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President's Message—Gail Nittle

We are very fortunate to have Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk as our speaker for the March 17th meeting! Supervisor Lusk has worked over the years in Land Use and has served as National Marketing Director for the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). Come and hear Supervisor Lusk's vision for Lee District. Lidl celebrated its grand opening but what are the updates on TSA, Kaiser Permanente, and the Hampton Inn to be built at the corner of Backlick and Old Keene Mill? Come and find out!



Speaking of Land Use, at our March 17th general meeting, you will have an opportunity to hear about the property at 6235 Brandon Avenue, and voice your opinion. This site located just north and behind the Marriott Residents Inn is up for nomination to be developed. The property is zoned for "mixed use", meaning a building with retail/office below and residential on upper floors. The Lee District Land Use Committee will be voting on March 23rd whether they want this property developed at this time. We want to know YOUR thoughts so that the SCA can represent YOU! Marta Morrissey is the SCA Land Use representative and does a wonderful job of representing the SCA community! Thank you, Marta!

Bringing you up to date (as of 6 March) on SB631, the bill which deals with abandoned shopping carts... The bill passed in the Senate and House of Delegates and is on its way to the governor's desk. If the governor signs it, it will then be up to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to decide how it will apply to Fairfax County. Special thanks go to SCA Member at Large Larry Farnsworth, who worked tirelessly on the bill; Senator Scott Surovell, who authored the bill; and to Delegates Kaye Kory and Vivian Watts, who carried the bill in the House.

If you attend the monthly CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) meetings, you may have met Tom Oliver. Tom is a "volunteer in police service" who provides free home safety inspections for the Fairfax County Police Department. If you're interested in learning how to make your home more secure, e-mail Tom at Thomas.oliver@fairfaxcounty.gov and schedule a visit.

Here's a fun community event you can support - Crestwood Children's Festival Day on March 21st at Crestwood Elementary School, 6010 Hanover Ave, Springfield, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come as a volunteer or just a supporter! For more information, go to <https://crestwood-pta.org/> or email crestwoodowlspta@gmail.com There's something for everyone - lots of fun for all!

Finally, a big thank you to Randy Bartlett, Director of Public Works and Environmental Services for Fairfax County for his presentation "Where Do Things Go" at the January general membership meeting! The information he shared as well as the handouts he provided were great! If you missed the meeting or have further questions/concerns, you can contact Mr. Bartlett at Randy.Bartlett@fairfaxcounty.gov The website for his department and for more information is <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/>



Looking forward to seeing you at our March 17th meeting!
~ Gail

**March Meeting
Tuesday, March 17
Crestwood ES**

**Social time—7:00pm
Meeting—7:30pm**

**Program:
"An Evening With
Rodney Lusk"**

**Newly Elected Lee
District Supervisor**

Fairfax County Budget Update

County Executive Bryan Hill presented his proposed FY2021 budget and strategic plan to the Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2020.

The proposed strategic plan will serve as a guideline to direct the more than 1,200 County-wide initiatives that serve to empower all residents to live safely, healthily, and with equal opportunity. The budget, which allocates funding for services across the County, is based on the priorities and vision set by the Board of Supervisors. The final vote on the budget will be May 5.

This year's Real Estate Tax rate is proposed to increase by \$0.03. \$0.02 for the County's General Fund and \$0.01 specifically dedicated to affordable housing. The additional penny will serve as a local funding source with the flexibility to preserve and promote affordable housing throughout the County.

The total increase in the General Fund's budget is estimated at \$159.14 million. Some of this includes the funding of police body-worn cameras, the Diversion First program, increasing hours at the public libraries, and reducing the County's carbon footprint. There is also a Market Rate Adjustment and adherence to our pay plan for the County's employees who provide exceptional services to Fairfax.

The County Executive's proposal funds Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) with \$85.72 million, which is approximately 52.6 percent of the General Fund. This significant contribution is the tenth straight year the budget has increased funding to FCPS and highlights education as a top priority for the Board of Supervisors.

"This year's proposed strategic plan and budget is a positive sign that the County and Board are on the same page as the community. The budget is a success for FCPS and for expanding affordable housing to every corner of Fairfax," Chairman McKay said. "As Chairman, I am responsible for all of our residents' needs including schools, parks, libraries, public safety, and human services. I also am constantly working to balance these long-term needs with our residents' ability to pay. I am concerned that the largest increase in real estate assessment values are in our most market rate affordable communities. This exacerbates our affordable housing challenge and we must be mindful of that. I look forward to working with the community as our Board works to fine tune this proposal and pass a balanced budget on May 5."

Also included in the County Executive's proposal is a 4 percent Admissions Tax on events, one of only two taxing authorities Fairfax County has outside of property-related taxes. The revenue will serve to increase the funding of crucial Fairfax arts and cultural programs including ARTSFAIRFAX, the Fairfax Symphony, Wolf Trap, and Visit Fairfax.

Residents will be able to comment in district meetings in March and in public hearings from April 14-16.

