



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 58th July 4th parade celebrating our Nation's birth with the theme

"WE STAND UNITED".

FAIRFAX CITY HIGHLIGHTS

- 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.
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- *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;
 - **FRIENDS** – American Legion Post 177; Auto World Co. Inc. t/a Pop's Auto Body & Paint; Honoring Walt Potock by the Potock Family; VWF Post 8460
 - **Supporter Sponsors** – Atlantic Floors & Services, Inc.; JL Tree Service, Inc.; Kiwanis Club of Fairfax; Rita' Italian Ice of Fairfax; Shelvin Smith, PC
 - **Donor Sponsors** - Beverly Myers; DHL Beauty LLC dba Banyan Tree Nails & Spa; Fairfax Midas Auto Service & Tire Center; First American Real Estate; Humane Society of Fairfax County; Joy Unlimited; M&Y Enterprises, LLC; Naol, LLC (NGH Shell); NOVA Korean SDA Church; Pamela Jones & Kristopher Heim; Top One Hair Salon, LLC; Simply Mindful Solutions
 - **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 FIRE FIGHTER'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 out of 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

US ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD is a group of four cadets that present the United States and Air Force flags at games and ceremonies. Presenting the Colors is a military tradition dating back to the beginning of our country. When performing a Color Guard, these four cadets form a line.

US MARINE CORPS, DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS the United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps' mission is to provide music and drill ceremony to the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Commanding Officer of Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. Founded in 1934, "The Commandant's Own" is the only active-duty drum and bugle corps currently serving in our armed forces.

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 started 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.

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 Catherine S. Read is serving her first two-year term as Mayor. She currently serves on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC). Additionally, she serves on the Virginia Poverty Law Center Advisory Board and the Equality Virginia PAC Board. A city resident since 2000 in the Daniels Run Woods, Providence Square, and Fairchester Woods neighborhoods, she has most recently worked with local nonprofits on legislative

advocacy and messaging, and continues to occasionally host shows for Fairfax Public Access. Read earned a B.A. in government and politics from George Mason University and was recently elected to serve on the Alumni Chapter Board of Mason's Schar School of Public Policy and Government for 24-26. She resides with her husband Tom Greeson and their dog Reggie.

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, graduated with a physics major from George Mason University and is currently serving as a research intern. He plans to continue studying physics at the graduate level. 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 while an undergraduate, has been 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 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. 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.

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.

UNCLE SAM our Grand Marshall is riding on the float with Mayor and Council

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 STACY HALL is serving her first term as a City of Fairfax school board member. She is a past PTA president and vice president of membership at Providence Elementary School. At Providence ES, she also ran the PTA book fair for several years. She is an active board member and treasurer of the Cobbdale Civic Association. Ms. Hall graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in finance with minors in economics and biology. She currently works as a controller in the private sector. Ms. Hall moved to the City of Fairfax in 2011 and she and her husband have two children in Fairfax City schools.

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 the 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 sixth 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 eleventh 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.

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 America Legion is a Congressionally Chartered non-profit organization of US Military Veterans. With over 1,000 members, Fairfax Post 177 is one of the largest posts in the Department of Virginia. The Post has an active Auxiliary Unit, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders chapter. An active member of Fairfax community, Post 177 sponsors Scouts of America Troop 1887, 1888, Cub Scout Pack 656 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.

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. Troop 1887's mission is to prepare young

people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Troop 1887 participates in camping, outdoor activities, community service and high adventure treks.

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.

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. The City of Fairfax Band performs several regular season concerts, including Spotlight on the Arts featured Performances. In 2017, The Band was invited to Normandy, France to be the featured musical performer for several D-Day commemoration ceremonies. In 2023, the Band celebrated its (belated) 50th anniversary with a sell-out at Capital One Hall.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 8469 "BLUE AND GRAY", 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!!

1949 ANTIQUE RED TRUCK with Lady Liberty.

IDCC FLOAT features Fairfax City Parks Crew and Sneakers, City of Fairfax mascot. Representing the Parks Crew today is Mac Ryan, Parks Manager. Mac has been the Park Manager for 10 years and will be retiring at the end of this year. Joining Mac on the float are Christopher Fleming, Hector Franco, Ronis Reyes, Tanner Preiss, Jared Mallow Patrick Scholzen, Bob Petrie, Ed Hurley, Oen Schmitt, David Paniagua, William West and Diavonte Barlow. Please give a big round of applause for our hard-working Park Crews.

