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Wear Green and Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the Parks

It's not blarney. St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day to plant potatoes, and you can celebrate the holiday in authentic fashion by digging in the dirt at Green Spring Gardens.

Come to Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 1 to 2 p.m. to listen to **tales of Ireland** and leprechauns, sample spuds and take a turn at planting peas and potatoes in the garden. This family event is designed for participants age five and older. The cost is \$6 per person.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA. For more information, call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

Green is Great when Hidden Oaks Nature Center celebrates St. Patrick's Day with programs on Sunday, March 13, and on St. Patrick's Day -- Thursday, March 17. Learn about plants and animals that are green, go on a green treasure hunt, paint with shades of green and meet a green turtle. This event is for children age two to eight. It runs from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. on March 13 and from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on March 17. The cost is \$6 per child, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA. For more information, call 703-941-1065 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/.

On Sunday evening, March 13, it's time to dress in your favorite green attire for the **Wear Green Campfire** at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Meet at Cabell's Mill for this St. Paddy's event that runs from 4 to 5 p.m. Search for things in the meadow that are wearing green and toast marshmallows at the campfire. Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and this program is for everyone age two to adult. The cost is \$6 per person. Please register an adult with your child.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

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