

THE PLAZA POST

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Homeowners Association News

Plan Change Proposed for Merrifield Redevelopment

Malkin Properties, owner of Merrifield at Dunn Loring Apartments has recently proposed a zoning plan amendment to that would replace 706 existing garden-style apartments with up to 2,975 apartments and 25,000 square feet of “neighborhood retail”, new public parks and roadway layout. A key component of the redevelopment is the proposed connection of Park Tower Drive and Hartland Road, allowing traffic to bypass the intersection of Route 29 and Gallows Road. (continued page 2)

Community Block Party

The community block party held on June 17th was a success, featuring a delicious assortment of pot luck offerings from neighbors and friends. Special thanks to all who contributed!



Next Board Meeting: July 17th

The next meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. You'll find the meeting link at <https://www.plazaatdunnloring.com/>. Just select the meeting date and click on the Zoom link to join.

Local Buzz

What's Happening at The Mosaic District

Movies in the Park- bring a blanket or chair for another summer of movies on the outdoor screen in Strawberry Park. Thursdays, 7 pm.

Cartoons and Coffee - Cartoons on the big screen every Saturday from 9 to 10 am. (continued page 2)

Vienna Summer on the Green Concerts

The Town of Vienna hosts free music concerts on Fridays from July 10th through August 21st on the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave E. The 90-minute concerts will feature a wide range of musical genres. Start time is 6:30 pm.



Notable dates

4th-Independence Day
15th-MLB All-Star Game/National Hot Dog Day
25th-National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
28th-National Waterpark Day

Trivia Contest

What island, sitting in the Potomac and managed under the National Park Service, was renamed from Mason's Island in the 1930s? Miles of trails through the natural forest honor this conservationist president.

Rules: Entries are due by July 25th at 11:59 pm for a chance to win a prize (TBD)! Email your name and unit number along with your answer to plazadunnloring@gmail.com.

Note: Contest is limited to residents of Westbriar Plaza.

Last month's trivia answer:

The name of the female personification of the United States is “Columbia;” portrayed as a goddess draped in a neoclassical gown and holding a sword, an olive branch, and a laurel wreath as metaphors for justice, peace, and victory. Bonus note: She is also the iconic symbol for the film production and distribution company Columbia Pictures.

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Members of the Association Board were invited to a June 24th presentation of the plan, hosted by the Developer's attorney DLA Piper, along with board members for Vienna Crossing and Westbriar Condominiums. Fairfax County hosted a Zoom meeting.

On June 25th, Fairfax County Planning hosted a Zoom meeting to present their findings to date based on their multi-department plan review process.

Several attendees expressed concerns about loss of the visual buffer between proposed buildings along the property lines of townhomes and apartments on Manhattan Place.

Expected traffic increases on Park Tower Drive and Bellforest Drive resulting from connections to Route 29 were also of concern.

Fairfax County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the plan amendment (on July 22, 2026, followed by the Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2026).

Source: Excerpt from June 24, 2026 presentation made by Antonio Calabrese, DLA Piper

What's Happening at The Mosaic District, continued

Summer Music Series* - free, outdoor, all-ages summer concert series featuring a "Local Talent Showcase" from 6-7 pm, followed by live music starting at 7 pm.

Arts in the Park* - Free, educational shows that introduce children to live entertainment in an outdoor setting. Sundays, 10-10:45 am

World Cup Soccer - on the big screen in Strawberry Park, various dates.

Find out more at: <https://mosaicdistrict.com/events/>.

*No programming July 4th weekend.

Celebrate America's 250th at Fairfax County Parks

This summer, Fairfax County joins the nation in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States with the Discovery Map. The Discovery Map offers a free, self-guided way to explore parks, historic sites, nature centers, and recreation facilities representative of Fairfax County's connections to our nation's history and heritage. If you visit eight locations and answer the site questions you can even win prizes! Pick up a map at any Fairfax County Park Authority location or download it to print at home. Download the map and get contest details at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/discovery-trail-map>.