

A MESSAGE FROM THE MHNA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Well we finally got our medians! Congratulations to all who worked so hard to implement the Miller Heights Traffic Calming Plan. These are landscaped medians and MHNA will be planting them in the Fall. If you'd like to contribute something (labor or money) to the median planting please let us know. We hope it makes our neighborhood a little bit safer. **See the photos on the following page.**

The rezoning application for the AT&T site at 3033 Chain Bridge Rd has been rescinded and a new plan is being developed. Nothing has been shared with the community but EYA, the developer, has told us that they plan to have a new plan soon and will reengage with the community. We suspect that after VDOT raised major concerns about the Rosehaven Solution and other transportation plans in the developer's rezoning application, the developer recognized that the site could not support the proposed density. Based on surveys and community outreach, we found that most of the community liked the mixed use concept, but considered the density and failure to mitigate impacts on local traffic unacceptable. So hopefully they are rightsizing the development, as has been heartily advocated by MHNA and other Oakton community organizations over the last few years.

Fairfax County is continuing the Oakton Congestion Mitigation and Safety Study <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/oakton-safety>, which was funded to address concerns about existing Oakton traffic in light of the new AT&T development. There will be more meetings with preliminary plans coming up soon – we will keep you apprised. Please join and share your ideas!

The fraternity members residing (and partying) at the corner of Melanie and Miller Rd have moved out after the landlord was alerted by MHNA about the disruptive and dangerous situation, including a late night crash where a utility pole was run over and residents lost power for ~10 hours.

Our Secretary, Sammy Shuster, is going to college in the Fall so we are looking for someone to fill her position. This is a great position for a high schooler who is looking to build their resume for college and learn about how local civic organizations work!

We've been putting up door hangers to encourage folks in the neighborhood who are not current members to join MHNA. Thanks to all who are hanging. We are hoping to surpass 200 households this year. If you know someone new to the neighborhood please alert us so we can welcome them.

As always, I remind everyone to please let us know if you have any questions about what we are doing or have suggestions for what more we can do or how we can do things better. And if anyone wants to work on something in the neighborhood that fits the MHNA mission, let us know. We can always create a committee and support you in your efforts.

Perhaps it merits saying that in these contentious times it's more important than ever that we keep doing what we do best in Miller Heights, being great neighbors!

Doug Shuster
MHNA President

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CONTACTS

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Our New Medians



Miller Rd & Miller Hts



Oakton Rd & Miller Hts

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Trails & Environment	Sara Holtz
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency - Police, Fire, Medical)	911
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Poison Control (TTY)	711
Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Victim Assistance Network (Crisis Hotline)	703-360-7273
Animal Control	703-691-2131
Animal Shelter	703-830-1100
Fairfax County Fire Dept. Hdqtrs.	703-246-2126
Fairfax County Health Dept. (Code compliance)	703-324-1300
Fairfax County Health Dept. (sewer/septic)	703-246-2201
Fairfax Park Authority	703-324-8700
Fairfax Water Authority (after hrs. emergency)	703-698-5800
Hazardous Trees	703-324-1770
Household Hazardous Waste Infoline	703-324-5230
Miss Utility (underground utility marking)	1-800-552-7001
National Weather Service	571-888-3500
Storm Drainage Flooding (after hrs. emergency)	703-323-1211
VDOT (road hazards and conditions)	1-800-367-7623
Washington Gas emergency	844-927-4427
Power Outage (Dominion Power)	1-866-366-4357
Report Potholes (VDOT)	1-800-367-7623
Wildlife Assistance Helpline	703-440-0800

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

THE MILLER HEIGHTS SOCIAL CLUB

The Miller Heights Neighborhood has another neighborhood group called the Miller Heights Social Club (MHSC). Originally called the Miller Heights Co-op, the organization was formed for families with young children. Over the years the group has changed focus to social events for families and adults of all ages. Our annual events are intended for neighbors to come together, get to know one another, and build relationships. Our events have included: Wine & Beer Tasting, Halloween Family Party & Chili Cook-off, Ladies Bunko Night, Men's Poker Night, Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, Holiday Cookie Exchange, Progressive Dinner, Spring Family Party, Summer Fiesta, and Family Pizza Party. To join visit: <https://forms.gle/RmvgOgkq7YvE3Nvh9> or with questions, email: millerheightssocialclub@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at a future event!

MILLER HEIGHTS FACEBOOK GROUP

The **Miller Heights Neighborhoods Facebook group** is for residents of Miller Heights in Oakton, VA, to share news, information and upcoming events that might be of interest to our neighborhood. This closed group has grown to **651** members and it is still growing with lots of posts.

The MHNA Facebook group is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and videos, send messages and keep in touch with neighbors. You can find all kinds of useful information on our Facebook page!

You can be invited to join by your neighbor or you can request to join yourself. Check [\(20+\) Miller Heights Neighborhood | Facebook](#).

OUR MHNA WEBSITE

As we mentioned in previous newsletters, the MHNA website is continually updated with new features and information for you. The site works well and allows you to join MHNA and update your directory and sitter information yourselves. The **Member Portal** contains the MHNA Member Directory and the Sitter/Helper Directory. You can quickly pay your MHNA dues on the site and can easily access and update your information.

Check our website at www.mhnanews.com

To claim your household, register and update your profile and pay your dues, go to:

[MHNA Member Portal Login - MHNA Membership Portal \(mhnanews.com\)](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We send out over **578** emails to our MHNA residents each time we have MHNA announcements, meeting notices, Newsletters, and other communications. Although we have **565** homes in Miller Heights, we only have email addresses for about **398** unique homes, since many homes have multiple email addresses and others have not supplied their email addresses. If you know some of your neighbors are not receiving our mailings, please suggest they provide their email addresses to us. They can provide this information by contacting us at:

info@mhnanews.com or going to our website www.mhnanews.com for more information. When residents provide their information, such as address, phone numbers and email addresses, they have the option of keeping the information private if they prefer. We also see that many who are receiving the announcements and newsletters are not opening their emails or their emails may be going into their JUNK or SPAM folders.

You can help get the word out

Walking Safely!

Submitted by Rebecca Pick

WALK ON LEFT SIDE FACING TRAFFIC! You need to be able to see what is coming at you.
Thank you!



OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT.)

Membership Update

by **Abheshek Narain**

Following a membership drive started in April, MHNA has seen a substantial increase in paid memberships since January 2026. We are very excited about this renewed interest and support by our fellow neighbors, including new residents who have expressed interest in volunteering for various MHNA efforts. Like always, we urge members to share the value of MHNA with their neighbors, both new and long-time residents as we continue to receive email and notes from residents highlighting the value they have found from MHNA and its efforts over the years.

Below is a quick status on the MHNA Membership levels for reference:

Total Membership Status	
	8/18/26
Total Eligible Households	565
Claimed	261
Paid	188
Unpaid	73
Unclaimed	304

The increase of paid members to 188 returns us to levels last seen in almost two years ago. With the constant change and transition of homes in our neighborhood, we encourage you to share the benefits and value of supporting MHNA with your non-member neighbors and request they join to support. Neighbors can join by visiting MHNA's website (www.mhnanews.org), re-register and submit the annual donations. Only together can we continue to keep our neighborhood as amazing as it is.