UNCLE SAM'S HAT is flying high over the parade. This popular symbol of freedom and liberty is one of the symbols of our great country. Uncle Sam's Hat is over twelve feet tall and requires 500 cubic feet of helium to fly down the parade route. Uncle Sam's hat is being carried today by Patient First.

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DIVISION II

THE 8TH GREEN MACHIN REGIMENT BAND (GMU) is one of the Historical Ensembles apart of the Green Machine from George Mason University. The ensemble is an early American brass band that performs music of the 1800s on period brass and percussion instruments. The ensemble is comprised of GMU students, alumni and community members. The ensemble has performed at various events including Battle of Fort Stevens Commemoration, Washington, DC (2023), Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Parade (2022, 2023), and Civil War & Emancipation Day, Richmond, VA (2024) to name a few.

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. Prior to his election to Congress, he served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. Congressman Connolly was ranked the Most Effective Lawmaker of the 117th Congress by the Center for Effective Lawmaking. 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. He also serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and served as the President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly from 2020 through 2022 and was just recently elected to a second term as President at the end of June. Congressman Connolly resides in Fairfax with his wife Smitty and has a daughter Caitlin.

STATE SENATOR TIMOTHY M. KAINE was elected to the Senate in 2012 and serves on the Armed Services; Budget; Foreign Relations; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committees. Tim grew up working in his father's ironworking shop in Kansas City. His parents taught him the value of hard work and showed him how small businesses and technical skills strengthen this country every day. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he started his public service career by running a technical school founded by Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. He trained teenagers to become carpenters and welders, equipping them with skills to lift up themselves and their communities. He was first elected to office in 1994, serving as a city councilmember and then Mayor of Richmond. He became Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006. He is married to Anne Holton, who served as Virginia Secretary of Education from 2014 until 2016 and as the Interim President of George Mason University from 2019 until 2020; she now teaches education policy at GMU. They both revel in the adventures of their three grown children and live in Richmond.

STATE SENATOR SADDAM ALAN SALIM assumed office on January 10, 2024. Saddam Salim was born in Noakhali, Bangladesh. He graduated from Falls Church High School. Salim earned an associate degree from Northern Virginia Community College in 2010 and a bachelor's degree and a graduate degree in public administration from George Mason University in 2012 and 2015, respectively. His career experience includes working in financial services.

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 as chair of the General Laws Committee and is a member of the Appropriations and Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources committees. He is also appointed to the Chesapeake Bay Commission, Housing Commission, and Early Childhood Care and Education 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.

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY STEVE T. DESCANO was sworn in as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax in January 2020. Since taking office, Steve has undertaken a reform agenda aimed at mitigating racial and socioeconomic disparities and countering mass incarceration in Fairfax County's Justice System - while keeping our communities safe. Under his leadership, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has stopped requesting cash bail, implemented a new sentencing policy to address mass incarceration, and restructured the office to produce accountability around reforms, among other initiatives. A West Point graduate, Steve served as a U.S. Army Aviation Officer before putting himself through law school and becoming a federal prosecutor. He served in the Obama Administration's Justice Department for six years, specializing in the prosecution of complex financial crimes. After his work in the Justice Department, Steve was selected as the Fairfax County NAACP's first nominee to the County's Police Civilian Review Panel. He also worked to help families throughout the region as the Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel at Paragon Autism Services, Northern Virginia's premiere provider of Applied Behavior Analysis therapy for children with Autism. Steve lives in Burke with his wife, Ryanne, and his daughter, Charlotte.

