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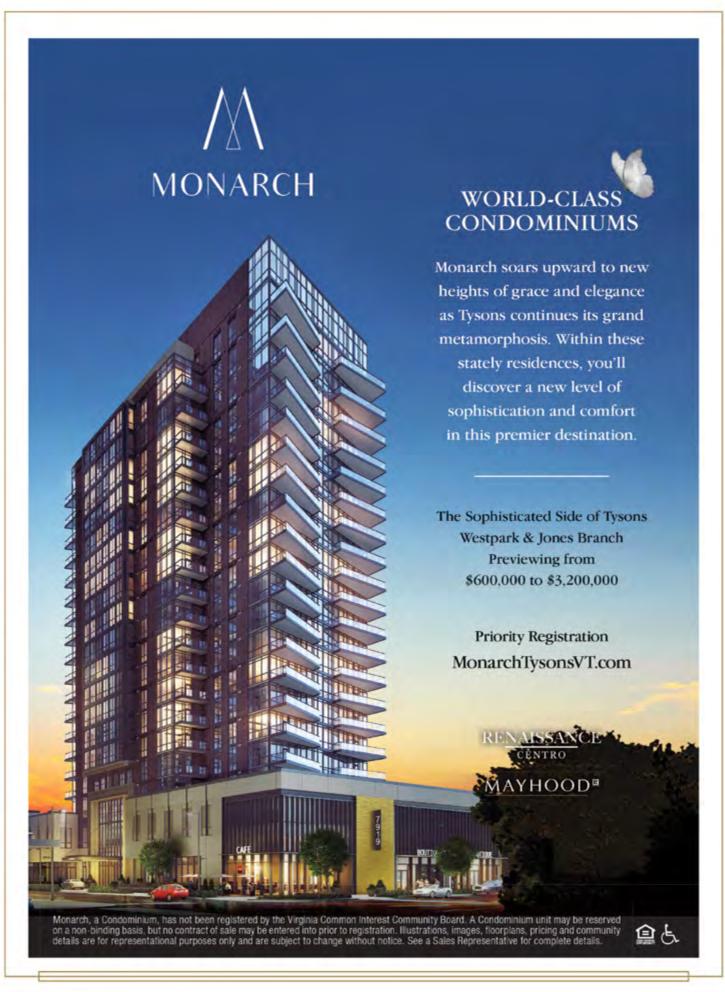


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Please allow us to start by expressing our condolences to the family, friends and our family of readers and writers with regard to the loss of our columnist and humorist Jan King. A *New York Times* best selling author, Jan's work always left us smiling at the end of each issue for last many years. Jan passed away August 13, 2018 after a life long career of award-winning and best selling work in the literary and charitable circles. We looked forward to that email every issue to read what she came up with..."She brought Glamour, Life and Brightness to our lives," said her friend Joanna. She hung the moon.

It's a changing town. These new luxury buildings and developments are staggering to me. The Boro, the new Monarch building up the street from our offices, and now the new and exciting Mather bringing our 62+ Seniors a whole new sophisticated option to spend those golden years. Read about it on page 100. We just can't keep up with what's going on. We'll keep trying.

If your looking for a private school, we have some options for you. Patricia Hall gives us some choices. Thanks, Patrica.

Planning a business meeting or special event. Analiese Kreutzer spent some time at the The National Conference Center and we're impressed! Farm to Table food, Chef's Table Dining, tunnels to keep you dry from one event to the next... Thanks, Analiese.

As a child, we loved to go apple picking. And around here, we have apples to pick. Linda brings you the choices, facts and festivals close to home. Wouldn't you guess, our Travel and Dining Editor Renee went to the "Big Easy" and had a blast. All we got were t-shirts and a great story. Hope you enjoy it.

More wine! That's the word around around here-and for good reason. Virginia is for Wine Lovers and Linda rules the vine. This year we're celebrating 400 years of Virginia Wine making. Started in 1619, look for the release of Special Edition Commemorative wines.

Too cold to cycle? Cycle indoors at one of the many cycling studios. Emma Blancovich brings you some options. (I should join one of these studios).

Carole Herrick brings us one more chapter in the The Stalcup Stand and Jess Miller offers a recipe for "slow cooker chickentacos.

Want a "short escape?" Linda takes them all the time—this time to Delaware's quaint villages. A short three day jaunt, filled with history and fun. (Linda, stay home now.)

Welcome to Virginia's Food Revolution. Renee Sklarew is on top of the changes. Find out where it's happening. Thanks, Renee.

Around Town, Faces you'll recognize, music, theater, and art—just some of what's going on in the New American City.

Kids are back in school, please drive carefully and watch for more of what's going on on our web site www.vivatysons.com.

Cheers....





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#### SEPTEMBER 5

# 5 SECONDS OF SUMMER

The Filene Center at Wolf Trap, 8pm, \$44.60-84.60

Hailed as the "biggest new rock act in the world" (Rolling Stone) with hits like "Want You Back," "Amnesia," and "She's Kinda Hot," 5 Seconds of Summer (5SOS) is the only band in history to see its first two full length studio albums enter the Billboard 200 at No. 1.

#### SEPTEMBER 6

#### ALANIS Morissette

The Filene Center at Wolf Trap, 8pm, \$45-80

With sales of over 60 million albums worldwide, Alanis Morissette is one of the most influential singer-songwritermusicians in contemporary music. Her deeply expressive music (including "Ironic" and "You Oughta Know") and performances have earned vast critical praise including seven Grammy Awards, 14 Canadian Juno Awards, and an induction into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

#### SEPTEMBER 6

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#### SEPTEMBER 7

#### THE STRANGER—A Tribute to billy Ioel

State Theatre, 9pm, \$17-20
The Stranger is the complete premiere tribute to the music of one of the world's most beloved performers, Billy Joel. Comprised of some of the best and most experienced musicians in the business, this 6 piece band brings together an authentic replication of Billy's timeless music, crowning it with soulful, spot on vocals

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#### SEPTEMBER 7

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Jammin Java, 8pm, \$15-25

Rorie is a singer-songwriter, crafting music that tells stories of both heartache and hope. Known for poetic lyrics and ambient vocals, Rorie and her band create a captivating live music experience that is uplifting and emotional.

#### SEPTEMBER 7

# Ian Anderson presents JETHRO TULL

#### 50th Anniversary Tour

The Filene Center at Wolf Trap, 8pm, \$35-95

Led by flautist and vocalist Ian Anderson, Jethro Tull celebrates 50 years of being one of the most successful live performing acts on the world stage with over 30 albums (including *Benefit*, *Aqualung*, and *Thick As A Brick*) and sales totaling more than 50 million.

#### SEPTEMBER 8

# 4U—A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF PRINCE

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#### SEPTEMBER 8

#### FOOD FOR OTHERS TYSONS 5K

Tyson's Corner Center, Bloomingdale's parking lot, 8am-10am

Food for Others is the largest food bank in Northern Virginia, serving 600 families every Monday through Friday, and distributed over 2.2 million pounds of free food in 2018. During the 5K race and 1 Mile Fun Run, awards will be given to the overall male and female finisher, as well as team awards for the fastest company and most philanthropic company. Baby strollers, children, and dogs are highly encouraged for this wonderful community event.

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#### SEPTEMBER 9

#### LUCY SPRAGGAN

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$15-25 If 2018 is anywhere near as eventful as the previous year, Lucy Spraggan is set for an interesting 12 months. The singer-songwriter netted her fourth top 40 album in January last year, and followed that success with more than 22,000 ticket sales across her UK and European tours. I Hope You Don't Mind Me Writing charted at number 12 in the Official Top 40 Album Chart. The album, the second under her own label-CTRL Records—was described as 'a triumph' by The Sun.

#### SEPTEMBER 10

### GRACE AND PIERCE PETTIS

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$20
Pierce Petis' songs have been covered by artists ranging from Garth Brooks and Dion to Joan Baez and Art Garfunkel. Pettis' fifth album for Compass Records (Nashville), That Kind of Love (2009), received rave reviews from XM/Sirius Satellite Radio, Paste Magazine, Performing Songwriter, American Songwriter, The (London, UK) Sunday Express,

Image Quarterly . . . to name a few. Daughter, Grace Pettis has a distinct, unaffected voice, described as a "wide open prairie, full of waving golden grains before menacing, dark thunder clouds" (SiriusXM Program Director, Mary Sue Twohy).

#### SEPTEMBER 12

#### MATT HOLUBOWSKI AND VERA SOLA

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$15

Matt's second album, *Solitudes*, the self-taught musician, poet and composer offers eleven titles that in many ways evoke isolation, estrangement, and exile, but also delves into the forms of solitudes we seek and often at times need. Vera Sola is a poet, vocalist, and multi-instrumentalist. A drifter performing her own songs alone in and out of dark bars under various pseudonyms, Vera Sola toured and recorded with a variety of artists, for a long while accompanying singersongwriter Elvis Perkins on the road. She has in turn collaborated on film scores and provided original music for theater and performance art.

#### SEPTEMBER 14

#### SONG OF THE NEW EARTH

Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA. Free parking. \$10 online or at the door; no one turned away www.unityoffairfax.org/events

While on his way to fame and fortune in Nashville, a series of mystical experiences rocked his world. The film features the extraordinary life and work of country singer turned brain scientist and shaman of sound, Tom Kenyon, as he journeys from his homeland of Orcas island to the stage on Broadway, giant caves in the south of France, the golden-chandeliered symphony halls of Vienna and finally to the snowy peaks of Tibet in a desperate quest to understand his rare ability to decipher the healing science of sound. Brace yourself as the film weaves in surreal events of this eccentric musician's life story and his struggle to reconcile unexplained paranormal experiences with his scientific understanding of reality as he explores his nearly four-octave range voice that has earned him a world-wide following. Preview trailer: http://songofthenewearth.com.

#### SEPTEMBER 14-15

#### **CHALKFEST**

Friday 12pm - 11pm & Saturday 8am - 4:30pm Spectators and participants welcome! Rain or shine. Registration fee for Saturday participation includes supplies. Call 703.880.1177 for more information or email: info@publicartreston.org. publicartreston.org.

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# TRADING SPACES' VERN YIP HEADLINES CAPITAL HOME SHOW

Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am-6pm, \$10 Box Office adult admission; \$7 Adult online admission, \$6 Group tickets (20 or more), \$3 Children age 6-12, Children 5 and under FREE

More than 250 exhibitors, seminars, home remodeling products to be found at the Capital Home Show at Northern Virginia's Dulles Expo Center as well as Vern Yip, star of Trading Spaces. One of the most recognizable designers on TV, Yip was, for years, a judge on HGTV's "Design Star" in addition to being a Trading Spaces original cast member. The McLean, VA native now lives in Atlanta where he runs a design firm along with being a best-selling author and a UNICEF Ambassador.

More than 250 companies will be on hand to showcase the latest products and services in home remodeling, renovation, home décor and redesign. An ongoing schedule of home remodeling and renovation experts conducting seminars will be carried out throughout the three-day event. Show includes:

—Custom Design Home Featuring Val Valdez Of Design Home:  $\Lambda$  1,400 square-foot home will be built on our show floor. The completely furnished custom home will feature this year's latest trends in design, color and décor. Attendees may interact with new products, speak directly with the experts and take home ideas for their own home renovation.

—Make-It, Take-it DIY Station: FREE! Get creative with a free hands-on workshop sponsored by Stylish Patina. Paint a customized doormat, discover the latest in string art or discover the allure of chalk paint. Learn directly from the experts, test new products and take home a custom creation in this interactive feature. Only 15 spots per workshop are available and all supplies are provided. Workshop time-slots are first come, first served throughout the entire weekend. Workshop schedule: capitalhomeshow.com/show-features/makeit-takeit

—Hero Days: The Capital Home Show will honor local heroes on Friday, September 21. All active military personnel, veterans, fire, police and first responders receive free admission with a valid identification.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.capitalhomeshow.com.





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#### SEPTEMBER 15

#### RAINBOW ROCK

Jammin Java, 10:30am, \$8 or Family Four-pack for \$25

Are you ready to meet the rainbow? Join the Rainbow Rock Band as they entertain your little dudes with tunes, laughs and more! Winners of a Parents' Choice Fun Stuff Award for their debut CD, Meet the Rainbow, an absolute mix of musical genres from folk to rock to rockabilly, all the while being EDUCATIONAL and FUN! Your child will learn about shapes, colors, movement, and more! The Rainbow Rock Band encourages all rainbow rockers to participate in the show either on the microphone or at their seat, either way your little one is sure to have fun! Suggested Age infant to 7 yrs old.

#### SEPTEMBER 15

#### FALLS CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

Falls Church Community Center, 10ат-4рт

include live Features rides, entertainment, pony crafters, amusement rides, civic businesses organizations, and cuisine from city kitchens. The children's activity tent offers craft projects.

#### SEPTEMBER 15

#### CHEMLAB WITH C-TEC AND HELLBENT

State Theatre, 9pm, \$25-65 Chemlab to perform "burnout at the hydrogen bar" in its entirety! C-tec featuring jl demeyer (front 242) + marc heal (cubanate)

Hellbent featuring eric powell (16volt).

#### SEPTEMBER 16

#### COCO MONTOYA

State Theatre, 9pm, \$20-23

The old Willie Dixon adage, "blues is truth," perfectly describes the searing, contemporary bluesrock of world-renowned guitarist and vocalist Coco Montoya. Taught by the "Master of the Telecaster," Albert Collins, but with a hard-edged sound and style all his own, Montoya mixes his forceful, melodic guitar playing and passionate vocals with memorable songs, delivering the blues' hardest truths. Guitar Player says Montoya plays "stunning, powerhouse blues with a searing tone, emotional soloing, and energetic, unforced vocals."

#### SEPTEMBER 16

#### KIDS TRIATHLON

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, 8am, \$40-50

This kids triathlon gives youngsters a great opportunity to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. This event is designed for any youth, age 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. The philosophy is completion rather than competition. We want all our young tri-athletes to walk away from the event with a sense of pride in knowing that they completed a triathlon. Every participant receives a medal when they cross the finish line.

#### SEPTEMBER 22

#### SHENANDOAH RUN

Jammin Java, 6:30pm, \$20-25 Formed in 2011, this 9-piece, DCbased ensemble, Shenandoah Run, is a band in pursuit of a vision—keeping folk music alive and fresh! This guiding ambition has been key to their success. Their performances pay tribute to both vintage Americana and contemporary folk music, while their top-notch musicianship

and soaring harmonies lure you in for that irresistible singalong. Their latest album, SR, released in May 2016, brings their unique, fresh voice to classic and contemporary folk songs, as well as to two original songs. Come spend some time with them and experience "folk music with a kick."

#### SEPTEMBER 22

#### NAMI NORTHERN virginia's 10th ANNUAL WALK

Tysons Plaza, 9am-12pm of Hundreds

Northern Virginians will join together for a morning of food, fun, and friendship to raise mental health awareness and essential funds for NAMI Northern Virginia's local education, support and advocacy programs.

NAMI Northern Virginia and its over 100 volunteers, deliver messages of hope through a wide array of programs including NAMI Family-to-Family and NAMI Peer-to-Peer classes, NAMI In Our Own Voice presentations and YouthFests for teens and young adults. Our Help Line volunteers listen compassionately and provide information about local resources.

#### SEPTEMBER 23

#### KEYBOARD CONVERSATIONS° WITH JEFFREY SIEGEL

The Joyous Music of Beethoven George Mason University, 7pm, \$44, \$37, \$26

Virtuoso pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns with his popular series to enthrall us with some of Beethoven's most upbeat music. Become a classical music insider as Siegel performs an all-Beethoven program in his first concert of the season, including the humorous "Rage over a Lost Penny" and the exuberant "Polonaise in C major." In addition, he will play the "Theresa Sonata" and answer the question,

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"who was she?" Finally, Siegel will play the "Farewell Sonata," and explore who was leaving, and why Beethoven was so deeply affected. Perfect for classical music lovers and newcomers alike, his signature "concert with commentary" format gives the story behind the score for an experience that is both entertaining and educational. "A musical bridge-builder in action...Siegel showed just how

illuminating the combination of words and abstract music can be" (Toronto Star).

An always-popular Question & Answer session with the audience concludes the program.

#### SEPTEMBER 23

# TEDDY BEAR 5K & 1K WALK/RUN

Lemon Road Elementary School/ Children Center, 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA 22043 8am 5K, 9:15am 1K, \$25-40 The Teddy Bear 5K course takes runners on a shaded path through three parks in Pimmit Hills neighborhood, just west of Falls Church City. Runners are invited to park at the Children's Center, convene on the field behind Lemon Road Elementary School/Children Center at 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA 22043. At 7:45, Honey the Bear mascot will lead runners to the starting point, Pimmit Hills Park, one block west of the school. The race begins at 8 a.m.

Runners 6-86 are welcome. There is a stroller division for parents. The 1K will follow award presentation at 9:15 a.m. on the Children's Center field to a flat path.

#### SEPTEMBER 23

#### NATUREFEST

Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, 1-5pm

Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life, and much more. Live animal shows throughout the day. Arts and crafts and fun for the whole family will be included!

The event is free and cosponsored by The Friends of Runnymede Park and Herndon Parks and Recreation Department. Call if your group would like to volunteer (703-435-6800 ext. 2014).

Satellite parking with a passenger van shuttle will be available to and from the Herndon Police Station, 397 Herndon Parkway.



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#### SEPTEMBER 24

#### "DINING WITH DOROTHY" SHEPHERD'S CENTER SOCIALIZING/ DINING EVENT

Culinaria Cooking School, 110 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna, VA 22180. 12:30pm, \$25 includes class and lunch.

Sign up early as this class will fill up fast. Call the Culinaria Cooking School at 703-865-7920 and give them your credit card number for the \$25 fee. They show you how to cook a delicious meal and then serve it to you. Contact Event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com for more information.

#### SEPTEMBER 25

#### INOVA BLOOD Drive

1pm-6pm, beside the Reston Pavilion Schedule Bloodmobile appointments at 1.866.256.6372. For more information visit inova.org/ donateblood.

#### SEPTEMBER 28

#### All Good Presents LEFTOVER SALMON WITH THE SOUTHERN BELLES

State Theatre, 9pm, \$29-35

For the past quarter-century, Leftover Salmon has established itself as key to the Americana genre, digging deep into the well that supplies its influences; rock 'n' roll, folk, bluegrass, Cajun, soul, zydeco, jazz and blues. They are the direct descendants of bands like Little Feat, New Grass Revival, Grateful Dead and The Band, born of the heart and soul of America itself, playing music that reflects the sounds emanating from the Appalachian hills, the streets of New Orleans, the clubs of Chicago, the plains of Texas, and the mountains of Colorado. They've endured over all these years, earning their unequivocal stature as a truly legendary band.

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DANIEL HOPE AND FRIENDS AIR – A BAROQUE JOURNEY

George Mason University, 8pm \$50, \$43, \$30

Join violin virtuoso Daniel Hope as he traces the through the Baroque era, a dynamic period when violinists and composers were liberated to seek new, original ways to express themselves on this fascinating new instrument. For this intriguing concert, Hope is joined by an ensemble of world-class musicians, performing on modern instruments but using bows from the Baroque period. Compositions by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, and Telemann are complemented by works from the lesser-known Falconieri, von Westhoff, and Matteis. During the concert, Hope shares a narrative that illuminates the interconnections between the composers through the extensive cultural exchange that was taking place throughout Europe. Hope has been praised as "among the best in the world as well as the most thoughtful" (The Observer, London). This program is brought to life by an ensemble of two violins, cello, lute, harpsichord, and percussion.

#### SEPTEMBER 28

#### "THE BEST TIMES After all" with Archie Fisher & Garnet Rogers

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$20-25 Garnet Rogers is "The greatest interpreter and vocalist performing in the contemporary folk scene." -Sing Out

Master guitarist, singer and songwriter, Archie Fisher is Scotland's foremost troubadour and is known throughout the country as the host of BBC Radio Scotland's awardwinning "Travelling Folk" show, which he has been presenting for over 25 years.

#### SEPTEMBER 29

#### GAZEBO: CONCERT & NEW WAVE Dance Party With DJ BPM

Jammin Java, 8:30pm, \$40 Paul Mazzolini (stage name Gazebo), is an Italian musician, singer, songwriter and producer. He was born in Lebanon, the son of an Italian diplomat and an American singer. As a rather cosmopolitan teenager Gazebo began a career in a variety of rock, progressive, new wave and electro bands before signing with Baby Records. His footnote in charts history is his 1983 release "I Like Chopin" which topped European and Asian charts for weeks.

#### SEPTEMBER 29

### THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER

Featuring the American Festival Pops Orchestra

George Mason University, 8:30pm, \$100, \$75, \$50

Multi-Grammy Award®-winning vocal sensation The Manhattan Transfer performs with Northern Virginia's own American Festival Pops Orchestra in a swinging evening of jazz-pop fusion at its very best. The legendary quintet revolutionized vocal jazz with their impeccable harmonies

and crisp interpretations of jazz classics. They gained popularity in New York cabarets in the early 1970s, and quickly earned national fame with the release of their hit album and the single Operator, which took radio stations by storm. They continued to perform and record, exploring a range of jazz vocal genres, always with great success, earning their first two Grammy Awards® for the remake of their signature "Birdland." They have recorded with such greats as Tony Bennett, Bette Midler, and Smoky Robinson. Now they join the American Festival Pops Orchestra with Artistic Director and Founder Anthony Maiello, who has gathered some of the most extraordinary musical talent in the greater D.C. area, to present a dynamic evening of vocal and instrumental swing, doo-wop, jazz, and pop.

This performance is part of the ARTS by George! benefit. Visit artsbygeorge.gmu.edu for details.

#### SEPTEMBER 30

#### NATHAN ANGELO

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$12-15 In the ever-changing landscape of modern pop, Nathan Angelo shines as a refreshing alternative, embracing the classic elements of popular music and celebrating the backbeat of American tradition. As the revival of music in the 60's and 70's brought together the heritage of the Great American songbook, the flair of jazz and heartache of the Delta blues, Angelo integrates these forms into his own music with great ease and delight. For the past decade, Angelo has captivated audiences across the country with his high-spirited live show and captured the imagination of a loyal following through prolific songwriting, independently selling over 40,000 albums along the way.

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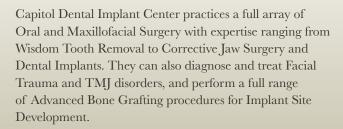
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#### SEPTEMBER 30

## CUPCAKE RIDE—FAMILY-FRIENDLY BIKE RIDE!

Haley Smith Park, 814 Van Buren Street

Four-mile family-friendly ride at a casual pace with stops to visit local bakeries and businesses. Riders of all abilities on bikes of all kinds are welcome. We welcome parent-supervised children in trailers, trail-a-bikes or on their own (two-wheeled) bikes who can ride for four miles on sidewalks, trails, and quiet town streets. Arrive 30 minutes early for a bike check-up compliments of Green Lizard Cycling.

Bring helmets and water bottles. Please register, as limited space is available. No cost for the ride but you should bring money to purchase food or drink. Bakeries to visit may include: Boutique Bakery, Weird Brothers Coffee, Amphora Bakery and Duck Donuts.

#### OCTOBER 6

#### THE MCLEAN 5K

Jammin Java, 1pm, \$15

The McLean 5K Run is coming back this fall! Hosted by MCC with the support of event sponsors Century 21 New Millennium, Chain Bridge Bank and The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, the race features a certified course through the heart of McLean and is designed to appeal to runners of all abilities. In addition to great exercise, the event will promote Public Safety Appreciation and serve as an opportunity to express appreciation and respect for the first responders from McLean Volunteer Fire Department and McLean District Police Station. For more information and to register go to www.Mclean5K.com or send an inquiry email to: McLean5k@mcleancenter.org.

#### OCTOBER 6

### 11TH ANNUAL VIENNA OKTOBERFEST

Historic Church Street, 11am-7pm, Admission free Oktoberfest is held the first Saturday of October. The day's activities include food, entertainment, vendors and crafters, children's events, and a beer garden.

# OCTOBER 6 FLAVORS OF FALL

Reston Town Center

Savor the flavor of autumn brews and delicious fare from area restaurants. Enjoy food, wine, German and craft beers on tap, and live entertainment. Free admission; purchase tickets for food and beverages. Produced by Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, restonflavors.com



#### OCTOBER 6

#### Chest Happening presents

#### RATA BLANCA

State Theatre, 8pm, \$42

The Argentinian heavy metal band returns to our stage for their XXX Anniversary Tour!

#### OCTOBER 6–7 VIRGINIA OPERA STREET SCENE

George Mason University, Saturday at 8pm,

Sunday at 2pm, \$110, \$90, \$54

Virginia Opera opens its season with this landmark American opera, an explosive tragedy about the elusive American Dream. Set in 1946 on the doorstep of a Manhattan tenement within a single 24-hour period, Street Scene offers a view into the lives of the residents who struggle with love, jealousy, resentment, and disenchantment. Featuring a Tony Award®-winning score by 20th century Broadway legend Kurt

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Weill and powerful lyrics by the "Poet Laureate" of Harlem, Langston Hughes, it has been acclaimed as "an exhilarating blend of Pucciniesque melody, bright, brassy, impudent jazz, brooding blues and sparkly Broadway showtune...pulsating to the relentless rhythm of irrepressible urban life" (Arts Desk). Sung in English with English supertitles.

#### OCTOBER 7

#### MPAARTFEST 2018

McLean Central Park along Dolley Madison Boulevard near the community center, 10am-5pm, free

A one-day juried fine art show and sale, MPAartfest features the work of visual artists showcasing a wide variety of media and styles. During MPAartfest, McLean Central Park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of acclaimed artists from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. This annual celebration of the visual arts attracts 5,000 - 6,000 visitors. Along with the artists' tents, live music and food from local restaurants in the park, MPAartfest offers a variety of arts and STEAM (STEM+Art) activities to engage creative minds and captivate art-lovers of all ages. MPA is thrilled to announce the MPAartfest 2018 musical lineup. It's a great roster of diverse, critically acclaimed artists performing everything from Go-Go music to Brazilian music to a blues/zydeco/gospel mix--and everything in between. Featured artists include Project Locréa, Cecily, The Dave Kline Band, the JoGo Project, Rose Moraes, Little Red & The Renegades, and the Blues Alley Youth Jazz Orchestra.

#### OCTOBER 12

# ZOSO THE ULTIMATE LED ZEPPELIN EXPERIENCE

State Theatre, 9pm, \$17-20

ZOSO—The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience formed in 1995 to perform the most accurate and captivating Led Zeppelin live show since the real thing. For Zoso, it's much more than just being a tribute. It's about touching a golden era in music. Zoso embodies Page, Plant, Bonham and Jones in their spirit, tightly-wound talent and authenticity.

