

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MHNA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Spring! The lemonade stand is ready for more young entrepreneurs and philanthropists to refresh the neighborhood! I will leave it up for the weekend when I'm in town and it's first come first serve. Put a note on the Facebook page if you can to let folks know if you want to reserve it. See photos of the stand at the end of this page and the following.

And our five years of traffic calming planning may finally be rewarded! We heard last week that VDOT has FINALLY approved the designs for the center medians at Miller Rd & Miller Heights Rd and Oakton Rd & Miller Heights Rd (construction timeline TBD L). These are landscaped medians and MHNA will be responsible for planting and maintaining them. If you'd like to contribute something (labor or money) to the median planting please let us know. And if you happen to see a crew out there PLEASE notify me because we want to make sure they do it right the first time (e.g. not leave a bunch of junk inside the median that we have to dig out for plantings).

The AT&T site development at 3033 Chain Bridge Rd is in its final stage of getting their zoning application reviewed by the County. Our suspicion that VDOT has major concerns about the Rosehaven Solution and other transportation plans in the developer's rezoning application proved true when VDOT shared a letter they had sent to FCDOT in January but was never shared by Fairfax County with the public as required. This highly critical assessment of the developer's proposal mirrors many of the concerns raised by the community. In addition, an FCDOT Oakton Congestion Mitigation and Safety Study survey was corrupted last month by a bot attack that attempted to sway the results to show strong public support for the Rosehaven Solution. MHNA and Smart Growth for Oakton contributed to an article in the Oakton Independent on this issue: <https://fairfaxindependentnews.press/bots-corrupt-oakton-traffic-survey-in-support-of-att-redevelopment/>

Fairfax County is continuing the Oakton Congestion Mitigation and Safety Study <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/oakton-safety>. There will be more meetings with preliminary plans coming up soon – we will keep you apprised. Please join and share your ideas!

MHNA elections were held on April 8 and all board member remain the same except that Judith Fletcher is back as our VP! Michelle Cline stepped down but will help out as MHNA's legal advisor. We still need a new Secretary as Sammy Shuster is going to college in the Fall. This is a great position for a high schooler who is looking to build their resume and learn about how local civic organizations work.

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

Thanks for being great neighbors!

Doug Shuster

MHNA President

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# CONTACTS



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<b>Communications</b>	<b>Barry Ingram</b>

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<b>Membership</b>	<b>Abheshek Narain</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Patti Ogden &amp; Marjorie Itkin</b>
<b>Trails &amp; Environment</b>	<b>Sara Holtz</b>
<b>Landscaping</b>	<b>Judith Schneider-Fletcher</b>
<b>Legal Advisor</b>	<b>Michelle Cline</b>

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

# OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

## THE MILLER HEIGHTS SOCIAL CLUB

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

## MILLER HEIGHTS FACEBOOK GROUP

The **Miller Heights Neighborhoods Facebook group** is for residents of Miller Heights in Oakton, VA, to share news, information and upcoming events that might be of interest to our neighborhood. This closed group has grown to **647** members and it is still growing with lots of posts.

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

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

## Walking Safely!

Submitted by Rebecca Pick

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

## OUR MHNA WEBSITE

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

Check our website at [www.mhnanews.com](http://www.mhnanews.com)

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

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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We send out over **573** emails to our MHNA residents each time we have MHNA announcements, meeting notices, Newsletters, and other communications. Although we have **565** homes in Miller Heights, we only have email addresses for about **394** unique homes, since many homes have multiple email addresses and others have not supplied their email addresses. If you know some of your neighbors are not receiving our mailings, please suggest they provide their email addresses to us. They can provide this information by contacting us at:

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

**You can help get the word out**



# OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT.)

## Membership Update

by **Abheshek Narain**

### Membership

While MHNA has seen a very small increase in paid memberships since January 2026, it is still well below levels from last year (May 2025), a significant drop especially given the number of households that are aware of MHNA (as measured by claimed households) or new residents recently moving into the neighborhood. We urge members to share the value of MHNA with their neighbors, both new and long-time residents as we continue to receive email and notes from residents highlighting the value they have found from MHNA and its efforts over the years.

Most recently, we heard from neighbors concerned about the well-being of fellow residents as well as raising safety concerns related to homes within the neighborhood. MHNA immediately took action on their behalf coordinating to support neighbors and by communicating with local stakeholder organizations as needed. This again shows the sense of community and support we are all familiar with within Miller Heights and is the reason MHNA was established.

We are grateful for our current members and the support they provide, but encourage you to share the benefits and value of supporting MHNA with your non-member neighbors and request they join to support. Neighbors can join by visiting MHNA's website ([www.MHNAnews.com](http://www.MHNAnews.com)), re-register and submit the annual donations. Only together can we continue to keep our neighborhood as amazing as it is.

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

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

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

-Abheshek Narain

Treasurer & Membership Chair

Miller Heights Neighborhoods Association (MHNA)

## Editor Notes

### Kid's Newsletter

As you can see, there is not a Kid's Newsletter this month. Sammy Shuster, our chief editor for the Kids Newsletter, is going off to college and is busy getting prepared.