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, a top-tier research institution that is a leader in innovation, entrepreneurship and social mobility. Under Dr. Washington's leadership, George Mason in fall 2023 became the first four-year public university in Virginia to enroll more than 40,000 students, and the Wall Street Journal (#33) and Forbes (#40) now rank Mason among the best public universities in the country. Entering his fifth year as George Mason president, Dr. Washington has created many additional academic and entrepreneurial opportunities, including the Mason Virginia Promise, a pathway to a Mason degree or help starting a business for any Virginian who aspires to either goal. The Mason Virginia Promise is an extension of the nationally lauded ADVANCE Program partnership with Northern Virginia Community College. Dr. Washington has opened or broken ground on academic facilities on all three Virginia campuses. On Mason's campus in Arlington, now known as Mason Square, he marshaled the largest public-private partnership in the university's history, Fuse at Mason Square. On the Fairfax Campus, George Mason established the first College of Public Health in Virginia. And on the Science and Technology Campus in Manassas, the university developed partnerships for the new Life Sciences and Engineering Building and the Innovation Town Center and University Village at Innovation projects. Dr. Washington also has presided over the highest sponsored research expenditures and philanthropy in Mason history. He was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 2023.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS AND MASON'S PATRIOT George Mason Athletics, a proud member of the A-10 Conference, has 500 student-athletes participating in 22 competitive sports. George Mason host more than 200 competitions and events annually on their Fairfax Campus. George Mason Athletics has won a national championship in women's soccer, has had individual national champions in track and field and energized the community in 2006 when the men's basketball team advance to the Final Four. George Mason has a rich and long stored tradition in athletics. The Patriot is 7-foot 240-pound mascot which resembles a Patriot can be described as an athletic, strong and agile and reflects the spirit of the University. The mascot has yet to be named and will be given a name through a month-long contest.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT GEROGE MASON UNIVERSITY is participating for the second time in the parade. OLLI Mason mission is to walk as many trails in Fairfax County as time permitted. Our goals are exercise and initiating, maintaining camaraderie.

VIRGINIA Qi PAO ORGANIZATION was founded in 2015 by a group of women who are passionate about Asian traditional Qi Pa culture in the Greater Washington DC area. Their mission is to promote and inherit Asian traditional culture and Qi Pan culture. Qi Pau, as the traditional dress of Chinese and overseas Chinese women, is regarded as a national treasure of China and represents one of the most splendid expressions of Asian Clothing culture.

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. Pack 1865 keeps busy year-round with fun and challenging activities that promote character development, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Favorite events are the annual Pinewood Derby and our two annual 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.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CENTER is a recreational center with numerous and varied activities for all adults 55 years and older. Located at the Green Acres Center in Fairfax City, membership is open at no charge to residents of Fairfax City and Fairfax County who are 55 years and “better”, including over 20 free drop-in activities from Bocce to Bridge, games, music history and arts groups, theme parties, day trips, a variety of classes from fitness to ukulele, both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. The Senior has something for everyone in a fun environment. This year our honored Queen and King are Honee Hult and Bob Juenger. They represent the best of Young at Hearts members and can often be found at the senior center playing pickleball, singing and playing music, playing card games and attending the theme parties.

NOVA PARKS (FLOAT) NOVA Parks conserves more than 12, 000 acres of woodlands, streams and rolling Virginia Countryside. Through your parks, NOVA Parks provides over two million citizens with active and passive recreational opportunities and some of the finest facilities in the country. This year’s float represents the 50th Anniversary of the W&OD Trial.

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 accept children with orthopedic, burns, cleft lip and palate, regardless of families’ ability to pay.

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 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 tem” 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 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, reduce the tax burden on our residents and eliminate unnecessary regulation. He serves as Chair of the Board’s IT 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 8 years.

CHRISTOPHER J. FALCON, CLERK OF THE FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT was born in Falls Church, Virginia and is the proud son of two immigrant parents from Peru and Ecuador. He grew up speaking Spanish and learned to speak English as his second language in kindergarten with the Fairfax County Public School system. He graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax and became part of the first generation of his family to graduate from college when he received his bachelor’s degree from James Madison University. Mr. Falcon has been a practicing attorney for the past 14 years and served as Deputy Clerk, Civil Division Supervisor and Legal Counsel for the Arlington Circuit Court Clerk’s office. During his tenure, Chris implemented multiple e-solutions that have improved accessibility, efficiency, and the overall customer experience. Mr. Falcon resides in Annandale with his wife Jackie and their three children.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE MOTOR SQUAD was established in 1925 and is comprised of 32 full time motor officers. The mission of the motor squad is to ensure safety of all motorist, pedestrians, and bicyclists. This is done through aggressive enforcement of the traffic laws of the Commonwealth.

CUB SCOUT PACK 656 welcomes boys and girls in Kinder through 5th grades to build values and skills around respect, commitment to the public good, accountability, inclusiveness, integrity, honesty and stewardship of resources. The group is volunteer-based by families committed to encouraging service life, respecting and enjoying the outdoors, and fostering collaborate learning. This pack serves several local Fairfax elementary schools and is supported by the American Legion Post 177, and is part of the National Capital Areal Council of the Boys Scouts of America.

