



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> century ushered in a myriad of technological and 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 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION BEGIN IN FAIRFAX CITY?

Fairfax City'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 the 4<sup>th</sup> of 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 4<sup>th</sup> parade in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In the early days, these festivities were handled by volunteers, Fairfax City's Public Information Office, American Legion Post 177, and VFW Blue and Gray Post 8469. 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, and 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) and the day ends with children's activities, awards and presentations, live music and a fabulous fireworks display at Fairfax High School. The Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) and the Fairfax City welcomes you to our 53<sup>rd</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> parade celebrating our Nation's birth with the theme "***A Hometown Celebration***".

#### ***Did you know that .....***

- There are between 110 – 120 volunteers involved in today's parade which includes balloon handlers (it takes 72 volunteers for these high-flying balloons), drivers, parade commentators, and route officials.
- There are 130 entries in the parade which include dignitaries riding in 23 cars, six high-flying balloons, 17 scouting organizations, and 18 floats.
- A total of 10 high school marching bands will be in the parade - three from Virginia, one from Minnesota, one from the District of Columbia, four from Maryland, and one from California.

- An estimated 11,000 – 13,000 attend the evening show at Fairfax High School.
- The fireworks display lasts for 15 minutes which includes at least a two-minute opening barrage, and a five-minute finale.

### **FAIRFAX CITY HIGHLIGHTS**

- In 2019 ...
    - ✓ The National Wildlife Federation awarded permanent Green Flag Status to Lanier Middle School for its environmental efforts — the FIRST the organization has given to ANY school in the country.
    - ✓ Students from Lanier Middle School presented their watershed improvement plans in the Caring for Our Watersheds Competition for their innovative environmental solutions at the eighth annual Student Environmental Action Showcase (SEAS) at George Mason University’s (GMU) Center for the Arts. Sharing the environmental stewardship initiatives they are leading in their schools and communities; displayed their environmental photos in the SEAS photo contest; presented their ideas for watershed improvement in the Caring for Our Watersheds competition; experimented with computer engineering to collect environmental data; collaborated with elected officials in developing environmental policy ideas; and engaged in hands-on STEAM activities hosted by nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses. Lanier students won first place and \$1,000 in the competition for their project on revitalizing their school bio retention cell and students from Providence Elementary won the Most Hilarious Photo award for their “Plant a Kid” photo;
    - ✓ In May the Chocolate Lovers Festival was named the BEST FOOD FESTIVAL by Northern Virginia magazine — and there was stiff competition from food festivals from Arlington to Reston, so we’re very proud of this award.
    - ✓ A NEW place to hang out with man’s best friend – Fairfax City’s **first DOG PARK, located at the former Westmore School**, a 9,700-square foot park, which opened in early May, but had its official ribbon-cutting during FidoFest on June 15.
  - In 2018 ...
    - ✓ Fairfax City was ranked the sixth healthiest city in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report;
    - ✓ LendEDU ranked Fairfax City #59 as the best town in the U.S. to start a new business;
    - ✓ The National Council of Home Safety and Security ranked Fairfax City the sixth safest city in Virginia;
    - ✓ 24/7 Wall Street ranked Fairfax City the #10 Best Place to Live; and
    - ✓ Fairfax City was awarded the SolSmart Bronze Award.
  - In 2017 ... Cadet Simone Askew, a 2014 Fairfax High School graduate, became the first African-American woman to lead West Point’s Corps of Cadets and was selected First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy’s Corps of Cadets for the 2017-2018 academic year - achieving the highest position in the cadet chain of command. Graduating from West Point in 2018, she was named a Rhodes Scholar where she was one of 32 U.S. students to receive the scholarship out of 866 applicants. After Oxford, she plans on working in military intelligence operations.
  - In 2011 ... the National Recreation and Parks and Association (NRPA) awarded the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department a Gold Medal Award - the most prestigious award in the field of parks and recreation - only one of four agencies in Virginia to have won this award since its inception in 1965.
- For up-to-date events in Fairfax City on this July 4<sup>th</sup>, text FFX4TH to 888-777.
- Plugged into social media? Fairfax City 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.**
- Enjoy *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, kid's activities and a beer garden. Again this year, the ever-popular "The Backstage Pass" coupons will be available at the show allowing folks to get up to 15% discounts at restaurants, bars, ice-cream shops, and other Fairfax City business ALL WEEKEND.

- Enjoy *Home Town Thursdays* on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in May, June, August, and September featuring local performers at 6:30 pm through September in Old Town Square.

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- **IN-KIND SPONSORS** – City of Fairfax Regional Library; Coyote Grille; Downtown Fairfax Community Market; Mike McDowell; Northern Virginia Mustang Club; Paisano's; Ted Britt Ford

**COMMEMORATIVE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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) AND ON THE STEPS OF OLD TOWN HALL 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) 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**RATCLIFFE – ALLISON-POZER OPEN HOUSE TOURS** (10386 Main Street) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Free guided tours of the 1812 and the 1927 sections of the House.

**OLD FASHIONED FIREMAN'S DAY** (Fire Station #3 - 4081 University Drive) – 12:00 pm. Food, and beverages and fun for kids of all ages!

#### **EVENING SHOW & FIREWORKS@ FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL**

- 6:30 – 9:00 pm – Children's Activities (inflatables, balloon animal artist, and face painting).
- 6:30 pm – **The Darby Brothers**, inspired by masterful rock bands of the 70s and 80s, grew up listening to many of the songs still played on the radio today. Five brothers, from three different mothers, thrown together in a life journey to inspire and speak through music - grew up together, went to school together, hang out together, and share a passion for great music. Performing Classic Rock, you will enjoy this epic journey with music from Journey, Zeppelin, Boston, Eagles, The Doors, Guns n' Roses, Tom Petty, and many more ... just like you remember it!

- 8:00 pm - Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post #177; National Anthem; Awards Presentation (Mayor and City Council Awards; IDCC Award; Commission on the Arts Award for Most Creative Float; and High School Marching Band Awards)
- 8:30 pm – ***The Darby Brothers***
- 9:20 pm – *1812 Overture*
- 9:30 pm – **FIREWORKS** (rain date for fireworks **ONLY** is July 5 @ 9:30 pm)
- 9:45 pm - 10:30 pm -- Evening Show Entertainment continues with ***The Darby Brothers***

**PLEASE NOTE .....**

- **Pets (except for service animals) are kindly discouraged from the parade and the evening show. 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.**
- **Smoking, alcohol, animals (except for service animals), or items that may puncture the synthetic turf are NOT allowed on the Fairfax High School stadium field during the evening show.**
- **All bags are subject to inspection.**
- **Old Lee Highway will be closed from Ridge Avenue (just past Artie's Restaurant) to Layton Hall Drive from approximately 9:15 pm – 11:00 pm on July 4.**
- **Glow Items (necklaces, wands, etc.) will be sold at the evening show; proceeds benefit the IDCC.**
- **Evening Show Shuttle Bus Pick-Up at Woodson High School between 6 – 9:15 pm; buses will return spectators to Woodson immediately following the fireworks until 11:00 pm.**

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

**- PARADE BEGINS -**

Signaling the start of our today's parade, 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; but, following the events of 9/11 such flyovers were prohibited this close to Washington. However, in 2014, the TSA recleared these daring middle-aged men in their flying machines to participate, and today, weather permitting their formation of biplanes will salute the beginning of our parade. Flying Circus members participating in today's flyover include John Potock, the son of Walt Potock, flying a 1939 WACO UPF7 built by the Weaver Aircraft Company. Dave Brown, Frank Isbell, and Justin Currier are all flying Stearman PT-17 Biplanes - the Stearman was the Primary Trainer aircraft during WW2, training thousands of WW2 aviators to fly.

***DIVISION I***

**CITY OF FAIRFAX POLICE HONOR GUARD**, formed in 1965 by Chief Murray Kutner, first appeared in this parade in 1979. They participate in regional law enforcement funerals and other special dignitary events in the community as well as **the National Law Enforcement Memorial – Police Week ceremonies**; they have **won numerous awards in this parade and in 2014 received 1<sup>st</sup>, in 2015 received 3<sup>rd</sup>, and in 2016, 2017, and 2018 received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Honor Guard category.**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD** was formed in the fall of 2001 following the events of 9/11 and has appeared in today's parade since 2002; they are the official ceremonial unit for the City of Fairfax Fire and the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Departments. Dedicated to honoring fallen firefighters, their families, and department members, both past and present, they serve as "guardians of the colors" at various parades, ceremonies, and official functions as well as serving as ambassadors to the public presenting a

positive image of the fire and EMS service. They represent the City of Fairfax at the annual Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, PA, and in Washington, DC. They participate in the annual "Ride of the Patriots" ceremony as well as at joint events with the Police Honor Guard at Patriot Day, Fairfax High School Graduation, and the swearing-in ceremonies for the Mayor, City Council, and School Board. Attending the National Honor Guard Academy, members of this group have provided support and assistance at line-of-duty funerals and, in this parade, have received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2014 in the Color Guard Category in this parade

**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 to citizens of the City of Fairfax and a 14-square mile area of Fairfax County immediately surrounding the City of Fairfax, including GMU's Fairfax campus. Operating two paramedic transport units, one rescue-engine, one foam-engine, one truck company, and a battalion chief the 7 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. Formed in 1928, in 1940, the first paid staff members started working alongside the volunteers. In 1978, the City of Fairfax started its career department and today volunteers work side-by-side with the career staff. Stations #3 and #33, house approximately 80 volunteer members and 50 career personnel.

**FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING REBELS**, under the direction of Patric Buchroeder, have been active participants in school, community, state and national events for many years. The continued commitment to excellence in the arts by the school and the community has been integral to the success of the FHS Marching Band. With 150-strong, the Marching Rebels are the most visible ensemble at FHS. Representing the school and community "With Pride," this ensemble receives consistent ratings at VBODA assessment, including straight superior ratings for the 2018 season. They participate in community Halloween Parades, the Ride of the Patriots Memorial Day Parade, and the National Concert Band Festival; they have been a VMEA Honor Band for seven consecutive years. In 2016, they won 1<sup>st</sup> place Mayor and Council Award and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Marching Band (Schools/Community) category in this parade.

**MAYOR DAVID MEYER** has been a resident of the City of Fairfax for 36 years. After serving on the City Council for eight years, David was elected Mayor in a Special Election on February 7, 2017. He served on the board of directors for Historic Fairfax City, Inc., is the former President of the Old Lee Hills Civic Association and the Fairfax High School PTSA, and is an active member of Fairfax United Methodist Church. David and his wife have two children, Louisa and Elliot.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL DEMARCO** is serving his fourth term on City Council, and previously served as the Chairman of the City of Fairfax's Economic Development Authority. He is on the Penn State University Board of Visitors for both the Department of Political Science and McCourtney Institute for Democracy. Michael is also a local recruiter for the Columbia Business School; a student mentor for Penn State University; serves as Vice President for the Mosby Woods Community Association; and is an active member of St. Leo the Great Parish. Michael had recently retired after working 26 years for the ExxonMobil Corporation. Originally from Philadelphia, he has degrees from Penn State, Temple, and Columbia Universities and prior to receiving his MBA from Columbia, was an Assistant Vice President with the Philadelphia National Bank. Relocating to the City of Fairfax in 2000, Michael and his wife, Joanne, along with their three children live in Mosby Woods.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SO LIM** is serving her first term on City Council having been elected in the May 2018 elections. A wife, mother, and small business owner, she has lived and worked in the City of Fairfax for two decades. 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. Active in the Northern Virginia community, she served as the 38<sup>th</sup> President of the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area from 2015 – 2016 and is recognized for her hard work in bridging the gaps between this immigrant community and all of the neighboring communities. So represented the Korean American community's interests with various public and private sector stakeholders, and built strong working and personal relationships with our local, state, and federal elected officials on both sides of the aisle. So 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, located in Songdo, Korea. An active member of the wider George Mason University Community, she works closely with the administration and student body. So 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 principles of Taekwondo to helping them become confident and have a positive outlook despite their circumstances.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JANICE MILLER** is serving her third term on City Council; previously serving from 1992 to 1994 and from 2014 to the present. She represents the City on the Council of Government's Human Services & Public Safety Policy Committee and Virginia Municipal League's Human Development and Education Committee. She is serving for the eleventh year as a Providence Elementary School Mentor and is a member of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. In 2014, she retired as the longest serving member of the City School Board and in the past served on the City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Active in local PTAs and youth organizations, she was the first woman president of Fairfax Little League and assisted in organizing activities for FPYC. A founding member of Northern Virginia Project Graduation, Janice initiated the Fairfax High School All Night Grad Celebration and organized celebrations for the Classes of 1988, 1989, and 1994. A past chairman of the Board of Directors for the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, Janice is a graduate of the University of Kansas, is a former middle school teacher, and works as a travel consultant for The Travel Gals -- a virtual travel agency. A resident of the City of Fairfax since 1970, she has four children and four grandchildren.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER PASSEY** is serving her first full term on the Fairfax City Council. She was first elected in September 2017 in a Special Election and then was re-elected in May of 2018 for the 2018 – 2020 term. Jennifer and her husband, Mike, moved to the City of Fairfax in 2010 with their four boys: Eamon (pronounced A-Men), Liam, Colin, and Declan (pronounced Deck-Lan). She has been an active member of the community serving on the City's Planning Commission from 2011 – 2014, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board from 2010 – 2014, and the Country Club Hills Civic Association from 2010 – 2012. Growing up in Minneapolis, she moved to the Washington Metropolitan Area in 1995 to attend The George Washington University, where she received her B.A., and, later, her Masters in Political Management. She misses the Minnesota summers, but certainly not the winters or the mosquitos. When not attending to City Issues, Jennifer works for Girls on the Run of NOVA, a non-profit organization located in the City. She is a parishioner at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church and an involved parent at St. Leo the Great Catholic School and Gonzaga College High School. You can also find her in her car shuttling her boys to a variety of athletic fields.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JON STEHLE** is serving his second term on City Council and previously served as the Chairman of the City of Fairfax's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of his townhome community and the American Association for Budget and Program Analysis (AABPA), Jon is a girls' lacrosse coach with the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC) and an active member of the Providence Elementary School PTA. Currently, Jon is a Director with the Performa Group and previously was