We are looking to see if there are other young writers in the neighborhood who may be interested in joining the Kid's newsletter team. We still have a few, but can always use more.

If you know of someone who may be interested, please let me know. Send your email to [Editor@mhnanews.com](mailto:Editor@mhnanews.com).

Thank you.

### Woodworking Note

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

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

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

## PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

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



# OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT.)

## Vice President's Note—May

By Judith Schneider-Fletcher

Welcome, Spring!

I've just returned from a wonderful week in New Orleans, where we soaked up equal parts sunshine, fishing, and Jazz Fest. If you've never been, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival is a feast for the senses—phenomenal food, incredible music of every genre, and local artwork that makes you want to bring an extra suitcase. This year did not disappoint.



We heard Jon Batiste, Lorde, Stevie Nicks, Irma Thomas, Rod Stewart (yes, he's still performing at 81), The Revivalists, and many others. Jazz Fest is far more than jazz - blues, gospel, Cajun zydeco, rock, indie—you name it. I even managed to catch a huge black drum off the dock at the Fish Camp.



But now it's time to trade festival fun for the joys of retirement and the many exciting things happening in our neighborhood.

### VDOT Median Project Update

Great news at last: VDOT has officially approved the median project. After nearly five years of voting, approvals, and waiting, we finally have a green light. While FFXDOT may still take their time scheduling the work, we are one step closer to seeing this long-awaited improvement become reality—hopefully within the next year.

We'll begin planning a drought-tolerant, deer-resistant landscape design for the medians. It sounds like a tall order, but we'll focus on native plants to support the Pollinator Pathway initiative. The Pollinator Pathway website is a terrific resource, and we're fortunate to have the expertise of Sara Holtz and landscape architect Rachel Schneider to help guide the design.

### Native Landscaping at Home

Retirement continues to be a delight. I'm currently redesigning our side yard with native plants. We removed the invasive pachysandra and will be replacing it with ferns, dogwood, jack-in-the-pulpit, and other natives sourced from Mid-Atlantic Native Plant Farm. I ordered bareroot plants and plugs—starting small means we get to nurture them into maturity, which is half the fun.

### Weaving Projects

I've also returned to weaving and have two looms warped. On the big loom, I'm working on a Swedish-style Krokbragd rug, and on the smaller loom, I'm weaving hand towels with my granddaughters. Photos coming soon.

### Looking Ahead

I'm excited to serve again as Vice President and will continue to support our neighborhood and take on new projects. But Doug and I can't do it alone - we truly need new volunteers to step up and help lead. Please consider joining the board this year. Your time and perspective would make a meaningful difference.

**Wishing everyone a beautiful spring.**



# OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONT.)

## Oakton Nature Instagram Page (@oakton\_nature)

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

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

(@oakton\_nature) • Instagram photos and videos



instagram.com

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

## A Special Note on Trash and Recycling

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

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

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

## NEWSLETTER NEWS

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

**If you do have input or ideas about content, contact Barry Ingram at:**

[editor@mhnanews.com](mailto:editor@mhnanews.com)

## FARMERS MARKETS

### Oakmont Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 6 - October 28, 2026

[Oakmont Rec Center Location](#)

### Wakefield Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 6 - October 28, 2026

[Audrey Moore Rec Center Location](#)

### Herndon Farmers Market

Wednesdays, May 7 - October 29, 2026

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



## UPCOMING NEARBY EVENTS

### Friends of Oakton Library Book Sale

October 14 - 18

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10am– 5:30pm

# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

## GOCA Update

### (Greater Oakton Community Association)

GOCA Update - April 2026

Dear Oakton Neighbors and Friends,

As we move through 2026, a range of important developments and opportunities are shaping our community. From transportation and development to local events and volunteer efforts, this is a meaningful moment to stay informed and engaged in Oakton. It's also a time to celebrate and reaffirm what we value most—our local history and culture, and the strong sense of community that brings us together. We're glad to highlight GOCA's latest efforts and our and other local upcoming events.

#### Community News

- **Proposed Name Change for Oakton Library**
- **Oakton Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Study**
- **AT&T Site Development**
- **Progress on Hunter Mill Road Sidewalk**

#### GOCA News

- **Historical Schoolhouses' Open House, May 2**
- **Pony Rides in the Park, May 2**
- **Oakton Arts Council**
- **Oakton Day in the Park, August 30**
- **Volunteer Fairfax Champions**

#### Other Items

- **Celebrating Our Local Stewards: Free Period Pantry**
- **Calling All Artists and Makers**

#### Community News

**Proposed Name Change for Oakton Library.** An ad hoc meeting convened by the Board of Trustees on April 22 brought together local representatives including GOCA, Friends of the Oakton Library, Options for Oakton, and Smart Growth for Oakton. The group discussed two options: renaming the facility the *Oakton–Connolly Library*—a proposal from Board of Supervisors Chairman McKay and Supervisor Palchik to honor late Congressman Gerry Connolly—or retaining its current name, *Oakton Library*.

