



Kingston Chase Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 332
Herndon, VA 20172

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kingston Chase Homeowners Association, Inc., we welcome you to Kingston Chase. We, the homeowners of Kingston Chase, are proud of our community and congratulate you on your decision to live here as our neighbor.

The Kingston Chase Homeowners Association, Inc. was incorporated in March of 1974 as a non-profit association whose mission is to protect the value of properties by providing architectural control of Kingston Chase residential lots, to provide a means of maintaining and improving community common areas, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

With the purchase of your home in Kingston Chase, you now have a vote in the community association as a dues paying member. We strongly encourage every member to become involved in community affairs, either by becoming an active member on the Board of Directors, or as a member of one of our specific committees. At the very least, it is the right as well as the responsibility of each homeowner to vote at the Annual Meeting and Special Meetings (when applicable).

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, which is legally binding upon all homeowners in Kingston Chase, empowers the Association to collect annual dues from each homeowner so as to provide sufficient funds to fulfill its responsibilities.

The Association is managed by an eleven person Board of Directions elected by the homeowners in Kingston Chase. Each director is elected to a term of three years. Regular meetings of the Board are held monthly. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Meeting is held in December. Attendance will enable you to be present for a complete review of the past year's operation, review the next year's proposed budget, and elect new board members who will replace those whose terms are expiring. One vote per lot may be cast.

A monthly publication of the community is the Kingston Chase *Crier*. It will be mailed or emailed to you after your database information sheet is returned and is also available on the Kingston Chase website, www.kchoa.org.

Kingston Chase has established a spirit of community cooperation. We hope we can count on your participation to continue the spirit of an enviable community in an enviable location.

Sincerely,

The KCHOA Board

KINGSTON CHASE HOA DATABASE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is required by the Association for mailing the Kingston Chase newsletter (the *Crier*), billing purposes, admission to the pool (with photo of all residents), and publication of the Kingston Chase directory. It will not be used for any other purpose.

Please return this form to info@kchoa.org or: KCHOA, PO Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172.

DATE: _____ LOT #: _____

Street Address: _____

SECTION 1

I own this home *or* I rent this home (if so, please also fill out Section 3)

Primary Resident's Name: _____

Co-Resident's Full Name: _____

Main Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Publish my Name in the Kingston Chase Phone Directory: YES NO

Publish my Main Number in the Kingston Chase Phone Directory: YES NO

Please list all *other* current or anticipated occupants of this lot, including all children:

Occupant Full Name: _____

Occupant Full Name: _____

Occupant Full Name: _____

Occupant Full Name: _____

SECTION 2

A recent picture of all residents is enclosed, with names and lot number on the back.

Please check the boxes below to sign up for email updates from:

KCHOA Neighborhood Watch (crime and safety).

KCHOA general information (community events, speakers and deadlines).

KCHOA newsletter (the *Crier*) in electronic format only (except December issue).

SECTION 3

If you are not the owner of this lot, please also complete the following:

Main Owner's Full Name: _____

Co-Owner's Full Name: _____

Owner's Telephone Number: _____

Owner's Email Address: _____

2021 POOL HOURS

May 29 – Jun 11

11 AM – 8 PM - Saturday & Sunday
(and Memorial Day Monday)

4 PM – 8 PM - Monday – Friday

Swim Team - all lap lanes 4:30 – 6:30 PM Monday-Thursday

LAP LANE USE 6:30 - 8 PM BY RESERVATION

Jun 12 – Aug 22

11 AM – 8 PM Monday – Thursday

11 AM - 9 PM Friday - Sunday

LAP LANE USE 11am - 8 PM BY RESERVATION

Aug 23 – Sep 12

11 AM – 8 PM - Saturday & Sunday
(and Labor Day Monday)

4 PM – 8 PM - Monday – Friday

**PLEASE VISIT THE KCHOA WEB SITE TO
RESERVE YOUR LAP LANE**

Kingston Chase Pool Rules & Regulations For the 2021 Season

Any person who permanently resides in Kingston Chase may use the pool provided the homeowner dues for that lot have been paid, there is no Board judgment against the lot, and a current picture is on file. **The payment of dues will NOT be accepted at the pool.** Renters with written authorization on file are treated as owners, provided dues are paid, and owners are not using pool privileges. Swim team members will not be permitted to practice or swim until homeowner dues have been paid.

CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT POOL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PICTURE ON FILE, YOU MUST PAY GUEST FEES TO BE PERMITTED ENTRY TO THE POOL AREA.

KCHOA Residents

- Must be 14 years of age or older to supervise children 11 years of age or younger (who have not passed the swim test).
- Must remain within 20 feet of any child who has not passed the established swim test and shall be considered the child's primary supervisor.

Non-Resident Children of Resident Parents

- Non-Resident children (under the age of 18) living outside of Kingston Chase who come for overnight visits with parents or grandparents are considered members while staying with their resident parent(s) / grandparents.
- Non-resident children over 18 must have a guest pass and must be accompanied by the resident when using the pool.

Au Pairs and exchange students

- Au Pairs and exchange students shall be treated as permanent residents provided their legal address is the same as the homeowner, homeowner dues are paid, and a current picture is on file.

KCHOA Non-Resident Baby-Sitters Watching Resident Children

- Must be 14 years of age or older.
- Must pay a guest fee. Homeowners may submit a picture of full-time sitters – one additional per lot
- May not bring guests to the pool.
- May only use the pool with children they are watching.
- Must stay in the water with any child that has not passed the established swim test. (See rule #27.)

KCHOA Resident Baby-Sitters Watching Non-resident Children

- Must be 14 years of age or older.
- Must pay a guest fee per non-resident child. (Except children two and under.)
- Must stay in the water with any child that has not passed the established swim test. (See rule #27.)

Pool Passes / Guest Fees

- There will be a \$5.00 per day charge for guests. Children age two and under and adults over 65 are free.
- Cards of 5 passes are available for \$20.00, and books of 10 cards are available for \$150 from the manager on duty or the KCHOA website.
- Checks only – **NO CASH** accepted at the pool. Pool passes do not expire at the end of the season.
- A Kingston Chase member of at least 14 years of age must always remain at the pool with their guest(s).

Pool Toys

- Toys for children of various ages are available at the pool and are to remain at the wading pool area. Donations are welcome – no small parts, please. Please follow the pool float guidelines posted at the pool.

Lost and Found

- Due to the overflow of lost and found items, items will be held for one month and then donated or discarded.