a Senior Analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). 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 Oxford Row Townhomes with their two children.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SANG YI** is serving his first term on the Fairfax City Council. He also currently serves as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and has served in uniform for the last 16 years. Previously, Sang was our City's appointed member to the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) Policy Board. He earned his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, his graduate degree from the U.S. Naval War College, and his law degree from The George Washington University Law School. Sang and his wife, Sarah, have two young children, Evelyn and Harrison.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CAROLYN PITCHES** serving her fifth term as a Fairfax City School Board member and her 2nd year as Chairman of the Board, is a member of the Washington Area Boards of Education and Lanier Middle School Advisory Committee. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-8 in 1992 from Virginia Tech and her Master's Degree in Education K-12 in 2002 from GMU. This educator, who for nearly a decade taught in the sixth and eighth grades in Prince William County Public Schools, was also a first grade co-teacher and the Wellness and Life teacher for Kindergarten and first grade at Flint Hill School. Currently, she is the Math Specialist for grades 3-4 at Flint Hill School. Carolyn, her husband, Justen, and their two daughters have lived in the city since 1999.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER JON BUTTRAM**, serving his eighth term, has served as past Chairman of the School Board, Chairman of the Virginia School Boards Association, Northeastern Region, and School Board Vice Chair. He has served the community as a member of the City of Fairfax School Board Bond Referendum Task Force, was a member of the City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and has held office in the Southeast Fairfax Citizens Association. Jon is a member of the Virginia School Boards Association, and participates as a high school science fair judge, and as an Odyssey of the Mind judge and regional problem captain. An engineering consultant, Jon holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in engineering management from the George Washington University. He is a retired Captain in the U.S. Navy serving 30 years. Jon, his wife - Sharon, and their two sons have been residents of the City of Fairfax since 1990.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BOB REINSEL** is serving his sixth year on the board. Mr. Reinsel also serves the Fairfax community as Vice President of Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Inc., and as President of the Mosby Woods Community Association.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TOBY SORENSEN** has just started her sixth term on the Fairfax City School Board. She was School Board Chair from 2014-2016 and is currently the Vice Chair. She serves as the School Board's representative to the Environmental Sustainability Committee and is the treasurer of the Country Club Hills Civic Association. Toby and her husband, John, have lived in the City of Fairfax since 1990 and have three children - all graduates of Fairfax High School.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MITCH SUTTERFIELD** is in his fifth term. Before his School Board service, he represented the City of Fairfax on the Fairfax County Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council. Currently, he is a member of the board for the Mosby Woods Community Association. A city resident since 1964, he attended Fairfax Elementary, Sidney Lanier Middle, and Fairfax High Schools (Class of '72). Earning his B.A. and M.A. in English at the College of William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in English from The George Washington University, Mitch began his 32-year career as an English teacher and a football and wrestling coach at FHS in 1977. **The Virginia High School League Coaches' Association named him the 2003 Virginia Wrestling Coach of the Year and Rotary International selected him as Teacher of the Year for**

**city schools in 2004.** Since retiring in 2009, he has continued teaching for Fairfax County Public Schools as a substitute teacher, and he continues to coach wrestling at FHS. **In 2012, Mitch was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for "Lifetime Service to Wrestling."** He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Mosby Woods, and he has two step-daughters.

**CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE KYLIE HORN** is a rising senior at Fairfax High School and is a part of multiple honor societies, a member of the Rebel Athletic Council, student leadership, student government, and will be a member of Student Advisory Council and the School Board during the 2019-2020 school year. Kylie is a varsity lacrosse player, an active member of the community, and is a swim coach at the Country Club Hills pool.

**COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE 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; 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 *Off to War: The Virginia Volunteers in the War with Mexico* (2002) and *Brothers and Cousins: Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of Fairfax County, Virginia* (1995). 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.

**TREASURER TOM SCIBILIA** is in his sixth year of service to the City. He is a Fairfax City native, a 1975 graduate of Fairfax High School (FHS) and from Ole Miss in 1979; Tom has been a Virginia CPA since 1982. Tom's wife, the former Diane Davies, is also an alumni of FHS and they have four kids and nine grandkids. Tom is accompanied today by his lovely wife, Diane, and practically perfect granddaughter, Lily Kyle. They are being driven by four plus decade family friend, Bob Pritz, and his practically perfect grandson, Charles

**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.

**FAIRFAX AMERICAN LEGION FAIRFAX POST 177**, under the direction of Commander Jeff White has participated in this parade since its inception. Conceived in 1944 their membership includes 1,000 male and female Legionnaires plus the women and girls of Auxiliary Unit 177 and the men and boys of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 177. Joining Post 177 today is Miss Poppy 2019, Alexa Grace Robertson, the 8-year old granddaughter of Post 177 Legionnaire Rand Gaber. Alexa is a rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Bonnie Brae Elementary School. Her extracurricular activities include Taekwondo, gymnastics, and Girl Scouts. Other hobbies are painting, drawing, and coloring; reading and writing; math; organizing; basketball and soccer; and cooking. Alexa also likes coming to The American Legion with her family for Friday night dinners and second Sunday Breakfasts. Adopted after World War I, the poppy is a symbol of the supreme sacrifice made by members of our Armed Forces on our behalf. Membership of the American Legion Riders, all motorcycle enthusiasts, includes Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. The Legion Riders organize activities supporting fundraising and raising awareness. The Riders raise money through the Legacy Run for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund – an endowment for providing college tuition assistance for students who have a parent who has died on active duty since September 11. The Legacy Run is a cross-

country motorcycle ride which finishes at the site of The American Legion's annual convention. **In 2017, they won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Float category in this parade.**

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

**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 who music has been a cherished avocation. All lend their time and talents to contribute to the Fairfax community's quality of life. The City of Fairfax Band Association also includes the Main Street Community Band and the Northern Virginia Youth Winds, as well as a number of small ensembles. **The e City of Fairfax Band performs a number of regular season concerts as well as a series of free concerts throughout the summer. In 2017, the band traveled to Normandy, France, as the featured musical performer for the D-Day commemoration ceremonies,** and next year will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. In 2004, they **were awarded the Sudler Silver Scroll for excellence in community bands, in March 2014 were invited to perform at the American Band Association Convention Concert, and in 2014 and 2018 won 1st Place Musical Group in this parade. In 2018, the musical director, Bob Pouliot received outstanding Conductor Award from the Association of Concert Bands, the national organization for adult community bands. In recognition of the Band's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Former Governor Terry McAuliffe proclaimed November 1, 2014, as The City of Fairfax Band Day.**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 8469, FAIRFAX, VA** join us today for a 53<sup>rd</sup> year – they have been in every July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Formed in 1946, they are a service Post in the honorable tradition of VFW Posts across our nation. Under the guidance of Post Commander Joseph Christadore, their purpose is to do good work for the community, help fellow veterans, and remember the fallen. The VFW is representative of veterans who have served in every major U.S. foreign conflict from World War II through current actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Post 8469 collects and distributes funds through their annual Buddy Poppy drive for various notable charities, including Fisher House and make regular monthly visits to various regional veterans' hospitals bringing the joy of laughter and bingo to those infirm. **Post 8469 has an annual Patriots Pen Award and Voice of Democracy Award competitions for high school students. Proceeds of their Buddy Poppy distributions accumulate funds which go to charitable causes related to the Post, including the USO; Army, Navy, and Marine Relief Society; Operation Care; and Intrepid Fallen Hero's Fund. Post 8469 has won the coveted "All State" Post award for many years and in this parade in 2013 won 1<sup>st</sup> Place Color Guard; in 2014, won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Marching Unit (Adult); in 2016 received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Float Award and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mayor and Council Award; and in 2017 and 2018 received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Float category.**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**, Beginning July 8, will have a new way to get around town: electric scooters! The city's e-scooter pilot program will feature three companies: Bird, Spin and Lime. Riders simply download an app for each company, which will allow users to locate a scooter near them, rent one and roll away anywhere in the city. For more information about e-scooters, visit [FairfaxVa.com](http://FairfaxVa.com) and search "Dockless Mobility" or read all about the program in the July issue of *CityScene*.

**CELEBRATION CAKE (BALLOON)** A party just isn't a party without cake ... but did you ever wonder why? Sure, most people like cake (we are convinced those who say they don't are kidding). Often served as a

celebratory occasions, this is NOT your usual cake ... standing 10' high and guided down our parade route by six volunteers, this cake truly is part of ***A Hometown Celebration***!!!!

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## DIVISION II

**CHOPTICON HIGH SCHOOL SHOWBAND OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND**, under the direction of Brittney Lynn, was formed when the school opened in 1965. Making their second appearance in this parade, they join us from Morganza, MD, in St. Mary's County, where their program continues a long tradition of excellence that is incessantly developing each year. They have been recognized by adjudicators, clinicians, and the general public for their musicianship and demeanor at many performance venues across the state, the region, and the country. One of the band's proudest moments was **representing the USS Maryland in the 75<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Anniversary Parade and meeting with veterans who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in 2016; they also participated in this parade in 2012.** Making their community proud, they **are an eight-time USBands Maryland State Champions; US Bands National Champions in 2012; and a four-time USBands Cadets Award of Excellence recipient; in 2012 they received Best in Parade at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, and in 2018 won 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marching Band (Schools) in this parade.** Excited to be in this parade honoring our nation's birthday, they will be performing the Armed Forces on Parade.

**CONGRESSMAN GERRY CONNOLLY** is serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 11th District, which includes Fairfax County, Prince William County, and the City of Fairfax in Northern Virginia. In Congress, he has played a key role in securing federal dollars for transportation improvements in Northern Virginia, widening the Prince William County Parkway, providing ongoing support for Rail to Dulles, and securing the annual federal commitment of \$150 million for the regional Metro system. A senior member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, he serves as the Ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee on Government Operations and serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Prior to his election to Congress, he served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. During his tenure on the Board, Fairfax was recognized as a Best Managed County. Receiving an M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1979 and a B.A. in Literature from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, IL, he has worked in the non-profit sector, primarily advocating for hunger aid and international assistance. He resides in Fairfax with his wife Smitty and has a daughter Caitlin.

**LT. GOVERNOR JUSTIN E. FAIRFAX** elected Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 7, 2017, and is only the second African-American in history, and the first in nearly 30 years since the tenure of Governor L. Douglas Wilder, to be elected to statewide office in Virginia. His Inauguration took place on January 13, 2018. Justin received a scholarship to attend Columbia Law School where he was selected to be a member of the Columbia Law Review and earned his Juris Doctorate in 2005. He also received a scholarship to attend Duke University where he graduated in 2000 with a degree in Public Policy Studies and was selected as the class graduation speaker for the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. Justin resides in Northern Virginia with his wife, Dr. Cerina W. Fairfax, DDS with their two children.

**STATE SENATOR CHAP PETERSEN** represents central and western Fairfax in the Virginia State Senate. Growing up and living in Fairfax City, his family has a long history in Fairfax. A 1986 graduate of Fairfax High School, he graduated in 1990 from Williams College and in 1994 from UVA Law School. An attorney in private practice since 1994, in 2011 his peers selected him as one of 30 "Leaders of the Law" in Virginia. Beginning his career in politics he served on the Fairfax City Council from 1998 – 2002, was a member in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002 – 2006, and in 2007, the voters of the 34<sup>th</sup> Senate District elected Chap as their State Senator. With his historic win, Chap earned the distinction of defeating an incumbent for a seat in both the Virginia House in 2001 and the Virginia Senate in 2007; he is the only member of the legislature to hold

that distinction; he was re-elected in 2011 and in 2015. A student of Virginia history, he authored his college thesis on economics and politics in antebellum Virginia and has a love for competitive sports (he is a long-time member of the Northern Virginia Rugby Football Club “Old Boys”) and has completed the Marine Corps Marathon three times and the Richmond Marathon twice. Living in Fairfax City, Chap and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of four children.

**DELEGATE DAVID BULOVA** resides with his family in the Middleridge community of Fairfax. David and his wife, Gretchen, are the parents of three wonderful children - Alex, Josette, and Grayson. Growing up in Fairfax, 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 UVA. First elected to the General Assembly in November 2005, he currently serves on the General Laws, Education, Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources committees. He is a member of the State Water Commission, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Housing Commission, the Joint Commission on Health Care, and the Virginia War Memorial Board. Passionate about community service, he is currently on the Board of Trustees of Brain Injury Services, which provides support to survivors of brain injuries and their families, the Board of the City of Fairfax Band, and the Board of Advisors for the William and Mary Public Policy Program; he is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Centreville-Chantilly.

**THE REDSKINS MARCHING BAND** has participated in all home games of the NFL team since they were formed in 1938 and this year they are celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This all-volunteer ensemble was organized when George Preston Marshall brought the Redskins to Washington, DC, with the goal of entertaining the fans from the moment they walked into the stadium until the time they left. You can see the Band marching around the stadium before the start of every game. Participating in the parade for over 25 years, they are under the direction of Eric Summers and Assistant Director Ed Greene. Members of the band include lawyers, judges, teachers, ministers, members of the armed forces, government employees, and other professionals from all walks of life. They have **participated in the Vienna Halloween, the Silver Spring Thanksgiving, the King George Columbus Day, the Winchester Apple Blossom, and the Manassas Christmas Parades and marched in the Inaugural parade for Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2018 they won 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marching Band (Professional) in this parade.**

**DARRELL GREEN** - a Football Hall of Famer and Washington Redskins legend joined Mason Athletics in August 2016 as an Associate AD, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director working with the department's senior leadership to build and enhance internal and external relationships, engage in fundraising initiatives, and collaborate and communicate with constituents across the community. Being a staple in the Washington community for the past 30 years, in 1988, he founded the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation. A first-round draft pick of the Washington Redskins, in 1996 he was named the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, honoring his volunteer and charitable work in the community. The following year, he received the Athletes in Action/Bart Starr Award, which is given annually to the NFL player who best exemplifies outstanding character and leadership on and off the field. Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2008, he played an impressive 20 years in the NFL – all with the Redskins. He compiled one of the best careers of any cornerback in NFL history, winning two Super Bowls, making seven Pro Bowls, and receiving All-Pro recognition four times. Setting NFL records for the most games played by a defensive player (295) and most consecutive seasons with an interception (19), he holds Redskins records in interceptions (54), interceptions returned for touchdowns (6), starts (258), and games played (295). He was named to the NFL's 1990s All-Decade Team and the former collegiate track and football All-American also won four NFL Fastest Man competitions. Retiring from the NFL in 2002, he established the marketing company of Darrell Green Enterprises, Inc. and Darrell Green Holdings. A native of Houston, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in general studies and social science at St. Paul's College and has received three honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees – from Marymount University, George Washington University, and St. Paul's College. Darrell and his wife Jewell have three children - Jerrell, Jared, and Joi.