Keep in Touch with Fairfax County Police Department Links

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update

“Flash” Book Sale!!

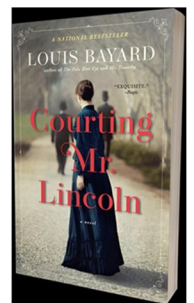
Are you looking for that unexpected special something?!!

The Friends will host a “Flash” Book Sale on Tuesday, March 24th from 10am to 9pm. Drop by to check out the **Art, Architecture, and Gardening Books, Jigsaw Puzzles and Audio Books** (and maybe a few other treasures)!!



Annual Meeting

On Monday, April 20th, the Friends will host our annual meeting to celebrate our library and the Friends’ accomplishments in 2019 – thanks to your help and support. At 6pm on April 20th, come to the library’s meeting room for snacks and to socialize with fellow library patrons. At 6:15, we’ll review our accomplishments and the financial health of our organization. Meet our new board members and mingle with the best volunteers ever. At 7pm, Louis Bayard (regional author) will talk about his novel *Courting Mr. Lincoln*. In this historic fiction set in the 1840s you’ll find the surprising story of a young Abraham Lincoln and the two people who loved him best: a young, marriageable Mary Todd and Lincoln’s best friend/mentor, Joshua Speed. Told from the points of view of Todd and Speed, this witty, psychologically astute, and brilliantly plotted novel follows the threesome during Todd and Lincoln’s tumultuous courtship, with all the suspense and delight of the best Jane Austen novels. See you on Tuesday, April 20th.



Join Us - Be a Friend

We appreciate our volunteers, and if you aren't already a volunteer - please join us. If you'd like to do more, become a dues paying member of the Friends. A \$10 individual or \$20 family annual membership provides you with reserved seating for Friends events, a 4X a year newsletter, and preview shopping at our sales. Why is it important to volunteer and/or become a member? **Well, did you know?**

- Friends pay for all the children's performers at the library.
- Friends pay for the New York Times, Scientific America and 14 other publications.
- Friends provide volunteers for summer reading programs, Reading Buddies, and all of our hands on programming.
- Friends run Educators’ Night—our program to bring books to our school’s classroom libraries.

Follow Us On Social Media Outlets

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Twitter at "[ByrdLibFriends](https://twitter.com/ByrdLibFriends)"

Your engagement helps us reach an even broader audience!

Volunteer: Looking for a volunteer opportunity...come join the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library! Contact us at: rbfriends@gmail.com.

Donations: As always, we welcome all donations of gently used books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs and LPs. Donation receipts provided upon request.

ECHO NEWS

This month ECHO is hoping for donations of **portable sewing machines** in good working order. (We can't repair them.) Some ECHO clients have sewing skills, but no machines. With donated sewing machines, they can mend, alter or create clothing for their families, and possibly for income. ECHO is ready to put together sewing kits to distribute, but we need donations of scissors, sewing needles and sewing machine needles, bobbins, thread, zippers, facing and fabric. Have you replaced an older machine with a newer one? Have you lost interest in sewing and have a machine or sewing supplies taking up room in your cupboards? Give those things new life with a family who needs them. If you have questions about this initiative, contact sewingmachines@echo-inc.org.



Each month, the lists of most-needed donations, are updated on ECHO's website, www.echo-inc.org, in sub-headings under the "Donate" tab. For March, ECHO especially needs syrup, jelly, 2# bags of sugar, dried beans, bags of rice, toilet tissue, deodorant, shaving cream, college-ruled loose leaf notebook paper, college-ruled spiral notebooks and #2 pencils. Toasters and mixers are needed in Housewares. Donations of spring and summer clothing are most welcomed now. ECHO receives donations Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 and volunteers are happy to offer receipts.

Currently, ECHO needs volunteers for the following jobs/time slots: A Family Counselor who speaks Spanish who can commit to Friday mornings (ECHO will train any person interested in this position); Clothing Room volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday evenings, or a Spanish speaking volunteer for at least two Tuesday mornings a month. Anyone interested in finding out more about volunteering in these positions, or volunteering at ECHO in general, should send an e-mail to volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

Put ECHO's giant Spring Yard Sale on your calendar for the morning of Saturday, April 18! Volunteers fill St. Bernadette's gym on Old Keene Mill Road with jewelry, fashion accessories, collectibles, toys, electronics, home decor, and more. All proceeds benefit ECHO, plus, it is fun!

Food Drives

March - Prince of Peace Lutheran, Springfield Christian, Springfield UMC

April - Grace Christian Reformed, Burke United Methodist, Congregation Adat Reyim

Upcoming Dates to Note

March 7 - Saturday opening

March 13 and 16 - Clothing seasonal changeover -no client appointments

April 4 - Saturday opening

April 9 - Closed evening only

April 10 - Closed

April 18 - ECHO Yard Sale, St. Bernadette's Gym, 8:00 - noon

April 20 - Exec. Com. Meeting, 7:30 pm, ECHO Conference Room

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Crestwood Elementary Children's Festival Day

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 6010 HANOVER AVENUE
Saturday, March 21st
10 am - 1 pm

FREE Sight & Hearing Screenings by the Lions Club	Socialize with Friends and Neighbors	FREE Children ID cards from the Sheriff Dept.
Explore Life Skills & Hobbies	Buy from a Variety of Local Food Trucks	Enjoy Local Entertainment & demonstrations

Come Celebrate with the PTA!

