



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



NEWS RELEASE

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Public Meeting for Proposed Ash Grove Curatorship Now Includes Virtual Participation Option

The Fairfax County Park Authority is evaluating an application for the curatorship of the historic Ash Grove house, located in the Hunter Mill District at 8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna. As part of this process, the public is invited to provide input and ask questions during a public comment period and at an upcoming public meeting.

To accommodate broader participation, the public meeting, originally scheduled for in-person attendance only, will now also offer a virtual participation option. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 at the Patrick Henry Library (101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna), and interested individuals may join virtually by watching the livestream and submitting comments online at <https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/ash-grove>.

The meeting will provide an overview of the Resident Curator Program, details of the curator application for the Ash Grove house, and an opportunity for community members to ask questions, either in person or virtually.

Public comments will be accepted online and by mail through Thursday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. Information on submitting comments can be found at <https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/ash-grove>.

The Park Authority will also hold several livestreamed work sessions as part of the evaluation process. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. (if needed), and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. The work sessions will be available for public viewing but will not include a public comment period. Recordings will be made available following each session.

Ash Grove, built in 1790 by the Fairfax family, is one of the few remaining 18th-century houses in Virginia. The property includes historic structures, such as a restored 18th-century brick kitchen and smokehouse.

For more information on the Resident Curator Program or the Ash Grove curatorship application, visit the Resident Curator Program website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program, or contact Stephanie Langton, manager of the Resident Curator Program, at 703-324-8791.

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Basketball Court Repairs Coming to Ridgeview and Tysons Pimmit Parks

The Fairfax County Park Authority is repairing the basketball courts at Ridgeview Park and Tysons Pimmit Park. The basketball court improvements at both locations will include installation of new goals, crack repairs, a 2-inch overlay on the asphalt and line painting.

Contractors mobilized at Ridgeview Park this week, and weather permitting, active construction is anticipated to be completed by the first week of November. Contractors will mobilize at Tysons Pimmit Park during the week of Oct. 29, with active construction expected to conclude by the second week of November. Both parks will remain open during the construction.

Residents are encouraged to use the Park Amenity Locator to identify alternative courts to use during the construction.

Ridgeview Park is located at 4112 Duvawn St. in Alexandria and Tysons Pimmit Park is located at 2026 Burfoot St. in Falls Church.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Project Manager Marcos Suarez by calling 571-595-2762 or emailing Marcos.Suarez@fairfaxcounty.gov. Questions may also be directed to the Communications Office at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Celebrate the Outdoors and a New Playground at Muddy Hole Farm Park, Nov. 4

Join the Fairfax County Park Authority and Supervisor Rodney Lusk for an afternoon of free outdoor fun on Monday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Muddy Hole Farm Park located at 7941 Kidd St. in Alexandria.

The festivities will feature the Wonder Wagon, the Park Authority's Mobile Nature Center, offering engaging activities, games, and hands-on experiences for all ages and will also commemorate the official ribbon-cutting for the new playground at the park. Bring your family and friends to explore the wonders of nature right in your neighborhood!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with nature, celebrate your community, and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon!

For questions about this event, contact the Public Information Office at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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New Park Feature Will Inspire, Compile Exhibition of Creative Works

In a world increasingly dominated by technology and urban landscapes, parks have emerged as a vital sanctuary for nurturing creativity and fostering inspirational creativity. The Fairfax County Park Authority is proud to join with ArtsFairfax to encourage this connection through Poetry in the Parks, an initiative created by outgoing Fairfax County Poet Laureate Danielle Badra. The partnership aims to showcase the unique ways in which parks can serve as a canvas for creativity, culminating in a collection of works inspired by these green spaces.

To help achieve that mission, the Park Authority and ArtsFairfax are announcing the unveiling of new interpretive signs at Riverbend Park and Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (located in the Dranesville and Sully districts respectively) on Friday, Nov. 1. In addition to connecting creativity with nature through poems specifically selected by the Fairfax County Poet Laureate for each location, the new placards contain writing prompts and an invitation for creators to submit their creative writing, poetry and illustrations to ArtsFairfax's "Poetry in the Parks" digital collection.

Join the Park Authority, ArtsFairfax and Fairfax County Supervisors Jimmy Bierman (Dranesville District) and Kathy Smith (Sully District) to celebrate the unveiling of this new park feature dedicated to igniting the creative spirit within us all.

When: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Where: Woodlands Stewardship Education Center
5301 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

For additional information about this upcoming event, please contact the Park Authority Communications Office at Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Embrace Excitement this Season with Winter Camps

The Fairfax County Park Authority offers exciting camp opportunities throughout the year when schools are not in session. As schools close for student holidays this winter, embrace the chance to try something new with more than 75 one- and two-day camps covering a wide range of interests.

Bake up some sweet treats or enjoy outdoor adventures. Exercise your creative side or explore the wonderful world of science and technology. There's a wealth of experiences to enjoy. Use the *Winter Camp Guide 2025* to find the winter season camp that calls to your child.

Winter camps are scheduled for:

- Monday, Dec. 23
- Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27
- Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 30-31
- Thursday-Friday, Jan. 2-3
- Monday, Jan. 20
- Wednesday, Jan. 29
- Monday, Feb. 17

Registration for winter camps is open now. Don't miss the chance to get a spot in your top choice camp. Visit the Camps website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps and register today.

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