**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. The University's 21-person security department was reorganized and formed as an autonomous law enforcement agency. Today, the force of over 135 full and part-time personnel including over 50 sworn police officers provide services to the Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William Campuses. The Department of Police and Public Safety is comprised of three main divisions as well as a robust student Police Cadet program.

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS** strives to be an impactful organization committed to competing and thriving on our courts and fields, as well as in our classrooms and community – both locally and globally and joining us today for a second year. They have **participated in Rock the Block, the Chocolate Lovers Festival, the Fairfax City's Fall Festival and the Fishing Derby; and the Auto Show.** The George Mason women's basketball program led by fifth-year head coach Nyla Milleson experienced a **record-breaking 2017-18 season** and are joining us today. **The Patriots finished with a 24-10 record, setting the school record for wins, finishing fourth in the Atlantic 10 for their best conference finish in 14 years, and made the postseason for the first time since 2004. They advanced to the second round of the WNIT, defeating Stephen F. Austin in the first round for their first postseason victory in program history. Mason also had both the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year (Natalie Butler) and Rookie of the Year (Nicole Cardaño-Hillary) – the first time in 21 years the same school had achieved the feat.** Joining the team today is **THE PATRIOT** – the University's mascot. When the former mascot Gunston decided to retire, The Patriot knew there were some big floppy shoes to fill. After he watched the basketball team go to the Final Four in 2006 he was inspired by Gunston and decided to get the experience needed to take over the responsibility when Gunston moved on. Taking pride in representing the University, he gets the fans of Mason Nation riled up by stomping on the bleacher steps or the noise bucket. At 7' tall and 240 pounds he gets asked a lot if he thinks about playing basketball, but his passion is on the sideline with the cheer teams, the Masonettes, and Doc Nix and the Green Machine making the fan's experience more enjoyable. The Patriot wears a size 29 hat and was born at the Patriot Center; his best friend is Gunston and his favorite food is The Alan Merten Burger at Brion's Grille; he enjoys watching his favorite movie, The Patriot; and his favorite song is Livin' on a Prayer.

**THE COOKIE JAR CLUB** formed in January 2010 is making their fourth appearance in this parade. This independent, professional women's group was established to provide supplemental financial support to non-profit organizations for scholarships. Their primary purpose is to support Mason's Early Identification and Student Transition Empowerment Programs (EIP and STEP) as well as Mason's athletic scholarships. **They sponsored the "Hats on Brunch" in 2013 – 2017; the "Boots and Bandanas" fundraiser to support Mason's athletic scholarships; and the Aimee Willard Victims' Rights Run/Walk for the past three years.**

**FLYING CIRCUS AIRSHOW** was founded in 1970 on a 200-acre farm in Bealeton, VA, where local aviation enthusiasts gather from May through October on Sunday afternoons to perform flying stunts in aircraft of the WWI era. In 1972, the Flying Circus developed into a barnstormer airshow with aerobatics, formation flying, and wing walking along with a few flying comedy acts. The Flying Circus also provides rides in the old biplanes before and after the show! **They attend many air shows including the Norfolk Azalea, the Winchester Apple Blossom, and the Paris, VA, Strawberry Festivals, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manassas and the Christmas Parade in Bealeton, VA, as well as other events in North Carolina and Maryland. They host campouts for Boy Scouts as well as educational seminars for students in Fairfax County and have performed airshows at the Manassas, Leesburg, Front Royal, and Shannon Airports.** In today's parade is **a World War II biplane replica with "pilot" and a 1924 Model T Ford Touring Car; in 2014 they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and in 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire and, in 2018, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Novelty category in this parade.**

**FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL (FHS) ALUMNI KAZOO BAND** join us today for a fifth year. The Band was formed when long-time friends and FHS alumni decided to cross-off a bucket list item by organizing a kazoo band and marching in this parade which has become an annual tradition. They show community spirit, reconnect with old friends, and represent FHS alumni. They received **1<sup>st</sup> Place in Marching Unit (Adult) in 2017 and 2018 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mayor and City Council Award in 2017 in this parade.**

**YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CENTER** is a recreational center with numerous and varied activities. 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.” The Center is open weekdays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with the fitness room open on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Free classes include Seniorcise, Yoga, Line Dancing, Meditation, Tai Chi Chuan, Personal Fitness, Sit & Get Fit, Bridge, Spanish, Pilates, Photography, Painting, Lunch and Learns and much more. Day trips leave from the Center weekly for nearby points of interest. Additionally, “no charge” activities include the Men’s Morning Coffee group; Bocce; military history study; BINGO; Mah Jongg; a sewing group; bridge; pinocle; canasta; knitting; Mexican Train games; Bunco; pickle ball; antiques discussions; holiday lunches; birthday celebrations; and much, much more. **Riding in the parade today is the 2019 King and Queen – Ron and Peggy Tugwell. Ron, a retired guidance counselor, baseball coach, and girl’s tennis coach, gives lessons to beginner through intermediate level and added a skills and drills component for regular players; his students range in age from 55 – 84. Peggy retired after 27 years as an elementary school teacher for the Fairfax County Public School system and was a Gifted and Talented (GT) instructor for 13 of those years; Peggy currently works part-time for a neuropsychologist and is an active member at the senior center. Ron and Peggy have put the pickle ball program on the map at Green Acres! The program has expanded to include each day of the week during the center’s hours, Wednesday evenings, on the outside courts on the weekends. The Tugwell’s take pleasure in playing pickle ball and love to promote it because it’s a great source of exercise and a fairly inexpensive sport. They are an active, friendly, wonderful addition to the Green Acres’ community.**

**KENA SHRINE TEMPLE** formed in 1952, is one of the nearly 200 Shrine Temples located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Republic of Panama with Shrine Clubs around the World dedicated to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children. Beginning with the first hospital in 1922, Shriners’ Hospitals for Children has grown to 22 with hospitals in Montreal (1925) and Mexico City (1945). This health system is dedicated to providing pediatric, medical care, world-class research, and educational opportunities for medical professionals. Known as “The World’s Greatest Philanthropy,” Shriners Hospitals are owned and operated by Shriners for children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, and are all eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no charge – regardless of financial need – helping 1.3-million children. KENA Temple has had continuous membership in the Philadelphia Hospital Board of Governors since 1957. KENA Temple Hospital Transportation Team drivers (referred to as the Shepherds) make dozens of trips to the Philadelphia Hospital each year with children in need of medical treatment. Shriners love to have fun and participate in many parades and local community activities, but they never forget that **“NO ONE STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A CRIPPLED CHILD.”** They have **participated in this parade for 45 years and have participated in the Ballyshaner’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Alexandria; the Alexandria George Washington Day Parade; the Falls Church Memorial Day Parade; the Vienna Halloween Parade; the Manassas Christmas Parade; and the Mid-Atlantic Shiner’s Association Parade in Virginia Beach.** Units participating in today’s parade include KENA’s Banner Detail, Color Guard – Legion of Honor, Highlanders, the KENA Temple Van, Legion of Honor motorized unit, KENA Shepherds, Shrine Band, Aide Corps, antique cars (to include a 1930 Oldsmobile, 1959 Cadillac, 1964 Buick, 1965 Ford Cobra, 1967 Ford, 2003 Chevrolet SSR, and 1951 Lincoln), the Camel Herders, the Director’s Staff, the KENA Klowns, the Mule Skinners, the Hillbilly’s, the Yacht Club, and the ever-popular KENA 500. **In 2015 the KENA Klowns won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Clown category in this parade; in 2013 they were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Antique Vehicle/Fire and 1<sup>st</sup> Place for a Marching Band**

(Community); in 2014 their Drum Corps was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place and in 2017 won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Novelty Category in this parade.

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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. The honor guard currently has 27 members from around the agency who volunteer their time and effort. Known for their strict composure, precise military bearing and meticulous attention to detail, members formally train for two hours every month and drill before every event. **They participate every summer in an honor guard competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and National Police Week; they have presented the colors for the Washington Redskins, the Washington Nationals, the Baltimore Orioles, and at the Cherry Blossom Festival. They have participated in Wreath Laying Ceremonies, the Yankee Doodle Dandy Parade in Billerica, MA, and the George Washington Parade in Alexandria, VA. In 2015, they won 1<sup>st</sup> place Color Guard in this parade and the Team won four gold medals at the World Police & Fire Games making them World Champions. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard have won awards from the Washington, DC, Council of Government's Corrections Week Honor Guard Competition, a silver award in the Police Week National Guard Competition; four gold awards in the 2015 World Police and Fire Games; and currently are a World Champion Honor Guard Team.**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF STACEY A. KINCAID** is the first woman to lead the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in its 275-year history winning a special election in 2013 to fill the balance of a term; she was re-elected in 2015 to a full four-year term. Serving over 1.1-million residents in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, Sheriff Kincaid is a 30-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. Starting as a Sheriff's deputy right after college, she worked her way up to the rank of captain before being elected Sheriff. **In 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes a career of sustained, exemplary performance. In 2014, Lawyers Weekly presented her with an Influential Women of Virginia award. In 2017, the Junior League of Northern Virginia honored her with its annual Woman of Vision award for exemplifying the League's mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities.** She helped spearhead Diversion First (the county's collaborative initiative that offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses); and initiated resource fairs that connect inmates with the help they will need to find shelter, employment, medical care and behavioral health services upon their release. Sheriff Kincaid received her bachelor's degree in political science/criminal justice from Frostburg State University in 1987 and her college internship at the Sheriff's Office sparked her interest in a career as a deputy sheriff.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTERS' EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND** proudly representing the Fire Service and all first responders, have appeared for many years in this parade. Formed in 1984, they are a Washington, DC-area premiere Irish Bagpipe Band and are often asked "What's the deal with the solid kilts?" and "Why are they mustard color?" The color of the kilts, "saffron," is modeled after the kilts worn by the Royal Irish Rangers, and is actually part of the orange family. Irish kilts are different from their Scottish counterparts as they are solid/one-color as opposed to the familiar plaid, or tartan. They also wear a traditional hunter green tunic of the Irish regiments with a red feathered hackle in their caubeen (hat) - a sample of their fire service roots. They **perform at memorials and events in support of first responders and military personnel all over the country. They participate in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the St. Patrick's Day parades in Washington, DC (recently winning best musical unit), Alexandria (winning**

third best pipe band in 2005), Manassas, and as far away as Savannah, GA (winning the Governor's Award). They also participate in the Alexandria Christmas Walk, the Manassas Veterans Day Parade, the Vienna Halloween Parade, and the Ride of the Patriots. In 2013 they won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Vienna Halloween Parade; in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2017 they won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and in 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in this parade for Drum Corps/Drum & Bugle Corps/Fife & Drum/Bag Pipe and in 2016 won 3<sup>rd</sup> place Musical Group.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT**, formed in July 1949 by action of the County Board of Supervisor, is making the 22<sup>nd</sup> appearance in today's parade. The first career firefighters were hired and assigned to various departments; and, by 1985, there were over 1,000 career firefighters making them the largest fire department in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of the best in the nation. Today, the Department trains firefighters to provide a full complement of fire suppression, technical rescue, swift water rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services including basic and advanced life support and emergency medical transportation – it is an all hazards department. Since their humble beginnings, the Department has evolved from ten skilled “drivers” to a complex agency responsible for meeting the emergency needs of over 1-million residents. Today, nearly 1,400 uniformed men and women operate from 38 fire and rescue stations strategically positioned throughout Fairfax County. Additionally, about 180 civilians provide key support functions from headquarters and other locations. The Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotation shifts where each shift is led by a Deputy Fire Chief. The county is separated geographically into seven battalions, each managed by a battalion management team of a Battalion Fire Chief and an EMS Captain. This fire and rescue department and its members are committed to ensuring the highest level of safety and care possible for the residents of Fairfax County and continue the traditions of their past with a commitment to service excellence and a vision to continuously strive to meet the changing needs of the citizens and visitors to Fairfax County. **Their honor guard represents the department in many parades, official functions, and funeral details.** They participate in Celebrate Fairfax, Fall for Fairfax, Annandale Days, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, DC. They have won awards for their antique fire apparatus, honor guard, color guard, musical group, and adult marching units. In this parade they won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Clown Category in 2013; and in 2014 they received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Honor Guard Category and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place <sup>Marching</sup> Unit/Adult in this parade.

**FAIRFAX VA CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP** appearing today for their 18<sup>th</sup> year, was established in 1999 in association with its sponsor, Patriot Harley-Davidson. Comprised of over 800 local riders, 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. In May of 2019, estimates of 7,000 motorcycles with 11,000 riders and passengers joined the Ride of the Patriots which included riders sponsored by the American Legion Riders of Post 177 and Patriot Guard D9 riders. Ride of the Patriots XXI was a huge success. **Under police-escort to the Pentagon, they joined an estimated 700,000 motorcycles with more than 60% of the motorcycles having rider and passenger; an estimate of over a million people joined Rolling Thunder XXXII.** Rolling Thunder remains the largest one-day motorcycle event in the world. The significance of this event is the fact that all of us, as citizens of a great nation, gather to pay honor and tribute **LEST WE FORGET** our gratitude for the service and sacrifice of our veterans who have given their lives to preserve and foster our liberty and way of life. 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. Their annual financial contributions to community activities average \$30,000. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2013, and in 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Novelty Category in this parade.