Come One, Come All to **Crestwood's Children's Festival Day** on **Saturday, March 21st** from **10 am-1 pm!** We will be Celebrating all things **Crestwood: our Children, our Community, and our Culture!**

Begin your day by honoring the Colors presented by American Legion Post 176. Buy a bite to eat from a variety of local food trucks like Dogs on the Curb, DC Slices, or enjoy a sweet treat from Kona Ice or the 6th grade snack booth. Be entertained by our very own Ms. Tucker and her band Sheila, the Crestwood Chorus, local bands and musicians Ella Levri, The Osyx, and Chop-busters; dance performances from Bolivian Dance Ensembles, a Traditional Indian Dance Duo, and the Lancer Dancers and Lancer Cheerleaders dance-a-longs. Entertain yourself by discovering a new hobby like gardening, bracelet making and knot tying from Daisy/Brownie Troop 52068, paper folding, and creating oil pastel artworks. Get all dolled up at our Henna table by the Key MS Henna Club or at our face painting table. Enjoy giving back at one of our civic-minded tables by writing Spring notes to our friends and family at Green Springs or pick up a pair of gloves and a bag for a campus clean up: opportunities for all ages and sizes! The Lions Club will be here to give FREE sight and hearing screenings and the Sheriffs Department will be making FREE Children's Identification Cards!

We cannot make this event possible without your support, so if you have an idea, a contact, or would enjoy the opportunity to volunteer: please email crestwoodowlspta@gmail.com

Thanks!



FESTIVAL del día del Niño
ESCUELA PRIMARIA de CRESTWOOD
 6010 HANOVER AVENUE
Sábado, 21 de Marzo
10 am - 1 pm

¡Gratis! Tarjetas de Identificación para niños del Departamento del Sheriff	Socializar con amigos y vecinos	¡Gratis! Exámenes de la Vista y de Audiología por el Club de Leones
Explorar Habilidades para la vida y pasatiempos	Compre de una variedad de camiones locales de alimentos	Disfruta de entretenimiento local y demostraciones

¡Ven a celebrar con el PTA!

Richard Byrd Library

Greetings from Richard Byrd Library!

With 3D printers, puzzle tables and library programming as staples of public libraries it is already clear that libraries offer books and so much more. We are always looking for ways to help serve our customers and our community. Cell phones and tablets are a necessity in many people's lives, so we now offer phone chargers for check-out in the library at Richard Byrd! We have chargers for both Apple and Android devices which can be checked-out with a Fairfax County Public Library card for use in the library. Please visit the circulation desk if you are in the library and need to charge up!



Chargers

Every April we celebrate National Library Week and this year is no exception! The week of April 19-25 we will also be celebrating the joy of reading! Readers of all ages can read away up to \$15 in fines on their Fairfax County Public Library accounts during National Library Week. \$1 in fines will be removed for every 15 minutes spent reading (or listening to books or reading to a child). It's easy to participate. In mid-April, pick up a reading log from any FCPL branch, track your reading April 19-25 and return your reading log to the circulation desk by May 1.

We've had a busy winter with many fun and informative programs. Our Galentine's Day celebration of friendship was a fun evening filled with henna designs, mug painting and mocktails! We brought the DMV to the library to help residents with all their DMV needs. Watch for more DMV 2 Go dates in the future.



Galentine's Day Henna designs.

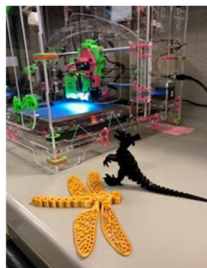


Painted friendship mugs from Galentine's Day



Galentine's Day mocktails!

We are continuing to practice with our 3D printer and have amassed quite a collection of 3D printed objects, some just for fun and others with a purpose. We are hoping to have our 3D printer open for public printing by the end of April.



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3D printer with dragonfly and top hat T-Rex. 3D printed sponge holder.

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Richard Byrd Library (cont'd)

Adults aren't the only ones having fun at the library. From our Take Your Child to the Library Day program to STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art & Math) programming the library has been busy with educational and exploratory activities. We just completed our Winter Reading Program for kids and teens with 228 participants. It will be time for summer reading before we know it!



Magnetic play exploration at STEAM.



STEM Academy

Please join us for or share the word about our upcoming programs:

Join us for Coffee and a Classic! Enjoy coffee and refreshments while watching a classic movie. Adults. Friday, April 3 at 10:30, please call the library at 703-451-8055 for movie title.