Baby Changing

- Baby Changing tables are provided in the men's bathroom and the women's restroom - PLEASE USE THEM.

Emergency Closings

- Vomit or fecal contamination in the pool will result in the pool closing for the time specified by the Fairfax County health code. See health code posting.
- In the case of lightning or thunder, the pool WILL be closed at the on-duty manager's decision as required by Fairfax Code and pool company procedures. The times will be posted in the pool office.

Pool Parties

- Pool parties are encouraged as long as the number of attendees is kept to reasonable numbers. To help accomplish this, please **reserve at least one week in advance**. This will also help us ensure we have the appropriate number of guards on duty. Guest rules are in effect - therefore, all non-residents must pay guest fees. At least 75% of the attendees must be residents, and one adult resident may bring in up to five guests per lot. Therefore, if additional guests are anticipated, additional resident adults must be present. A party is considered a group of over ten persons. There may not be more than three parties in a day, and tables should be reserved at the time of reservations. First come, first served.

The following are the stated rules and regulations for the pool:

1. Drivers drive slowly in the parking lot. Parents, watch your children. Everyone watch for backing cars.
2. All bikes must be parked in the designated area - by the bike rack. Do not lean them up against the building or leave them on the sidewalk.
3. No overnight parking is permitted without prior permission.
4. Two accessible parking spaces are reserved for those with valid state-issued handicap parking permits only.
5. No person is allowed in the pool unless a lifeguard is on duty.
6. No loud, abusive, or profane language or breach of good behavior will be tolerated.
7. No intoxicated persons shall be allowed in the pool area.
8. The pool property is a smoke, tobacco, and drug-free area. No smoking is permitted on the pool property, including parking lots.
9. Eating and drinking are allowed within the designated area only, except water in non-glass containers.
10. There shall be no glass containers permitted in the pool enclosure.
11. No pets are allowed, except after the pool closes for human use after the season.
12. Street clothes may not be worn while swimming.
13. Rubber-soled shoes only will be allowed on the pool deck.
14. All swimmers must take a shower before entering the pool.
15. Any damage to pool equipment or the premises will be paid for by the member responsible. If the damage is determined to be deliberate by the Board of Directors, the Pool Committee/Board can suspend the member's use of the pool. (Remember that since property owners are members, their children and guests are their responsibility.)
16. Any person having infectious diseases, sores, inflamed eyes, colds, nasal discharges, or any other contagious illness of any kind will not be permitted inside the pool area.
17. Any incontinent person or person not toilet trained must wear SWIM DIAPERS WITH TIGHT RUBBER PANTS.
18. Children 5 years and under are permitted in the main pool during the safety break if accompanied by a designated supervisor.
19. Children 5 years and under are allowed in the baby pool ONLY when accompanied by a parent or guardian (14 years and older) at all times. Guards do not monitor the baby pool, children are the parents' or guardians' responsibility, and a parent must accompany them. No horseplay is allowed in the baby pool enclosure.
20. Any misuse of the shower area, including loitering, will result in expulsion from the pool.
21. When the pool is closed for any reason, staff members are the only people allowed to stay in the enclosed pool area or bathhouse.
22. No flotation device over 26" in any dimension will be allowed in the pool enclosure.
23. Two lap lanes are provided for patrons to swim laps. Please use these lanes only for swimming laps. Please do not swim over or hang on the lap lanes. Be aware of swimmers in lanes before crossing – look both ways before crossing.
24. Games may be allowed in the diving area at the discretion of the guard or manager on duty.
25. There will be a 15-minute safety break at the end of every hour during which parents or guardians shall ensure that anyone under their supervision less than 14 years old is resting out of the water. Anyone under the age of 14 shall be required to exit the pool to allow lifeguards to ensure rules are being followed. (Except as stated in Rule #18.)
26. Inappropriate use of any pool toys will cause them to be confiscated by the lifeguard or manager. Squirt guns - NOT WATER CANNONS - will be allowed in the pool.
27. KCHOA children who have had their 9th birthday may come to the pool without adult supervision. PROVIDED THEY PASS A BASIC SWIM TEST. [The test consists of swimming 25 meters freestyle [1 length of the pool] and treading water for 1 minute].
28. The lifeguards are the authorities in charge of providing a safe environment for all. Patrons shall obey any instructions provided by the guards immediately without question. Failure to follow instructions may result in disciplinary action to include expulsion from the pool.

Table of Consequences / Suspensions

Any violation of the above rules, including failure to pay attention to a guard's instruction, can result in the suspension of pool privileges for any member, family member, or guest for the length of time identified below:

- A guard shall determine the extent of suspension, from a few minutes up to the remainder of the day, and, if necessary, make recommendations for more extended periods. The pool manager on duty shall confirm and document any suspensions recommended exceeding one day.
- Any subsequent violation resulting in a suspension of more than one day by a member, family member, or guest shall result in immediate suspension of pool use until the pool committee has reviewed the violation.
- At the discretion of the pool committee, an issue may be elevated to the Board of Directors to review the event and render a decision at the next scheduled board meeting, resulting in a significantly longer suspension. Suspensions may last up to 60 days.
- Any egregious activity or threats made to any guard shall result in immediate expulsion. They may warrant calling 911 and filing charges to include assault, trespassing, or include a restraining order against a member or guest.



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KINGSTON CHASE
FAIRFAX COUNTY LINE

Kingston Chase Homeowners Association
Architectural Review Committee
P.O. Box 332
Herndon, VA 20172
Application Form

Name:	Date:	
Address:	Lot No.:	
Phone:	Cell:	E-mail:

Subject of Request:

Details of Request:

Estimated Start Date:	Completion Date:
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If project has not started within in twelve (12) months after date of ARC approval, this application becomes void and a new application must be submitted for ARC approval.

Permission is hereby granted for members of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) or KCHOA Board Members to enter onto my property to make reasonable inspection of proposed construction locations and inspect again after project has been completed.

Owner's Signature: _____

Note – If the request involves changes to outside property, i.e., fences, storage sheds, patios, decks, etc., a copy of the surveyed house plat must be included showing location of request drawn to scale. If there is no plat, the request will be returned. See ARC Guidelines for details.

Excerpt from the Architectural Review Committee (“ARC”) Guidelines

1.5 What Must Homeowners Have Approved?

All exterior alterations to a homeowner's property must have approval of the ARC before work begins. Any work contracted for should have a contingency subject to the ARC approval. Upon approval, no change can be made without the consent of the ARC. Approvals are valid for 365 days, after which re-approval is required from the ARC.

