



HISTORY OF FAIRFAX CITY

The City of Fairfax began as the Town of Providence in 1805, a community built around the Fairfax County Courthouse, completed in 1800 at the corner of Little River Turnpike and Ox Road. The area was a crossroads of conflict during the American Civil War with hardships and disrupted lives for everyone. From a crossroads of conflict, the area became a crossroads of commerce in the late nineteenth century when the dairy industry propelled economic rebirth and the building of schools, churches, homes, barns, and businesses, and, in 1874, the Town of Providence officially became the Town of Fairfax. The early 20th century, ushered in a myriad of technological, transportation changes, and the emergence of civic organizations, sports clubs, a Town police unit, and a volunteer fire company. World War II spurred rapid growth across the region in housing, business ventures, and population and Fairfax quickly changed from a rural to a suburban community. The Town of Fairfax deeded a 150-acre tract of land in 1959 to the University of Virginia to establish a permanent home for what is now George Mason University. In 1961, the Town of Fairfax was incorporated as the independent City of Fairfax, and, in 1962, a New City Hall was completed. Rich in history and heritage, residents and visitors enjoy a small-town atmosphere and an abundance of cultural and recreational pursuits in the midst of a bustling metropolitan area. As the City's first mayor, John C. Wood said in 1962 - "Fairfax has a wonderful past and present and an even greater future."

HOW DID THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION BEGIN IN FAIRFAX CITY?

The City of Fairfax's Independence Day Parade and Fireworks began in 1967 and was organized by the Delta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. With all the requisite ingredients for 4 July -- marching bands, floats, little cars and big motorcycles, fire engines, horses, clowns, and the scorching sun, this parade has developed into the largest July 4th parade in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In the early days, volunteers, Fairfax City's Public Information Office, American Legion Post 177, and VFW Blue and Gray Post 8469 handled these festivities. Years passed and the City's Parks and

Recreation Department began to oversee the festivities, but as the parade entries became larger in 1990, the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization.

In recent years those marching bands, floats, little cars and big motorcycles, fire engines, clowns have been joined by high school marching bands from across our great Nation, classic cars, and high-flying balloons.

We hope that you enjoy today's festivities as the parade steps off at 10:00 am (rain or shine). The Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) and the City of Fairfax welcome you to our 57th July 4th parade celebrating our Nation's birth with the theme

“PEACE, LOVE AND THE 4TH OF JULY”.

FAIRFAX CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Thanks to Fairfax Motors for donating cars for today's parade.
- People always talk about how amazing our parks are – and for good reason: 91% of the city's population is within a half mile of a park!
- Many of us are plugged into social media this day – and the City of Fairfax has its own Facebook page...but if you want to get a daily snapshot of the people, places and great events around the city, follow our colorful INSTAGRAM feed at CityofFairfaxVA.
- *Rock the Block* at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm on the fourth Friday through October. Have you had a chance to check out **Rock the Block** this year? There are GREAT bands, and a beer and wine garden.
- **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS**
 - **ELITE SPONSORS** – Fair City Mall
 - **BRONZE SPONSORS** - Anonymous to the Memory of Walt Potock; Army Navy County Club; Sandy Spring Bank; VFW Post 8469–“The Blue & Gray”
 - **FRIENDS** – American Legion Post 177; Honoring Walt Potock by the Potock Family’ Northern Virginia Auto Body Workshop; Ourisman Fairfax Toyota; Pope’s Auto Body & Paint
 - **Supporter Sponsors** – Charlie Potock, City of Fairfax Democratic Party; Kiwanis Club of Fairfax; Olde Fairfax Mews Community Council; Paisano’s Pizza; Providence Square Condominium Association
 - **Donor Sponsors** - Beverly Myers; Cindy’s Barber & Beauty/Thawg Do; Enclave Condominium Association; First American Real Estate; Jaworski Family; Joy Unlimited; Network for Good; NOVA Korean SDA Church; Rita’s Italian Ice of Fairfax; Tom & Leda Davis; M&Y Enterprises, LLC
 - **COMMEMORATIVE JULY 4TH T-SHIRTS OFFERED IN RED, IN WHITE, AND IN BLUE (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) WILL BE SOLD ON THE LAWN OF CITY HALL (BETWEEN THE REVIEWING STAND AND ARMSTRONG STREET) FROM 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE IDCC. COST - \$5/ADULT AND \$3/YOUTH**

OTHER EVENTS TODAY INCLUDE

[FAIRFAX MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE](#) (10209 Main Street) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

[FUTURE FIREMAN'S DAY](#) Firehouse 3, 4081 University Drive 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Route 236/Main Street will be detoured to North Street from 7:30 am until after the parade concludes (around noon). During that time, affected portions of University Drive, George Mason Boulevard and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road will be rerouted, and parking will be restricted on those roads.**
- **Parade Shuttle Bus Pick-Ups at George Mason University Rappahannock River Parking Deck, 4400 University Drive; Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street; and Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Avenue between 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Pets (except for service animals) are kindly discouraged from the parade. For the animal's safety and the safety of individuals attending the parade, please leave pets at home.**
- **No tents will be allowed along the parade route.**

The high-flying balloons in today's parade are from Big Events in California.

- PARADE BEGINS -

Signaling the start of our parade today, weather permitting, are planes from the Flying Circus Airshow in Bealeton, VA. First appearing in or should we say OVER the parade in 1979, the vintage biplanes of the Flying Circus have brought an annual aerial thrill to our parade. Following the events of 9/11 such flyovers were prohibited this close to Washington. However, in 2014, the TSA recleared these daring middle-aged men in their flying machines to participate, and today, weather permitting their formation of biplanes will salute the beginning of our parade. Flying Circus members participating in today's flyover include John Potock, the son of Walt Potock, flying a 1939 WACO UPF7 built by the Weaver Aircraft Company. Dave Brown, Frank Isbell, and Justin Currier are all flying Stearman PT-17 Biplanes - the Stearman was the Primary Trainer aircraft during WW2, training thousands of WW2 aviators to fly.

DIVISION I

CITY OF FAIRFAX POLICE AND FIRE HONOR GUARD is comprised of distinguished members of the City of Fairfax Police and City of Fairfax Fire Department.

CITY OF FAIRFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAIRFAX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT is comprised of both career and administrative employees and volunteer members of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department. Together, they provide fire suppression and emergency medical service and special response operations to the city; areas of the county that immediately surround our community, as well as the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University (GMU). Our organizational motto is "Taking Pride in Excellence". Operating two paramedic transport units, one rescue-engine, one foam-engine, one truck company, and a battalion

chief that respond from two fire stations; the companies maintain a high-operational team due to an urban service area that generates 10,000 emergency vehicle responses yearly. The Volunteer Department was formed in 1928 and in 1940, the first paid staff members starting working alongside the volunteers. In 1978, the City of Fairfax started its career department and volunteers work side-by-side with the career staff. Stations #3 and #33, house approximately 80 volunteer members and 50 career personnel.

UNCLE SAM our Grand Marshall is riding on one of the City's Fire Trucks.

MARCHING TOGETHER

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING PRIDE AND W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING CAVALIERS is a continuation of the long and proud history of musical excellence at FHS. The band persevered through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to rehearse and perform a spring marching band production dedicated to those working on the front lines of the pandemic; essential employees, nurses, doctors, police officers, EMTs, and other emergency workers. The band's enrollment actually increased for the upcoming season, when they will be returning to the competition field. The band is under the direction of Mr. Patric Buchroeder, in his fourth year as Director of Bands at FHS. The band has participated at the annual Ride of the Patriots, Mosby Woods Halloween Parade. The band performs and places highly in VMBC contests throughout the state and consistently earns superior ratings at VBODA State Assessment for both concert and marching band. Awards include 10-Year VBODA Honor Band (2019) and 3rd Place-VMBC Championships (2019). In 2016, they won 1st place in Mayor and Council Award and 3rd place in the Marching Band (Schools/Community) category in this parade.

W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING CAVALIERS organized in 1962 have marched in today's parade for 16 years along with their Color Guard. The Band has been recognized by nearly every major arts education organization for excellence in music education. Representing the community for over 50 years, the Woodson Band program is comprised of two Concert Bands, a Jazz Band, a Winter Guard, a Percussion Ensemble, and the Marching Cavaliers. They have participated in Fiesta-Val in Atlanta, GA; Festival Disney; and the 2015 US Bands Towson University, VBODA State Marching Assessment, and VBODA Concert and Sight-Reading Assessment. The Symphonic Band has performed at festivals and clinics all over the country. They have been a Virginia Honor Band 24 times since 1982, have been named Grand Champion at several marching band contests in the Northern Virginia area and are a two-time recipient of the Sudler Flag for excellence in concert band performance awarded by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. They were awarded 1st Place – Marching Band (Schools/Community) category in this parade in 2013 and 2015 and 2nd Place in 2014 and in 2016.