Community feedback shows strong support for keeping the library's name unchanged. At the same time, participants expressed broad support for recognizing Congressman Connolly's contributions in other meaningful ways within the library or on its grounds if the current name is retained.

**Oakton Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Study.** The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has completed the Oakton Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Study, commissioned by Supervisor Palchik, and has released the initial results. It was later discovered that unexplained bot activity may have

affected some survey responses—particularly the question about the proposed "innovative intersection". FCDOT is now reviewing and validating the data to ensure accuracy. Because this study will help guide future transportation decisions in Oakton, community input remains important. If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please contact [Tim Kutz](#).

**AT&T Site Development.** EYA continues to revise its rezoning application for the AT&T site in response to VDOT feedback, with a resubmission anticipated soon. This project will play a significant role in shaping Oakton's future. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and share questions or feedback with GOCA, as well as with [Supervisor Palchik](#) and [Commissioner Hancock](#).

**Progress on Hunter Mill Sidewalk.** GOCA was contacted recently by Supervisor Palchik to continue discussions about extending the sidewalk along Hunter Mill Road to Samaga Drive—a project with strong community support. She coordinated a meeting with a member of her staff and two representatives from FCDOT to explore next steps. FCDOT recommended a multi-track approach. The first phase focuses on scoping the project, which is already underway. The second phase would involve developing a design, followed by identifying funding sources. As part of this process, there may be opportunities to reduce costs, including potential partnerships with churches along the route that might be willing to provide right-of-way access.

#### GOCA News

**Historic Schoolhouses' Open House, May 2, 10 am - 2 pm.** Nine local historic schoolhouses—including the Oakton Schoolhouse and the Vale Schoolhouse—will open their doors to visitors on **Saturday, May 2 from 10 am - 2 pm**. Each schoolhouse is a member of the Historic Schoolhouses of Northern Virginia (HSNVA), of which GOCA was an original founder, and will have activities for adults and kids alike. You can find the location of the [participating HSNVA schoolhouses here](#).

**Pony Rides in the Park, May 2, 11 am - 2 pm.** On the same day as the Historic Schoolhouses' Open House, GOCA will again host Pony Rides in Oakton Community Park. Cost is \$10 per rider. Please [register here](#).

**Oakton Arts Council.** GOCA has formed a working group to explore opportunities for public art installations in Oakton, in collaboration with ArtsFairfax. Residents interested in sharing ideas or getting involved are encouraged to participate—please email please [email us](#) for more information..

**Oakton Day in the Park, August 30, 1 - 4 pm.** Planning is well underway for this free event that welcomed 950 people last year. Oakton Community Park, 2841 Hunter Mill Road (Where the one room schoolhouse is). This is an all-volunteer event and we can always use more help - if you'd like to join the committee, please [email us](#).

**Volunteer Fairfax Champions.** Co-Chairs Lauren Crum and Shelley Deutch, on behalf of GOCA, are honored to receive a Volunteer Fairfax Award, celebrating individuals and organizations that make a real difference through service, on May 7th. GOCA could have only accomplished this with the help of its hundreds of involved community members, so thank you and congratulations to you all too!

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# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

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## Other Items

**Celebrating Our Local Stewards: Unity Church's Free Period Pantry.** A student-led initiative has established a Free Period Pantry at **Unity Church of Fairfax** (2854 Hunter Mill Road), providing menstrual products to anyone in need. Neighbors are welcome to support this effort by donating unopened supplies to help keep the pantry stocked.

**Calling All Artists and Makers.** **The Grounds of Livev** on Vale Road is looking for local artists and makers interested in being part of The Grounds' Outsiders Only Festival on October 10. Applications are open through May 1: [click here to apply](#).

## How You Can Get Involved

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

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

With best regards,

## The GOCA Board

Lauren Crum and Shelley Deutch, Co-Chairs

Linda Byrne, Jackie Davey, Mark Deaton, Janet Kerr-Tener (Founding Co-Chair), Kris Olsen, Robin Thurman, and Gary Wong

Visit us at [www.greateroakton.com](http://www.greateroakton.com)

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

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

## Fairfax County Parks

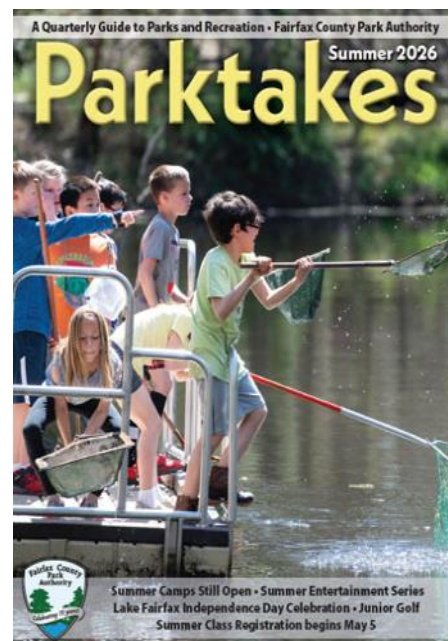
Looking for things for you or your family to do? Classes to take? Recreation or exercise? Well, take a tour through the Winter Guides from the Fairfax County Park Authority. Of course, the Oakmont Recreation Center is the closest one to Miller Heights. You can also view the guide at the Park Authority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

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

Choose from a variety of options and formats:

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

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



[Summer Parktakes 2026 | PDF](#)



## A Message from Supervisor Dalia Palchik

I'm excited to share several updates, initiatives, and programs with you all. My committee leadership assignments have changed for 2026—I am now Chair of the Environmental Committee, Vice Chair of the Budget Policy Committee, and Vice Chair of the Older Adults Committee.

