

BURKE CENTRE AT-LARGE

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Greetings, neighbors. I hope each of you is well. On April 15, 2024, the last monthly Board of Trustees' (BOT) meeting was held via Zoom. In this month's article, I will first summarize the major actions taken at the last BOT meeting. Next, I will discuss the status of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) proposed modification to the parking lot exit at Chick-Fil-A in the Burke Centre Shopping Center.

At the Board meeting, the trustees voted on four substantive motions and considered other updates from staff (which were not voted on).

Regarding the first motion, the Board approved the award of an asphalt and paving contract to Brother's Paving as recommended by the Conservancy's Facilities & Resources Administrator in the amount of \$324,391. This contract requires asphalt and concrete work in accordance with the schedule and recommended scope of work detailed in the 2020 Mason & Mason Reserve Study for clusters and Conservancy to include roadways, parking lots and trails. Brother's bid was the second lowest bid received (of three bids), however, the lowest bid was not awardable as it did not include the full scope of work required.

Regarding the second motion, the Board approved the re-keying of the tennis court locks as recommended by the Tennis Court Task Force in 2022 at a total cost of \$2,835.

Regarding the third motion, the Board tabled approval of the revised version of Conservancy Community Center Operating Guidelines to allow for community review. These Guidelines have not been revised for a number of years. The draft Guidelines: (1) clarify who is eligible to reserve a community center, (2) list certain prohibited activities and (3) update the rental pricing, among other revisions. The Guidelines were drafted by the staff over a period of months, with Board coordination.

Regarding the fourth motion, the Board approved the Architectural Review Board (ARB) application from Coffey Woods Cluster requesting the installation of landscaping, trees and bushes, in multiple common areas in the Woods community. Prior to the Board's vote, both the ARB and the Open Space Committee recommended its approval.

Lastly, regarding a significant update at the BOT meeting, the Board discussed VDOT's offer to provide a virtual briefing on Wednesday, April 17 on its proposed traffic management plan addressing the risk of left turns from the Burke Centre Shopping Center parking lot (at Chick-Fil-A) onto Burke Centre Parkway (hereinafter called "Chick-Fil-A exit"). Six (of seven) board members attended this VDOT briefing, myself included. In short, VDOT proposes prohibiting left turns at this location by installing a series of "flex posts" in the median directly across from the Chick-Fil-A exit. According to VDOT, this recommendation was made after analyzing years of traffic

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data from numerous sources to include the frequency of accidents occurring involving vehicles turning left from the Chick-Fil-A exit. All of the attending Board members were supportive of VDOT's proposal. I expect that VDOT will commence implementing this traffic management plan in the next few weeks. As you probably recall, in July of 2023, a deadly crash occurred at this same location as a vehicle attempted to turn left from this same exit while another vehicle proceeding on Burke Centre Parkway at approximately 80 MPH slammed into the turning vehicle.

One last note. . . The May BOT meeting will be held in person (not via Zoom). . . just like in the "old days" before COVID. I encourage you to attend if you are interested.

Well, that's all for this month. If you would like to provide me with comments on the contents of this article or on any other BCC topic, feel free to email me at atlargetrustee2@burkecentre.org. Hope to see you around the community or at an upcoming meeting!

BURKE CENTRE AT-LARGE

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Spring is in full form. Which is worse, hay fever or the mass of pollen that covers our cars outside?

The Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Since the start of the pandemic, the Board of Trustees has been meeting by Zoom. Some of you have participated in many of those Zoom meetings.

Note: The regular Board meeting on May 20 will convene IN-PERSON ONLY at the Woods Community Center, 7:30 PM.

This session will re-test our ability to convene in-person as a matter of routine as was the practice before the pandemic demanded separation. On-line meetings are relatively convenient, probably prudent in the winter, but are not always conducive to flexible discussions. Moreover, Burke Centre residents do not gain the extra measure of personal contact and camaraderie which is characteristic of live gatherings. This May meeting is for the business of overseeing the Conservancy, including hearing the results of the independent financial audit. It will be an excellent forum for the Board to hear firsthand what the residents are thinking . . . and also gain the value of personal contact and communication. **Join us!**

Board Highlights: The five Neighborhood Trustees

document Board matters in excellent detail so here are a couple summary highlights.