Andrews Federal Credit Union once again presents a series of financial literacy workshops on timely topics. April 13 at 7pm, Home Buying Tips. Adults.

On Saturdays, from 9:30-1pm, VITA Tax Assistance and their IRS-certified volunteers to help taxpayers earning up to \$56,000 per year. Adults.

Movement and Meditation Yoga, gentle vinyasa flow followed by a guided meditation. Leave class refreshed and renewed. Bring a yoga mat and yoga block (optional). First timers welcome! 2pm, March 17 and 31. Adults.

Chess club for ages 6 & up. Come and learn or just play! Thursday, March 19 and April 16 at 7pm

Capturing Precious Memories: Digital Camera Workshop- Adults Saturday, April 4, 2-4pm

This Old House- presented by the Burke Historical Society, introducing past and present historic homes of the 19th century across Springfield, Annandale, and Burke. Adults. Saturday, April 18, 10:30am

Medicare 101 Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm- Adults

Martial Arts & Motion- demonstration, ages 13-18 Monday, April 27, 7:30pm

Spring Break Fun:
Fun with Keva Planks, ages 6-12 Thursday, April 9, 3pm

Bullet Journaling 101, ages 13-18 Monday, April 6, 6pm

Interactive Movie, ages 13-18 Wednesday, April 8, 3pm

Lake Accotink

Lake Accotink Winter Events and Programs, March 2020

For more information or to register for classes or events, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink>

Art at Accotink—Winter Classes

Learn fundamental skills in a variety of art genres, and take home a nature-themed project at the end of each class. A different topic each session. Cost is \$24 per person, \$2 supply fee is payable to the instructor at class.

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00am—Theme: Sewing(7-12yrs.)

Thursday, March 19, 1:30-2:20pm—Nature and history hands on activities (7-12yrs.)

Friday, March 27, 7:00pm—Wood Frogs!! Assist in collecting and releasing frogs and recording data for a survey. (4-adult)

Scouting badges

Register your troop to earn your Naturalist, Hiker, Explorer, Night Owl, Trailblazing, Make the World a Better Place, Animal Habitats, or Trees Naturalist Badge at Accotink. For more details or to sign-up visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Parks/lake-accotink>

Welcome Dan Grulke , the new site manager at Lake Accotink Park. Dan assumed his duties at Lake Accotink Park on February 10, 2020. Dan has over 20 years of experience working with the Fairfax County Park Authority. He worked at Lake Accotink Park as a seasonal employee in 1994 before graduating with an Associate’s Degree in Recreation and Parks from Northern Virginia Community College. Dan then completed a Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation Management from the University of Montana in 1999. After receiving his degree he was hired as a full-time employee at Green Spring Gardens Park. He has also worked as a merit employee at Providence Recenter, Spring Hill Recenter, and for the last 8 years he has managed Lake Fairfax Park. Dan brings with him an expertise in programming and operations and is sure to become an asset to both staff and the greater Lake Accotink Park community.

Contact SCA

Do you have a question for the SCA? Contact us via email at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com.

Check out our website at springfieldcivic.org.

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Springfield Civic Association

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Trails for Youth

Happy almost Spring! This winter TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) has been leading hikes for our area youth to get outdoors and active, even when the wind was blowing. The kids have enjoyed getting some exercise and thrilled to learn that even in winter there are many surprises from nature!

With warmer weather fast approaching, we are anxious to get outside and enjoy the parks and trails. This Spring, TYO will begin to repair and smooth out any corrections needed for the Brookfield Park Bicycle Pump Track. In 2019, kids from the entire Lee Pyramid were able to use the pump track, help with maintenance and park clean up and have a blast while getting much needed exercise and practice. Because of the maintenance updates, there will be several opportunities to continue enjoying this bicycle skills area. We will be asking for volunteers to help with maintenance in the spring. Interested? Email julie@trailsforyouth.org.

In addition to activities at Brookfield Park, TYO will be the lead instructors for Lake Accotink's introduction to mountain bike classes starting April 4th (see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks for information). And lastly, through a generous grant from the Business Women's Giving Circle of the Community Foundation of Northern VA, we can offer our popular Girls Rolling and Learning STEM program at Lake Accotink (and surrounding parks). In May, for 10 weeks, local girls in grade 5-8 can ride bikes and learn hands-on ideas to strengthen their overall knowledge of STEM principles and concepts. What better way to learn about energy than to bike up and down a hill? Through this program, girls will understand applicable concepts and ideas. Interested? Email Julie@trailsforyouth.org.

We are excited for Spring to begin and look forward to mentoring local youth on overcoming obstacles on the trail and in life. We are extremely grateful to the Springfield Civic Association community for your on-going support of our programs. If you see us on the trail, be sure to say hello. For more information please visit our website at www.trailsforyouth.org or email Julie@trailsforyouth.org and don't forget to follow us on facebook (www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.Org) to see lots of local youth enjoying our local parks and trails.