### OCTOBER 12

#### COMPAÑÍA FLAMENCA Eduardo Guerrero

#### Flamenco Pasión

George Mason University, 8pm, \$50, \$43, \$30 Direct from Cadiz, Spain, Flamenco Pasión bursts with energy as elite dancers convey the many styles of this beloved Spanish art form. Today's foremost flamenco dancer and choreographer, Eduardo Guerrero, is esteemed for his superior physical ability, flawless technique, and his unique eclectic style, combining classical and contemporary Spanish dance and ballet. It is a captivating performance of precise percussive footwork that displays an extraordinary depth of emotion. Guerrero dances alongside his company of exceptional dancers to present the full range of flamenco styles in a spellbinding demonstration of expressive and sensual dance. "...the choreography is modern and courageous; [Eduardo Guerrero] has no limits, because he does not seem to need them. He dances the impossible" (Flamenco Divino).

#### OCTOBER 13

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER

George Mason University, 8pm, \$50, \$43, \$30 This premier chamber music ensemble from the world's largest performing arts complex is composed of some of the finest musicians in the world. Known for its "vitality, incisive attention to detail and spontaneity" (Chicago Tribune), the ensemble performs an exuberant program of Russianinspired classics including works by Irish pianist John Field, Mendelssohn, Schumann, violin virtuoso Giovanni Battista Viotti, and Mozart, along with Russian composer, Mikhail Glinka. These divergent composers directly influenced the evolution of classical music in Russia. Discover for yourself the "exploding star in the musical firmament" (The Wall Street Journal) that is the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

#### OCTOBER 13

#### MELODIME

State Theatre, 9pm, \$15-18

Melodime is a Virginia-based band with influences in both country and rock that features emotionally charged anthems, piano driven hooks, and energetic guitar solos for a dynamic, organic sound. Melodime, featuring Brad Rhodes (lead vocals, guitar), Sammy Duis (piano, organ, bass), Tyler Duis (drums), and Jon Wiley (guitar,mandolin, dobro), has performed over 100+ shows annually throughout the continental United States, sharing the stage with such well-

knownacts as Sam Hunt, Eli Young Band, A Thousand Horses, and Sister Hazel.

#### OCTOBER 13 The Nields

Jammin Java, 7pm, \$18-22

The Nields' albums are often an eclectic mix of ideas and music styles, but clear themes emerge. "Love and China" (2002) was about the fragility of love and relationships. "The Full Catastrophe" (2012) explored the messy experience of raising a family. "XVII" has the Nields looking out from midlife. The kids are older, but not fully grown. There's more space to look back and forward, and more freedom to create.

#### OCTOBER 13

#### DOGFEST DC-WALK 'N ROLL

Reston Pavilion, 12pm - 3pm

Grab your friends, family and dogs and enjoy free fun, festivities, graduate speakers, dog demonstrations, music, food and more! Walk 'n Roll registration begins at 11:30 am. Presented by and benefiting Canine Companions for Independence. Visit cci.org or support.cci.org for more information.

#### OCTOBER 13

#### RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA AND HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Recycling Center, 7100 Gordon Rd, Falls Church, 9am-2pm

Recycle electronics, computers, eye glasses, medical equipment, sewing machines, bikes, clothing, textiles, batteries and more. Shred up to three boxes of documents. And, properly dispose of consumer products that are either toxic, ignitable, corrosive, or reactive.

#### OCTOBER 14

#### STEEL MAGNOLIAS

#### L.A. Theatre Works

George Mason University, 7pm, \$44, \$37, \$26 "I would rather have thirty minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special." Steel Magnolias brings an entire evening of wonderful to the Center! L.A. Theatre Works has reimagined this timeless story about the enduring bonds of friendship in a new, radio-style production featuring a diverse group of six extraordinary women. Return with the cast to Truvy's beauty shop in the Bayou of Louisiana. The vibrant women gather in this bastion of camaraderie to preen for special occasions, and celebrate and support one another, while enduring the ups and downs of life. Both laugh-out-loud funny and deeply touching, this production exposes the strength of the human condition and our shared need for companionship.

This company, known for radio-style drama presentations which include minimal sets and costumes, employ sound effects made the "old fashioned way", as they were on the classic radio shows of the 1930s and 1940s. L.A. Theatre Works is hailed as "original, exciting, and highly theatrical" (American Theatre Magazine).

#### OCTOBER 14

# ANNUAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA CURESEARCH SUPERHEROES UNITE!

Tysons Plaza, 9am-11am

Join us as we celebrate and honor children from the Northern Virginia area who have been affected by children's cancer. This special day includes prizes, music, food, and fun activities for the entire family! Funds raised at the event will help end childhood cancer by driving targeted and innovative research with measurable results in an accelerated time frame. Every day 43 children are diagnosed with cancer. Children's cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children and 3 out of 5 children suffer devastating side effects from the treatment. There is something we can do—register today www.curesearchsuperheroes.org/NOVA and help fund a cure! For more information, you can reach Jennifer Murphy at 240-235-2211 or jennifer.murphy@curesearch.org.

#### OCTOBER 16

#### MATTHEW PERRYMAN Jones

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$15

A performing songwriter by trade, Matthew Perryman Jones is actually a seeker, at heart. With each entry in his discography, his musical and moral compass points toward an artistic horizon he has yet to explore. Of his most recent release, American Songwriter wrote that, "MPJ's songwriting acumen could easily be used as a musical template to demonstrate how less can be so much more. [He] sounds cinematic and slowly worms its way inside your brain, feasts upon your emotions, and ultimately burrows down into your soul." It could be said that Matthew makes soul music—not based on how it sounds, but on where it originates and where it resides.

#### OCTOBER 24

#### VIENNA HALLOWEEN Parade

Maple Ave, 7pm

One of Vienna's most popular community events, October's Halloween parade includes marching bands, floats, and other entries. Registration for the 72nd Annual Halloween Parade opens July 1, 2018. The deadline to submit applications is September 21, 2018. Kids are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration is required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot at United Bank, 374 Maple Avenue E. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### OCTOBER 25

#### SEBASTIAN BACH WITH Monte Pitman and one Bad son

State Theatre, 8:30pm, \$25-30

Celebrated rocker Sebastian Bach is recognized globally as a vocalist, television star, actor and beyond! Bach hit the spotlight in the late 1980's as the iconic frontman for mainstream heavy metal / hard rock act SkidRow. Since his departure from Skid Row in the mid 90's, Sebastian Bach still remains one of the most relevant rock figures in pop culture today, with three solo records, network television appearances on MTV, VH1 and CMT, guest appearances on Gilmore Girls, Trailer Park Boys, Californication and other popular television shows, and several acting stints on and off Broadway. Bach's most recent album, Give 'Em Hell impressively, landed on the U.S. Top Hard Rock and Top 200 Billboard charts, proving his prowess decades after his initial debut. Bach's upcoming Harper Collins memoir "18 And Life on Skid Row" is set to release December 6.

#### OCTOBER 25-29

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#### November 1

#### PATTY LARKIN

Jammin Java, 7:30pm, \$25

Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folkurban pop music with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. Acoustic Guitar hails her "soundscape experiments" while *Rolling Stone* praises her "evocative and sonic shading." She has been described as "riveting" (Chicago Tribune),

"hypnotic" (Entertainment Weekly) and a

"drop-dead brilliant" performer (Performing

Songwriter).

#### November 2

#### LUCY KAPLANSKY

Jammin Java, 8pm, \$25

Lucy Kaplansky is a rare vocal talent, "a truly gifted performer...full of enchanting songs" (New York Times). Blending country, folk and pop styles, she has the unique ability to make every song sound fresh, whether singing her own sweet originals, covering country classics by June Carter Cash and Gram Parsons or singing pop favorites by Lennon/McCartney and Nick Lowe.

#### NOVEMBER 4

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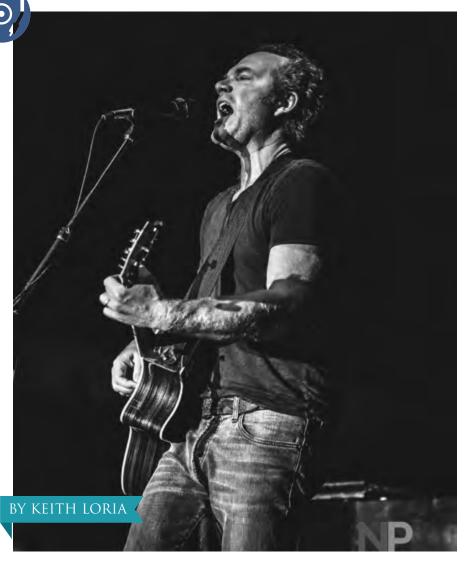
#### Chamber Music at the Barns

The Barns at Wolf Trap, 3pm, \$48

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# FIVE FOR FIGHTING'S JOHN ONDRASIK

With an unmistakable voice, John Ondrasik is the man behind Five for Fighting's rich history of hits, including "Superman (It's Not Easy)," "100 Years," "The Riddle" and "Chances."

These days, Ondrasik is taking a new approach to his tunes by backing them with a string quartet while out on tour. He'll be stopping at DC's Lincoln Theater on Sept. 16 to showcase this new musical direction.

**LORIA:** Preview what those coming out to Lincoln Theatre can expect on the night?

ONDRASIK: This is a unique, special show,

beyond the new permutation of Five for Fighting, which is me and an incredible string quartet.

**LORIA:** Why did you want to do these concerts with string quartets?

**ONDRASIK:** I started doing symphony shows about three years ago, and one of the reasons I have moved to these quartets is it allows me to add a new dimension to the popular songs. It gives the audience something new to listen to and allows me to pull out songs from my catalogue that I wouldn't necessarily do with the rock band—songs like "Devil in the Wishing Well" and "Two Lights."

**LORIA:** What do you find are the pros of doing a tour like this?

**ONDRASIK:** I like not playing rock clubs all the time. There's a lot of context behind these songs and I can tell the stories where they came from. The quartet does their own inspirational medley to show their talent. It's been so inspiring to play with these incredible musicians and it's rejuvenated me on the whole touring front.

**LORIA:** Tell me about your quartet. Do you play with the same people every night?

**ONDRASIK:** These are the best of the best, cream of the crop New York musicians. They enjoy playing rock music because it's different for them. I've been fortunate to have the same 5-6 folks over the last few years and we've become like a little family.

**LORIA:** Are you recording any of these concerts for those fans who may not be able to get out and see it live?

**ONDRASIK:** We just did a Christmas special with the quartet and released a live album digitally. This tour, for the first time, we'll have live CDs available. Also, we're touring this year in rooms that will allow us to record every show so by the end of the tour, we will have a quartet CD to be released.

**LORIA:** When did you know that you wanted to pursue music as a career?

**ONDRASIK:** It was always my passion and my childhood dream to be doing this. I was pragmatic to know that it's a one-in-a-million shot, so I got my college degree in math. Success for me came very late. I got my first record deal in my late twenties, and "Superman" and "100 Years" didn't come until I was in my late thirties, which is really old for a songwriter. I was one of those 15-year, overnight success stories. Between perseverance and fate, I've been able to do this over the past 20 years.

**LORIA:** What else do you have on tap for 2018?

**ONDRASIK:** I'm dabbling in some TV projects, dabbling in Broadway. My kids are 16 and 18 and my son is going off to college so I'm enjoying my children before we become empty nesters. I'll be doing some shows for the troops, which is another passion of mine. Right now, I'm just looking forward to coming your way.

Five for Fighting, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 16, Lincoln Theatre. Tickets are \$35. For more information, visit www.thelincolndc.com ❖



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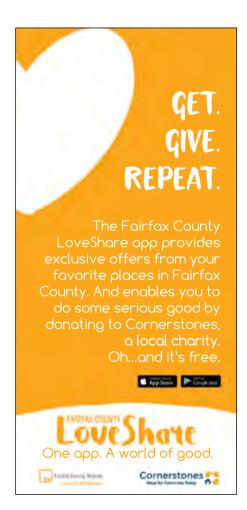
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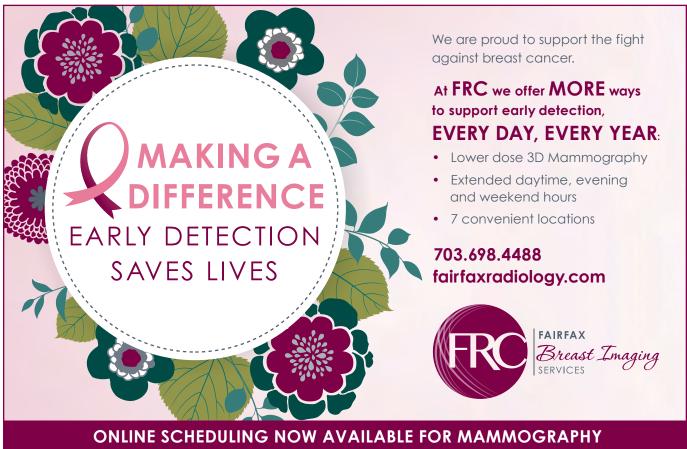
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# ARTIST MARY JEANNE CINCOTTA Making space in life to create

*ivaTysons* and *VivaReston* Art Director Mary Jeanne Cincotta balances a life as wife, mother, graphic artist, and part-time gardener, along with recently returning to her love of creating original art. While that sounds time-challenging, her belief is that one simply has to make room in life to pursue one's dreams. She refers to it as "making space." 'The more space you can find, physical space or time, the more activity you can devote to your own ideas and passions while juggling day-to-day commitments,' she reasons.

Mary Jeanne received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Tech where she studied painting, pottery, drawing and graphic design. Although she has been devoting most of her time the last 15 years to her career in graphic design, she has returned to some inspirational images she developed in college and produced a number of watercolors and spray-painted stencils now available as prints.

Her latest original work was developed with customization in mind. "In college, I created a series of *Mermaids in Cocktails* as 3 feet by 5 feet



canvases made using large stencils and spray paint. The pieces were sold, but I always thought I'd be able to mass produce them if I kept the stencils, but they were difficult to store properly. So, I revisited the idea on a smaller scale wanting to be able to create an array of color variations with the same image. You never know what people are going to like, and spray-painted stencils give a piece more freedom of expression."

"When I was getting my fine arts degree, I branched out into all directions of art and loved going from drawing, to painting, to illustration and pottery. But I was in a rush. I graduated in 3 years plus a summer, earning my bachelors degree with a concentration in graphic design and decided if I was going to have a career in art, then I would need to stick with graphic design and put aside my desires to paint and throw pots. But now I'm

forty and I've decided that life's too short to not do what you really love. I have a good career now, and some extra time, and the advancements in digital reproductions make selling art as digital prints a more cost-





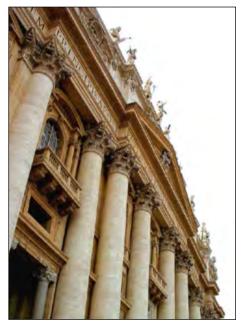
effective and marketable enterprise. I can keep the originals, which are difficult to price, and instead ask, 'What size would you like? Framed or canvas print? Would you like it on a pillow or a beach towel?"

You can order digital reproductions of various artists' work, including Mary Jeanne's at FineArtAmerica.com. Artists set the price that they would like to make from each sale, but the majority of the cost of the art is the cost of reproduction and framing. Partnering with FineArtAmerica.com allows for the reproduction of art on a number of products besides canvas prints and framed digital prints, such as pillows, towels, phone cases, tote bags, notebooks, greeting cards and more.

Mary Jeanne has also added a number of digitally altered photographs of Italy that she took on her honeymoon 15 years ago. "My father purchased for me one of the very first digital

cameras they made at the time and it captured some great highlights of Italy. We visited Rome, Venice and Florence and I have just recently reworked some of them using Photoshop to create faux paintings using the digital images. Now you can reproduce them as canvas prints.

"I'm also reinventing concepts I developed in college as multi-canvas paintings and creating offshoots of the same idea as digital illustrations. I created a painting from a figure line drawing of a couple embracing with different color variations





spread out onto 4 polygon-shaped canvases. The finished product is very difficult to replicate, but the concept translates well to digital art. And I thought that if I created a similar piece on standard-shaped canvases using Adobe Illustrator, the product would be customizable to any size and varying the colors for each version of the reproduction would be simple and easy to reproduce."

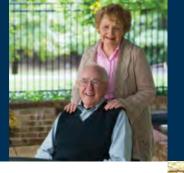
Her plans for pursuing her love of pottery are in the works, too, having recently purchased a kiln for her Herndon home-based studio. "I purchased studio time at Audrey Moore Rec Center a few years ago and developed a series of pottery pieces made from different combinations of thrown pots that were cut and pieced together to make very uniquely shaped vases. I sold most of them, but am dying to

make some more—just trying to find room to fit a pottery wheel in my basement."

Mary Jeanne is following through on that notion of making space in order to continue her artistic journey. She encourages everyone else to pursue their grand ideas. "Allow yourself the time/ space to create—to do the things that make you happy."

Framed digital prints or canvas prints of Mary Jeanne's work can be purchased at fineartamerica.com/profiles/mj-cincotta.html.





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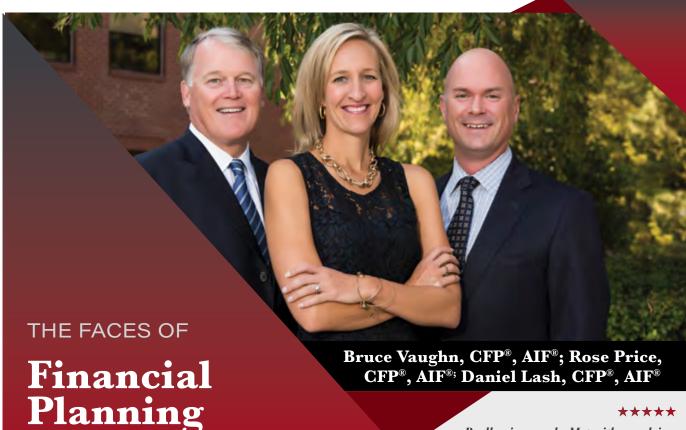
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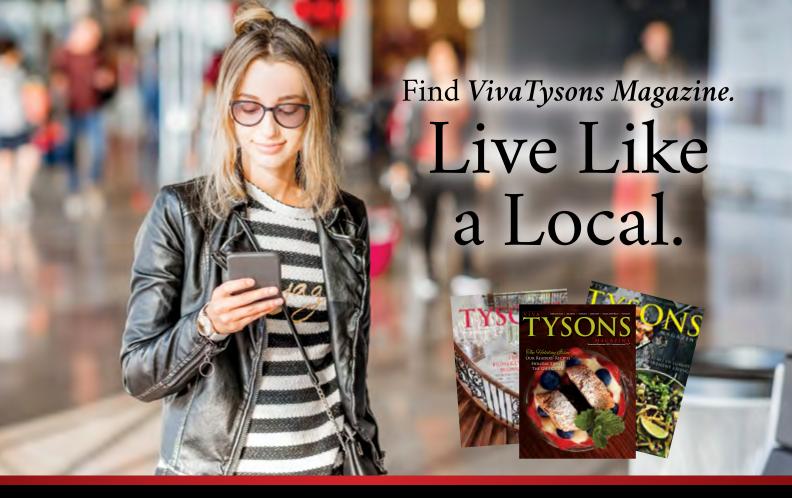




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# Is It Time to Experience the Montessori Difference?

With the rate of change in our world accelerating and all kinds of new opportunities being created by technological innovation, lifelong learning is now a necessity skill for keeping up-to-date, staying relevant and thriving.

Yet despite a wide range of devices in the hands of students and educators, a recent global report by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) suggests education systems that are heavily invested in computer-reliant curriculums are not seeing any noticeable improvements in their results for reading, math and science. Rather, the study indicates that students who use tablets and computers very often tend to do worse than those who use them moderately or not at all.

For parents concerned about their child's success, not only during their academic years, but well beyond, a Montessori School experience could make a world of difference.

Instead of tech, teachers at Montessori Schools, such as the Montessori School of McLean, prefer a more hands-on, experiential approach to learning that contrasts sharply with the rush to fill classrooms with the latest electronic devices. The role of imagination in learning is emphasized and an integrated approach to the intellectual, practical and creative development of pupils is offered.

Created and pioneered by Maria Montessori over 100 years ago—first in Italy and then in the United States where Alexander Graham Bell founded the Montessori Educational Association at his Washington, DC home—the Montessori Method was, and is, based on a lifetime of study and observation of how children really learn.

The 4,500 Montessori schools in the United States (22 alone in the Tysons/Reston/Herndon area) focus on developing and educating children ages 18 months through 12 years old, with a curricula of hands-on experiences intended to appeal to a child's innate hunger for knowledge. At Montessori, children actively learn to love learning.

Montessori's method focuses on personal development rather than exams, producing more mature, creative and socially adept children, studies have found. Children of different ages share the same classes, and are encouraged to collaborate and help each other. Special educational materials are used to keep children interested, and there is an emphasis on practical life skills.

Psychologists have also reported that across a range of abilities, children at Montessori schools out-performed those given a traditional education. Five-year-old Montessori pupils were better prepared for reading and math, and 12-year-olds wrote significantly more creative essays using more sophisticated sentence structures.<sup>2</sup>

And in an era when civility seems to be disappearing, some of the most impactful effects of a Montessori experience can be seen in social skills and behavior. Studies continue to show that Montessori children display a greater sense of justice and fairness and interact in more emotionally positive ways, having learned to use problem-solving skills to effectively and peacefully negotiate with others.

In almost every aspect, a Montessori education offers a fundamentally different experience than a traditional education, with clear advantages at every stage of a student's development.

With its foundation in self-direction and cooperative activities, a Montessori program helps a child develop a strong self-image, high levels of academic and social competence as well as the confidence to face challenges with optimism. Encouraged to make decisions from an early age, Montessori-educated students are problem solvers who can make appropriate choices, manage their time, and work well with others.

What ultimately sets a Montessori student apart is empowerment: students ready for the next step in their education and able to find their own path on the journey to becoming thoughtful, passionate and productive global citizens. ��

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# VIVATYSONS' PICKS FOR Top Private Schools

Northern Virginia has some of the best public school systems in the United States. Still, many local families choose to send their children to private schools. Why take on the extra expense? From smaller class sizes to advanced programs and some unique environments and features, private schools generally can offer more than public schools, often limited by budgetary and policy constraints, may be able to provide.

Fairfax County, which has the largest public school system in Virginia (and the tenth largest school system in the nation), is home to dozens of private schools which go beyond solid academics to provide enrichment programs,

a well-rounded education, and special programs to prepare students for college and life.

Parents seeking the benefits of a private education often begin as early as preschool, where young children are exposed to educational philosophies such as the student-directed learning method of Montessori. Whether you are looking religious instruction, a specialty program for arts, or a curriculum focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) you will find many choices in Northern Virginia. Some are homegrown, independent academies, while others are part of a national organization. Our guide below highlights some of the best private schools in the area.

# PRÉSCHOOL THROUGH KINDERGARTEN



#### Nysmith School for the Gifted

Herndon, VA (703) 713-1332 www.nysmith.com

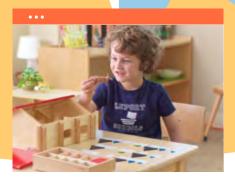
Guided by the principle that children enjoy learning, Nysmith seeks to engage them with age-appropriate challenges and innovative programs. With small class sizes, awardwinning programs, minimal repetition, and STEM programs from a very young age, Nysmith kids become engaged, enthusiastic, and well-prepared for the future.



#### Beantree Learning

Chantilly and Ashburn, VA (571) 223-3110 www.beantreelearning.com

Beantree Learning's large, airy, and beautiful campuses, which resemble a plaza or town square, provide a lovely setting. But it's the substance of its programs, not just its aesthetics, that make Beantree attractive to parents. This accredited school hires only degreed, professional teachers and promotes a well-rounded program for early childhood education to include foreign languages and global learning, music, physical fitness, and performing arts. Hands-on projects, special events, and monthly field trips for kindergarteners expand on the curriculum.



#### LePort Montessori

Reston, Herndon, Chantilly, Fairfax, Broadlands, and Aldie, VA (703) 404-9733

www.leportschools.com

LePort Schools provide education following the Montessori philosophy to encourage independent thinking and self-directed learning. Montessori-trained teachers, mixed-age groups, and child-led activity and exploration give students a chance to explore and set their own pace from a young age. Children ages 3-6, including kindergarten, are all in one classroom, staying with the same teaching team for three years to provide a consistent, three-year mixed-age community in which they get unlimited, child-led time to explore.

#### Loudoun Country Day School

Leesburg, VA (703) 777-3841 www.lcds.org

Founded in 1953, Loudoun Country Day School (LCDS) is an accredited private school that helps develop students academically, physically, artistically, socially, and emotionally. Its preschool program has a strong focus on social skills and independence through imaginative play and creative thinking. Special programs include field trips and teaming up with older students on projects. Kindergarten programs incorporate technology, core academics, and hands-on activities into the daily curriculum.



#### Reston Montessori School

Reston, VA (703) 481-2922

www.restonmontessori.com

Reston Montessori School was established in 1986. It is an American Montessori Society Full Member school. The school grew from one primary classroom to serving students from age 3 months to 12 years in Pre-Primary, Primary, Kindergarten and Elementary school classes. The Montessori Method is based on the child's tendencies to explore, be independent and make decisions, develop self-control, abstract ideas from experience, be creative and imaginative, repeat for internalization, concentrate, and perfect and master concepts and ideas.

Montessori classes are organized into groups representing a three-year age span. Within each group there is constant interaction, problem solving, child-to-child teaching, and socialization.

The environment is arranged according to subject area, and children are free to move around the room, and to work on a piece of material as long as needed. It is the role of the teacher to prepare and adapt the environment. The teacher links the child to the environment with well-planned

lessons.

Children learn directly from the environment, other children, and from the teacher. The teacher works with children one-on-one, in small groups, and less frequently, in large group settings.

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# PRESCHOOL THROUGH KINDERGARTEN



#### The Goddard School

Tysons, Herndon, Chantilly, Ashburn, and other locations, VA (800) GODDARD www.goddardschool.com

Goddard School knows that when learning is fun, children flourish. The school's goal is to provide a collaborative, family-like environment where children blossom into respectful, confident and joyful learners. Its comprehensive, play-based curriculum, developed with early childhood education experts, provides the best childhood preparation for social and academic success. Guided by its Educational Advisory Board, the school's teaching philosophy emphasizes art and STEM programs, enrichment opportunities, safety, and a nurturing environment.



#### Congressional School

Falls Church, VA (703) 533-1064 www.congressionalschool.org

Set on a 40-acre campus, Congressional School boasts a "comprehensive, interdisciplinary, challenging, and age-appropriate academic program" to develop students academically and nourish them socially and emotionally. From preschool on, children develop literacy skills, emerging mathematics, and hands-on science. In Kindergarten, they also receive instruction with specialty teachers in art, music, and physical education, and languages such as French or Spanish.