- Re-naming. A growing and often emotional matter is a new private initiative to change the name of "Burke" to "Fenton." The motivation is part of a social trend to expunge the areas throughout the nation of any references to historic crimes, in this case slavery. The claim is that Silas Burke was a slaveholder and the area should not honor his name. There was a public discussion in March and another is planned for May 1 at Pohick Library. To re-name, many actions would be required, including legal steps and likely a public vote. Whatever the outcome of this issue, Burke Centre residents should understand the Board is mindful of this initiative, is monitoring the discussions and actions, but for now will not commit to a position on the matter. The April *Conservator* contained the formal Board statement to that effect. The Board is seeking legal advice and researching whatever steps may have to be taken and costs to address the core re-naming issue. Board members attend the public discussions in order to stay attuned.
- Automation of administrative processes in Burke Centre continues to progress, such as being able to submit Architectural Review Board applications and the transition of our *Conservator* to on-line only format. Conservancy staff is experimenting and testing the new on-line platform ENUMERATE ENGAGE to prove its handling and readiness before bringing on-line to the larger community. Many residents are concerned "Oh no, another computer thing!" Conservancy staff promises more detailed information and explanations about ENUMERATE ENGAGE before it goes on-line, particularly instructions to subscribe (free!) and use it, and will establish a Help Desk. Check the *Conservator* for more in-depth discussions. We residents need that information soonest.
- Tennis and pickleball courts. The Burke Centre Tennis Association (BCTA) submitted its own assessment of our tennis courts and surrounding conditions . . . lots of court surface cracking and deterioration, over-hanging trees, and worn windscreens. Worthwhile information for us, however, the Conservancy facilities maintenance plan includes routine and annual renewals of courts, especially in the spring coming out of winter wear. It's in progress. Also, the courts are also due for biennial rekeying for access.
- Accident at Kohl's/Chik-Fil-A shopping center traffic exit onto Burke Centre Parkway. Regrettably we remember the tragedy of the fatal accident at that exit. The risk is making

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Working Session Summary

4/2/2024, 7:30 PM, via Zoom

(Approval of this draft pending next Board meeting.)

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Flaster called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. RESIDENT INPUT: Craig Willett (Open Space Committee) requested that a Virginia state forester be invited to speak to the Board about developing a Forest Management Plan, which is a free service. The Board agreed to invite a forester to the next meeting.

III. BOT GOALS AND PRIORITIES: Mr. Gloyd discussed the following goals:

a. Automation/Technological Improvements: Conservancy staff members intend to release a preview of the Enumerate Engage platform for testing by the Board later this month. The staff will send out launch letters following the Board's review and input.

b. Accelerate Tree Assessment: Due to the increased pace of the tree assessment project that occurred following the addition of another survey company, the Board decided to put the program on hold so as not to exceed the budgeted amount for tree removals.

c. Identify Opportunities to Utilize Volunteers & Recruitment: Conservancy staff is considering holding a volunteer interest night via Zoom where staff could outline various volunteer opportunities in detail.

d. EV Charging Stations/Policies: ARB staff are developing an Architectural Standard for EV charging stations which would apply to homes without their own parking space(s). Standard E.69 is for homes with attached driveways has already been implemented.

e. Improvements to BCC footprint: The Bass Pond aeration project will face a short delay due to a scheduling conflict with Dominion Energy. The new expected completion date will be the end of April/early May.

III. BOARD MEETING FORMAT: President Flaster asked if there was any objection to holding the May Board meeting in person. Hearing no objections, the staff was directed to proceed with in-person set-up.

IV. WILMINGTON DRIVE TRAFFIC STUDY: A meeting on 4/9/24 was planned with the County Department of Transportation (FDOT) to discuss the traffic study and emails with the Task Force.

V. VDOT PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO CHICK FIL-A: The Board and FDOT agreed to meet the week of April 15th to discuss the proposed modifications to the Chick Fil-A area of the Parkway.

VI. BURKE CENTRE STATION CONVERSION: Burke Centre Station Commons (BCSC), a co-op located within the Conservancy, reported that they have filed court documents to convert from a co-op to a condominium due to difficulties with homeowners being able to secure loans in co-op communities. Several officials from BCSC's management organization attended the Working Session to brief the Board on their plans in preparation for a vote on the official

conversion in the coming weeks. Mr. Gloyd requested that the organization send their governing documents to the Conservancy's legal counsel for review.

VII. CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT: Mr. Gloyd summarized a new law which is in appeal, known as the Corporate Transparency Act, which would make personal information regarding the Conservancy's governing officers available to the public. Mr. Gloyd determined that because of our not-for-profit status and specific tax exemptions, the Conservancy would not be subject to the law based on his discussions with the auditors and legal counsel. The Conservancy's legal counsel recommended that we continue to monitor the progress of the Act.