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The Woman's Club of Springfield

As Spring approaches, our members are gearing up for our Spring Faire. The Spring Faire is open to the public and is held annually to benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia, a domestic violence shelter. Our Club has long been a supporter of Bethany House. The Spring Faire will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Burke United Methodist Church, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Faire has vendors of home businesses, such as Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Tupperware and Discovery Toys, along with craft vendors. This is a highlight of our Club year and always fun. Entrance is free, and everyone who comes gets a free raffle ticket for items donated by each of the vendors. There is plenty of parking at the church. The vendors purchase tables for the Faire, and that money is then given to Bethany House. We really hope you will join us this year and look forward to seeing you there.



In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more about our Club, please visit us at the Pink Elephant Shop in the Concord Shopping Center or call our Membership Chairman, Lee Ripper, at 703/719-9645.

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Springfield Art Guild



Artists & Art Lovers

The Springfield Art Guild(SAG) Invites You to our March 11 Guest Speaker Program

Meetings are **free** and open to the public.

The Springfield Art Guild continues 2020 with a great lineup of speakers and fun activities.

Our March program features Illustrator, Artist Bill Firestone



Unexpected color, active brushstrokes, a penchant for abstraction and sometimes a little touch of humor all combine to create strong yet inviting paintings that appeal to a broad audience.

Firestone completed his BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University and moved to Washington DC to work in the graphic design field. His strong background in photography as well as his visual interpretations of everything from tractor-trailers to London and Paris street scenes allows him to record his unique inspirations.

Countless judges throughout his career have recognized his illustration and fine art work, and his paintings hang in many public and private collections. Galleries in DC, Virginia and North Carolina represent him. Illustration clients include publications such as Chesapeake Bay Magazine and the Washington Post Magazine, as well as graphic design firms, and advertising agencies.

His studio is at the Workhouse Arts Center, a former prison complex in Lorton, Virginia.



When: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

6:30pm - Doors open with refreshments & socializing with local artists

7:00pm – Art talk and a Short business meeting

7:30-9:00 — Framing Demonstration and Mana Prima Painting mini workshop

Where: The auditorium at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150. Park in the Church's lower lot of and come up the stairs on your left. If you have problems with stairs you can park on Bath St. and enter the doors under the steeple.

Advertise In the Springfield Reporter

Do you or do you know of someone who wants to advertise in the *Springfield Reporter*? We offer a variety of opportunities in which businesses can simultaneously promote their business while also supporting SCA in its efforts to inform, maintain and improve the community we share. The SCA Media Kit, which includes details and prices, can be found on our website at springfieldcivic.org. Click on Join SCA and scroll down to Business Advertising. Click on Media Kit.

Email us with any questions at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com.

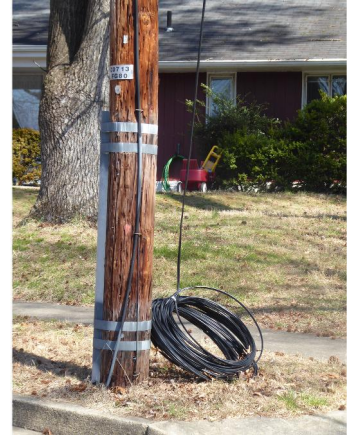
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Census 2020

Why Conduct a Census?

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Census Timeline-Watch Your Mail

March 12-20: An invitation to respond to the census

March 16-24: A reminder letter

If you haven't responded yet, you will receive additional notifications:

March 26-April 3: A postcard reminder

April 8-16: A reminder letter and paper questionnaire

April 20-27: A final reminder postcard before receiving a follow-up in person.

To ensure a complete and accurate count, census takers will visit residents who did not respond.

For more information, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/census>

Metro Run and Walk

3 Ways to Get Moving This Spring

Warmer weather, blooming flowers, and more hours of sunlight are all great motivators to get moving this spring. Whether you are going for a run, participating in a race, or simply walking around your neighborhood, Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running will provide you with everything you need. Come visit us and learn all about the exciting ways we can help you get moving this spring!

Get the Perfect Fitting Shoe

The first step to starting a successful exercise regimen is getting comfortable shoes. At Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running, we provide each customer with a gait analysis to help them find the perfect shoe. An expert staff member will watch you walk or run and determine which category of shoe will work best for your foot. In addition, your arch will be measured, and inserts will potentially be recommended to help the shoe fit even better! Complete the process by purchasing socks and apparel so that you will be comfortable and ready to move from head to toe.



Join a Training Program

Now that you have the perfect shoe, consider joining a Potomac River Running Training Program. This spring join a session of our Running 101, Start with a Step, PR Fit, Interval, or Youth Track Programs. These programs meet at our various store locations throughout the northern Virginia area. Training programs are a great way to get a set workout schedule, work with a coach, and find people of all levels to run with.

Check out our website at prtrainingprograms.com for more information about locations and signing up.