1.6 How to Make an Application

An ARC application form is available on the community web page at <https://www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee>.

In addition, when an application is being prepared, homeowners must use copies of the homeowner's property plot plan for use in illustrating structures such as fences, patios, decks, etc. This helps the ARC to visualize the proposed request in the proper perspective of the existing property. When the application is for exterior color change of siding, roof, shutters, trim, doors, etc., samples of color chips should be included along with a description of the existing color. Color photographs are required.

For consideration of a homeowner's request, application and supportive information should be sent to:

KCHOA
Architectural Review Committee
P.O. Box 332
Herndon, VA 20170

Homeowners may also send applications via email to kchoa.arc@gmail.com. Emailed applications are subject to the same requirements as mailed applications: complete description of project, property plot, color samples, and a description and/or photo of the existing color or materials (when applicable) must be attached. Links to exact colors on manufacturer websites may be included in lieu of scanned samples.

It is also acceptable to present an application in person at the monthly ARC meeting. This is strongly advisable when a large project is involved. These meetings are advertised in the KC Crier. A homeowner may verify the day, time and location with any member of the ARC, Board of Directors, or through the monthly newsletter (the Kingston Chase Crier). An application may be granted, denied or sent back for more information. An application that is not considered due to lack of information shall be deemed to be denied. No application will be considered or reconsidered between monthly meetings except in emergency situations.

1.7 The Application

Copies of final plans should be submitted to the ARC. All submitted applications and supportive information will be retained on file in the ARC records. These documents will be maintained by the ARC and will not be returned. Upon approval of an application, homeowners will receive an approval letter and a copy of the first page of the submitted application for reference. Applications need to include the following items:

- 1.7.1 Plot plan showing dimensions, relation to the house where it will be constructed, and relation to adjacent residences, property lines and proposed landscaping and/or screen planting.
- 1.7.2 Description of type of materials to be used.
- 1.7.3 Color samples of exterior paint, siding, roofing, trim, doors and other building materials as applicable. These are required for exterior color changes.
- 1.7.4. Color photographs are required. Samples of professional brochures and sketches to further illustrate design and style are strongly encouraged.
- 1.7.5 If applicable, sketch or photograph showing in elevation the relationship to the applicant's house and adjacent residences.
- 1.7.6 All information and details pertaining to railings, posts, stairs, steps, benches, current house and trim color and other such items as applicable.
- 1.7.7 Any other descriptive information which would assist the ARC in the approval of the submitted application.
- 1.7.8 Estimated starting and completion date.

1.8 ARC Review Criteria of an Application

All applications submitted will be evaluated for conformance with the ARC guidelines and Protective Covenants, along with their individual merit and relevancy towards maintaining continuity and value status of the community as intended by the Protective Covenants.

For more information on the application process and requirements for specific items please review the entire ARC Guidelines.

KINGSTON CHASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Contact Information:

KCHOA Administration:

Mailing address: KCHOA, PO Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172

Email address: info@kchoa.org or kchoa.mgmt@gmail.com

Telephone: None. Please contact the President or Administrative Assistant as listed at www.kchoa.org.

KCHOA Architectural Review Committee:

Mailing address: ARC, PO Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172

Email address: kchoa.arc@gmail.com

Telephone: None. Please contact the ARC Chairman as listed at www.kchoa.org.

KCHOA Pool:

Location: 1623 Hiddenbrook Drive

Telephone at pool house: 703-787-4011

Opening Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day, most days between 11 am and 8 pm

Trash Service:

You are responsible for contracting for your own trash service. The below companies have all served Kingston Chase for a long time. The cost starts around \$80/quarter for once-a-week service.

Republic: 703-818-8222

American Disposal: 703-368-0500

Kingston Chase Events and Clubs:

The main social event of the year is the *Adult Pool Party*, usually held in July. It features a disc-jockey, dancing and all you can eat and drink buffet. About 100 people attend, often dressed in a theme outfit. In addition to various parades and events for children throughout the year, Kingston Chase also sponsors a family friendly *Oktoberfest* potluck event in the fall in the pool parking lot.

Every April, many volunteers put on boots and walk the streams and trails behind Kingston Chase in the Folly Lick Stream Valley Park to collect trash on *Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day*. The nearest access to this wooded area is off of Hiddenbrook Road near the intersection of Sayler's Creek Lane and Milliken's Bend Road.

There are a variety of clubs in the neighborhood such as: *Book Club*, *Children's Corner (Playgroup)*, and *Conservation Corps*. Most clubs meet monthly and have their own email communication. The club chairpersons and their contact information can be found in the *Crier* Newsletter.

The *Herndon Festival* is a May tradition, held in Old Town Herndon with thousands attending concerts, food and craft vendors over several days. It is within long walking distance from Kingston Chase using the Washington & Old Dominion trail (see Recreation below).

Grocery Stores are located near the following intersections:

Giant: Dranesville Road/Route 7.

Safeway: Maple Avenue/Sterling Boulevard.

Food Lion: Maple Avenue/Sterling Boulevard.

Wegman's: Waxpool Road exit off of Route 28.

Fairfax County Public Schools:

Conveniently located within Kingston Chase at 12635 Builders Road is *Clearview Elementary School*. Bus transportation is provided to *Herndon Middle School* (901 Locust Street) and *Herndon High School* (700 Bennett Street). The FCPS homepage is at www.fcps.edu. In addition, Northern Virginia has a large selection of private school and home school alternatives and resources.

Recreation:

Kingston Chase has three *open areas* for community recreation. Two are grassy lawns – one off of Flagship Avenue and one on Hiddenbrook Drive, opposite the pool area. The *Kingston Chase Little Tykes*, a soccer group for young children, practices there and plays games at the Clearview Elementary School soccer fields. The third is a trail providing a beautiful walk while passing by a storm water management pond behind the Kingston Chase pool in the Herndon Crossing subdivision, which also connects to the *Folly Lick Stream Valley Park*, a wooded area of streams and trails.

A *pool and tennis court* is also part of the Kingston Chase experience. The pool is open most days between Memorial Day and Labor Day, while the uncovered tennis court is open year round. To gain admittance to the pool, the resident lot number and a picture of the residents must be on file at the pool. For the tennis court, the combination to the lock can be obtained from the Tennis Court chairperson, using the contact information in the *Crier*.