MAYOR CATHERINE S. READ is serving her first term as Mayor. She currently serves on the Virginia Poverty Law Center Advisory Council, the Equality Virginia PAC Board, and the GrandInvolve board of directors. Previously, she served on the boards of Britepaths, Virginia's List, Equality Virginia, and the PAC Board of REPRO Rising Virginia (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia). A city resident since 2000 in the Old Lee Hills, Providence Square, and Fairchester Woods neighborhoods, she has hosted several Fairfax Public Access shows, including *Inside Scoop*, *Your Need to Know*, and *Making Change Radio*. She established a social media consultancy in 2007 and currently works with numerous organizations on messaging, community outreach, and policy advocacy. Read earned a B.A. in government and politics from George Mason University. She is married to Tom Greeson, and has three children.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER BILLY M. BATES is serving his first term on City Council. He has served as the high school liaison to the city's Environmental and Sustainability Committee. Bates, a lifelong city resident, is a physics major at George Mason University. The Fairfax High School alumnus served on his FHS class council during his sophomore year, and has been a member of the Virginia Young Democrats in both high school and college. He has interned with state and federal campaigns. Bates, a member of Mason's powerlifting club, is involved with the Mason chapter of Best Buddies International, a non-profit global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships and empowerment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER KATE G. DOYLE FEINGOLD is serving her first term on City Council. A city resident since 2013, she was born in North Carolina and has lived all over the world with her military family, including Ohio and Germany. She has served as a board member for the Fairfax United Methodist Church Preschool, as well as a PTA volunteer. She also has volunteered for A Place to Stand. Doyle Feingold is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served as a prosecutor, public defender, and civil law officer. Additionally, she has worked as a special assistant U.S. attorney at the federal courthouse in Alexandria and taught criminal justice ethics at George Mason University. She currently works as an attorney for the federal government. Doyle Feingold received her B.A. in psychology and political science from New York University, her J.D. in law from George Washington University, and her Ph.D. in criminology, law & society from George Mason University. She and her husband, David, have two children.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER JEFFREY C. GREENFIELD is serving his thirteenth term on City Council. He previously served on the Fairfax City Council from 1994-2018. Greenfield previously served on a number of boards and commissions, including Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors, COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and the COG Human Service and Public Safety Committee. A member of the 1993 Bond Referendum Task Force, he also served as vice chair of the Fairfax 2020 Commission and was a member of that committee's Economic Development Subcommittee. He served as vice chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and was vice chair of the Task Force for a More Livable City of Fairfax. Greenfield, a small business owner, is a lifelong city resident. A Fairfax High School graduate, he received both his B.A. in political science and his M.P.A. in public administration from George Mason University, and is the first Mason alumnus to serve as a councilmember. He and his wife, Lisa, have one daughter.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SO LIM is serving her third term on City Council. A city resident since 2001, Lim serves on the board of George Mason University's School of Visual and Performing Arts and is a member of the President's Advisory Council for George Mason University's Korean Campus. Lim is president of the U.S. chapter of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), a branch of World Taekwondo Foundation that works with refugee camp children to teach the values and principle of Taekwondo. She also has served as president of the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area. A resident of the Farrcroft Community since 2001, together with her husband Mark Hardy, they are the parents of four grown children. Since 1992, So has owned and operated an insurance agency that provides property and casualty and life and health insurance services in addition to and retirement products. Located in the heart of the City of Fairfax, her agency has become one of the largest insurance agencies in Northern Virginia. Recognized by her peers in the industry, So has received numerous awards such as President's Awards, Championship Awards, Community Service Awards, and Top Producer Award in Commercial & Financial products.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JON R. STEHLE, JR. is serving his fourth term on City Council, He currently serves as the Immediate Past -President of the Virginia Municipal League and is also serving as the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments FARM Committee. Stehle, a city resident since 2007, has chaired the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and also served on the Green Acres Feasibility Study Committee and the city's Branding Advisory Committee. Jon is a lacrosse coach with the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC), a hockey coach with the Reston Raiders Ice Hockey Club and an active member of the Katherine Johnson Middle School and Providence Elementary School PTAs. Currently, Jon is a Director with Tyler Technologies. As a Senior Analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), he received a GAO Meritorious Service Award in 2013. Jon has degrees from Washington & Jefferson College, the University Of Pittsburgh Graduate School Of Public and International Affairs, and the United States Naval War College. Both Jon and his wife, Stephanie, are originally from Butler, PA, and moved to the City of Fairfax in 2007. They live in the Fairchesterwoods Neighborhood with their two children.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER D. THOMAS ROSS (INTRODUCE AS TOM ROSS) is serving his second term on City Council. He is a member of the Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth, and has served on the Planning Commission (three years as chair), the Fairfax 2020 Commission, and the Charter Commission. He also chaired the city's Electoral Board. Ross participated in various advisory studies, including the Van Dyck Master Plan. The U.S. Air Force veteran began his career with the federal government, retiring as the assistant director for recreation and conservation with the National Park Service in 2006. He then served as the executive director for the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association until 2011. A city resident since 1980, Ross has served as president of two neighborhood associations (Fairview and Old Lee Hills). He has volunteered at Little River United Church of Christ, served as a Cub Scout Leader for Troop 1887, and volunteers in a swim program for disabled young people and adults. Originally, from eastern Pennsylvania, Ross earned a B.S. in Recreation Education and an M.P.A. from Northeastern University. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children and one grandchild.

(RIDING TOGETHER IN SAME CAR)

CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR CAROLYN PITCHES is serving her seventh term as a School Board member and has been chair since 2018. She served as vice chair of the Fairfax City School Board for six years and is the Fairfax City Schools representative to the Washington Area Boards of Education. During her tenure as a math teacher in Prince William County Public Schools, she was awarded the Teacher of Excellence Award for Prince William County Public Schools. She also served as co-chair on two Prince William County Public Schools committees: the Substance Abuse Committee (Core Team) and the At-Risk Committee, where she planned, designed, and wrote grants to provide a program for students in need of additional support. Ms. Pitches received her B.A. in K-8 Elementary Education from Virginia Tech and a Master's in K-12 Education from George Mason University.

CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE KATHLEEN MURRAY rising senior Kathleen Murray was elected as the High School student representative to the City of Fairfax School Board. Murray is a member of the National Honor Society, Leadership program, Senior Class Council, Fairfax Tennis team, Fairfax Swim team, Future Business Leaders of America, DECA Officer Team, and the Fairfax Student Government Association and will serve for the 2023-2024 school year. Murray has been a member of the Country Club Hills swim team for thirteen years and works full time for the Army Navy Country Club. She is also an active member of her church, Saint Leo the Great. This year, Murray was a Virginia state finalist and named an international finalist in DECA, a student marketing organization. She has lived in Fairfax City her entire life and is excited to serve as the Student School Board Representative.

CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AMIT HICKMAN is serving her first term on the City of Fairfax School Board and her first term as vice chair. She is the education director for a local non-profit early childhood program where she has worked for over 15 years. Ms. Hickman served on the Daniels Run Elementary School PTA as vice president of fundraising and as president. She is also a member of the City of Fairfax Neighborhood Readiness Team. Hickman holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from George Mason University and is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work, also at GMU. Ms. Hickman and her husband have been city residents for the past 10 years and live with their three school-aged children in the Daniels Run Woods.

CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SARAH KELSEY is serving her first term on the City of Fairfax School Board. She has also served as secretary and membership chair for the Mosby Woods Community Association, classroom representative for the Lord of Life Preschool Board, and three years as the book fair chair for the Providence Elementary School PTA. Mrs. Kelsey grew up in Kansas City, Missouri where she taught elementary school and special education for ten years. She has taught preschool since moving to the City of Fairfax with her husband, two children, and dog. Mrs. Kelsey received her B.A. in elementary education K-6 from Northwest Missouri State University and a Master in Special Education from University of Kansas.

CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RACHEL MCQUILLEN is serving her first term as a City of Fairfax school board member. She and her husband have two children who both proudly attend Fairfax City Schools. She served as the Providence Elementary School PTA secretary from 2015 to 2021 and the Providence Elementary School PTA spirit wear chair from 2018 to 2022. She has also been a Westmore Neighborhood Association block representative since 2015 and is a notary public for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. McQuillen is a recent graduate of George Mason University's School of Business and holds a bachelor's of science degree in Marketing. She is the School Board legislative chair, serves on the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Fairfax.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE WILLIAM "PAGE" JOHNSON II is serving his seventh term as the City of Fairfax Commissioner of the Revenue (one of only five Commonwealth of Virginia Constitutional Officers). Page is the Chairman of the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board; Chairman of the legislative committee and past-president of the Commissioner of Revenue Association of Virginia; past-president of the Fairfax Noonday Optimist Club; a former member (and secretary) of the Board of Visitors of GMU; past-president of the Historical Society of Fairfax County; a member of the board of Historic Fairfax City, Inc., and editor of their newsletter – the Fare Facs Gazette. He is the author of two local history books. A lifelong resident of the City of Fairfax and a graduate of GMU, he is a fifth generation native of Fairfax, eleventh generation Virginian, and a direct lineal descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence – Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Carter Braxton. He resides in the Orchard Knolls neighborhood with his wife, Susan. They are the parents of two grown sons and are new grandparents.

TREASURER TOM SCIBILIA is in his 10th year of service to the City. He is a 1975 graduate of Fairfax High School, a 1979 graduate of Ole Miss and a Virginia CPA since 1982. Tom's wife, the former Diane Davies, is a 1976 FHS alum. They have 4 kids, all FHS alums and 10 grandkids including 3 FHS alums and 2 current FHS students. All of Diane and Tom's grandchildren are perfect in every way.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 8469, FAIRFAX, VA is led by Retired Colonel Mac McCarl. Post 8469's Color Guard, Marching Unit, Decorated Float and World War II Reenactment Vehicles have been a part of our Independence Day Celebration Parade for many years. VFW Post 8469 has been an integral part of our parade since its inception!! Post 8469 is a service Post. Its purpose is to do good works for the community, help fellow veterans and remember the fallen. In the honorable tradition of VFW Posts across our nation, Post 8469's Veteran's Day and Memorial Day Buddy Poppy distributions accumulate funds which go directly to charitable causes related to the Post, including the Fisher House, various Veterans'

Hospitals and local community organizations and indigent Veterans. A portion of “Pillars of the Post” proceeds goes to the George Mason Univ. Veterans Scholarship Endowment. It also supports the community through recognition of teachers, students, first responders, and scouts...some of whom are marching with them today. Today we are especially proud to host, as part of our parade unit, members of the Freedom Museum, Manassas VA. They bring to the parade an authentic WWII B-25 bomber cockpit fuselage, as well as a Korean conflict era ambulance, used in the film MASH, and a WWII jeep. Let us give all our VFW Post 8469 participants, authentic reenactors, and their vehicles a round of applause!!

CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND was formed in 1969 as a small summer-season group and has grown to be one of Northern Virginia’s best-known community performing groups. It is among the nation’s small number of community bands whose talented volunteer players achieve impressive standards. Members come from a variety of musical and occupational backgrounds including a few active local music teachers as well as former members of the nation’s top Washington-based military bands. Other members have music degrees but work in other occupations and many members are accomplished amateur players for whom music has been a cherished avocation. All lend their time and talents to contribute to the Fairfax community’s quality of life. The City of Fairfax Band Association also includes the Main Street Community Band and the Northern Virginia Youth Winds, as well as a number of small ensembles. The City of Fairfax Band also performs a number of regular season concerts as well as a series of free concerts throughout the summer. In 2017, the band traveled to Normandy, France, as the featured musical performer for the D-Day commemoration ceremonies. In 2004, they were awarded the Sudler Silver Scroll from the John Philip Sousa Foundation; in 2018, the Musical Director; Bob Pouliot received the Outstanding Conductor Award from the Association of Concert Bands, the national organization for adult community bands.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177 HONOR GUARD is composed of Legionnaires and members of the Sons of the American Legion. In addition to marching in parades, the Honor Guard performs in patriotic ceremonies for Veteran reunions and government and industrial entities in the Northern Virginia region and renders funeral honors for fallen comrades.

AMERICAN LEGION FAIRFAX POST 177, under the direction of Commander Eric Parkhurst has participated in this parade since its inception. The American Legion is a Congressionally Chartered non-profit organization of war-time veterans. With over 1,000 members, Fairfax Post 177 is one of the largest post in the Department of Virginia. An active member of Fairfax community, Post 177 sponsors Boy Scouts of America Troop 1997 and Civil Air Patrol Fairfax Composite Squadron DC053. The Post’s Honor Guard performs in patriotic ceremonies for Veteran reunions and government and industrial entities in the Northern Virginia region and renders funeral honors for fallen comrade. Each year the Auxiliary designates a member to be Miss Poppy. The poppy flower was adopted after World War I as a symbol of the supreme sacrifice made by members of our Armed Forces. Miss Poppy raises and maintains awareness of these sacrifices by distributing poppy flowers made by the Auxiliary during the months of May and especially at Memorial Day ceremonies. Membership of the American Legion Riders, all motorcycle enthusiasts, includes Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. The Legion Riders organize activities supporting fundraising and raising awareness. The Riders raise money through the Legacy Run for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund – an endowment for providing college tuition assistance for students who have a parent who has died on active duty since September 11. The Legacy Run is a cross-country motorcycle ride, which finishes at the site of The American Legion’s annual convention.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 1887 chartered by American Legion Post 177 and has been providing a boy-led outdoor program for the young men of Fairfax for 39 years. This program is in support of the Aims of Scouting, which are Character Development, Citizenship, Fitness, and Leadership. In 2013, Troop 1887 won 1st Place in the Scouting Category.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 1888 is a female Scouts BSA Troop that is sponsored by the American Legion Post 177. Troop 1888 is an active troop of nine scouts who are involved within the Fairfax community. Troop 1888 had its first female Eagle Scout in 2001 and went to their first high adventure camp in Florida in June 2022. Troop 1888 has several girls working toward their Eagle rank. The troop is busy with community service, outdoor, STEM and team building activities.

IDCC FLOAT featuring School Service Staff - Henry Sillah, Building Supervisor and Ana Rivas, Assistant Building Supervisor from Providence Elementary School; Sam Wilson, Custodian and Aysha Otero, Student Information Assistant from Daniels Run Elementary School; Paul Blevins, Custodian, Yaneklis Ortega, Custodian and Peng “Angela” Wong, Café from Katherine Johnson Middle School; Gisele Gray, Community Activities Specialist and Loan Huynh, Assistant Building Supervisor from Fairfax High School.

PEACE SIGN BALLOON is an expression of Happiness, Peace and Love in a twenty-six foot tall “victory symbol” hand balloon. It’s a concept from a long time ago but the fun, vivid colors and simple art make our Pace Hand balloon a reminder of a style of art from the 60’s & 70’s that was used to advocate for PEACE. This twenty-six foot tall helium parade balloon takes over 1400 cubic feet of helium to fly and twelve handlers to control it down the parade route.

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DIVISION II

MONACHE MARAUDER BAND AND COLORGUARD is from Porterville, CA located in the heart of California’s agriculture industry. The band has been under the direction of Justin Adams since 2001. The Monache HS Instrumental Music Program is a dynamic part of the Monache HS Campus. The Marauder Band is the core group of the Instrumental Music Department, performing at football games, competitions, CMEA music festivals, and local parades. Marauder Band serves approximately 150 students who play wind instruments, percussion, twirl baton, and spin flag. The Marauder Band has performed across the United States at major parades and festivals. Many of the students within the Marauder Band also participate in smaller specialty groups focusing on specific types of performances, such as The Stage Band, which is a jazz ensemble and Winter Percussion Ensemble. Winter Guard also performs at the same events.

CONGRESSMAN GERALD E. “GERRY” CONNOLLY is serving his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia’s 11th District, which includes Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax in Northern Virginia. Prior to his election to Congress, he served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. Throughout his career, protecting and growing Northern Virginia’s economy has been his top priority. Congressman Connolly is a senior member of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation. Additionally, Congressman Connolly serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Using his extensive background in foreign policy, including as a senior staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he has become a leading voice on foreign assistance reform, war powers, embassy security, and democracy promotion abroad. Congressman Connolly currently serves as President Emeritus of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), having served as President from 2020-2022.

STATE SENATOR J. CHAPMAN “CHAP” PETERSEN represents central and western Fairfax in the Virginia State Senate. Growing up and living in Fairfax City, his family has a long history in Fairfax. A 1986 graduate of Fairfax High School, he graduated from Williams College in 1990 and UVA Law School in 1994. An attorney in private practice since 1994, in 2011 his peers selected him as one of 30 “Leaders of the Law” in Virginia. Beginning his career in politics he served on the Fairfax City Council from 1998 – 2002, was a member in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002 – 2006, and in 2007, the voters of the 34th Senate District elected Chap as their State Senator. With his historic win, Chap earned the distinction of defeating an incumbent for a seat in both the Virginia House in 2001 and the Virginia Senate in 2007; he is the only member of the legislature to hold that distinction; he was re-elected in 2011 and in 2016. A student of Virginia history, he authored his college thesis on economics and politics in antebellum Virginia and has a love for competitive sports (he is a long-time member of the Northern Virginia Rugby Football Club “Old Boys”) and has completed the Marine Corps Marathon three times and the Richmond Marathon twice. Living in Fairfax City, Chap and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of four children.

DELEGATE DAVID L. BULOVA grew up in Fairfax and resides with his family in the Shirley Gate Park community. He received a BA from the College of William and Mary, a Master's in Public Administration and Policy from Virginia Tech, and is a graduate of the Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. First elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2005 to represent the City of Fairfax and parts of Fairfax County, David serves on the Appropriations, General Laws, Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources committees. He is currently appointed to the State Water Commission, Housing Commission, and Chesapeake Bay Commission. Passionate about community service, he is currently on the Board of Trustees of Brain Injury Services, the Board of the City of Fairfax Band, and the Board of Advisors for the William and Mary Public Policy Program.

WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

NORTH HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND was formed in 1977 and are appearing for the 1st time in our parade.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT was formed in 1981, nine years after George Mason was officially established as a four-year university with legislation that legally separated the institution from the University of Virginia. George Mason University Police Department is responsible for the safety and security of university students, staff, faculty and visitors. Comprised of over 45 sworn law enforcement officers and over 100 total employees, the department service all of George Mason's campuses in the United States. George Mason University Department of Police and Public Safety participates in a wide range of community events as a part of its core mission.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT GREGORY WASHINGTON leads Virginia's largest and most diverse public university, with enrollment growing to nearly 40,000. Dr. Washington launched his Mason presidency in July 2020 with a series of initiatives to create new academic and entrepreneurial pathways for all Virginians. He also opened or broke ground on academic facilities on all three Virginia campuses and established a task force to ensure fairness in university practices and policies. Dr. Washington strengthened Mason's commitment to access by creating the Mason Virginia Promise (MVP), a pathway to a Mason degree or help starting a business for any Virginian who aspires to either goal. MVP expands Mason's national award-winning ADVANCE Program Partnership with Northern Virginia Community College to select community colleges throughout the state. On Mason's campus in Arlington, now known as Mason Square, Dr. Washington marshaled the largest public-private partnership in Mason's history, Fuse at Mason Square. On the Fairfax Campus, Mason in November 2022 established the first College of Public Health in Virginia. And on the Science and Technology Campus in Manassas, the university developed partnerships to simultaneously break ground on the new Life Sciences and

Engineering Building and the Innovation Town Center and University Village at Innovation projects. Dr. Washington is the former engineering dean at Ohio State University and the University of California, Irvine. In February 2023, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the highest engineering honor in the country.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT GEROGE MASON UNIVERSITY is participating for the first time on our parade. OLLI Mason provides opportunities for mature adults to explore intellectual and cultural subjects as well as share their experiences and talents. Members seek to enrich their lives through continued learning. OLLI Mason offers daytime academic courses, special events and cultural activities in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

SPRINGFIELD SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH CLUB ALL STAR CHEER founded in 1962 promotes fitness, good sportsmanship, character development, and exemplary behavior through athletic programs for children. Cheerleading was added in 1977. The SYC All-Stars are a year round performance team and they have been performing in the community for over 10 years in local high school homecoming parades, and other special community events. The SYC All-Stars have performed at sports half-time shows for the US Naval Academy, George Mason University, The Washington Wizards, and the Harlem Globetrotters. In 2021, the SYC All-Stars took 1st place Marching Youth and in 2019 3rd place in Marching Youth.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1513-FAIRFAX, VA is a marching unit/youth Cub Scout pack. Through four decades, Cub Scout Pack 1513 has served the youth of Fairfax Villa Elementary school and the surrounding community, instilling the values of the scout law: trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheer, thrift, courage, cleanliness and reverence. Pack 1513 looks forward to continuing to help Fairfax youth grow in body, mind, and spirit for years to come. Cub Scout Pack 1513 participates in watershed cleanup and park preservation. The Pack has been awarded the BSA Gold Unit Award 2016-2019.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CENTER The Young at Heart Senior Center is housed in at Green Acres here in Fairfax City with numerous and varied activities for adults 55 years and better. Membership is open at no charge to Fairfax City and County residents who are 55 years and “better.” The Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm with the fitness room open Monday – Friday 8am- 5p most evenings and on Saturdays & Sundays from 9am-2pm. With over 20 free drop-in activities from Bocce to Bridge, theme parties, day trips, variety of classes from fitness classes to ukulele, both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts the senior center truly has something for everyone in a FUN environment. Riding in the convertible are the 2023 honored distinguished senior center member veterans. Lt. Colonel Gerald “Jerry” O. Anderson, US Army and Anthony M. Fazio, Specialist E5, U.S. Army Signal Corps.