VIII. CONSERVATOR TRANSITION: Mr. Gloyd reported that work is ongoing to adapt the newsletter to an online format using the Enumerate Engage portal.

IX. FY2023 AUDIT STATUS: Mr. Gloyd indicated that auditors from DeLeon & Stang will be presenting the FY2023 audit results to the community at the May in-person Board meeting on May 20, 7:30 PM.

X. TENNIS COURT RE-KEYING: Per the policy developed by the Tennis Court Task Force and approved by the Board in 2022, all Conservancy tennis courts shall be rekeyed every two years. The staff reached out for a quote which included the cost for 1500 keys at \$4.25 per key. The Board asked for data regarding how many keys were purchased in previous years in the hopes of possibly ordering fewer keys.

XI. OAKS POOL UPDATE: Trustee Shapiro indicated that he has asked the pool management contractor to ask lifeguards who have worked at the pools in the past for their opinions on the design of the Oaks Pool. The renovation of the pool is currently expected to begin in Fall 2025.

XII. CC GUIDELINES UPDATE: Trustee Schnurpusch expressed his opposition to having the Policy Precepts for Charter/Non charter groups included in the same document as the Community Center Guidelines. Mr. Gloyd explained that this had been done in the past because of the frequent interactions between charter groups and community center usage.

XIII. LANDINGS PICKLEBALL CONVERSION PROJECT: Mr. Gloyd indicated that the Conservancy is awaiting input from two vendors. Once received, the BCPA will commit in writing the options they wish to pursue for the courts and lighting. Several Board members expressed concern over funding for the project.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE WS ITEMS/PENDING ITEMS: Upcoming events offered on the Conservancy Grounds: 1) April 13-Free Document Shredding, 9-12; 2) April 20-Earth Day Rolloff Dumpster, 3) April 26-Spring Wine & Beer Garden, 5-9:30 PM.

XV. APRIL MEETING AGENDA: The Board reviewed the 4/15/24 Board meeting agenda, and did not have any changes.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Flaster motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and collection issues. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gulakowski, and passed unanimously.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting reconvened at 9:30 PM and immediately adjourned with unanimous Board consent.

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a left turn out of the shopping center onto the eastbound parkway which requires crossing several lanes of oncoming traffic. VDOT has surveyed prevailing speeds and analyzed traffic flow options. VDOT proposes to reconfigure that exit ... prevent all left turns from that exit. VDOT completed community "willingness" surveys and received no objections to the left exit closure proposal. The Board met with the VDOT engineers to discuss the analysis and validate VDOT's formulation of the left exit closure proposal. The very responsive VDOT engineers convinced the Board that the left exit closure is the best solution for safety. Reconstruction is expected soon.

Community Matters

- Spring sunshine calls out "curb appeal." Time to complete the cleanout of bush beds, resume regular mowing, and look at mildew and mold on house siding. Power-wash?
- Burke Centre seems to have many residents who put their trash cans or bins onto the curb well ahead of a suitable time, for example, too early on day(s) before pick-up. Then, they fail to return containers to their storage places in a timely manner after pick-up. Garbage cans on curbs for long periods of time are eyesores to community appearance and pleasantries. As a matter of good-neighbor courtesy, please don't put your containers and bags out until late the night before pick-up, typically after dark or nominally after about 6:00 PM. Then please retrieve your containers quickly.

Great ideas come from all over. Thoughts? --- Gary: atlargetrustee1@burkecentre.org

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Burke Centre Library Friends

Library Events in May

We have several events of interest scheduled for this month! Check out the full list online or in the library. Two highlights include author meet and greets - one is books and puppets with author **Kevin Sherry**, and the second is a cookbook author discussion with **Pat Tanumihadjn**. Both require advance registration online. Check out the programming and consider attending!



Ongoing Book Sale: You can support the Burke Centre Library friends by checking out and purchasing from our ongoing book sale in the hallway outside the meeting rooms. It's a great way to support our group in between our large book sales.

Summer Reading is Coming! Friends of Burke Centre Library are again pleased to support the summer reading program in the Fairfax Public Library System again in 2024. Watch online for more information about the children and adult program starting this summer at <https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/reading-challenges/summer-reading>.