Sign Up for a Race

Spring is the perfect time to sign up for a race. The weather is warmer, and it is a great time to test out those new shoes. Head to praces.com to find a race you want to sign up for. With each Potomac River Running race, you will receive a t-shirt, medal, and delicious snacks at the finish line!

Spring Bucket List Challenge

Last but not least, we have a spring bucket list challenge running from March 1st to May 31st. The goal of the challenge is to complete 100 miles (walking or running) while also checking off various fun spring activities such as running by cherry blossom trees. Stop by our Springfield location today to pick up your challenge card and start working toward a fun prize!



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After years of success supplying volunteers to our pilot school, Crestwood Elementary, GrandInvolve has expanded our program to every Title 1 School in the Mount Vernon and Lee Magisterial District. Opportunities are available at the following Lee District Schools Forestdale ES, Springfield Estates ES, Cameron ES, Garfield ES, Rose Hill ES, Crestwood ES, Lynbrook ES, Mount Vernon Woods ES and Hybla Valley ES. We hope that you will consider volunteering at one of these schools. The teachers and students are so appreciative of your time, your life experience and your interest! You will love being a GrandInvolve volunteer!



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Lee High School Lancer Singers

Musical Notes and Updates from the Lee High Lancer Singers

By Nazmee Kamal and Bella Cruz, Public Relations Officers for the Lancer Singers

Our three Lee High School chorus ensembles have been busy this winter. We had five students successfully audition and represent Lee High in the District chorus concert, where a dozen schools came together to perform. This is a wonderful honor. And now, the Lancer Singers have been preparing tremendously for our state assessment on March 28th! Assessment in music programs is the equivalent to a standardized test (SOL) in a core class, so the choir program at Lee High School is taking this very seriously. We are working to create beautiful, complex music that shows our amazing abilities. Mr. Hartsell, our Choir Director at Lee High School has had special guests come to class and work with each choir individually and provide additional feedback on ways our groups can improve and grow. It has been fascinating to have someone come in and provide another perspective, and reinforce some of the critiques Mr. Hartsell has given us. We have learned a lot from these fresh faces and we are so grateful to have them visit!



In addition to singing our prepared selections at assessment, the three choirs will also participate in a sight-reading challenge. Sight-reading is a skill that choirs are tested on, which is our ability to quickly and efficiently interpret a few measures of music that we have never seen before. Every choir that goes to assessment must perform a sight-reading piece for their adjudicator. The Lancer Singers are improving our sight-reading and ability to analyze new music by practicing with mock sight-readings during class. This portion of the assessment tends to be the most stressful, but we are feeling more and more prepared with each practice.

To ensure that we are fully prepared for assessment, we will be performing a **pre-assessment concert on March 17th at 7:00 pm, at Grace Presbyterian Church. Please come hear us sing!** There, we will perform and receive feedback from a guest clinician/mock adjudicator on what to improve so that they can be most successful at assessment. While assessment season can be a stressful time for us Lancer Singers, Mr. Hartsell, has been working to make sure we are well-prepared. Assessment will take place at Edison High School on March 28th, and we look forward to doing the best we can and showing how much we've learned thus far.

Friends of Lake Accotink (FLAP)

FLAP is MOVING their April monthly Lake Accotink Park Clean-up from 12 April (Easter Sunday) to **Saturday 11 April**. We are excited to team-up with FCPA and the Nature Conservancy for the FCPA WATERSHED Clean Up on **Saturday 11 April**.

On Saturday 11 March, we will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes (must be registered). The plastic eggs will be placed at various locations throughout the clean-up location. Our special Egg Team will be placing (hiding) and retrieving all Eggs.

DATE: Saturday 11 April 2020

TIME: 9am - 11am Clean-up 11:45 Prizes (Marina)

LOCATIONS:

- Lake Accotink Trail entrance Ellet and Inverchapel
- Lake Accotink Marina
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance at the end of Danbury Forest/ Lonsdale Dr.
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance Queensbury and Hatteras

REGISTER: OPENS ON 16 MARCH www.nature.org/fairfaxcleanup



WATERSHED Clean Up Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 11 April

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twitter.com/accotinkfriends

TIME: 9:00am - 11:00 (Prize Awards 11:45 Marina)
WHERE: *Several Meeting Locations*

- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance *Ellet and Inverchapel*
(Dave Gibson, Jim Hickey)
- *Lake Accotink Marina (Ariko VanBrunt, Karole Nielson)
- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance at the end of *Danbury Forest/ Lonsdale Dr.* (Meghan Walker)
- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance *Queensbury and Hatteras*
(Margaret Kinder, Yasmine Marrero)

Register: *OPENS ON 16 MARCH* www.nature.org/fairfaxcleanup
Note: Long sleeves, gloves, boots and long pants are encouraged

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Free Tax Preparation Help

During tax season (January to April), certain branches host free tax assistance events where IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers prepare and file their income tax returns. Go to <http://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax/free-help> for a complete list of participating libraries. Tax preparation help at Richard Byrd Library is held from 9:30-1:00 in meeting rooms 1& 2 on the following dates:

Saturday, March 14

Saturday, March 21

Saturday, March, 28



Saturday, April 4

Saturday, April 11

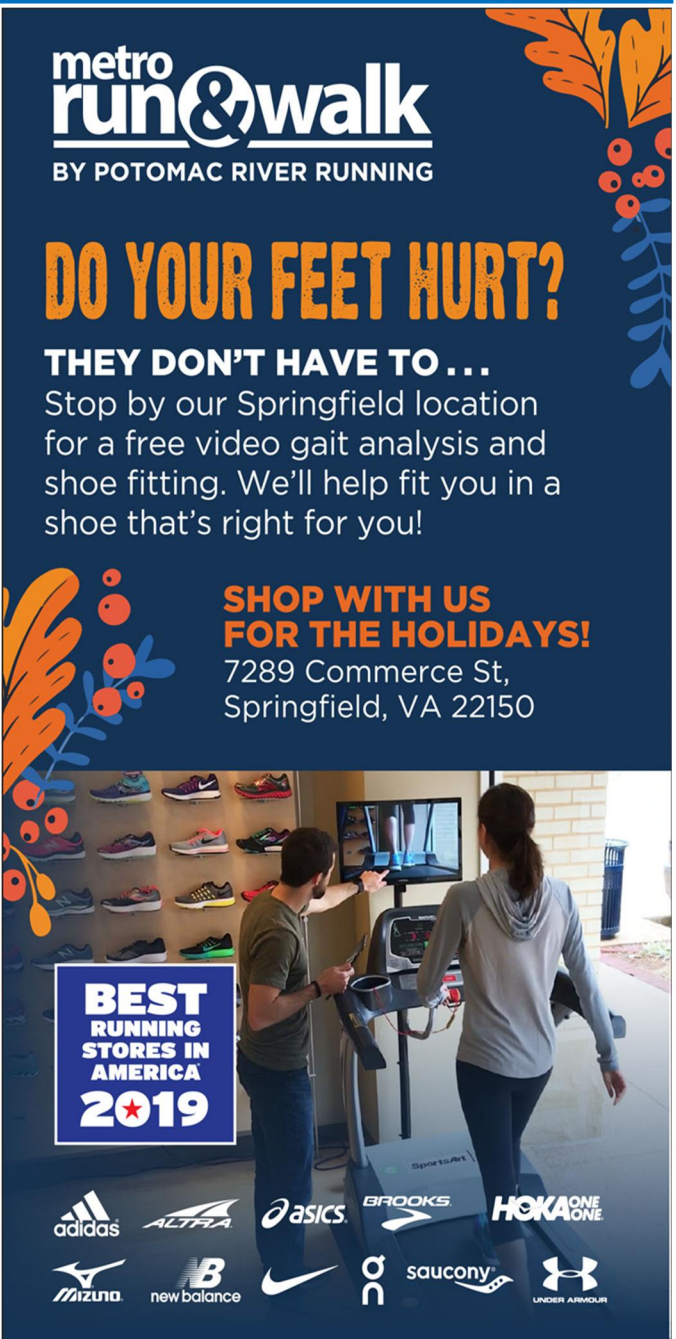
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The owners of Springfield's own Sandwich Republic are graciously donating cookies for our March 17 meeting snacks. If you've never tried their cookies, you are in for a treat!

They offer many different varieties of cookies including peanut butter, half peanut butter/half chocolate, oatmeal raisin, chocolate and M&M. All of them are yummy!

Thank you Jay and Soo for sharing your delicious cookies with the SCA at the March meeting.

Check them out: www.SandwichRepublicVA.com



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Designed for adults to learn more about how the fire department is organized and operates. The Community Fire & Rescue Academy (CFRA) is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Classes meet Thursday evenings for eight consecutive weeks, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning **March 26, 2020** and ending **May 14, 2020**. Each session, participants learn about a different aspect of the fire department, ranging from fire suppression, emergency medical services, hiring and training firefighters to special rescue operations. Participants will also spend time at fire stations, training academy, Public Safety Headquarters, and at the 911 dispatch center. For more information please contact Deputy Chief Willie Bailey, Health, Safety, and Wellness Division via email at fire.cfra@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To learn more about the program and to sign up, please go here:

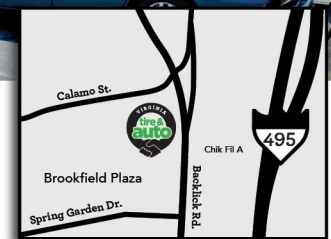
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/cfra>

You do not need to be CERT trained to attend this program.

It is important to note the Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy is a vehicle that provides an overview of and in-depth look at the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department. The Citizens Fire Academy is not intended to train participants as firefighters/EMTs or assist in an emergency situation.