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD was formed in November 1767, before our Nation was born on July 4, 1776. This is the 1st year they are participating in our parade. Predating our country by almost a decade, Norfolk Naval Shipyard will turn 256 years old on November 1, 2023. This is a highly detailed replica of the battleship USA Alabama, which was built by Norfolk Naval Shipyard during World War II. Designated BB-60, the actual ship has been preserved as a museum and is berthed in Mobile, Alabama. Walking alongside the USAA Alabama is NNSY’s mascot, Yardbird Sam. Norfolk Naval Shipyard is AMERICA’S SHIPYARD! NNSY’s float has participated in Christmas parades for Richmond, Williamsburg, Norfolk and Elizabeth City, NC. The float has come in first place in five different parades over the last few years.

TUBAGUY has been playing the Tuba for 50 years. The TubaGuy alter ego has been walking around Braddock Road for 12 years. TubaGuy won 1st place in the Novelty category in 2012.

NOVA LABS, INC., CAP (COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECTS) PROGRAM was formed in the summer of 2022 and is appearing for the first time in our parade. Members of CAP have been building cool art structures on

behalf of Nova Labs, Inc. for about 5 years. This group was able to pivot at the start of the pandemic shutdown, by working remotely to build a tiny, working model of a Kinetic Sculpture. CAP is the group that made the social-media worthy cardboard boat, “Drakon”, a Viking longship-style miniature that was sturdy enough for four adults to ride in. CAP has participated in the Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race and the Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta. They are responsible for the building-sized orange Bow at Nova Labs’ Grand Opening. CAP won the 2022 Time Wrap Award for making a stylized replica of the vehicle from the 1960 film, “The Time Machine.”

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP 1110 is making their third appearance in the parade. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Our troop was founded in 2019 and is chartered by St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax, VA.

KENA SHRINERS Shriners International was founded in 1870, based on the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, truth, and geared towards fun and fellowship. In 1922, the first Shriners Children’s Hospital opened in Shreveport, Louisiana. Shriner’s hospitals accepts children with orthopedic, burns, cleft lip and palate, regardless of families’ ability to pay.

PATRIOTIC HEART BALLOON is a great expression of a Patriotic Heart, American Style and just in time for the 4th of July Parade. 16’ tall with red and white stripes and a blue field with large white stars, it may be the largest heart you have even seen. The Patriotic Heart is a wonderful symbol of how we should feel about this wonderful country we live in and it is patriotism in a huge dimension. Today, the Rotary Club of Fairfax is carrying the Patriotic Heart balloon.

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DIVISION III

FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE HONOR GUARD is the formal representative for the Sheriff’s Office at all types of functions in Fairfax County and the surrounding Washington, DC area, including funerals, graduations, parades, major and minor league sporting events, and other special activities. Established in 1982, the Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard currently has 22 members. The team participates every summer in honor guard competitions sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. In 2015, the Honor Guard displayed its “silent drill team” and won four gold medals at the World Police Fire Games. The Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office manages the Adult Detention Center, provides security in the courthouse, and serves civil law process.

FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF STACEY A. KINCAID is a 36-year veteran of the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office and the first woman to lead the Sheriff’s Office in its 281-year history. She serves over 1.1 million residents in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna. Starting as a Sheriff’s deputy right after college, she worked her way up to the rank of captain before being elected Sheriff. In 2008, she received the agency’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes a career of sustained, exemplary performance. More recently, Lawyers Weekly presented her with an Influential Women of Virginia award, and the Junior League of Northern Virginia honored her with its Woman of Vision award for exemplifying the League’s mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities. Sheriff Kincaid spearheaded Diversion First, Fairfax County’s collaborative initiative that offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorders or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. For individuals not eligible for diversion, Sheriff Kincaid created the Striving

to Achieve Recovery (STAR), a voluntary jail-based, recovery-focused program for inmates with substance use disorders that seeks to remove stigmas, provide hope and reduce involvement in the criminal justice system. STAR addresses underlying trauma, restores dignity, provides hope, works toward family reunification, and builds the foundation for a future in recovery. Sheriff Kincaid's STAR and Medication for Addiction Treatment programs were specifically designed to treat not punish addiction and were recognized for their innovation and success by the National Association of Counties.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE MOTOR SQUAD was established in 1925 and is comprised of 32 full time motor officers. Duties that these officers are tasked with daily, to included funeral escorts, traffic enforcement, and numerous community outreach programs. These officers are the resident experts and incident control for a continued service of commerce and traffic safety. The mission statement of these officers is to ensure the safety of all motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. This is done through aggressive enforcement of the traffic laws of the Commonwealth.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 882 was formed in 1957, has participated in this parade for more than 40 years. Cub Scout 882 is a youth scouting program for both boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 11 years old. Chartered under the Optimist Club of Greater Fairfax, they meet at Daniel's Run Elementary School in Fairfax City on Tuesdays nights during the school year. They bring together both boys and girls into the works of scouting where they have fun and strive to raise future leaders that try to do their best. They participate in local Fairfax City event throughout the year and the parade is their formal event for the City. They received 2nd place for Best Group in 2018 and received 3rd place for best scout group in 2021.

CHOPTICON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND is appearing for the fifth time in the parade. The Chopticon High School "Show Band of Southern Maryland, has won local competitions, earned 7 state championships and won the class 2A National Championships in 2012. The Band is under the direction of Chopticon Alum, CeCelia Badovski. The band has participated in the blessing of the Fleet Parade and Veterans Day parade in St. Mary's County.

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN JE FREY C. MCKAY is a lifelong Fairfax County resident, born and raised on the historic Route One Corridor in Franconia District. From kindergarten to eighth grade, he attended two of Fairfax County's world-class public schools, Woodlawn Elementary School and Walt Whitman Middle School, before graduating from Bishop Ireton High School. Jeff also graduated with a B.S. in Public Administration and Political Science from James Madison University and is a graduate of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. Jeff has more than 20 years of experience working on behalf of the residents of Fairfax County. First serving for 12 years as then-Supervisor Dana Kauffman's chief of staff before running and winning the election as Franconia District Supervisor in November 2007. He was elected Chairman in 2019. Since joining the Board, Jeff has been a champion for equity, education, affordable housing, transportation, revitalization, and the environment in Fairfax County. His commitment to these issues has been demonstrated on the Board as former Chair of the Legislative and Transportation committees and current Chair of the Budget Committee. Jeff is also a regional leader. Currently, he is Chair of the Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee and serves on both the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. He was twice the Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; and on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Association of Counties where he is a past president. Jeff's work has been recognized by the Mount-Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year in 2019, by the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions as the recipient of the 2020 Sustainability Champion Legacy Award, and by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board as the recipient of the 2021 Chairman's Choice Award. Jeff lives in Franconia District with his wife, two children, and their latest retired racing greyhound.

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR PATRICK S. HERRITY represents the Springfield District and has over 30 years of active business, sports, and civic community leadership and experience; he was elected Springfield District Supervisor in November 2007. Raised in Fairfax County, he received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Virginia Tech. As the son of former Fairfax Board of County Supervisors Chairman Jack Herrity, Pat grew up attending community meetings and county budget hearings. Pat has a unique understanding of Northern Virginia and its needs. First as a business and community leader, and now as a Supervisor, he has actively led efforts to implement common sense solutions to our pressing problems including reducing the tax burden, addressing increasing crime rates and focusing education resources on teachers and into classrooms. He serves as Chair of the Board's Older Adults Committee and the Sports Tourism Task Force. He has received multiple awards including being the only Supervisor to receive the President's Award from Fairfax County Federation of Teachers for his work supporting our teachers and has been named the Best Public Servant in the Gazette Leader's Best of the Best for the last 7 years.

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR JAMES R. WALKNSHAW represents the Braddock District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Walkinshaw serves as the Chair of the Legislative Committee and as Vice-Chair on both the Older Adults and Public Safety Committees. He also serves as the Chair of the Fairfax City-Fairfax County Interjurisdictional Committee, where he works closely with City officials on shared County-City priorities and projects. James and his wife, Yvette, live in the Truro neighborhood with their son Mateo."

JOHN T. FREY, CLERK OF THE FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT grew up in Fairfax County. He has been the Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk since 1992. Prior to becoming Clerk, John was a principal in the law firm of Frey & Autry, P.C. John is a past president of the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks. He received the Public Official of the Year Award from the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks in 2006, for his commitment to excellence in local government. John and his wife Sheila live in West Springfield. They have two children, Robert and Stephanie and four grandchildren, Allyson, Alex, Henry, and Laura.

FAIRFAX JUBIL-AIRES, formed in 1954, have participated in this parade for many years and are members of the Fairfax County, VA, chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society - a society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The largest all-male singing society in the world, their founder, first president, and first music director was Reed "Pappy" Averhead, a member of the Singing Capitol Chorus of the District of Columbia. Pappy moved to Fairfax in 1953 and opened a jewelry store with a piano in the back. Currently the site of the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, an informal meeting was held on June 3, 1953, seeking interest in bringing barbershop singing to Fairfax - the Fairfax Chapter was chartered on November 30, 1953 and their first show was held at the old Fairfax High School on February 19, 1954, and the chapter charter was formally presented. They perform annually at the City of Fairfax's Festival of Lights and Carols; Vienna Stroll at Christmas; Reston Town Center; Potomac Green Senior Community; and numerous senior homes and assisted living facilities as well as well as attending district and national competitions. They have won 1st and 3rd place awards in the Vienna Halloween Parade in the Floats with Music Category and 2nd place in the Vocal Group Category in this parade in 2017! Over the years, the chorus and quartets have won numerous awards at barbershop competitions.

