, and each of our nine RECenters will be fielding teams.

The registration fee includes 23 practices, five Friday evening swim meets, team swim cap and T-shirt, and an end-of-season party. Sign up now to reserve a spot for your kids. Parents will be invited to a meeting to go over all the specifics and applicable COVID-19 precautions before the start of practice.

For more information, visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter/swimming.

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PSA-111

Explore the Fifty Acre Wood with Pooh and Friends at Hidden Oaks

Go on an adventure to the “Fifty Acre Wood” with “Pooh and Friends at Hidden Oaks” on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Bring the family along for a guided hike searching for animal friends around Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Discover if heffalumps and woozles are native to Virginia. What about black bears? Feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal along for the hike and activities. End your adventure with a smackerel of honey crackers in Nature Playce.

This program is designed for participants age 3 to adult and runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 per person. Registration is required for children and adults.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce St., Annandale, Virginia. For more information, call 703-941-1065; or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/.

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Study the Beautiful Monarch Butterfly on a Field Trip for the Family

Field Trips aren't just for kids. Parents are invited to enjoy the fun with one of the Park Authority's new "Field Trips for All" programs.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is hosting a program on monarch butterflies on Monday, May 10, 2021 that's geared toward second grade students and their parents. It offers a unique opportunity to supplement your child's science learning with real outdoor experiences and application of the concepts required in the Virginia Standards of Learning. The "Monarchs" program runs from 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. All attendees, parents and students, must register to control group size.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, Virginia. For more information, call 703-631-0013; or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

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PSA-113

Discover How Wetlands Are Born at Huntley Meadows Park

Many factors combined to form the beautiful wetland habitat at Huntley Meadows Park. Adults can learn about the process during the “Birth of a Wetland” program on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Discover how geology, human land use and wildlife worked together to create the central wetland at Huntley Meadows. Then, go on a naturalist-led walk to the wetlands to witness the results. See the plants and animals that call this habitat home. The program runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and the cost is \$9 per person. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, Virginia. For more information, call 703-768-2525; or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows/>.

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Celebrate the Park Authority's 70th Anniversary with 70-cent Range Buckets

Celebrate 70 years of the Fairfax County Park Authority at two of the nation's top 50 public ranges. Buy any size bucket and get one small bucket for 70 cents. This offer is valid at Burke Lake Golf Center on May 3 and at Oak Marr Golf Center on May 10.

Burke Lake's range was fully renovated in 2017 and features a 64-station lighted driving range, with 24 covered and heated stations. Mulligan's Grill offers a tempting selection of food and beverages.

Oak Marr Golf Center's range was renovated in 2019 and features 78 lighted stations, with 30 covered and heated stations.

Park and Play Safety Guidelines are in place at all county golf facilities to protect customers and staff. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/ for more information.

On Dec. 6, 1950, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the Fairfax County Park Authority, giving it the authority to make decisions concerning land acquisition, park development and operations in the county. Over the past seven decades, the park system has grown from a mere 14 acres to more than 23,500 acres of land that are home to 429 parks. The Park Authority now manages nine RECenters, nature centers, historic properties, golf courses and athletic fields throughout the Fairfax County. Our celebration continues through July 2021.

Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Virginia. Oak Marr Golf Center is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton, Virginia.





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Discover how Epidemics Have Shaped Our History at Historic Huntley

Disease has always had an impact on history. Enjoy a healthy stroll up to a lovely view from Historic Huntley and learn why the Masons built their summer home upon a hill. Discover how epidemics of the past have shaped the society we live in today.

The "Epidemics of the Past" program on Thursday, May 20, 2021, is designed for participants age 14 to adult. It runs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and the cost is \$8 per person.

Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, Virginia, near the entrance to Huntley Meadows Park. For more information, call the park at 703-768-2525; or visit www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.

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Dust Off Your Putters for Some Family Fun!

Ace the day at the Jefferson District Falls Mini Golf Open House, May 22, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out the newly renovated course complete with new greens, fresh paint, and updated landscaping. Enjoy a round of mini golf, goody bags and savings on your next round!

Registration is required. To learn more and to register in advance, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/jefferson/minigolf.

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Jefferson District Park is located at 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church, Virginia. It is operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

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