Clear Communication Can Change Your Life

May is the month for blooming flowers. And do you want to give speeches that bloom? Speeches that will make others dance around the Maypole?

We have a group for that. Burke Toastmasters meets twice a month to help people learn to speak more clearly and organize their thoughts. You can practice and grow in a group of supportive friends. We all joined Toastmasters because we are all working to be better speakers.

You can start by giving a one-minute impromptu response, and build up to giving 5–7-minute prepared speeches. Toastmasters has different pathways you can follow at your own speed, from leadership to coaching to presenting a humorous speech. You can pick the one or ones that are right for you.

We would love to have you join us. We will cheer you on in your path to becoming a great presenter. We even have mentors if you want. We are a group of non-threatening friends, all trying to improve our speaking skills. Being able to communicate clearly is a skill that will take you far. You can improve over time, with practice.

The Burke Toastmasters Club meets at the Burke Oaks Community Center, 5708 Leather Drive, Burke, on the first and third and/or the fifth Thursdays of the month, from 7:30-9 PM. Come early to chat, get to know us, and make friends.

We welcome visitors at all our meetings. Guests have the opportunity to hear some interesting speeches, and even participate in Table Topics, with impromptu 1–2-minute answers to random questions. You can come as a guest as many times as you like. Each time you speak, you will increase your confidence.

Come visit with us on May 2, 16 and 30, 2024 to become more comfortable in your speaking, paving your way to success. The May 30th meeting will be virtual. Click www.BurkeToastmasters.org for the details of our meetings, and lots of other good info.

If you have any questions, you can contact me, Marsha Woods, at marjwoods@aol.com. I am the VP Public Relations, and a former longtime Toastmistress. I'd be happy to chat with you.



Welcome to the Burke Centre Swim Club (BCSC) Summer 2024 Season!

Registration for the 2024 Burke Centre swim teams (Stingers and Penguins) has been open since March 1, 2024 for all families.

BCSC has two teams: the Burke Centre Stingers and the Burke Centre Penguins. All together, there are @400 Stingers and Penguins. We compete in the Colonial Swim League. BCSC is a developmental and competitive summer swim program that offers high quality coaching for all ages and abilities. The BCSC provides an opportunity to improve swimming skills in a fun environment while developing confidence, discipline, fitness, and teamwork.

Limited space is available on the swim teams.

Families are encouraged to register early. Space on both the Stingers and Penguins teams is subject to availability. BCSC will close registration once capacity is reached, so please register early to ensure your swimmers' place! Once registration is closed, a wait list will be started with preference given to Burke Centre residents and returning swim team families.

Cost: The cost for early bird registration (register by 4/30/24) was \$180 per swimmer for the first two swimmers and \$150 for the 3rd swimmer, and no charge for other swimmers in a family. Registrations completed after April 30, 2024 are charged an additional \$30 per family. If you have a financial concern that prevents you from signing your swimmers up, please contact BCSC President Oksana Yoon at burkecentreswim@gmail.com.

Volunteer Requirement: Running a swim team and swim meets requires a great deal of volunteer support. Each family will be asked to help on deck or behind-the-scenes to ensure the meets and other team events run smoothly. More information regarding the volunteer requirements will be provided at the Parents' Meetings:

- May 14, 7-9 PM at the Commons Community Center for the **Penguins team**
- May 16, 7-9 PM at the Commons Community Center for the **Stingers team**

A Burke Centre pools membership is required to join the BCSC. Go to [www](http://www.burkecentreswim.com).

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Create a mini meadow

from Plant NoVA Natives (plantnovanatives.com)

When they aren't being bulldozed over, the natural state of most meadows in Northern Virginia is to gradually revert to forest, but that fact does not lessen their importance to the ecosystem. Although there are many threats to our woods, it is the meadows that are disappearing the fastest, which is a big problem for birds and other critters that depend on sizable meadows for habitat. When was the last time you saw a meadowlark or a quail, for example? So if you own land with a natural meadow, you do a great service by preventing it from reforestation (or from being developed.)

Most of us don't have natural meadows on our properties, but we, too, can help repair some of the damage by adding meadow plant species to our yards. In most cases, that translates to creating pollinator gardens that can serve as mini-meadows or small-scale meadow analogs that attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinating insects. Even relatively small spaces can foster meadow habitats, especially because much of the ecological value of a meadow comes from common, easy to find, easy to grow species.