NOVA PARKS (FLOAT) was formed in 1959 and conserves more than 12,000 acres of woodlands, streams, and rolling Virginia Countryside. Through your regional Parks, NOVA Parks provides over 2-million citizens with active and passive recreational opportunities and some of the finest recreational facilities in the

country. From a wave pool to nature trails, from golfing to boating, there is a NOVA Park that is right for you. Come for a day, a weekend or a week! NOVA Parks are yours to enjoy!

FAIRFAX LITTLE LEAGUE was formed in 1955 and was incorporated in 1956. Chilcott Stadium was constructed in 1956, the Thaiss (Pickett Road) field were first leased in 1959, and Burke field was first used by the League in 1991. Three separate leagues (American, Dominion, and National) were franchised in 1968. American and National leagues operate today, with City of Fairfax residents comprising the American league and the national League comprised of Burke residents. Fairfax Little League has participated in the Annual Virginia State District 10 Little League tournament and received 3rd place winner for Mayor and Council award in 2022.

VIRGINIA BALLET COMPANY & SCHOOL established in Northern Virginia more than 70 years ago are participating for the second time in our parade. Their mission is to provide outstanding pre-professional classical ballet and contemporary dance training. They offer a variety of dance classes, including ballet, modern, contemporary, jazz, tap, flamenco; conditioning and more for ladies and gentlemen from age 3 through mature adults. Tatiana Rousseau and Oleg Tupine, the Founding Artistic Directors established the Virginia Ballet Company and School to provide classical ballet education of the highest quality and stage pre-professional productions in DC metropolitan area. Many dancers have gone on to dance professionally and even open up their own studios, all giving credit to their Virginia Ballet training.

1949 ANTIQUE RED TRUCK with Sneakers the Fair Fox w Fairfax City's new mascot. Sneakers the Fair Fox is making his first appearance in our parade.

FALLS CHURCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT was established in 1925. They are going through the parade in a 1918 Ford Antique Model T-Fire engine. Their mission is to provide emergency medical services and public education to promote the health and well-being of the community. This mission is completed in cooperation with the City of Falls Church government and the Arlington County Fire Department. They have participated in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Parade, Vienna Halloween Parade and Falls Church Memorial Day Parade. Award include Best in Class – Shenandoah Apple Blossom Parade.

FAIRFAX VA CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP appearing today for their 21st year, was established in 1999 in association with its sponsor, Patriot Harley-Davidson. Comprised of over 250 members, primarily from Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun Counties. They are a very energetic, diverse group and, defying “biker” stereotypes, represent many walks of life – all united by their love of riding a Harley. This group participates in the City of Fairfax's Adopt-A-Spot, the Ride of the Patriots, the Vienna Halloween Parade, Rattle the Runway Ride, the MDA, Library and School Show & Tells, Inter-Service Club Council, blood drives, concerns of police survivors, the Salvation Army Back-to-School and Christmas Stocking Programs, F.A.C.E.T.S., and the Lamb Center, as well as working with the American Red Cross at Walter Reed Army Hospital. A very active chapter, they have hosted a Road Candy Ride for the Chocolate Lovers Festival; poker runs; dinner, group, and overnight destination rides; picnics; parades; and charity events and participate in the Falls Church Memorial Day and the Vienna Halloween Parades. In 2014 and 2016, they were awarded 1st place; 2013, awarded 2nd place; and in 2017 awarded 3rd place in the Novelty Category in this parade.

Jubilee Christian Center – is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax where we believe in “Loving People to Life”. God Bless America and wave the flag proudly that you receive along the route today. We have worship services Sunday mornings at 9am and 11am and only at jccag.org. Check out our website for more information.

WALKING FLAG inspired by the Indianapolis, Indiana Parade and is making its second appearance in our parade. The Walking Flag was custom made, thanks to the incredible efforts of the staff at Abe Lincoln's

Flags, here in Fairfax. It measures at 16 feet wide by 27 feet long, and requires up to 15 people to carry. Jubilee Christian Center is carrying the Walking Flag.

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DIVISION IV

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE COLOR CORPS was formed in 1982 by Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney and have been in today's parade for more than 25 years. The Knight of Columbus provide financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy families, especially to widows and orphans. The Knights of Columbus, motivated by their core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, have grown, since then, to an Order of over 1.9 million members worldwide in Canada, Mexico, France, the Philippines, South Korea, Poland and the Ukraine. The Knights continue to assist victims of natural disasters, provide food and medical care to local families and persecuted religious minorities, and actively partner with "Coats for Kids," "Ukrainian Solidarity Fund" "Wheelchairs for Veterans" and "Special Olympics".

ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH has been serving Catholics in Fairfax since 1956. It is one of the largest Churches in the Diocese of Arlington. St. Leo the Great Catholic School has served Fairfax for over 50 years providing traditional Catholic education and value to our community. St. Leo's is a family-based parish dedicated to draw all parishioners to Jesus Christ through His Church. The float today is of Pope St. Leo the Great meeting Attila the Hun at the Gates to the City of Rome in 452AD, saving the City from destruction.

CITY OF FAIRFAX LIBRARY PRECISION BOOK CART DRILL TEAM participating in this event for over 30 year, the Library precision Book Cart Drill Team are the first documented library book cart drill team in the nation. Formed in 1983 to draw attention to the library's move to the Courthouse for the 1983/4 renovation of the old Chain Bridge Road library building and to encourage participation in the Summer Reading Program. Book carts are decorated to confirm to this year's theme. This year's summer reading theme is "All Together Now" and people of all ages are encouraged to visit the library and participate. Awards include Independence Day Celebration Committee Trophy, Mayor & City Council Award and various places in novelty category & first place in drill team category.

CUB SCOUT PACK 187 was formed in 1990's. Cub Scout Pack 187 meets at Fairfax United Methodist Church and has a long history of scouting in Fairfax City. This past year the scouts toured the DEA, placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Solider, told stories around campfire, hiked to one of the highest paces in VA and raced derby cars.

CONVENTION OF STATES was formed in 2014 and appearing in the parade for the first time. Article V allows two thirds of the States to force Congress to call a Convention of States.

CENTREVILLE MOOSE LODGE 2168 (FLOAT) was incorporated in 1971 on the steps of the Centreville Fire House, with a philanthropic spirit that leads them to look for ways to support their community, as well as supporting two impressive fraternal organizations – *MOOSEHEART* (a residential childcare and education facility located on a 1,000 acre campus west of Chicago) and *MOOSEHAVEN* (a complete residential retirement community located on 72 acres south of downtown Jacksonville, FL). Located in Fairfax, VA, Lodge 2168, on average, donates annually more than \$30,000 back to the community – whether it is for a fire prevention-training vehicle or the FHS All-Night Graduation Celebration. They spend many hours helping clean the streets in the City of Fairfax, helping our local high schools, and serving our local first responders as well as giving a helping hand to organizations such as the Weedstern Fairfax Christian Ministries, the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, the Lamb Center, and the Virginia Special Olympics.

They won 2nd Place in the Vocal Group category for their performance in this parade in 2013 and 2014 and in 2015 received 3rd in Place in the Float category.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MODEL A FORD CLUB formed in 1963, is making their sixth appearance in this parade. The largest Car Club in the Washington, DC, area, they have over 200 members from Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC. Our cars have won national-level awards for the excellence and accuracy of their restorations. Members of our club and their cars have been featured in several motion pictures. The club has participated in the National Cherry Blossom, Memorial Day and National Independence Day parades. The club has organized and run the Sully Classic Car Show for 47 years.

FLYING CIRCUS AIRSHOW was founded in 1970 on a 200-acre farm in Bealeton, VA, where local aviation enthusiasts gather from May through October on Sunday afternoons to perform flying stunts in aircraft of the WWI era. In 1972, the Flying Circus developed into a barnstormer airshow with aerobatics, formation flying, and wing walking along with a few flying comedy acts. The Flying Circus also provides rides in the old biplanes before and after the show! They attend many air shows including the Manassas St. Patrick's Day parade and multiple airshows throughout Virginia and nearby states. They host campouts for Boy Scouts as well as educational seminars for students in Fairfax County. In 2014 they received 2nd Place and in 2015 3rd Place for Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire category in this parade.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1533 has been chartered by the Parent Teacher Association of Manuta Elementary School continuously since 1967. Today, the Pack provide more than 60 elementary-aged boys and girls a Cub Scout program focused on fun and educational experiences concerned with values, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community services. Cub Scout Pack 1533 has been presented with the Journey to Excellence Awards, Gold Level, all years since 2019.

LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAIDERS which are comprised of woodwind, brass, and percussion students in graded 7-12 are from St. Mary's County, MD and are appearing for the 8th time in the parade. Performing often through the region, they participate in USBands competitions, parades, and home football games. In addition, the marching band has traveled to Disney World, as well as Texas to be featured during the half-time show of the Alamo Bowl. They received 1st place at the 2022 Group IIIA Maryland State Championships; 1st place finish at the 2021 Group IIA Maryland State Championships, and 2nd place in 2022 and 2021 in City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade.

OLD DOMINION HISTORICAL FIRE SOCIETY was organized on June 6, 1978, in Richmond, VA. The club is dedicated to the preservation and education of Virginia fire service history. We are the Virginia Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA). Fire Apparatus' included in the parade today, include a 1953 GMC/American that served in Herndon, VA and is now owned by the Gantt Family; 1963 American LaFrance that originally served in Annandale VA. Restored to how it looked when serving in Middleburg VA. Owned by the Hoppes Family; 1964 Maxim F Series that served in Vienna VA. Owned by the Hood Family; 1970 Pirsch that serve McLean VA, and is still owned by the McLean Volunteer Fire Department; and 1978 Hahn Ladder Truck that served in Manassas VA. Owned by the Olsen Family.