If you have any updates to your contact information, please visit our Membership portal (<https://www.mhnanews.org/portal/login.php>), or reach out to membership@mhnanews.org.

As a reminder, if you prefer to remit your donation by check, please feel free to submit payment to "Miller Heights Neighborhoods Association" P.O. Box 538, Oakton, VA 22124

Thank you for your continued support of the Miller Heights Neighborhoods Association and its goals and activities. We look forward to your engagement and the continued sharing of information about MHNA and our activities with your neighbors.

-Abheshek Narain

Treasurer & Membership Chair

Miller Heights Neighborhoods Association (MHNA)

Editor Notes

Kid's Newsletter

As you can see, once again there is not a Kid's Newsletter this month. Sammy Shuster, our chief editor for the Kids Newsletter, is going off to college. This is a good opportunity for a high schooler to take over the leadership.

We are looking to see if there are other young writers in the neighborhood who may be interested in joining the Kid's Newsletter team.

If you know of someone who may be interested, please let me know. Send your email to Editor@mhnanews.com.

Thank you.

Woodworking Note

As some of you know, I am a hobby woodworker and have been for many years. I belong to a couple woodworking groups. One is the **Washington Woodworkers Guild** and we have meetings and events every month. You might want to check out our website at Washington Woodworkers Guild - Woodworking Organization - DC, MD, VA.

Another excellent woodworking organization is **PATINA** (Potomac Antique Tools and Industries Association}. We also have meetings every month, in addition to special events. You can visit their site at Potomac Antique Tools and Industries Association - PATINA.

Both of these organizations welcome both new and experienced woodworkers, and those who just want to learn how to begin.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

We are still seeing far too many instances of drivers, especially on Miller Heights Road, exceeding posted speed limits. We have many neighbors walking and enjoying the fresh air along the roads, children playing throughout the neighborhood and contractors providing service to our residents. Over the years, we have had speed bumps and speed limit signs installed and have asked the FFX County police to place speed cameras in various locations now and then. Now, we have added more visible yard signs and speed humps to remind drivers to slow down.



OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT.)

Vice President's Note for August

By Judith Schneider-Fletcher

The summer of music continues at the Fletcher-Schneider home. This week was ABBA at Wolf Trap – talk about going back in time! They sang songs from when I was a 14! Dancing Queen, feel the beat of the tambourines...It was a good show, wore my dancing shoes and had fun. A good date night! Dinner at Pazzo Pomodoro and box seats with my honey. Next up: Jon Batiste at Wolf Trap, then Avett Brothers and a night in Charlottesville for Mumford and Sons. Yes, I love live music performances! I have since my first concerts. The Cars, The Police, The Who, Fleetwood Mac, Bruce Springsteen, The Eagles and many, many others. Back in Florida when a teen could afford the \$8 ticket and off we'd go

Anyways, enough of music and \$8 concerts

We had a good summer in Miller Heights and lots to be happy about like the medians are finally in! I could use some help with entrance clean up and mulching this fall and we'll plant something in each median– full sun for Oakton Rd and full shade plants for Miller Road.

Miller Heights Bash is Sept 26th

Coat Drive is Oct 31 – Dec 31

Entrance clean up and median planting dates TBD. HELP IS NEEDED!

Thanks for your support of this project.

The Miller Heights Bash

Saturday, September 26th 2-6pm

Celebrate living in Miller Heights with your friends and neighbors at the Annual Bash. Please join is for the 7th annual Bash at the Corner of Saddlestone and Cranbrook Lane. We'll be partying and playing games from 2-6 on Saturday, Sept 26th with a rain date of Sept 27th.

There will be all kinds of kids activities and we've scheduled a fire engine and police vehicles to stop by. Come and meet your board members and neighbors! There'll be lots of free ice cream and lemonade. If you want to support this event or have good ideas of how to make it better and more fun, please IM Judith Schneider on FB.



We will have music by Molly and Mark. At the BASH.

And amazing Tacos sponsored by Deb Meyer Cohen ([Deb Cohen - Loudoun](#))



Are you a DJ? We're looking for a DJ to assist with the music portion. Also looking for artists that might be interested in doing face painting. This is a pro bono gig, but we'll supply the paints and stuff. If you or your teen is interested in showcasing their talents as a DJ or face painter, please message me via the Facebook messenger app.

Miller Heights Annual Coat Drive

Miller Heights is once again participating in a Winter Coat Drive for 2026 with the Providence Supervisor's office. Drop off new or used (clean) coats from October 31 to December 31 at 3312 Saddlestone Ct.

Leave the bagged coats on the front step and we'll get them to Providence Community Center for distribution. Our Goal for 2026 is 26 bags of coats!



Help your community stay warm this winter!

Remember:



NOTARY Services by Judith are free to paid members of MHNA.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

GOCA Update

(Greater Oakton Community Association)

GOCA Update - August 2026

Dear Oakton Neighbors and Friends,

Come join us for the fifth annual **Oakton Day in the Park!** This community festival is **Sunday, August 30, from 1 - 4 pm**, at Oakton Community Park, 2841 Hunter Mill Road. There will be entertainment, food, and activities for all ages. Popular local musicians, The Rockits, will perform on the lawn under the shade trees, so feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit and enjoy the music. The lawn will also feature an animal petting zoo and antique cars. The schoolhouse will be open to explore and learn from docents about its history.

Tony's Pizza, Famous Dave's BBQ and Ben & Jerry's ice cream will be selling their most popular favorites. There will be a craft table for kids and Friends of Oakton Library will have their "pop-up" book sale. You'll find games on the field, and the parking lot will be filled with local nonprofits for you to learn more about the community, plus plenty of other activities. The Fairfax County Park Authority will be present to display and take feedback on improvements to the park--including restrooms, a small kitchen, and a pavilion.

Parking is available at both Unity Church of Fairfax and Oakton Library, then attendees will have a short walk along the Hunter Mill Road sidewalk to the park. For those unable to walk from Unity Church or Oakton Library, a limited number of handicapped spots will be available at the park. Drivers can also take attendees to the drop-off area in front of the park, then proceed to park their car.

We are seeking volunteers to help with Oakton Day in the Park. Volunteer shifts range from 60 - 90 minutes, so you will still have time to enjoy the other festivities. To volunteer, [sign up here](#). Volunteering is a great way to meet our neighbors!

Other Items

How You Can Get Involved

The future of Oakton depends on informed, engaged residents. Here's how you can make a difference:

- **Speak up** on issues like transportation, development, and community planning.
- **Support** the schoolhouse initiatives and preservation efforts.
- **Volunteer** to help with Oakton Day in the Park.
- **Participate** in stewardship activities like invasive plant removal.
- **Share** our newsletters with friends.
- **Follow** us on Facebook and Instagram.
- **Donate** to sustain GOCA's advocacy and programming (see link below).

