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WHAT'S NEW IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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NEW EXPERIENCES AT MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

The **Workhouse Arts Center** will unveil its new **Lucy Burns Museum** this year, honoring the brave women who fought for the right to vote in 1917. The museum, located on the grounds of the former Lorton Prison where 72 members of the National Women's Party were incarcerated after picketing at the White House, will showcase original prison cells and 4,000 sq. ft. of exhibits. The museum's opening corresponds with the 100th Anniversary of the imprisonment of these women. Expected to open mid-2018. Nearby, **George Washington's Mount Vernon** recently opened a new first-person interactive experience called "**Be Washington.**" The immersive experience allows guests to step directly into George Washington's boots by listening to advisors like Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton before making their own decisions on the Battle of Second Trenton or The Whiskey Rebellion. Mount Vernon also just reopened its **Revolutionary War Theater**, debuting a \$2.2 million renovation of its feature film and 4-D effects including snowfall, fog, and rumbling seats. The film tells the story of General Washington's major victories during the American Revolution. Around the corner, **Gunston Hall** – the home of Founding Father George Mason – will be returning its river-side garden to its 18th century appearance to provide a more authentic and educational experience for visitors. The garden will give guests a glimpse into the wildly detail-oriented Mason, who designed the garden as an extension of his home. Witness the transformation throughout 2018.

NEW IN SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The **St. James**, a new 450,000-square-foot sports complex in Springfield, VA, is expected to open by September 2018. The complex will offer the most comprehensive combination of sports and wellness venues and programming, lifestyle amenities, and family-centered active entertainment in the country. The complex will also focus on elite training programs in an unprecedented variety of sports and will be home to a Spike Mendelsohn restaurant. **Lord Nicholas Fairfax**, a descendant of the namesake of Fairfax County and a member of England's House of Lords, will return to the region this September as Patron of the **Lord Fairfax Charity Ride**. The motorcycle ride will benefit four area charities and will circumnavigate the approximate 5.2 million acres of the original Northern Neck Land Grant (all the land between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers from the Chesapeake Bay to the Fairfax Stone in West Virginia). There are two new family-friendly attractions for kids to expel their energy in Fairfax County: **Launch Trampoline Park** opened in Herndon and **Go Ape! Zip Line & Treetop Adventure** opened its largest zip line course to date in Springfield.





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FOOD & DRINK

Fairfax County's craft beer scene continues to surge with the addition of the region's first self-serve beer wall at **Ono Brewing Co.** in Chantilly. Construction is underway at **Caboose Brewing Co.**'s second location at the trendy **Mosaic District**, and a new facility for **Aslin Beer Co.** is planned in Old Town Herndon, featuring a rooftop terrace and a bocce ball court. In other craft beverage news: The first batch of whiskey was distilled in Virginia in 1620 – and George Washington was once one of the largest producers of whiskey during his time, producing 11,000 gallons in 1798 alone. To honor these roots, **George Washington's Rye Whiskey** was recently named the Official State Spirit of the Commonwealth of Virginia – the unaged whiskey is produced just twice a year, using the same recipe and 18th century methods as in Washington's day. It can only be purchased at **Mount Vernon**. Fairfax County has also become home to several trendy food halls this year, including the Asian-inspired street fare and ice cream at **The Block** in Annandale, Hilton Headquarters' new public food hall, **The Social**, and the unprecedented, 41,000-sq-ft nine-concept food emporium **Isabella Eatery** at Tysons Galleria (one of the most upscale malls in America).



WEDDINGS & MILITARY

Occoquan Regional Park will soon be the home of **The River View at the Jean R. Packard Center**, a multi-million-dollar events venue with stunning views of the Occoquan River. Upon completion, the center will be home to a large wedding and events area that can accommodate up to 300 seated guests, the 1608 Room that interprets the area's history and environment, The Pavilion, an outdoor shelter located in the back of the park ideal for large events, a 5k loop trail, and Brickmakers Café, a riverfront café with indoor and outdoor seating. The center is expected to be complete in the Spring of 2018 and are currently booking events. Also approaching on the horizon: construction is progressing on the highly-anticipated **National Museum of the United States Army**. The 185,000-square-foot museum will be located adjacent to Fort Belvoir and will provide the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions. The 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.