#### **BASIS** Independent

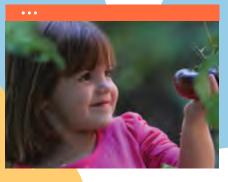
McLean, VA (703) 854-1253 mclean.basisindependent.com

"When students love to learn, they excel," is the guiding principle of BASIS Independent. The school provides a joyful learning culture that celebrates hard work and inspires children of all ages to reach the next level. Its Early Learning Program (PreK-1, PreK-2, and kindergarten) balance a child's natural tendencies—to question, explore, and create—with intentional, academic learning. Students are well-rounded and confident, with opportunities to explore programs in art, music, science, athletics, and more.

#### Green Hedges School

Vienna, VA (703) 938-8323 www.greenhedges.org

With a small student-teacher ratio (8:1), Green Hedges School in Vienna forms a tight-knit community that provides a foundation for academic values and strong engagement. Preschool and kindergarten students learn in a Montessori classroom with Montessori-trained teachers, and all students learn French beginning at three years old. Leadership and community service programs begin from an early age.



**Brooksfield** School

McLean, VA (703) 356-KIDS (5437) www.brooksfieldschool.org

For more than 30 years, Brooksfield has offered a unique Montessori experience cultivating a love for learning that fosters lifelong friendships among children, families, teachers, and the community. Situated on five quaint acres of woodlands, the school emphasizes creativity, the arts, and nature. Young children develop self-confidence and independence, hone their distinct gifts and talents, and learn to be community leaders. The school also emphasizes sustainability, eco-friendly learning environments, and environmental stewardship.

#### Eastern Ridge School

Great Falls, VA (703) 757-7900 easternridgeschool.org

Children learn by doing at Eastern Ridge, and much of the education takes place exploring

the world around them, including outdoors. At Eastern Ridge, children play and learn outside at least one hour each day, but often for longer. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach and by European-style forest schools, Eastern Ridge makes good use of its "outdoor classroom," providing gardening, unstructured play, and projectbased learning opportunities for its young students. The school also promotes a strong community with heavy parent involvement.

nysmith.com



#### Crème de la Crème

Sterling and Woodbridge, VA (800)374-5715 cremedelacreme.com

Crème de la la Crème encourages children to succeed and discover a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. Because studies show that preschoolers' minds are stimulated in 30-minute intervals, the school designed a classroom rotation that provides a primary teacher plus rotations throughout the day to enrichment classes with specialists. The school's state-of-the-art facilities include a sun-filled atrium and amenities such as a water park on-site, full indoor gym, tennis and basketball courts, soccer field, and baseball diamond. Safety and security are key points, with biometric fingerprint and code process for school entry and continuous monitoring through security cameras.

#### Montessori School of South Riding

Chantilly, VA (703) 953-3771 www.montessorisouthriding.com

This accredited Montessori school instills a sense of independence and collaboration in its young students. Founded in 2003, it provides preschool and kindergarten in an environment that balances choice with structure, and creativity with discipline. Students learn through cooking, art, gardening, bilingual instruction, and other fun hands-on opportunities in a warm,



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#### The Fairfax Christian School

Loudoun County, VA 703-759-5100 www.fairfax-christian-school.com

The Fairfax Christian School is an award—winning, independent, university—preparatory school serving kindergarten through twelfth grade which creates scholars with a passion for learning. Their experienced teachers follow a time—tested, challenging curriculum which promotes critical thinking and creativity while focusing on the success and talent of each student. With small class sizes and individual attention, each student thrives, explores their unique abilities, grows in their confidence and achieves academic success.

"The Fairfax Christian School provides a traditional education with the personal attention needed to ensure every student excels," notes Jo Thoburn, head of school.

The Fairfax Christian School's new campus, located near Dulles airport, opens in 2018. The new campus allows for expanded opportunities for all of their students. The new facilities include state-of-the-art science and computer labs, a performance hall, library, art studio, music studio, a large gymnasium and expanded outdoor playing fields.

The Fairfax Christian School has an exceptional worldwide reputation, over a third of their students move to the US to attend the Fairfax Christian School and top universities around the globe accept their graduates.





Beantree Learning (through grade 2)

Chantilly and Ashburn, VA (571) 223-3110

www.beantreelearning.com

Beantree Learning continues its well-rounded early childhood education into the early elementary grades with programs designed to help students maximize their potential. Its offerings for students through second grade include reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and physical education, plus fully integrated activities in character development, foreign language, art, music, and technology. Small student-teacher ratios and useful resources provide teachers with the flexibility to tailor their instruction to meet the learning styles of every student.



Nysmith School for the Gifted (K-8)

Herndon, VA (703) 713-1332

www.nysmith.com

Elementary education at Nysmith means a highly experiential environment and handson learning, with minimal homework or repetition. The school's core curriculum includes math instruction at up to four grade levels above the student's grade level, and two and a half hours of computer technology instruction and nearly four hours of handson science each week.

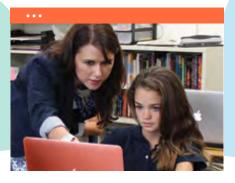


#### LePort Montessori (K-8)

Reston, Herndon, Chantilly, Fairfax, Broadlands, and Aldie, VA (703) 404-9733

www.leportschools.com

LePort Schools provide education in the Montessori style, preparing students to graduate as confident, independent thinkers with a strong knowledge about the world around them. Its elementary programs provide individualized attention with low teacher-student ratios, strong foundational skills in language arts and math, many handson activities, tailored learning, and family-friendly schedules with limited homework. Middle-schoolers learn in an environment that is challenging but still supports self-expression, with additional opportunities to learn through enrichment programs and community service projects.



# Loudoun Country Day School (K-8)

Leesburg, VA (703) 777-3841 www.lcds.org

LCDS provides a challenging and rigorous but well-rounded curriculum for kindergarten through eighth grade with a family atmosphere and small teacher-student ratios – its students in middle school are in class sizes about half that what they would be in public schools, giving them more teacher attention and leadership opportunities. Accompanying the core subject areas are programs in art, music, foreign languages, technology, and physical education, including multiple sports. Students also can partake in community service activities, character programs, speaker series, teambuilding activities, and life skills programs.



# Congressional School (K-8) Falls Church, VA

(703) 533-1064

www.congressionalschool.org

Elementary and middle school students at Congressional School work in a collaborative and challenging environment. From its earlies stages, the curriculum emphasizes independence and "ownership of learning" by its students. Beginning in fifth grade, students change classes throughout the day to receive instruction from specialists for each core subject. The curriculum includes multiple leadership opportunities for students, plus team-building exercises made more exciting by Congressional's large campus which includes a 40-foot climbing wall, swimming pools, archery range, and a challenge course and zip line.



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#### The Langley School (K-8)

McLean, VA (703) 356-1920 www.langleyschool.org

Langley's inquiry-based curriculum for elementary students helps them develop skills they can apply to real-world problems. In first grade, children begin reading books independently, including nonfiction texts. By third grade they're writing and publishing their own books. All Lower School students participate in state-of-the art science labs several times each week. Middle School adds intensive foreign language instruction plus many electives, team sports, and community service projects.

#### Edlin School (K-8)

Reston, VA (703-438-3990 www.edlinschool.com

Edlin is an academically gifted private K<sub>4</sub>/K<sub>5</sub> through 8 school focused on a classic curriculum in combination with arts and STEM programs. Its many offerings include performing and visual arts opportunities; languages including French, Latin, and Spanish; athletic and clubs; and international immersion trips to learn about other nationalities and cultures first-hand. The school's setting on five acres of lush woodland and fields provides ample opportunities for outdoor exploration.



Green Hedges School (K-8)

Vienna, VA (703) 938-8323 www.greenhedges.org

Offering strong STEM and arts programs, Green Hedges provides elementary and middle school students with a well-rounded education. All middle schoolers study two languages and have leadership opportunities inside and outside the classroom. A strong visual and performing arts program and new science and native garden enhance student creativity. The Experiential Learning program provides unique opportunities: beginning in grade four, students take overnight trips to sites where the focus is on learning by doing, whether it's a working family farm to better understand the farm-to-table food cycle or a multi-day trip to the Chesapeake Bay to study ecology.

Gesher Jewish Day School of Northern Virginia (K-8)

Fairfax, VA (703) 978-9789 www.gesher-jds.org

Guided by Jewish values, Torah, and community, Gesher promotes learning, justice, kindness, and respect. The curriculum combines traditional learning in language, math, science, and social studies with Jewish studies (including Hebrew, cultural history, Torah study, and prayer, in a small setting with a low student-teacher ratio of 8:1. Jewish traditions are celebrated daily and families include all level of Judaic practice as well as interfaith families. Special programs include field trips and outdoor learning opportunities.



Westminster School (Preschool-8)

Annandale, VA 703-256-3620

#### www.westminsterschool.com

Westminster School provides a well-rounded education steeped in the classics, whose fundamental goals are a disciplined and well-informed mind, strength of character, dedication to learning, creativity, and joy in the possibilities of life. Celebrating one of the most diverse communities of any private school in NOVA, Westminster attracts families from many different cultures and nationalities. Due to frequent opportunities for performing and public speaking, graduates demonstrate strong communication skills. Accelerated curriculum includes the core subjects, as well as Junior Great Books, French, Latin, Art, Music, Penmanship, Drama, and daily PE. Extracurricular activities such as sports,

chorus, orchestra, MathCounts, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, chess, and multiple field trips per year enhance the students' rich experience. Extended care, door-to-door bus service, enrichment classes, and camp programs are also available.

#### Cortona Academy (grades 7-12)

Herndon, VA (703) 464-0034 cortonalearning.com

Cortona Academy is unique in that at this school, the parents, not the administrators, choose the schedule, teachers, courses and class size best suited to their child's needs. Founded in 1992, Cortona Academy serves students in grades 7-12 with group and one-on-one classes to focus on enrichment, remediation, acceleration, or superior, but stress-free STEM plus arts education.

Its "no-fail, potential-based philosophy of education" is geared to each student's educational needs, interests and abilities to help them succeed. Students have the option to complete two years of study in one, and to enroll at any time of the year due to the flexible rolling admissions process.





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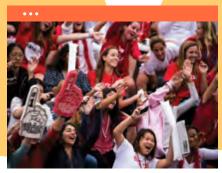
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Madeira School (grades 9-12)

McLean, VA (703) 556-8200 www.madeira.org

This girls-only academy provides a private high-school education focused on "launching women who change the world." Set on 376acre campus overlooking the Potomac, approximately half the students board at the school, with the rest attending as day students. Academics include advanced placement courses, STEM programs, and performing and visual arts. Students can further learn through global travel and exchange programs, a dozen sports and competitive horseback riding, and more than 50 student clubs, plus numerous opportunities to engage in community service and even intern on Capitol Hill. Studentteacher ratios are among the lowest you will find anywhere, at 6:1.

# Paul VI Catholic High School (grades 9-12)

Fairfax, VA (moving to Loudoun County in 2020) (703) 352-0925 www.paulvi.net/page

As a top-ranked Catholic high school, Paul VI boasts a strong academic program that prepares students well for college and life in a setting that emphasizes community values. Its curriculum includes core subject areas along with theology, world languages, and technology. Academic programs are challenging, with the goal to prepare students for college, work life, and community leadership, while being lifelong learners. Recognized as one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the country by the Cardinal Newman Society, Paul VI offers advanced placement and honors courses, and an excellent sports program.

#### The Potomac School (K-12)

McLean, VA (703) 356-4101 www.potomacschool.org

The Potomac School serves to develop the whole child, with a rigorous academic program that also looks "prepare students to lead lives of purpose, achievement, and generosity of spirit." Curriculum highlights include advanced placement (AP) courses; languages including Chinese, French, Latin, and Spanish; computer science and engineering classes; visual and performing arts opportunities; dozens of sports teams; enrichment programs; and community service projects. The school, founded in 1904, is on a 90-acre wooded campus which includes three libraries and a science and engineering center. More than 70 percent of teachers have advanced degrees. Upper school students can apply to the Global Perspectives and Citizenship Program, in which they study economics, politics, culture, and ecology.



#### BASIS Independent (K-12)

McLean, VA (703) 854-1253 www.mclean.basisindependent.com

BASIS Independent provides a strong and diverse liberal arts and sciences curriculum that builds critical thinking skills and a positive and joyful learning culture. Early instruction emphasizes connections between disciplines, so in grades 1-3, math and science are taught together in a daily 85-minute block, for example. In middle school, students discover and make connections through coursework in three different sciences (biology, chemistry, physics), Latin, logic, economics, world history, and more. The high school program, consistently recognized as one of the best in the country, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report, prepares students to compete and excel on the international stage.



#### Flint Hill School (K-12)

Oakton, VA (703) 584-2300 www.flinthill.org

Flint Hill School provides a student-centered program that encourages students to take risks, explore their passions and think like innovators.

From exploring computer science in Junior Kindergarten to publishing a book about Harriet Tubman's life story in Fourth Grade, Flint Hill's Lower School students enjoy a wide range of opportunities to grow as productive and excited learners through the School's emphasis on critical thinking, collaboration, personal goal-setting and problem-solving skills. In the Middle School, depth and breadth of opportunity are key to students' success with the introduction of competitive sports and an expanded curriculum that includes differentiated courses in innovation, languages (Latin, Spanish and French), math and English. Students also benefit from the skill and compassion of Flint Hill's teachers, who are experts in the many facets of the transition to adolescence. The Upper School combines a strong college preparatory curriculum with an array of electives, co-curricular activities and opportunities outside the classroom to meet an ever-expanding range of student interests and global demands. All of this is complemented by a deep commitment to Flint Hill's core values.

Upper School student Kate notes, "When I talk about Flint Hill, I talk about the four core values—respect, responsibility, honesty and compassion. Everyone shows those in their actions here."



#### Randolph-Macon Academy (6-12)

Front Royal, VA (540) 636-5215 www.rma.edu

Further out but within easy access to Northern Virginia is Randolph-Macon Academy (RMA), a renowned coeducational college preparatory school in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley The boarding and day school, now celebrating its 125th anniversary, has several outstanding features. First, it boasts a great record of preparing students for the future, with 100 percent of its graduates

accepted to college each year. Next, it offers some unique opportunities, such as the only private in-house aviation program in the nation at a secondary school. The academy owns two Cessna 172s and upper school (high school) students can take optional classes by faculty flight instructors. RMA focuses on academic excellence (it offers many honors and Advanced Placement courses), leadership, and character development, with the goal to ensure that students are self-reliant, respected, and recognized for their individuality. The school is set on 135 acres in Front Royal and serves grades 6-12. Upper and middle school students can receive tutoring each day for extra help and participate in sports, arts, and other extracurricular activities. As one of just six private military schools in Virginia, RMA has upper school students participate in the Air Force JROTC program, focused on leadership skills, citizenship responsibilities, and community service. All students have United Methodist Church services offered in the chapel each week. \*

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# Keeping the Love Clive

#### How The Nysmith School Keeps Students Passionate About Learning

ost children can't wait to start school and approach the beginning of their academic careers with breathless anticipation. Kindergartners and first- and second-graders in particular are known for their giddy excitement about what they learn and do in school. Alarmingly, recent studies have shown that from third grade on a child's enjoyment of learning drops continuously. This distressing fact has been attributed by some to the current emphasis on standardized testing and rote learning, which seems for many students to curtail their natural joy. Whatever the reason, the potential life-long impacts of a child's diminished interest in learning should be a cause for concern.

Taking up the challenge of keeping children's enjoyment of learning alive has been the mission of the award winning Nysmith School for the Gifted since it opened its doors in 1983. For more than 35 years Founder Carole Nysmith and her son and current Head of School, Ken Nysmith, have been guiding curriculums and classes that keep preschool through eighth grade students engaged and stimulated and strive to make school—dare we say—"fun?"

At their Herndon campus, small class sizes allow Nysmith's team of passionate and knowledgeable teachers to effectively engage students with hands-on activities and challenging content that teach the value of learning and nurture the kind of kids who will find algebra and biology an exciting challenge rather than a chore.

Nysmith turns the tables on the current epidemic of classroom boredom—nurtured in mainstream education with its emphasis on standardized tests and regimented, repetitious

learning—with child-centered activities that are tactile and creative. Because engagement is a precondition, no learning happens until the curriculum becomes more personalized and meaningful for every student, with Nysmith teachers working hard to build environments that sustain engagement and nurture potential.

Recognizing that children start out with an instinct to explore and discover, the Nysmith team taps into the unique fascinations that keep the spark for learning alive, which in turn sends a powerful message that learning doesn't end with childhood.

At Nysmith, the "gifted" child is defined as one who loves learning and who has the capacity, inquisitiveness and interest to learn. The curriculum is therefore designed to nurture the gifted student's innate joy in discovery and to fuel natural enthusiasm. By being entertaining and interactive, but educational as well, and encouraging and building academic skills and analytical problem solving, each child's creative potential is drawn out. Further, by being introduced to—and learning to overcome—challenges within an encouraging environment, students gain a sense of competence, something that all enthusiastic learners share.

Of course, as the old proverb says, 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating', so to fully judge the effectiveness of Nysmith's combination of nurturing environment and rigorous curriculum it is important to note that its students regularly place in the top 1 percent nationwide in national tests for math, reading and language. The school has also been nationally recognized for its achievements in fostering children's interest in science and math, winning a 2014 "Tommy Award" from Thomas Jefferson High School (the #1 High School for STEM and #2 Public High School in the U.S.\*) as well as being named a "Top 10 School in the World" for Academic Excellence in 2015 by Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. For the chance at the kind of academic advantage that can be acquired at Nysmith, parents have even been known to quit jobs and sell homes just to move to the area and enroll their children in the school.

High test scores and awards aside, Nysmith's stated goal remains the creation of an educational experience that is truly enjoyable. Every day at the school offers students the opportunity to find their own creativity and become the best version of themselves. Providing exceptional academics and captivating young minds with serious fun is Nysmith's continuing commitment to every student's success.

<sup>\*</sup> Niche's 2019 Best Schools in America; www.niche.com



# World's most advanced painting robots will join in the celebration of Tysons Corner Center's 50th Anniversary this September.

In conjunction with Tysons Corner Center, local artist and winner of the \$100,000 International Robot Art Competition, Pindar Van Arman, will put on an art installation commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Tysons Corner Center entitled "Tysons: Then and Now" at Tysons Corner Center.

The installation will begin September 6th in Fashion Court at Tysons Corner Center and will be activated through September 29th. The exhibition will feature pairs of paintings painted by Van Arman's robots contrasting historic Tysons with a modern renditions of the same locations today. In addition to the gallery of completed paintings, Van Arman's AI enabled robots will be on location creating live paintings as shoppers observe. These will be positioned with multiple events throughout September, highlighting Tysons Corner Center's history and the pairing of art and technology and will include a live and collaborative painting of the new skyline of Tysons Corner Center with local photographer, Rassi Borneo.

Van Arman grew up and resides in Tysons East. His art focuses on the emergence of artificial intelligence and its relation to human creativity. His first painting robots were made fifteen years ago. In the time since, Van Arman has enhanced his robots with increasingly sophisticated AI and they are now recognized as some of the most creative machines in the world.

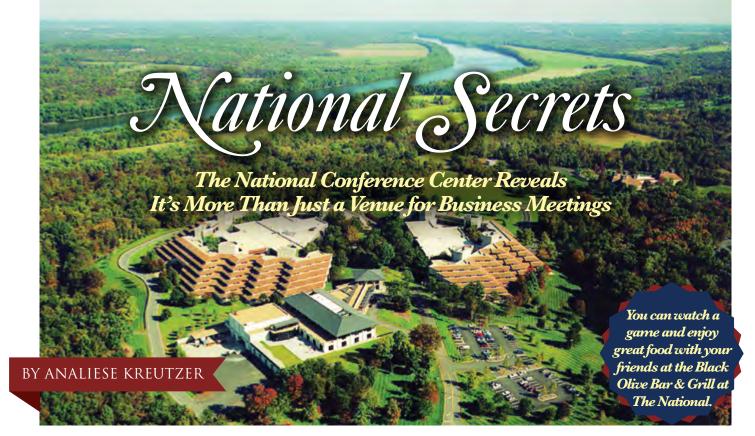
Van Arman states "My home and my art have been on similar paths. Both grew organically from traditional beginnings to become focused on the future. Twenty years ago I would never have predicted that I would one day have half a dozen robotic art assistants, neither would I have predicted that Tysons would have a skyline."

Van Arman's groundbreaking work in artificial creativity has been officially recognized by industry leaders Google, Microsoft, and NVIDIA. His art has also been featured by multiple media outlets including NPR, HBO Vice, Smithsonian Magazine, MIT Technology Review, and Fine Art America. Recently, Van Arman was awarded the top prize in Robot Art 2018, a \$100,000 international competition focused on artistically creative machines.

AVP and Property Manager of Tysons, Geoff Mason, sites "Tysons has transformed to become a key intersection of art, technology, and businesses. Tysons Corner Center is proud to be a cornerstone of this transformation throughout the last 50 years. From having one of the greatest collections of retail in the country, including the first Apple Store in the World, to locally sourced and extremely unique 'Early Bird' public art project, Tysons Corner Center stays ahead of the curve by the integration of past, present and future, and this art exhibit will be no exception."

Van Arman's exhibition will celebrate Tysons Corner Center's 50th Anniversary by highlighting the shopping center's growth throughout the past 50 years positioned with the development of surrounding areas from rural farmlands into a world class tech center.

For other events surrounding Tysons Corner Center's 50th Anniversary and this exhibit, please visit www.tysonscornercenter.com and follow @shoptysons on Twitter, Instagram and Tysons Corner Center on Facebook. ❖



he National Conference Center may be the biggest secret in Loudoun County. Although its been there for 40 years, is the largest hospitality employer terraces, in the county and hosts hundreds of events each year on its 65-acre campus, it seems many people don't know about it and all that it has to offer.

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The National is one of rooms at the National of the largest and most even if your event is being comprehensive learning held elsewhere. and training facilities on the East Coast with 265,000 square feet of classroom or function space, 917 guest rooms, full service food and beverage facilities, and a 14-element challenge course. It won seven industry awards last year, including Partner of the Year from Loudoun County and Hotel of the Year from the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association.

Although The National does host large meetings and conferences, it also accommodates smaller groups and is available for events such as weddings, holiday parties, corporate picnics and community events. The West Belmont Place Event Center at The National boasts the largest ballroom in Northern Virginia at 16,000 square feet and was the site of the Marine Corps University Ball last year. It also has been the choice for high school, college and family reunions as well as weddings—particularly large cultural weddings that include multiple events over

several days. In addition to the ballroom and meeting spaces, The National has abundant outdoor areas for events, including spacious terraces, patios, courtyards and the West Lawn. Two fire pits and comfortable

outdoor furniture make the outside spaces comfortable all year round.

# Welcoming the Community

It's not just for

big meetings.

The National can

accommodate

groups from 18

to 1,800.

In addition to its event spaces, The National has more than 900 guest rooms. You can reserve a weekend room block even if your event is being held somewhere

else. Having a vineyard wedding? Book a block of rooms at The National, and your guest accommodations can be arranged in pods around common areas. Accommodations include flat screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, full service hot breakfast buffet, ample free parking and access to the fitness center.

The Black Olive Bar & Grill, a large sports bar, is located within The National. Members of the community are invited to join the Black Olive Club. The free membership gives you entrance to the bar, where you can watch sports on one of the 16 large TVs, enjoy live music, professional DJs, karaoke, games, local

wines, craft beer and a hand-crafted seasonal menu featuring appetizers, sandwiches and light entrees.

Throughout the year, The National's management invites members of the community to events on the property, including an Easter Brunch and Breakfast with Santa. The staff also hosts block parties in the summer with live music, local wine and beer, and food from local restaurants and food trucks. There is no entry fee, and food and drink tickets may be purchased at the event.

The next block party will be on September 21 and will have an Octoberfest theme. For details, go to conferencecenter.com or visit The National Conference Center on Facebook.

The National has forged a partnership with Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) to support its programs. The Riverside High School culinary program holds a competition each year, and the winning students

prepare their recipes at The National for parents, teachers and other invited guests. The National also participates in LCPS's program called Project Search. As part of the program, challenged young adults who have aged out of the school system participate in job training at The National. They rotate through different departments where they

are coached in the job skills required to work there. The National has hired six Project



Want to treat the foodie in your life to something special? Hold an intimate chef's table for friends or family in one of the many smaller rooms at The National.

Search student in the past two years while others go on to find hospitality jobs elsewhere in the community.

#### Conducting Business

Large corporations and small businesses, associations, nonprofits, military government agencies all hold events at The including National, meetings, conferences, conventions, training and educational programs. It's also a popular facility for team building events. The staff at the National develops team building experiences on the challenge course, or they can arrange something less physical like a wine tasting or culinary class. Companies choose to have their picnics at the National and take advantage of the challenge course or other activities such as corn hole or badminton.

The National's 250 meeting rooms are organized into five distinct areas for maximum privacy and versatility, and sophisticated onsite technology capabilities support any type of presentation.

Some groups use The National for a meeting that lasts a day. Others use it for training that lasts for months. A major telecommunications company has a multi-year contract to hold all of its training there.

#### Restaurant-Quality Farm-to-Table Food

The National's owners retained LaKota Hotels & Resorts four years ago to manage its day-to-day operations, and one of the biggest changes they made was to the food service program. They did away with a cafeteria-style dining facility and set up fresh food stations, where diners help

The National is a great place to hold your organization's holiday party.

themselves to hot entrees, salads, comfort foods and more. Allowing guests to control their portion sizes helps minimize food waste.

The management is particularly proud of its farm to table program. The National staff often feeds more than 1,000 people per day.

A large percentage of their produce and meats are sourced within Loudoun

County from places such as CEA Farms, Springhouse Farms, Silcott Springs Farm and Yohanan Farms. They also purchase from local bakeries, breweries and

vineyards.

The National's efforts to
buy locally extend beyond
the farm to table concept. This
year, Vice President and General
Manager Geoff Lawson challenged
each department to purchase all their
products, when possible, within Leesburg
or within Loudoun County or, at the very
least, to keep the purchase within the state of



Virginia. The goal is to minimize the natural resources used to get the best products and to positively impact the local community. This is just the latest environmental effort by The National, which is a certified Green Seal facility.

When planning your next event—whether it's a holiday party, a training workshop, a reunion or a wedding—consider

the indoor and outdoor spaces, professional services, overnight a c c o m m o d a t i o n s, restaurant-quality food and environmental stewardship that The National Conference Center has to offer. For more information, email sales@conferenceenter.com

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BY BELLE SCHNEIDER

# ASK AN ADVISOR: ABOUT SAVING FOR COLLEGE

#### We just had a baby, how soon should I start savings for my child's college?

The best answer I can give to that question is, start now. As a new parent you are likely overwhelmed by all the increased responsibilities and it is easy to put off the future, but don't. The sooner you begin saving for college, the more time your savings will have to grow.

