

# Welcome!

## Salona Village Neighborhood Welcome Package

Welcome to the Salona Village neighborhood. Salona Village consists of about 200 privately owned residential properties in McLean, Virginia. Salona Village is a close knit community that enjoys excellent public schools and proximity to downtown McLean and numerous natural areas including Pimmit Run Stream Valley Park and Pimmit Bend Park.

This Welcome Package has been prepared to provide you with information that may be helpful as you settle into your new home. It includes information on:

- Salona Village Citizens Association
- Local Community Organizations
- Historical Overview of Salona Village

If you have any questions, please send an email to [SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com](mailto:SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com) .



## Salona Village Citizens Association

The Salona Village Citizens Association (SVCA) is an organization of Salona Village owner-occupants created as a non-partisan mechanism to discuss matters of community interest and develop and promote a sense of community among the residents of the neighborhood.

Each owner-occupied household in Salona Village is eligible to become a member of the SVCA. Annual dues requested are \$10/household. Membership can be requested online at [www.salonavillage.org](http://www.salonavillage.org).

The following individuals currently serve as elected officials of SVCA and constitute the current Executive Board:

Sharon Gamble, President  
Jack Reutmann, Vice President  
Barbara Ryan, Secretary  
Jann Thompson, Treasurer  
Email: [SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com](mailto:SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com)

A copy of the SVCA Constitution can be requested by sending an email request to [SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com](mailto:SalonaVillageCA@gmail.com)



McLean Community Center

Source: [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)

## Local Community Services and Organizations

- **McLean Community Center (MCC):** The MCC offers a continuing program of activities for adults and children, including a wide range of classes, lectures, study tours, camps, art exhibits, theatre performances, and specialty shows.  
Website: [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)  
1234 Ingleside Ave.  
McLean, VA 22101  
703-790-0123 | TTY: 711
- **Dolley Madison Library:** Located across the street from the MCC, the Dolley Madison Library houses a collection including a variety of books and media for all ages, with emphasis on popular fiction and nonfiction. Library staff provide programs and events that appeal to all members of our community, including book clubs and discussion groups.  
Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dolley-madison>  
244 Oak Ridge Ave  
McLean, VA, 22101-2818  
703-356-0770 | TTY: 711

**Glass Recycling Bin:** The purple bin for glass recycling is located in the rear of the Library parking lot.

- **McLean District Police Station:** The McLean Police Substation is staffed with 132 sworn officers plus 28 civilian staff members. It covers the McLean, Merrifield, Dunn Loring, Falls Church, Tysons, and Great Falls areas.  
Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/district/mclean>  
1437 Balls Hill Road  
McLean, VA, 22101

- McLean Citizens Association (MCA): The MCA is a volunteer, non-governmental organization that has served since 1914 as an unofficial town council for the residents of the McLean Area, which has no governmental structure of its own. MCA has provided a forum for McLean area residents to have a voice in resolving community problems and county-wide issues affecting the area.  
Website: [www.mca-va.clubexpress.com](http://www.mca-va.clubexpress.com)
- McLean Project for the Arts: The mission of McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is to exhibit the work of emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region; to promote public awareness and understanding of the concepts of contemporary art; and to offer instruction and education in the visual arts.  
Website: [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org)
- McLean Central Park: The McLean Central Park is located at the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Rt. 123. The Park features a gazebo and play area for young children. Parking is located at the back of the Dolley Madison Library parking lot.
- Lewinsville Park: Lewinsville Park includes multiple outdoor sports facilities, including two soccer fields, tennis courts, and rentable garden plots. This park is also the site of McLean Day in the Spring.  
1659 Chain Bridge Rd.  
McLean, VA 22101
- Spring Hill Recreation Center: The Spring Hill Recreation Center offers a wide range of recreational facilities and services, including soccer fields, swimming pool, exercise equipment, fitness classes, and camps. Fees apply.  
Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter/spring-hill>  
1239 Spring Hill Road  
McLean, VA, 22102

- Share of Mclean: Share is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, all-volunteer organization which provides emergency financial, food, clothes, and other support services to neighbors in need. To volunteer, please visit the Share Website.

Website: [www.shareofmclean.org](http://www.shareofmclean.org)

Food Pantry and Clothing Room:

McLean Baptist Church

1367 Chain Bridge Road

McLean, VA 22101

- Farmers Market: The weekly Farmer's Market is located in the Lewinsville Park. It is typically open on Fridays, from 8am to noon from mid-June to mid-November. For specifics, please check the website.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean>

Lewinsville Park

1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

McLean, VA 22101



## Brief History of Salona Village

Salona Village was initially developed in the 1950s out of land that was once part of Salona, a working farm dating to the early 1800s. It is most renowned as the site where President James Madison sought refuge in 1814 when the British invaded and burned Washington, D.C. Salona is also thought to have been one of Dolley Madison's stops as she fled Washington<sup>1</sup> with the famous 8'x5' Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington, that had long hung on a wall in the White House dining room.

Salona was built on part of the 1719 Thomas Lee 2,862 acre land grant known as Langley. During the Civil War, the Union Army made Salona the headquarters for Union General William "Baldy" Smith. Known as Camp Griffin, it was occupied by Vermont, Wisconsin, and New York regiments. Then owned by Jacob Smoot, through the winter of 1861/62, the house serving as headquarters for Union General William "Baldy" Smith. A working farm until the Smoot family began selling acreage in 1947, Salona was purchased in stages by Clive and Susan Duval beginning in 1953. The Duval family later arranged for the preservation of the house and property.<sup>2</sup> A County Historic Marker (pictured above) stands in front of the Salona property on Dolley Madison Boulevard.

Today, the Salona Village neighborhood surrounds the Salona property on three sides. Currently, all but 7.8 of the original Salona farm's 52.4 acres are now protected in perpetuity by a 1971 easement to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and a conservation easement purchased more recently by Fairfax County. Its three large meadows facing Dolley Madison Boulevard are said to be the largest remaining open meadow tract in Fairfax County.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: White House: <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/galleries/flight-of-the-madisons>

<sup>2</sup> Source: Fairfax County Historic Markers: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/historic/fairfax-county-highway-markers>