Greater Oakton Community Association

Oakton Day in the Park

**Sunday, August 30
1 - 4 pm**

Oakton Community Park
2841 Hunter Mill Road

Featuring:

Live Music

Petting Zoo

Antique Cars

Face Painting

Craft Table

Library Book Sale

And More!

Food & Drink:

Famous Dave's BBQ

Tony's Pizza

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream

Kettle Corn



Join us for an afternoon of fun for all ages!

Hunter Mill Corridor Historical Tour

Join the Greater Oakton Community Association on **October 17th** for this narrated bus tour, led by acclaimed local historian Jim Lewis. The 3 1/2-hour tour will cover the formation of Fairfax County in 1742 thru the early 1900s, and focus on sites primarily on or just off Hunter Mill Rd. You'll hear where the old mills/roads were located and about some of the famed military figures (particularly the Civil War era) and colorful residents who graced the area. Numerous "period photos" will support the narrative. This is really one of those experiences that you don't want to miss if you live in this area! The tour cost is \$45. per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. For additional details and reservations: [Sign Up Here](#).

Pony Rides in Oakton Community Park

The Greater Oakton Community Association will once again be offering their popular pony rides on **Sunday, September 20th**.

Join us at the Oakton Community Park, 2841 Hunter Mill Road.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

Rides are from 11 am to 2 pm. \$10 per ride; reservations are required.

Rides are every 10 minutes. You can reserve your time slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEA82DABFDC25-65098716-pony>

Pony Rides in Oakton Community Park

Sunday, September 20th
11 am - 2 pm



Rides every
10 minutes

\$10 per Ride
Reservations
required



Riders must be
2 years or older

For more information, email
contact@greateroakton.com

2841 Hunter Mill Road
Oakton, Virginia



With best regards,

The GOCA Board

Lauren Crum and Shelley Deutch, Co-Chairs

Linda Byrne, Anne Carter, Lauren Crum, Jackie Davey, Shelley Deutch, Mark Deaton, Kris Olsen, Janet Kerr-Tener, Robin Thurman, Gary Wong

Visit us at www.greateroakton.com

GOCA is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, and 100% of your donations go to our community efforts. To donate, please visit our Paypal link. If you would like to become more actively involved, email us at contact@greateroakton.com and we can match you with the right opportunity.

Dog Daze

at The Water Mine

Saturday, September 12, 2026 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Dogs-only Swimming
Family Fun
\$15 per dog

The Water Mine goes to the dogs with a season-ending event to benefit your parks through the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/dogs



The Water Mine at Lake Fairfax Park
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive • Reston



703-324-8563 • TTY Va. Relay 711

Bring your best furry friend to The Water Mine for a dogs-only swimming extravaganza on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, Virginia.

The Water Mine's pools, sprays, showers and water playgrounds are the ultimate way for you and your dog to end the summer season. Whether your pooch prefers to frolic through the sprays or float in the water, Dog Daze is the perfect place to make more dog-loving friends, entertain the whole family and have a doggone good time.

The entry is \$15 per dog and all proceeds benefit parks through the Fairfax County Park Foundation. [See the rules and Buy tickets in advance](#) to secure your dog's spot. If capacity allows, tickets may be purchased at the door.

Learn more about FCPA's dog-focused activities and events on the [Dogs of Fairfax County](#) website.

[You can help FCPF support FCPA Dog Parks and Programs through the Fairfax County Park Foundation!](#)



NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

Oakton Nature Instagram Page (@oakton_nature)

Check out this new Instagram account featuring beautiful photos & fun facts about nature in our amazing Oakton community.

- Follow us!
- Comment on our posts!
- Share your best photos of nature in Oakton (with or without captions) & we'll post them!
- Share Oakton_nature with nature enthusiasts!

(@oakton_nature) • Instagram photos and videos

instagram.com



To those of you on Instagram, check out our new account @oakton_nature & follow, like, comment, share our stories & posts. Message us through IG to share nature photos you take in Oakton

A Special Note on Trash and Recycling

There is a lot of very good and helpful information on handling your trash, composting and recycling at the following Fairfax County link for the Fairfax Recycles Newsletter:

[Recycling and Trash | Public Works and Environmental Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/public-works/recycling-and-trash)

MHNA has been a big supporter of recycling and composting, an effort that Sara Holtz has championed for our neighborhood.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

This is your newsletter. We want to get community event updates, block party news, general neighborhood news, questions and answers about issues, opinions (not political), and just neighborhood stories written by our residents. **If you have information, items of interest to our community, or human interest stories you would like included in the Newsletter, send it to us. Photos are always invited and welcome.**

If you do have input or ideas about content, contact Barry Ingram at:
editor@mhnanews.org

FARMERS MARKETS

Oakmont Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 6 - Oct 28, 2026

[Oakmont Rec Center Location](#)

Wakefield Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 6 - Oct 28, 2026

[Audrey Moore Rec Center Location](#)

Herndon Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 7 - Oct 29, 2026

[700 Lynn St, Herndon, VA 20170](#)

Reston Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Apr 25 - Nov 21

[Farmers Market Location: Reston](#)



UPCOMING NEARBY EVENTS

Friends of Oakton Library Book Sale

October 14 - 18

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10am - 5:30pm

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

Commonwealth of Virginia Unclaimed Property

Submitted by Barry Ingram

Once a year, the Post, and papers in other states, publish **Unclaimed Property Lists**. The Washington Post just published the one for Virginia on Sunday, August 9. It is also available at the Virginia Department of the Treasury at this link. Vamoneysearch.gov.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed Property is unclaimed or abandoned intangible property. It represents a certain obligation a company is holding for another person or business. It includes checking and saving accounts, certificates of deposit, over payments, insurance checks, payroll checks, utility refunds, money orders, un-cashed checks, dividends, stocks, bonds, contents of safe deposit boxes and more.

How does property become unclaimed or abandoned and how can I prevent that from happening to me?

Generally, if the property in question has not had any activity within a certain period of time, e.g., three years for most properties, and the holder is unable to locate the property owner, it is considered abandoned and must be reported to the Unclaimed Property Division of the State Treasurer's Office. To prevent your accounts from becoming unclaimed or abandoned, keep accounts active and make sure that you make a deposit or withdrawal, update your contact information, or contact your financial institution at least every three years.