Joining the Patriot Harley-Owners Group is our **GRAND MARSHAL - UNCLE SAM** whose origins began when soldiers received barrels of meat stamped with the initials U.S. and joked that these initials were a reference to the troops' meat supplier, (Uncle) Samuel Wilson. A national personification of the U.S., and sometimes more specifically of the American Government, the first use of the term dates to the War of 1812 and was first illustrated in 1852. Often depicted as a serious elderly white man with white hair and a goatee, he is dressed in clothing that recalls the design elements of the U.S. flag — typically a top hat with red and white stripes and white stars on a blue band, and red and white striped trousers.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 882** chartered in 1954, has participated in this parade for many years and is the oldest Cub Pack in Fairfax City. Chartered under the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax and meeting at Daniels Run Elementary School, they focus on growth of moral strength and character; citizenship; and enhancing the development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Each year, they enjoy the Raingutter Regatta boat races, rocket launches, hikes, family camping trips, and, of course, the Pinewood Derby. Pack 882 **participates in the Earth Day Clean-Up; Scouting for Food; and wreath laying at national cemeteries.** In 2018 they **received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Scouting Category in this parade and in 2011 - 2013 received the Journey to Excellence Unit Award.** Past mayors, city council members and the Commissioner of the Revenue have been members of Pack 882.

**PATUXENT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND** formed in 1996 is appearing in today's parade for their second year. The band strives to provide each student with a commitment to musical excellence through opportunities and experiences that cultivate servant leadership, self-improvement, and personal development. They have **participated over the years competitively as a part of the Tournament of Bands and USBands organizations.** They have become a large part of Calvert County Public Schools and the Lusby, MD, community. They are one of the most visible and active entities of Patuxent High school and **perform at all home football games, local parades, and various community events throughout the year. They have performed at the Patuxent River Appreciation Days Parade and at the United States Capital.** Enjoying a myriad of success over the years, they **won the USBands Maryland State Championship in 2014 and 2016 and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the USBands National Championships two out of the last three years with a score of 94.150 – the highest in school history.**

**NOVA PARKS (FLOAT)** is celebrating 60 years and conserves more than 12,000 acres of woodlands, streams, and rolling Virginia Countryside. Through your regional Parks, NOVA Parks provides 2-million citizens with active and passive recreational opportunities and some of the finest recreational facilities in the country. From a wave pool to nature trails, from golfing to boating, there is a NOVA Park that's right for you. Come for a day, a weekend or a week! NOVA Parks are yours to enjoy!

**LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIGHTNING LIONS JUMP ROPE TEAM** was created over 20 years ago as the Laurel Ridge Ropers by a physical education teacher and has since been coached by parent volunteers. In 2001 the Laurel Ridge Ropers name was retired and they became known as the LIGHTNING LIONS. The team comprised of mainly 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, practices three to four days a week for an hour before the start of the school day October through March. They have an eight-week fundraising clinic for "Thunder Cubs" who want to learn the skills. During the 2016-2017 school years, the team performed **at two local high basketball games, a GMU Women's Basketball game and at the Robinson and Lake Braddock Special Olympics FanQuests basketball games.** The LIGHTNING LIONS are joining us today for their second year and in **2018 won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Novelty Category in this parade.**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY PRECISION BOOK CART DRILL TEAM** organized in 1983, has participated in this parade for over 30 years and **still holds the distinction of being the first documented Library Book Cart Drill Team in the Nation.** Formed to draw attention to the Library's move to the Courthouse for the 1983 - 1984 renovation of the library and to encourage participation in the summer

reading program, their carts are decorated according to the parade theme and the crowds always support their efforts – the library staff loves attention. **Welcoming a new generation of library users, it is important to remind everyone of the importance of early childhood literacy and the importance of reading to our children every day.** They have **participated in Trumbull & Core’s Gross National Parade** and have won the **IDCC Award, the Mayor and City Council Award, and have won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Drill Team category in 2013 – 2018 in this parade.**

**WASHINGTON CAPITALS SLAPSHOT**, the Official Mascot of the Washington Capitals has been very busy since the Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup in 2018. Skating around the area since 1995 this large bald eagle wears the number 00 on his jersey and can be seen at every Capitals home 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 school children 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; and he has a pretty big rivalry with Stormy, the Carolina Hurricanes mascot. Welcome Slapshot!

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

**GIRL SCOUT SERVICE UNIT 52-11** appear today for their second year. Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low who envisioned an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence, and character. In 1912, in the midst of the Progressive Era—and at a time when women in the United States couldn’t yet vote—this nearly deaf 51-year-old sparked a worldwide movement inspiring girls to embrace together, their individuality, strength, and intellect. Juliette, affectionately known as “Daisy” by her family and close friends, gathered 18 girls in her hometown of Savannah, GA, to share what she had learned abroad about a new outdoor and educational program for youth, and with this, the Girl Scout Movement was born. Along with Juliette, these first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere. Girl Scouts **participates in a wide variety of events throughout the year, around the world – sporting, STEM, theatrical and government events just to name a few.** Members of this Service Unit have **earned their gold, silver, silver trefoil, and bronze awards.**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR SHARON BULOVA** was first elected Chairman in a special election in 2009, prior to serving as Chairman was the Supervisor of the Braddock District from 1988 until 2009, and was reelected as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2015. Sharon believes an informed and engaged community is a well-served constituency. It is important that the community has a place at the table when decisions are being made. Community engagement is essential to striking the right balance between keeping taxes affordable and protecting the quality of life and services we value. A Northern Virginia resident since 1966, Sharon lives in Fairfax with her husband Lou DeFalaise and together, they have four adult children and seven grandchildren. In December 2018, Sharon announced that she would not seek reelection ending a 30-year career in which she helped lead Virginia's largest jurisdiction through dramatic growth, a financial crisis and sweeping demographic change.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK**, representing the Braddock District, was re-elected to serve a third term on November 3, 2015. Tasked by Chairman Bulova to serve as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, he oversees the formation of County policy as it relates to police reform as well as the creation and implementation of Diversion First. He also serves as the Board's representative to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy Coordinating Council of Fairfax County, and in 2014, **he was named Shelter House, Inc.'s Community Champion for his work to prevent and end domestic violence** was recognized by the **Fairfax Branch of the NAACP for his commitment to the community, receiving the organization's Presidents Award**. Currently he serves as Secretary and as a Board Member of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board and was previously Chair; he is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), where he serves as Chair of the Governance and Personnel Committee; and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), where he serves as Treasurer. John is also the Board of Supervisor's representative to the George Mason University's Fairfax Campus Advisory Board. The managing partner of the Fairfax law firm Cook Craig & Francuzenko, resides in the Kings Park community with his wife, Valerie, and their five children. John announced on November 16, 2018, that he will not seek re-election in 2019.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY**, was elected Springfield District Supervisor in 2007. Raised in Fairfax County, he received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Virginia Tech in 1982 and lives in Little Rocky Run with his wife, Nancy, and their children - Sean and Valeria. As the son of the 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 transportation solutions. **As a result of his efforts, he received the President's Award and the CFO of the Year Community Service Award from NVTC; CFO of the Year Award from SmartCEO Magazine, and the Fairfax County Federal of Teachers President's Award.**

**FAIRFAX CLUB ESTATES CUB SCOUT PACK 41 (FLOAT)** chartered in 1989 are members of the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, Patriot District and join us today for the 19<sup>th</sup> time. Sponsored by the Fairfax Club Estates HOA, Pack 41 offers scouting opportunities for boys and girls in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Bonnie Brae School boundaries from Tiger Cubs to Weblogs. Their members serve their community by participating in the **Annual Scouting for Food Program (Washington Area Food Banks), National Night Out, Washington Nationals Games, GMU Basketball Games, the Pinewood Derby, the Raingutter Regatta, Toys-For-Tots, family camping at Burke Lake Park, and neighborhood clean-up efforts**. They were **awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Scouting Category in 2011 and in 2014 and in 2015 received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Mayor and City Council Awards in this parade; in 2014, they earned the Gold Level Journey to Excellence Award from the BSA.**

**W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING CAVALIERS**, under the direction of Aaron Morgan, were organized in 1962 have marched in today's parade for 16 years along with their Color Guard. They have been

recognized by nearly every major arts education organization for excellence in music education. 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 USBands Towson University, VBODA State Marching Assessment, and VBODA Concert and Sight-Reading Assessment, and, this past year were selected to play at the Virginia Music Educators Association Conference. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Marching Band (Schools/Community) category in this parade in 2013 and 2015 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2014, 2016, and 2018.**

**FAIRFAX CITY 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB** offer many exciting activities for youth ages 9 – 19 through cooking, gardening, writing, cycling, pottery, helping in the community, and much, much more. Making their second appearance in this parade, they meet the second Tuesday of every month; individual activities meet more frequently, and are a member of the Fairfax County 4-H program. They were **featured in the Summer 2017 Parktakes magazine for their Community Club’s garden** and in 2017 projects included gardening, knife skills, horseback riding, riflery, sewing, cooking, guitar/music and pottery. In **2018 they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Marching Unit (Youth) in the parade.**

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB** organized in 1966 in the Baileys Crossroads area and re-organized in 2000, are making their 11<sup>th</sup> appearance in this parade. Open to all years of mustangs (1964.5 - present) with over 500 registered members of all ages, this Club is all about family and striving to “bridge the generation gap” with the diversity of its members and providing positive influence in the community. *Debuting at the 1964 World’s Fair in New York City; in 1965, engineers took apart one of the cars and transported it to the top of the Empire State Building where it was reassembled for photographers. With a starting price of just under \$2,400, Ford celebrated the golden anniversary of its iconic Mustang by unveiling the new 2015 model again from the top of the Empire State Building. The car was disassembled into five pieces and then carried to the 86<sup>th</sup> floor observation deck where it was put back together overnight.* The Northern Virginia Mustang Club hosts car shows, cruises, and racing events at the Mason Dixon Dragway; Summit Point, WV; and Old Dominion Raceway. Being well-seated in the community as a professional organization, they are about respectable ownership within the community. They **participate in the City of Fairfax Ride of the Patriots, organized and participated in the Kip Killmon Show, Toys for Tots, provide donations to Fisher House, held a Benefit Car Show for Lydia Gherghis, Clifton Labor Day Car Show, Car Show for the Troops, 2016 National Mustang Day Cruise, and since 2009 have provided many of the cars transporting the VIPs in this parade.** In **2013 and 2014, they won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire in this parade; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mayor and City Council Award; and in 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire award in this parade; and from 2009 – 2013 they have received the Toys for Tots Commanders Award.**

**HUMPTY DUMPTY (BALLOON)** - As you seem to have noticed, in the “Humpty Dumpty” nursery rhyme, nowhere does it say that Humpty is an egg, yet he is often presented as such in pictures and stories and it is most likely that the nursery rhyme was intended as a riddle and, the answer to the riddle, of course, is “an egg”—something that, if it rolled off a wall, could not be mended by any number of people. Humpty Dumpty, who is 25’ tall and holds 900 cubic feet of helium, is being escorted down the parade route today by 14 handlers who won’t let him roll off a wall.

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DIVISION IV

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE COLOR CORPS**, formed in 1982 have been in today's parade for more than 20 years. The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus was formed on George Washington's birthday – February 22, 1900. Their activities promote the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, specifically within the church, community, council, culture of life, family, and youth. Currently, there are over 1.9-million members belonging to the more than 15,000 councils world-wide. The Virginia Knights of Columbus have a special relationship with the Special Olympics, and are the largest private contributor towards helping those with mental disabilities thanks to their annual Tootsie Roll drive. Members of this color corps are part of the Fourth Degree, otherwise known as the Patriotic Degree, which is considered the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Their colorful capes and chapeaux representing their achievements within the Fourth Degree, are quickly recognizable not only in parades, but in various church events, most notably at wakes and funerals of deceased members and their families. Currently the largest Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, they foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to their country. The host assembly, Father Malloy Assembly #1894, meets at St. Leo's Church in the City of Fairfax and **participate in wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery annually on Columbus Day, and have recently partnered with the Honor Flight program, in which World War II, and more recently Korean War veterans, travel to Washington, DC, to visit various memorials, most notably the World War II memorial. In 2015 they received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Marching Unit/Adult in this parade; they have frequently earned the Civic Award from the Knights of Columbus and recently were one of the 96 assemblies throughout the world to earn the Star Assembly Award for its programs and membership recruiting.** Their members include the current District Secretary for Virginia, the new State Deputy for Virginia, a former District Master, a former Vice Supreme Master, several past State Deputies, and a former Supreme Secretary of the Order.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT CUB SCOUT PACK 1113** sponsored by St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, first participated in this parade in 1987. Formed in 1970, Pack 1113 is associated with the Boy Scouts of America and is in the George Mason District. With approximately 40 scouts, they participate in **Cub Scout Pinewood Derby races and various community events. They also participate in Scouting for Food which has contributed over 10,000 pounds of food to local food pantries since the program's inception, and maintain parts of Van Dyck Park during their annual clean-up program.** St. Leo's Cub Scouts have been active in developing boys and now all youth in the great traditions of scouting including good character, a love of the outdoors, and a love of God. This is the third year of Pack 1113's Color Guard marching in this parade. In **2018, they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Scouting Category in this parade.**

**GREAT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HORNETS** formed in 1960 for the Veteran's Day parade in the community, are making their sixth appearance in this parade. Under the direction of Matthew Pearson, this highly competitive marching unit is made up of members of grades 8-12 and is a competition, open-class band and competes in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. They have been a consistent point of pride for St. Mary's County. They have **participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, DC; the Strawberry Festival Parade in West Virginia; the Pride in the Park Parade in Lexington Park, MD; the St. Mary's County Cherry Blossom Parade; the US Bands National Championships from 2011 – 2018; Maryland State Championships in 2010 – 2018; and the Keystone Indoor Drill Association from 2014 – 2018.** They have **been Maryland State Champions in 2011, 2015, 2017, and 2018: were Keystone Indoor Drill Association Bronze Medalists in 2014 and 2016; placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the US Bands National Championships; and named Best Marching Unit in the Washington, DC, St. Patrick's Day parade.**

**CUB SCOUT PACK 187** was formed in 2006 and is participating in this parade for a fifth year. Along with its brother organization, Boy Scout Troop 187, this Pack is associated with the Fairfax United Methodist Church and sponsored by the Fairfax Methodist Men. **They participate in Scouting for Food gathering canned goods for disadvantaged families in the area and participate in spring and fall campouts in the area.**

**UNCLE SAM** is linked to Samuel Wilson (1766 – 1854), a meat packer from Troy, NY, who supplied barrels of beef to the U.S. Army during the War of 1812. The beef barrels were stamped with “U.S.” for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as “Uncle Sam’s.” The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government. In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam continuing to evolve the image, eventually giving Uncle Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today. Perhaps the most famous image of Uncle Sam was created by artist James Montgomery Flagg (1877-1960) with Uncle Sam wearing a tall top hat and blue jacket and is pointing straight ahead at the viewer. During World War I, this portrait of Sam with the words “I Want You For The U.S. Army” was used as a recruiting poster. The image, which became immensely popular, was first used on the cover of *Leslie’s Weekly* in July 1916 with the title “What Are You Doing for Preparedness?” The poster was widely distributed and has subsequently been re-used numerous times with different captions. In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as “the progenitor of America’s national symbol of Uncle Sam.”