With this new role, sustainability and protecting our native landscapes are top of mind for me. The County has commissioned a study to assess key invasive forest species threats and associated control measures. I'm looking forward to the recommendations this report will provide to the Environmental Committee later this year.

In the meantime, we all have a part to play, and I would encourage you to join [IMA](#) or [PRISM](#) for their invasive plant removals at the Oakmont Rec Center or other nearby sites.

### FY27 County Budget Process

The Board of Supervisors voted on the budget markup on April 28<sup>th</sup> and approved a decrease to the FY27 property tax rate while increasing funds to support affordable housing. The markup also included funding restorations to several human services programs. The final budget approval will occur on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the constituents and organizations that have made their voices heard through meetings, mail, and testimony. [Learn more here.](#)

### Bike to Work Day – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Join thousands of commuters across the DC metro region in celebrating a fun, healthy, and eco-friendly way to get to work. Register for free, stop by one of the many local pit-stops (including one at our office) for refreshments, giveaways, and camaraderie, and be part of a community-wide effort to reduce traffic and support sustainable transportation. Whether you're a daily rider or trying biking for the first time, everyone is welcome.

[Register here.](#)

### Providence District Blood Drive – June 13th

My office will be hosting our first blood drive in partnership with INOVA. Healthcare facilities are consistently experiencing shortages of blood, and this is a great way to give back.

Registration and a photo ID are required. Expect 1 hour for donation time.

[Register and more information here.](#)

## Concert Series in Providence this Summer

Nottoway Nights will be at Nottoway Park on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm, starting July 2-August 20

Arts in the Parks will be at Strawberry Park at Mosaic District Sunday mornings from 10:00am-10:45am, starting June 28-August 9 (skipping July 4th weekend)

Mosaic Summer Music Series will be at Strawberry Park at Mosaic District Saturday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, starting June 20-August 15 (skipping July 4th weekend)

## Oakton Congestion and Safety Study

I wanted to address some of the concerns that we have received regarding the Oakton Congestion and Safety Study survey. I connected with FCDOT and learned that bot activity had impacted portions of the survey. They are currently working with the survey platform to systematically identify and remove those responses using verification tools to ensure the integrity of the data.

It's important to emphasize that the survey is only one of several inputs informing this study. FCDOT has already conducted multiple well-attended public meetings, walk audits, and smaller community discussions, all of which will be considered alongside technical analysis in evaluating potential solutions.

There are more ways to provide feedback throughout this summer and the fall. [Learn more here.](#)

## Nearby Development in Flint Hill

TriPointe homes, developer at Redwood of up to 196 townhomes, has filed a proffered condition amendment to include phasing of the new public parks. No changes to the approved site are proposed. Their scheduled planning commission public hearing is scheduled for July 22.

Across the three approved Flint Hill rezonings, 15 new public parks will be delivered totaling 4.5 acres, a 10-foot-wide shared use path along Arrowhead will be constructed, a high-visibility crosswalk will be installed along Jermantown Rd to allow residents to safely cross the street to Oakton, and a new Capital Bikeshare station will be delivered.

## Office Closure

Our office will be closed for in-person meetings June 1-12 for construction. We can still be reached by phone or by email.

**Sign up to receive my bi-weekly updates on what's happening at the Board, local events, ways to give back, and more ([bit.ly/PalchikPost](https://bit.ly/PalchikPost))!**

All my best,  
Supervisor Dalia Palchik

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dalia Palchik'.

# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS (CONT.)

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

At our Spring Used Book Sale we made over \$16,000. I recognized many volunteers and shoppers from our Miller Heights neighborhood. We couldn't do it without you. All of the proceeds from the sale will benefit programming at Oakton and will be used to add valuable material to the Fairfax County Public Library collection.

As the school year winds down and you may be doing a bit of Spring cleaning, please think of the library and donate books that you no longer want. 75% of the books in our sale were sold! That is an incredible testament to the quality of the material that was donated. In fact one shopper, who was from out of town, made the comment, "The people in Oakton must be very well read - I've never seen such quality and variety at a used book sale." Thank you, Miller Heights. The Oakton Library appreciates you all!

**Mary Colombi**

**Friends of Oakton Library Board Member**

For much more detail and to view the May Friends of Oakton Library Newsletter, select the links below.