HENRY MASONIC LODGE NO. 57 ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS was established in 1869 and are appearing for their 4th year in our parade. Free masonry is the oldest fraternal organization in existence and is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to make the world a better place. Through our culture of philanthropy, we make a profound difference for our Brothers, our families, our communities, and our future. The values of Freemasonry are based on integrity, honesty, kindness, and fairness. Masonic organizations raise over \$2.6 million each day to help those in need. They have participated in the Annual Wreath laying at the tomb of George Washington in Mt. Vernon; blood

donation drives and fundraisers for Alzheimer's and Shriners Hospitals. In 2021 and 2019, they won 3rd place in Adult Marching Unit.

GHOSTBUSTERS, VIRGINIA was formed in 2001 and is participating for the first time in our parade. Ghostbusters, VA is the only 501(c) (3) non-profit organization recognized by Sony's Ghost Corps in VA that gives back to the community. We participate in events all over VA to help raise money and awareness or other charities, and spread the love of Ghostbusters all over the Commonwealth in a safe, fun, and family friendly manner. Ghostbusters, VA has participated in Richmond Holiday parade, Apple Blossom Parade and Dragon Con PKE Surge. Top five in donations for the Make-A-Wish foundation in the Commonwealth.

C4 PERFORMING ARTS is making their fourth appearance in the parade. C4 Performing Arts is an art organization under the direction of Chief Executive Office and Artistic Director Ms. Stacey Yvonne Claytor in the Fairfax, VA area. C4 feels strongly that there is an awesome power that resides within the heart of all performing arts. A power that can unify, uplift and inspire people of all walks of life, transcending cultural barriers and drawing us together as a global community. C4 is committed to increasing opportunity for people of every generation to experience, understand, participate in and enjoy the arts. C4 has participated 2021 Fairfax Dance Day, 2021 Fairfax Holiday market, Viva Vienna, Fall for Fairfax, Taste of Herndon, DC Cherry Blossom Festival parade, H Street Festival and Ted Ex Le Droit Park performance. Placed 2nd in musical group in 2021 in our July 4th parade.

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION – DC CHAPTER - WWII MILITARY JEEP is appearing for the second time in the parade. The DC Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division was formed shortly after World War II to support veterans returning from the war. It is comprised of paratroopers and glider men who have honorably served in the military. The 82nd Airborne Division's mission is to deploy within 18 hours of notification and conduct parachute assaults to secure key objectives in support of U.S. national interests. The Association today promotes and celebrations the 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers who have participated in every major combat operation in the US since 1942. Airborne All the Way. The 82nd Airborne Division participates in All American Weeks – Fort Bragg, NC and Community Center Veteran Appreciation Day (annually).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS SLAPSHOT, the Official Mascot of the Washington Capitals has been very busy since the Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup on June 7, 2018. Skating around the Washington, D.C., area since 1995 this large bald eagle wears the number 00 on his jersey and can be seen at every home Capitals game and at all kinds of events around the community; he can be spotted soaring into charity fundraisers, community festivals, and parades. As a familiar face at the Capital's hockey games, dancing for the fans and flying around on the ice before games, Slapshot has become an integral part of the team. Slapshot also brings fun and excitement to Capitals programs such as Hockey School, which helps, teach local schoolchildren the ins and outs of street hockey. Some little known facts about Slapshot --- He is 6'3" and 6'6" on skates; his favorite food is Swedish Fish, his weight – well he is as light as a feather; his favorite film is "Slapshot;" he received his education from Flight School; his favorite song is the our National Anthem; he was born on June 20, 1782; his favorite friends are Sam the Eagle, Big Bird, and Larry Bird; his final landing was November 17, 1995; his hobbies include bird watching and playing on the Mall; he is often joined at games by secondary mascots – Air Slapshot and Hat Trick; he was recently seen on The Price is Right; and he has a pretty big rivalry with Stormy, the Carolina Hurricanes mascot. Welcome Slapshot!

ROCKETS BALLOON blast off with these giant rockets this holiday. At over 30' long, these huge red, white and blue balloons cannot be missed. Sixteen handlers and 1400 cubic feet of helium helps these balloons soar through the parade today. You will not find this guy at the local fireworks stand; it is a special order item.

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DIVISION V

GREAT MILLS MARCHING HORNETS formed in 1960, are making their eighth appearance in this parade. They have a long history of community performance that dates back to the 60's and honoring our military veterans. The Marching Hornets are 5-time MD state champions, 2 time national medalists, and 2-time KIDA medalist performing all over the mid-Atlantic region. Our motto is "Forward ever, backward never" and our band motto is three simple words, "Pride, Commitment, Excellence." They have participated at US Bands Open Class Nationals @ MetLife Stadium, St. Patrick's Day parade in Washington DC. They have been the MD-State Champions 2011, 2015, 2017-2019, Open Class Nationals 2nd place 2018, 3rd place in 2019, KIDA Percussion Championships 2nd place and Guard Championships 3rd place.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1864 was formed in the mid 1980's and appearing for the first time in our parade. Cub Scout 1864 offers a values-based program for kindergartners through fifth graders that prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. They focus on character building, community service, appreciation for the environment, and personal fitness through fun, adventure, achievement and hands-on learning via structured activities. They have participated in the Annandale Fall Parade.

FAIRFAX POLICE YOUTH CLUB (FPYC) was formed in 1963 and has participated in this parade for many years. FPYC is celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Established in 1963, the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of leadership, sportsmanship, and physical fitness, while encouraging and providing opportunities for youth to participate in variety of sports. Today, FPYC provides sporting venues for the youth of both the City of Fairfax and children from surround areas of Fairfax County. Sports are available through FPYC include basketball, field hockey, football (flag and tackle), Irish football, lacrosse, running, soccer, wrestling and youth challenged sports. In 2019, FPYC was awarded 3rd place for their float, in 2013, FPYC won the 1st place Mayor and City Council award in this parade and in 2017 they won 1st place in the Marching Unit/Youth category.



SUPERHEROES Captain America, who first appeared in American comic books published by Marvel Comics and in Captain America Comics #1 (cover dated March 1941) from Timely Comics, a predecessor of Marvel Comics. Captain America, a patriot super-soldier, often fought the Axis powers of World War II and was Timely Comics' most popular character during the wartime period. Wearing a costume that bears an American flag motif, he is armed with a nearly indestructible shield that he throws at foes. His alter ego, Steve Rogers, is a frail young man enhanced to the peak of human perfection by an experimental serum to aid the U.S. government's imminent efforts in World War II. Although Captain America often struggles to maintain his ideals as a man out of his time with its modern realities, he remains a highly respected figure in his community which includes becoming the long-time leader of the Avengers.



The Black Panther is a fictional superhero appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. The character was created by writer-editor Stan Lee and writer-artist Jack Kirby, and first appeared in *Fantastic Four #52* in the Silver Age of Comic Books. *The Black Panther's* real name is T'Challa, king and protector of the fictional African nation of Wakanda. Along with possessing enhanced abilities achieved through ancient Wakandan rituals of drinking the essence of the heart-shaped herb, T'Challa also relies on his proficiency in science, rigorous physical training, hand-to-hand combat skills, and access to wealth and advanced Wakandan technology to combat his *enemies*.



Spider Man appears in American comic books published by Marvel Comics existing in its shared universe. Spider Man first appeared in the anthology comic book *Amazing Fantasy #15* in the Silver Age of Comic Books. Spider-Man was an orphan raised by his Aunt May and Uncle Ben, who and as a teenager, had to deal with the normal struggles of adolescence in addition to those of a costumed crime-fighter. He has super strength and agility, the ability to cling to most surfaces, and shoots spider-webs using wrist-mounted devices of his own invention, which he calls "web-shooters," he reacts to danger quickly with his "spider-sense," enabling him to combat his foes.

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI KAZOO BAND joining us today for a sixth time. A group of longtime friends formed this band. The first year they marched, it was to cross an item on everyone's bucket list. Now we march and play to celebrate Fairfax, long time friendships and wonderful memories of growing up in the City of Fairfax. We play with enthusiasm and a true lack of talent but we always have a great time celebrating the 4th of July and Fairfax High School. They received 1st Place in the Marching Unit/Adult category and 3rd Mayor and City Council Award in this parade in 2017.

BURKE VFW POST 5412 formed in 1991, and is a Veterans national organization that is chartered by the Federal Government. Members are soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen that served this nation in wars, campaigns and expeditions on foreign soil or hostile waters. The purpose of the organization are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational. They participate in the Burke Fall Festival, Chantilly Day, Clifton Day, and the Burke Family Night Out. Post 5412 has been named an All-State American Post and has received the 100% Membership Award in 2012 – 2013 and in 2013-won 1st and in 2015-won 2nd Place Marching Unit (Adult) category in this parade.

CITY OF FAIRFAX THEATRE COMPANY CFTC started in 2009 as a group producing one show every summer. Now, in a typical year, we produce four mainstage productions, four different drama and up to three one-night improve, storytelling, or other performances, one cabaret, and one staged reading. One of the only community theatres in the area that has a niche in creating family-friendly performances and camps, CFTC takes pride in being a place for the entire community to come tighter an experience art as a family. Our audience, as well as our network of volunteers, grows with each passing year. With the support of our community, we also continue to expand the theatre opportunities. CFTC has been nominated 12 times and had two wins in 2019 for WATCH (Washington Area Theatre Community Honors and nominated 7 times in 2022.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1865 part of the Patriot District has been around for over 50 years. They are a family-oriented pack, with parents expected to attend den & pack events and siblings welcomed. Our pack provides fun & challenging activities that promote character development, good citizenship, leadership & physical fitness. Pack 1865 is an active pack, providing fun & challenging activities that promote character development, good citizenship, leadership & teamwork. Favorite events are the annual Pinewood Derby, plus the fall & spring campouts. Cub Scout Pack 1865 has participated in Wreaths Across America, Annual food drive, Scouting for food, Country Club Civic Association park cleanup and previous Fairfax July 4th

parades. Pack 1865-won awards for speed & design at the Patriot District-wide Pinewood Derby race and placed 3rd in the Marching Unit/Youth category last year in our parade.