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American Legion Post 176 Events

March Events: (all are open to the public)

- March 12—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- March 18—Bridge, 7:00pm
- March 19—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- March 20—St. Patrick's Dinner, 5:30pm
- March 26—Cribbage, 7:00pm

April Events :

- April 1—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- April 2—Bridge, 7:00pm
- April 9—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- April 12—Easter Buffet, 8:00am—2:00pm
- April 14—Blood Drive, 1:30pm
- April 15—Bridge, 7:00pm
- April 16—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- April 23—Cribbage, 7:00pm
- April 30—Cribbage, 7:00pm



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Old Keene Mill Road Transit Center News

Construction on the Springfield Multi-Use Transit Center is postponed from the previously schedule start date of March 2020 due to the additional requirements to modify construction documents that adhere to federal bidding and construction regulations. Construction is now scheduled to begin in **September-October 2020**.

As was discussed at a community meeting last fall, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has identified alternative, temporary parking for users of the existing park-and-ride lot during construction, until the new Springfield Garage is completed in the spring of 2023. The public will be notified at least two months ahead of the park and ride closure and the relocation plan for slug lines that currently operating at the Old Keene Mill commuter lot will be:

[Springfield United Methodist Church](#) - 54 commuter parking spaces.

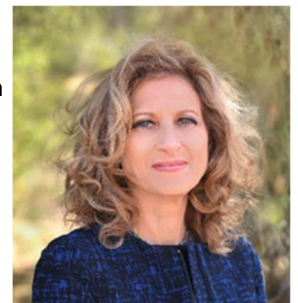
[Springfield Town Center Frontier Garage](#) - 800 commuter parking spaces on the 2nd, 4th and 6th level parking areas. The slug line pickup area is located on the 1st level parking area.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/springfield-garage>

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Women as Changemakers

Joan B. Michelson, MBA, an award-winning, creative business and communications leader, journalist, producer, and public speaker will be the featured speaker at the Springfield Golf and Country Club on Saturday, March 21. She is widely known as the host and producer of the acclaimed Green Connection Radio podcast series, which provides insightful interviews with top innovators and leaders, especially women, from business, government, media, academia, the arts and non-profits. Ms. Michelson will highlight women changemakers, including her great-great-aunt, a journalist who interviewed Susan B. Anthony and other suffragists.



The event is hosted by the Springfield-Annandale branch of the American Association of University Women, and will include a silent auction and luncheon beginning at 11:00 am. Proceeds from the event will support efforts to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. All are welcome.

Reservations must be made by March 14. The cost is \$45. To make a reservation, e-mail SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com. For additional information, call 703-560-1760.

Song Of March

Patricia L. Cisco

With winter's footprints in the past,
and snows begin to melt at last.

With longer days and shorter nights,
the wayward winds of March take flight.

Four winds she holds within her grip,
then hurls them from her fingertip.

Her woolly, fleecy clouds of white,
she sets in skies of blue delight.

Her wild bouts of gusty breezes
roar through valleys, hills, and trees.



That high pitch whistling song she sings
awakens earth and flowering things.

She tears a hole in heaven's sky
so sun can shine and rain can cry.

She gently calms as spring draws near,
as blooming daffodils appear.

She welcomes April showers in,
then gathers up her dwindling winds.
Now her long hourney home begins.

Knowing she'll be back this way,
upon a cold. Late winter's day,

When nights grow short
and days grow long.
Listen for her whistling song!

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

If you have not taken the Basic CERT class, there are three (3) upcoming chances to do so. What are you waiting for? Sign up for the Basic CERT class now.

If you have already taken the class, then tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about it.

This CERT Basic training follows the FEMA curriculum, and is tailored to address potential local disasters and hazards. The instruction is adapted to conform to Fairfax County and Fort Belvoir emergency preparedness and response protocols and procedures. The training consists of a combination of lectures and hands-on demonstrations and drills to develop the students' skills in the areas of emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Learn how to prevent the spread and mitigate the impact of public health threats such as measles, the flu, and respiratory viruses like COVID-19. The Lead Instructor will provide prospective students with directions and Post access information, class preparation information and a class schedule (syllabus) at least one week prior to the first class meeting. The text and study guide (Participants Manual) will be issued at the first meeting. Students are also provided with basic personal protective equipment for the training that they may retain upon completion of the course. This training does not require any physical strength or agility.

To register, please click on the class title or the link, and the link will be directed to the registration page. If you have difficulties, please let me know and I will manually register you for the class.



[CERT 157 Ft Belvoir](#) (Thursdays) March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2020, 6:30 – 10:00, Fort Belvoir Motorcycle Safety Training Facility (Building 259), 5801 18th St., Ft. Belvoir, VA

[CERT 158 Saratoga Community Class](#) – (Sat) March 21: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, (Fri) March 27: 6:30 - 10:00pm, (Sat) March 28: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, (Fri) April 3: 6:30 - 10:00 pm, (Sat) April 4: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Rd., Springfield VA 22153

To register for CERT classes and Events, go to https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71566

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March Meeting
Tuesday, March 17
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