



WHAT'S NEW IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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NEW MUSEUMS & SITES FOR 2020

The **National Museum of the United States Army** will open to the public on June 4, 2020. The 185,000-square-foot museum will be located in southern Fairfax County, adjacent to Fort Belvoir, and will be the first and only museum to tell the 244-year history of the U.S. Army in its entirety. The state-of-the-art museum will be a technological marvel incorporating the latest advances in museum exhibits while providing advanced educational opportunities that will capture the attention of visitors old and young. Admission will be free (though timed tickets will initially be required), and the museum will be open 364 days per year.

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Fairfax County will commemorate the centennial anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment with two new attractions opening in 2020: **The Lucy Burns Museum at the Workhouse Arts Center** is finally open to the public, with a grand opening celebration planned for May 9. The site, once a DC prison that notoriously housed incarcerated members of the National Women's Party, tells the story of the Silent Sentinels and their efforts to gain the right to vote, along with 91 years of prison history in Lorton. In August 2020, there will be a dedication for the new **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial** at Occoquan Regional Park. The 1.6-acre national memorial to the suffrage movement will feature replica White House gates, 19 informational stops, and a beautifully landscaped meditation garden. There is currently no other place in America that tells the complete story of the suffrage movement and this Memorial will do just that. The TPSM will also be a new stop along the "**Constitution Trail**," which links sites connected to the Constitution in Washington, DC and Virginia.

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George Mason's Gunston Hall is restoring its magnificent river-side garden, which will enhance the authenticity of the historic property, reveal much about the Founding Father himself, and provide an educational setting as distinctive as Mason's original garden design for the signature landscape feature of his home – the Home of American Rights. Construction will continue throughout the spring until the gardens open to the public, expected summer of 2020.

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Fairfax County's first permanent **Virginia LOVEworks sign** recently arrived at the **Workhouse Arts Center** in Lorton after an 11-stop summer tour around the destination. The sign has been newly decorated by Virginia-based artist Marlon Diggs, aka "Marly McFly" – who was selected by a jury from an open call for artists to have their work featured on the iconic sign. McFly found inspiration in the word "love" and created a collage of facial expressions communicating this term of affection using acrylic and spray paint. The transformed **LOVEworks sign** will be unveiled to the public on February 14, 2020.





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FOOD & DRINK

The **Fairfax County Breweries Official Field Guide** is now available! Pick up a copy of your passport-like Field Guide at any of the participating county breweries or at the Fairfax County Visitor Center. Collect stamps at all breweries to gain access to exclusive deals and incentives (plus a free gift!) moving forward. A digital version is now also available on the free Visit Fairfax app.

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Fairfax County's first chocolate factory, **River-Sea Chocolates**, is a bean-to-bar operation, creating artisan chocolate using premium cacao sourced from small-scale sustainable farms around the world. The company, which is dedicated to community, education, and sustainability, recently welcomed a shipment of cocoa beans from Colombia on a cargo vessel driven exclusively by wind. Classes, tours, private events, retail shopping, and a new Liquid Chocolate Café are available at their Chantilly headquarters.

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Coming this spring: **Shipgarten** – Northern Virginia's **first roaming outdoor lifestyle experience** by the folks behind the popular Tysons Biergarten! Featuring four separate food and drink experiences – each housed in their own 40-foot shipping container surrounded by a traditional biergarten, dog park, family zone and entertainment venue in the metro-accessible Tysons area.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The VOID, a whole-body, fully-immersive virtual reality destination that puts you inside your favorite film or character opened this year at **Tysons Corner Center**.

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Nearby at the **Mosaic District**, the world's biggest urban axe throwing club, **Bad Axe**, has opened **its first Northern Virginia location**. This increasingly popular activity allows people to learn how to properly throw an axe and offers a unique social environment.

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The St. James, a new health and wellness complex in Springfield, recently opened its family-friendly adventure center aptly named **Super, Awesome & Amazing**, featuring 30,000-square-feet of boundless play on unique climbing structures, obstacle courses, an indoor waterpark, ninja warrior course, & more.

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The **Silver Line Metrorail extension** is set to open in 2020, which will finally connect **Washington Dulles International Airport** and several new stations in Herndon and Reston with the existing Washington Metrorail service.

