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CTL-009

Wakefield Pickleball Court Renovation, Additions Officially Open

There were dozens of pickleball enthusiasts who attended this weekend's ribbon-cutting and pickleball exhibition at Wakefield Park Pickleball and Tennis Complex. The \$410,000 project was paid through dedicated funding from Fairfax County for renovations of parks and facilities, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) funding aimed at providing full accessibility to the courts.

Improvements included reconstruction of tennis courts 9 and 10, practice tennis courts, removal of two platform tennis courts, and installation of two pickleball courts. Additional improvements include construction of ADA-compliant walkways and installation of bench pads.

(From left to right):

Players from across the county turned out for the event with a few notable project staff and speakers identified in the front row: At left, Construction Project Manager Karen Devor; one over Adam Wynn, Park Planner; at center Mike Perel, Braddock District Representative on the Commission for Aging and a member of Fairfax County Advocates for Pickleball; Kiel Stone, Braddock District Representative, Fairfax County Park Authority Board; Supervisor James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Representative, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and Helen White, District Ambassador, USA Pickleball.

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FCPA and Partners Cut Ribbon of New Riverbend Maintenance Shop

Members of the project team, Riverbend Park staff, agency leadership and members of the Friends of Riverbend Park gathered on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, to officially cut the ribbon at the new Riverbend Park maintenance shop in Great Falls.

Pursuant to the approved master plan, the former manager's house was demolished, and a new maintenance facility was built. The facility includes a fenced maintenance yard for equipment and vehicle storage, interior space for equipment, vehicles and a work area. A new septic field was installed, as well as a public shared unisex restroom. Total project cost was \$1.3 million funded via 2012 Park Bonds.

Of particular interest to the project team was the ability to limit removal of trees initially, estimated at 100 trees to be removed. In the end, in collaboration with Urban Forestry and Land Development Services, only two were removed. Rain barrels and a cistern were also installed to collect rainwater.

From left: Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director, FCPA; Nancy Waugh, FORB member and park neighbor; Laura Grape, Resource Management Division Director; Kylie Starck, Visitor Services Manager, Riverbend Park; Casey Pittrizzi, Natural Resources Manager, Riverbend Park; John Callow, Park Manager, Riverbend Park; Matt McNeal, Maintenance Crew Chief, Riverbend Park; Hugh Morrow, FORB President; Jai Cole, Executive Director, FCPA; Cindy Gersony, FORB Board Member; Tim Hackman; Mary Olien; Matt Tauscher, Bowman Consulting; Zeena Al-Nasser, SWSG; Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director, FCPA; Maria Harwood, Fairfax County Urban Forestry; Toni Woods, Fairfax County Urban Forestry; Heather Lynch, Project Manager; Sayonara Aguilera, Planning & Development.

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Officers Elected to Fairfax County Park Foundation Board

The Fairfax County Park Foundation Board of Directors elected officers to lead the fundraising arm for the Park Authority from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. The action took place at the annual meeting in mid-May. The Park Foundation supports the Fairfax County Park Authority by raising private funds, obtaining grants and creating partnerships that supplement tax dollars to meet the community's needs for park land, facilities and services.

Anita Herrera was elected Chair. Herrera is the General Counsel for Nodal Exchange LLC and Nodal Clear LLC and has more than 20 years of legal experience. She has been a resident of Fairfax County for more than 20 years. She is a golf enthusiast and enjoys the Fairfax County golf courses.

Laura Eakin Erlacher will serve as Vice Chair. She is the Director of Government Affairs & Policy for GE Power. Erlacher was the first member to represent the Eakin Family, donors of the first land parcels that became a Fairfax County park. She continues the family tradition through active service on the Park Foundation Board.

Rich Harpe, CPA, will be Board Treasurer. He is a principal at Matthews, Carter & Boyce CPAs and Advisors, with more than 30 years of diversified experience in tax consulting and compliance engagements. Harpe lives in Oak Hill with his family, who enjoy biking and visits to Frying Pan Farm Park.

Harrison A. "Harry" Glasgow was elected to serve as Secretary. He is the Founder of the Federation of Friends Groups and served on the Park Authority Board. Glasgow seldom passes up a walk in the park especially Huntley Meadows Park, where he leads Monday morning bird nature walks.