Fairfax County Parks

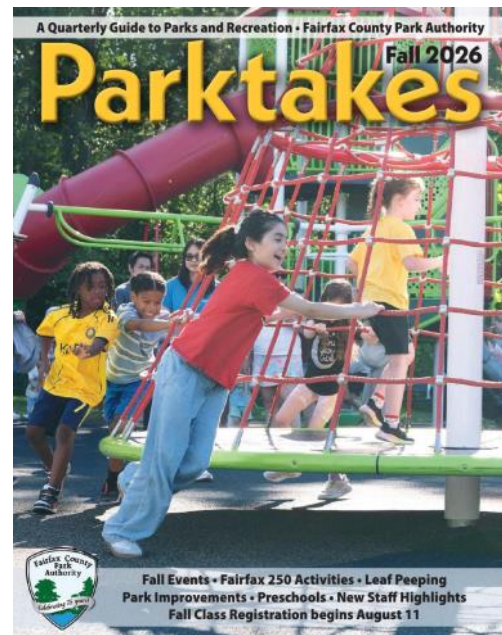
Looking for things for you or your family to do? Classes to take? Recreation or exercise? Well, take a tour through the Winter Guides from the Fairfax County Park Authority. Of course, the Oakmont Recreation Center is the closest one to Miller Heights. You can also view the guide at the Park Authority website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes>

Outdoor, indoor and virtual class options are available in a wide range of interest areas including:

Choose from a variety of options and formats:

- Outdoor and indoor fitness classes
- Learn to swim group lessons and private lessons
- Children's and adult classes
- Nature & history programs
- Sports
- Scouting
- Golf lessons
- Gardening
- Virtual classes and camps – Fitness, nature, music, drama, coding
- Astronomy

The fitness centers offer a wide variety of cardiovascular machines, including treadmills, ellipticals and bikes, most with personal television viewing screens. For strength training, we have several lines of Cybex and Free Motion strength training machines as well as free weights.



[Fall Parktakes 2026 | PDF to Flipbook](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)



A Message from Supervisor Dalia Palchik

There are only a few weekends of summer left, and I'd argue they're the best ones—long evenings, no homework yet, and the whole neighborhood still outside.

Over the last two weeks I've been so grateful for our community. We had the theater filled for our premiere of Providence Perspectives: Tysons 150th. And at National Night Out I got to meet new neighbors while seeing many familiar faces.



Before the show at LOOK Cinemas for our Providence Perspectives premiere.



National Night Out at The Mather.

This fall, I'm looking forward to keeping the momentum going with our Food Drive and our partnership with Stuff the Bus—these are a great chance to give back as school starts and we get closer to the holiday season. We also have early registration open for Providence Fallfest, our back-to-school celebration. This year we'll be partnering with NCS and it is sure to be one to remember.

Sign up to receive my bi-weekly updates on what's happening at the Board, local events, ways to give back, and more

Community Updates

- ◆ Our office just received County bike maps from FCDOT. If you're a seasoned cyclist or want to become one, stop by the Jim Scott Community Center to grab a map. Or view a virtual version [here](#).
- ◆ Hosting a community meeting and want to raise awareness regarding ALU policies in Fairfax County? Access the ALU Community Meeting Toolkit [here](#).
- ◆ ArtsFairfax has launched a public art locator. Use the map to find unique art across the County. Check it out [here](#).
- ◆ Have pesticides you need to get rid of? The Virginia Cooperative Extension will be having their Pesticide disposal event. This only happens every 5 years so after September your next chance will be 2031. You must pre-register to dispose. Learn more [here](#).

bit.ly/PalchikPost!

All my best,

Supervisor Dalia Palchik

Dalia Palchik

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

E-bikes: legal or illegal?

This quick reference guide from FCPD breaks down the different types of e-bikes and restrictions by type. With more recent, widespread use it's important to stay in the know.



Classification	Description	Max Assisted Speed
Class 1	Pedal assisted only	20 mph
Class 2	Pedal assist + Throttle	20 mph
Class 3	Pedal assist ONLY	28 mph

- Electric power assisted bicycles(e-bikes) are governed under Virginia State Code 46.2-904
- E-bike riders are afforded the same rights and privileges and are subject to all the duties of bicyclists. E-bikes are treated in the same manner as bicycles
- Riders of e-bikes are not subject to the provisions of the code relating to requirements for driver's license, title, registration, and license plates
- E-bikes may be ridden in places where bicycles are allowed, including: streets, highways (not interstates), roads, shoulders, bicycle lanes and shared-use paths
- State and local agencies with jurisdiction over shared-use paths and trails may restrict the use of e-bikes
- Fairfax County does not currently restrict e-bike use on any county trails or shared use paths. Riders should always check signage as restrictions are subject to change
- Riders of class 3 e-bikes must be at least 14 years old unless under the supervision of a person who is at least 18 years old
- Fairfax County requires all riders of class 3 e-bikes to wear a helmet
- All riders of e-bikes under age 15 (regardless of class) must wear a helmet

Legal E-Bikes:

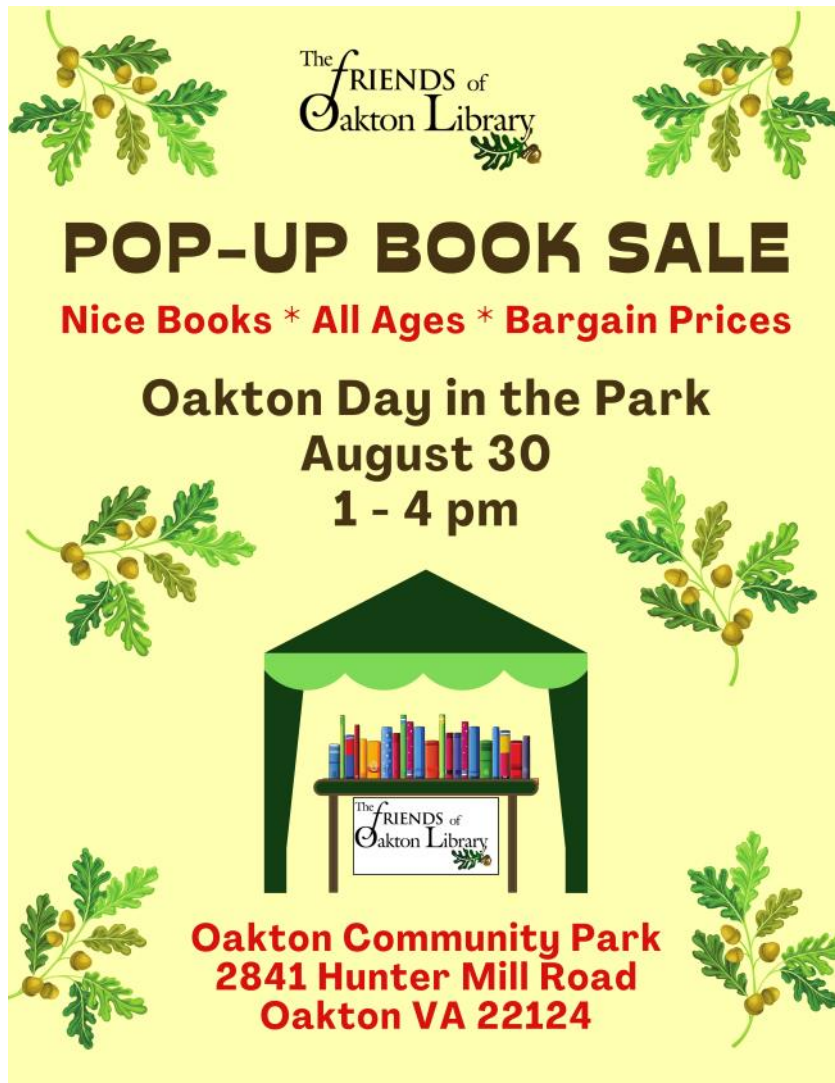
- Have pedals and a seat
- Have an electric motor of 750 watts or less
- Class 3 e-bike must be equipped with a speedometer



Any e-bike without pedals is illegal on any roadways and trails. If an e-bike without pedals is on the road they are considered motorcycles and subject to all laws pertaining to motorcycles to include driver's license, registration, insurance and license plates.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

Thank you, Miller Heights, for your support of the Oakton Library.