A *clubhouse*, with room for 20 people, is available for homeowner use for free for private events. Both local chapters of the *Boy Scouts* and the *Girl Scouts* meet there. The clubhouse is located next to the pool house at 1623 Hiddenbrook Drive.

The *Kingston Chase Fighters* is the local swim team for children of all ages, which competes in the Herndon swim league and occasionally hosts the Herndon Olympics. Every year, about 80 swimmers participate in the swim team.

Frequently Called Numbers

Fairfax County Police

Police

Town of Herndon	703-435-6846
Fairfax County	703-691-2131
Reston Substation	703-478-0904
Virginia State Police	703-323-4500
Animal Control	703-691-2131

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131
Poison Control – 800-222-1222

Hospitals

Inova Fair Oaks	3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax	703-391-3600
Inova Loudoun Hospital	44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg	703-858-6000
Reston Hospital Center	1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston	703-689-9000

Libraries

Herndon Fortnightly	768 Center Street, Herndon	703-437-8855
Reston Regional	11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston	703-689-2700
Sterling Public	22330 S. Sterling Blvd, a117, Sterling	703-258-3309

Post Offices

Herndon	590 Grove Street, Herndon	800-275-8777
Reston	11110 Sunset Hills Road, Reston	800-275-8777
Sterling	150 S. Sterling Blvd., Sterling	800-275-8777

Neighborhood Public Schools

Clearview Elementary	12635 Builders Road, Herndon	703-708-6000
Herndon Middle	901 Locust Street, Herndon	703-904-4800
Herndon High	700 Bennett Street, Herndon	703-810-2200

Report Outages/Problems

Road conditions	Virginia Dept. of Transportation	800-367-7623
Street signs	Fairfax County Signs	703-877-2800
Street lights	Dominion Virginia Power	866-366-4357

Utilities

Dominion Virginia Power	1-866-366-4357
Fairfax Water	703-698-5800
Miss Utility	1-800-257-7777

Consider joining one of the 2 neighborhood Facebook groups for the most up to date neighborhood happenings.

General Info for Public: <https://www.facebook.com/Kingston-Chase-Neighborhood-Herndon-VA-900612910001611/>

Closed to Kingston Chase Residents Only: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144569199225225/>

Information in this Directory is for the private use of the homeowners of Kingston Chase. Its use as a database for solicitation or other purposes is strictly prohibited.

The 20-mile marker for the *Washington & Old Dominion Railroad bike and bike trail* is located only a short walk from Kingston Chase near the intersection of Crestview Drive and Herndon Parkway. It spans 45 miles from Old Town Alexandria in the east to Purcellville in the west. It provides a convenient short cut to Old Town Herndon.

The *Herndon Community Center* is located behind the Herndon Centennial Golf Course at 814 Ferndale Avenue. It features state of the art swimming pool, fitness room, basketball, tennis and squash courts, yoga and other classes and activities. Annual adult memberships are in the \$625 range with \$6.50 daily passes.

The closest *dog park* is in Chandon Park, located at 900 Palmer Drive off the Herndon Parkway. The park includes two tennis courts, a tot play area, a softball field and the dog park. In September, right after the pool closes, Kingston Chase hosts the *Dog Day at the Pool*, where dogs can freely play in the water with other dogs.

A History of Kingston Chase

By Ian Jones

Our community shares a rich history that mirrors the pastoral past and rapid growth of Fairfax County. The twelve remaining acres of Folly Lick Farm, now developed as Herndon Crossing, once served as the final link to a thriving dairy operation that encompassed 800 acres of land, including what today is Kingston Chase. Through a great deal of assistance from Freeland Young, Jr., who owned and resided at the farm until recently, we have been able to trace back the history of the area to the Orrison family.

Joseph Orrison purchased the land on which our community is built on November 8, 1845 – a tract of land amount to 520 acres. It is believed that Mr. Orrison also owned adjoining land, bringing the total tract to around 800 acres. The functional center of the Orrison dairy farm was located just southeast of Permit Court. The compound contained a large farmhouse, working farm buildings and slave quarters.

Although seven acres of land were condemned for right of way by the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, Joseph Orrison retained ownership of the entire tract until 1865 when he sold three tracts of land totaling over 250 acres. Sometime in 1875, Joseph Orrison died and willed the land to his descendants.

The modern history of Kingston Chase begins in the late 1920s when Freeland Young moved his family from southwest Virginia to the farm in 1928. Mr. Young worked on the dairy farm and in 1930 his son, Freeland Jr., was born in an old farmhouse near Permit Court. In 1933, the elder Freeland Young bought about 100 acres of land bordered to the east by Folly Lick stream and moved the family to a five bedroom farm house near the pond behind the Kingston Chase pool facilities.

In 1963, pressure from rapidly expanding suburban development and rezoning brought about the sale of land to housing developers. The land in that transaction is home to Kingston Chase and a

portion of the Hiddenbrook subdivision. The remaining twelve acres of the Folly Lick Farm were held by Freeland Young, Jr., until 2004. Mr. Young, Jr., attended American University in Washington, D.C., and then returned to the farm to help with the family business. For many years after the dairy farm ceased operations, the Freelands ran an active horse stable and neighbors could hear (and smell) the sounds of a farm close by. Occasionally, the peacocks would jump the fence and visit the streets of Kingston Chase. Their loud squawks were reminiscent of a parrot or monkey, and could startle even a grown man.

In 2004, the Folly Lick Farm, or the Young Farm, as Kingston Chase residents had come to call it, was sold to a developer for Ryan Homes. Construction of nineteen new homes in the Herndon Crossing subdivision began in 2008 and was completed in 2010.

The Orrison Family and Slave Cemeteries at Permit Court

The Orrisons also established a small family cemetery that is still located in the wooded circle of Permit Court. The cemetery once contained over twenty headstones, some said to contain elaborate sculpture. Time and curiosity has taken its toll on many of the markers, however, and today only nine still exist. One of the graves bears the inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Jane E. Orrison, consort of Joseph Orrison, died Feb. 15, 1890 in the 73rd year of her age. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. f.s. J.E.O." Kingston Chase HOA maintains this common area. In 2010, a marker for "Little Ray" was returned to the area by the Virginia Cemetery Association.