Michael Gailliot completes two years as Chair with many pivots due to the pandemic. He is a real estate professional with Century 21 New Millennium in Alexandria, Virginia. Gailliot supports Lee District Park through the Park Foundation, as he has for many years, and continues as a Park Foundation director.

John Osborn, Principal Vice President and Credit Officer, completes his maximum three terms of board service. During his tenure as chair, the Park Foundation raised more than a million dollars annually in voluntary donations. Osborn was instrumental in initiating the Park Foundation's long-term investment initiative to endow Fairfax County parks.

"I'm honored to join fellow Park Foundation board officers and directors to enrich Fairfax County's 420 parks, which are critical to the physical and mental health of our community," Herrera said. "Whether supporters contribute time and talent as a volunteer, plant a tree, sponsor a bench, give a car or make a monetary gift, or leave a legacy in your will, this generosity helps fund the Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center, Summer Entertainment Series, local camps and classes, and programs which align with

the One Fairfax Policy affirming that all deserve an equal opportunity to participate and succeed through the Fairfax County parks that you love!”

Visit the Park Foundation and other ways to support parks at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/support-your-parks or call 703-324-8582.

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North Hill Park Construction Work to Start

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun construction of North Hill Park at the North Hill Development located in Alexandria, Virginia, at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Dart Drive.

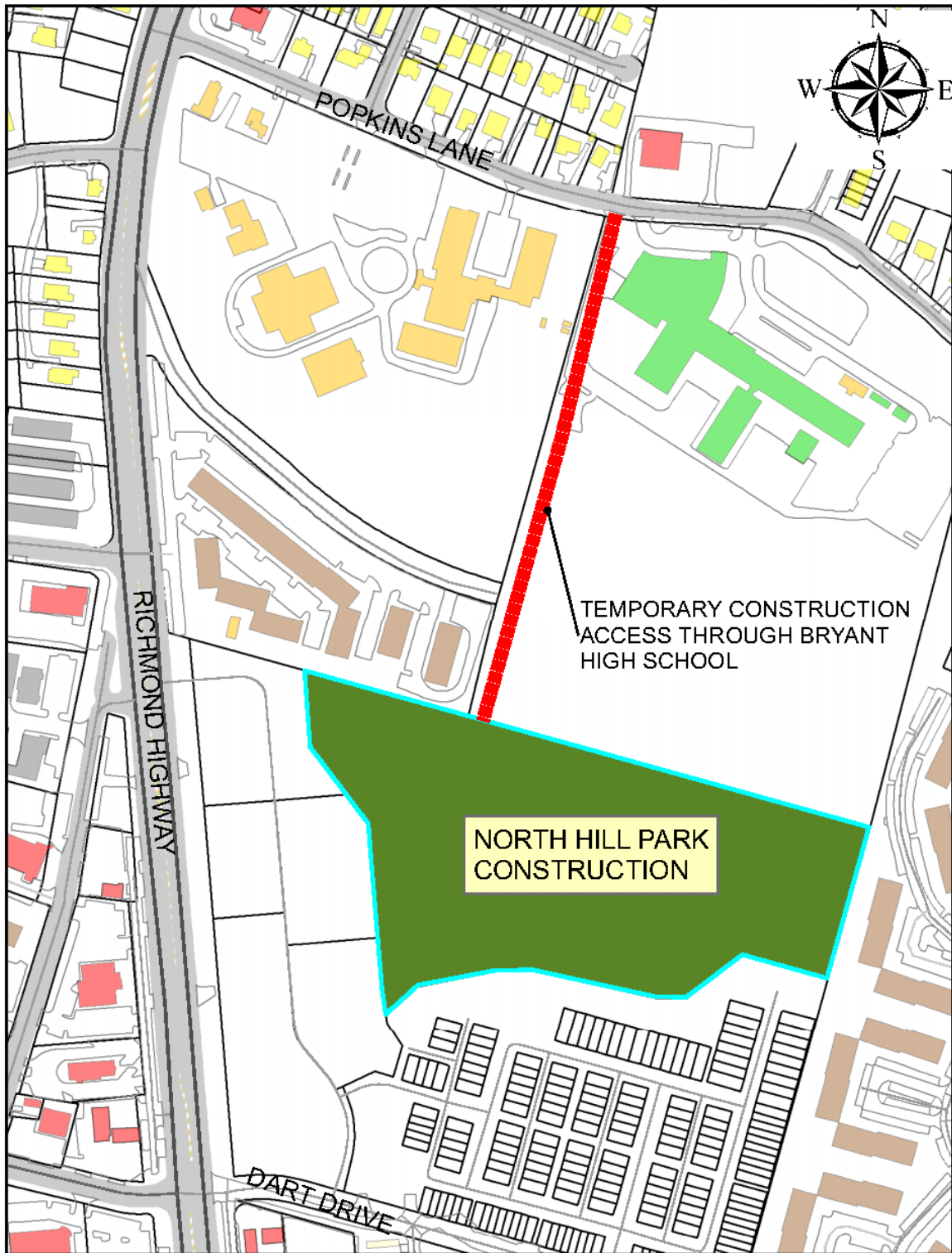
The contractor, Avon Corporation, has mobilized at the site with active construction activities anticipated to begin in early July. This project includes clearing and grading and the construction of trails, a pavilion, pickleball courts, a half basketball court, playground and fitness areas, an open lawn area, picnic tables and benches. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the spring 2023. Residents should expect occasional construction traffic on Popkins Lane entering and exiting the park through a temporary construction entrance located on the Bryant High School property.