**FALLS CHURCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** was established when Falls Church citizens responded to fires in their community by forming an impromptu bucket brigade. In 1898 when a building known as the Kerr Mill burned, it was decided that the bucket brigade method was inadequate and the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department was formed. In 1899, a town newspaper reported that “The Town Council of Falls Church will levy a special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 in the rate of taxation for the purchase of chemical engines for the department of that town. It is proposed by the Council to purchase three chemical engines; one large one for the center of town and two smaller ones to be located at East and West Falls Church.” The department’s fleet also included one fully-equipped ladder truck. Falls Church purchased one of the first pieces of motorized fire equipment in Northern Virginia – a Model T Ford retrofitted with the chemical tanks from the department’s original 55 gallon engine. The Model T, known as “Old Tom” is still owned by the FCVFD today and is displayed at the Department’s annual Fire Prevention Week Open House and has **participated in various local parades**. The FCVFD falls into two categories – operational and administrative volunteers - all that donate their time to participate in fire and life safety events as well as helping to maintain the facilities, fundraising, and perform other administration functions for the department. EMTs respond to emergency calls for service and provide stand-by at special events and all are certified by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Firefighters by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. Their mission is to provide emergency services through a shared partnership with the City of Falls Church, the Arlington County Fire Department, and Arlington County. In **2008 they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire Equipment in this parade**.

**CUB SCOUT PACKS 1967 AND 1968** were formed in 1973 and are joining us today for the second time. They serve boys in grades K – 5 in the Kings Park West Neighborhood of Fairfax County exploring their world while covering topics such as athletics, camping, outdoor skills, conversation, environmental stewardship, ropes, knots, leadership, and living the Scout Oath and Law. Recent activities include **Scouting for Food, Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery, rock climbing, camping, hiking, visits to the White House and the U.S. Congress, air shows, and more**. Both Units are chartered by the Kings Park Civic Association and regularly meet at the Laurel Ridge Elementary School.

**DIABLADA ARTISTICA URUS VA-USA**, formed in 2015 and joining us today for their second time are performing Diablada (Dance of the Devils), a Bolivian dance created and characterized by the mask and evil suit worn by the dancers that represent the struggle between good and evil where Archangel Saint Michael and his angels battled the forces of evil represented by Lucifer and his demons then lead the defeated devils towards to the temple to ask for forgiveness to “Virgen Del Socavion” (Virgen Mary). They have **participated in the Leesburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, the Hagerstown Halloween parade, the Bolivian Festival parade, the**

**Carnival of Oruro en VA, the Hispanic Parade of New Jersey, the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parade, and the Bolivian Embassy parade.** In 2018 they won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Dance Category in this parade.

**JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTER**, formed in 2000, believes in “Loving People to Life.” They have appeared in this parade since 2010 and sponsor **the Annual Easter Eggstravangaza at the Fairfax Government Center, an Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Alternative, as well as other special family-community events.**

**FAIR OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT** has been providing fire protection and emergency medical services to Fairfax County residents, businesses, and visitors since 1957. Working alongside career personnel of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, their volunteers are certified at all levels of emergency services from firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians to line officers and battalion chiefs. Their members provide supplemental staffing on frontline county units as well as staffing additional units, particularly during periods of high incident activity or when the career staff is engaged in training. Personnel come from all professions and walks of life, sharing in a common desire to give back something to the community in which we live and work. They provide fire and emergency medical services under the authority of the Fire Chief of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their primary source of funding comes from contributions from residents, visitors, businesses, and community organizations and is used to purchase equipment and cover our operating expenses. The Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue owns, at Fairfax County Fire Station 421 one Fire Engine (E421B); one Advanced Life Support medic (M421); one Basic Life Support ambulance (A421); and Command Officer vehicle (Chief 421). Originally founded as the “Navy-Vale Fire Department, they have been in this parade for many years.

**McGRATH MORGAN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE** opened its doors in January 2004 to students who were interested in learning more about Irish Step Dancing. McGrath dancers have since qualified for regional, national, and world level competitions and multiple studios have since sprung up in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia. Sharing their love for Irish Step Dancing both on and off the stage competing internationally and locally, they have **performed at the White House for the President’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration in 2018 and 2019; the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, pubs in Washington, DC., Georgetown, National Harbor, and Fairfax as well as various schools, concerts, parades, senior living centers, and on television.** They won **1<sup>st</sup> Place for Dance Drama at the World Irish Dancing Championships 2019 in Greensborough, NC, where two of their dancers received the title as Top Americans. In 2017, they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Novelty Category in this parade.**

**PACK 1683 CUB SCOUTS – COLOR GUARD** were formed in 2013 and are appearing in today’s parade for their first time. Cub Scouts is a patriotic, civic minded organization whose mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. They have **participated in youth leadership training and community service events throughout Northern Virginia.**

**CAKE DIVAS, LLC (FLOAT)** was started by a former Fairfax County School counselor and head cross country and track and field coach, Kelley Devlin, who turned her love for baking into a home-based bakery allowing her to stay at home with her five children. CAKE DIVAS is well known in the area for its delicious and beautiful custom cakes for all and has a large social media following and is a happy supporter of various charities and schools. Making their third appearance in today’s parade, in **2017 they won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Mayor and City Council Award category and in 2018 won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Float Category.**

**SKYSTONE BLUEGRASS BAND** joins us today for their 29<sup>th</sup> year. What could be any better on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July than bluegrass? This award-winning bluegrass band was formed in the City of Fairfax in 1988, now working out of Central Virginia. Fast picking instruments and tight vocal harmonies have been the highlight of this Central Virginia band. Having made hundreds of personal appearances ranging from the Russian Embassy to the Old Dominion Barndance in Richmond, VA, they feature traditional bluegrass music with high vocal

harmonies. This group features traditional bluegrass music with fast pickin' banjo tunes, tight three-piece harmony vocals, and high lonesome solos. When this group entertains, there is NEVER a dull moment. Over the years, they have released three albums – “Country Flavored Bluegrass,” “Traditional Bluegrass,” and “Serious Business.” Monte and the Band have participated in **the North Carolina and the West Virginia State Fairs, many county fairs, Bluegrass Festivals, fairs in Colonial Beach and Brentsville as well as Fairfax, Prince William County, and Arlington; their 2018 season was capped off by a sold-out performance at the Louisa Cultural Arts Center in Louisa, VA. Having won numerous 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place awards in this parade; in 2018 they received won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Musical Group Category.** Sadly in April of this year, Monte Monteith, founder of the Skystone Bluegrass Band, passed away after a short hospitalization. Monte began to learn bluegrass in the mountains of NC as a small child; he loved it and he never stopped learning. The bluegrass community has lost a real practitioner of the art. One of Monte's last wishes was that the band he had worked so hard to put together and fulfill the commitments he had already made for this year keep going.

**TRAIL LIFE TROOP – VA1115**, chartered in January 2014, are joining us today for their third year. Trail Life USA is a church-based, Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy. Established on values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from grades K - 12 are engaged in a troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills. **Boys are engaged throughout the year in community service projects and Trail-Life Troop – VA 1115 will hike the Shenandoah Trail and sail the waters of the Chesapeake in the summer of 2019.**

**FAIRFAX REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER (FLOAT)** has appeared in today's parade for over 26 years. Formed in 1964, by Robert and Charmaine Bainum, the Center is a specialized nursing center that feels like home and where everyone is treated like family. They are proud to be **rated as a 5-Star facility by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** and they have **participated in Fairfax Pets on Wheels Paws for a Clause 5-K.**

**HENRY MASONIC LODGE NO. 57** first appeared in this parade in 2018. Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternal organization and 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 presidents of the United States, including George Washington, were Masons. The Masonic experience encourages members to become better men, husbands, fathers, and citizens. The fraternal bonds formed in the Lodge help build lifelong friendships among men with similar goals and values. Masonry is deeply involved in helping people, and the Freemasons of North America contribute over \$2-million a day to charitable causes. This philanthropy represents an unparalleled example of the humanitarian commitment of this great and honorable Fraternity and much of that assistance goes to people who are not Masons and some of these charities are vast projects. The Shrine Masons (Shriners) operate the largest network of hospitals for burned and orthopedically-impaired children in the country and there is NEVER a fee for treatment. The Scottish Rite Masons maintain a nation-wide network of over 150 Childhood Language Disorder Clinics and Programs. Joining the Henry Masonic Lodge in today's parade are members of the Masonic Youth groups including the Woodlawn Chapter DeMolay; the Fairfax Assembly of Rainbow Girls; and the Bethel Chapter Jobs Daughters. They participate in the **annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.**

**THE ALL AMERICAN BRASS MARCHING BAND**, formed in 2018, is joining us today for their first year. The history of the All American Brass goes back to Halloween of 2000, when the award-winning Baltimore Brass Quintet was formed. Fifteen years later, they were invited to **perform in the style of the New Orleans “second line” tradition for the retirement celebration of former Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed**, and it quickly became apparent that there was a need for marching band music. With a resurgence of the popularity of the New Orleans style “second line” tradition, they began performing on the street almost as much as they were performing in the concert hall and the All American Brass was formed. What is a “second line?” One of the most popular traditions during New Orleans weddings is the famous “second line”

parade. At a wedding it signifies the start of a new beginning of life for the bride and groom. A Brass band leads the bridal party and the guests from the ceremony to the reception venue or it may take place at the reception itself. A “second line” parade has two parts - the first line is usually a brass band and the newlyweds being honored. The newly married couple leads the “second line” holding uniquely decorated umbrellas or parasols. Many couples opt to add a grand marshal, an energetic local who heads the parade. All of the guests who want to join in the celebration make up the “second line”. The guests form a line behind the band and the newly married couple dance to lively music with handkerchiefs or cocktail napkins in hand! The All American Brass is comprised of all professional musicians with digress from schools such as the Peabody Conservatory, Boston University, Towson University, and Temple University. They have **participated in the Catonsville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Major League Baseball All-Star Game pre-game events; corporate session openers for Dell, For Eyes, and StoryFarm just to name a few.**

**ICE CREAM CONES (BALLOONS)** - There is much controversy over who invented the first ice cream cone, but both paper and metal cones were used in France, England, and Germany before the 19th century; travelers to Germany reported eating ice cream out of edible cones in the late 1800s. Before the invention of the cone, ice cream was either licked out of a small bowl or wrapped in paper which was called a “hokey pokey.” During the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair there were approximately 50 ice cream stands and a large number of waffle shops. At the close of the Fair, the popularity of eating ice cream in a “cone” had industries racing to produce molds and machines to be used for baking ice cream cones, which originally had been hand-wrapped. These three high-flying cones, each 18’ in height and holding 1,600 cubic feet of helium, won’t be dripping today as they are guided down the parade route by 12 handlers!

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#### DIVISION V

**BURKE VFW POST 5412** formed in 1990, **was recognized by VFW National as an All-American Post for 2018/2019.** Comprised of veterans who have served in overseas war zones, they support programs for wounded veterans, encourage patriotism, and community involvement. Participating in this event for 25 years, they serve active duty and honorably discharged veterans in our local community. Dating back to the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection, veterans founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. **They participate in the Burke Fall Festival, Chantilly Day, Clifton Day, and the Burke Family Night Out.** Post 5412 has been named an **All-State American Post and has received the 100% Membership Award in 2012 – 2013 and in 2013 won 1<sup>st</sup> and in 2015 won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Marching Unit (Adult) category in this parade**

**LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAIDERS** from St. Mary’s County, MD, is comprised of woodwind, brass, and percussion students in grades 7 – 12 and is under the direction of Hunter Martin. Appearing in this parade for their fifth year, as a performing organization, the band appears regularly throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia performing at football games, parades, and the USBands competitive marching band. **The Marching Raiders have travelled to Disney World, as well as Texas to be featured during the halftime performance of the Alamo Bowl.** Music they perform includes, but is not limited to classical contemporary and pop genres. Yearly, the band travels to several venues including the J. Birney Crum Stadium and the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium to perform in state- and national-level competitions. **They have participated in USBands IIA National Championships, USBands IIA Maryland State Championships; USBands Navy-Marine Corps International; the Leonardtown Veteran’s Day and the Patuxent River Appreciation Day Parades. The Marching Raiders have traveled to Texas to be featured during the halftime performance of the Alamo Bowl. They received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2015 and 2018 Group II A Maryland State Championships; 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 2017 Group II A Maryland State Championships; 5<sup>th</sup> place at the 2017 Group II A National Championships; 1<sup>st</sup> place at the 2015 Patriot Classic; 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Music in Motion competition at**

Reservoir High School in Fulton, MD; and were awarded Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Overall Effect at several USBands competitions.

