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Burke Lake Renovations/Support Scouting/Civil War Remembrances/Road Closures

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Burke Lake Dam Project to Impact Trail, Park Users

Fairfax County's award winning park system is a big reason we are the envy of the region and our parks are well attended. Nowhere is this more evident than Burke Lake Park which can have over 60,000 park goers a week. I wanted to make sure you were aware of a major renovation taking place this fall and winter at Burke Lake Park that will impact some of the facilities and the trail at the park.

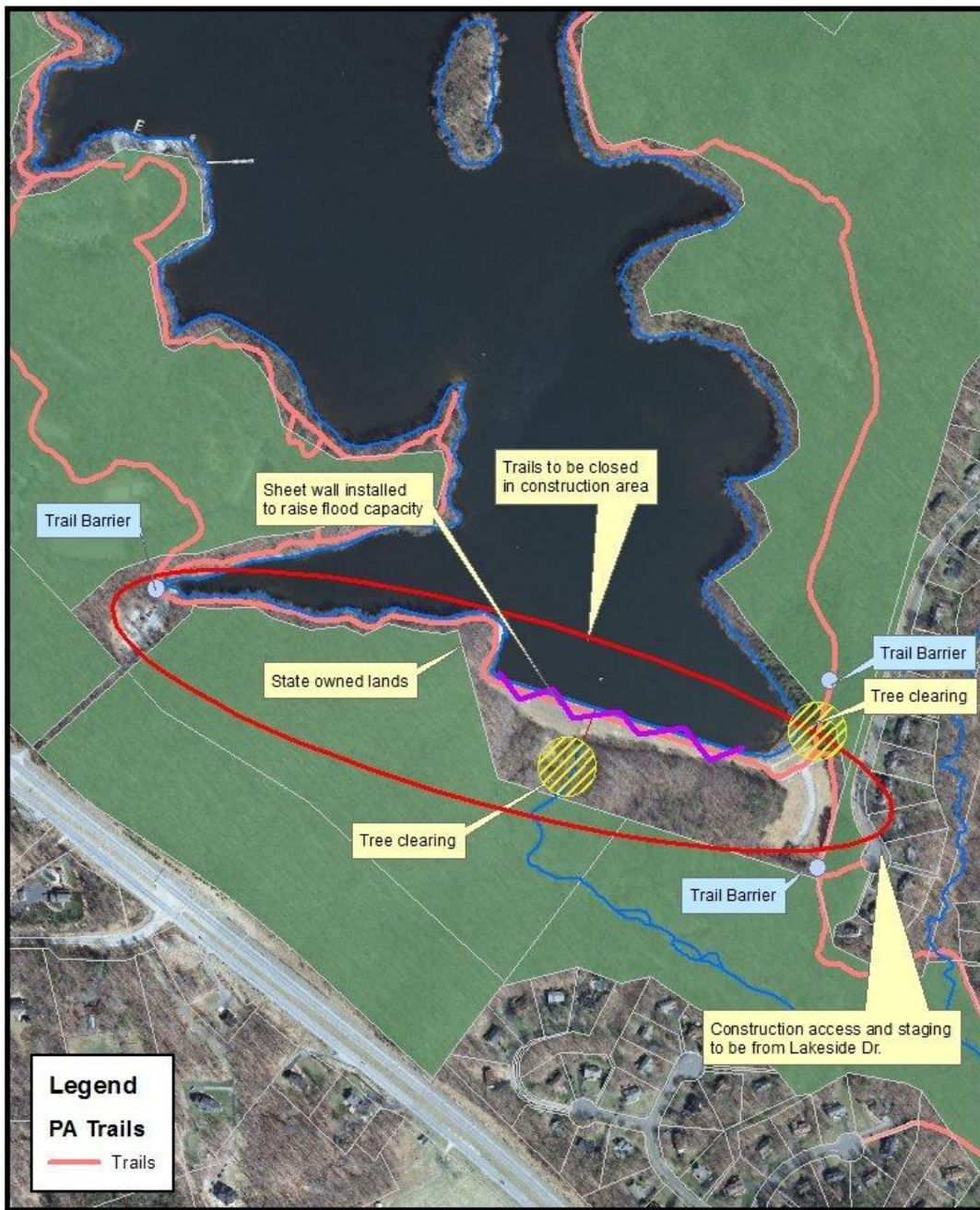
Beginning in mid-September, the dam at Burke Lake Park will be undergoing repairs to comply with new state dam regulations. As those who frequent the park know, the dam is a critical segment of the popular 5 mile trail loop that runs around the lake. The project will close the segment of the trail which runs over the dam. The remainder of the trail will remain open but due to the location of the segment over the dam, users of the trail will not be able to make a complete loop and will be required to turn around prior to reaching the dam.