#### How do I figure out how much I need to save?

There are some very good college savings calculators online that will help you estimate the future cost of college based on your child's age, rising education costs, and the current annual average college costs.

Once you identify the estimated cost, figure out how much annually you need to be saving in order to meet that goal. If you cannot cover the entire cost, don't worry, there are plenty of scholarships and work study programs your child may be eligible for in the future.

It is important that you do not forgo saving for your own retirement in order to increase savings for your child's college. Keep in mind the fact that your child can get a loan for college but you cannot get a loan for retirement.

#### What types of accounts can be used for college saving?

Technically any savings or investment account (outside of a retirement account) can be used, but there are state sponsored accounts that allow some tax benefits. 529 College Savings Plans are a popular option because they allow you to receive a state tax deduction for contributions. You may also want to consider Pre-paid Tuition or opening an UGMA account.

There are pro's and con's to each of these accounts and you need to determine which type of account best fits your needs. It is important to understand and compare the yearly contribution maximums, tax benefits and the withdrawal restrictions.

# What happens if my child does not use the money I've saved in a 529 Account?

Most people don't realize that 529 assets can be used at any eligible institution of higher education. That includes not only four-year colleges and universities, but also qualifying two-year associate degree programs, trade schools and vocational schools—both at home and abroad.

You also have the right to change the beneficiary on your 529 account. As long as the new beneficiary is a family member (sibling, first cousin, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or even you) the money can be used for qualified education expenses without being charged income taxes or penalties

Taking the cash is always a possibility, but if assets in a 529 are used for something other than qualified education expenses (tuition, required fees, books, supplies, computer-related expenses, room and board etc.) you will have to pay both income tax and a 10% penalty on the earnings. Since one of the main benefits of a 529 account is the tax-free earnings, I'd think carefully before cashing it out. ❖

\*An interesting side note is that if the beneficiary gets a full scholarship to college, the penalty for taking the cash is waived

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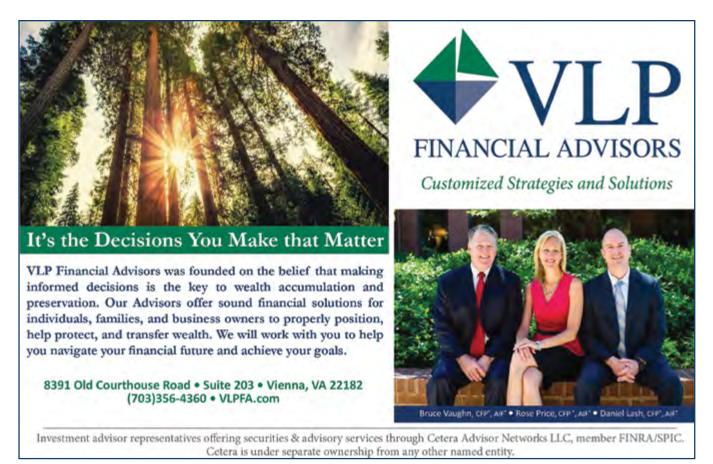
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Guidelines For Apple Picking

No bags allowed in the orchard except for the pick-your-own bags that you purchased. (Including backparks, backets, recyclable bags place bags)

Pick only the amount of apples that will fit in the bag that you purchased. If you would like to pick more apples, then return to check-out to purchase another bag. If you pick additional apples and they will not fit in your bag, then you will be charged by the pound.

The smell wagens are mainly for pick your own pumplins. Please be considerate to others who may need them.

When you are finished picking, please checkout by the pick-your-own building.

Thank You For Your Cooperation

Is there anything more delightful than biting into an apple picked fresh from the tree? Crisp and juicy, tart or sweet, apples are one of the joys of the fall season. Luckily for us, we're near the heart of apple country in Virginia, surrounded by pick-your-own orchards.

#### Fun at the Farms

Apple picking season is rife with fun activities for the entire family. Orchards and farms include attractions like corn mazes, petting zoos, wagon hayrides, apple butter and cider making, play areas, music, apple pies and other foods to help you create a memorable experience. And many orchards offer stunning views of farm landscapes and the nearby mountains. Make a day of it!

Be aware that some you-pick-it orchards may charge an admission fee in addition to a price per pound of whatever apples you pick to purchase. Most offer farm markets as well, where you can select harvested apples from large bins, as well as purchase a number of apple-and-otherwise products, foods and drinks.

#### How to Pick the Best Apples

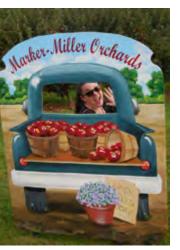
Many of today's modern apple varieties grown on dwarf trees so that the apples are well within reach of even the smallest member of your family. Others require special picking baskets on poles to reach apples high up in trees, available from the orchard you visit.

Apples on trees ripen from the outside of the tree inward toward the trunk, so the apples along the outside branches of the tree ripen first. But once they are picked, they do not continue ripening, so choose those that are already ripe. A ripe apple is crisp and firm while an unripe apple is quite sour, but the color depends on the varietal. Trust the farmer to direct you to the ripest ones.

Once you select your apple, grab hold of it and roll it upwards with a twist along the branch to remove it. Don't pull the apple downward from the tree. This can disturb the attaching spur which is where next year's apple will grow. A ripe apple will easily give way. Place it gently into a basket trying not to bruise it. Once bruised or cut, apples go bad quickly. If it falls on the ground, you can still pick it up and use it.

Store apples in a cool place after picking. A basement or the fruit drawer in your refrigerator are ideal. The length of time an apple keeps depends on the variety. Rome apples keep well, but Red and Golden Delicious do not and are best









eaten fresh. Don't wash apples until you are ready to eat them.

#### When Are Apples Ready to Pick?

It can take three to five years for a dwarf apple tree to mature to crop, and 5-8 years for a standard-sized tree, and an apple tree should produce fruit for about 15-30 years or longer.

Apple varieties ripen at different times. Those that mature early, like Honeycrisp, Jonagold and Paula Red, are called "summer apples" and are at peak ripeness in early August through early September. Gala and Golden Delicious ripen mid-fall, and Fuji, Rome, Granny Smith and Braeburn ripen late fall. Some of the most popular apples are: Honeycrisp, Red Delicious, Fuji, Jonagold and Gala.

#### Virginia's Apple Economy

Virginia is the 5th-largest apple producing state, with 15 flourishing varieties, and growers sell apples domestically and internationally, reports the Virginia Apple Growers Association. Most are sold for processing into products like apple juice, applesauce, apple cider, and apple cider vinegar, with Winchester's White House Foods being one of the largest manufacturers. The industry

adds more than \$235 million annually to the state's economy, according to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In addition, Virginia is home to a growing hard cider industry, with more than 20 producers in the state.

Many of these orchards were established long ago. For example, Marker-Miller Orchards is now in its 5th generation, with 110 years in the same family. Richard's Fruit Market features an apple storage building erected in the 1930s.

#### Other Apple-Related Things to Do

In the mid-1800s, Virginia's Shenandoah Valley was a rich apple-growing region. Today, Winchester is home to the world-famous Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival that spans 10 days and encompasses more than 40 events each spring. For a fun day, follow the Shenandoah Apple Trail, a 45-mile-long tour, with an accompanying audiotape and companion brochure that takes visitors via highways and backcountry roads to attractions and farm markets in Virginia's Apple Capital.

It's always best to eat foods in season at the

peak of their freshness. So get out there and pick some apples!

See the next page on where to pick your own apples.

#### Fun Apple Facts

- More than 2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the U.S., but only the crabapple is native to North America.
- Apples ripen 6-10x faster at room temperature than when refrigerated.
- Apples are a member of the rose family.
- The top apple producers in the world are China, United States, Turkey, Poland and Italy.
- It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.

# Where to Pick Your Own Apples

#### **Fauquier County**

- Hartland Orchard, 3064 Hartland Ln., Markham VA 22643
- Hollin Farms, 1524 Snowden Rd., Delaplane, VA 20144
- Stribling Orchard, 11587 Poverty Hollow Ln., Markham VA 22643
- Valley View Farm, 1550 Leeds Manor Rd.,
   Delaplane VA 20144

#### **Frederick County**

- High Hills Farms, 933 Barley Ln., Winchester, VA 22602
- Marker-Miller Orchards Farm Market and Bakery, 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA 22602
- Richard's Fruit Market, 6410 Middle Rd., Middletown VA 22645

• Rinker Orchards, 1156 Marlboro Rd, Stephens City, VA 22655

#### **Loudoun County**

- Crooked Run Orchard, 337883 E. Main St., Purcellville VA 20132
- Great Country Farms, 18780 Foggy Bottom Rd., Bluemont, VA 20135

#### Rappahannock County

- High Places Orchards, 121 Winesap Ln., Flint Hill-Huntly, VA 22640
- Jenkins' Orchards, 355 Yancey Rd., Woodville, VA 22749
- Lee's Orchard, 65 Orchard Ln., Washington VA22747
- Muskrat Haven, 20 Cedarbreak Ln., Amissville, VA 20106



#### 2018 Apple Festivals

- Shenandoah Valley
   Apple Harvest Festival
   Sept. 15-16, Frederick County
   Fairgrounds
- Apple Harvest Festival Oct. 6-7, Marker-Miller Orchards
- Apple Harvest Festival
   Oct. 20-21, Richard's Fruit
   Market
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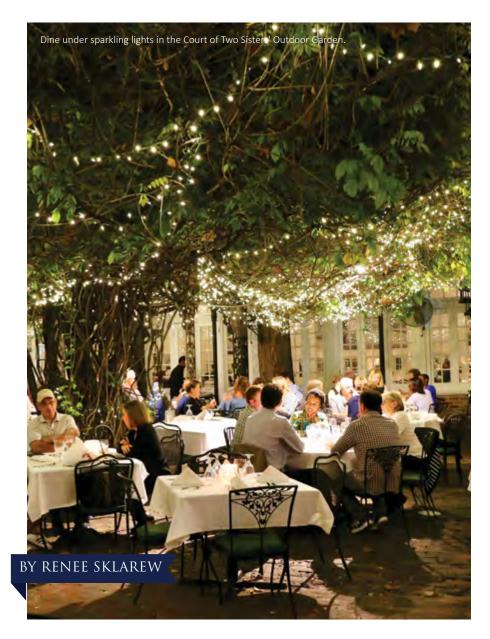
Luxurious new custom craftsman design on 1/2 acre lot in Tysons. Featuring a light filled open floor plan with oversized windows, 6 bedrooms, 6 1/2 baths, 3 car tandem garage, front porch with stone accents, stained in placed 5" oak hardwood floors, coffered ceiling family room, huge secondary bedrooms, each with private en-suite & walk-in closets. A gorgeous master suite with sitting room, double walk-in closets with shelving, plus a spectacular master bath that boast dual entry shower separate vanities, make up counter and soaking tub. Tech features abound including Nest®, WiFi extender, CAT 6, HDMI and more. Amazing gourmet kitchen with 6 burner Thermador® gas range and refrigerator, butlers pantry with beverage refrigerator, bar sink and a large walk-in pan-

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# NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATES 300 YEARS

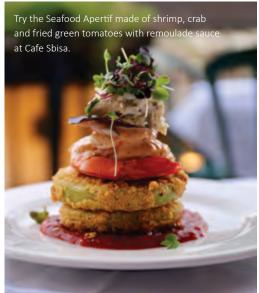
#### With a Melting Pot of Unforgettable Food

I've dreamed of visiting New Orleans for as long as I can remember. The city's iconic dishes are arguably America's most important cultural cuisine. Food like jambalaya, gumbo, crawfish etouffee, beignets, dirty rice, po'boys and chicory coffee are what makes this Louisiana city mythical in my mind. They held so much meaning for me, that I wondered if tasting them on their home turf would be a disappointment.

I shouldn't have worried. New Orleans was everything I expected, and So. Much. More.

#### The First Europeans Came to New Orleans in 1718

To appreciate the heritage cooking associated with NOLA, as the locals call the city, you must understand New Orleans' complicated history. Like much of the East Coast of North America, Louisiana's native Americans saw the first Europeans explorers in the 1500's. The



earliest Europeans to settle in the swampy Gulf Coast region arrived in 1718 led by French tradesman Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville. Bienville founded the town on a crescent-shaped bend in the Mississippi River, naming it after France's Duke of Orleans, and now three centuries years later, New Orleans commemorates its 300th anniversary.

The Treaty of Paris in 1763 transferred the territory to the Spanish Empire, then Great Britain fought Spain for New Orleans. In 1803, the French again took control over the region, and sold the land to United States in the profitable exchange known as the Louisiana Purchase. That was when the U.S. officially changed New Orleans' official language to English and began a prosperous slave market here. However, Louisiana was also home to free people of color known as the Creole community; they are descendants of the union between many European and African citizens. The port city continued to grow, with immigrants from the Caribbean, Germany, Ireland and Italy.

Residents of New Orleans quickly adapted European and African dishes to incorporate crops that could survive in the surrounding bayou. "The mixing of cultures played an important role in the development of New Orleans culinary history, but so did the terrain." explains Jyl Benson, of New Orleans' Southern Food and Beverage Museum (SoFAB). Benson teaches cooking classes at SoFAB. She prepared jambalaya while explaining the history of this evolving cuisine. If you visit, stop at SoFAB's market and restaurant to buy local spices, cookbooks and taste an authentic Cajun meal.

#### How to Best Enjoy Mardi Gras

New Orleans is well known for its legendary



holiday Mardi Gras, which I mistakenly believed was just one day called "Fat Tuesday." A tour I took at Mardi Gras World, a gigantic workshop on the New Orleans waterfront, quickly dispelled that myth.

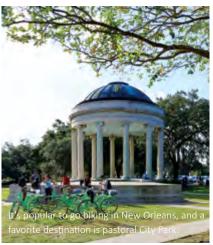
Preparation for Mardi Gras is actually a year-long effort, where locals build colorful floats, plan extraordinary balls, and organize mile-long parades. Mardi Gras season actually starts on January 6, when the locals begin baking their famous King Cakes. These decadent cakes originated with the French people who, since the 12th Century, have celebrated the Catholic's Feast of the Epiphany with a King Cake. Although King Cakes are only available during the lead up to Mardi Gras, Mardi Gras World offers guests a slice at the end of every tour.

Each year Mardi Gras lasts between one and two months, depending on the Easter calendar. To determine the Fat Tuesday, start from Easter Sunday, and count back 47 days. Visit anytime during the last two weeks leading up to Fat Tuesday, and you'll catch multiple parades marching through the streets of New Orleans.

#### Work off all that Great Food on a Bike Tour

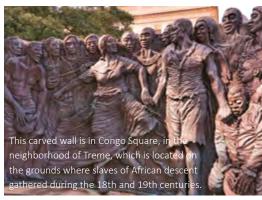
One exhilarating way to explore New Orleans is on a Free Wheelin' Bike Tour through the Garden District. This neighborhood of antebellum homes is the perfect opportunity to learn more about New Orleans' culture. The guide leads you on easy-gliding bikes through streets lined with exotic gardens and graceful homes. Built on cotton plantations, wealthy Americans sought to escape the frantic French Quarter, and subdivided the farmland to build Victorian-style houses among 100-year-old





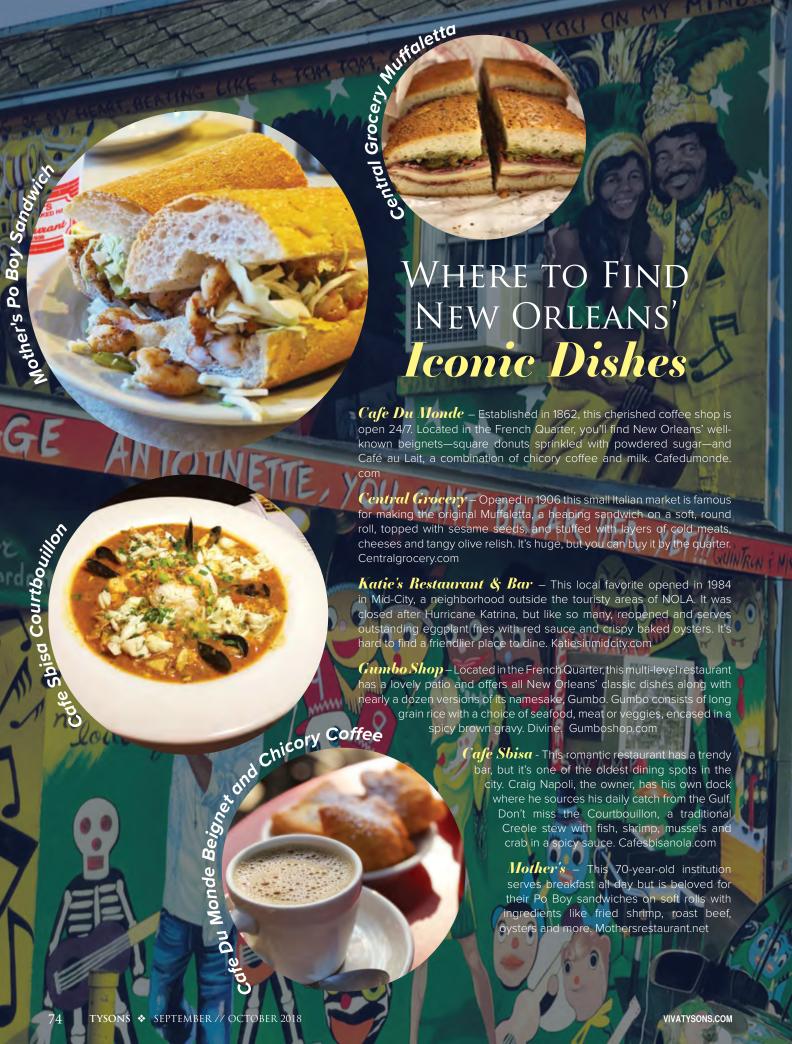
live oak trees. The Garden District is home to a few of New Orleans' renowned residents including Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt, Peyton, Archie and Eli Manning, Nicholas Cage and author Anne Rice.

Free Wheelin includes a stop in St. Louis Cemetery #1, a must-see to better understand the town's unique history. In New Orleans, graves are built above-ground due to the low-lying landscape. While walking through the cemetery, you'll hear captivating stories of the city's infamous heroes and villains. Citizens like Marie Laveau, a voodoo priestess who placed powerful "spells" on people. She is said to be buried in Plot 347. Also buried here are Homer Plessy, the plaintiff in the Plessy vs. Ferguson Supreme Court case, and Delphine LaLaurie, a vicious slave holder. There's even an Egyptian pyramid-shaped grave waiting for Nicholas Cage when he dies.





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#### Where to Stay in New Orleans

I wanted to be able to walk the eclectic streets of the French Quarter, but avoid Bourbon Street, where revelers party late into the night. I chose the Windsor Court, a Forbes-Four Star hotel with a sumptuous spa, fitness center and pool. Windsor Court is beloved for its high tea service in Le Salon on weekends. The hotel is likewise the perfect place to relax and take a break from New Orleans' bustling city streets, but still be steps away from the action.

For three centuries now, New Orleans has welcomed visitors to its playful streets to sample its unparalleled cuisine. Despite the ravages of Hurricane Katrina thirteen years-ago, New Orleans is enjoying a beautiful renaissance, and is better than ever. Don't miss your chance to explore this one-of-a-kind American city. �

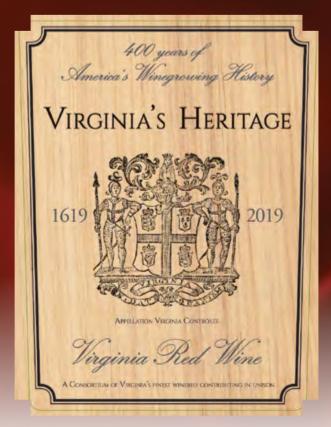


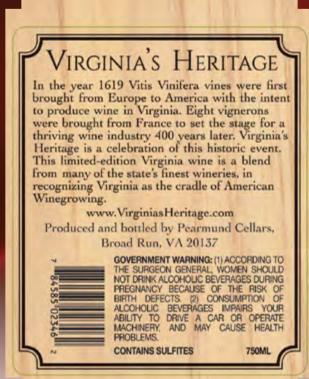




# CREATING VIRGINIA'S HERITAGE

400 years of Virginia winemaking commemorated in Virginia's Heritage.





By Linda Barrett

In 1619, the first grapevines were brought to America from Europe with the intent to produce wine in Virginia. Four hundred years later, Virginia celebrates with a 400th Anniversary Project called Virginia's Heritage.

This October, just in time for Virginia Wine Month, Virginia's Heritage will release a limited-edition commemorative wine to mark this historic milestone. The red wine, known as Virginia's Heritage, "is a collaboration of 16 of Virginia's most celebrated wineries," explained Chris Pearmund, managing partner of Pearmund Cellars and visionary for the Virginia's Heritage project, created in conjunction with the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

"The idea for Virginia's Heritage was to bring more consumer awareness of Virginia's wine history, which is basically the cradle of winemaking in the Americas," Pearmund said.

Each participating winery provided a barrel of their best Bordeauxstyle reds, and the Virginia's Heritage wine was expertly blended from their contribution of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot wines. The result? A beautiful representation of Virginia's finest. The blend was aged in 32 wine barrels in the Effingham Manor winery, and bottled in August to produce 10,000 bottles, with the number of bottles representing each of the original 10,000 vitis vinifera vines planted in Virginia by the Virginia Company, 400 years ago.

The limited-edition wine is presented in a commemorative box featuring a representation of the 1619 Virginia Company seal to reflect its Colonial roots. The wine bottle label is printed on thin sheets of birch wood and ribbon shavings of the same wood surrounding the bottles as packaging.

The Virginia's Heritage wine will make its debut in October and be available for sale through the participating wineries, at select wine retailers, and the Pearmund Cellars website.

#### Virginia's Heritage: 400 Years in the Making

When the Virginia Company founded Jamestown in 1607 as the first permanent English settlement in North America, one of its objectives was to produce commodities such as wine, silk and oil to avoid having to import them from rivals Spain and France.

With hopes that Virginia would become a major source of wine for the British Empire, in 1619, the House of Burgesses (the predecessor of

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the Virginia General Assembly) enacted "Acte 12," or the 12th Act of law, to require "every householder" to plant and maintain ten vines from those that King James I had sent over from Europe. Unfortunately, these vines failed to thrive among the approximately 1,000 households, and in 1619, a second 10,000 vines were sent from France by King James I. Every effort seemed to fail, and with cider, whiskey, beer and brandy being plentiful, the settlers eventually gave up.

Enter Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, who attempted to grow grapes on their estates in hopes of realizing the promise of Virginia wine. Jefferson tried twice to grow vitis vinifera vines imported from Europe. The first time his efforts were cut short by the Revolutionary War. The second time, the crop was blighted by phylloxera, an aphid native to North America that was deadly to the non-resistant European vines. Neither man was able to produce a single bottle.

As one of the most prominent families in Virginia, the Carter family became instrumental in Virginia's wine production. Robert "King" Carter was purported to have a wine cellar at his Corotoman estate containing more than 900 bottles of imported wine. This must have sparked an interest in his son Charles Carter, and in 1759, Charles began growing grapes at the Cleve Plantation. By 1862, he is said to have planted 1,800 vines.

Charles Carter sent 12 bottles he produced from an American winter grape and a white Portuguese summer grape to the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce in London, who pronounced the wines "as excellent wines." They presented him with a gold medal. The next year, he was recognized by Royal Lieutenant Governor Francis Fauquier for being the first to successfully grow European vines in Virginia.

In the early 1800s, a man by the name of Dr. Daniel Norton began experimenting with crossbreeding native grapes, and discovered in his Richmond lab a vine well-suited for growing in Virginia's soil. It became known as the Norton varietal, with characteristics of aroma and taste similar to those found in European grapes. At the 1873 Vienna World's Fair, a Virginia Norton wine surprised everyone by being named "best red wine of all nations." Another Norton won a gold medal at the 1889 Paris World's Fair.

Fast forward to today to where Virginia has nearly 300 wineries and is sixth in wine production in the United States, behind California, Washington state, New York, Oregon and Texas, and a world-wide reputation for creating award-winning wines.

"In Virginia, we have many, many firsts," Pearmund said. "We should be proud of, and lay claim to, the historical heritage of winemaking in the Americas. Our future is strong, with the passion and creativity of

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- Vint Hill Craft Winery, Vint Hill
- Williamsburg Winery, Williamsburg
- Winery at Bull Run, Centreville



# Where to Cycle this Fall in the DMV

Cycling studios are all over the place now it seems. So how is one to know which one to go to? Do they all offer the same class and you just pick one closest to you, or does each one have a different vibe and you would be willing to drive to one where you would feel most comfortable?

Well, each cycling studio does have its own feel and type of energy, but aside from that, they all vary in costs with their memberships and have unique promotions where one of those might be the best cost-efficient choice for you—if that is a factor in making up your mind.

Virginia has some really great studios and each of the studios also carries great athletic wear that are clothing lines that the studio represents, be it the studio's name brand or another one. Some of the cycling studios even have a full out coffee bar in them with a bakery. Whatever your type of vibe is that you picture yourself going to for when it comes to cycling studios, Virginia definitely has it for you.

Read on to see what each type of studio is like and what promotions they currently have going on:



Zengo Cycle has locations in VA, DC, and MD. Wherever you happen to be, I can promise you that there will be a Zengo Cycle nearby. The great thing about this studio is that you pay for classes with credits, so you never have to worry about missing a monthly



The Vortex Studio located on the top level of The Tysons Galleria is a dream come true. This studio really does a great job of bringing a community of people together with its coffee bar and athletic wear that is all provided to you for purchase upon entering their studio. Taking a cycling class for the first time can be intimidating so by going a little earlier and buying an acai bowl for lunch and then purchasing a Simple branded t-shirt or a new Vortex backpack for your cycling shoes, you can feel more a part of the cycling studio community. If you're into your ride being a fun time-out from your day, then look into their Hip Hop Thursday's that they currently offer taught by Caroline or Kat. You will want to go dancing after the workout because of how enjoyable their classes actually are and not as tiring as some of the other ones offered. You can buy their starter pack which provides you with 1 month of unlimited classes for \$150.00. They also have an ongoing promo where if you want to buy your classes for a full year, you can take advantage of an upfront discount.



membership payment, or wanting to cancel it if you happen to move away from any Zengo studious—which is hard to imagine since they are everywhere. The New Rider Pack starts at \$33.00 and includes 3 classes that expire after 45 days of purchase. Their studios offer you an intimate feel because of the proximity from the instructor to the back row; everything is condensed together, but without feeling too close for comfort. The locker space is also very compact, again, giving this place a boutique type of environment. Something unique to Zengo classes is that they incorporate the use of free weights to promote muscle movement

in your core body areas; you can choose what size weights would be best for you. The music ranges from fast pop songs to slower ones, but they are all top 100 songs that will get you spinning really fast or keep you cruising. You can check out their instructor page and find Allison if you are looking for an extreme type of cycling workout; her class will leave your legs feeling like jelly.