The \$1.45 million project is funded via the 2016 Park Bond and by Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development.

Construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Project Manager Alex Burdick at alex.burdick@fairfax-county.gov or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. Project information can also be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/north_hill_park.

(see map below)





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Community to Celebrate Hidden Oaks Renovation, Expansion

From Bolivian dancers to a children's story along a trail, enjoy activities for all ages at Hidden Oaks Nature Center's Grand Reopening celebration on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. All the activities indoors and outside are free and open to the public. Visitors will now reap the benefits after the long wait of COVID-19 closures and construction of new learning centers, additional classrooms and meeting spaces, exciting new features and accessible restrooms.

Fairfax County voters resoundingly approved the 2016 Park Bond, which provided funding for the \$ 2.1 million expansion and renovation of the county's first nature center.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with opening remarks and a collective welcome to all guests. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., entertainers will treat families to songs, ranging from American barbershop to native Bolivian music and dance. At 12:15 p.m., Fraternidad Folklórica Cultural will showcase a dozen students ages 5 to 15, who will perform traditional dances of Bolivia. Festivities include a puppet show, scavenger hunt, bubble fun, crafts and exploring with a 3D microscope.

Three ongoing interpretive programs will be unveiled, as well. In honor of Jean Laub, an Elly Doyle Award-winning program volunteer and retired Fairfax County Public School teacher, a new bilingual reading corner will open for the public. On the Americans with Disabilities Act trail between the Packard Center parking lot and Hidden Oaks parking lot, visitors can now enjoy an original story translated into Spanish, Korean and English. The story features native woodland creatures and shares fun nature facts along the Storybook Trail. Along the Old Oak trail, which loops around the nature center, families can click on the QR code at each animal cutout to learn the names of the featured animal's young and particulars on the newborn's life. Each of the 10 animals will feature a video in both English and Spanish.

Parking is located in Annandale Community Park at 4030 Hummer Road, Annandale. ADA parking is available at the nature center's parking lot. Visit Hidden Oaks' webpage at for more details of the grand reopening event, or contact Suzanne Holland at suzanne.holland@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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

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Latino Conservation Week at Frying Pan Farm Park

Join us at Frying Pan Farm Park as we celebrate Latino Conservation Week on July 16, 2022. We will have Spanish language tours of the farm and free wagon rides in the afternoon.

Meet at the gazebo in the farmyard for free Spanish language tours of the farm at noon and at 2 p.m. Learn about the history of the farm, as well as how we tend to the animals in our care.

Get a free wagon ride in the afternoon at 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Reserve your ride at the country store. Then, take in the sights, including the trails, the woods, the crop fields and around the farmyard.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road close to Centreville Road and Route 28 in Herndon. There are two entrances to the park, one at the Visitor Center and one at the farm, where the animals are. Enter through the farm entrance. Parking is available at the large gravel parking lot next to the farm.

For questions, visit Frying Pan Farm Park at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park. You can also call 703-324-9760 or email Sean.redmiles@Fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.