Start with just two or three sturdy and meadow-loving natives that produce beautiful flowers and attract pollinators as well, such as Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Goldenrod (e.g., *Solidago rugosa* or *Solidago caesia*), Mountain mint (e.g., *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*), and Hollow Joe-pye-weed (*Eutrochium fistulosum*). Plants like to grow in communities near other plants. It's a good idea to put three to five of them together, which mimics the way plants grow naturally in meadows. You can always increase the types and number of native flowering plants in your mini meadow, expanding it over time as your space and interest allows.

Pollinator turnout on flowering natives is high. Dozens if not hundreds of hummingbirds, bumblebees, flies, beetles, and hummingbird moths, along with many other kinds of pollinators, will show up. The more varied your mini meadow offerings, the more diverse the pollinator population it will attract. It is sure to delight and amaze you, especially when compared to the dearth of pollinator activity on non-native landscapes. Don't be surprised if you start seeing more insect-eating birds such as warblers, Eastern Phoebe, and Eastern Wood-Pewees. They will certainly notice and take advantage of the opportunity.

When planning your mini meadow, don't forget grasses. Somewhere between 40% and 70% of meadow plant species are some sort of grass, a term used here to include sedges, rushes, and grasses. All grasses are wind pollinated, so you won't see the same level of pollinator interaction as with the native flowers listed above. But grasses are nevertheless essential to the wildlife of a healthy meadow. Their dense roots, which you will only fully appreciate the first time you try to dig up a native grass plant and move it, help stabilize the soil, prevent erosion, corral assertive native flower species, and tamp down weeds. Birds use grasses for nesting materials. Monarch butterfly larva can use grass stems for cocooning. Grasses are host plants for skipper butterflies. The list goes on. They provide support and protection for many birds, insects, and other small meadow critters living in, on, or close to the ground.

You can find out more about garden-worthy grasses on the [Plant NOVA Natives website](http://PlantNOVANatives.com). Good bets for your mini meadow

include Broomsedge, Eastern narrow-leaved sedge, and Little Bluestem. If you really want a sunny meadow as opposed to just a flower garden, the best approach is to establish the matrix of grasses first and add in flowers later. Native species can be found from [several seed sources](#) - they are less expensive when purchased in bulk - for when you are starting with bare soil. Otherwise, buying [trays of](#)

[small plugs](#) is cost effective.

An added benefit of meadows in general and grasses in particular is the winter interest they bring to your yard. To support the entire life cycle of the critters that depend on them, don't mulch beyond the first year. Leave the plants standing all winter, and enjoy the interesting stalks and seed heads.

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530 - 630 (at Landings)

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630 - 730 (at Landings)

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5708 Oak Leather Drive Burke, VA 22015

Landings Community Centre's Pickleball Courts:
6001 Cove Landing Road, Burke, VA 22015

Woods Community Centre's Pickleball Courts:
10100 Wards Grove Cir, Burke, VA 22015

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burkecentre.com for pool membership information.

Key registration dates:

June 7: Final day to register for the 2024 swim season (if space is available). Registration may close earlier than June 7th if the teams or a particular age group reach swimmer capacity.

New swimmer evaluations: All new swimmers ages 10 and under (including



siblings who have not previously participated on the team) will be required to pass a swim evaluation.

The evaluations dates/times will be communicated to the families after the Parents' meetings. While the swim teams are not a learn to swim program, our coaches are able to work with inexperienced swimmers who are comfortable in the water.

Questions? Contact Oksana Yoon, BCSC President, at burkecentreswim@gmail.com.

• For Stinger-specific questions e-mail Jenn Detrisac at stingerspresident@gmail.com.

• For Penguin-specific questions e-mail Jackie Bumiller at penguinspresident@gmail.com.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

A-B

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church. 703-455-7500 | 6304 Lee Chapel Rd. Contemporary: 8:45 AM; Sun School: 9:50 & 10 AM; Traditional: 11 AM; Vespers: 6 PM

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. 703-503-4579 | 10125 Lakehaven Ct. Services & Children's Spiritual Development: Sunday, 10 AM

Al-Basheer Islamic Services. 703-244-8046. Fridays, 7 PM; Sundays, 10 AM; call for location - usually held @ Oaks Community Center (CC)

All Angels Traditional Anglican Church. 571-358-4034. Temp. mtg at 5515 Cherokee Ave #303, Springfield. Wed: noon, Thurs: 7 PM, Sun: 7:45 & 9 AM | www.allangelsacc.org