The Orrison Slave Cemetery lies beneath an old black walnut tree in the backyard of 1606 Permit Court, about 200 feet west of the Orrison Family Cemetery. When the site was visited in 1997, surveyors found the area near the walnut tree ungraded, so it appears that the burials were not disturbed when the Orrison plantation was developed into single family homes. According to Freeland Young, who remembers the cemetery from his boyhood, the graves were to the north of the tree where he saw several fieldstones, some inscribed with dates or initials. Mr. Young also remembers Mr. Brown, an elderly black man who visited the cemetery when he walked through the farm to his home in Oak Grove. In about 1939 or 1940, Mr. Brown explained that his parents, who had been slaves on the plantation, were buried there. His brother, although never a slave, was also buried there, because he wanted to be near their parents.



Clearview's Playground Policy

Playground Safety Rules

The preschool playground is for use by children from 2 to 5 years of age.
The upper school playground is for use by children from 5 to 12 years of age.

Equipment is to be used only as the manufacturer intended.

Children should not be allowed to play on the equipment if they are wearing any type of clothing that has a drawstring around the neck or waist.
Lanyards, as well, should not be allowed.

Only children in the 4th grade or above may use the Challenger Ladder, the Trapeze Challenge ladder, and the Double Ring Trek.

Children should play actively without running, pushing, shoving, punching, pulling, or hitting other children. Children should make room for others and look before they leap. They should not pick up and throw pieces of wood or carpet.

One child per swing; a child must sit in an upright position and not twirl or jump off while a swing is in motion; children may not walk, run, or travel in front of or in back of the swings.

Children must go down slides one at a time, sitting in an upright position, and not loiter at the top or bottom; children must not climb up or down the slide.

Do not use equipment when wet (it becomes very slippery) or when the ground is frozen.

No food, drinks, or sharp objects are allowed.

Report broken or damaged equipment to the school office.

Equipment is for school use during school hours.

Playground closes down at sundown.



Kingston Chase Homeowners Association

Neighborhood Watch Information

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Overcrowding/Excessive Occupancy Questionnaire

Kingston Chase Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned residents who undertake a special effort to be the “eyes and ears” in the neighborhood, looking for unusual events or vandalism. Reports for Neighborhood Watch and information about Neighborhood Watch incidents should be sent to:

Pete Banks at 703-209-3004 or kchoa.watch@gmail.com

Please also call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131 to file a report. Calls of a more urgent nature should go to 911. Anyone interested in joining Neighborhood Watch or being added to the email distribution list for Neighborhood Watch incidents should also contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.



Kingston Chase Neighborhood Watch Frequently Asked Questions

When Should I Call the Police?

Whenever you observe suspicious events, even though you may not be the only person observing them, call the police. Never think the next person will do what you should. The police would rather get numerous calls on the same event than none at all.

Often citizens fail to call the police because they are not sure if what they see is suspicious. If you are in doubt, call the police immediately. Don't wait to talk it over with friends or neighbors. Valuable police response time is lost this way.

What is Suspicious?

- A stranger enters your neighbor's home while your neighbor is away or someone crosses your neighbor's yard with no apparent lawful purpose.
- Someone tries to open a neighbor's door.
- A moving truck or van pulls up to a neighbor's home while they are gone.
- Remember, burglaries often occur at times when they should be most obvious – in broad daylight, in full view of observers, with no effort at subterfuge.
- Someone is carrying property such as television sets, radios, stereos, sets, etc., at an unusually late hour or in an unusual place, especially if it does not appear that the property is newly purchased.
- The sound of shattering glass could signal a possible burglary, vandalism or larceny in progress.
- Anyone peering into vehicles while walking down a street or someone removing license plates, gasoline or parts from a car; someone attempting to enter a car using a coat hanger or other device. Never assume that it is the owner who has locked the keys in the car. Be suspicious of anyone tampering with the hood or trunk of a car.
- An improperly parked car, an abandoned vehicle, or someone leaving one car and driving away in another. These may be signs of a stolen vehicle.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle could be the victim of a possible abduction.
- Persons loitering around schools, parks, isolated areas, or in the neighborhood. Loiterers could be possible sex offenders or burglars.
- Anyone on school, church, or cemetery property after dark and not taking part in an approved activity.
- Business transactions conducted from a vehicle and often involving juveniles. A steady flow of strangers to and from a particular house on a regular basis at unusual times or late hours. These can indicate drug sales or a fencing operation.
- Offers of goods or repair work at unusually low prices could indicate stolen property or some kind of fraud.

Should I call 911 or the Non-Emergency Number?

911

Use the police, fire and rescue emergency number for crimes in progress and events which are life-threatening or immediately damaging to property.

Non-emergency number (703) 691-2131

Call to report crimes which already occurred, when the suspect is no longer in the area, or to advise police of suspicious activity. The non-emergency phone number is open 24 hours and used for fire, police and rescue non-emergency reports. At times, contingent upon call volume, you may be on hold for a while. Please continue to hold, or you may choose to make your report online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/CRS/CRSDiscl.htm>. ***If you request that a Police Officer be dispatched to your home, the operator has to dispatch an officer. If a phone operator is uncooperative, request the operator's name and report this information to rescapt@co.fairfax.va.us.***



Kingston Chase Neighborhood Watch Frequently Asked Questions

What Information Do the Police Need?

You will be asked for your name, address and phone number. This information is requested in case additional contact with you is needed; however, you do not have to provide this information if you do not want to. Any information provided to the police is confidential. If you do not want personal contact with the responding officer, say so. The most important information needed by the police is:

- What happened?
- When did this happen?
- Where did this occur? The exact address, intersecting roads, or common places such as name of shopping centers, schools, etc.
- Is anyone hurt?
- License plate numbers and vehicle descriptions.
- Direction of travel.
- Description(s) of suspect(s)
- Are weapons involved?

I've called the Police, now what?

Report the observation/incident to Neighborhood Watch, Pete Banks, at (703) 209-3004 or via e-mail at kchoa.watch@gmail.com.

What can I do IF I see a car speeding in the neighborhood? Or children not secured in a car with a seat belt?

Report the license plate number, make/color of the car, location of the incident, etc., online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/CRS/CRSDiscl.htm> under the "Aggressive Driving" link. Fairfax County will send a letter to the owner of record letting them know their car was observed operating in an unsafe manner. This can alert parents to the unsafe driving behavior of their teenage children as well as making adults aware of their driving behavior.

What can I do IF a solicitor comes to my home? (Kingston Chase is a non-soliciting neighborhood.)