New Trail Cycling Studio is located in Reston Virginia. This studio will open later this summer in August 2018, but will be holding some preview classes in July. All the info for upcoming classes can be found on their website at: www.newtrailcycling. com. Liz Kamp who is the owner of this studio really wants this studio to make cycling a part of every day life, which is why she will be including teen cycling classes at her studio that are made specifically for riders of ages 12-16. If you are the busy mom on the go, well now your kid can join you as well. Teen classes will be separated by gender and gave age appropriate music. She also includes in her schedule of classes, classes for 55+. The 55+ ride will have lower RPMS and intensity levels and feature hit songs from the 50's-70's, though one can still tailor the ride to their specific needs in this class. New Trail social media sites will also show updates for their weekly update music playlist. Liz Kamp informed me that the bikes her studio will be using are also the latest state of the art bikes from Schwinn (and the first in VA as of yet) that will record your info and send it to you, along with having many other customizable features. If you like having the best of the best and want to include your entire family within the cycling lifestyle, then be sure to check out the preview riding dates on their website. Liz says of the vibe for her studio, "I want this to be a place where first time riders will not feel intimidated, but rather at ease. I want first time riders to incorporate cycling as a part of their everyday life and not something that is going to be a one-time thing."



Premium Indoor Cycling

Cycle Bar Premium Indoor Cycling has locations in Arlington and Falls Church, Virginia. The studio has a low-key feel to it, not having a coffee bar or clothing to buy right as you walk in, but rather a Keurig in the back and your choice of a banana, which is offered every day for free. You also get free parking in the Harris Teeter parking garage which is located right next door to the Falls Church location. Cycle Bar loves its community and is also committed to giving back which shows by the promotion they run for teachers and students; a month of unlimited rides for only \$75.00. They also have weekly themes which are posted on boards for all to see that feature what the songs for the rides of the week will be. The themes are fun and quirky such as: evolution of country music, or British invasion. Courtney who is a manager at Cycle Bar Says to check out their website on holidays as well because they tend to offer promotions or free rides on those days. Cycle Bar has also created Cyclegiving® which is their philanthropic movement to partner with organizations that help bring fundraising to charities. They call this their unique form of marketing that informs their community of health and wellness all while still raising money for an overall good cause. You can currently sign up for a week free of cycle classes through the end of summer. You can then start off with 5 rides for an introductory rate of \$99.00.







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# STAY AHEAD OF HAIR LOSS

With These Clinical and At-Home Treatments for Fuller Hair

By Analiese Kreutzer

According to the American Hair Loss
Association, up to 40 percent of women
in the United States experience hair loss.
The causes vary and may be due to stress,
pregnancy, menopause or health conditions
such as lupus, hypothyroidism or iron
deficiencies. The American Academy of
Dermatology says the most common cause
is female pattern hair loss (FPHL), also
known as androgenetic alopecia, a hereditary
condition which usually becomes noticeable
in a woman's 40s, 50s or 60s.

If you've noticed your part looks wider, there's more hair in your brush or your ponytail feels smaller, visit a dermatologist to determine the cause of your hair loss. It is important to identify the cause so you can pursue the most effective treatment.

Some hair loss problems can be solved with an improved diet or a change in hair care routines if harsh chemicals are causing thinning. For hair loss problems caused by FPHL, you'll need to seek out other reatments.



Low level laser therapy (LLLT), also called cool laser or red light therapy, stimulates the hair follicles and increases blood flow to the scalp by more than 50 percent, according to the Astoria Laser Clinic & Med Spa in Vienna. The treatment works on all areas of the scalp and has been proven to stop hair loss and regrow hair. Laser therapy has been shown to be particularly effective when used in conjunction with hair transplants, but it is also effective on its own.

Nuha Handoush, senior licensed LME clinician at Astoria, recommends 10-16 laser treatments once per week for best results. "You can expect to see results four months after the last treatment," she said. She recommends one treatment per month thereafter to sustain the results.

Hair treatment clinics and spas have medicalgrade lasers that are much more powerful than at-home devices. However, if cost is a concern and you're committed to being diligent about using an at-home system, they are easy to use and effective, although results will take longer.

There are several at-home LLLTs on the market, including those from Theradome and iRestore. Both of these look similar to a bicycle helmet. The Theradome should be used twice a week for 20 minutes at a time and the iRestore every other day for 25 minutes, but you have the advantage of using it in the comfort of your home while you're reading or watching TV. The iRestore claims you can expect to see visible growth in three to six months, and the Theradome in six to nine months.



# TOPICAL TREATMENTS

As mentioned above, PRP can be used in conjunction with microneedling to stimulate hair growth. With PRP, a technician draws a vial of your blood and spins it in a centrifuge to extract the plasma. Then ingredients are added, and it's injected into your scalp at intervals.

According to Trichological Associates, the Hair Loss Clinic in Alexandria, PRP stimulates natural hair growth, especially if the formula contains growth factors such as platelet derived growth factor and vascular endothelial growth factor. Clinical trials of PRP for hair growth have been inconclusive, in part because each practitioner adds different ingredients and in different amounts, but, when used in conjunction with microneedling, laser treatments or hair transplants, the results have been positive.

Minoxidil remains the only FDA-approved topical product for treating hair loss. It does not work for everyone, but it is effective for treating FPHL. The results are only sustained as long as you keep using it. It does have some risk of side effects, one of the most common being unwanted facial hair growth.

# **MICRONEEDLING**

Microneedling is a process often used for facial skin rejuvenation in which tiny needles are rolled over the skin creating micro injuries. In response to these injuries, your body increases collagen production. When used on the scalp, microneedling increases the production of growth factors and stem cells that can stimulate hair growth.

Microneedling on its own has shown mixed results, but when it's combined with topical treatments, the channels that the needling opens up in the scalp allows the topical treatments to penetrate deeper, enhancing their effectiveness, so it makes sense to use minoxidil or platelet rich plasma (PRP) along with microneedling for maximum results.

"With scalp needling, we infuse a specific GF Hair Complex that mimics plasma in the body, which stimulates hair growth. We also recommend using minoxidil on a repeated basis at home to maintain hair growth," said Handoush.

# PRODUCTS FOR THICKER TRESSES



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# Got2b Fat-tastic Thickening Plumping Mousse

This collagen-infused mousse plumps up thin hair, making it feel thicker, denser and stronger.



#### < Laritelle Fertile Roots Hair Oil

Herbal infusions in the oil stimulate the scalp and hair follicles, increasing blood circulation, strengthening and protecting the hair and fighting hair loss. Analiese Kreutzer is a contributing writer to VivaTysons and VivaReston. She can be reached at AnalieseKreutzer@gmail.com.



# ASK DR. DIMA ABOUT FEMININE REJUVENATION WITH THERMIVA

Historically, surgery was the only option for women for vaginal tightening and changing the appearance of the labia. I trained with Dr. David Matlock – of the E! network docu-series Dr. 90210 – in LA so that I could offer this procedure to patients. There is now an alternative and it is quite remarkable. It's called ThermiVA.

### What is Vaginal Rejuvenation?

Also known as female genital plastic surgery or aesthetic vaginal surgery. Vaginal rejuvenation usually combines vaginoplasty ("tightening" of the vagina) and/or labiaplasty or vulvaplasty (reshaping of the vulva or labia, the outer and inner lips of the vagina). It has become an increasingly popular option for women.

#### What is ThermiVA?

ThermiVa is a non-surgical radiofrequency procedure for vaginal and labial tightening. Both the internal and external tissues can be treated.

# What is the healing time after the procedure?

There is no downtime with this procedure. Women report feeling tighter even after one treatment. After week two, you will notice an increase in vaginal moisture (the glands "regenerate"). Sexual activity can be resumed as normal. Improvement with incontinence is also noticed after the first treatment. The vulvovaginal tissues continue to tighten after each treatment. It is actually quite a remarkable difference physically, sexually and psychologically.

## What is the procedure like?

The procedure is very comfortable and takes about 45 minutes. I do 3 treatments about 1 month apart. There is no need for anesthesia.

#### Who is a candidate for ThermiVA?

ThermiVA is an excellent treatment for women who suffer from urogenital atrophy/laxity and complain of painful intercourse. Giving birth vaginally, aging and obesity are some contributing factors to this condition. Other reasons to get ThermiVA may also include:

- If you have sexual dysfunction or problems reaching orgasm
- If you have urinary leakage (incontinence) when you laugh or cough
- If you feel that your vagina is dry and is not producing moisture
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Here are a few suggestions for strutting on crunchy leaves and sipping pumpkin spiced lattes in style:



**INSTANT HAIR EXTENSIONS** (ponytail and invisible halo). Whether you're bored of your current length or style, or just looking to switch it up every now and then, pop-in extensions are easy to use and look amazing. My favorite brand to wear is "Hairdo", found on Hairuwear.com. These come in many styles and shades, in synthetic or human hair. You can even take the long, "invisible" extension to your salon and have them trim and layer it to match your hair so that no one would ever know.





Well, **PLAID**, of course. Has this ever not been a thing? Go for the classic red or hop on the current trend of colorful plaids (like pink) in varying pattern sizes.



A STATEMENT COAT. Sure, classic trench coats can look super chic, but oversized coats in bold prints and colors are just plain fun. You can't wear a cow print coat and not feel slightly fabulous. (see similar cow coat from ASOS)

# ASK AN EXPERT

Fall is the best time to repair sun damaged skin



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much sun exposure, increasing the risk of skin cancer. It is

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### Are age spots and freckles the same thing?

recommended to get your skin checked periodically.

These cells produce melanin, a substance that darkens the skin. Freckles are generally harmless, tiny brown spots that usually appear on sun-exposed areas early in life, and fade over time. Age spots look similar, but they are usually seen later in life and tend not to fade.

#### Are freckles genetic?

Freckles are small, concentrated spots of a skin pigment called melanin. Most fair-skinned, red-haired people have them. Freckles are controlled primarily by the MC1R gene. Freckles show a dominant inheritance pattern: parents who have freckles tend to have children with freckles.

#### Can you get a freckle removed?

If benign appearing, freckles can be removed by different treatment options depending on the nature of the freckle and skin type of the patient. It is best to first get a consultation done.

### Are you born with freckles?

Sometimes they merge together to make a larger spot. Freckles appear on skin that has been exposed to the sun. When you touch the skin you cannot feel a freckle unlike moles. People are not born with freckles, they only develop after a person has been exposed to sunlight. \*

#### Can sunspots be removed?

Sun spots, which include age spots, freckles, and other benign pigmented lesions resulting from sun-damage, can be removed from face and nearly any body area. Needling, Peels, Radio Frequency and Laser treatment removal of sun spots can significantly enhance your skin's appearance.

# Is there a difference between freckles and sunspots?

When there is no exposure to the sun, freckles fade as the skin cells are replaced by new cells, hence the reason why freckles fade during winter. The main difference between sun spots, age spots and freckles, is the age at which they appear, the size and the location on the body.

### Do freckles caused by the sun go away?

There are two types of freckles: One type appears when the skin is exposed to sun in the summer, and this type fades during winter months. The other type does not fade. These freckles tend to be darker than the freckles that fade. Either ones should be removed in office.

### Are sun spots a sign of cancer?

Some changes in your skin come with age, such as the unpopular age spots (also known as sun spots or liver spots). These have nothing to do with the liver and are caused instead by long-term sun exposure. Not all spots that appear on the skin are cancerous. However, moles, freckles and sunspots are warning signs that the skin has had too





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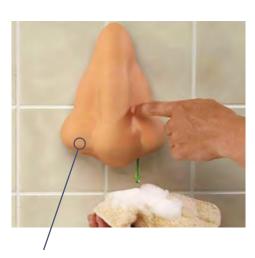
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# HAIR CARE ROUTINES FOR ALL AGES

By Emily S.

Our bodies don't stop changing after puberty: They're constantly evolving and adapting to age. While there are plenty of advantages to growing older, some of the physical signs are a little less welcome. Our hair in particular is often a source of pride and confidence, but can show the most signs of age. We've compiled some tips to ensure that your hair is being taken care of at every step in life.

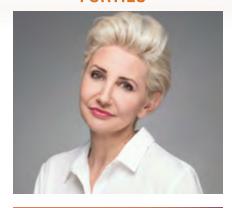
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While your twenties are for experimenting with color and style, there are still ways to take care of your hair to ensure that it will be healthy in the future. Exercise and sun exposure are often a huge part of a young woman's life, but can both have surprising impacts on your hair's health. Avoid long-term damage by taking some preventative measures.

A tight ponytail can rip your roots out and damage follicles, yet sixty percent of women say they use a hair tie daily. Try swapping your hair elastic for scrunchies or elastic cloth hair ties to protect your strands from damage.

Make sure to also engage in proper measures to protect your hair from sun damage if you're going to be outside for a long time. Invest in some scalp and hairspray-esque hair sunscreens to avoid exposure to damaging, and cancer-causing UV rays.

Often by our thirties, our beauty needs have drastically changed from those in our twenties. With rapidly changing life plans and damage from years of

changing life plans and damage from years of experimental hair care, thirty year old women should start buckling down to get serious about long-term beauty.

Cutting down on the number of times that you wash your hair every week can keep overshowering from stripping your hair of its moisture and damaging your roots. In fact, most people only need to shampoo twice a week, but only a third of women follow these guidelines. Try substituting a dry shampoo every now and then to prevent overworking your hair.

Another way to avoid brittle hair is to improve your diet. Your hair reflects what you eat, and foods rich in biotin and omega-3 fatty acids can bolster your cells and strengthen your hair while giving it added shine. Try introducing more nuts, seeds, eggs and dark green veggies into your diet to achieve radiant locks.

As we reach our forties, our bodies start to change quite a bit. Most women struggle with brittle, greying hair as their follicles lose pigment. While there is beauty in proudly showing off your age, there are also ways to roll back the clock if you wish.

If you choose to color your hair, make sure you're getting the right dye. Many hair dyes don't offer full grey coverage, and have a limited range of colors. Use one that's custom made for you to feel confident in your color and own your unique beauty.

Also, avoid using too much heat on your hair. Overly hot styling tools can singe your hair and damage the shafts, leading to frizzy, broken hair. Take a day or two off to let your hair's natural oils replenish and protect each strand. When you do use heat in a straightener or curling iron, don't set it too high. For finer hair, use a lower setting, and for thicker hair, a higher setting, but never use a 400 degree tool.





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What is your biggest beauty splurge? After my 4 children are all tucked into bed and the house is finally quiet, a mug of herbal tea and aromatherapy hot bath and I allow myself that time at night to decompress from my day.

What is the beauty product will you would not leave the house without?

Eyelash curler and lipstick

What did you formerly do that you realized wasn't was worth it?

I never would use daily face lotion and night cream. Now I'm obsessed with it and it makes such a big difference with the brightness and making my skin look younger.

What is your workout pick?
I love walking with my dog on nature trails.
Scotts Run is right next door so we visit it as
often as we can.

What is your view on diet?
Since I have a large family with four kids eating and cooking is a big deal in our home.
My rule is we can eat anything as long as we can make it ourselves.

What's your spa fix?
I'm a huge massage fan I try to get them often
for the health of my back and neck.

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# Switch Out Your Makeup for the Fall

By Marta Bota

The days are shorter and you can feel the chill in the air. The leaves will begin to turn brilliant colors as Autumn is quickly approaching! This is a favorite time of year for many, but that means its time to put away your cute summer sandals and little sundresses.

For those of us who LOVE fall fashion that means its time to break out the boots and start layering your clothing and accessories! I love wearing colors that reflect the seasonal changes, adding golden and burgundy hues to my scarves and sweaters! That means its time to change your makeup palette as well, bringing in richer, deeper tones to your lip and eyeshadow colors! Adding copper and gold shimmer gives an added depth to these rich tones!

In addition to being a seasoned makeup artist I'm also an organic airbrush tan artist. I love the effect of a light airbrush tan for a "healthy glow" this time of year. It adds warmth to the rich makeup palettes this season and will make you truly stand out!



I love deep, rich red and burgundy lip colors in the fall! Kat Von D Painted Love lipsticks come in a wide array of colors that are perfect for this time of year. These are rich full-color lipsticks that will really make a statement. Eyeshadow palettes are the way to go when layering color on your lids this season! One of my favorite palettes is the Tartelette In Bloom Clay Palette by Tarte cosmetics. This eyeshadow kit has a great variety of color choices that are perfect for any season!. There are matte and shimmer shades that give you endless possibilities. The darker shadows are perfect for Fall and I love adding shimmer to the center of the lid for a dramatic effect! What really excites me about this particular eyeshadow kit are the ingredients. Mineral pigments and Amazonian clay makes them glide on with ease and allows for smooth blending.



We must turn our attention to foundation this season. As our summer glow fades we should keep this in mind and consider purchasing a lighter shade. Foundation should be a PERFECT match to our skin tone and type for the most flawless makeup application. My all time favorite foundation is Limelife by Alcone Perfect Foundation. The highly pigmented botanical foundation is a favorite among celebrity makeup artists and their clients, creating the most natural effect that looks like a "second skin!" It works well on ANY skin type and is "buildable" for the perfect coverage.



As we transition from summer to the cooler seasons I still love to use bronzers on my clients, to create a warm glow to their skin tone. This looks particularly beautiful with the vivid hues in fashion for this vibrant colorful bronzers is Too Faced Milk Chocolate Soleil. The name says it all! This matte bronzer neutralizes red, enhances all skin tones, and is infused with cocoa powder making it's chocolate scent extra delicious for the chocolate lover in you.







LOCAL EVENTS, FUNDRAISERS, CHARITIES, AND MORE ACROSS THE AREA

# ROCK BANDS, FIREWORKS, CARNIVAL LIT UP THE NIGHTS AT CELEBRATE FAIRFAX

Nightly fireworks lit up the sky at the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, held June 8th through 10th at the Fairfax County Government Center. Nearly 70,000 people attended the 37th annual event, which included carnival rides, interactive exhibits, food vendors, family programs, a 5K Race—and much more.

Musicians performed 120 shows on the seven stages at the festival, including this year's four headliner bands: Good Charlotte, Gin Blossoms, Sugar Ray and Cracker.

On Friday night, June 8, multi-platinum selling band Good Charlotte hit the stage and performed 13 songs, starting off with "The Anthem," one of the band's most popular songs.

Formed in 1996, Good Charlotte is a pop punk/alternative rock band from La Plata, MD. The band made a name for itself playing in Washington, D.C. clubs.

Good Charlotte consists of vocalist Joel Madden and guitarist/vocalist Benji Madden, identical twin brothers who grew up in La Plata, MD.; bassist Paul Thomas, also from La Plata, MD.; guitarist/ keyboardist Billy Martin from Annapolis, MD.; and drummer Dean Butterworth, of Manchester, England.

Highlights of the show included the band's performance of five of their Billboard chart topping songs: "The Anthem," "Girls and Boys," "The River," "I Just Wanna Live"-- and "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," the last song of the show.

Fireworks burst over the Fairfax County Government Center following the show, with countless appreciative "oohs!" "ahhs!" from the audience.

Next up Herr Metal performed 80's hair metal hits on the adjacent Cox Rocks stage. Clad in brightly colored costumes with flowing wigs, the band performed songs from Bon Jovi, Guns N' Roses, Def Leppard—and more.

But the fun wasn't over yet. Following the show many people headed over to the Silent Disco. Wearing wireless headphones, the participants switched channels backand-forth to dance to the music played by 3 different DJs. Observers couldn't hear the music but amusingly saw the participants rocking out in silence.

The carnival and interactive exhibits were open day and night throughout the weekend.

On Saturday night Gin Blossoms launched the headliner show by performing the song "Lost Horizons," the first song on their multi-platinum 1992 album "New Miserable Experience."

Formed in 1987 in Arizona, Gin Blossoms consists of: Bill Leen (bass guitar); Jesse Valenzuela (rhythm and lead guitar, backing vocals); Robin Wilson (lead vocals, percussion, harmonica, acoustic guitar); Scott "Scotty" Johnson (lead and rhythm guitar, backing); and Scott Hessel (drums, percussion).

During the show the audience was treated to hear four songs from "Mixed Reality," their new album, which frontman Robin Wilson announced would be coming out on June 15.

Highlights of the show also included the performance of three of their Billboard hit songs: "Found Out About You," "Until I Fall Away" and "Allison Road."

As they continued their set lightning started to flash, causing the show to be ended early after playing their 12th song, "Found Out About You." The audience then chanted for the band to play the song, "Hey Jealousy" but unfortunately the weather forestalled it.

With a storm threatening, the audience was instructed several times to take cover in the Government Center. Despite the warnings, many people stayed in front of the stage, literally singing in unison in the rain, which hit with force. The rain continued for about 2 hours. As it began to clear the nightly fireworks were launched about the Government Center.

After that the rain stopped Sugar Ray took the stage to perform an abbreviated show. Drenched but happy, fans appreciatively clapped and sang along when lead singer Mark McGrath began to perform the first song: "Summertime's Coming." The shortened set consisted of 10 songs, including hit songs "Every Morning," "Someday," "When it's Over" and "Fly."

Formed in 1986, Sugar Ray is an alternative rock band from Newport Beach, CA. Its members are: Mark McGrath (lead vocals, rhythm guitar, percussion); Rodney Sheppard (lead guitar, backing vocals); Kristian Attard (bass, backing vocals); and Dean Butterworth (drums, percussion, programming, backing vocals).

Finishing off the set, Sugar Ray performed its chart-topping number one hit song "Fly" to the delighted audience.

Sporadic light rain didn't stop the crowds from watching Cracker perform on Sunday afternoon, June 10th. Umbrellas could be seen going up and down throughout the afternoon, but fortunately there was no thunder and lightning.

Formed in 1991 in Redlands, CA, Cracker is a rock band consisting of lead singer David Lowery (vocals, guitar); Johnny Hickman (lead guitar, vocals); Bryan Howard (bass guitar); Carlton "Coco" Owens (drums); and Matt "Pistol" Stoessel (pedal steel guitar).

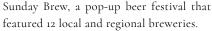
Cracker performed 16 songs at Celebrate Fairfax, starting off with "King of Bakersfield" and finishing the set with "I See the Light." Highlights of the show include their performance of "Teen Angst (What the World Needs Now)," which charted at number one on the U.S. Modern Rock Tracks, as well as chart-topping hit songs "Low," "Get Off This," and "Eurotrash Girl."

During the concert fans were also able to sample craft beer at Celebrate Fairfax's







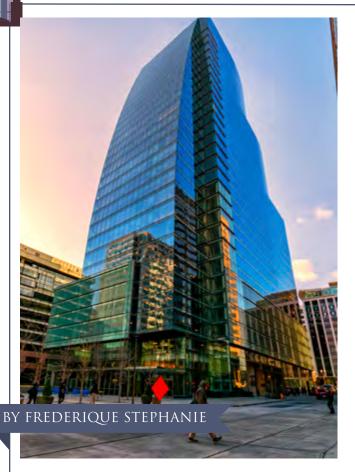


Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a can't-miss annual event. Mark your calendars! Next year's event will be held June 7-9, 2019.

Additional upcoming events hosted by Celebrate Fairfax include: Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, Sept. 29-30, www.fallforfairfax.com. \*







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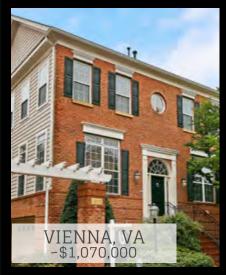
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# At the Intersection of Wellness and Walkable

s Tysons Corner continues its transformation from a business district dominated by offices and shopping to a new identity as a community with an ever-expanding range of housing options and pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods, it finds itself intersecting with the wellness revolution now shaping adult and senior living and embracing the dramatic shifts in the housing targeted to older residents by capitalizing on the benefits of mixed-use development.

Mature adults and young seniors are increasingly attuned to their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual health and wellness. More and more, they are looking for communities that can offer them the services, amenities and opportunities that will deliver personalized wellbeing in every facet of their lives, improving overall quality of life.

Enter The Mather, a forward thinking "life plan community" for people 62 and

older. Nothing about this new property, whose proposed site is at 7929 Westpark Drive, looks as if it's aimed at seniors.

Here, adult living is being re-defined as spaces that promote wellness through innovative uses of smart-home technology, luxurious, maintenance-free apartment homes and healthy lifestyle amenities like a fitness center and day spa, social, cultural and educational programming, as well as restaurant and retail space. All this set within a walkable urban environment less than half a mile from Metro, in a corner of Tysons that is fast becoming a true neighborhood.

The first East Coast property for Illinois-based Mather LifeWays – innovative creators of programs, places, and residences for today's young-at-heart older adults—and in partnership with Westminster Capital, The Mather in Tysons is projected to open in 2022.

It's safe to say that there's no development like it in the Washington, DC area. Along with being an amenity-rich community, The Mather will fully integrate smart home technology, such as voice-enabled personal assistants that can control smart home devices, into all of their apartments, providing state-of-the-art conveniences that can help mature adults age in place for longer periods of time.

The Mather's stunning design features two high-rise towers with one- and two-bedroom units and offers outdoor terraces, street-level plazas and a large, private "activity event lawn," plus smaller green spaces and private gardens. The community's overall focus will be on amenities conducive to an active retirement or pre-retirement lifestyle. And for those who want even more, everything else—world-class shopping, dining, entertainment, sporting events and destinations—can be found right outside the door.

The Mather, as well as other wellness-focused adult communities that are sure to follow, will encourage their residents to pursue new passions and priorities, with a plan in place that supports aging well. Life plan communities provide an important benefit: a continuum of living options, which enable residents to plan ahead to access additional services, including long-term health care, if ever needed. These communities will be possibility-rich environments for their residents, with programs, amenities, services and health care that support wellness, a sense of community, and opportunities to find fulfillment.

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For more information about The Mather visit www.TheMatherTysons.com. �





# Urban Plates In Suburban Environs

The west coast restaurant chain Urban Plates launched its first east coast eating destination in June. Its DC area fast casual concept debuted in the Tysons Galleria on the first floor across from Maggiano's.

The Tyson Galleria location is the latest addition to Urban Plates' growing wholesome food emporium dynasty. The California based chain selected the Tysons area "...because of the high density of people who are educated about the importance of eating nutritionally balanced, made from scratch meals with responsibly sourced ingredients." according to a representative.

With its 14th opening, the folks that conceived the Urban Plates' fine fast-casual concept, also brought some nostalgia and whimsy back to dining in Tysons Corner.

Urban Plates prides itself on serving its "from scratch locally sourced" dining concept in an aesthetically pleasing familial space. The décor is so familial and homey that on our preview we could have sworn that HGTV's JoAnna and Skip Gaines of Fixer Upper were the design team.