[\*\*Link to Newsletter\*\*](#)

[\*\*Book Sale Success\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Volunteers Appreciated\*\*](#)  
[\*\*President's Message\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Did You Know?\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Habitat Update\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Events at Oakton Library\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Children's Programs\*\*](#)  
[\*\*What We're Reading\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Around Town\*\*](#)



## **Oakton Community Library Hours**

**Monday & Tuesday - 10 am to 9 pm**  
**Wednesday through Saturday - 10 am to 6 PM**  
**The Library will be closed on the following:**  
**Memorial Day — Monday, May 25, 2026**



## **BOOK DONATION INFORMATION**

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

When donating used books please note:

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

## TRAILS & ENVIRONMENT

Submitted by Sara Holtz

From Plant NOVA Natives

### Your yard can help save our streams



Northern Virginia's stream and river water quality is not great. Although agriculture is the largest contributor by far of nutrient and sediment loads in Virginia's streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay, urban and suburban stormwater runoff is the second largest and the fastest growing contributor to these pollutants.

Consider, for example, the 52 square mile Accotink Creek watershed in Fairfax. For several years, the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Fairfax County have partnered to monitor pollutants in 20 watersheds across the County, including Accotink Creek. The good news is that nitrogen levels have generally dropped. But phosphorus concentrations have remained exceptionally high. Why? Because 87% of the Accotink Creek watershed is developed with 27% of the land covered in impervious surfaces. Such intensely developed regions produce large loads of sediment from stormwater runoff, and phosphorus is bound to sediment. Reduce the sediment levels in our local streams, and you will lessen the phosphorus pollution.

Both the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have announced focused efforts during 2026 to reduce nutrient-based pollutants and sediment loads in our water. By December of 2025 we had met 100% of our sediment reduction targets, which is excellent news. But we met only 80% of the nitrogen and 62% of the phosphorus reduction goals.

This is a compelling call to action for all property owners in the Plant NOVA Natives community. Here are several strategies to reduce nutrient pollution and sediment loads in our waterways:

- **Plant more native plants, especially where stormwater tends to flow.** Their deep roots stabilize the soil and absorb far more harmful nutrients than turfgrass lawns.. Notice where stormwater tends to flow on your property along swales or slopes and plant there first.
- **Plant a street-side garden.** Remember the underused strips of your property next to the street or sidewalk. These are ideal spots to add native plants, as their roots will catch stormwater overflow before it hits the pave-

ment. Take care, however, to avoid underground lines, pipes, and overhead wires. And please consider whether your plantings impact people's access to their cars, mailboxes, or safe crossing to the sidewalk. See [Plant NOVA Natives' comprehensive list of considerations for street-side gardens](#) before you begin to dig.

- **Use organic compost.** Ditching commercial fertilizers and using organic compost is always the best option to enrich the soil. But if you must use fertilizers, choose only phosphorus free or low-phosphorus brands and use them sparingly.
- **Pick up pet waste:** Nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria like *E. coli* and *Salmonella*, parasites, and ammonia can all be found in pet waste! While pet owners often remember to pick up pet waste in public areas, remember to do so on your own property as well for the sake of our streams and rivers.
- **Compost and mulch yard waste:** Composting and mulching are two strategies that effectively return nutrients to the soil and keep them out of stormwater. Grass clippings should be composted or mulched back into the lawn. Leaves are best left in non-lawn areas, but those that fall on the lawn can also be mulched or raked up and added to your compost pile. Keep lawn debris out of the street and away from storm drains.
- **Create a rain garden:** Rain gardens are landscaped areas constructed to capture and hold stormwater so that it seeps into the soil instead of running off our property. A link to a [step by step guide on how to build a rain garden can be found here on the Plant NOVA Natives website](#).
- **Use rain barrels:** If you can capture water from downspouts and use it later to water your plants, this greatly reduces stormwater runoff caused by our roofs.
- **Redirect downspouts to vegetated areas rather than paved impervious surfaces:** When rain barrels are not an option, try to redirect downspout water flow away from sidewalks and driveways and towards the more vegetated areas of your property.
- **Reduce impervious surfaces:** Replacing asphalt with gravel or permeable pavers will capture and keep more stormwater on your property. But reducing the lawn by converting parts of it to native plant gardens is also highly effective. Turf grass, while green, behaves more like concrete when it comes to water absorption.

## NATURE'S CORNER

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- **Maintain septic systems:** Regularly inspect and pump septic systems to prevent nutrient leaching into groundwater.
- **Wash cars responsibly:** Either use a commercial car wash or wash your car on grass to filter soapy water before it enters the ground.

Additional strategies to capture stormwater are discussed [here on the Plant NOVA Natives website](#), along with a discussion of [planting and maintaining riparian borders](#). Finally, here is a link to a [Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation District manual](#) with instructions on how to build and maintain rain-water gardens, green roofs, and more.

### Pollinator Pathways

#### How do you join a Pollinator Pathway?

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

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

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



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

#### Need service hours?

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

Contact Sara Holtz at [sh12sh34@gmail.com](mailto:sh12sh34@gmail.com) for upcoming dates.