**FaLun DaFa (FLOAT)** also known as FaLun Gong, is a traditional Chinese meditation practice involving slow, gentle movement, and sitting meditation, join us today for a fourth year. Based on the principal of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, the practice began in public in China in 1992 and is now practiced by over 100-million people in over 100 countries. Folks who practice regularly find it effective in reducing stress, improve health, increase their energy level, and grow inner peace. They have participated in the Falls Church Memorial and Gaithersburg Labor Day Parades as well as the Annapolis and the Towson July 4<sup>th</sup> parades. They won 1<sup>st</sup> place float in 2015 in the Falls Church Memorial Day Parade and the Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade. (<http://www.falundaf.org/>)

**GIRL SCOUTS OF BURKE SERVICE UNIT 52-7** builds girl's courage, confidence, and character in grades K – 12. The Girl Scouts of Burke consist of nearly 75 troops servicing 800 girls that are led by over 125 dedicated volunteers. An amazing 64% of today's women leaders in the United States were once Girl Scouts. This Service Unit has been awarded multiple bronze, silver, and gold awards recognizing community service and outreach.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB** formed in 1963, is making their fourth appearance in this parade. A club of over 150 individuals from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia appreciate the rugged dependability and timeless type of the Model "A" Ford and many of their members own two or more of these classics. They donate money to the Old Soldier's Home and participate in a club show for them in Washington, DC; have sponsored for over 40 years the Father's Day Antique Car Show at Sully Plantation (featuring over 350 vintage automobiles, a flea market, antique auto sales, live music and tours of the historic plantation); and have been "movie star cars" in major motion pictures filmed in the metropolitan area. Of the 5-million Model "A" Fords built between 1928 and 1931, it has been estimated that a quarter of a million still travel the highways and byways of the world – a number that greatly increases with the Model "A"s that have been "hot rodded" over the years. This Club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 at the Mount Vernon Inn on the grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon. Affiliated with both the Model "A" Ford Club of America and the Model "A" Restorers Club they are one of the largest Model "A" Clubs in the world. This is a local club and participation is self-funded by each car's driver. They participate in the Cherry Blossom, the National Memorial Day, and the National July 4<sup>th</sup> parades in Washington, DC; and the Annandale Halloween Parade; and car shows in Rockville and in Fairfax as well as local, national, and international tours. In 2017, they won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire Category in this parade.

**VIENNA-FALLS CHORUS** is a women's chorus singing 4-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style and is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. In September of 2019, they will travel to New Orleans to compete in International Competition. They have participated in the Vienna Stroll, the Fairfax Concert in the Park, Honor Flights, Fairfax Faire, Celebration Fairfax, and the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Anniversary. They have participated in this parade for over 10 years where they won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Vocal Music Category in 2016 and 2017; were 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 2018 Sweet Adelines Region 14 with enough score to qualify for International.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICAS MRS. 2019**, joining us today for their first time, was formed in 2018 and was founded by Janice Smith. The program is designed to empower, inspire, and uplift women and allows them to showcase their passion, platform, and life-long goals, as well as embracing inner confidence. Danielle Santistevan is appearing today – a current nursing student attending EPI University, her hopes are to become a pediatric ICU nurse. Danielle is passionate about her platform to get involved and stay involved encouraging children and to find what they love and stick with it!

**CHRIST CHURCH (FLOAT)**, located in Fairfax Station and second time participants in this parade, is a warm, inviting, and diverse church offering multi-sensory worship services every week-end carefully designed with relevant Biblical teaching that related to the everyday challenges that we all face. All are invited to enjoy the comfortable environment (come as you are) with real people who love God, love others, and live out the Gospel.

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 1345, BURKE, VA** was formed in 1993 and is sponsored by The Burke Centre Conservancy, the homeowners association for all residents of the Burke area. The boy's troop reached its 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the girl's troop was formed in 2018. Joining us today for a third time, they are located within the Patriot District of the National Capital Area Council, the Troop's activities are designed to provide adventure and fun, while obtaining the skills needed to solve problems, gain self-discipline and self-reliance, respect other people and our environment, learn teamwork, and develop leadership. Their activities include camping, hiking, high adventure, skiing, flag ceremonies, public service projects, and Scouting for Food. They **display the US flags in Burke Centre along the roadways during each federal holiday; participate in Scouting for Food and Memorial Day and Veteran's Day flag ceremonies; and provide service to the Burke community in a variety of service projects.** Troop 1345 **has received the BSA Journey to Excellence – Gold Award in 2014, 2015, and 2016 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Scouts Category in 2017 in this parade.**

**C4 PERFORMING ARTS** is an arts organization based in the Fairfax area and are under the direction of CEO and Artistic Director, Stacey Yvonne Claytor who is a dynamic professional dance education and has always sought opportunities to infuse her community with the joy that dance and the performing arts have brought to her. Joining us today for their first time, 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. Ms. Claytor is resolute about the integration of the performing arts in education programs across the country and holds fast to the belief that the arts teach discipline, inspire creativity, improve self-esteem, and assist our youth in setting and achieving the highest goals, thus reaching their fullest potential of life. They have **participated in Viva Vienna!, Fall for Fairfax, Taste of Herndon, the DC Cherry Blossom Festival parade, the H Street Festival, and have performed at the Ted Ex Le Droit Park.**

**LEONARD HWOSTOW – ZRUPTIVE CONSULTING LLC** is joining us today driving a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air. A first time participant in this parade, Leonard formed Zruptive Consulting LLC to be a disruptive force in the health industry. His personal journey as a cancer survivor is driving his passion and he is committed to helping save 1-million lives through technology creating personalized pathways to longevity. The company is working in the community to educate people in making optimal decisions throughout their life in all health-related areas including wellness, lifestyle, and treatment choices.

**LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, AL MANARAH COURT #50 (FLOAT)** was formed on May 4, 1949, and are members of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America that was founded in 1903 in Wheeling, WV, with thousands of members in Courts across North America. This international organization supports the 22 Shriner's Hospitals for Children across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Treatment at these hospitals is provided regardless of ability to pay. These Ladies raise funds to assist the hospitals purchase equipment, support research, and pay for transporting children and their families to the hospitals, and in 2017 they **raised \$317,367.** They **participate in the Vienna Halloween, Herndon Homecoming, and Dale City and Falls Church July 4<sup>th</sup> parades.** They join us today for a fifth time.

**BOSTON CRUSADERS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS** founded in 1940, is the third-oldest junior drum and bugle corps in the nation and is proud to be a founding member of Drum Corps International (DCI). Composed entirely of brass players, percussionists, and color guard members (all under the age of 22) they travel over

10,000 miles each summer performing in more than 40 competitions and exhibitions before a combined audience of over 300,000 fans. Their mission is to provide its members an opportunity to reach their highest potential, both as a person and as an artist. While providing a healthy balance between education and competition, they seek to constantly challenge members to excel every day through a dynamic and unique combination of artistic, athletic, and life goals that their members will not find elsewhere. Most members of the Crusaders have experience in high school or college marching bands and some have experience as members of other drum and bugle corps. Yearly in the month of May, they take up residence in the Boston area for several weeks of intensive daily rehearsals and in June, the Crusaders, their staff, instructors, and volunteers, board four buses to go on tour, along with two equipment trucks, a mobile kitchen, and numerous support vehicles. Throughout the summer they will be scheduled to perform almost every day during their six-week tour. They have won **awards in 1964, 1966, and 1967 from CYO and were DCI Finalists in 1999 – 2018**. Please welcome the Boston Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps as they make their first appearance in today's parade

**FAIRFAX POLICE YOUTH CLUB (FPYC) (FLOAT)** was formed in 1963 and has participated in this parade for many years. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the advancement of leadership, sportsmanship, and physical fitness, while encouraging and providing opportunities for youth to participate in a variety of sports. The Club was originally founded as a joint police department and community program and has since developed into an independent community organization and is self-supporting. In 2013, FPYC celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with celebrations throughout the year. While totally independent, the police department still strongly supports FPYC and has representatives on the FPYC Board of Directors. Today, FPYC provides sporting venues for the youth of both Fairfax City and surrounding areas of Fairfax County. Sports that are available through FPYC include basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, lacrosse, rugby, running, soccer, t-ball, volleyball, wrestling, and youth challenged sports. **In 2013, FPYC won the 1<sup>st</sup> place Mayor and City Council award in this parade and in 2017 they won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Marching Unit/Youth category.**

**TRAIL LIFE TROOP VA-1110** sponsored by St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax City, is made of young boys seeking to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure. This troop is very young both in age of the members and in history, but draws upon the wealth of knowledge and experience of our fathers and volunteers. We love camping, hiking, playgrounds, discovering new things and just being boys. If you are interested in similar activities and are looking to develop your son's character to become a godly and responsible man, come join us.

**BLACK KNIGHTS CORVETTE CLUB** was formed in 2011 and are united through their common military backgrounds, close family ties, love of life and laughter, and of course the shared passion and admiration for America's great sports car – The Corvette! They actively work in the Stafford/ Fredericksburg community giving back to those less fortunate. They have **participated in the Fredericksburg Christmas Parade, the Atlantic City Boardwalk Vette Parade, and Corvettes at Carlisle, PA, the Myrtle Beach Corvette Bash, and the Memphis-Beale Street Car Show**. They have **won over 100 awards in the last nine years** and join us today for their first time. Unique in automotive history, no other car has ever achieved 57+ years of production, and no other car has come close to the romantic reputation of Chevrolet's powerful two-seat sports car. The first Corvette rolled out of the Chevrolet factory in Flint, MI, on June 30, 1953, and the most recent Corvette was built more recently in the dedicated Corvette manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, KY. In between those two cars, about 1.5-million Corvettes have been made in America and sold around the world. Inspired by the great European sports cars of the day, the Corvette was invented in 1951 by GM designer Harley Earl who wanted to create an American sports car that could compete and win at the race track. The name "Corvette" was borrowed from a line of small, fast navy ships used in World War II.

**CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT DANCERS** joining us for their 24<sup>th</sup> year, offer a summer dance camp, “Faith in Motion,” for children ages 4 – 12 focusing on what it means to love one’s country, friends, and neighbors – especially if they have great needs. Under the direction of Jeannine Laquement, the camp has an outreach component where kids are not only trained in choreography, but are also engaged in several service projects helping them be more aware of the needs of others living around the world. 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 recitals, they perform outreach concerts in assisted living communities and nursing homes in the metropolitan area. They have **participated in Zoolights, The National Christmas Tree Music Program, DC Dance Project, Project Dance New York City, and Dance Project Atlanta. They also present dance concerts at various nursing homes and retirement communities throughout the area.** They currently are presenting concerts at local area churches to raise awareness and funds for *Abide Family Center* helping families in Uganda struggling to keep their children out of orphanages and at home with them. In **2012 and 2013, they received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and in 2014 they 1<sup>st</sup> Place, in the Marching Unit (Youth) category in this parade and received the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from *The Washington Home and Hospice Center.***

**MOTHER GOOSE (BALLOON)** is generally depicted in literature and book illustrations as an elderly country woman in a tall hat and shawl, but of course, we all know what Mother Goose looks like. She has appeared on the cover of various collections of Mother Goose rhymes over the last 50 years and many have tried to trace the Mother Goose rhymes back to their origins in order to discover the truth – was there really a woman known as Mother Goose who told stories and recited rhymes for children? Sadly, evidence suggests that there never was a real person, but many believe that the name was borrowed from a woman with the surname of ‘Goose’! Whoever the real Mother Goose was, her stories first came to be written down in the 1600s and today she is watching over this parade. Helped down the parade route by 16 volunteers, Mother Goose stands 35’ high and holds 2,100 cubic feet of helium and will have many new stories to tell from her vantage point.