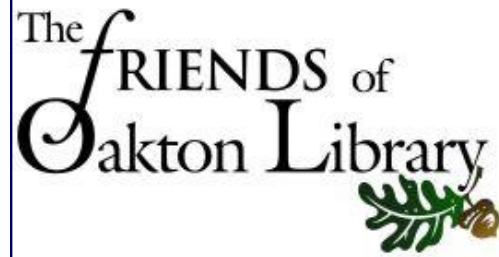
The FRIENDS of
Oakton Library

POP-UP BOOK SALE

Nice Books * All Ages * Bargain Prices

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August 30
1 - 4 pm

Oakton Community Park
2841 Hunter Mill Road
Oakton VA 22124



Volunteers are always welcome!

If you are interested in learning more about our work and/or would like to join our efforts to serve the library and our community please contact us

info@FriendsOfOaktonLibrary.org



Oakton Community Library Hours

Monday & Tuesday - 10 am to 9 pm
Wednesday through Saturday - 10 am to 6 P M

We welcome all our new neighbors and hope you meet a lot of new friends here in Miller Heights.

Also, if you know any of your new neighbors who do not receive our newsletter, please have them notify us.

Thank you,

Barry Ingram Editor@mhnanews.org

BOOK DONATION INFORMATION

Your book donations help to finance Oakton Library's programs and FCPL's collections as a whole.

When donating used books please note:

- Donations should be in good to excellent condition
- There is a limit of 3 grocery sized bags or small boxes per donation
- All donations should be left on the green cart just inside the Oakton Library lobby

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

More Area News You May Enjoy



Message from Supervisor Smith

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 15

[Starlight Cinema - Finding Nemo](#)

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23

[Centreville Regional Library Back to School Book Sale](#)

[Clear the Shelters](#)

Saturday, August 22

[Starlight Cinema - Cars](#)

Monday, August 24 - Monday, September 7

[Cub Run Rec Center's Pool and Spa Closed for Maintenance](#)

Tuesday, August 25

[Board of Supervisors Meeting](#)

Saturday, August 29

[Starlight Cinema - Zootopia 2](#)

Tuesday, September 8

[Bicycle Friendly Community Survey Deadline](#)

Wednesday, September 9

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

Monday, September 14

[I-66 Slugging Challenge Starts](#)

Friday, September 18

[VolunteerFest 2026](#)

Saturday, September 19

[Stuff the Bus](#)

Wednesday, September 23

[Westfields Fall Fest](#)

Friday, September 28

[Extended ALU Ordinance Feedback Deadline](#)

Fairfax Animal Shelter to Close Temporarily

Beginning **Monday, August 31, 2026**, Fairfax County Animal Services will temporarily close the Michael R. Frey Campus to complete an HVAC renovation that will take approximately six months. The Lorton Campus will remain open to the public with normal operating hours.

To help preserve space for animals with the greatest need, they have expanded their foster capacity and the support they provide to the community through our Pet Resource Center.

If you've been thinking about fostering or adopting, there's no better time! Every foster home and every adoption help create space to support even more pets in need. Sign up for one of their [upcoming foster information sessions](#) to see if fostering is right for you. View all their adoptable pets [here](#).

Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions and more about the upcoming closure.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

Submitted by Rhonda Savage - Friends of Centreville Library

Back to School Book Sale

Fiction and Nonfiction for all ages
DVDs, audiobooks, and more!

Friday, Aug. 21, 1pm-5pm

Saturday, Aug. 22, 10am-5pm

Sunday, Aug. 23, 12pm-5pm

\$5 Teacher Discount with School ID

*No electronic scanners allowed
Friday and Saturday.*



**Bag Sale on
Sunday! Fill a
grocery bag with
books and DVDs
for just \$10!**



Centreville Regional Library
14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville, VA 20121

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BOOK DONATION INFORMATION

Fairfax County Public Library welcomes donations of books in clean and good condition, both hardback and paperback, recently released or older, at any of [our 22 locations \(map it here\)](#). Books donated to the library may be added to the library's collection or supply a [Friends ongoing or seasonal book sale](#).

NATURE'S CORNER

TRAILS & ENVIRONMENT

Submitted by Sara Holtz

Habitat Restoration

Thanks to Fairfax County Park Authority Invasive Management Area (FCPA IMA) site leaders Tucker & Nick Newberry for their tireless efforts to restore habitat on parkland in Miller Heights by removing invasive plants, rescuing trees from killer invasive vines like English ivy, and planting native plants & trees. Weeding had an incredibly successful summer with sessions in June, July & August that attracted volunteers from Fairfax County Public Schools, Girl Scouts, Scouting America, Fairfax Master Naturalists, and county residents. We always welcome Miller Heights residents to join us!



Lots of activity in our yard these days, thanks to native plants (boneset, milkweed, ironweed, beebalm).



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We'll have a session on 8/16 attended by locally elected officials so perhaps I can update this with a sentence & photo after the 8/16 event.



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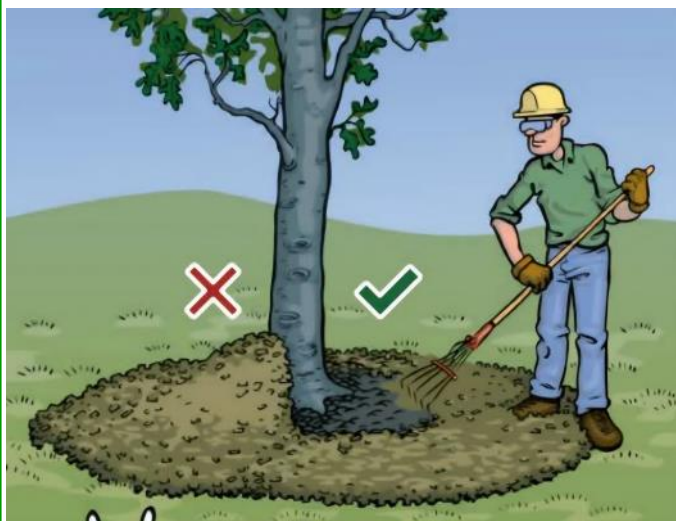
No mulch volcanoes!

Mulching is one of the most beneficial practices a homeowner can use for better tree health.

Don't be fooled by what you see some landscape companies doing. Those heaps of mulch are terrible for the trees.

The following link takes you to a wonderfully educational site that tells about Proper Mulching Techniques. Visit there for a very informative document.

https://www.treesaregood.org/Portals/0/TreesAreGood_Proper%20Mulch%20Tech_0321.pdf



Need service hours?