The long communal wood planked table, white china wear mural in the entry way, and the cheery yellow and cornflower blue stripped booth upholstery look like they could have come from one of JoAnna's shabby chic house renovations.

The warm and comforting visual cues of a country house dining room translate through to the food. Once you enter the restaurant you are ushered through a perimeter to a stack of shiny aluminum baking trays. Beyond stands a server behind glass at a long counter featuring mounds of brightly colored food and dishes.

You soon realize these gleaming baking sheets are meant to serve as your meal trays as

you walk along ordering delicacies. We were enchanted. This scene brings back memories of Sunday afternoons visiting a Morrison's or a Piccadilly's with your grandparents. On our visit we stood in line behind a woman who ordered the biggest salad we had ever seen outside of a Cheesecake Factory.

The menu spans from salads, sandwiches, soups, and entrees, to desserts, beer and wine with the goal of providing a meal that is not only fresh but good for you too. Signs boast all the organic ingredients being served to remind you of what you are putting in your body. All the food is locally sourced, free range, and sustainable. An online menu chart will steer vegetarian, vegan and gluten free diners to safe options as well. For example, all the beef served in Urban Plates is not only grass fed its grass finished as well. Paleo or keto dieters rejoice!

Vegetarians will be happy that salads are not their only option. In addition to soups they can feast on sides or order a "4 Up" plate. This consist of a huge entrée plate of four home style sides. We recommend trying the rainbow carrots and golden beets medley and harissa seasoned corn on the cob. The Tysons' menu also comes with local twists like Old Bay seasoned potatoes and blue crab and corn soup.

But could you expect anything more when one of the founders comes from Boston Market and Ruth Chris' experience and the other owned an organic market? That combination gives you a dining concept that aims to please and nourish the body with quality ingredients.

You might also pick up on the nods to the "just like Mom used to make" concept from the desserts like Hummingbird cake, chocolate pudding and chocolate chip cookies with chocolate chunks as big as quarters! This is Urban Plates clever effort at comfort food at its fast causal best.

Although it is experiencing some growing pains that you'd expect from a newly opened chain, staff is super friendly and helpful. On our visit, we ordered two entrees and two desserts that would not fit on our aluminum baking sheet tray. The plates were so large and generous (and quite frankly who really complains about that), that it was too heavy for one person to carry. A service person came over to assist and brought back to the table the boxed up desserts for take away. We then understood why the cash register checkout gives you the option to include a tip. Trust us-use it.

Someone also delivered our glass of Babich Sauvignon Blanc crisp and properly chilled to the table. Wine is served by the glass, bottle or 2 ½ glass carafe which is a nice option.

A carefully curated contemporary music playlist lilting in the background caught us taping our feet as we ate. Surely this is was where the (up until then absent) "urban" portion of Urban Plates that has evaded us could be found we wondered.

But that mystery would have to wait to be solved we concluded, as we tucked into the southern classic dessert, a slice Hummingbird cake and eyed to menu for some banana pudding.

Urban Plates is located at Tyson Galleria at 2001 International Drive, McLean, Virginia. Dinner for two with wine and desserts under \$55.00.

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It was not too long ago that Northern Virginia was a rural farming community and many farmers sold fresh produce at stands in front of their homes. The highway from Northern Virginia to Ocean City was once dotted with such roadside establishments offering fresh fruits, vegetables, and a few seasonal items. Families would often take Sunday afternoon excursions into the countryside and return home loaded with "just picked" fruits and vegetables or baked goods purchased from a local front-yard vendor they encountered along their route.

eginning in the mid-1950s the William Stalcup family managed a produce stand in front of their house at Park and Kirby Roads in the McLean/Chesterbrook area. Its operation affected the entire family. When they were old enough, all of the children worked the stand. It was excellent experience. Not only did they learn to relate to people and acquire selfconfidence, but each one had to become good at math at an early age. The stand was situated in one of two places. It often was placed under an evergreen tree next to the Stalcup driveway on Park Road, or it might be under the maple tree next to their fence that separated the Stalcup property from the Chesterbrook School. This maple was a grand old tree with large knobby roots protruding above the ground and the scales would hang from one of its limbs. These scales were the older kind that are often used today in traditional hardware stores for weighing nails. It had a galvanized steel scoop-shaped container that was suspended by three chains to the scale itself. The ground under the tree was grassless

because of the foot traffic of stand activities. There was also a worn path from the stand area to the front steps of their house. After early morning field work and breakfast came the long day of watching the stand. One of the Stalcup stand-watchers felt that it looked its best in the morning feeling that "there was a certain beauty and pride that escapes words. The corn was cool and crisp from the morning dew. The tomatoes had the orange-red hue that only home-grown tomatoes can display. And the bright clean colors of the freshly washed squash, peppers and beans made the picture complete."

Each morning there was a certain routine in preparing the stand for the day's sales. First, the dirt ground around the stand was raked. In the beginning, a rigid garden rake was used, but later it was discovered that a leaf rake was quicker and more effective. The raking was done to pick up any debris, such as corn shucks, corn silks, and twigs that might be lying on the ground and give the area a tidy look. The next step was to use a garden

hose and wash off the top of the stand which was leaning against two saw horses. Then the area would then be sprayed with water to settle the dust. Once the stand was clean and reassembled atop the saw horses, the vegetables were organized for sale. One or two bushels of corn were placed on the left side of the table and a layer of tomatoes would be arranged on the right side. Between the tomatoes and corn would be a smaller display of squash, beans or peppers. or any other vegetables that might have been picked earlier that day. Baskets were then set upside-down all around the front and sides of the stand. These baskets were used to support other baskets of vegetables, corn, and tomatoes.

After the stand was set up, it was time to fill orders. William's wife, Lina, had custody of the requests and order book. Most of these orders were done by phone. She would take brown paper bags and write on each one the name of the person placing an order, what was to go into the bag, the amount, and any special instructions like "medium ripe" or

"full kernels." She used #8 and #10 bags for everything except corn, which required #12 and #16 bags. At this point one of her children would fill the orders. The completed orders would be neatly stacked against the trunk of the maple tree. Bushels of corn (sometimes referred to as bags of corn) would also be kept there because it was cooler under the shade. Besides making purchases, people would place orders at the stand for future pickup. It was the job of the stand tender to enter the order into the order book which was kept inside the house. Occasionally this step was forgotten, which resulted in awkward moments when the customer arrived to claim the order that never was filled because it was never recorded. A necessary and prominent item for such an outdoor business was the money box. In this case it was an old cigar box filled with bills and coins --- just enough to make change. This box was also used as a weight to keep the stack of paper bags from blowing away. When the money accumulated to a sufficient amount, part of it was taken into the house, leaving only enough to make change.

When a customer asked for "six corns" the Stalcups knew they had a city slicker. When a customer asked for "cobs of corn" they would silently laugh. The proper terminology according to William was: "Could you give me a dozen ears?" Nothing incensed William more than customers striping the corn husk to look at what had just been picked. He claimed that he could tell the condition of the corn just by feeling the outside of the husks and had trained his children to do the same. "What is wrong with those city slickers?" he would grouse, "Can't they judge the corn by just feeling it?"

Fresh corn would draw customers, but tomatoes were the money makers. A farmer gets more production per acre from growing tomatoes than from corn. A field planted in tomatoes yields five times more crop and brings in five times more money. The Stalcups claimed, "There are two things money can't buy; true love and home-grown tomatoes." They suggested that they couldn't do anything about true love, but they did pick a lot of red, ripe home-grown tomatoes. Gloves were worn to wipe dirt off of the tomatoes before putting them into a bushel basket. Gloved hands also rubbed off the stems. If the stems were left on, they could puncture other tomatoes. The Stalcup children were taught to place picked tomatoes into the bushel baskets stem side down, because they stored better and looked better that way. The gloves also made excellent handle pads for the wire handles of the flat bushel baskets that were used for holding the tomatoes. Each basket

weighed between 50 and 55 pounds when full, and wire handles tended to cut into a person's hands.

During strawberry season, the berries were stored in a wooden crate that held 16 quarts. This was two layers of eight separated by a wooden slat. The Stalcups let customers sort through the crate and pick out their "reserved quarts," but they were never allowed to lift up the slat to look at the bottom layer before the top one was sold: the purchaser had to take them as they were. Stand watching came in one-hour increments with each of the children having a couple of shifts during the day. It started punctually at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 6:00 p.m. when William came home from his workday job at his store, Stalcups' Furniture, in Falls Church.

Because of farming, the Stalcup family worked harder than their friends and the days were often hot and long. Everyone looked forward to Sunday; the day of semi-rest. Sunday was special because it was payday and the family only did the minimal necessary work. It was the one day where everyone "put off until tomorrow." William Stalcup was very generous with his children. He would give each a percentage of the gross sales. That percentage would vary from child to child,

depending on their age and the amount of work each had performed. The older children did more and were rewarded accordingly. This was also an effective way to keep everyone motivated to do a good job. He would put each person's pay in an envelope with his/her name on it and place the envelopes behind a mirror that leaned on the mantle. During the months of July and August, those envelopes were fairly thick. The older children might earn about \$120 in a good week.

Besides stocking his own stand William sold extra produce to his brother, Sam, who, after retiring from the federal government, opened a seven-day-a-week larger establishment in 1963 on Old Dominion Drive adjacent to the Chesterbrook Shopping Center. But maintaining a stand in the yard required a vast amount of labor and hours. As the children grew older the task of keeping it operating was challenging and, so, in the early 1980s the Stalcup stand on Park Road ceased. However, the farming continued. �





# SLOW COOKER CHICKEN TACOS RECIPE

At least weekly, my husband and I crave some form of Mexican food. Having grown up in California where there is a large Mexican culture and food influence, we ate it regularly. Now living in Spain, it can be hard to find good, authentic-Mexican food. We have become accustomed to getting creative in the supermarket so we can create dishes from scratch to find that authentic flavour we love.

We recently experimented with a new recipe for chicken tacos that we put together from ideas and flavours from other recipes we've loved in the past. I think you'll enjoy the tangy citrus flavour of the meat, and feel free to get creative with toppings to your liking. I've also included an easy Mexican tortilla recipe if you wish to try your hand at making your own tortillas, we always do!

We own a 'crock-pot' slow-cooker, but this can just as easily be done on the stove in a pot on low heat. This creates tender, juicy pull-apart chicken and really seals in the flavours. While handmade tortillas really give this recipe a loving touch, store-bought ones work just fine in a pinch.

#### **SLOW COOKER CHICKEN TACOS RECIPE**

Prep Time 10 minutes

Cook Time 4 hours

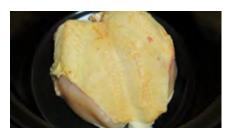
Total Time 4 hours 10 minutes

Servings 3

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- · 2 Large Chicken Breasts
- 1 Orange
- 1 Lime
- 1 tbsp Salt
- 1 tbsp Pepper
- 1 cup Masa harina
- 1.25 cup Water

#### INSTRUCTIONS:



#### STEP ONE PREPARE THE CHICKEN

Start with 2 large chicken breasts, I purchased mine with skin still attached for a slightly juicier and more flavourful outcome. Put the chicken breasts in the bottom of the pot and

turn your slow-cooker (or burner) on low.



#### **STEP TWO ADD ONIONS AND GARLIC**

Dice the onion and garlic and add it to the pot. It doesn't have to be finely diced, larger chunks are fine as well.



#### **STEP THREE ADD ORANGE AND LIME**

Quarter the orange and lime and squeeze the juice over the chicken. Place the squeezed fruit on top. My orange was larger than normal with a lot of juice, so I only used a half.



#### **STEP FOUR ADD SPICES**

Add salt, pepper, cumin, oregano, and any other spices you might like. Now is also a good time to add a jalapeño to spice it up.

Now...just wait, and enjoy the aroma as it begins to fill your home. The cook time is flexible, as long as there is enough juice in the pot, your chicken won't dry out if you cook it longer than 6 hours.



#### **STEP FIVE MAKE TORTILLAS**

About a half hour before the meat is ready, you can start making your tortillas. Or for an

easier after-work meal, purchase already made tortillas.



#### STEP SIX MIX THE DOUGH

Mix the masa harina in a bowl with the salt and slowly add the water. (Suggested measurements for tortillas are often on the packaging for the masa harina). Once you've made these a couple of times, you won't need the measurements, you can just feel the texture. The drier the dough, the harder the tortillas are to form and cook. Keep a cup of water nearby, if the dough starts to feel dry, dip your fingers in the water before rolling the dough into a ball.



# STEP SEVEN ROLL DOUGH INTO BALLS AND PRESS

Separate the dough into small balls.

Here is where a tortilla press can come in handy, but before we had one, we made due with a rolling pin. (Tip: if you don't have a rolling pin, a wine bottle works just fine). Roll or press your balls into a thin circle. It is helpful to use plastic wrap or wax paper to press out your tortillas as they stick easily. This takes some practice, don't get frustrated if it doesn't work perfectly on the first try. You can always form the ball again and roll it out a second time, and the tortillas don't need to be perfectly round, just perfectly tasty.



#### **STEP EIGHT -COOK TORTILLAS**

Preheat an ungreased frying pan and lightly cook each side of the tortilla. Keep a plate

nearby and stack them here as you cook them. There should be some small golden spots, and they may puff up as they cook. They take about 2 minutes per tortilla.



#### **STEP NINE PREPARE TOPPINGS**

Prepare your toppings! Some topping ideas include, black beans, cheese, sautéed vegetables, diced raw onion, cilantro, guacamole, rice, salsa...etc.

We love the flavour of the chicken so much that we keep the toppings light adding only diced onion and cilantro with some black beans on the side.



#### **STEP TEN SHRED THE CHICKEN**

When the chicken is ready, place it on a plate, or on a cutting board and shred it with two forks.

Now build your tacos, dig in and enjoy!

This recipe can also be made with other types of meat such as pork, beef, or turkey breast. It works well for big parties and is an easy meal to throw together before you walk out the door for work. It can also be modified to be a plate-meal instead of tacos; make a Spanish or Mexican rice, cook beans, and serve it alongside a salad.

If you decide to make this with another type of meat that has more fat; beef or pork, I recommend broiling the meat after step 10. Place the meat on a baking sheet or in a glass pan and put it under the broiler to let it crisp the edges. Broil for about 5 minutes then remove it from the oven. Spoon on a bit of the juices, mix the meat, and continue to broil for about 5 more minutes. It should be browned on the tops but not burnt. ❖

Recipe courtesy of www.jenreviews.com/slow-cooker-citrus-chicken-tacos-recipe/



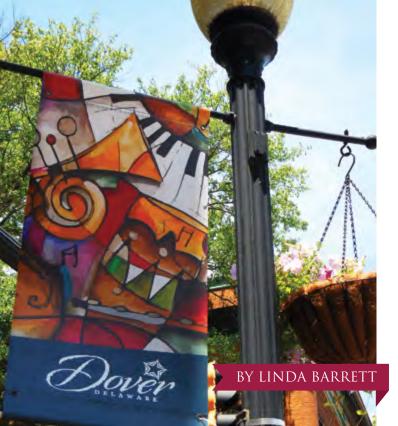




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Located throughout Kent County, Delaware surrounding the state capital of Dover, are a number of small villages, each with its own special charm. Come stay a few days and capture the history of the area, or just lie back and relax in one of the elegant bed & breakfast hotels under the spell of small-town magic.

#### DAY ONE

Stay overnight, then start the day at the AAA-rated **Dover Downs Hotel & Casino** with a filling breakfast at the **Festival Buffet**. Then head out back (ticket lobby near parking lot E) to the adjacent **Dover International Speedway** for an up-close guided track tour (\$7) of the "Monster Mile." You'll see the Monster Monument up close, sit in the exclusive Monster Bridge and look for your favorite driver's signature on the signed seats, and pretend you're the race winner in Victory Plaza.

Grab lunch at U.S. 13 Grill for anything from Italian to burgers, then head out to visit the John Dickinson Plantation, the boyhood home and gardens of one of America's Founding Fathers, John Dickinson, a signer of the U.S. Constitution.

Make sure to visit the **Air Mobility Command Museum** to view more than 30 aircrafts including the massive Lockheed C-5 Galaxy and the Air Force Two DC-9, the former presidential airplane. Visit during Open Cockpit Days, held on 3rd Saturdays, April through

September. View artifacts from 9-11 in a touching memorial and a spectacular museum.

Finish up the evening at **Restaurant** 55 for a gourmet burger and craft brew or **Michele's Restaurant**, an upscale steak and seafood restaurant at Dover Downs Hotel, then head into the casino for 24-hour gambling, games and top-level entertainment.

#### DAY TWO

For breakfast, try the Countrie Eaterie along the banks of the Silver Lake before heading over to First State Heritage Park, the historic center of downtown Dover, and the first urban "park without boundaries" linking Dover's historical and cultural sites. The seat of Delaware government since 1777, Dover's cluster of historical sites include the John Bell House (ask about the country's first "murder by mail"), the Old State House, The Green, and the site of the Golden Fleece, the tavern where the U.S. Constitution was ratified. You'll find costumed historic interpreters at most of the historic sites around Delaware.

Be surprised by the **Johnson Victrola Museum** and learn about local inventor E.R. Johnson and the beginnings of the sound recording industry, alongside an amazing collection. See an actual Grammy award, named after his gramophone. For lunch, stroll to the nearby **Grey Fox Grille & Public House.** 



In the afternoon, drive to Smyrna's Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge a National Park where more than 15,000 acres of protected tidal salt marsh is home to hundreds of bird and wildlife species. Choose from a 12-mile wildlife drive, five walking trails and three observation towers, and bring binoculars for up-close viewing of the many species of birds including snowy egrets, orioles, herons, songbirds, ducks, geese, and bald eagles. In September and October the Canadian and Snow geese and ducks arrive in numbers for their fall migration.

Visit Historic Belmont Hall, a Georgianstyle Colonial mansion and gardens built in 1773 by Thomas Collins, a storied Delaware politician. View the signatures of visitors from olden days on the upstairs walls.

Kent County is also home to a thriving Amish community. Tour the countryside admiring the farms and see how many Amish buggies you can spot. (Tip: You can tell it's an Amish home when it doesn't have shutters on the windows.) Visit Spence's Bazaar & Amish Market or Byler's for Amish specialties. Stop off at 4th-generation, family-owned Fifer Orchards Farm & Country Store for fresh-offthe-farm goodies and hand-dipped ice cream.

End the evening at Brick Works Brewing & Eats (gourmet burgers & craft brews) or Boondocks Restaurant (seafood) in Smyrna.

#### DAY THREE

Check into the lovely Causey Mansion Bed & Breakfast in Milford, the Greek Revival Georgian-style home of former governors and notable citizens situated on three acres of lush gardens.

Walk the quaint village of Milford with its beautiful Victorian architecture and stroll



the mile-long Mispillion Riverwalk to view public art and visit one of the many shops, art galleries and studios like the Mispillion Art League and Gallery 36. Launch a kayak into the Mispillion River to spot herons, osprey and bald eagles. For lunch, head to the fishing town of Bowers Beach to JP's Wharf Restaurant & Bar for local, fresh seafood, burgers, salads and more.

Head over to Harrington to see the Harrington Railroad Museum Messick's Agricultural Museum. But call ahead to arrange a tour. Harrington is also home to the Delaware State Fairgrounds and the Centre Ice Rink with its new ice bumper cars. October hosts its Wine & Beer Festival and Harness Racing. Try your luck at the slot machines at the Harrington Raceway & Casino.

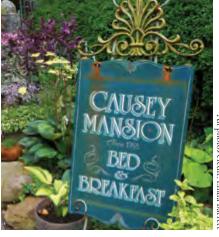
Back in Milford, visit the new distillery EasySpeak Spirits or Mispillion River Brewing, and end the evening with dinner at Meding's Seafood or Abbott's Grill and a performance at the Riverfront Theatre.

#### COME VISIT!

Surrounding the tiny capital city of Dover, Delaware is filled with quaint villages abundant with shopping, dining and entertainment options. You'll find that many of these historic sites and museums are free, and shopping in Delaware is always tax-free! Be sure to put the popular villages of Bowers Beach, Dover, Felton, Frederica, Harrington, Leipsic, Milford, and Smyrna on your agenda. Be aware of your driving speed, however, as you enter these small towns. However friendly, the local police are very conscientious about their speed limits. ❖













# THE HOME COOK'S Secret Ingredient

"You don't want runny batter," says Chinnell Watson to a class of sixteen students. Watson is our instructor at Cookology Culinary School. The class is gathered in a commercial kitchen surrounded by shelves filled with spices, jars, pots, pans, cookie trays and a very busy handwashing station. One of the students is my daughter Allie, who peers over the simmering pot, waiting for the milk, butter and flour to thicken. To keep the ingredients from sticking to the pan, Watson tells Allie to keep stirring the mixture into a figure-8. We take turns scraping and mixing, until all this exertion reminds me of Julia Child's memorable quote about French baking: "You are the Boss of that dough."

"Pate Choux dough is used to make eclairs, cream puffs and chorros," explains Watson, a professional pastry chef who trained at Johnson and Wales Culinary School in South Florida. Watson keeps a running dialogue while we struggle to produce this finicky concoction. Nearly everyone in the class is a beginner, but they all seem enthusiastic about learning these baking techniques.

For those three hours, we patted, mixed, piped and iced our eclairs, profiteroles and croissants until we could fill a to-go box with pastries to take home. This is what a class at Cookology is all about. Taking a few hours out of your week to learn the fine art of cooking and baking under the helpful watch of a skilled Cookology instructor.

Cookology is unique, thanks to its location inside Dulles Town Center. It was owner Maria Kopsidas' idea to open an accessible, affordable cooking school where she could share her love of food. Her school would not be a place where you watch and taste—no, this is hands-on, active instruction with professional chefs in safe, commercial kitchens. Cookology even has a full-time dishwasher on hand to keep things moving.



Cookology opened its doors in 2009. "It was right after the financial crash," says Cookology's manager of business development, Will Bushey. "But when Lerner gave her the chance, she jumped in." Lerner is the developer of Dulles Town Center. The location, on the Macy's side of the mall, is easy to access, and the school has won so many



hearts and minds that Kopsidas is about to open a second location in Ballston. The new Cookology Culinary School will have five different spaces within 6,200 square feet to accommodate higher volume events.

Cookology in Dulles Town Center is a fun place to go for a distinctive date-night experience. "It was Maria's idea to connect people through cooking," says Bushey. "She wants people to get out of their comfort zone and talk while they're cooking together." Along with hosting Saturday Night Socials, Cookology organizes team building activities. "So, groups come in together, and it's like they're in Top Chef or Chopped. The group is assigned a secret ingredient, and then they need to come up with their dishes using that ingredient," Bushey explains.

During many evening classes, while guests are chopping, they're also sipping wine. You can buy your own bottle here to enjoy while you cook. "That often gets people to start a conversation," says Bushey. They have a Culinary Boot Camp, with five weeks of instruction in executing techniques and recipes under the guidance of Chef Mark Chang. Classes that caught my interest were Japanese Detox, Dim Sum Workshop, and a Family Class where you learn to make crab cakes and hush puppies.

Cookology also hosts kids programs and summer camps. The set-up is ideal if you're looking for a high-energy birthday party that involves learning and eating. They customize the classes based on the age and experience of the participants. They also have Mommy/Daddy & Me classes for toddlers.

Our baking class took place on a Sunday afternoon, so most of us refrained from drinking wine. But that didn't hinder us from chatting while we rolled our dough and inserted the espresso chocolate cream into our eclairs after they turned golden brown.





"You want to crack eggs on a flat surface," says Chef Watson who demonstrates the technique to the group. We all agree, we had never heard this recommendation before. "Cracking an egg on a bowl introduces bacteria into the egg. You want a nice, flat surface and a clean crack," says Watson. "Then use your fingers to open the shell." Easier said than done, but we all gave it a try.

Our class consisted of couples, groups of friends, parents with their adult children, and even an aspiring pastry chef. It's especially nice to come with a partner, since some of these recipes are labor intensive and work best with two sets of hands. If you don't have a partner, you can pair with someone from the class or work on your own.

Allie and I had the most trouble with the piping bag. It required lots of forearm strength to get the eclairs fat enough to make an air pocket where we would insert cream. After we finished piping the dough, we made delectable icing that tasted like maple syrup. The espresso chocolate cream was fluffy and velvety. The dough definitely had air pockets. We were all pleased to have accomplished this daunting task. Julia Child also wisely said, "No one is born a great cook, one learns by doing."

After removing our aprons, we put our bowls and whisks away, and sampled our eclairs, while the staff began to prepare for the next lucky group of students. To see the calendar of classes, visit classes. cookologyonline.com. •

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105 West Broad Street | 703.534.8999 www.4psva.com

#### **IV'S RESTAURANT**

#### Falls Church | American | \$\$

Local institution JV's has been around for 60 years. JV's is the place to be for live music, homemade chili, and cold beer. 6666 Arlington Blvd. | 703.241.9504 www.jvsrestaurant.com

#### LITTLE SAIGON RESTAURANT

#### Falls Church | Vietnamese | \$

Little Saigon brings a taste of Vietnam to Falls Church. This restaurant has an extensive menu of Vietnamese classics as well as a solid wine list.

6218-B Wilson Blvd. | 703.536.2633 www.littlesaigoncuisine1.com

## THE LOCKER ROOM SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

#### Falls Church | American | \$

The Locker Room lunch/dinner menu features everything from burgers and sandwiches, to pizzas, steaks, and fish. They offer a full menu seven days a week plus daily specials, and weekday happy hour from 3–7pm. Locker Room also has pool tables and darts! Brunch is served Sundays, 11am–3pm.

502 West Broad Street | 703.854.1230 www.thelockerroomfc.com

#### MAD FOX BREWING COMPANY

#### Falls Church | American | \$\$

Enjoy upscale casual dining in an Englishstyle gastro brewpub with an emphasis on high-quality food and house-brewed beers. Beer lovers and foodies unite to relish in the chef-driven, locally-sourced seasonal menu along with the seven to ten standard, house-brewed beers on tap as well as a rotating selection of seasonal brews.

444 West Broad St. | 703.942.6840 www.madfoxbrewing.com

#### PANISHIR RESTAURANT

#### Falls Church | Afghan | \$\$

Named after an Afghan province, this restaurant offers genuine Afghan cuisine. The Niazy family serves native dishes from Afghanistan including kadu chalow, a sautéed pumpkin topped with seasoned yogurt and tomato sauce, and a variety of kabobs.

924 West Broad St. | 703.536.4566 www.panjshirrestaurant.com

#### PISTONE'S ITALIAN INN

#### Falls Church | Italian | \$\$

Pistone's is an area landmark and full service Italian restaurant. They have been in business since 1974. Chef/ Owner Telemaco Bonaduce focuses on nutricious local foods and authentic preparation - a "rustic yet elegant" style that fits all occasions. They also offer first-rate entertainment. Check out the bar lounge where you are invited to sing with talented pianists and vocalists from the area.