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#### DIVISION VI

**FAIRFAX RIFLES (COMPANY D, 17<sup>TH</sup> VIRGINIA INFANTRY)** appearing today for their 21<sup>st</sup> year is an American Civil War reenactment group portraying Company D of the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia, a famous Confederate Civil War infantry unit. Originally organized as a Virginia militia unit at Fairfax Court House in December 1890, they fought in Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia in almost every major battle of the War with the exception of Gettysburg, less than 50 of the regiment members survived to surrender at Appomattox; only four of those were from Company D. This family-oriented, not-for-profit organization was established in March 1998 to educate the public on the lives of ordinary American citizens, both men and women of the period of 1851 – 1865, and to preserve the history of the American Civil War as it related to the Commonwealth of Virginia and Northern Virginia in particular, benefitting Civil War-related museums, functions, and non-profit organizations through participation in Civil War re-enactments, encampments, living history, demonstrations, parades, memorial services, and other civic functions. They **participate in Historic Blenheim’s Civil War Day and Civil War Christmas in Camp in addition to major regional Civil War reenactments, including Appomattox and the annual New Market and Cedar Creek battles in the Valley.** Their **awards in this parade include 1<sup>st</sup> place Marching Unit/Adult Category in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2015; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2017; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Color Guard Category in 2018; as well 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 2008 and 2<sup>nd</sup>P in 2009 in Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Parade.**

**TROOP AND VENTURING CREW 114**, chartered by the Islamic Center of Northern Virginia in 2012 joins us today for their first time. In 2013, the Venturing Crew was added to provide a complete family of the

scouting program offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Since the Troop was chartered, they have had six Eagle Scouts and two trips to high adventure bases. In addition, they have one OA Vigil Member, one District Order of Merit; six Wood Badgers, two Venture Leadership Awards and one Silver Beaver. They have **participated in the 2012 and 2016 Presidential Inaugurations; the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill in 2010; the 2013 and 2017 National Jamboree at Bechtel Summit; the 2018 Summit Advanced Leadership Training (SALT); and will participate in the 2019 World Jamboree in West Virginia.** They have **received the Journey to Excellence Award in 2018.**

**BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND – “THE HERD”** is making their second appearance in today’s parade under the direction of Scott Rabehz. Formed in 1988, they are celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> season of parade competition and have performed in many cities in Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as Washington, DC; Massachusetts; Maryland; Missouri; Rhode Island; Michigan; South Dakota; Colorado; and Alberta and Quebec, Canada. This summer, they will participate in eight parades in Minnesota and Wisconsin beginning and ending with hometown parades in Hannover and Buffalo. Over this July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, “The HERD” will not only perform in this parade, but also in Havre de Grace, MD. In addition to this marching band, 200 musicians perform in four concert bands, three jazz ensembles, a pep band, a winter drum line, and an extensive chamber music program. “The HERD” has **participated in the National Independence Day Parade; the Calgary Stampede; the St. Louis Veiled Prophet Parade; the Bristol, RI, Independence Day Parade; the Greeley, CO, Stampede Parade; the National Cherry Festival Parade in Traverse City, MI; and the Minneapolis Aquatennial Torchlight Parade.** They have consistently **been ranked in the top 5 to 7 parade bands in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin over the past 4 years and won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Marching Band (Schools) in this parade in 2011.**

**JUST CLOWNING AROUND OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA (JCA)**, formed in 1985, has been in this parade for over 15 years and provides community service with a purpose to promote, preserve, and present the time-honored profession of clowning. As part of the Clowns of American International (COAI), they are dedicated to bringing smiles and laughter to persons of all ages, are trained in some aspect of clowning, and have passed a make-up and costume board -- many are members of the World Clown Association and COAI. JCA receives fees for participating at various events which not only support the education and the function of JCA, but donate yearly 75% of these fees to local non-profit organizations – in 2013 – 2017 donations were made to Safe Places of Fairfax County. They have **participated in the City of Falls Church Memorial Day, the Vienna Halloween, the Reston Holiday, and the George Washington Birthday Parades. In 2005, 2011-2016, and 2018 they received 1<sup>st</sup> place and in 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Clown category in this parade.** Have you ever wanted to learn how to be a clown? JCA can help you live that dream!

**CUB SCOUT PACK 1114** was formed in 1978, is sponsored by American Legion Post 177 and meets at Mosby Woods Elementary; they are one of the oldest, continuously chartered Packs in Fairfax.

**CENTREVILLE MOOSE LODGE (FLOAT)** was incorporated in 1971 on the steps of the Centreville Fire House, with a philanthropic spirit that leads them to look for ways to support their community, as well as supporting two impressive fraternal organizations – *MOOSEHEART* (a residential childcare and education facility located on a 1,000 acre campus west of Chicago) and *MOOSEHAVEN* (a complete residential retirement community located on 72 acres south of downtown Jacksonville, FL). Located in Fairfax, VA, Lodge 2168, **on average, donates annually more than \$30,000 back to the community – whether it is for a fire prevention training vehicle or the FHS All-Night Graduation Celebration. They spend many hours helping clean the streets in the City of Fairfax, helping our local high schools, and serving our local first responders as well as giving a helping hand to organizations such as the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, the Lamb Center, and the Virginia Special Olympics. They won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Vocal Group category for their performance in this parade in 2013 and 2014 and in 2015 received 3<sup>rd</sup> in Place in the Float category** and are making their sixth appearance in this parade.

**ENSHIN KARATE OF FAIRFAX** founded in 2009 is making their fourth appearance in this parade. This martial arts school serves the local area schools by providing after school care, evening kid's classes, and adult classes designed for all skill levels with fitness training, practical self-defense applications, and the competitive edge needed in combat sports. They have **participated in Viva Vienna!, Celebrate Fairfax, the Persian Spring Festival, the Vienna Halloween Parade, and JCAW Foundation Shinshun Matsuri (New Year's Festival) in 2016 and 2017.** They **received 2<sup>nd</sup> place (2016) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (2017) in the Marching Unit/Youth category in this parade.**

**THE CITY OF FAIRFAX THEATRE COMPANY**, formed in 2009, join us today for the fifth time. They believe in enriching, educating, and connecting our community through theater programming for all ages as well as providing a multitude of opportunities, including family-friendly performances, camps, and workshops, for young people and adults in Fairfax City and surrounding communities. Funded in part by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, they are supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Performances for the remainder of 2019 include **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** at Sidney Lanier Middle School in Fairfax, VA, July 19 - 27. They **received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this parade in 2018 in the Musical Group category.**

**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA – BURKE/FAIRFAX** is a local non-profit, bipartisan organization committed to gun violence prevention and work with lawmakers, community leaders, schools, and similar groups to promote gun safety initiatives to reduce gun violence in our local neighborhoods and communities. **Making their third appearance in this parade, they have also participated in Celebrate Fairfax, the Burke Centre Fall Festival, and the Great Falls 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.**

**SCOUTS BSA TROOP 1888** was formed in the fall of 2018 when the Boy Scouts of America decided to establish a program for young women who wanted the experiences and opportunities that had been available to young men since 1910. American Legion Post #177 and Boy Scout Troop 1887 decided to sponsor Female Troop 1888 – one of the first female-only Troops established in the Fairfax Area. They are making their first appearance in today's parade, please welcome Troop 1888.

**CHANCELLOR HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTNING REGIMENT MARCHING BAND** from Fredericksburg, VA, under the direction of Ryan Addair, appears in today's parade for the ninth time. Musically supporting the school's athletic programs, they perform a competitive field show from August – November, and participate in many parades throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Formed in 1988 when Chancellor High School first opened its doors, this competitive marching band, **has traveled to New York City (where they performed in Central Park), Orlando, Gatlinburg, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Toronto and have performed in the Spotsylvania and the Fredericksburg Christmas Parades.** They regularly compete throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and have the proud **distinction of being a 19-time Virginia Honor Band and in 2010 won Grand Champion at the Lee Davis Tournament of Champions. They have also been awarded, for the eighth time, the VMEA Blue Ribbon and have earned several other "first place" distinctions. They won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Marching Bands (Schools) category in this parade in 2012.**

**OLD DOMINION HISTORICAL FIRE SOCIETY** appearing for their 19<sup>th</sup> year and organized on June 6, 1978, in Richmond, VA, showcase some of the units that have served the Fairfax area and play an important role in the collection, preservation, and presentation of fire service history. They are members of the Virginia Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAMFA).

- 1953 GMC/American that served Herndon, VA, from 1953 until 1972 and is now owned and cared for by David and Linda Gantt from Sterling, VA.
- 1958 Willys Jeep that served Centreville, VA, and is owned by The Hood Family of Rixeyville, VA.
- 1970 Pirsch that served Mclean, VA, and is still owned by the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

- 1976 Seagrave 100-foot Ladder Truck that served Glenside, PA, VFD and West Cape May, NJ, and is owned by The Olsen Family of Nokesville, VA.
- 1979 Chevrolet/Seagrave Mini Pumper that served Steel City VFD in PA, and is currently owned by Chip Rollison of Etlan, VA..
- 1983 Hahn Custom Pumper that served Creekside VFD in East Pennsboro Township, PA, and owned by the Allison Family of Catlett, VA.

They **participate in the Cherry Blossom, Apple Blossom, and St. Patrick's Day Parades as well as many local firefighter parades.** They have **received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in this parade for Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire category in 2014 and 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 2012, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2011 and 2018.**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FAIRFAX (FLOAT)** whose motto "*SERVICE ABOVE SELF*," was formed by local business leaders and is part of Rotary International Worldwide, have participated in this parade for more than 25 years. Formed in Chicago in 1905, the Rotary's main thrust has been the world-wide eradication of polio with about a 99% success rate since 1978. Locally, they sponsor scholarships for Fairfax High School and Global Grant scholarships for Virginia college graduates as well as programs for homeless children, literacy projects in local schools and Guatemala, water wells in Africa, disaster relief world-wide, and renovation work in homes of disabled. This Club, chartered in 1931, has **received many awards throughout the years including the City of Fairfax "Volunteer of the Year," Rotary District and International Awards, Youth Service Awards, and were a major donor to the Sherwood Legacy Center. In 2013 they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and in 2016 received 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mayor and City Council in this parade and in 2017 won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and in 2018 won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Float category in this parade. They support the Fairfax Police Youth Club, BritePaths, ARC of Northern Virginia, the Salvation Army, the INOVA Children's Hospital, the Lamb Center, Walk for Water, FACETS, as well as other numerous worthy causes.**

**CUB SCOUT PACK 1864** from Annandale is a member of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and joins us today for their third year. Organized in 1985, their membership consists of K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys, is chartered by the Truro Homes association, meets at Wakefield Forest Elementary School, and boasts a membership of 70. They participate in many fun, worthwhile activities throughout the year helping the boys to grow in character, fitness, community service, citizenship, and respect for the outdoors. Some of their favorite activities include the Pinewood Derby, a Spring Family Campout, and attending Summer Camp at Camp Goshen. They **participate in the annual "Scouting for Food" – a food drive for the needy in their community and the annual Truro Homes Association Trail Cleanup – a conservation event.** They have **won multiple times the Cub Scout "Journey to Excellence" Gold Award and the Diamond "W" Award from Camp Goshen.**

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION MUSTANG CLUB** was formed in 1979, owns 1964 – 2018 Ford Mustangs and is appearing in today's parade for the sixth year. Today with more than 420 members from the metropolitan area belonging to this nationally-known organization that is respected not only for automotive expertise, but a willingness to help each other maintain and restore this special breed of automobile. A regional chapter of the Mustang Club of America they assist with judging at MCA national and regional events. They have **participated in the Cherry Blossom Parade, the Washington, DC, Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> Parades; the Vienna Halloween Parade; Montgomery County Holiday Parade; and the Great Falls July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE** formed in March 1982, is a vibrant group holding monthly meetings and organizing activities to support Republican candidates. Participating in today's parade for over 20 years, they also **participate in the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, the Annual Taste of Fairfax, and election-day events.** In 2010 they were **awarded "Best Unit" by the Republican Party of Virginia for the 11<sup>th</sup> District.**

**ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE OF FAIRFAX, ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA** established in 1905 is a mutual aid society and is the largest, longest-established national organization for people of Italian

heritage in the U.S. with over 600,000 members. The leading service and advocacy organization for the nation's estimated 26-million people of Italian descent, they encourage the study of Italian language and culture in American schools/universities; preserve traditions, history, and heritage along with helping charities; and promote closer cultural relations between the U.S. and Italy. Joining us today for their 12<sup>th</sup> year, with a 1937 Jaguar SS-100 Replicar, they were formed in 1981 and **raise funds for Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia, and cancer research and provide financial support for Italian classes in local elementary schools and Italian language classes for their members. They participate in Viva Vienna, the National Columbus Day Celebration, the Alexandria Italian Festival, the Alexandria Birthday Celebration, and the San Gennaro Festival.** In **2013, they received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Marching Unit/Adult and in 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Antique Vehicle/Antique Fire in this parade; they have received numerous Merit Awards from the Virginia State Grand Council of OSIA.** *Did you know that the most famous line in the Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal," can be attributed to writer and political activist, Filippo Mazzei, a friend of Thomas Jefferson?*

**DR. SEUSS CAT IN THE HAT (BALLOON)** – During the time when Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel - an American children's author, political cartoonist, and animator – under the pen name Doctor Seuss) was working as a children's book author and illustrator, a popular primer for young children involved the story of two characters named Dick and Jane who educators and parents found boring. Writer John Hershey delineated the problem in a 1954 article in *Life* magazine and after reading the article, William Spaulding, the director of Houghton Mifflin's (publisher of textbooks, instructional technology materials, assessments, reference works, and fiction and non-fiction for both young readers and adults) Education Division, invited Dr. Seuss over for dinner and asked him to create an exciting children's book that would encourage them to read. "Write me a story that first-graders can't put down!" he repeatedly exclaimed to Dr. Seuss. Accustomed to inventing words at his leisure in his previous books, Dr. Seuss thought, no sweat, but in fact, he did sweat — for a year and a half as he underestimated how difficult it would be to limit his vocabulary to around 200 words, but in the end he managed to keep his masterpiece, *The Cat in the Hat*, to 236 words. Out of frustration he chose the first two words he could find that rhymed (*cat* and *hat*) and decided to create a story around them. Upon publication in 1957, *The Cat in the Hat* was an instant hit about a cat that wears a red and white-striped hat and a red bow tie and shows up at the house of Sally and her brother one rainy day when their mother is away. Despite the repeated objections of the children's fish, the Cat shows the children a few of his tricks in an attempt to entertain them. In the process he and his companions, Thing One and Thing Two, wreck the house. The children and the fish become more and more alarmed until the Cat produces a machine that he uses to clean everything up and disappears just before the children's mother comes home. Making Dr. Seuss a world-renowned children's book author and selling over 1-million copies after its debut, in 2001 *Publishers Weekly* listed the book at number nine on its list of best-selling children's books of all time. Dr. Seuss would be proud of *The Cat in the Hat* in today's parade as he stands 30' tall and maneuvers the parade route with the help of 12 avid fans from the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax.