CHANCELLOR HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING REGIMENT MARCHING BAND are from Fredericksburg, VA. The Chancellor HS Lightning Regiment Marching Band is a 23-year Virginia Honor Band. The group performs at various local parades, home and away football games, and local marching band competition. Students in this ensemble are in grades 9-12. Awards include 2023 JMU parade of Champions-1st place, 2023 Tidewater Music for All Marching Band Competition-1st place, 2023 North Stafford HS Big Blue Invitational-1st place and 2023 Woodbridge Viking Classic-2nd place.

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION – DC CHAPTER - WWII MILITARY JEEP is appearing for the third time in the parade. The 82nd Airborne Division Association is comprised of paratroopers who have honorably served in any military branch. The association was formed in England in 1944 prior to the Allies invasion of the Normandy on D-Day. The purpose of the Association is to support active and prior service paratroopers and promote the legacy of Glider Men and Airborne Forces. Airborne All the Way.

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. It is available to boys and girls from 1st thru 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). They participate in Scouting for Food (Washington Area Food Banks), National Night Out, Community Cleanup just to name a few.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT DANCERS formed in 1992, they have been dancing in our parade for 28th years. offer a summer dance camp, "Faith in Motion," for children ages 4 to 13 with the goal of preparing kids to dance in the parade. The dances we are dancing today in the parade to bring a blessing to our city and celebrate 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. We love to dance outdoors and have performed at the Fairfax City's National Dance Day and their Holiday Market. We have danced at the National Zoo, the National Christmas Tree Music Program, DC Dance Project, Project Dance New York City, and Dance Project Atlanta. In 2023, they received the Mayor and City Council 2nd place award and 2nd place in the Youth Marching Division at the parade.

MCDONALD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT is located approximately 18 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, PA and have been in service since 1893 with over 100 members to date. The brotherhood between McDonald and Fairfax VFD first started 62 years ago when their fire chief was married to a member of the FFVD (Fred Devalkner) and they wanted to get both companies together (there have been news stories of both Fairfax and Washington, PA newspapers). We will continue to make the trip of brotherhood until no one is with us.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION – VA CHAPTER formed in 2012 and now has chapters in all 50 states. Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. We pass stronger gun law and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. We also work in our communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. We know that gun violence is preventable, and we work to keep families safe.

FLYING CIRCUS AIRSHOW founded in 1971 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.

CITY OF FAIRFAX LIBRARY PRECISION BOOK CART DRILL TEAM participating in this event for over 30 years, 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. It soon became a beloved annual tradition. We appreciate the enthusiastic support from the crowds for our drill team and the library in general. Remember that Adventure Begins at Your Library and we encourage adults and children alike to visit the library and participate in our annual summer reading program. Keep Reading!

ROTARY CLUB OF FAIRFAX VA founded in 1931 and is one of the oldest Rotary Club in the Washington DC area. We were chartered in 1931 and are proud members of Rotary International with over 1.2 million members worldwide in 32,000 clubs.

FAIRFAX VA CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP appearing today for their 22nd 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.

SUN WITH SUNGLASS BALLOON is cool with the sunglasses and a big smile. Just like the actual Sun, the Sun balloon is powered with helium. In this case the helium doesn’t burn, but rather the helium provides the lift we need to fly high above the parade. It takes 900 cubic feet of helium to propel our Sun and six handlers to make it dance in the sky. The balloon is being carried today by a wonderful group of volunteers.

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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 28 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,” “Special Olympics,” “Habitat for Humanity,” “American Wheelchair Mission,” and the “Gary Sinise Foundation.”

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.

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.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP VA-1115 formed in 2007 and are appearing for the second year in our parade. American Heritage Girls is a church-based, character and leadership development program dedicated to building young ladies of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. They have participated in Old Town Alexandria George Washington Birthday Parade in 2023 and 2024.

TRIAL LIFE USA TROOP VA-115 was formed in 2014 and are appearing for the second year in our parade. Trial Life USA is a church-based, adventure program for boys that teaches leadership skill, outdoors skills, and challenges them to develop a strong character focused on their faith, while serving their community. They have participated in Old Town Alexandria George Washington Birthday Parade in 2023 and 2024.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MODEL A FORD CLUB formed in 1963, is making their seventh 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.