6320 Arlington Boulevard | 571.388.3910 www.pistoneitalianinn.com

#### PIZZERIA ORSO

#### Falls Church | Italian | \$\$

This casual, family-friendly restaurant features a handmade volcanic brick oven by Forno Napoletano, where pizzas are made in the traditional Neapolitan style. 400 South Maple Ave. | 703-226-3400 www.pizzeriaorso.com

#### SAFFRON

#### Falls Church | Indian | \$

Tucked away in Falls Church by the Washington & Old Dominion Trail is Saffron, widely known for its authentic Indian cuisine. Their signature dishes include rich tandoori lamb chops and freshly-crafted naan, seasoned with handground spices. Check out their menu for dine-in, carry-out, and catering options. 1077 West Broad Street | 703.992.0077 www.saffronfc.com

#### SWEETWATER TAVERN

#### Falls Church | American | \$\$

Sweetwater, the Merrifield outpost of this microbrewery, serves handcrafted seasonal brews, burgers and ribs, and fresh seafood, chicken, and pasta. The restaurant offers seasonal outdoor dining. 3066 Gatehouse Plaza | 703.645.8100 www.greatamericanrestaurants.com

#### TARA THAI

#### Falls Church | Thai | \$

The word "Tara", commonly found in Thai folk literature, means water. Thus, the restaurant offers a unique and relaxing atmosphere, featuring a variety of underwater art for your dining pleasure. The menu consists of authentic Thai cooking, using family recipes that have been handed down for generations. 7501 Leesburg Pike | 703.506.9788 www.tarathai.com

#### **FAIRFAX**

## THE AULD SHEBEEN IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

#### Fairfax | Irish | \$

For traditional Irish fare, look no further than Fairfax's Auld Shebeen. This local favorite brings the spirit of Ireland to Virginia by combining great food with a great time. Swing by for some fantastic selections such as fish and chips, braised lamb shank, or even shepherd's pie. With a full bar, live music on the weekend, and a special events space for up to 200 people in "The Cellar," the downstairs portion of the restaurant, Auld Shebeen has everything you need to celebrate any occasion.

3971 Chain Bridge Rd | 703.293.9600 theauldshebeenva.com

#### CHUTZPAH DELI

#### Fairfax | American | \$

Matzoh ball soup like your grandma used to make? Chutzpah Deli has that, and more. This New York Jewish deli in Fairfax offers your favorites like rugalach, hamantaschen, linzer tarts, sandwiches, burgers, and more. You can top off your meal with real New York cheesecake and an egg cream made with Fox's Ubet.

12214 Fairfax Town Center | 703.385.8883

www.chutzpahdeli.com



#### DOLCE VELOCE

#### Fairfax | Italian | \$

Stop at a bar along the piazza in sunny Sardinia, or linger at a trattoria in Venice's San Marco Square and you will be invited to experience cicchetti (chi-KET-tee), small plates or side dishes from the legendary cuisine of Italy. Now you can also enjoy cicchetti closer to home, at Dolce Veloce. These small plates offer a variety of flavors, from seafoods, salumes, and salads to skewered meats, risotto, and Mediterranean plates of olives and cheese. 10826 Fairfax Boulevard | 703.385.1226 dolceveloce.com

#### SISTERS THAI

#### Fairfax | Thai | \$\$

Sisters Thai offers the best authentic Thai food in the area—their original Old Town Fairfax location is a cult favorite among the locals. Every dish has some heat, often from colorful sauces. Besides bursting with potent flavors, the dishes are balanced and attractive to the eye. Enjoy fun drinks and homemade desserts in a whimsical living room atmosphere. The service matches the style—friendly and upbeat. Check out the new location of this local favorite at Mosaic. You'll leave with feelings of nostalgia of the good ol' days.

2985 District Ave, Fairfax, VA | 703.280.0429 www.sistersthai.com

#### **GREAT FALLS**

#### **BOLLYWOOD BISTRO**

#### Great Falls | Indian | \$

After finding success in Fairfax, Bollywood Bistro opened its second restaurant in Great Falls just last year. A modern and fresh take on Indian cuisine, this restaurant offers selections such as tomato-cheese naan, tender chicken korma, and decadent Bombay shrimp. With reasonable pricing for both catering and in-house dining, Bollywood Bistro is perfect for any occasion.

9853 Georgetown Pike | 703.865.0450 www.bollywoodbistrofairfax.com

#### DANTE RISTORANTE

#### Great Falls | Italian | \$\$\$

Italian born chef Giuseppe Di Benigno serves comfort foods from his hometown in Italy. The menu includes Italian favorites like pastas, osso buco alla Milanese, and Giuseppe's signature seafood soup. Dante offers an extensive wine list with plenty of reds and whites to choose from.

1148 Walker Rd. | 703.759.3131 www.danterestaurant.com

# AUTHENTIC THAI FOOD THE COMFORTS OF HOME SISTERS THE ORDINARY CAFÉ 2985 District Ave., Suite #130 Fairfax, VA (703) 280-0429 www.sistersthai.com

#### L'AUBERGE CHEZ FRANÇOIS

#### Great Falls | French | \$\$\$

Located in Great Falls, L'Auberge offers a flavorful and beautiful array of French cuisine. Choose from their delectable french onion soup, or a sampling of their classic appetizers. Enjoy the quaint and cozy atmosphere where you'll feel like you just stepped into the heart of France. 332 Springvale Rd | 703.759.3800 www.laubergechezfrancois.com

#### THE OLD BROGUE

#### Great Falls | Irish | \$\$

Classic Irish pub and restaurant near Great Falls Park featuring award winning food and drink, Katie's Coffee Shop, great Sunday brunch and live music Thursday-Saturday. A Great Falls institution with outside seating and enclosed patio. 760 Walker Rd | 703,759,3309

760 Walker Rd | 703.759.3309 www.oldbrogue.com

#### **MCLEAN**

#### AMOO'S RESTAURANT

#### McLean | Persian | \$\$

Amoo's offers Persian cuisine in the heart of McLean. Amoo's specialties include baghali polo, with lima beans and rice tossed in a dill and lime reduction, and zereshk polo, which is also called "the dish of kings." Amoo's also offers a variety of kabobs and Persian dishes. Carry out is available for larger orders.

6271 Old Dominion Dr | 703.448.8500 www.amoosrestaurant.com

#### ASSAGGI OSTERIA

#### McLean | Italian | \$\$

Domenico Cornacchia, chef/proprietor of Assaggi Osteria, taps into ages of ancestral Italian cooking each time he steps into his kitchen and brings a rich love of the cuisine that he so skillfully nurtured through the years. For those who love Italian cuisine, Assaggi Osteria features numerous appetizers, large salads, homemade pastas, fresh seafood, veal, and scrumptious beef. Assaggi Osteria sources whole fresh fish from worldwide sustainable sources, offering the finest bounty the sea has to offer. Produce is purchased from local farms, and all desserts are homemade. 6641 Old Dominion Dr | 703.918.0080

#### www.assaggiosteria.com

#### BARREL AND BUSHEL

#### McLean | American | \$\$

This contemporary American-style restaurant and bar is located on the Plaza level of Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center. Barrel and Bushel offers regionally-inspired handcrafted American food, 22 local and regional craft beers on tap, and more than 40 select bourbons that round out a selection of handcrafted cocktails and unique wines to satisfy nearly anyone's palate. Barrel and Bushel

is open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and times in between.

7901 Tysons One PI | 703.848.6340 www.barrelandbushel.com

#### BOULEVARD CAFE & CATERING

#### McLean | American | \$

Think of Boulevard when planning office celebrations, sales, breakfast meetings, office holiday parties, home celebrations, and last-minute occasions. Breakfast, cold luncheon buffets, entrée salads, hot entrées, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts.

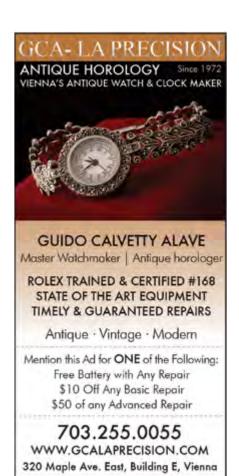
8180 Greensboro Dr. | 703.883.0557 www.boulevardcafecatering.com

#### **BUSARA THAI CUISINE**

#### McLean | Thai | \$\$

Busara is an inviting place to enjoy Thai cuisine made with fresh ingredients prepared by experienced chefs. Diners can enjoy their lunch or dinner in a modern dining room. Entrees like ka pow chicken and pad thai, and soups and salads comprise their extensive lunch and dinner menus.

8142 Watson St. | 703.356.2288 www.busara.com/ty-main



# Pazzo Pomodoro



n the menu, expect to find mouthwatering appetizers and entrees-"The Crazy Tomato" is the place for amazing pizza and delicate dishes. Gamberoni al Salmoriglio, Trota di Fiume (Rainbow Trout topped with shrimp and lobster sauce) and desserts to die for. Always great food and great fun.

#### www.pazzopomodoro.com

118 Branch Road SE, Vienna, VA 22180 703-281-7777 19825 Belmont Chase Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147 703-858-5555



#### CAFÉ DELUXE

#### McLean | American | \$\$

Café Deluxe combines the charm of a neighborhood restaurant with the energy of a European eatery. This restaurant offers brunch, lunch, and dinner menus combining traditional fare with menu favorites.

1800 International Drive West | 703.761.0600 www.cafedeluxe.com

#### CAFÉ OGGI

#### McLean | Italian | \$\$

For over 22 years, Café Oggi has reflected a pure and newfound combination of Italy's old world sophistication with McLean's contemporary novelty. With authentic preparations in an inviting and warm atmosphere, Café Oggi aims to please. Pasta, fresh fish, succulent veal, a notable wine list, and more.

6671 Old Dominion Dr | 703.442.7360 www.cafeoggi.com

#### CAFÉ TATTI FRENCH BISTRO

#### McLean | French | \$\$

This French bistro brings diners classic French dishes including vichyssoise, quiche lorraine, filet with béarnaise sauce, and Flounder Belle Meuniere. Closed Sundays. 6627 Old Dominion Dr. | 703.790.5164 www.cafetatti.com

#### **CAPRI**

#### McLean | Italian | \$\$

Chef Beatrice Zelaya serves classic Italian dishes just like Nonna used to make. This family-friendly restaurant offers a cozy dining atmosphere. Sip on a glass of red or white wine as you enjoy insalata caprese, gnocchi, or vitello alla parmagiana. 6825-K Redmond Dr. | 703.288.4601 www.caprimcleanva.com

#### EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD

#### McLean | American | \$\$\$

A fine dining restaurant offering fresh, culinary-forward seafood creations and premium hand-carved steaks. The award-winning wine list features more than 300 selections. The atmosphere is refined yet relaxed, with live jazz and blues, featuring local jazz trios, playing nightly in the V Lounge.

7900 Tysons One Place | 703.442.4523 www.eddiev.com

#### EL TIO

#### McLean | Mexican | \$

Try tasty Tex-Mex with Mexican rice, refried beans, lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, and guacamole on every plate. El Tio features grilled chorizo enchiladas, sizzling camarones, brochette fajitas, and a wide selection of chimichangas.

1433 Center Street | 703.790.1910 www.eltiogrill.com

#### DA DOMENICO Ristorante Italiano

#### McLean | Italian | \$\$\$

Enjoy homemade pasta, delicious sauces, and traditional meals that are exquisite. If you are craving some scrumptious seafood or fish, you will be more than happy with any of the choices. Arias are on offer (Friday & Saturday night) at this candlelit Southern Italian staple (since 1980).

1992 Chain Bridge Rd | 703.790.9000

## FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE AND WINE BAR

#### McLean | American | \$\$\$

Inspired by the passion for steak and wine dinners, Fleming's offers a list of 100 wines by the glass and an extensive selection of USDA prime steaks and fresh seafood. Seasonal ingredients are showcased on the menu.

1960 Chain Bridge Rd. | 703.442.8384

www.flemingssteakhouse.com



#### FOGO DE CHAO

#### Tysons | Brazilian | \$\$\$

Fogo de Chao offers 16 different cuts of beef, pork, lamb, and chicken. The choices rotate, so some nights you won't have lamb, but you might have one of their tender linquica sausages instead. Other worthwhile cuts to sample include the filet mignon and beef ancho, or rib eye. The restaurant's signature meat is called picanha, prime sirloin marinated in sea salt and garlic. You will also find tasty frango, tender chicken legs in a savory sauce and chicken wrapped with bacon. The lombo cutlets consist of pork loin encrusted with parmesan cheese. 1775 Tysons Blvd Suite 50 | 703.556.0200

fogodechao.com/location/tysons

#### GREENBERRY'S COFFEE CO.

#### McLean | American | \$

This Charlottesville-based coffee roaster's local outpost is a popular spot for McLean residents. Friendly staff members serve a variety of coffee blends like sumatra mandheling and java blawan estate alongside delicious pastries.

6839 Redmond Dr. | 703.821.9500 www.greenberrys.com

#### HÄRTH AT HILTON MCLEAN TYSONS CORNER

#### McLean | American | \$\$

Executive Chef Luc A. Dendievel has his own rooftop beehive producing 200 pounds of honey each year and an organic garden that supplies Härth with a variety of herbs, fruits, and vegetables. Härth serves comfort foods with a modern, fresh twist. Extensive wine, beer, and cocktail list.

7920 Jones Branch Dr. | 703.761.5131 www.Harthrestaurant.com

#### J. GILBERT'S

#### McLean | American | \$\$\$

For nearly 15 years, J. Gilbert's has offered premium wood-fired steaks and seafood. Although this American restaurant has plenty to offer in beer, wine, steaks, and seafood, J. Gilbert's also offers a vegetarian menu and gluten-free menu.

6930 Old Dominion Dr. | 703.893.1034 www.jqilberts.com

#### JOE'S SIMPLY AMAZING BURGERS

#### McLean | American | \$\$

Burgers are made with all-natural and locally sourced black Angus beef, lamb, bison, and Spanish chorizo sausage. Their specialty burgers are for the truly adventurous.

6710 Old Dominion Dr. | 703.288.0288 www.joesburgersmclean.com

#### LA SANDIA

#### McLean | Mexican | \$\$

Chef Richard Sandoval, internationally recognized as the Father of Modern Mexican Cuisine, elevates Mexican cooking to new heights at La Sandia, serving up authentic Mexican specialties alongside over 200 fine Tequilas. Inspired by his culinary mantra of 'old ways, new hands,' Chef Sandoval reinterprets traditional dishes with innovative techniques and skillful presentation.

7852 Tysons One Pl. | 703.893.2222 www.richardsandoval.com/lasandiavirginia/

#### LEBANESE TAVERNA

#### McLean | Lebanese | \$\$

Lebanese Taverna offers the best in Middle Eastern cuisine. Sample kalamar, falafel, and baba ganoush small plates, or try one of the seven types of hummus in their hummus bar. Lebanese Taverna offers seating for parties small and large, as well as an outdoor café with a fountain and plenty of al fresco dining.

1840 International Dr. | 703.847.5244 www.lebanesetaverna.com

#### MOBY DICK HOUSE OF KABOB

#### McLean | Persian | \$

Moby Dick's has terrific, healthy, wholesome, and fresh fast food—perfect for a quick lunch or dinner fix. Try their "kabob-e-kubideh," which is ground sirloin seasoned with onion and herbs and wrapped around a skewer for grilling. Succulent, juicy meat with rice served with your choice of yogurt cucumber sauce, shirazi salad, or fresh herb as well as a piece of bread.

1500 Cornerside Blvd | 703.992.7500 mobysonline.com

#### O'MALLEY'S PUB

#### McLean | Irish | \$\$

O'Malley's Pub is the perfect place to watch the Redskins games on one of their 12 TVs and grab a beer with your friends. Diners can snack on pub favorites like spinach and artichoke dip, calamari, chicken tenders, wings, and nachos.

1960 Chain Bridge Rd. | 703.893.2100 www.omalleyspub.com/tysons

#### PAUL BAKERY TYSONS GALLERIA

#### McLean | French | \$

PAUL Bakery brings a taste of France to Tysons Galleria. This upscale bakery offers French breads, sandwiches, pastries, and of course, tea and coffee.

2001 International Dr. 1856G | 571.447.5600 www.paul-usa.com

#### PULCINELLA

#### McLean | Italian | \$

At "The Italian Host," dining is more than great food. You can feel the true spirit of Pulcinella, the lovable character with a zest for life. In the southern Italian tradition of family dining, we celebrate every meal with music and laughter.

6852 Old Dominion Drive | 703.893.7777 www.pulcinellarestaurant.com

#### ROCCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

#### McLean | Italian | \$\$

An institution in McLean, family owned and operated, Rocco's has been serving up Italian delights and the area's best pizza for over 30 years. From fried calamari to genuine "brickoven pizza", you can find your favorites at Rocco's. Open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Catering too!

1357 Chain Bridge Road, Suite A | 703.821.3736 www.roccositalian.com

#### SEASONS 52

#### McLean | American | \$\$

Seasons 52 gives diners a fresh dining experience using natural cooking techniques to let the flavors shine. With all of their menu items being under 475 calories, it's a great place to dine if you're eating a healthy diet. Menus based on the flavors of the seasons, flavorful wines, and delectable mini desserts are a real treat for diners.

7863L Tysons Corner, McLean | 703.288.3852 www.seasons52.com

#### SILVER DINER

#### McLean | American | \$

This location gives back to the community with its partnership with WolfTrap Elementary. Curbside carryout available. 8101 Fletcher St. | 703.821.5666 www.silverdiner.com/restaurants/tysons

#### STAR NUT GOURMET

#### McLean | American | \$

The most exquisite fancy food gift store in the Washington, D.C. area, Star Nut Gourmet's high standard of quality products and unique packaging has given them a very special reputation. Their comfortable café exudes old world charm and casual elegance. The menu reflects international flavors and offerings including Europe's #1 coffee. 1445 Laughlin Ave | 703.749.9090 www.starnutgourmet.com

#### THE CAPITAL GRILLE

#### McLean | American | \$\$\$

The Capital Grille at Tysons Corner offers classic steakhouse fare like the Filet Oscar, served with lump crabmeat and drizzled with house-made bearnaise sauce, and fresh seafood dishes. Grab a drink at the bar and try the Grille's signature cheeseburger with parmesean truffle fries.

1861 International Dr. | 703.448.3900 www.thecapitalgrille.com

#### THE PALM RESTAURANT

#### McLean | American | \$\$\$

The Palm is notorious for its prime aged steaks, jumbo Nova Scotia lobsters, and Italian classics. For those who want a nibble, The Palm offers bite-sized gourmet comfort food in their Prime Bites Menu, including mini broiled crabcakes with mango salsa and remoulade and calabrese flatbread. 1750 Tysons Blvd. | 703.917.0200

www.thepalm.com/Tysons-Corner

#### PADDY BARRY'S

#### McLean | Irish | \$

Brendan Barry has opened an authentic Irish Pub in the heart of Tysons—classic Irish fare and hospitality, TV's to watch the game, and of course, classic Black and Tans. 8150 Leesburg Pike | 703.883.2000 www.paddybarrysva.com

#### **MERRIFIELD**

#### **BLACKFINN AMERIPUB**

#### Merrifield | American | \$\$

Located two blocks south of the Dunn Loring Metro, Blackfinn Ameripub specializes in craft beers, signature cocktails, and American food with a twist. Flatbreads, salads, burgers, and sandwiches (called "handhelds") are among the fare offered at this great place to meet with friends, family, or coworkers.

2750 Gallows Road | 703.207.0100 www.blackfinnameripub.com

#### CYCLONE ANAYA'S

#### Merrifield | Mexican | \$\$

Located in the Mosaic District, this is the first D.C. area outpost of this Texas legacy. Founded by world-class wrestler Cyclone Anaya and his wife Carolina, this restaurant offers homemade Mexican food, margaritas, ceviche, and all types of tacos. You can be sure to find something for everyone on their menu.

2911 District Ave. Ste. 170 | 703.992.9227 www.cycloneanaya.com

#### FOUR SISTERS RESTAURANT

#### Merrifield | Vietnamese | \$\$

For 20 years, the Lai family has been serving an extensive menu of home-style Vietnamese dishes. The restaurant offers a gluten-free menu and MSG-free menu, with favorites like pho, Vietnamese rice crepes, and a wide range of vegetarian selections. 8190 Strawberry Ln. | 703.539.8566

www.foursistersrestaurant.com

#### MATCHBOX VINTAGE PIZZA BISTRO

#### Merrifield | American | \$\$

This outpost of the popular D.C. pizza chain is located in the Mosaic District, close to the Dunn Loring Metro. Fresh ingredients comprise their salads, appetizers, sandwiches, pizza, and entrees. The cool, laid-back atmosphere with exposed brick walls and beams makes you feel as though you're in a loft.

2911 District Ave. | 571.395.4869 www.matchboxmerrifield.com

#### OPEN ROAD GRILL AND ICEHOUSE

#### Merrifield | American | \$\$

Owned by the group that brings you Circa, Trio Grill, and The Italian Market and Deli, Open Road Grill and Icehouse is inspired by the owners' love of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and Americana. A relaxed atmosphere with live music and an extensive beer list awaits you.

8100 Lee Highway #300 | 571.395.4400 openroadmerrifield.com

#### PASSION FIN ASIAN BISTRO & SUSHI BAR

#### Merrifield | Asian | \$\$

In the Halstead District, elegant yet comfortable Passion Fin possesses a full Asian inspired menu, sushi, sake, and full stocked bar for getting together with friends. Open daily for lunch and dinner.

2750G Gallows Rd. | 703.204.2969

#### RAOUCHE CAFE

#### Merrifield | Middle Eastern | \$\$

Don't be fooled by the store front, this is one of the best restaurants if you are a Middle Eastern dining enthusiast. grape leaves, lebneh, falafel, just about everything is terrific. One our favorite spots—(a favorite for grape leaves!) Say "hi" to Hussein! 2839 Gallows Road | 703.205.9099 www.raouchecafe.com

#### SISTERS THAI

#### Merrifield | Thai | \$\$

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www.sistersthai.com

#### TED'S BULLETIN

#### Merrifield | American | \$\$

A family restaurant in the heart of Merrifield, Ted's Bulletin offers conventional and classic American fare, including breakfast all day. Great bakery items to go, especially the pop tarts. The latest from the Matchbox Food Group. 2911 District Ave | 571.830.6680 tedsbulletinmerrifield.com

#### TRIO GRILL

#### Merrifield | American | \$\$

A signature cigar lounge, outdoor patio, and dining room await you at TRIO Grill. TRIO combines urban sophistication with the casual cool of a neighborhood grill. The menu offers delicious options from signature steaks to seasonal seafood, classic cocktails, and an extensive wine list.

8100 Lee Highway | 703.992.9200 www.triomerrifield.com

#### TRUE FOOD KITCHEN

#### Merrifield | American | \$

With a wide selection of vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options, everyone can enjoy True Food Kitchen. The basis for the antiinflammatory diet they advocate is to make you feel better, live longer and be happy while enjoying the salads, pizza, seafood entrees, and those to-die-for "Natural Refreshments."

Mosaic District 2910 District Avenue, #170 571.326.1616 | www.truefoodkitchen.com



#### **VIENNA**

#### **AMPHORA**

#### Vienna | American | \$\$

For over 40 years Amphora Restaurant, a landmark in Vienna, has been serving an extensive menu featuring authentic European and American flavors and offerings along with award-winning desserts and pastries. Open 24-7, you can enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner any time of day as you comfortably meet with friends, family, or coworkers.

377 Maple Avenue West | 703.938.7877 www.amphoragroup.com

#### ANITA'S

#### Vienna | Mexican | \$\$

This local chain has offered New Mexico style Mexican food in the D.C. area for nearly 40 years. Anita's offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

521 E. Maple Ave. | 703.255.1001 www.anitascorp.com

#### BAZIN'S ON CHURCH

#### Vienna | American | \$\$\$

Set on historic Church Street in the heart of Vienna, Bazin's on Church continues to exceed the expectations of the town's discriminating diners. Chef Patrick Bazin's modern American cuisine is simply extraordinary. Stop in for a drink at the bar

or a delicious meal in their comfortable and casual dining area. Reservations are

#### strongly recommended.

111 Church St. | 703.255.7212 www.bazinsonchurch.com

#### BJ'S BREWHOUSE

#### Vienna | American | \$\$

Located in the heart of Tysons Corner, BJ's is the ultimate place to unwind after a long day. Start off with avocado egg rolls, Thai shrimp lettuce rolls, calamari, or try their wings or flatbread pizzas. BJ's is known for their variety of signature deep dish pizzas, burgers, sandwiches, and light menu. Of course, you can't forget their handcrafted beer.

8027 Leesburg Pike | 703.356.7305 www.bjsbrewhouse.com

#### BRIX & ALE IN THE SHERATON

#### Vienna | American | \$

Diners can choose an old-school favorite or try a modern take on classic comfort food, while wine enthusiasts will marvel at their state of the art wine preservation system that allows guests to sample different wines from numerous vineyards. Brix & Ale also features handcrafted cocktails which are artfully prepared with the freshest ingredients. 8661 Leesburg Pike | 703.448.1234 www.brixandale.com

#### CAFE RENAISSANCE

#### Vienna | French | \$\$

Touted as the most romantic dinner in Northern Virginia, Cafe Renaissance is an elegant restaurant in the true sense of Parisian tradition that is Vienna's most sophisticated dining experience. An oldworld destination with an enormous wine list & ornate, gilded rooms, its cuisine is classical French with a modern twist and an Italian accent.

163 Glyndon St SE | 703.938.3311 www.caferenaissance.com

#### CHEF GEOFF'S

#### Vienna | American | \$\$

The Tyson's Corner location of Chef Geoff Tracy's restaurant chain offers a gluten free as well as regular menu, plus a bacon bar with bacon nachos and chocolate pretzel cake with salty bacon. Chef Geoff's also offers a Sunday brunch and kids' brunch. 8045 Leesburg Pike | 571.282.6003 www.chefqeoff.com

#### CHIMA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

#### Vienna | Brazilian | \$\$

Chima offers traditional Brazilian churrasco of more than 15 rotisserie meats, including filet, lamb, chicken, sausage, and fish. The salad bar also offers Brazilian and American staples. Bring the family along for a unique dining experience.

8101 Towers Crescent Dr. | 703.639.3080 www.chima.cc

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Virginia has a long history of leadership. Consider America's Founding Fathers—seven men from Virginia signed the Declaration of Independence. Here, in a state full of trailblazers, there's a new revolution going on, and it's happening on a small farm in Loudoun County. This homestead existed long before our country's first Independence Day, and now it's in the process of developing the sweet taste of the future. This is what I learned at CEA Farms, an operation where novel ideas could solve some the world's most pressing problems.