Join our effort to remove invasive plants from parkland in Miller Heights and replace them with native plants, for the benefit of local wildlife such as birds and pollinators/butterflies.

Contact Sara Holtz at sh12sh34@gmail.com for upcoming dates.

Pollinator Pathways

How do you join a Pollinator Pathway?

- ◆ **Go insecticide-free.** Pollinators won't make it in yards where insecticides are being broadcast.
- ◆ **Preserve and plant native plants.** Our local pollinators evolved with our local plants and require them to survive.

Tiny pockets of habitat, such as one person's yard, can support a surprising number of pollinators. But all critters - and even plants! - thrive best in large, connected areas where they can move around freely, finding shelter, mates, nesting areas, food, and water, and where they are safe from chemicals. Neighbors working together can grow a pollinator pathway, connecting their yards to each other and to nearby natural areas.

"[Pollinator Pathways](#)" started in New England and has spread from there to many states. Let's put Virginia on the map!

Contact Sara Holtz if you'd like a Pollinator Pathway sign for your yard.



MILLER HEIGHTS REAL ESTATE UPDATE

MAY 2026

Home Warranties

By Liz Potemra



This time our topic is home warranties. Here are some myths and facts about home warranties and why you may want to consider one for your home. Home warranties offer valuable peace of mind, but many people don't know when to buy them or how they work. Here's the truth behind four common home warranty misconceptions.

Home warranties and homeowners' insurance are the same.

False. Both help safeguard your home, but they cover different risks. Homeowners' insurance generally covers damage from disasters, fires and theft. Home warranties help pay to repair or replace plumbing, HVAC systems and major appliances when they break down from normal wear and tear.

Home warranties are only for older homes.

False. Buyers of newer and older homes can benefit from a home warranty. Unexpected problems with appliances and home systems can arise regardless of a home's age, and a new owner's usage habits may place different demands on them.

You can only get a home warranty when you first buy your home.

False. Existing homeowners can purchase coverage at any time, protecting their investment for the long term. Home sellers can buy warranties for prospective buyers, increasing the home's marketability.

It's easier to pay for repairs as they happen.

False. Unexpected home repairs don't happen at a convenient time. A single covered repair, such as an HVAC system, electrical issue or major appliance, can cost far more than the annual price of a home warranty. A home warranty protects homeowners' budgets for the unexpected instead of absorbing large repair bills all at once.

Home warranties only help when an issue arises.

False. Many home warranty providers have networks of qualified contractors and service professionals who can help you maintain your home regularly, not just support you when an issue occurs.

These are just a few of the common misconceptions our team hears about home warranties. Whether you're buying, selling or simply want to keep your house in tip-top shape, a home warranty could be right for you. If you are interested in a couple of great warranty companies, feel free to reach out.

Happy Summer

Your referral is the best compliment I can earn!



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Recent Real Estate Activity in Miller Heights:

Status	Address	Number of Beds	Last Update	List/Close Price	DOM
Active	11120 Tattersall Trail	5	7/23/2026	\$1,250,000	15
Contract	11180 Tattersall Trail	4	7/22/2026	\$1,299,000	46
Closed	11202 Cranbrook Ln	4	4/7/2026	\$1,522,500	5
Closed	2935 Miller Heights Road	4	6/15/2026	\$1,185,000	13
Closed	10910 Miller Road	5	5/29/2026	\$1,200,000	14
Closed	3105 Miller Heights Road	5	5/18/2026	\$1,150,000	61

Summer Survival: Squash, Squirrels, and the Great Bulb Massacre

Submitted by Farmer Brown

Well, it's summer, and if spring was a series of ambushes, summer is siege warfare — except now I'm also the one under siege, mostly from my own garden's expectations. But let me count my losses quickly: No plums, no kiwi berries, no peppers, no squash, no cucumbers, no honey berries, no mulberries, no service berries. A single kiwi fruit, a handful of blackberries, some lettuce and arugula, and maybe 7 pawpaws. Heavens, I could even get a peach if I'm really lucky! What a funny dream — those have already been foraged by the deer. Plucked too young. Fingers crossed my Asian Pear and Honey Celeste fig will survive the squirrel apocalypse and or the summer heat (hint: the summer heat beat out the squirrels), and I'll enjoy a few. If I don't, though, I'll need to think of tougher measures next year!



The Chip Drop Chronicles

Some time ago I received my very first chip-drop — a mountain of felled trees, branches, and leaves dumped unceremoniously like the universe's idea of a practical joke. What followed was roughly a month of solo, backbreaking, wheelbarrow-by-wheelbarrow relocation, hauling every last chip and twig around the garden by hand, alone, under a sun that showed absolutely zero mercy. There is nothing quite like standing knee-deep in wood chips at high noon questioning every life decision that led you there. But the beds are mulched, the paths are lined, and I have never appreciated shade — or a cold drink — more in my life.

Do Not Leave. I Repeat, Do Not Leave.

I need to say this plainly for any Gardners considering a summer vacation: don't. Or at least, don't during peak produce season, because I made this mistake once and I am still recovering. You spend all spring nursing tomatoes through frost, defending pears and plums, hand-feeding blueberries, and squishing plum curculios one by one like some kind of deranged garden vigilante — and then the second everything actually starts producing, you decide now is the time to go to the where? The beach? Another State? Your second aunties' third cousin's uncle's girlfriend's third stepbrother removed for 2 weeks? No. The tomatoes will not wait for you. That lone kiwi fruit will likely ripen and be lost. Leafy veg' will bolt like an escaped convict, and you will come home to squash beetles devouring every squash vine in sight, laying eggs and multiplying quicker than gremlins in a swimming pool.



Nobody wants to deal with these horrors while you are away. Plan accordingly or you will lose your fruit (like I did).



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Which brings me to our neighbors. And we do have the most wonderful next door people! If you do travel, you will need to entice someone — anyone — to come water. This is not a small ask. Watering a garden at peak summer is a full commitment, not a "just pop by whenever" favor, and everyone knows it, which is why the bribery must be proportional. We know the weather bots are trash. Good old-fashioned community support is required. I've found the going rate is: unlimited veggies, maybe all your basil, maybe a jar of something fermented, two bottles of bourbon and if you really want commitment, a promise of Nanking cherry gin steeped from this year's harvest (that will need to be a next year reward — we ate all the Nanking cherries, and they were delicious). Works all the time, sometimes. But worth it every time if someone can help and it's cheaper than losing tomatoes withing tasting them...

The Bulb Massacre, Revisited

Longtime readers will remember the "Bulb Incident" from spring — 150 bulbs ordered in a fit of catalog-induced optimism, roughly 60% actually planted by my conscripted children, and of that 60%, a shameful 90% ended up in the lawn instead of the flower beds because apparently "flower bed" and "anywhere" are the same instruction to a ten-year-old with a mallet and a twelve-year-old with gardening wisdom pulled from thin air.