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Latino Conservation Week Celebrates Community and Nature

Latino Conservation Week is from July 16-24, 2022. Fairfax County will be celebrating the Latino community's love of nature. Modeled after the Hispanic Access Foundation's Latino Conservation Week, the Fairfax County Park Authority together with Providence District Supervisor Dalia Palchik, Defensores de la Cuenca, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and other community partners will provide free bilingual (English/Spanish) conservation-themed programs, nature activities and recreational opportunities at parks around the county throughout the week.

To kick off the week, there will be activities at three parks on July 16, 2022, including Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Frying Pan Farm Park and Eakin Park. There will be a capstone event at Justice Park on July 24, 2022. Other Fairfax County Park Authority parks and partners will also offer programs that embrace Latino Conservation Month themes, while working with the Latino community.

Highlights include:

- July 16: [Farm Tours in Spanish and Free Wagon Rides at Frying Pan Farm Park](#) in Herndon
- July 16: [Hidden Oaks Nature Center Grand Reopening](#)
- July 16: [Invasive Management Area Workday \(Eakin Park\)](#) from 9 a.m. to noon
- July 23: [Invasive Management Area Workday \(Eakin Park\)](#) from 9 a.m. to noon
- July 24: Justice Park Latino Conservation Week Community Festival from 2 to 4 p.m.

To find additional information about the Latino Conservation Week events, please visit the Latino Conservation week webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/topics/mi-conexion-al-parque.



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New Page Featuring Green Spring's Moon Gate Garden Project

Green Spring Gardens celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020 and began making plans for a new Moon Gate Garden. Moon gates originated in ancient Asian gardens. Guests who passed through them were symbolically granted an auspicious welcome and good fortune. In garden design, they provide enticing passageways or window views from one space into another, piquing curiosity about what lies beyond.

At Green Spring Gardens, a moon gate feature will be situated at the apex of a site line established by trailblazing garden designer Beatrix Farrand, with views to the ponds below. Farrand created an iconic moon gate feature for Abbie Rockefeller's garden in Maine. Inspired by her work there, we are creating this feature to honor her and complement her boxwood design at Green Spring.

Green Spring's Moon Gate Garden project will include a mix of traditional and modern design concepts to draw visitors into this new Asian-inspired garden. This new garden will provide sanctuary and inspiration for 200,000 visitors who come to this Fairfax County Park Authority site annually. It will provide a stunning backdrop for photography and events, and it will serve as a symbolic connection between the past and the future—a fitting way to celebrate Green Spring's milestone 50th anniversary and to look ahead to the next 50 years.

You can find information online that will help visitors and donors follow the progress of this exciting project. Although the project is still in the conceptual and design phase, the content includes details about the project, indicates the garden location, and shares a design and a plant inspiration board.

Follow the gate's progress and keep up-to-date at the Moon Gate Garden Project webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/moon-gate-garden.

To learn more about how you can contribute to Green Spring's Moon Gate Garden project, visit the Fairfax County Park Foundation webpage at fairfaxparkfoundation.org/our-projects/green-spring-gardens/.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Virginia. For more information about the site and particular events, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring or call 703-642-5173.

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Still Looking for Summer Work? Be a Rec-PAC Leader!

Do you enjoy sports? Arts and Crafts? The outdoors? Inspiring children? Are you a good leader? Dedicated individual? If you are 18 years or older and answered yes to any of these questions, we might have the perfect summer job for you!

The Fairfax County Park Authority is hiring Rec-PAC leaders for our summer Rec-PAC program at 26 elementary schools across Fairfax County. Make a difference in a child's life while you have fun, make new friends, and create lifelong memories. The program runs now through the first week in August.

New benefits for summer staff include:

- Higher pay, starting at \$13 per hour and up
- \$100 net signup bonus*
- \$100 net retention bonus*
- FREE summer access to all nine Rec Centers with fitness centers, pools and more. A \$100+ value!

Job seekers can visit the Rec-PAC jobs webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs to start the application process and see minimum qualifications. When you click on “Apply” and fill out the form that shows up, staff will contact you to discuss steps for completing the application process.

To view all employment opportunities with the Fairfax County Park Authority, visit the Jobs at the Park Authority webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/jobs-internships.