ROTARY CLUB OF BAILEY'S CROSSROADS was formed in 1977 and has been serving the Bailey's Crossroads community as well as communities in Northern Virginia and internationally. Rotarians are able to provide humanitarian services through the proceeds from the annual Classic Mustang raffle drawings. They have participated in the Sully Antique Car Show, Taste of Annandale and Viva Vienna. They have won awards from Rotary District 7610 for public image, membership and community service over the years.

FALUN DAFA OF DC (FLOAT) also known as Falun Gong, is a traditional practice of meditation to improve mind, body and spirit. It is guided by the principles of universe, truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. People who practice regularly find it brings them better physical & mental health, reduce stress & anxiety, increased level of energy & vitality and inner peace, and deepened morals. Falun Dafa was first taught publicly in China in 1992 by Master Li Hongzhi and is now practiced in more than 70 countries worldwide, the teaching have been translated in over 40 languages. They have participated in George Washington Birstyday Parade and Annapolis July 4 parade.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB was born on July 26, 1966, and is making their 12th appearance in this parade. The organizational meeting was held at Koons Ford in Seven Corners. The meeting was announced in a corner of Koons Ford's advertisement in the Washington Post and approximately 25 people attended the first meeting, The club's first event was a rally out Route 7 to Harpers Ferry in September of 1966. Membership waned between the late 70's through the 90's. In 2000, the club was reorganized under the leadership of Ceece Coburn and Ebby Short and continued to focus on being family, friendly, with many events, activities and great sponsors. In November 2020, Anthony Sucher has taken on the leadership role. The club continues to evolve. Everyone is welcome and they are open to all years of Mustangs, including the Mustang Mach-E. They participate in the City of Fairfax Ride of the Patriots, Manassas Veterans Day parade and Montclair 4th of July parade. In 2013 and 2014, they won 3rd Place Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire in this parade; 3rd Place Mayor and City Council Award; and in 2017 2nd Place, Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire award in this parade; and from 2009 – 2013 they have received the Toys for Tots Commanders Award.

BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE have participated in the parade for over 20 years. They provide Fire and EMS service to the citizens of Burke and Fairfax County along with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department. BVFRD operates a volunteer engine and ambulance, and owns the brush truck as well as the engine and medic that the career staff operate at Station 414. In the parade today, they have an antique vehicle and antique fire apparatus.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION – VA CHAPTER formed in 2012 and now has chapters in all 50 states. The organization fights for public safety measures to protect people from gun violence by passing stronger gun laws and working to close loopholes. We also encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. WE know that gun violence is preventable, and we work to keep families safe. Our local group is made up of moms, dads, grandparents and childfree people who want to den gun violence. They have participated in Burke Centre Festival, Burke Farmers' Market, Celebrate Fairfax, and NAACP Get Moving Health Fair.

THE BALLET ARTS ENSEMBLE OF FAIRFAX In 1993, Benn and Debra Savage had a vision for a performing company that would develop young dancers through the art of performing, fulfilling dreams and aspirations, & promoting an appreciation of the arts in Northern Virginia. The Ballet Arts Ensemble (BAE), a troupe of twelve dancers, was born. Now, twenty-nine seasons later, more than 40 young teens and adults carry on that mission. CBA Ballet Master, Dustin Kimball, will serve as Artistic Director of the BAE, along with Administrative Director, Debra Savage for the 2021-2022 season. The goals of the BAE were

established after determining what they wanted the BAE to accomplish, what best supports the BAE's artistic standards and provides opportunities for civic outreach while enhancing the opportunities for both Ensemble and other aspiring dancers. The BAE has supported many worthwhile causes throughout the years. Most recently, the BAE performed at Curefest 2019, to help raise funds for childhood cancer research. For the past three years, the BAE has performed for Autumn Remembrance Day, supporting Helping Hearts thru the Arts (HHA) with their fundraisers for ALS.

PATRIOTIC HOT AIR BALLOON up, up and away in this Patriotic Hot Air balloon. This balloon was purchased by the IDCC Committee in 2020 for Beverly Myers, Chairman of the IDCC Committee for more than 20 years who retired and moved home to Missouri. Historic Fairfax City, Inc. is carrying the Patriotic Hot Air balloon in our parade today.

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DIVISION VI

CHANCELLOR HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING REGIMENT MARCHING BAND are from Fredericksburg, VA. Each summer the students work tirelessly to prepare stand tunes for football games, parade music, and a show to be performed at each home football game and various competitions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is a competitive and successful group that works towards not only achieving musical excellence but also growing as people through the activity of marching band. The band has participated in the James Madison University Parade of Champions, Woodbridge High School Viking Invitational, just to name a few. In 2021 at Viking Invitational the band received 1st Place Class AAA, 1st place drum majors and general effect, 2nd place auxiliary and music, 2021 Emerald Classic – 1st Place Class AA and 1st Place music, visual, color guard, and percussion, 2021 Spotsylvania Invitational – 1st Place Class AA and 1st Place music, visual color guard and percussion and 2021 VBODA Marching Assessment – Superior.

FAIR OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE has participated in the parade for over 20 years. Founded 1957 as the Navy Vale Fire Department, the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department provides both fire suppression and medical services to the citizens of Fairfax County in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

CAPITAL VIPERS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CVOA) are participating for the third time in the parade. The Viper Owners Association is the largest Viper club in the world with 35 regions in the US and international. The VA/MD/DC/DE region was started in 2018 and currently boasts 60 members. Only 31,596 Vipers were produced over 25 years. They are rare to see outside of major collections. The CVOA is dedicated to sharing these wonderful vehicles with auto enthusiasts, care nuts, and all those that enjoy rolling art.

DIABLADA URUS VIRGINIA USA the diablada is a dance named after the devil mask and costume worn by the dancers. The dance represents the confrontation between the forces of good and evil, bringing together both elements of the Catholic religion introduced during the Hispanic presence and those of the traditional Andean ritual. It can be seen mainly in the Oruro Carnival in Bolivia, the Candelaria Festival in Peru and the La Tirana Festival in Chile. The sense of heritage identity of this dance is a matter of dispute. Cultural organizations and the Bolivian government consider that other countries, by including this dance as part of their cultural heritage, would be *misappropriating Bolivian cultural heritage* and consider that the declaration of the Oruro Carnival as one of the Masterpieces of Oral Heritage and Intangible of Humanity would give Bolivia and the city of Oruro support in this claim.

FAIRFAX CLUB ESTATES CUB SCOUT PACK 41 (FLOAT) chartered in 1989 are members of the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, and Patriot District are joining us today for the 20th time. Sponsored by the Fairfax Club Estates HOA, Pack 41 offers scouting opportunities for boys and girls from 1st through 5th grade and aims to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Cub Scouts is the largest of the three BSA divisions (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing). Their members serve their community by participating in the Annual Scouting for Food Program (Washington Area Food Banks), National Night Out, Community Cleanup, Washington Nationals Games, GMU Basketball Games, the Pinewood Derby, and the Raingutter Regatta, family camping at Burke Lake Park, Christmas Caroling, Wreath Laying, Hiking and Archery. They were awarded 2nd place in the Scouting Category in 2011 and in 2014 and in 2015 received 3rd Place in the Mayor and City Council Awards in this parade; in 2014, they earned the Gold Level Journey to Excellence Award from the BSA.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION – NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER is participating for the second time in the parade! Established in 1987, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against the preventable, leading cause of death. AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide and they are working hard to create a culture that's smart about mental health by: funding scientific research, educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention, advocating for public policies that will save lives and supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide. This fall they will be hosting their annual Fairfax Out of the Darkness Walk at the Veterans Amphitheater on October 1, 2023.

CITY OF FAIRFAX DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FLOAT) created by and composed of local city residents, is committed to getting candidates of the Democratic Party elected to office within the Commonwealth of Virginia and within the United States. They participate in the City of Fairfax Fall Festival and Adopt aSpot.

MCGRATH MORGAN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE was formed in 2004 and is making their second appearance in our parade. Dancers have competed at regional national and world level competitions. The drama team has earned two World Championship titles. The Performance Group has danced at the White House, The Kennedy Center, Washington Nationals stadium and looks forward to performing at Walt Disney World this August. McGrath Morgan Academy of Irish Dance took 1st place for Dance Drama World Irish Dance Championship in 2019 and 1st place Dance Drama in 2023.

FAIRFAX CITY 4HCOMMUNITY CLUB was formed in 2004 and has participated in the parade for more than 5 years. The Fairfax City club is for those 5-19 years old. We focus on community activities as well as non-animal projects as seen at the fair. The club is "run" by the kids and we meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss business activities and work on projects as science, art, gardening and supporting organizations like the Lamb Center, Katherine Hanley Shelter, Parks and Rec Dept.

CUB SCOUT PACKS 1967 were formed in 1973 and celebrated its 50th anniversary this year serving and representing Cub Scouts in the Kings Park West neighborhood and Laurel Ridge Elementary School community. These scouts (both boys and girls) engage in a wide variety of interactive activities designed to be fun that builds leadership and character strengths, confidence and social skills. They enjoy working together to help others in need in support of the Scout Oath and Law. Over the past year, they have been hiking, camping, explored science and technology, conducted service projects, participated in food drives, and much more. Cub Scout Pack 1967 took 1st place for best float in 2021 and best artistic float in 2022.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT DANCERS joining us for their 27th year, offer a summer dance camp, “Faith in Motion,” for children ages 4 – 13 with the goal of preparing kids to dance in the parade. The dances we are dancing today in the parade go out as a means of blessing our neighbors and encouraging the love and kindness that make Fairfax City a great place to call home. During the school year, the dancers run a school of dance with the purpose of teaching dancers how to honor God and inspire faith through their dancing. Instead of presenting recitals, our dancers have given outreach concerts in nursing homes and assisted living communities. Because of the pandemic, we have not had the opportunity to do that, so we are thrilled to have the parade as an opportunity to bless the folks that are watching us in person and on TV. We love to dance outdoors and have performed at the Fairfax City’s National Dance Day and their Holiday Market. We gave danced at the National Zoo, the National Christmas Tree Music Program, DC Dance Project, Project Dance New York City, and Dance Project Atlanta. In 2021, they received 2nd place in the Youth Marching Division at the parade and received the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from *The Washington Home and Hospice Center*.