I'm sorry to report there is no happy ending here. Those bulbs — the ones bravely growing in the middle of the grass, doing their best, no idea they were planted by mistake — have now been mown clean over. All of them. They didn't even see it coming; one pass with the mower and that was that. So, if anyone was wondering why there are odd sad little green stubs poking up in random patches of my lawn like some sort of horticultural crime scene, now you know. Lesson, allegedly learned, for the third year running: mark the beds before handing out mallets. We'll see if I actually do it next year.

Everything Else, Briefly

The plum curculio and I remain at war, and I'm sorry to report the kaolin clay was a total bust this year — I lost every plum before they even hit thumb-size. Officially declaring that approach dead and moving on to an actual treatment plan for next season, because "mid at best" was generous.

The deer have, predictably, stomped straight through the vegetable beds again, so a wire alarm fence is now non-negotiable rather than a nice idea. Squirrels are pillaging the Asian pear, chipmunks cleaned out the blueberries and demolished my strawberries before I'd even properly noticed they were ripe, cat birds noshed all my raspberries and the mice situation required a grim, but effective solution of which I will not elaborate here...



On a happier note, the elderflower champagne has officially been batched. It took 2 goes, and a lesson that if you don't pay close attention, you may end up with botulism. Seriously, though, natural fermentation needs a close eye and clean hands even when plucking the flowers. Anyway, flowers stripped and processed in one sitting the second time around, equipment re-sterilized and an eagle eye, waiting for the fermentation to start. Now I have a good recipe, and some notes, I'll tweak the process and the ingredients and maybe next year, I'll try to measure the alcohol content instead of just guessing based on how the room feels afterward.

Compost Confessions: Sift Happens



In slightly less punishing news, the compost pile has been repaired and is finally cooking again, which means it's almost time to start sifting out the humus-rich soil hiding underneath all that decomposing chaos. Of course, "almost" is doing a lot of heavy lifting here, because step one is actually building a proper sieve instead of just aggressively shaking a milk crate and hoping for the best. Step two is admitting, once and for all, that branches and sticks have no business going into the pile — they don't break down so much as they just sit there, smug, mocking my optimism, refusing to become soil on any reasonable human timeline. Lesson allegedly learned, again.

I've also got a small empire of compost silos going now — browns on the bottom (dead leaves, bark, chips, the usual suspects) with fresh grass clippings layered on top, all strategically parked right in the berry beds. The idea was twofold: feed the berries with a slow trickle of compost, and use the bulk of the silos as a deterrent to keep the deer out. Reader, the deer do not care. Not one

COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS

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iota. They have taken one look at my carefully engineered browns-and-greens fortress and squeezed through the tight spaces to continue right on gnawing my thimbleberries and raspberries like it isn't even there. Back to the drawing board on defense; at least the compost part is working.

As always, if your garden also looks like a warzone right now, you are in excellent company. However, as tough as this summer has been, I need to lock in before fall arrives. I have trees to protect and beds to mulch. I have home made green-houses for my beds that need a fresh coat of plastic sheeting and I've got some wood I need to burn so I can use the ash for my vegetable beds.

Now, I have to get back to mowing my savannah and taming the jungle. See you all at the next one.

If you are so inclined, join the Miller Heights Garden Club Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17AXY8o744/>. We'd love to have you!

That's it for me, Farmer Brown

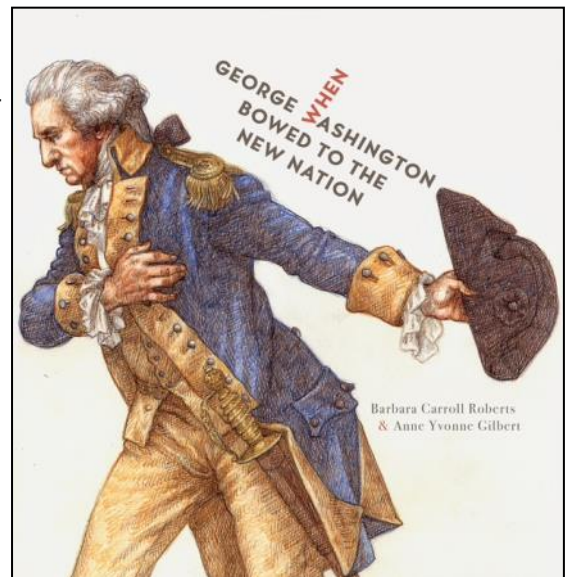
Gordon Brown <gordon.brown81@gmail.com>

When George Washington Bowed to the Nation

Huge congratulations to our talented neighbor Barbara Roberts for publishing her latest book this month!!

As commanding general of the Continental Army, George Washington was one of the most celebrated and recognizable figures of the American Revolution. So it was a shock when he voluntarily resigned his commission, giving up a powerful position instead of seeking to capitalize upon it. In Barbara Carroll Roberts's carefully researched account, young readers will encounter a nuanced portrayal of Washington and his contemporaries during a moment that would influence the course of a young nation and lead to the creation of a representative democracy of, by, and for the people.

Grade level 4-8.



Loose Ends Finishers

Submitted by Beth Eltinge

I recently spent time with a young girl, a rising sixth grader. She is a delight to talk to, interested in everything around her, able to express herself well and ask thoughtful questions, a good conversationalist. She asked me if I knew how to crochet, I answered yes, and then she asked if I would teach her. My heart gave a little jump, of course I will, of course. I told her about yarn size and hook size and talked about what could be made with crochet. I remembered my very first project. I made a long, long chain and glued the chain around the outside of a peanut butter jar. I stored buttons in that jar for years. I started my sixth grade friend with making a slip knot, and taught her how to make a chain stitch. She caught on very quickly. She wanted to end one chain after it was several feet long, and I showed her how to do that. Then we took a break and talked about other things, and I had her start again making a new chain. She did it perfectly. She gives me hope!

I learned to knit and crochet from my mother, many years ago. My first knitting project was a scarf, started when I was around seven or eight, and made from a regrettable light yellow yarn. The color was regrettable because it ended up showing dirt. As with many new knitters, the consistency of my stitches was highly variable, and the number of stitches on my needle changed in ways they shouldn't have, but I remember I still liked doing it. During my high school years my mother owned a needlework store that I worked in it. I had to know and be able to teach people how to do knitting, crochet, needlepoint, cross stitch, crewel embroidery and rug hooking. It was a fun challenge.