All Fairfax County approved solicitors are issued an ID with Fairfax County Consumer Services on the ID. You can do the following to report solicitors:

- Ask for their I.D. If you are uncomfortable asking for an I.D., ask them for a business card and/or flyer regarding their services for future reference.
- Call the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number (703) 691-2131 and provide them with the information on the business card/flyer. Fairfax County can check their database to determine if a solicitor has been approved. If the solicitor has not been approved, fines may be enforced for soliciting without a valid license.
- As always, follow up and report the information to Pete Banks, Neighborhood Watch, at (703) 209-3004 or kchoa.watch@gmail.com

Do you know you can contact Fairfax County Police for a free home security inspection?

Call Officer Robyn Jones at 703-478-0799 or restoncpo@fairfaxcounty.gov. A qualified, trained Fairfax County Police officer or auxiliary officer will inspect the locks, doors and windows of your home with you. Exterior lighting, landscaping and other factors affecting the protection of your home from burglary also will be reviewed.

Overcrowding/Excessive Occupancy in Kingston Chase

Complaints regarding overcrowding/excessive occupancy in Kingston Chase homes can be made anonymously. These potential Fairfax County zoning violations are occurring more frequently and Fairfax administrators are asking residents to report such violations. If you suspect overcrowding of a neighboring residence, please provide the KCHOA Administrative Assistant with answers to as many of the following questions as possible via e-mail at kchoa.mgmt@gmail.com. You can also contact Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement directly at 703-324-1300 or online at edynamicportal.com/DPI/metroplex/FairfaxCounty/customerservice/selectbvservno.asp. For recordkeeping purposes, please also provide the address of the residence and the date of your contact with Fairfax County.

1. Property Address of Suspected Overcrowding (required):

2. How many permanent residents do you estimate are living at the home?

3. If possible, specify the number of adults (males and females) and children.

4. Does the number of persons fluctuate? If yes, please explain.

5. During what time(s) of the day is the problem most noticeable?

6. How many entrances/exits are used at the residence?

7. How long has the overcrowding problem been occurring?

8. Briefly describe the makes, models, colors and license plate numbers of vehicles associated with the residence.

9. Do you notice an unusually large amount of trash placed in front of the residence on trash collection days?

10. Are there other associated problems (i.e., excessive noise, numerous cars parked at the residence)?

Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Dwelling Unit Occupancy

A dwelling unit may be occupied by not more than one (1) of the following:

- One (1) family, which may consist of one (1) person or two (2) or more persons related by blood or marriage with any number of natural children, foster children, step children, or adopted children and with no more than two (2) roomers or boarders with a Home Occupation Permit.
- Two (2) single parents or guardians with not more than a total of six (6) of their dependent children, including natural children, foster children, step children or adopted children, functioning as a single housekeeping unit.
- A group of not more than four (4) unrelated persons functioning as a single housekeeping unit.



A Newcomer's Guide to Fairfax County can be found at:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/newtofairfax/#>

Below is a partial screen shot of only a few items of information the website provides. Provided in this packet are details included in some links. **We strongly encourage new residents of Fairfax County to visit this website.**

Newcomer's Guide

Welcome to Fairfax County! Here's some of the important information and services that you'll need as a new resident of Fairfax County.

Information and Services



Government

- Board of Supervisors
- News
- Facebook, Twitter YouTube, Podcasts and more
- County facilities
- Commonwealth of Virginia



Safety

- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Special needs registry
- Police stations
- Fire and rescue stations
- Sheriff



Health and Human Services

- Health clinics
- Child care services
- Older adult services
- Alcohol and drug services
- Mental health services



Schools

- Public schools
- New student information



Jobs

- County job listings
- School job listings
- Virginia job listings



Taxes

- Register your vehicle: County | State
- Real estate
- Older adults & people with disabilities
- Military personnel



Libraries

- Branches
- Get a library card
- Online card catalog



Transportation

- Fairfax Connector bus service
- Metrorail and Metrobus
- HOV lanes
- Carpool/Vanpool
- Park-and-Ride lots
- VRE (Virginia Railway Express)

Register to Vote

You are eligible to register to vote if you satisfy all of the requirements: A citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age by the next general election, and a resident of Virginia.

- When can I register to vote?

You may register to vote year-round except during the 22 days prior to a General or Primary election, 13 days prior to a Special election, or 7 days prior to a Special election called by the

Governor (Code of Virginia §24.2-416). The deadline to register to vote for the November 3rd General & Special Elections is October 13th at 5:00 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

- How do I register to vote?

Online, at the Virginia Department of Elections website or normal, in person business hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, 8:00 a.m - 7:00 p.m.

Please note that office hours are extended for statutory deadlines. Office hours are extended prior to Elections specifically for voter registration and absentee voting. To determine the extended hours for any upcoming Election, please visit our absentee voting locations web page. Hours are also extended for candidate campaign finance filing deadlines, absentee ballot application deadlines and voter registration deadlines.

Fairfax County Office of Elections
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323
Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0081
703-222-0776 phone
703-324-2205 fax
703-324-4700 for 24-hour recorded information

By mail, pick up a Virginia Voter Registration Application at the following sites:

Public libraries

Department of Motor Vehicles offices

Military recruitment offices

Public assistance agency offices

District Governmental Centers

Board of Supervisors Offices

Citizen Information Desk in the County Government Center lobby

Judicial Center information desk

Mail the completed and signed application to:

Fairfax County Office of Elections

P.O. Box 10161

Fairfax, VA 22038-8061

Register Your Vehicle

Vehicles purchased or moved into the county must be registered within 60 days of the purchase or move-in date.

Each car must be registered separately. If you are registering more than one vehicle, you must complete this process once for each vehicle. The registration process is done online.

You will need to gather the following information in order to complete the registration:

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
Vehicle Year
Vehicle Make
Vehicle Model
Number of cylinders
Weight of your vehicle
Cost of your vehicle

License your dog

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for one year and must be purchased by January 31st.

License Fees: The fee to purchase a dog license is \$10, for all dogs.

License tags are issued free of charge for service dogs that assist residents who are visually impaired, deaf, or need mobility assistance.

License tags may be purchased by mail, on-line or in person, as follows:

By Mail: Send a completed copy of the Dog License Application, a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination to the County of Fairfax, Department of Tax Administration, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Online (Renewals Only) - Rabies vaccination date must be current to purchase a dog license. You will need a copy of the Dog License Application Letter you received in the mail from the Department of Tax Administration.

In Person: Bring a completed copy of the Dog License Application, a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination, to one of the following locations:

The Department of Tax Administration at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays)
or

The Animal Shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax between noon and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Those who have bought tags in prior years will automatically receive application forms in the mail in October.