Antioch Baptist Church. 703-425-0710 | 6531 Little Ox Rd. Services: Sundays, 8 AM, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Burke Community Church. 703-425-0205 | 9900 Old Keene Mill Rd. | Sunday Worship at 9 AM & 10:45 AM | burkecommunity.com

Burke Presbyterian Church. 703-764-0456 | 5690 Oak Leather Dr. Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:15 AM | www.burkepreschurch.org

Burke United Methodist Church. 703-250-6100 | Burke Lake Rd & Burke Centre Pkwy. Sunday mornings, in-person and livestreamed. | www.burkeumc.org

C-E

Calvary Hill Baptist Church. 703-323-1347 | Olley Ln & Rt 236. Sun School: 9:50 AM; Worship: 11 AM

Calvary Chapel of Alexandria. 703-780-3228 | 6318 May Blvd., Alexandria. Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Christ Church. 703-425-3580 | 7600 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. Worship Services Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11 AM | www.christchurchva.org

Church of the Good Shepherd [Episcopal]. 703-323-5400 | 9350 Braddock Rd. Worship: Sundays, 8 AM & 10:15 AM, Christian Ed all ages, Sunday 9:15 AM. www.good-shepherd.net

Church of the Nativity Catholic Church. 6400 Nativity Ln. Sat. 5 PM Vigil Mass & 7 PM | Mass-Spanish; Sun. 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:45 PM & 5:30 PM

Congregation Adat Revim. 703-569-7577 | 6500 Westbury Oaks Ct. Wed: Maariv Minyan 7:30 pm; Fri: Shabbat Evening 8 pm; 2nd Fri w/Family & Friends 6:30 pm, Sat: Shabbat 9:30 am; Shabbat Family Jam (4th Sat) 10 AM | www.adatrevim.org

Congregation Olam Tikvah. Conservative Synagogue, 3800 Glenbrook Rd, Fairfax. 703-425-1880

Durga Temple. 703-690-9355 | 8400 Durga Pl, Fairfax Station, VA, 22039. www.durgatemple.org/

Ekoji Buddhist Temple. 703-239-0500 | 6500 Lakehaven Ln. Services & Dharma School: Sundays 11 AM | www.ekoji.org

F-N

Fairfax Baptist Temple. 703-323-8100 | 6401 Missionary Ln, Fairfax Station. Call for worship times.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church. 703-273-5300 | 10723 Main St. Sunday Worship, 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM, school-10 AM | fairfaxpresbv.com/

Fellowship Baptist Church. 703-569-5151 | 5936 Rolling Road. Worship 10:45 AM/ Sunday School 9:30 AM | www.FellowshipBaptistVA.org

First Baptist Church of Springfield. 703-451-1500 | 7300 Gary Street. Sunday School: 9:15 AM; Worship: 10:30 AM | www.fbcspringfield.org

Foundry Christian Church. 703-455-7041 | 9800 Old Keene Mill Rd. Worship service, 10:30 AM | www.thefoundrychurch.com

Greater Little Zion Baptist Church. 703-239-9111 | 10185 Zion Drive. Worship 9:45 AM | Sunday School 8:30 AM

Grace Christian Reformed Church. 703-323-8033 | 9800 Burke Lake Rd. Sunday worship service at 10:45 AM. Nursery

Knollwood Community Church. 703-425-2068 | 10000 Coffey Woods Rd. in Burke. Sunday worship service at 10:30 AM | www.knoll.org

Little River United Church of Christ. 703-978-3060 | 8410 Little River Tnpk. Sunday Worship, 10 AM

Living Savior Lutheran Church. 703-352-1421 | 5500 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. Worship: Sundays, 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Lord of Life Lutheran Church. 703-323-9500 | 5114 Twinbrook Road. Call the church for worship times.

New World Unity Church. 703-690-7925 | Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Rd. Sun. service: 10:30 AM

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Parkwood Baptist Church. 703-978-8160 | 8726 Braddock Road. Sunday Services: 11 am Worship Service | 9:30 am Sunday school for all ages | In-person and livestreamed through parkwood.org.