# MILLER HEIGHTS REAL ESTATE UPDATE MAY 2026

## Predicting the Housing Market in 2026

By Liz Potemra



If you've been watching this year's spring market from the sidelines, you've probably felt it: things aren't quite as frantic as a couple of years ago... but they're far from slow. In fact, the truth is more interesting and more strategic than either "hot market" or "cooling market." Here is what is actually happening right now.

Oakton as a whole is still a very competitive market, with homes often getting multiple offers and selling in just a few weeks. At the same time, pricing is sending mixed signals. Median prices in Oakton have pulled back in some recent data, but long-term values remain strong, with typical home values hovering around \$1.1M.

Translation? This isn't a downturn but a normalization after a sprint. Neighborhoods like Miller Heights, with larger lots and established homes, tend to hold value better than average.

There are still more buyers than homes in Fairfax County. Even with interest rates where they are, demand hasn't disappeared, but buyers are more selective.

### What that means for selling in the area:

- Well-priced homes still move quickly
- Updated homes attract serious competition
- Overpriced homes... sit (and everyone notices)

### What it means for buyers today:

- They compare more homes before making a move
- They care deeply about condition and layout
- They will still pay up for the right property

In other words, they are not hesitant, but choosy.

If you are thinking of selling, you are still in a strong position, but the strategy matters now more than ever. Pricing is everything (guess wrong, and you'll chase the market). Presentation matters more than ever and the first 10 days on market are critical. The days of "list it and hope" are gone, but the days of "list it right and win" are still here.

**The Bottom Line:** The market is not cooling off, it's maturing. Demand is still strong, inventory is still limited, but buyers are smarter and so sellers need strategy. In other words, this is the kind of market where experience actually matters. And frankly, that's a healthier market than the chaos we came out of.

Happy Spring!

For a monthly market update, feel free to contact me.

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## Recent Real Estate Activity in Miller Heights:

Status	Address	Number of Beds	Last Update	List/Close Price	DOM
Active	2935 Miller Heights Rd	4	4/22/2026	\$1,250,000	7
Active	10910 Miller Rd	5	4/17/2026	\$1,200,000	12
Contract	3105 Miller Heights Rd	5	4/20/2026	\$1,200,000	61
Closed	3167 Ariana Dr	6	2/2/2026	\$2,475,000	0
Closed	11202 Cranbrook Ln	4	4/7/2026	\$1,522,500	5

## Spring Garden Wars: Vetch, Frost, and Other Betrayals

Submitted by Farmer Brown

I had my first run in with poison ivy this year. Was so full of Zyrtec, Claritin, Pataday, Allertec, and every other OTC antihistamine that I didn't suffer the usual symptoms, making it harder to identify. Fortunately, the urgent care Doc I ended up seeing was a Gardner and was able to diagnose it instantly.

Now to the serious stuff:

**The Common Vetch** (*Vicia sativa*) is fast overtaking my flower beds, and I've deployed family members in the bed defense before it's Tarzan territory. Also on my hit list is the dreaded periwinkle - I've written about this monster previously and now develop a severe rash when I see it in my garden or in anyone's garden for that matter... hate the stuff.



I had been tracking the potential for Frost on Monday and came undone in 2 ways: 1) my weather bot is bloody useless and failed me (I should know better than to trust technology) and 2) even though I ventured outside to protect my Venus fly traps (more on this later) I totally spaced out on the fact that my peppers which I had so loving cared for through our winter and tomatoes needed my help.

**Bulbs.** If you've read previous newsletters, you know that I just can't help myself. Well last year I thought I'd be more reserved with the purchases but you know how it goes on those short, cold winter days when all you need is some color and then catalogs start showing up in your mailbox and before you know it you have 150 bulbs on the way? No? Just me then... Some of this was due to me being too optimistic, but also not paying close enough attention to what I had bought the week before, or the week before



that... Anyway, I set my kids to work with a stake and mallet to get those things planted - well, between the clay and dry weather, I think they managed about 30% before the rebellion began. And of those 30%, I'd estimate that at least 90% were not planted in the flower beds as instructed, but rather... wait for it... in the EFFING LAWN!!! Why? Does anyone know why? Here I'm going to blame our school system...

**Too. Many. Seeds.** Like bulbs, I just can't help myself. These are like those mints on the way out of a restaurant - you find 2, or 6, okay, 8 packets of seed that you really need in the garden - radishes, peas, beans, lettuce, arugula, eggplant, maybe a squash or 2, and then you see Snake Gourds and seductively named corn varieties, squashes the size of a mini-van that "you could find space for", somewhere, maybe to compliment the vetch, who knows. But then Home Depot has a few more packets you could use, as does Giant... oh my.

**Fertilizer.** Well, I tried some fertilizer stakes a few years ago and those simply disintegrated so I had a bucketful of fertilizer that required me to hand feed my trees. But this is something I am generally terrible at doing and, even though I have a cheat sheet, I just never get around to feeding any of my trees at the right time, or in with the right amounts. Except, my blueberries - these things get a good feeding in the spring!