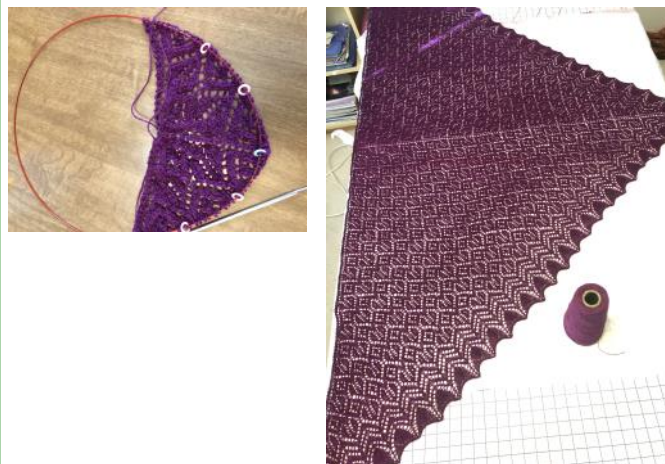
I now find great comfort when I keep my hands busy. Knitting has been described as an act of moving meditation, and can help sooth both the body and the brain. The repetitive and rhythmic motions can enhance the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin, which plays a key role in mood regulation, learning, sleep and pain perception. Learning and making new patterns help to keep the brain active and may help reduce the risk of mild cognitive impairment. The movement of the fingers helps to keep arthritic fingers more dexterous. In addition to medical and emotional benefits, you might end up with a tangible and even useful product at the end.

If you want to explore more about knitting and crochet, I recommend the website Ravelry (ravelry.com). It is a well formatted source of information about patterns, designers and yarns. The search capability on the site is very flexible and useful. You can look up patterns based on what you want to make, how much yarn you have, what type of yarn, what techniques you want to use, etc. Once you locate a pattern, you can see what other people have made with the pattern, where they had trouble and what they changed. It is analogous to various cooking websites with recipes and cooking tips, but for fiber artists. If you are a visual learner there are many good videos on You Tube. VeryPink Knits has a number of very good and very easy-to-follow short videos on a variety of knitting and crochet topics. I don't think it is ever too late to start.

My favorite part of any project is starting it. This is the start and end of a shawl I recently knit.



This is the start and end of a lace shawl I knit.



These are pieces I made with crochet.



Thank you, Beth, for the wonderful examples of your work and efforts.

COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS (CONT.)

Anyone see any critters in their yards Lately?



COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS (CONT.)

Play Ball

Submitted by Joel Schlesinger

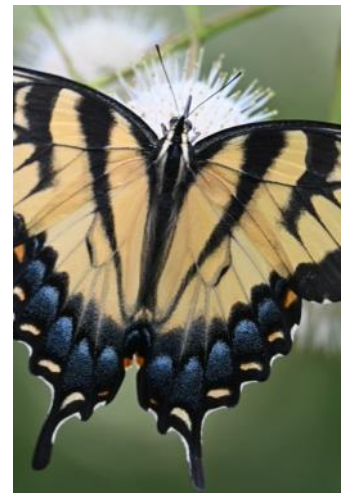
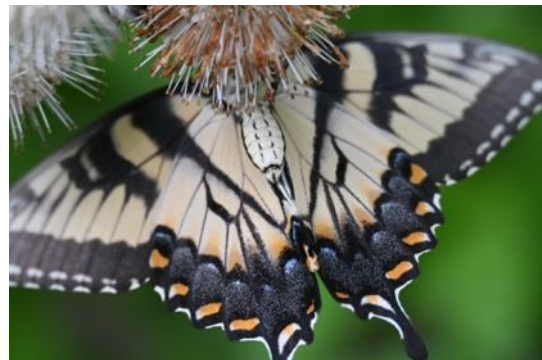
For the past dozen years, I have enjoyed the enormous fun and camaraderie of playing softball in the Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) league. Founded in 1980, NVSS is a slow-pitch softball recreational league with nearly 500 men and women players ranging in age from 50 to 80+. We have three conferences based on skill level so that you play with, and against, others of comparable skills. Maybe you haven't touched a ball or bat for the past twenty years—as was my case. No matter, there is a place for you on a team in NVSS!

The league plays seven-inning doubleheaders on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from mid-April through the end of October. You can choose to play on both days-- or just one--as your schedule permits. The games are played at local Fairfax County fields including Braddock Park and close-by Nottoway.

For more information, please reach out to me—Joel Schlesinger—at jschlesinger428@gmail.com. Or go to the league website at NVSS.org to sign up now for our upcoming two-month Fall season, which begins on September 1—or register for the next spring/summer season. If you want to just have a look, or try it out, the league arranges pick-up games at Braddock Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am throughout August and all are welcome. So much fun.

Play Ball!

A few more critters



Editor's Note: We really appreciate all our residents and other contributors for providing us with the input for our MHNA Newsletter. Thank you!

MILL CROSS SPRING BBQ

SUBMITTED BY PETER LITTERINI

We had a gathering/spring BBQ in Mill Cross Court and got a really good “Dad’s and baby’s” pics. We are all Living The Good Life!



WORD SEARCH TREAT

Submitted by Sara Holtz

Miller Heights

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4. Cranbrook
5. MillCross
6. Saddlestone
7. BlueRoan
8. Lakenheath
9. Lochinver
10. Blenheim
11. Devenish
12. LangtonArms
13. Kilkeel
14. Melanie
15. Mantilla
16. Bryant
17. WillowCreek
18. Whimbrell
19. Tradewind
20. Applebrook
21. WheatlandFarm
22. Windsong
23. Ariana

FAIRFAX COUNTY 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fairfax County Public Schools 2026-2027 Standard School Year Calendar

July 2026

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3 Independence Day (Observed)

August 2026

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September 2026

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4-7 Labor Day Break
12 Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown 9/11 - sundown 9/13)
21 Yom Kippur (begins sundown 9/20 - sundown 9/21)

October 2026

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12 Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 2026

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1-2 All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos
3 Election Day
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11 Veterans Day
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

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4 Chanukah (begins sundown 12/4 - sundown 12/12)
8 Bodhi Day
21- January 3 Winter Break
25 Christmas

January 2027

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1 New Year's Day
6 Three Kings Day/Epiphany
7 Orthodox Christmas
18 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
19 Orthodox Epiphany

February 2027

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6 Lunar New Year
8 First Full Day of Ramadan (begins sundown 2/7 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 3/8)
10 Ash Wednesday
15 Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day

March 2027

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10 Eid al-Fitr (begins sundown 3/8 - sundown 3/10)
20 Nowruz
23-26 Spring Break
28 Good Friday
29 Easter

April 2027

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20 Thiruvadi New Year
21 First Evening of Passover (begins sundown 4/21 - sundown 4/23)
22 Second Evening of Passover
30 Orthodox Good Friday

May 2027

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2 Orthodox Easter
17 Eid al-Adha (begins sundown 5/16 - sundown 5/17)
31 Memorial Day

June 2027

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19 Juneteenth (Observed)



FCPS

Some holidays and observances, such as Eid al-Fitr, may shift due to anticipated lunar sightings.

Legend

F	First Day of School
QE	End of the Quarter / 2 Hour Student Early Release
YE	Last Day for Regular Classes / Early Release
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s)
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s) - Evening Only
TW	Teacher Workday / Student Holiday
SD	Staff Development Day / Student Holiday
SP	School Planning Day / Student Holiday
H	Student Holiday
NT	New Teacher Training

Quarter Duration

Quarter	End Date	# of Days
1	October 30	46
2	January 28	48
3	April 16	47
4	June 16	39

Number of 5-Day Instructional Weeks
1st Quarter - 6
2nd Quarter - 7
3rd Quarter - 7
4th Quarter - 5

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