VIRGINIA BALLET COMPANY & SCHOOL established in Northern Virginia more than 70 years ago are participating for the third time in our parade. For over 70-years VBC has prided itself with providing the highest quality of classical dance education and to sage performances of exceptional artistic merit in the Washington Metropolitan area. Through our curriculum we instill self-discipline and confidence to help guide our students in what-ever path they take. They offer an array of classes and genres of dance for all ages. They have participated in US Army Band American Holiday Festival, Saturday Morning Live! at National theater, US Air Force Band, Vivia Vienna and many more.

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 Tuesday's nights during the school year. Scout Pack 882 enjoys activities such as camping, hiking, scouting for food, biking, model rockets, pumpkin rolls, raingutter regatta and the ever-famous pinewood derby. 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.

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.



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*.



Martin Nodell (initially using the pen-name Mart Dellon) created the first Green Lantern in collaboration with Bill Finger. He first appeared in the Golden Age of Comic Books in *All-American Comics* #16 (July 1940), published by All-American Publications, one of three companies that would eventually merge to form DC Comics.^[3]

This Green Lantern's real name was Alan Scott, a railroad engineer who, after a railway crash, came into possession of a magic lantern which spoke to him and said it would bring power. From this, he crafted a magic ring that gave him a wide variety of powers. The limitations of the ring were that it had to be "charged" every 24 hours by touching it to the lantern for a time and that it could not directly affect objects made of wood. Alan Scott fought mostly ordinary human villains, but he did have a few paranormal ones such as the immortal Vandal Savage and the zombie Solomon Grundy. Most stories took place in New York. Green Lantern rings are made from magic.



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.

CENTREVILLE MOOSE LODGE 2168 (FLOAT) fraternal Moose Lodge formed in Centreville, VA in 1972 and moved to Fairfax in 1998. The Moose Lodge supports many different deserving charitable organizations and individuals through their philanthropic volunteering and donations. Their most important charities are Mooseheart (City for Children in need) and Moosehaven (City of Contentment for retired members). The Moose Lodge participates in Fairfax Fall Festival, Bite out of Cancer Valentines Dinner, Hosting Fairfax Inter-Service club Council monthly luncheons and hosting several Chamber of Commerce networking events.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION – NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER 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

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. The Walking Flag today is carried by 15 of our best volunteers.

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DIVISION V

CHOPTICON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND is appearing for the sixth 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.

JUST CLOWING AROUND formed in 1985 as a not for profit organization in which people could learn and practice the art of clowning. Our members try to bring smile and laughter to people of all ages.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1533 has been around since 1967, Cub Scout Pack 1533 is newly chartered by the Optimists Club of Central Fairfax. We provide more than 50 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.

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI KAZOO BAND joining us today for a seventh 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.

NOVA LABS makerspace is a community makerspace located right in Fairfax City. Our makerspace is a home to a vibrant make community, where members learn, create, and collaborate. We offer access to resources, tools, advanced marching, and technology equipment to craft, make, prototype and fabricate. It is the ultimate workspace for hobbyists, tinkerers, engineers, artisans and entrepreneurs.

FAIRFAX JUBIL-AIRES, formed in 1954, have participated in this parade for many years and are a barbershop chorus (four part acapella harmony singing). They provide entertainment throughout not just Fairfax County but Northern Virginia generally at multiple venues especially at retirement communities. They perform annually at the City of Fairfax's Festival of Lights and Carols; Vienna Stroll at Christmas and numerous other annual events. In March 2024 we put on a 2 plus hour show at the Capital One Hall in Tysons Corner.

CITY OF FAIRFAX INDEPENDENT GROUP We are the independent candidates for Fairfax City Mayor and Council. We are moms, dads, business owners, students, lawyers, veterans, non-profit leaders, environmentalists, consultants and government employees who are tired of partisanship and politicians who listen to parties over residents. We care deeply about the City of Fairfax and we want elected leaders who listen to residents, who are transparent, and responsive. Many of us never planned to run for office

but we didn't like what we were seeing. We look forward to earning your vote on November 5, 2024. We are the Fairfax City Independent Ballot.

FAIRFAX POLICE YOUTH CLUB (FPYC) was formed in 1963 and has participated in this parade for many years. Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC) offers year-round opportunities for children to participate in a variety of sports. There are over 4,000 families whose children participate in basketball, field hockey, flag football, tackle football, cheer, lacrosse, cross country running, track and field, soccer and youth challenge basketball/lacrosse/soccer.