One thing I failed miserably at in the fall was protecting my trees from those pesky male deer that used them to scratch their antlers again. Every year I have a tree that suffers and every year I make myself a promise that I inevitably break. I have the spiral plastic wrap's but "out of sight, out of mind" and then you can hear me swearing a mile off when I discover the damaged trees. This year my Carolina Allspice took a savage beating for which the garden police should have been called. It looks like it's coming back now, but it was mauled to nothing. It is growing back so maybe, what doesn't kill it, makes it stronger?

I do need to get my act together and better protect my trees though. Speaking of protection, I'm at war with the plum curculio - a small snout beetle that's a major pest. It is native but good heavens can this thing wreck a harvest of any stone fruit crop. So, I've turned to kaolin clay. Some of you, probably, have used this clay as face mask or for some beautification tool, but I've been spraying my peach and plum trees with the stuff. It's supposed to adhere to the fruit and build a layer to prevent the insect laying

# COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS

## Spring Garden Wars: Vetch, Frost, and Other Betrayals

eggs, but frankly, from what I've seen, it's "mid" at best... However, my daughter did show me one of these little 6-legged devils and as soon as I recognized my foe, I squished it.

Baby lantern flies are out and about... I know, I was surprised as well. If you see them – squish them. But be quick about it – they are quicker than lightning and jump a long way!

So, what do I have to do this spring? Well, I need to repair my vegetable greenhouses, and this will require me to scrap the torn plastic and replace it. I'm not sure if I want to use clear corrugated PVC or more builders' plastic, but no real rush right now. I have a few hinges that need to be changed out and need to trash some older frames.

I also need to split my ferns – cheap and easy, but I'm hoping for some wet weather to make sure the transplant doesn't go as wrong as previous years.

My compost pile needs a turnover when I have energy too. However, I think I'm going to turn my mower into a mulching machine and then clean out and restore the existing frames. This isn't going to be a fun project, but it's likely going to include my family. Stay tuned for the tale that comes out of this event... Around the same time, I need to get signed up for a chip drop. If I have energy. If not. Maybe next year.

Back to the Venus fly trap story... well, I couldn't help myself. I picked up a small pot of Venus fly traps to feed pantry moths too, along with any fruit flies but last week, it was looking a bit pale, so I figured some sun would do. I popped it on the deck and things were looking up. So I got brave. And planted it among my lettuces and arugula. When I went out to pop a pot over it so that the frost wouldn't kill it, I discovered, to my horror, that all that was left, was a crater the size of a tennis ball. Something had gobbled it. Research tells me deer love it because it is a rich source of protein and that racoons also make a mess with them. So, another win for the vermin.

There have been some highlights though... My Amaryllis has really performed this year. I've encountered eastern red bellied snakes, garter snakes in the garden. We have blue birds nesting in a box in my veggie garden and that's a nice easy pest control solution. Of course, the Camis, Allium, Crocus bulbs are all performing well, along with my bluebells, so as painful as the lessons have been again this spring, things still look beautiful!



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

That's it for me, Farmer Brown

Gordon Brown <[gordon.brown81@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.brown81@gmail.com)>

## COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS (CONT.)

### Loose Ends Finishers

#### Submitted by Beth Eltinge

I have written before about joining a group called Loose Ends Finishers ([LOOSE ENDS](#)). It is a group of volunteers, over 37,000 strong now, who finish fiber related work that was started but left unfinished by someone due to illness or death. After waiting several years I was matched with a local woman whose mother passed away a few years ago. Her mother was an avid painter and quilter. While sorting through her things, the local woman and her sister uncovered several quilt tops which had been pieced but not finished by their mother. They contacted Loose Ends and were matched with several quilters in the area, including me. I asked to finish two of the quilt tops because they were very similar and I wanted to finish them the same way so they could go to each of the sisters. I recently finished the two quilts and returned them to the project owner. It gave me great joy to do this small service.

Recently, I told some neighbors about finishing the two quilts. One neighbor seemed impressed and blurted out that she never finished anything, she was always starting new things and had multiple unfinished projects in her home. The other neighbor said she absolutely had to finish one project before she could ever start a new one. This is for me a beautiful example of a paradigm I keep going back to: process versus product driven people. For me it offers an explanation of why people feel motivated to make things. Is one driven primarily by the love of the process of making something or is one driven by the desire to have the finished product? I visualize the motivation to start making something as being somewhere on a continuum between process and product. Usually motivation to start is a combination of the two, process and product. For me the question is which is the dominant motivation. I personally am extremely process driven and I often struggle with finishing things.

I find myself thinking about a short video that popped up in my Facebook feed a year or so ago. The video showed a woman sitting and doing some form of handcraft, perhaps crochet. She seemed to be holding a conversation with another person:

“What are you making?”

“I am making myself restful and mindful.”

“But what are you making with your yarn?”

“I am making myself calm.”

“But what will you have when you are finished?”

“I will have a calm and relaxed feeling.”

“But what will you have finished?”

“I will have finished feeling anxious.”

The conversation went back and forth like that for some time. It is another great example of process versus product. The person asking the questions is product driven, the person answering is process driven.