Redeeming Grace Church, 703-691-0600 | 5200 Ox Rd, Fairfax. Sunday-10 AM, www.rgcfairfax.org

S-Z

The Salvation Army. 703-385-8700 | 4915 Ox Rd. Sun School 9:45 AM; Worship 11 AM | salvationarmynca.org/fairfax/

Sikh Foundation of VA. 703-323-5093/8849 | 7250 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. Services check <http://sfova.org>

South Run Baptist Church. 703-455-4521 | 712 Selger Dr. Services: Sunday, 8:30 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Sr Venkateswara Lotus Temple. 703-815-4850 | 12501 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA, 22030. <http://www.svlotustemple.org/>

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. 703-455-2500 | 6509 Sydenstricker Rd. Services: Wed: 9:30 AM, Sat: 6 PM, Sun: 8 AM & 10 AM; Weekend services online & in-person | www.standrews.net

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church. 703-941-2922 | 4801 Ravensworth Rd. Sunday Worship at 8 AM & 10:15 AM

St. George's United Methodist Church. 703-385-4550 | www.stgumc.org, 4910 Ox Rd. (Rt 123), Services: Sunday, 10:30 AM. Sunday school 9 AM

St. John the Theologian Orthodox Mission. clergy@stjohnfairfax.org 5612 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, VA. Divine Liturgy Sunday 9:15am (services held at St. Mary of the Sorrows Catholic Church)

St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church. 703-936-8006 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041. Divine Liturgy Sunday 10am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 703-451-4331 | 5800 Backlick Rd. Sun: 8:30 & 10 AM; Spanish service: 12 PM

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church. 703-978-4141 | 10500 Zion Drive | Sat: 5 PM, Mass Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5 PM

St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church. 703-503-9210 | Off Route 123 next to Burke Fire Station. Sun: 8 AM (Traditional-no music), 10 AM Rite II Blended Choral Eucharist.

St. Stephens United Methodist Church. 703-978-8724 | ststephensfairfax.org 9203 Braddock Rd. Sunday Services at

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Temple Beth Torah. 703-263-2252 | Call for location. Services: Friday, 7:30 PM; Saturday, 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Temple B'nai Shalom. For service information contact Lynn at 703-764-2901 | 7612 Old Ox Rd., Fairfax Station.

Westwood Baptist Church. 703-451-5120 | 8200 Old Keene Mill Rd. Sun Service, 11 AM (Nursery)

St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Yard Sale

5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax



EARLY BIRD SALE: \$10 Admission
Friday, June 14: 5-8pm

Free Admission Saturday and Sunday
Saturday, June 15: 9am-1pm
Sunday, June 16: 8am-1pm
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Most items half price on Sunday

Donations will be collected at the Parish Center
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Tax receipts will be available.

For more information contact Kristin Merrigan at
kamerrigan@hotmail.com

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The instructors are internationally certified Black belts in Isshinryu Karate and Kobudo. Instructors for this class include Sensei Jim Miller, Yudansha, Master-Level Instructor, Sensei Arnold Selnick, Yudansha, Sensei Linda Keefer, Yudansha and Sensei Carl Denny, Yudansha. Stop by any class, or google "Northern Virginia Isshinryu Karate Club" for more information!

TIMES: 7:30-9:30 PM
LOCATION: Fridays @ Ponds CC
REGISTER: Contact Mr. Miller at (703) 966-7609; nova.issheinryu@gmail.com
FEE: \$30 tuition (18 weeks) + \$30 Annual AAU membership fee

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The cost per person is \$23 in advance via Venmo @ [molly-field-4](https://www.venmo.com/molly-field-4); \$24.50 via PayPal, or \$30 cash only at the door. Contact Molly Field via email at molly@themud-dylotusyoga.com for more information and payment options. Each event is held at The Landings Community Center (CC). The time for each event is 4:30-6:00 PM, but arrive early to ensure entry. You will receive an email before the event with important information.

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Campers draw their favorite cartoon/animated characters and more daily. Draw Plus Color with crayons, color pencils or markers or watercolors. **MATERIALS NEEDED:** Sketchbook, #2 pencil, eraser, crayons, watercolor set. Optional: color pencil, marker

A. 6/17, 6/19 & 6/21 (M/W/F) 10-11 AM COST: \$65
 B. 7/15, 7/17 & 7/19 (M/W/F) 10-11 AM COST: \$65

FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FUN CAMP (7/8 ys & up/Teens):

Campers explore DRAWING and WATERCOLOR PAINTING of varied subjects that may include animals, still life landscape, flowers, faces, cartooning and CRAFTS as CLAY or SCULPEY and MIXED MEDIA. **MATERIALS TO BRING:** Sketchbook and/or Watercolor pad, #2 pencil, eraser, color pencils, watercolor set (Prang white case) | **MATERIALS PROVIDED:** CLAY or SCULPEY, MIXED MEDIA MATERIALS