"I'm trying to get people to change the way they think about food," says Don Virts, owner of CEA Farms in Hillsboro, Virginia. The pastoral landscape that surrounds Virts' farm lies alongside Route 9, formerly a wagon trail running through a gap in the hills of Western Loudoun County.

Hillsboro is a progressive community that was founded in the 1730's by Germans and Quakers seeking religious freedom and fertile land. Virts' ancestors began their family farm in Hillsboro in the

1760's. Two centuries later, Virts sustained the family legacy by working in the fields. After he inherited the land with his brother, Virts built a greenhouse and helped his nephew launch a cattle farm.

One year ago, Virts and his family opened a market and café to showcase his produce and his nephew's meat. At Virts Family Farms market, you can buy local products and order an "All-Loudoun Burger" consisting of beef, onion, lettuce and tomato. The produce comes from Virts' greenhouse and the meat from the family's ranch. The taste of these hamburgers is of pure beef, no seasoning or condiments required.

At first glance, this operation may not look groundbreaking, but behind the rustic facade, there's a rebellion going on. Inside Virts' greenhouse, he employs experimental farming technology, like designer fertilizers, solar-sourced energy and innovative water filtration systems.

"I want to grow my crops in a controlled environment," says Virts. "I want to grow those crops year-round, so I'll have tomatoes in January and February. I want to do it using no chemicals. I will recycle every bit of water we use, and manufacture my own water. All of this is going to run on renewable energy."



Take a walk through the CEA Farms' white-tented greenhouse where rows of lettuce, tomatoes, microgreens, onions and cucumbers are harvested year-round. Virts welcomes visitors and hosts regular tours. I first visited CEA Farms on a cold December day, enjoying the bright warmth inside the greenhouse. Virts pulled two heads of immaculate butterhead lettuce out of his growing flats to take home to my family.

"Look at this lettuce," Virts points. "See how clean it is? No dirt, no grit, no acid rain fell on it, no animals running through it, no

birds flying over. You can eat right from here. You don't have to wash it. I've got spicy arugula, radish, char and onion microgreens. Restaurants buy the flat with all the varieties. The microgreens grow on burlap, so there's no dirt. If you keep this burlap moist by watering it once a day, and there's no waste. It continues to grow even after you deliver it."

Five tech companies are investing in Virts' greenhouse. One is supplying an atmospheric water generator to reduce humidity levels, to lessen the need for fungicides. Virts' humidifier system recycles atmospheric moisture he'll use to water his plants. Along with rain water, he processes this recycled water with one-hundred-









percent renewable energies, without the use of chemicals.

Virts is also manufacturing nitrogen fertilizer designed for his unique greenhouse environment. He's running tests in the greenhouse with plots outside in the hay and corn fields to see how it does side-by-side. "The potential is unbelievable," Virts tells me. "We will produce our own fertilizer and raise our own food, with no carbon fuels used at all."

Virts' vision is to install greenhouses on rooftops of buildings and inside communities. Virts explains. "I want to grow food where the people are. I've talked to developers and said, your clubhouse and pool is used a tenth of the year, why not build a greenhouse and create a sustainable community?"

Some governments are listening. From Purcellville to Lebanon, people are intrigued by Virts' greenhouse and its potential to grow food inside neighborhoods, even those challenged by water access. Tech companies have asked him to go global, but Virts thinks there's enough business in the Washington DC Area to keep perfecting his concepts. Recently, data companies discussed building greenhouses on the roofs of their building with him. The enormous quantity of water they use can be recycled and used safely on his plants.

Virts is installing a solar collector that requires minimal land: "I can put this thing in my front yard and not obstruct the view. It's actually pretty. It's round; they call it a smart flower. When the sun goes down, the solar panels close in a circular fashion. In the morning, the panels open and track the sun. It's very efficient and uses a small footprint."

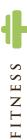
Virts' sister-in-law Linda owns and runs the Virts Family Farms market. This pioneering family loves supporting their fellow farmers, so every product is made or manufactured in Virginia. "Our chicken comes from Joel Johnson's family farm in Purcellville. We sell eggs by Happy Chicks from Waterford, Virginia. We have salsa using my tomatoes. There's local lamb from Hamilton, and on Thursdays, a neighborhood baker brings in pies, cakes and granola. The coffee is roasted in Lucketts."

At Virts Family Farm, you'll be impressed by this small-town farmer's impact on his community, but imagine what these greenhouses could mean to the growing demand for food using methods that won't harm the environment. Virts says he's witnessed global warming personally by watching his pond. It used to freeze hard every year, but now, it's never long enough to skate or play.

Currently, Virts supplies the Loudoun Conference Center and Ford's Fish Shack with his produce, including CEA Farms' robust and flavorful microgreens. He will need additional greenhouses as the demand for his products grows. I've no doubt he will see his vision through. "It's getting back to the way my forefathers got their food. They grew it, or it came from a neighbor," says Virts. "With modern science and technology, we can have fresh, chemical-free food with a very small carbon footprint every day of the year." \*

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#### 1. MOVE IT

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Learning more about portion sizes also makes a big health difference. Over the past 20 years, the portion sizes in America have increased in both, restaurants and homes. We are consuming more and more calories per day. Your trainer can give you tips on the amounts of each food that would be best for you, as well as meal and snack ideas that promote a heart-healthy diet.

#### 3. PARTY LESS

Too much alcohol and any amount of smoking are definite deal-breakers for your heart health. Smoking can raise your blood pressure dramatically, as well as damage your lungs. And more than a drink or two of alcohol per day can cause excessive weight gain (therefore putting more strain on your heart) and can also raise your blood pressure.

#### 4. DON'T WORRY

Sure, it's easier said than done, but excessive stress can put unneeded wear and tear on your heart. Even occasional stress can raise blood pressure. And chronic stress exposes the body to elevated levels of the stress hormones cortisol and adrenaline which can put unnecessary strain on your heart.

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# TWO SUN DESIGN PROJECTS GARNER CHRYSALIS KUDOS

# Firm Tops Category for Best Exterior, Master Bath

(At Top) Best exterior. Sun Design Remodeling has garnered a Chyrsalis Award for the "best exterior" in the south Atlantic US. The prize is sponsored annually by Qualified Remodeler Magazine and Kitchen and Bath News. The remodeler developed a conservatory-style open air rear porch linked to a perogola-topped outdoor kitchen. Roseand tan- hued limestone gives definition to porch flooring, walkways and other unifying components that integrate with the English-style landscaping style. The porch's conical roof is borrowed from the two-level bay on the right.



The summer is shaping up nicely for Sun Design Remodeling. Last week, the full-service design/build remodeler won two coveted Chrysalis awards for excellence in home remodeling. The winning categories are "best exterior," and "best bathroom over \$75,000."

Founded in 1993, the Chrysalis has long been regarded as the remodeling industry's most prestigious peer award. *Qualified Remodeler Magazine* and *Kitchen and Bath News* are among the national media sponsors.

More tellingly, the two prizes were conferred in vastly different categories, an indication of the evolving range and relevance of the firm's design team.

On this point, a closer look at the two top-in-category winners reveals much about homeowner passions and prevailing trends.

Exterior solution: stand-out house and grounds reconciliation points to higher benchmark

The recently-completed rear elevation to the Leesburg home of Chris and Amber Wooten perfectly integrates an architecturally-appropriate "built" solution with a spacious park-like surrounding that unfurls in over 1.5 acres. The addition's crisply articulated architecture sets the tone for a varied landscaping scheme that explores formal patterns and design motifs, laying the foundation for a garden rife with lavender, wygelia, and other outdoor focal points.

(At Right) The art of the panorama. The winning solution explores an indoor-outdoor continuum that provides a perfect aesthetic foundation for inter-related garden focal points. Weigela, lavender and bluebells are clustered at key intervals along the limestone pathways. An oval patch of greensward yields to a second set of stairs that takes strollers a higher elevation.

A key to the solution's overall coherence begins with a conservatory-style conical roof that repeats the roof line on the home's two-level bay.

The symmetry lends balance where needed, permitting the somewhat playful landscape design to build visual rhythm. The kitchen's bay window was, in turn, converted into a double slider accessed from the existing kitchen. An

door that exits from the family room to the porch was preserved.

"The new elevation perfectly establishes a logical indoor/outdoor continuum," says Roger Lataille, Sun Design's senior design consultant.

With a 12-foot ceiling, and four support columns defining a semicircular periphery, the porch is zoned for both outdoor dining and a separate conversation arena furnished with all-weather wicker furniture.

The ceiling is fitted with two rotating fans, skylights and a hidden sound system. The effect of a covered platform supported by vertical posts is aesthetic: it presents the garden as a series of beautifully-framed compositions.

The "built" component that gives still further expression to this sensibility is the pergola-topped outdoor kitchen—which occupies a 19'  $\times$  25' extension of the limestone patio, yet is some 20 feet away from the porch.

Equipped with a sink, a refrigerator and a gas-powered stove, the bar is an independent gathering zone that seats four and provides spot-on views of an expansive lawn and mature trees.

The structure is clad in stacked stones; the pergola is constructed from pressure-treated pine. Meanwhile, the limestone in the patio is laid in a diagonal pattern, presenting a compelling textural contrast suitable for a mid-garden venue.

With a fire pit mid-way between the kitchen and the porch, and a table in the midst of the wicker sectional that also function as a space heater, the porch provides a perfect gathering place from early spring to late fall.

#### Interior Design Elevates Condo Master Bath to Art

An artfully executed 1,800 square foot master bathroom maekover in a Crystal City condo was judged a category best ("bathrooms above \$75,000") for the entire southeastern US.

Fundamentally, the owners were looking for a more functional space plan and help in exploring some style improvements,, but once Sun



(At Right) The outdoor kitchen and bar functions as a second (and very spacious) gathering place. Stacked stone cladding lends a textural contrast to the diagonally patterned limestone patio. The pergola is constructed of pressure-treated pine. The kitchen is equipped with a gas grill, sink and refrigerator.



Design's Katie Coram and Morgan Hutchinson entered the picture an inspired collaboration got underway in earnest.

As Coram recalls:

"In a tight footprint, inches make all the difference and design intended to augment the appearance of space must be particularly well-executed. Professionally, it's exhilarating to design out of the picture the apparent limitations in a room—so that only thing an owner or a guest is aware of is how attractive the space is, and how well it works."

Beginning with a discussion on "style preferences" (the homeowners had stockpiled ideas for close to a year), Coram concentrated on creating a highly functional, visually effervescent elaboration in 220 square feet that could not be enlarged in any direction.

A larger shower replaced an unused soaking tub. A wall-hung toilet (replacing the existing unit) allowed a wider swing radius for the bathroom door. But a still more innovative conceit addressed the owner's interest in gaining a bathroom window.

"The owners showed us a photo of a glass block wall, Coram recalls. "They wanted natural light in the room and liked the glass-block look.



(At Left) "Best Bathroom Over \$75,000.00". Contending with a 220 square foot condo bathroom that could not be enlarged in any direction, interior design Katie Coram found an innovative way to create a natural light effect in a windowless room. A frosted glass pane with black aluminum frame that matches windows other parts of the apartment is illuminated from within by LED lighting. The window motif inspired the glass mosaic tile shower flooring—which is reinforces by wall elevations elaborated in five different ceramic tile designs.

(At Bottom) The walk-in shower replaced a former soaking tub. Shower wall tiling was extended on the rear wall to create a backsplash the floor-to-ceiling window A foot ledge was installed along with grab bars for added safety.

In a simple-but-attractive nod to the art of illusion, Coram designed a frosted glass window in a black aluminum frame illuminated from within by a light with LED lighting that perfectly emulates the effect of daylight cascading into the room. The window size and shape are borrowed from others used throughout the apartment

The window motif, in turn, inspired the glass mosaic tile that covers the shower floor—which further prompted a decision to elaborate wall elevations in five different ceramic tile designs.

The changes make the room feel substantially larger, no easy feat when walls can't be moved.

An industrial shop light previously mounted over the vanity was re-deployed. Meanwhile, the frameless textured cabinetry and quartz surfaces complement a lively, yet warmly ambient tone.

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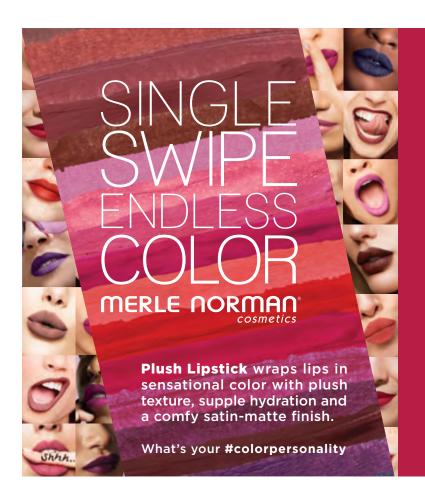
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Construction of the future Dulles Airport Metrorail Station and tracks on aerial guideways continues to change the landscape of the airport.

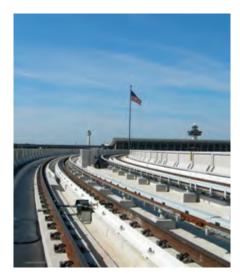
Capital Rail Constructors has taken advantage of the few bright sunny skies this summer to place tracks on guideways and perform inspections while building out station interiors and support facilities.

Soon elevators will be installed in the station and work continues to complete the transformation of a tunnel that will contain moving sidewalks to carry airport users from the rail station being built in front of a parking garage to the airport terminal. This replaces an old tunnel in the same spot that was closed to allow for new moving sidewalks. The new tunnel will reopen in the coming months. �

▲ Looking to the west along the inbound tracks of the aerial guideway at the Airport Station. Parking garage A is on the right side of the photo. The Airport terminal is off to the left. Approximately over Saarinen Circle.

These photos by Phil DeLeon take the reader on a tour of the ongoing work.





- Aerial guideway just east of the Airport station where the guideway splits for outbound and inbound tracks. The Airport terminal and towers in the background.
- Looking east along the outbound tracks into the Airport Station.



◆ Abutment A where the ballasted track (at grade) and the aerial guideway meet in the middle of the DIAAH on the Airport – looking to the south east. Rudder Road highway overpass goes over the ballasted track in the near distance.



▲ The "Walk Down Team" reviewing the aerial guideway between Abutment A and the Airport Station. Checking the gauge of the tracks (distance between the rails), distance from the tracks to the third rail, visual alignment and overall condition. The sixth Walk Down with representatives from CRC, MWAA, WMATA and DRPT.



▲ Looking northerly along the inbound aerial guideway towards Abutment A (where the tracks go aerial into the Airport) along the DIAAH. As you can see from the sign on the right, almost directly above Aviation Drive in the Airport.



▲ Dulles Airport Tunnel



▲ Looking south from the aerial guideway on the outbound tracks. The exit on the DIAAH is below on the left and a portion of Horsepen Lake is to the left.



# Some Silver Line-related work continues in Tysons Corner

#### Bus stop repairs done, but other warranty projects are ongoing

Yes, there is still construction work related to Phase 1 of the Silver Line happening in the Tysons area.

Some of the warranty work is being done by Bechtel, the contractor which operated as Dulles Transit Partners for the first phase, while the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, owner of the Silver Line project, is contracting for other work.

#### Along Routes 7 and 123

Bechtel crews in late summer were working on some underground pipe remediation along Route 7.

And, other crews completed concrete work at bus turnouts along Route 7 near the Spring Hill Metro Station and along Route 123 near the McLean Metro Station. This work had required the temporary relocation of several bus stops.

There also was work to be done on sidewalks, underdrains and driveway entrances to businesses to improve access for those with disabilities. Surveys needed for the work were to begin in August and most of the work is scheduled for completion in late October.

Storm water deficiencies continue and repairs are expected to be done this fall.

Ongoing repairs for Virginia Department of Transportation manholes and related structures will continue through November or early December.

Repairs for the drainage system in the median of the Chain Bridge Overpass for the rail line is pending.

#### Old Meadow Road

The rail project will also fund and execute improvements at the intersection of Old Meadow Road and Route 123 at the main entrance to Capital One because Old Meadow and the entrance are not precisely lined up.

The rail team has prepared a traffic analysis of different options to do this work and a previous plan to do a long-term closing of Old Meadow Road has been nixed because of potential negative impacts on traffic flows in the Old Meadow Road and Colshire Drive area, and along Route 123. Details of scheduling the work are still being worked out, including the impact of ongoing roadwork along Colshire on the work needed to improve the Old Meadow intersection. The rail project staff continues to work with nearby commercial redevelopments, residents of the nearby condo properties, and state and local officials. In addition, several major utilities will have to be relocated before this work can be done.

## BRIDGE CLUB

#### LOUIE'S BLIND SPOT

🍨 Aj87

🤻 Q 4

A 10 9

🗸 J 10 9 5

♠ KQ109532

💘 A 5

₭ J 4

🌉 A

WestNorthEastSouth1 c1 cpass3 cdbl4NTpass5 cpass6 call pass

West leads the jack of hearts, and East covers dummy's queen with the king. Plan the play. See page 145 for the answer.

Excerpt taken from: Frank Stewart's Bridge Club. Page 58.

#### BIDDING QUIZ

#### YOU HOLD:

🌦 K 5 2 🤎 K Q 3 2 🌘 A 2 🛖 K Q 3 2

You open 1NT, and your partner bids 4NT. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: If you're past the novice stage, you know that partner's 4NT bid is (in this situation) not the Balckwood ace-asking convention but simply a raise, inviting slam in notrump just as a raise of 1NT to 2NT would invite game. Since you have maximum values for your 1NT opening, you can accept. Bid 6NT.

Excerpt taken from: Frank Stewart's Bridge Club. Page 62.

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PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE
ARE USUALLY THE
ONES WHO ARE
MOST IN FAVOR OF
HOLDING MEETINGS.

-Thomas Sowell

#### HOW TO SOLVE SODOKU PUZZLES

No math is required to solve a sudoku. You only need logic and patience.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one instance of the numbers 1-9. Similarly, each number can only appear once in a column or row in the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.

				3				
5							4	2
	7				6	9	1	5
	1			4				
	3	7	8		1	6	5	
				6			7	
8	5	4	3				9	
9	2							7
				1				

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-John C. Maxwell

#### DOG DETECTIVE

# CROSSWORD CLUES

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Bro's counterpart
- 4. Prepare for surgery
- 9. Deed
- 10. Still in the game
- 11. Court
- 12. Burdened
- 13. Hoity-toity
- 15. noi 15. @
- 16. Tag
- 18. Fashionable
- 20. Entrance areas
- 23. Alternative version of a song
- 25. Cry from Homer Simpson
- 26. Came up
- 27. Gloppy stuff
- 28. Hebrew letters
- 29. Nigerian language

#### 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 27 26 28 29

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Cuts wood
- 2. Clickable image
- 3. Bar seat
- 4. Early New England houses
- 5. Like a just-used potter's wheel
- 6. Free (of)
- 7. Iris holder
- 8. Crooked
- 14. Clumsy

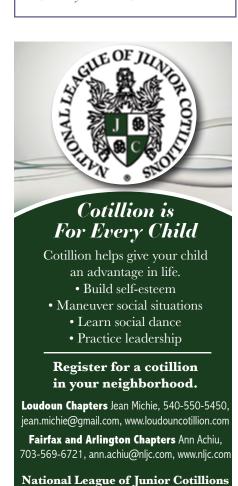
- 17. Pigeon's perch
- 18. Mideast hot spot
- 19. Detective Wolfe
- 21. Cross
- 22. "Begone!"
- 24. Floor cleaner

## Fairfax County's Commuter Garage



Check out the progress on Fairfax County's commuter garage located off of Sunrise Valley Drive near Innovation Metrorail Station. This is the view looking south from the Innovation pedestrian bridge to the south pavilion.

(Photo by Phil Deleon)





# COUNTY PRODUCES \$1.2M FOR DOWNTOWN HERNDON PROJECT

While Silver Line construction of the new Herndon Metrorail construction continues, Reston Now has reported that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will contribute \$1.2 million for the redevelopment of downtown Herndon — an effort being led by developer Comstock LLC and the Town of Herndon to create a town center.

The funding commitment is the largest dollar contribution for economic development to date. Funds are drawn from a funding category designed for one-time, seed money for projects that provide direct economic benefits for Fairfax County. Roughly a quarter of \$5 million in available funding has been committed to downtown Herndon.

The almost five-acre site, which is owned by the town, is currently tax-exempt. The new town center would pay real estate taxes and generate additional sales tax from retail elements.

The project includes an 18,000-square-foot arts center, which will serve as the centerpiece of the downtown area. The downtown Herndon project will include almost 300 apartments, 17,600 square feet of ground floor retail and a 761-space parking garage.

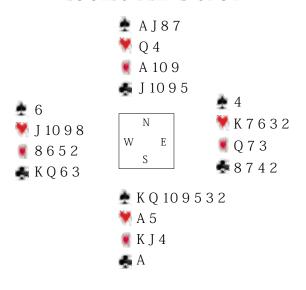
Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, who chairs the praised the contribution. "Activities around the arts create thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity in Fairfax County and contribute to the success of a redevelopment project that will significantly increase the tax base of the town and the county. •



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## BRIDGE CLUB SOLUTION

#### LOUIE'S BLIND SPOT



West	North	East	South
			1 🍁
pass	3 🍁	dbl	4NT
pass	5 🤎	pass	6 🍨
all pass			

Opening Lead: 🧚 J

'Do you think glasses might help me play better?' Unlucky Louie asked me in the club lounge.

'Not if you drain too many of them,' I replied.

North felt Louie needed glasses after his costly blind spot on this slam. When East covered the queen of hearts, Louie took the ace, cashed the ace of clubs, led a trump to dummy and returned the jack of clubs, pitching his last heart. West won and led another heart, and Louie ruffed, took the K-A of diamonds and led the ten of clubs for another ruffing finesse. West produced the king: down onw.

 $\label{thm:continuity} Till have another martini, 'Louie said drily. 'My chances were more than 75 percent, much better than trying to guess the queen of diamonds.'$ 

How would you play the slam?

After South takes the ace of clubs, he can get to dummy three times with trumps to ruff dummy's remaining clubs. South then exits with a heart, and East must lead a heart, conceding a ruff-sluff, or lead a diamond, guessing the queen for declarer.

Excerpts taken from: Frank Stewart's Bridge Club. Pages 61.

#### **SODOKU Answers**

1	4	9	2	3	5	7	6	8
5	8	6	1	9	7	3	4	2
3	7	2	4	8	6	9	1	5
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8	5	4	3	7	2	1	9	6
9	2	1	6	5	4	8	3	7
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#### **CROSSWORD Answers**

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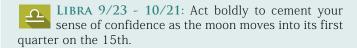
-Jon Gordon

#### HOROSCOPES

# SEPTEMBER OCTOBER



VIRGO 8/23 - 9/22: Virgos can be picky! This month you'll need take back some independence to make sure things are up to your standards.





SAGITTARIUS 11/22 - 12/21: Just when you think you are at tilt, someone adds a new pinch of stress. Draw the line somewhere.

CAPRICORN 12/22 - 1/19: A resolution to a set of problems may be near. Take some small steps to address the issues. A modest win lifts your spirits.

AQUARIUS 1/20 - 2/18: You get energy from a trip to the woods. Leave your phone at home and kick some fallen leaves.

PISCES 2/19 - 3/20: Something remembered lifts your spirits. It might be an old tune, a joke, or a family story. Seize the feeling and go with it.

ARIES 3/21 - 4/19: Beware of over-commitment this month. Stars say your time is in demand, but don't stretch yourself too thin.

TAURUS 4/20 - 5/20: Adventure -- or at least something you haven't tried lately -- is on the horizon for September. Taureans benefit when they take it by the horns.

GEMINI 5/21 - 6/20: By the 25th, a disappointment fades and your mood rises with the bright full moon. Take time to realize that all is well.

CANCER 6/21 - 7/22: The future is calling. A decision you make this month influences the next 12. A sacrifice yields big benefits by 2019.

LEO 7/23 - 8/22: Fear isn't Leo's top problem but a good Lion knows when to back off the chase.



LIBRA 9/23 - 10/21: What you need is just around the corner. Don't give up your dreams or plans! Move forward. Won't be long now.

SCORPIO 10/22 - 11/21: You may find yourself at cross-purposes with another on an issue you care about. Resist the impulse to strike back when you can score a point.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22 - 12/21: Unfinished projects may be annoying this month. But you'll get help at mid-month and, just like that, some of them will be gone.

CAPRICORN 12/22 - 1/19: Chances are your super power is not reading the future. Give yourself a break when unexpected challenges occur.

AQUARIUS 1/20 - 2/18: Time to work on those personal habits you know hold you back. The last quarter moon on the 3rd gives a chance to triumph by the full moon on the 25th.

PISCES 2/19 - 3/20: Get the facts on that health issue. Action now might save plenty of trouble later

ARIES 3/21 - 4/19: A dispute is in the air. You might be able to win, but consider the cost before the matter becomes a full battle.

TAURUS 4/20 - 5/20: Take advantage of the lingering summer warmth. A cold drink in a cool place is the ticket to fun by the end of the month.

GEMINI 5/21 - 6/20: The dark night of the new moon on the 8th brings an unexpected lift for your spirits. Indulge!

CANCER 6/21 - 7/22: Put the phone down and walk the dog—or cat. Disconnect for a few minutes and know that world can wait.

LEO 7/23 - 8/22: By the full moon on the 25th, you begin to feel your personal power. Use it for good.

VIRGO 8/23 - 9/22: Leave an i undotted this month and use the time for that certain something you've wanted to do, but haven't had the chance.



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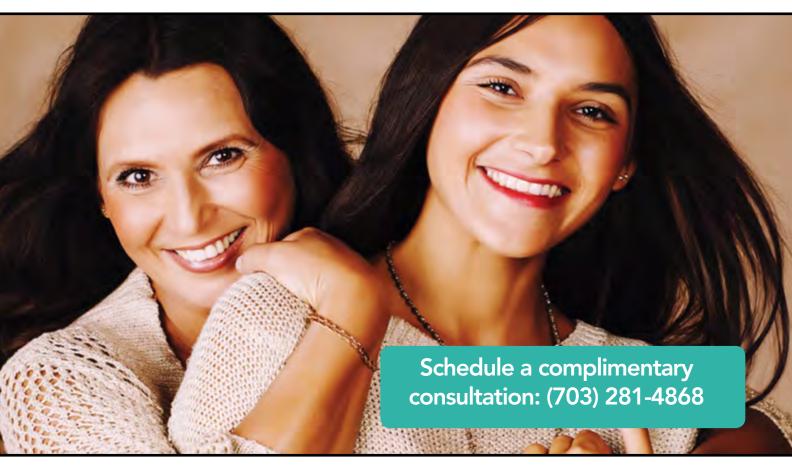


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