One local group that recognizes the importance of the knitting process in maintaining calm is Project Knitwell ([projectknitwell.org](#)). It began in 2010 as an outreach to teach nurses, patients and care givers how to knit. It was started by a woman who, during a time of stress when her daughter was hospitalized, picked up knitting as a way to pass the long hours of waiting and to relieve stress. Project Knitwell provides knitting instructions and supplies to patients, family members and staff in several area hospitals as well as conducting knitting programs for children and adults and various community centers and schools. One stated value of Project Knitwell is that knitting is a purposeful activity that promotes wellness and resilience for individuals undergoing stressful situations. I support this group and admire the work they do. In a world where news and too much information can cause stress, it is important to try to find inner harmony. Different people find it in different ways. For me it has always been all about the process of creating.



# COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS (CONT.)

## Judith's Favorite Native of the Month

### Submitted by Judith Schneider-Fletcher

**Tiareella** -also known as foam flower. Makes a wonderful ground cover. Part sun/shade. Deer don't touch it, perennial, spreads nicely.

#### The full details:

Tiareella, commonly known as foamflower, is a low-maintenance, shade-loving perennial native to North American woodlands, prized for its delicate, foamy white or pink flowers and attractive, often mottled foliage. It thrives in moist, humus-rich soil and partial to full shade, making it an excellent ground cover or border plant in woodland gardens, rock gardens, and shady spots, spreading via runners to form dense mats.

#### Key Characteristics

- **Flowers:** Airy spikes of small, white or pink, foam-like flowers in spring.
- **Foliage:** Maple-like leaves, often with attractive mottling, that can be semi-evergreen in warmer zones.
- **Growth Habit:** Spreads via runners (stolons) to form a ground cover, though some varieties are clump-forming.

**Size:** Typically grows 6-12 inches tall.

#### Growing Conditions

- **Sunlight:** Partial to full shade; prefers dappled light and protection from intense afternoon sun.
- **Soil:** Moist, well-drained, and rich in organic matter (humus).
- **Water:** Keep consistently moist but not waterlogged; avoid both drought and soggy winter soil.

**Hardiness:** Hardy in USDA Zones 4-9.

#### Uses in the Garden

Ground cover in woodland or shade gardens, Mass plantings under trees and shrubs, Shady borders and rock gardens, Rain gardens, and Containers and urns.

#### Companion Plants

Hostas, ferns, coral bells (Heuchera), and sedges.

<https://mgmv.org/plants/native-plants/ground-cover/tiareella-cordifolia/>



# COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM OUR RESIDENTS (CONT.)

## Help Your Local Butterflies Thrive!

Submitted by Linda Tiani

### Plant Magic Daily

Apr 7•

Did you know that butterflies need more than just nectar to stay healthy? Providing a simple "puddling station" in your garden is an easy way to give these beautiful pollinators access to essential minerals and salts they can't get from flowers alone.

#### What You'll Need

- A shallow dish or saucer: Something that holds water easily.
- Damp soil: Provides important trace minerals.
- Natural sea salt: Just a small pinch is enough to offer vital salts.
- Smooth pebbles: These provide a safe, dry place for butterflies to land and perch while they drink.

#### How to Create Your Puddling Station

- Prep the base: Fill your shallow dish with a layer of soil and lightly dampen it with water.
- Add minerals: Sprinkle a tiny pinch of natural sea salt over the damp soil.
- Create landing spots: Place several smooth pebbles on top of the soil and water so that parts of the rocks remain dry.
- Placement: Set your station in a sunny, sheltered spot in your garden, ideally near your favorite nectar-rich flowers.

#### Why It Works

Butterflies "puddle" to collect nutrients that are critical for their overall energy and health. This simple setup helps create a welcoming environment for pollinators, making your garden a vibrant pit stop for visiting butterflies throughout the season.

[#ButterflyGardening](#) [#PollinatorFriendly](#)

**BUTTERFLIES NEED MORE THAN JUST FLOWERS**

Butterflies need key nutrients, not just nectar. A "Puddling Station" provides essential minerals and salts not found in flowers alone.

**1. DAMP SOIL**  
For essential trace minerals.

**2. NATURAL SEA SALT**  
A pinch for vital salts.

**3. SMOOTH PEBBLES**  
For a secure perching spot.

**CREATE A PUDDLING STATION.**  
A PUDDLING STATION — NOT A RESCUE FOR THE INJURED, BUT A RESOURCE FOR HEALTHY, VIBRANT BUTTERFLIES.

## MILL CROSS SPRING BBQ

SUBMITTED BY PETER LITTERINI

Last week we had a gathering/spring BBQ in Mill Cross Court and got a really good "Dad's and baby's" pics. We are all Living The Good Life!





# Gardening Word Search


GARDEN  
PLANT  
SEED  
FRUIT  
VEGETABLE  
SOIL  
WATER  
SUN  
GLOVES  
SHOVEL  
FLOWER  
SOW  
HARVEST  
SPRING  
SUMMER

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# FAIRFAX COUNTY 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## Fairfax County Public Schools 2025-2026 Standard School Year Calendar

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