1. 6/17, 6/19 & 6/21 (M/W/F) 12:30- 3:15 PM \$175
 2. 7/15, 7/17 & 7/19 (M/W/F) 12:30- 3:15 PM \$175
 3. Contact Instructor for details - VIRTUAL CAMP

ART FOR ADULTS CAMP: ON DEMAND - Contact Instructor - see above under To Register

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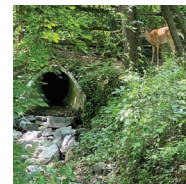
The next year's plants will poke up through the dead leaves and stalks without difficulty. [Minimizing outdoor lighting](#) allows for the nocturnal activities by moths and others that are essential to the ecosystem. And of course, spraying for ticks and mosquitoes in your yard should be strictly avoided, as it will kill the little neighbors that you invited in.

You won't have to go far to find native meadow flowers and grasses for sale. Many sellers are close to where you live. Northern Virginia is fortunate to have several [native-only garden centers](#). In addition, one-day [native plant sales](#) are held across the region in the spring and fall. Also, [conventional garden centers](#) now supply more native plant options than ever given the growing consumer demand.

No matter how modest or ambitious your plans may be, taking the first step to build a mini meadow habitat is what matters. Your new native plantings will expand meadow-like habitats, increase meadow-loving life, and ultimately improve the biodiversity of the region.

STORM DRAIN SAFETY

If you notice a drainage area that appears to be clogged, flooded or holding water for an inordinate amount of time, contact the County's Storm Water Management Division at (703) 877-2800, and the Conservancy office at (703) 978-2928. You may also visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/report> to report problems online.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>BURKE FARMERS MARKET OPEN! Held every Saturday 8 AM-Noon @ Burke VRE Parking Lot (Roberts Pkwy)</div><div></div></div>			1	2 BURKE TOASTMASTERS 7:30 PM, Oaks CC	3 	4
5	6 BURKE 55'ers 9:30 AM, Commons CC	7 BOARD WORKING SESSION , 7:30 PM via Zoom ARB Application Deadline @5 PM for 5/21 & 5/23 ARB Mtgs	8	9	10	11 8 AM-Noon: Community-Wide Yard Sale!  Send yard sale address & items for sale to daniel@burkecentre.org ASAP
12 	<div><div>WE LOVE YOUR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS! For use in: The Conservator, BC BUZZ, web site, social media, etc. Send to: daniel@burkecentre.org and/or jeannie@burkecentre.org.</div></div>		15 BURKE VFW Post 5412 7:30 PM, Ponds CC	16 BURKE TOASTMASTERS 7:30 PM, Oaks CC	17 <div><div>Burke Centre Pools Open May 25!</div></div>	18
19	20 BOARD MTG w/ Audit Report , 7:30 PM, *In-Person* Woods CC BURKE 55'ers 9:30 AM, Commons CC	21 ARB ROUTINE ITEMS MTG , 7 PM, Zoom *link request: nick@burkecentre.org	22	23 ARB MEETING 7 PM, via Zoom (link request: nick@burkecentre.org)	24 	25 BURKE CENTRE POOL OPENING DAY Pools open 10a-8p 
26 HOLIDAY WEEKEND: All Pools Open 10a-8p 	27 MEMORIAL DAY Conservancy office closed; BCC Pools open BURKE VFW Ceremony 10 AM BCC Office Grounds 	28	29	30 BURKE TOASTMASTERS 7:30 PM, Oaks CC	31 	<div><div>JUNE</div><div>1 Burke Farmers Mkt - every Saturday, 8a-12p Burke VRE Lot </div></div>
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9  Ongoing Enumerate Engage Enrollment	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> June 14 	15
16	17 BURKE 55'ers 9:30 AM, Commons CC MONTHLY BOARD MTG , 7:30 PM, via zoom	18 ARB ROUTINE ITEMS MTG , 7 PM, Zoom (link request: nick@burkecentre.org)	19 Conservancy Office Closed; recycling p/u in service on  BURKE VFW Post 5412 7:30 PM, Ponds CC	20 ARB MEETING 7 PM, via Zoom (link request: nick@burkecentre.org) BURKE TOASTMASTERS 7:30 PM, Oaks CC	21	22
23  HELLO SUMMER!	24	25	26	27	28	29 <div><div>FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY</div><div>How to Reach Conservancy After Hours: 1-866-878-2430 www.burkecentre.com</div></div>