For questions regarding license fees, call 703-222-8234 [TTY: 703-222-7594].

Trash & Recycling

Who Picks Up My Trash?

- Private Collector

Who: Most county residents.

Payment: Residents are billed by the collection company or pay via their Home Owner Association fees.

- County Government

Who: Residents who live in Solid Waste Collection Areas (Sanitary Districts). These areas are created through a petition process.

Payment: Residents are billed on their annual tax assessment.

- Still Unsure?

If you're still not sure who provides your trash service, call 703-802-3322, TTY 711 for assistance. Remember, you can always self-haul your trash, using your own vehicle, to a county facility. Recyclables can be taken to area drop-off centers.

Government Offices/County Offices

Most county offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). For general information, call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711.

Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Offices of note include: Tax Administration, Human Resources, Office of Elections, Public Works & Environmental Services (Stormwater, Wastewater and Solid Waste); Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meet in the Board Auditorium

Facilities Use Permit Application PDF (To use common areas of the facilities and/or grounds at the Government Center for non-profit purposes; for specific details, review the regulations)

Herrity Building

12055 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Offices of note include: Planning and Zoning, Park Authority, Public Works & Environmental Services (Land Development Services)

Pennino Building

12011 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Offices of note include: Family Services, Community Services Board, and Area Agency on Aging

South County Center
8350 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309
Information Desk: 703-704-6000, TTY 711

Board of Supervisors Offices

Chairman - Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Braddock - 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke (next to Kings Park Library)

Dranesville - 6649-A Old Dominion Drive, McLean (temporary)

Hunter Mill - North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston

Lee - Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria

Mason - Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Mount Vernon - Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

Providence - 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax

Springfield - Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield

Sully - Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

Courthouse

Fairfax County Courthouse
4110 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Public Safety

Public Safety Center/Massey Building
4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Emergency Phone Numbers

Police, Fire and Ambulance (emergency): 911, TTY 911

Police, Fire and Ambulance (nonemergency): 703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264

Poison Control: 202-625-3333, TTY 202-362-8563

Flooding: 703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264

Sewer Line Breaks or Emergencies: 703-323-1211, TTY 703-239-8498

General Information Phone Numbers

County information: 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711

Court information: 703-691-7320, TTY 711

School information: 703-204-6725, TTY 711

Tax information: 703-222-8234, TTY 711



Contact Fairfax County: [Phone](#), [Email](#) or [Twitter](#) | Main Address: [12000 Government Center Parkway](#), Fairfax, VA 22035
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Herndon Parks

Alabama Drive Park
Bready Park
Bruin Park
Chandon Park
Cuttermill Park
Runnymede Park
Haley M. Smith Park
Stanton Park
Trailside Park

ALABAMA DRIVE PARK

Located on Alabama Drive. This 10-acre park provides many sports activities. The park has two basketball courts (lighted), soccer, little league and Babe Ruth baseball fields and a tot lot. Directions

BREADY PARK

Located on Ferndale Avenue adjacent to the Herndon Community Center. Facilities at the park include picnic tables, softball, soccer, and little league fields, six lighted tennis courts, and play apparatus. Sports fields are available for scheduled leagues. The park also features an indoor tennis and activity center, offering indoor tennis and other programs. Directions

BRUIN PARK

Located on Van Buren Street. An 8-acre neighborhood park that includes a large play area, picnic shelter, two tennis courts, a softball field, and basketball court. The park is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Directions

CHANDON PARK

Located on Palmer Drive off the Herndon Parkway. The park includes two tennis courts, a tot play area, a softball field and a dog park. Directions

CUTTERMILL PARK

A 6-acre neighborhood park between the Cuttermill and Westfield subdivisions. The park includes a tot lot, baseball/t-ball fields, walking areas, and a multi-purpose court for volleyball and basketball. A mini basketball court to accommodate younger children is available. Directions

RUNNYMEDE PARK

Herndon's 58-acre community nature park is located on Herndon Parkway between Elden Street and Dranesville Road. This unique park provides excellent passive recreational opportunities. Walk along Sugarland Run Stream. Look for over 100 species of birds, deer, fox, and other wildlife which frequent this park site. Nature walks are available by calling 703-435-6800, ext. 2113. Directions

HALEY M. SMITH PARK

Located off Van Buren St. at Herndon Parkway. The park features two 60' baseball/softball fields, a soccer/multi-use field, basketball and volleyball courts, and a play area. Directions

SPRING STREET PARK

Located at the corner of Spring and Van Buren Streets, this small, 1.5-acre, passive park is maintained with native flora and grasses. Original green ash trees have been preserved, and evergreen trees line the frontage of the park. The park has walking trails and benches, and is in close proximity to the W&OD Trail. There is no parking available at the park site. Direction

STANTON PARK

Located on Third and Monroe Streets. This 10-acre neighborhood park is very rustic with large areas of the park left in its natural state. Facilities at the park include a shelter, picnic areas, walking trails, and a play area. This park is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Directions

TRAILSIDE PARK

Located on Crestview Drive. This park includes a picnic shelter with picnic tables, grills, play apparatus, and an open play area. The picnic shelter is available for reservation. Directions

Department of Parks & Recreation

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About Herndon

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Early Settlement

The Town of Herndon is situated on the western edge of Fairfax County, Virginia, on land that was originally patented to Robert "King" Carter, Jr. and Thomas Barnes. The Carter patent contained the majority of the site of Herndon in Fairfax County while the Barnes land involved a small portion along the Loudoun County line. In 1688, King Charles II of England granted almost five and one-third million acres, known as the Northern Neck, to Thomas Culpeper, second Baron Culpeper of Thoresway. A very small portion of this immense grant became the land on which Herndon is situated. Two thousand acres of this land were subsequently granted by Thomas Fairfax, sixth baron Fairfax of Cameron (son-in-law of Lord Culpeper) to the Carter and Barnes patents in 1728.

In the 18th and early 19th centuries, this part of Fairfax County was primarily agricultural. The first sign of settlement was the construction in the early 19th century of a mill in a hollow along a stream near present-day Elden and Locust Streets. As farming flourished and additional settlers arrived in the region, the area around the mill was developed. In 1857, this settlement was selected as one through which the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad would pass.