HENRY MASONIC LODGE NO. 57 ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS was established in 1869 and are appearing for their fifth 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. 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.

F.F.C.U. SAN SIMON SUCRE FILIAL VA was founded in June 1996 in Sucre-Bolivia. The institution consist of dancers from all ages who are proud to demonstrate and embrace the Bolivian heritage. The subsidiary Filial Virginia was created on October 17, 2029 under the representation and coordination of Mrs. Zulma Claros Paco. Caporales is a traditional Andean dance originate in Los Yungas La Pas-Bolivia. Caproales was presented in public for the first time in 1969 and since then it became one of the most popular dances in Bolivia. San Simon Sucre has 14 subsidiaries around the world. Place 1st for best dance group in 2023 at Christmas Parade Baltimore, 2nd place for best dance team in 2023 at 49th Neputne Festival Grand 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. 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.

CONVENTION OF STATES was formed in 2014 and appearing in the parade for the second time. Seeks to have 34 State Legislatures exercise Article V of the US Constitution. It calls for an Article V convention limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

VIETNAMESE LITERARY AND ARTISTIC CLUB is a nonprofit organization established in 2000. VLAC's mission is to preserve Vietnamese culture and promote literacy, art, and education. Throughout the year, VLAC has hosted several cultural events, new book releases, music show, mid-autumn festivals, and Luna New Year festivals. VLCA has also provide humanitarian services to the American communities, including fundraising for natural disaster victims, feeding people without homes, and providing support and rescue to help senior improve life satisfaction and mental health.

VERY HUNGRY CATEPILLAR is the picture book character that has eaten its way into the hearts of millions of children and adults all over the world. Our parade balloon Very Hungry Caterpillar is the same bright, colorful image as what you see in the book, but with one big difference. Our very big, Very Hungry Caterpillar is over 35 feet long and we fed him almost 2400 cubic feet of helium and so he is not so hungry right now. That is why our twenty-two balloon handlers should have no trouble helping the Very Hungry

Caterpillar fly down the parade route today. The Very Hungry Caterpillar is being carried by the Kiwanis today.

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DIVISION VI

GREAT MILLS MARCHING HORNETS formed in 1960, are making their ninth appearance in this parade. Great Mills High School Marching Hornets is a program of excellence for over 50 years, with 5 state championships in recent years, and both 2nd and 3rd place at USBands Open Class National Championships. The Great Mills High School Marching Hornets is under the Direction of Mr. James C. Bowne III, an Alumni of the School and Program, Class of 2015. 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.

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 teachings have been translated in over 40 languages. They have participated in George Washington Birthday Parade and Annapolis July 4 parade.

DANIELS RUN WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION was formed in 1958 and appearing for the first time in the parade. Our neighborhood is that we were not a planned development. We were built street by street. We were called Country Club Estates, Fairview Estates and Greenway Hills. In early 2023 the City of Fairfax began a program throughout the City to rename streets and signage to follow a vision that is more accountable, diverse and inclusive. Our neighborhood voted to select a new name to coincide with the street name changes in the City of Fairfax. It was a great turn out with the majority voting to change the name. We had 152 votes with 65% in favor of changing the name. At our Annual Civic Association Meeting on May 12th2023, Mayor Catherine Read cut the celebratory cake for Daniels Run Woods neighborhood. The Association Board followed suit and adopted the name Daniels Run Woods Civic Association.

SAVE SOIL – CONSCIOUS PLANET was formed in 2022 and is a global movement aiming to raise awareness about rapid soil depletion happening globally. The effort is to talk about the situation in the most interactive and positive way encouraging people to act so we would be able to reverse the situation until it's too late. We received the Save Soil Day Proclamation from Mayor Read and March 21, 2024 was proclaimed as Save Soil Day in the City of Fairfax.

CITY OF FAIRFAX REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE represents the sensible center of the City of Fairfax. They believe that the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice, all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society, fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government.

CAPITAL VIPERS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CVOA) are participating for the fourth 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.