1962 FORD GALAXIE 500 MAYBERRY POLICE CAR the Ford Galaxie is a full-sized car that was built in the United States by Ford for model years 1959 through to 1974. The name was used for the top models in Ford's full-size range from 1958 until 1961, in a marketing attempt to appeal to the excitement surrounding the Space Race. In 1958, a concept car was introduced called "la Galaxie" which incorporated the headlights into pods in line with the grille and a reduced front profile. For 1962, all full-size Fords wore the Galaxie badge, with "500" and "500/XL" denoting the higher series. The Galaxie 500/LTD was introduced for 1965 followed by the Galaxie 500 7-Litre for 1966. The Galaxie 500 prefix was dropped from the LTD in 1966, and from the XL in 1967; however the basic series structuring levels were maintained. The "regular" Galaxie 500 continued below the LTD as Ford's mid-level full-size model from 1965 until its demise at the end of the 1974 model year. The Galaxie was the competitor to the high-volume full sized Chevrolet Impala and the Plymouth Belvedere.

CUB SCOUT PAC 656 – FAIRHILL ELEMENTARY PTA was formed in 1986 and is participating for the first time in our parade. Cub Scouts is for young people aged 5 to 12 years, and focuses on exploring the outdoors, discovery and learning interesting things. Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn supports their growth and development. Cub Scouts Pac 656 has participated in Fairhill Elementary Spring Tree and Garden Planting Day.

TRICERATOPS BALLOON or “three horned face,” is probably the best known of the horned faced Dinosaurs. Found only in North America, they first appeared 72 million years ago. Weighing in at just six tons, the Triceratops with its thick, powerful legs and huge horns actually had no teeth at the front of its mouth. Just a strong and sharp hooked beak to slice through tough plants. Horned face Triceratops were plant eaters. Our Triceratops balloon is the same in size but weighs only 87 pounds. That is why it only takes 12 wranglers to pull it down the parade route. Kiwanis Club of Fairfax is carrying the Triceratops balloon in our parade today.

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DIVISION VII

NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTERS’ EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND proudly representing the Fire Service and all first responders, are making their 39th appearance in today’s parade. Formed in 1984, they are a Washington, DC-area premiere Irish Bagpipe Band. They perform at memorials and events in support of first responders and military personnel all over the country. The participate in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the St. Patrick’s Day parades in Washington, DC (recently winning best musical

unit), Alexandria (winning third best pipe band in 2005), and Manassas, and as far away as Savannah, GA (winning the Governor's Award). They also participate in the Alexandria Christmas Walk, the Manassas Veterans Day Parade, the Vienna Halloween Parade, and the Ride of the Patriots in the City of Fairfax. In 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2017 they won 1st place in this parade for Drum Corps/Drum & Bugle Corps/Fife & Drum/Bag Pipe and in 2016 won 3rd place Musical Group.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT formed in July 1949, by the action of the County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department was born. The first career firefighters were hired and assigned to various volunteer department. By 1985, there were over 1,000 career firefighters, thus making the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department the largest fire department in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of the best in the nation. Today, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department trains firefighters to provide a full complement of fire suppression, technical rescue, swift water rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services, including basic and advanced life support and emergency medical transportation – it is an all-hazards department. Since its humble beginning in July 1949, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has evolved from 10-skilled “drivers” to a complex agency responsible for meeting the emergency needs of over one million residents. Today, nearly 1,400 uniformed men and women operate from 38 fires and rescue stations strategically positioned throughout Fairfax County. Additionally, about 180 civilians provide key support functions from headquarters and other locations. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotation shifts. A Deputy Fire Chief leads each shift. The county is separated geographically into seven battalions, each managed by a battalion management team of a Battalion Fire chief and EMS Caption. Our fire and rescue department and its members are committed to ensuring the highest level of safety and care possible for the residents of Fairfax County. We are proud to continue the traditions of our past with a commitment to service excellence and a vision to continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our citizens and visitors to Fairfax County.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1346 (FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA) was formed in 1985 and are appearing for the first time in our parade. Pack 1346 is chartered by the PTA of Fairview Elementary school located in Fairfax Station, VA. The Pace has had hundreds of Scouts as members over the years. Pack 1346 participates in Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery and Scouting for Food for Friends.

TINKOS SAN SIMON FILIAL VIRGINIA was founded on September 1, 2010, Tinkus San Simon Virginia is a U.S. affiliate of the Fraternity of Tinkus San Simon in Bolivia, a highly respected organization that has been around for more than 24 years and has 40 other affiliates around the world. The dance group consists of more than 100 dancers, who proudly perform the “tinku” (TEEN-koo) style of dance and music; a folkloric tradition that originates from the northern region of Potosi, Bolivia. They have participated in a dance parade in New York, St. Patrick Parade in Old Town Alexandria and Memorial Day parade in Rockville, MD. They were awarded Best Dance/Costume at the Memorial Day parade in Rockville, MD.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1683 was established in 2013 in Springfield, VA. Our Chartering Organization is the Newington Forest Community Association. While many of our scouts go to Newington Forest Elementary School, we have many different schools in the surrounding. Pack 1683 is a Family Pack consisting of boy and girl cub scouts. Pack 1683 was the first packs in the area to register girls in 2018. The leaders teach our cub scouts to live the Cub Scout motto – Do Your Best – while instilling character development, leadership, citizenship and physical fitness. This past year, Pack 1683 collected 600 lbs. of food for a local food bank as part of the Scouting for Food project. Pack 1683 has earned the Summertime Pack Award nearly every year since the Park started.

MRS. VIRGINIA – Andrea Schindler is participating in the parade for the first time. She won the title of Mrs. Virginia in Lynchburg on June 10. Andrea lives in Fairfax, is married to her husband Commander Carl Schindler of the USA Navy, and has two children. She teaches History at Lake Braddock Secondary School. As Mrs. Virginia, she will travel the state promoting her platform of Parental Alienation Awareness. She will compete in the National Mrs. American pageant in Las Vegas on August 25. She was a volunteer for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

CITY OF FAIRFAX REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE created by and composed of local city residents, is committed to getting candidates of the Republican Party elected to office within the Commonwealth of Virginia and within the United States. They participate in the City of Fairfax Fall Festival.

KAIZEN MMA OF FAIRFAX is appearing for the fifth time in our parade. They are a martial arts school who has been operating in the City of Fairfax for over 14 years. They offer classes for kids and adults as well as after school programs and summery camps for working parents. They won 1st place in Viva Vienna and 2nd and 3rd place in our July 4th parade.

GIRL SCOUT UNIT 52-7 is an organization where girls learn various skills such as leadership and entrepreneurship, form friendships, and journey through self-discovery. Community service is also an integral part of this organization as many of the troops have been involved with local libraries, animal shelter, and other community efforts. Historically, Girl Scouts have helped with various efforts during World War II and Korean Ware as well as relief efforts during the Great Depression. Currently, various troops are responding to the Russia-Ukraine War by collecting cloths and toys for the children of Ukraine.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL BLUE & WHITE MARCHING BAND under the direction of James Perry is making their 16th appearance in today's parade. Known for their stereophonic sound and high-energy performances, The Blue and White Marching Machine is one of the most celebrated marching bands in the greater metropolitan area. For over 40 years, they have thrilled thousands of spectators in person and millions on TV – they are masters of a diverse and varied repertoire ranging from traditional patriotic standards to the Top 40s on the Pop and R&B charts. Comprised of over 80 dedicated students, and the largest student organization at Eastern, they have participated in the Washington Capitals Victory Parade, National Cherry Blossom (Grand Champion), Opening Ceremonies of the FIFA World Cup Games; National Memorial Day and Hall of Fame parades; "Battle in the Apple" Battle of the Bands in NYC and the I Have a Dream Battle of the Bands in Brooklyn; the National MLK Jr. Parade (sponsored by TBS, Atlanta, GA); Prince Georges Classic Battle of the Bands; Warren County (NC) Battle of the Bands; Metro Atlanta (GA) Jamboree; National Football Hall of Fame Parade, Canton, OH; Bowie State University Homecoming Parade; dedication of the MCI Center (now the Capital One Arena); half-time performances for the Washington Redskins, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the Washington Wizards; the unveiling of the new \$5 and \$10 bills; Reebok All American Game; Horatio Awards Ceremony and in 2009 were the official band for Washington's first Arena League Football Team; in 2007 – 2009 they were the official Winter Pep Band for Georgetown University; and have participated in three presidential inauguration parades. They have appeared on MSNBC, Comedy Central, Fox News, and an NBC Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King as well as in a commercial for Comcast Cable Network in the Philadelphia metro area. They have received 1st place in the Hampton University Battle of the Bands as well as the Mardi Gras Krew Parade, the Apple Blossom Festival Firefighters, AAA Potomac Region Safety Patrol, and the Norfolk State University and in 2018 received 3rd Place in this parade in the Marching Band (Schools) category.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE STAR BALLOONS what a better way to express the Spirit of America than with red, white, and blue signaling the end of the 2018 parade. Flying high over the parade route, these magnificent symbols of freedom and liberty ... bright and shining ... express the tradition of the past and the hope of the future of this great country. Over 14' tall and requiring 400 cubic feet of helium each, they are flying high in the sky.

CITY OF FAIRFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT – The men and women of the City of Fairfax Police Department are committed to providing professional police services of the highest quality. We thank them for their dedication to our City.

This signals the end of our parade. Thank you for joining us as we celebrated our 57th parade! A special thanks to the members of the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) and the City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work and dedication making this parade the largest in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as all other members of our wonderful City Staff. A special thanks to all of our volunteers – we could not do it without you!

END OF PARADE

Please plan to join us in the City of Fairfax on July 4, 2024, for the celebration of our nation's birth. For updates, how to volunteer, or how to participate in this event, please visit the City of Fairfax website

www.fairfaxva.gov/July4