With the building of the depot in 1857 and the completion of the railroad to Herndon in 1859, more settlers arrived and the village soon had several stores and a livery stable. A post office was needed and application was made for it to Washington, D.C. On July 13, 1858, the settlement was named Herndon and William W. Hollingsworth was appointed postmaster. Various names had been suggested for the community but had been rejected by the U.S. Post Office Department because they were already in use in Virginia or because the department insisted that post offices should not be named after local families. Legend has it that a local man, whose name was not recorded and who had been involved in a shipwreck, brought forward the name Herndon to commemorate the captain of the ship upon hearing of the local dilemma.

The Name "Herndon"

Captain William Lewis Herndon was the skipper of the packet *Central America* that sailed from New York to Panama, a main route for the California gold rush. On September 12, 1857, the ship sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras with the loss of 426 men, including Herndon, who went down with his ship. Most of the women and children were rescued and Herndon was praised for his orderly removal of passengers, his disciplined crew, and his personal bravery.

The news of the sinking received front-page coverage in the *New York Times* and Herndon became a national hero. A monument to him was erected at the United States Naval Academy and on March 6, 1858, the Virginia General Assembly instructed Governor Henry A. Wise to commission a gold medal to be presented "in the name of the commonwealth, to the widow of the deceased, as a simple testimonial of respect for a virtuous and brave man, and a noble and gallant officer." Within five months, a Virginia town also had commemorated this naval officer and, at the same time, had solved the problem of selecting a name.

William Lewis Herndon was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1812 and was named for his uncle, Captain William Lewis, who was lost at sea in 1815 with the brig *Epervier*. Herndon received an appointment as a midshipman in the U.S. Navy on November 1, 1828, two years after the death of his parents. Over the next fourteen years, he served on a variety of ships including the *Constellation*, the *Constitution* and the *Independence*. In 1842, he became an assistant to his brother-in-law, Matthew Fontaine Maury, Superintendent of the Depot of Charts and Instruments, which they transformed into the U.S. Naval Observatory. From 1850 to 1852, Herndon conducted research on the Amazon River; that voyage resulted in a two-volume work, *Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon*. The Town was commemorating not only a naval hero but also a scholarly explorer.

The Civil War Era

Shortly after the founding of Herndon at the outbreak of the Civil War, the Union Army seized the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad and secured it for their use as far as Vienna. Most of the remaining tracks and bridges were destroyed or damaged as General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate forces withdrew from Northern Virginia. Herndon was spared destruction during the war because of its proximity to the Union forces, although major battles were fought in nearby Manassas. Both sides seemed to consider Herndon a useful no-man's-land where provisions and information could be exchanged.

After the Civil War, many northern soldiers remained to settle in the area, and residents from northern states also moved to this part of Virginia with its moderate climate and lower land prices. Ansel St. John, of New Jersey, was a political

leader of the new arrivals who also included families from Pennsylvania and New York. These newcomers from the north were probably responsible for the founding in 1872 of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Herndon which was affiliated with the northern governing body of that denomination. This simple frame Gothic Revival-style church is located on the corner of Center and Elden Streets and is now used by the Church of Jesus Christ. Lottie Dyer Schneider, in her *Memories of Herndon*, wrote that "about this time, [1872] a number of New England people had come to town who were Congregationalists. The Methodists graciously offered the use of their church to these people for worship." By 1873, the Congregationalists had completed their own building on the corner of Pine and Monroe Streets, and by 1876, the local Episcopalians had done likewise with their chapel on Grace Street.

Herndon established its first school in 1869 when the state constitution mandated free public education. When that building burned, a new one was constructed on Center Street and has since been converted into a residence. In addition, Mrs. Robert A. Castleman established the Herndon Episcopal Seminary for Girls in her residence on Grace Street and that establishment remained in operation until the mid-1920s. In 1889, the Fortnightly Club, a literary group, was established and that association was responsible for the Town's first library, which was constructed in 1926 in a classical-styled building on Spring Street.

Growth continued in Herndon throughout the late 19th century, culminating in the development of the Van Vleck's Addition in 1895, a sixteen-block subdivision located off Dranesville Road. At the turn of the century, dairy farming was the most important industry in Fairfax County and the majority of its 18,850 residents were farmers. Most of the leading dairy producers in the county were located around Herndon, and farmers from Chantilly to Dranesville shipped their milk daily on six trains to Washington dairies for processing and distribution. By 1911, Herndon was home for 19 milk shippers, four land agents, a hotel, and two guesthouses. In addition, a newspaper office, a bank and several general stores lined the streets.

The Railroad

In 1911, the railroad line became electrified when it was leased by and connected to the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad, an electric trolley line started by John R. McLean and Senator Stephen B. Elkins in 1906. These successful entrepreneurs had built a 14-mile-long trolley to scenic Great Falls on the Potomac River, and had begun developing several suburban communities along the route including what is now McLean. The rise of the clean, speedy and quiet electric trolley made living outside of the city convenient and there were fortunes to be created in the process. McLean and Elkins therefore decided to expand their operations and tied into the existing Washington & Ohio line. The combined companies became the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad, and Herndon received its first electric trolley in 1912.

The arrival of summer residents, commuters and real estate developers began to change the rural character of Herndon and other Fairfax County communities. By 1925, the majority of the 22,000 county residents were living in towns, although in that same year, Fairfax County was still the leading producer of dairy products in the state. This was evidenced by the Herndon dairyman, Ben Middleton, who owned "Sadie, the best known Holstein in the world." This prize dairy cow produced over thirty tons of milk and one ton of butterfat in three years.

Herndon was dramatically changed on March 22, 1917, when a terrible fire destroyed most of the downtown including sixteen businesses and two homes. The downtown was quickly rebuilt and most of the new buildings were constructed of brick instead of wood. Residential growth continued, as more Washington, D.C. workers chose Herndon as a convenient town from which they could commute to their jobs. Many new residences were built in the popular styles of the day, including several Sears and Roebuck houses that were brought in unassembled on flatbed railroad cars.

After the death of both of the founding partners of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad, the company was mismanaged. Financial losses contributed to the deterioration of service and by 1932, because of the Great Depression, the company was put into receivership. After continued reductions in operations, passenger service was eliminated in 1941, but it was reinstated in 1942 because of the rapid growth of the Washington area during the war years. Shortly thereafter, the freight operations changed from electric to diesel power. From 1959 to 1961, the line experienced its busiest years ever when it was used to haul sand and construction materials to build neighboring Dulles Airport, which opened in 1962. However, that one-time boom did not keep the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad from discontinuing service in 1968. Today, the tracks are gone and the right-of-way is used for power lines and a regional trail system.