PRINCESSES - Enchanted Empowerment has selectively chosen performers who pour their heart and soul into their interactions with children (even the grown-up sized ones!). We take each character we portray very seriously. If the character experience in a child's hometown isn't like the experience in a theme park, the magic could be lost! All our activities have been created to be distinct from other local companies, with the priority being that each child feels seen, valued, and powerful. Our performers all sing live and have significant experience with children in educational settings, as well as training in performing arts.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

EAGLE ON A ROCK BALLOON this great bird, the American Eagle symbolizes the strength and freedom of America. Many other wonderful qualities are expressed about the Eagle because it stands for leadership and authority, power and protection and as an emblem of our Nation it represents fierce beauty and proud independence. The Eagle on the Rock stands about eighteen feet tall, it is made of heavy duty vinyl coated nylon fabric for durability and requires a heavy duty blower to keep it fully inflated. It takes a crew of eight to guide it down the parade route. The Eagle on the Rock is being handled by a group of wonderful volunteers.

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DIVISION VII

NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTERS' EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND appearing today under the leadership of Pipe Major Jason Allen, Drum Major William Bryce, and President Matthew Lopez, is the Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band. They made their first appearance in our parade in 1984. The band's mission is to showcase and honor the work of the region's firefighters and other public service personnel. The band does this through public performances such as line of duty funerals, promotion, graduation and retirement ceremonies, and local parades. The band is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and looks forward to the next 40 years of serving the community. They participate in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the St. Patrick's Day parades in Washington, DC.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department. Only July 1, 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 departments. By 1985, there were over 1,000 career firefighters, thus making the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department the largest department in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of the best in the nation. Today, we provide a full complement of fire suppression, technical rescue, swift water rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services. Today nearly 1500 uniformed men and women operate from 39 fire and rescue stations strategically positioned throughout Fairfax County. The great men and women of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department are led by Fire Chief John Butler and his senior leadership team.

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 a Spot.

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 improv, 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 together and 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.

KAIZEN MMA OF FAIRFAX is a martial arts dojo for children and adults dedicated to providing a well-rounded mix of martial arts programs and fun afterschool and summer camp for ages 4-12-year-old.

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 War 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.

TINKUS BOLIVIA USA is a Bolivian dance group created in 2016 to keep Bolivian culture preserved. Dancers are of all ages and from different ethnic backgrounds. We have participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Falls Church, 4th of July Parade in DC, Halloween Parade in Vienna and Thanksgiving Parade in Annandale.

PATRIOTIC DINOSAURS In Fairfax City an extraordinary spectacle has unfolded on these sun-drenched streets. Prehistoric giants, adorned in red, white, and blue, are taking center stage in the 58th annual Independence Day Parade. As you can see this Dinosaur Brigade marches with thunderous footsteps. Their mighty tail, adorned with tiny stars and stripes, swished through the air, a symbol of the nation's resilience. This special Dinosaur Brigade serves as a reminder that even in the most remote corners of the past, the spirit of unity and love for one's country could endure for centuries to come.

MISS FAIFAX CITY - Amini Elizabeth Bonane is a community leader, organizer and champion for women and girls. Participation includes 2020 and 2022 MLK Jr Parade, 2021 and 2023 4th of July Parade. Awards include 2024 MIPAD Nominee, 2023 Pride Network Grantee, 2023 President's Lifetime Achievement Award, and 2022 Volunteer Fairfax Service Award.

CUB SCOUT PACK 1513 is a local cub scout pack serving Fairfax Villa Elementary School and the surrounding community, instilling the values of the scout law. Pack 1513 looks forward to continuing to help Fairfax youth grow in mind body and spirit for year to come. The pack has participated in watershed and park clean up and park preservation. They were awarded the BSA Gold Unit Award, 2016-2019.

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, 31 years later, more than 40 students carry on that mission as members of the Senior and Junior Ensembles under the direction of Dustin Kimball and Ballet Mistress, Leanne Mizzioni. As a non-profit, the BAE participates in civic outreach to bring the arts to members of Northern Virginia Community. Awarded 1st place in our 2023 July 4th parade.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL BLUE & WHITE MARCHING BAND under the direction of James Perry is making their 17th appearance in today's parade. The Blue and White Marching Machine has thrilled audiences across the United States with their high energy performance, showmanship and diverse repertoire. 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 just to name a few.

JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTER was formed in 2000 and has participated in our parade since 2010. Jubilee Christian Center is in Fairfax. They 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 and online at jccag.org. JCC sponsors an Annual Eggstravaganza, National Day of Prayer, Fall Fuun Fest and other family and community events.

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. Carried by Jubilee Christian Center.

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 58th 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, 2025, 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