In addition, please note the following changes at the park during the renovation of the dam:

- While there will be closure of some trails in proximity to the dam the trails used by the schools for cross-country races will not be impacted by the construction. Teams will also be able to use alternative routes for practice.
- There will be no access going to or coming from the neighborhoods in South Run.
- Construction of the wall and other improvements will require a drawdown of the water in the lake of 4.5 feet for the duration of the project (3-4 months).
- FCPA boating opportunities will cease during the trail closure and lake draw down. The VDGIF boat ramp also will not be usable.
- Events and shelter rentals will be accommodated through alternative routes and facilities.
- Construction vehicles will access the dam from Laketree Drive for the duration of the project.
- Project updates and information will be posted in park kiosks and as available, placed on the Park Authority website.

For information and updates please visit VDGIF online at www.dgif.virginia.gov/alerts

The Park Authority is estimating that it will take 90-120 days to complete the project. During that time, signs will be erected throughout the park alerting users of the trail to the temporary change. The map below shows the three points along the trail that will be affected by the dam repair. Please take a look at the map and plan your walks along the trail keeping in mind that a full loop will not be possible while the dam is being repaired.



BURKE LAKE DAM REPAIR WORK AREA



Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns about the trail closure or the dam project.

BSA Patriot District 3rd Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting

Please join me for the National Capital Area Council, BSA Patriot District 3rd Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting on Monday, September 10, 2012. I am proud to again be a co-chair for this important event to support Scouting in our region. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 9:00 am and include longest drive contests, closest to the pin challenge, prizes and raffles, and a Silent Auction.

You can register your foursome by going to:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=988943>

The National Capital Area Council, BSA is currently one of the 300 plus local councils chartered by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is a Class 200 council, (one of the largest) and is geographically comprised of ten counties in Northern Virginia, six counties in Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

The NCAC Patriot District seeks to bring the opportunities of Scouting to an increasingly diverse group of the youth in the community and expand services to existing units. The Patriot District broadened its recruiting efforts this year by raising the visibility of Scouting at many locations within the district, e.g., libraries, pools, shopping and community centers, Labor Day picnics and the Burke Centre Festival. Please join me on a fun filled day for a worthy organization in our community.

Several Events Planned for 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and I invite you to join me at several events at the end of August and the beginning of September. Full details are at the links below.

[Clifton Civil War Reenactment Commemoration](#)

[Fairfax Station Rail Road Museum Commemorative Marker Dedication](#)

[Candlelight Memorial Service for Those that Lost Their Lives at Bull Run and Ox Hill](#)

[Battle of Ox Hill Sesquicentennial Signature Event](#)

Residents and Businesses Encouraged to Provide Feedback Through Emergency Information Survey

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is asking for feedback from county residents and businesses to help assess the county's response to the June 29 derecho storm that affected the county and the National Capital Region. To find out about the county's strengths as well as opportunity areas for improvement, we are

asking you to fill out an online emergency information survey. It should only take a few minutes and will be open until September 7.

This survey is part of the official review of the storm response and input from residents and businesses will be invaluable. It will be used for OEM's after-action report on the derecho event and how Fairfax County Government responded.

Emergency communications are critical before, during and after incidents that affect our community. A variety of entities and people are part of that process such as Fairfax County Government, utility companies, the commonwealth of Virginia, the private sector and others. This survey focuses on Fairfax County Government.

"We're asking for every resident to provide input, as well as business owners," said David McKernan, coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management. "It's important for us as emergency planners to learn how this storm affected our residents, businesses and infrastructure so that we can implement corrective measures and plans for a better response for future storms."

To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairfaxemergencyinfo>

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