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#### DIVISION VII

**MONACHE HIGH SCHOOL MARAUDER BAND AND COLOR GUARD**, from Porterville, CA, is joining us today for their second time. Located in the heart of California's agriculture industry, and under the direction of Justin Adams, this band and color guard celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the 2018-2019 school years. While performing extensively in central California, the band travels throughout the state to festivals and musical celebrations. They have had the honor of representing California in Edinburgh Scotland; New York, Georgia, Florida, Hawaii, Arizona, Virginia, and Washington, DC. **They have performed at the Hollywood Christmas Parade; the Tournament of Roses Parade, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Chick Fil A Peach Bowl Parade, and the Fiesta Bowl Parade, as well as pregame performance at the San Francisco 49ers home games, just to name a few.** In **2018 they won the High Color Award Orange Cove Band Review; the Indoor**

Percussion Champions South Valley Winter Arts Association Scholastic A Silver Division, and the Winter Winterguard Champions South Valley Winter Arts Association Regional A Regional A Bronze; in 2017 they won the Parade Sweepstakes Champions at the Selma Marching Band Festival and the Indoor Percussion Champions South Valley Winter Arts Association Regional A Class; were the 2016 Selman Grand Sweepstakes Winner; in 2015 took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division High School Class 1 at the Visalia Band Review; in 2015 at the Selma Marching Band Festival they received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Division 5A parade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division 5A Field; in 2014 , for the 26<sup>th</sup> time, they received the Selma Marching Band Festival Grand Champions and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Class AAAA Lemore Tiger Classic; and, they have received Superior ratings at the California Music Educators Association Festival in 2017, 201, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, and 2008.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 1865** formed in 1975 are chartered by the Country Club View Civic Association and are comprised mostly of boys from Oak View Elementary School. Today the Pack is 80-strong with boys from 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade participating in a range of traditional scouting activities, including camping, hiking, and community service. The members, led by Cubmaster David Haradon along with a group of amazing parent volunteers, are active throughout the year with activities such as the **annual “Scouting for Food” event, helping BritePaths, and the annual beautification at Oak View. They also participate in traditional scouting activities including camp outs, Pinewood Derby, hikes, and family campouts. They have received the Journey to Excellence Gold Level Pack awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America Award – a distinction reserved for Packs that have the highest quality programs and leadership. Today, as well as for the past several years, they are escorting guests from their cars to the reviewing stand.**

**FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING (FLOAT)** has served as the City of Fairfax’s hometown wrestling team since 1963 with a mission to produce principled citizens, academic excellence, and a winning culture through consistent academic and athletic champions; the program boasts of esteemed alumni such as Dr. Mitch Sutterfield, Tom Scibilia, and Dr. Craig Mello, just to name a few. Fairfax’s rich wrestling history is being revived in the current era under head coach Tanner Sewell who produced four state qualifiers and Fairfax’s first state finalist last season since 2001. Appearing in today’s parade for a fourth year, they have **participated in “See You on the Square,” Charity Dual, and an after-school program at Lanier Intermediate School. They have claimed multiple Conference Titles, Regional Titles, State Champions, and All-Americans and in 1995 were the Regional Championship Team.**

**2019 MISS VIRGINIA EARTH UNITED STATES DELEGATES** join us today for their third year. Cristinaelena Ruiz, formerly Miss Springfield Virginia USA 2017, has done community service and events under this title. Currently a delegate for the Miss Virginia Earth United States Pageant, she will be presenting the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Miss Earth United States Patent later this year. Miss Earth Delegates have **participated in Celebrate Fairfax, Miss Virginia USA Pageant, Miss Virginia Earth United States, the Norfolk Memorial Parade, and Miss DC Earth USA. Cristinaelena was in the top five at Miss Central Virginia USA 2016, the top 20 at Miss Virginia USA in 2016 and 2017, Miss Virginia Earth USA 2018, and Elite Miss DC Earth USA 2019.** Exceptional women from around the United States represent the Miss Earth legacy in their communities – their platform is for America’s young women to be a voice for environmental responsibility.

**SPRINGFIELD/SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH CLUB ALL STARS CHEER** founded in 1962 promotes fitness, good sportsmanship, character development, and exemplary behavior through athletic programs for children ages 4 - 18. Cheerleading was added in 1977 and they represent the club at special events and performances throughout Fairfax County and the surrounding communities including **attending the Capital One Bowl, the Buffalo Wild Wing Citrus Bowl, UCA Cheer Camp, the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Cherry Blossom Parade, the Season’s End Grand Nationals, the Alexandria Invitational, and the Six Flags Spring Extravaganza, and the United Cheerleading Association (UCA) Cheer Camp (annually); performing at various high school competitions and GMU men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball games;**

performed at a Navy game half-time performance, as well as at area high school homecoming parades and cheer competitions. Appearing in this parade for over 10 years, they received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy with excellence ribbon at the 2012 UCA Cheer and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy and excellence ribbon at the 2012 UCA Dance; 1<sup>st</sup> place – Junior Prep Cheer Division at Jamfest 2011 – 2012 Nationals Cheer Competition; as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2012 and 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2011, 2014, and 2018 in this parade in the Marching Unit (Youth) Category.

**INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS DC, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, AND WEST VIRGINIA** was formed in 2008 and their title holders range in age from six – 24 years old and serve for a year focusing on community service and advancement. The International Junior Miss Scholarship Program was organized to encourage positive achievement by building self-awareness in our youth and young women today. Awards are provided for academic achievement, volunteer service, and spirit of participation; additional scholarships are provided for excellence in talent, modeling, and public speaking as well as other categories. They have participated in the Annapolis Memorial Day Parade, the JDRF Walk, and the Autism Walk.

**FAIRFAX BAPTIST CHURCH** formed in 1915 is the only Baptist Church located in Fairfax City. A part of the community for more than 100 years, they actively participate in many Fairfax City programs and their membership represents the wonderful diversity of the City. Their membership has representatives from several continents and cultures; people from all walks of life; and they have become a melting pot for those in need of love and acceptance – their best quality is their open arms! They participate in the annual FACETS Homeless Shelter and contribute to the LAMB Center and FISH; in May 2019, their choir was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall.

**1943 WILLYS JEEP WITH TRAILER**, owned by Peter Heap, is making its first appearance in this parade. In 1940, the US Army asked 135 tractor and car manufacturers to design and build a four-wheel drive, 40 horsepower, 1,300 pound reconnaissance car, and, the working prototype had to be available for testing in 49 days. With only two companies responding, the American Bantam Car Company and Willys-Overland Motors, the Bantam Company proposed to deliver the working prototype in 45 days and won the contract! The Army tested this prototype for 30 days, and unfortunately for Bantam, the War Department gave Ford and Willys the Bantam blueprints. They each submitted prototypes to compete with the Bantam in the Army's trial – tested were the Willys Quad and the Ford Pgymy. Of the three prototypes, the Ford looked more like the jeep we know today, and the initial contract was awarded in October 1941 and Jeep supplied the Bantam BRC 40 the Willys MA, and the Ford GP. The first 16,000 Willys MBs and 15,000 Ford GPWs had the names Ford or Willys stamped in the rear panel, where on later jeeps, the jerry can (a robust liquid container made from pressed steel that was designed in Germany in the 1930s for military use to hold 20 liters (4.4 imp gal; 5.3 US gal) of fuel) would be placed and are known as script Jeeps. Until 1943 Willys and Ford used separately manufactured bodies, but in early 1944, one manufacturer, the American Central Manufacturing Company, began building bodies for both Ford and Willys and are referred to as a "composite" body.

**HOUSE OF WOOD (FLOAT)** was organized and is being operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, and education purposes. Providing support to the Fairfax community through a variety of academic, Christian fellowship, character building, mentoring and personal growth and development programs, their targeted audiences are the underserved families and youth. The House of Wood has embarked upon many different programs, offering a hand-up, rather than a hand-out, to the underprivileged. The House of Wood has participates with the Salvation Army to assist with Back to School, as well as Toys for Tots, Boys to Men, Black History programs, National Night Out, providing Thanksgiving baskets to seniors in families in need, through Neighborhood Outreach provided a bench in Providence Park partners with Mount Calvary Baptist Church, and has annual scholarship programs created to raise funds for students in need of financial support.

**RAEBURN RIDERS** were formed in 2003 by a group of neighbors residing on Raeburn Court in Kings Park West. They adopted the name “Raeburn Riders” when the neighborhood children decorated their bicycles and rode parade-style around their court. This 1968 Oldsmobile 98 convertible has **participated in the Sully Plantation Father’s Day Show, the Fairfax Lions Club Car Show, and the Rockville, MD, Antique Car Show.**

**CUB SCOUT TROOP 1513**, formed in 1968, has participated in this parade for over 10 years. Sponsored by the Fairfax Villa neighborhood for over 40 years, **they have participated in many parades, Fall Festivals, and other Fairfax area events.** Learning to serve their community and nation more than more than 30 scouts/families they strive to help boys become strong, independent considerate leaders and adults. Pack 1513’s **service activities include collecting more than 1,200 pounds of food for needy families, the restoration of the Fairfax Villa Elementary School garden, and Wreaths Across America.** The highlights of the Pack this year include spring and fall camping trips, the Pinewood Derby, homemade rocket launches, and community service projects while living the ethics of the Scout Oath and Law. In 2013, they **won the National Summertime Pack Award; in 2018, they received 1<sup>st</sup> Place, in 2013 they received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and in 2015 they received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Scouting Category in this parade; and they have been awarded the Gold Journey to Excellence.**

**MORENADA COCANIS VA-US** was formed on June 6, 2012, when a group of family and friends decided to dance the traditional Bolivian dance and join us today for their third time. Performing their country’s dance, they wear beautiful colorful costumes - all hand-made in Bolivia showing the Bolivian culture. Practicing weekly for at least two hours, their moves are perfect with the music. **They have participated in Bolivian Festivals in New York; Festival De La Hispanidad in New Jersey; the Salay Performance VA-USA; Fiesta DC; Morenadas Performance VA-US; the Falls Church Memorial Day Parade; Laurel’s 35 Annual Main Street Festival; McLean’s Christmas Parade; Annandale’s Halloween Parade, and the New Jersey Bolivian Parade.** They **won a competition award in the New Jersey Bolivian Parade; and in the local Bolivian Carnaval won the best group competition in 2015 and in 2014 won the best costume award and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Musical Group category in this parade in 2017 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Dance Category in 2018.**

**BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT** was put together in the fall of 1947 by the residents of Burke residents when, at that time, the nearest departments were located in Annandale and the Town of Fairfax (later renamed the City of Fairfax). Their respective response areas extended from the county borders along the Occoquan River in the south and to what is now Centreville in the west. This sparsely populated area was principally populated by family farms and large tracks of forests. The Burke Volunteer Fire Department (BVFRD) was incorporated on January 29, 1948, and assumed responsibility for an area of 91 square miles and a population of about 9,000 residents. By 1949 the department had 47 active volunteers, and responded to 26 calls in that year and in by 2014, they had 100 active members that contributed a total of 31,003 hours and answered 3,432 calls, and has been the trend nationwide, Emergency Medical responses made up two-thirds of the calls. Today, the BVFRD carries on the proud tradition started by those first brave volunteers and although the station, our equipment, and the fire and medical technology has changed significantly the past 70 plus years, the pride and professionalism of the volunteer and career personnel and tireless dedication to our mission of providing the highest quality service to the citizens of our community remain stronger than ever.

**NOVA RECUMBENT CLUB (AKA HAVE RECUMBENT WILL TRAVEL)** was formed in February of 2012 to those interested in two- and three-wheeled recumbents. A bicycle that places the rider in a laid-back reclining position, it is designed for ergonomic reasons as the rider’s weight is distributed comfortably over a larger area, supported by back and buttocks. A recumbent holds the world speed record for a bicycle and was banned from racing under the UCI in 1934; they now race under the banner of the Human Powered Vehicle Association. In today’s parade is an array of unusual bicycles and tricycles. One recumbent is fun to see – but

a dozen or more is a rare sight; spectators generally enjoy watching unusual or odd things. Joining us today for their eighth year, they have **won awards in the Vienna Halloween Parade.**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE (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.**

**EASTERN SR. HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE AND WHITE MARCHING MACHINE"**, under the direction of James Perry, is making their 13<sup>th</sup> appearance in today's parade. Known for their stereophonic sound and high energy performances, *The Blue and White Marching Machine* is one of the most celebrated marching bands in the greater metropolitan area. For over 40 years, they have thrilled thousands of spectators in person and millions on TV – they are masters of a diverse and varied repertoire ranging from traditional patriotic standards to the Top 40s on the Pop and R&B charts. Comprised of over 80 dedicated students, and the largest student organization at Eastern, they have **participated in the Washington Capitals Victory Parade, National Cherry Blossom (Grand Champion), Opening Ceremonies of the FIFA World Cup Games; National Memorial Day and Hall of Fame parades; "Battle in the Apple" Battle of the Bands in NYC and the I Have a Dream Battle of the Bands in Brooklyn; the National MLK Jr. Parade (sponsored by TBS, Atlanta, GA); Prince Georges Classic Battle of the Bands; Warren County (NC) Battle of the Bands; Metro Atlanta (GA) Jamboree; National Football Hall of Fame Parade, Canton, OH; Bowie State University Homecoming Parade; dedication of the MCI Center (now the Capital One Arena); half-time performances for the Washington Redskins, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the Washington Wizards; the unveiling of the new \$5 and \$10 bills; Reebok All American Game; Horatio Awards Ceremony and in 2009 were the official band for Washington's first Arena League Football Team; in 2007 – 2009 they were the official Winter Pep Band for Georgetown University; and have participated in three presidential inauguration parades. They have appeared on MSNBC, Comedy Central, Fox News, and an NBC Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King as well as in a commercial for Comcast Cable Network in the Philadelphia metro area. They have received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Hampton University Battle of the Bands as well as the Mardi Gras Krew Parade, the Apple Blossom Festival Firefighters, AAA Potomac Region Safety Patrol, and the Norfolk State University and the Howard University Homecoming Parades and in 2008, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the DMV Battle of the Bands. They were named Grand Champion twice in the National Cherry Blossom Parade and in 2015 and in 2018 received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in this parade in the Marching Band (Schools) category.**

**RED, WHITE AND BLUE STAR (BALLOONS)** what a better way to express the Spirit of America than with red, white, and blue signaling the end of the 2018 parade. Flying high over the parade route, these magnificent symbols of freedom and liberty ... bright and shining ... express the tradition of the past and the hope of the future of this great country. Over 15' tall and requiring 500 cubic feet of helium each, they are flying high in the sky with the help of 12 handlers.

**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 53rd parade! A special thanks to the members of the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) and the Fairfax City 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 couldn't do it without you!

**END OF PARADE**

Please plan on joining us in the City of Fairfax on July 4, 2020, 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](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/July4)