For information, contact the Park Authority at FCPAJOBS@fairfaxcounty.gov; or call 703-324-5933.

Please note: All newly hired employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two weeks after the last required dose) as a condition of employment or obtain approval of a medical or religious ex-emption prior to their start date. Proof of an exemption or vaccination status will be required during the pre-employment onboarding process. New employees who obtain an exemption from the vaccine mandate for medical or sincerely held religious beliefs will still be subject to the weekly testing requirement. Vaccinated employees and employees with a medical or religious exemption will complete the attestation online on their first day of employment or shortly thereafter.

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Join Us for Rock and Bluegrass with Braddock Nights

Three great bands are sure to dazzle you this July as the Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series continues. The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible thanks to a strong partnership between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, volunteers, business sponsors, individual donors and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Admission is free.

Join us for an evening with the Kings Park Band on July 8, 2022. This band was formed in 1965 with nine people who relied on donated sheet music and a basement for a rehearsal room. It has since grown into a full concert band with more than 55 adults and a professional conductor. Enjoy this American community-band tradition from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, Virginia.

Also on July 8, 2022, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, meet Johnny Castle, David Kitchen, Robbie Magruder and Andy Rutherford of the Thrillbillys. Find out why this rockabilly band won a Wammie for Best Debut Recording. Royal Lake Park is located at 5344 Gainsborough Drive in Fairfax, Virginia.

On July 15, 2022, The Hillbilly Gypsies are bringing their original old-timey bluegrass music to the stage! They have been pickin' 'n' grinnin' since their formation in 2001, and the band is best known for their high-energy live performances at venues across the mid-Atlantic region and abroad. Come out and let The Hillbilly Gypsies take you on a trip back in time! The concert is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Royal Lake Park.

Concerts are held outdoors and may be canceled due to inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for inclement weather updates. Cancellations are recorded an hour before showtime. For details regarding each series, go to the Summer Entertainment Series website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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Lose Yourself in the Hunter Mill Melodies This July

Grab your dancing shoes and friends for a night in the park with upbeat performances at Hunter Mill Melodies at Frying Pan Farm Park! The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible thanks to a strong partnership between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, volunteers, business sponsors, individual donors and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Admission is free.

Natyabhoomi School of Dance offers dance instruction in the Mysore Style of Bharathanatyam, while also providing cultural education to its students. The school has performed at several prestigious venues in the U.S. and India, including The Barns at Wolf Trap and the Kennedy Center. Enjoy their unique thematic productions and dramas on July 7, 2022 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon, Virginia.

Get ready to rock out with Rusty Speidel, Tom Goodrich, Michael Goggin and Michael Lille on July 14, 2022. They delight audiences wherever they go with their wit, acoustically driven sound and compelling songwriting. Each show becomes a musical journey. The concert is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park.

The fun doesn't stop there, either. Join us on July 28, 2022, for Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen! This multi-Grammy nominated band is a torrent of mind-blowing bluegrass. Their meaty pile-driving rhythms and massive sound have commanded the most prestigious stages across the country and abroad, from The Grand Ole Opry to the biggest international festivals in Europe, South America and Australia. Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen's respect and deep understanding of the bluegrass tradition collides live on stage, with rock-tinged fiery virtuosity from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park.

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Spend Three Jazzy Evenings on the Ellipse

If you have an appreciation for jazz, swing and R&B, here come three performances in the Evenings on the Ellipse series that you'll love! The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible thanks to a strong partnership between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, volunteers, business sponsors, individual donors and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Admission is free.

Don't miss this high-energy performance by the Dave Kline Band! Recognized for their vibrant world sound, the Dave Kline Band blends modern genres of rock, blues, jazz and folk with cultural sounds of its diverse international ensemble. Come out for the concert on July 7, 2022 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia. Wine tastings and sales will be available by the Winery at Bull Run and Paradise Springs Winery.

Two other performances also feature wine tastings and sales at the Government Center. Also bringing an international acoustic performance to the stage is the quartet Veronneau! This group has delighted audiences in North America, Europe and beyond. Experience its world jazz and pop on July 14, 2022 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

With smooth lead vocals, impeccable harmonies and outstanding musicianship, SIXX & System Tribute Band embodies the musical sound of legendary artist Smokey Robinson. Join us on July 28, 2022, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center for another premiere performance.

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