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WHAT'S NEW IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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NEW 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: 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 TSPM will also be a new stop along the **"Constitution Trail,"** which links sites connected to the Constitution in Washington, DC and Virginia. **The Workhouse Arts Center**, once a DC prison that notoriously housed incarcerated members of the National Women's Party, recently opened the **Lucy Burns Museum** building. The museum will open with exhibits in early 2020, focusing on the Party's efforts to move the needle. Stay tuned for special events and exhibits highlighting the anniversary.

FAMILY ADVENTURES

Tysons Corner Center, one of the largest shopping centers in America, continues to reinvent the retail experience by welcoming new entertainment experiences year-round. Coming up: **American Scream: Halloween Selfie Museum**, where guests come face-to-face with selfie-worthy sets dedicated to all things horror and Halloween; plus, **The VOID**, a whole-body, fully-immersive virtual reality destination that puts you inside your favorite film or character.

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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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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 also available on the Visit Fairfax app.

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A new way to experience several of Fairfax County's local craft breweries is now available! **City Brew Tours**, North America's leading craft beer experience, has expanded its regional presence to include a new tour into Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Visit four breweries and several eateries along the way while learning about the craft of beer-making.

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Fairfax County recently welcomed its **very first chocolate factory!** Family-owned **River-Sea Chocolates** is a bean-to-bar operation, creating artisan chocolate using premium quality 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, and retail shopping are available at their Chantilly headquarters.

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George Washington's Mount Vernon is adding a new event to its slate of programming in late 2019. Due to Washington's ties to whiskey making (in 1799, he was one of the largest producers in the U.S.), visitors can now attend the inaugural **Whiskey Festival on November 9, 2019**. Enjoy some of the finest spirits from Virginia craft distillers, sample Washington's own brand of rye whiskey (which is still produced at the site's **Distillery & Gristmill**) and listen in to a lively discussion of whiskey history and distilling stories from master distillers and experts.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

Fairfax County and Washington, DC will soon be even more accessible than ever as Phase II of the **Silver Line Metrorail extension** is set to open in July 2020. This extension will finally connect **Washington Dulles International Airport** and several new stations in Herndon and Reston with the existing Washington Metrorail service, which feeds Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

