

# The Buzz

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## Middleburg Dives into Summer Fun



Looking for something fun to do this summer in Middleburg? You're in luck! Here are a few of our favorite things to do in Middleburg this summer.

You can experience a bit of the equestrian lifestyle with trail rides at **Salamander Resort & Spa**. Or, why not take polo lessons (available at **Great Meadow** and **Salamander**) or go for a carriage ride (offered at **Greenhill Winery & Vineyards** and **Salamander Resort**)?

How about a wine tour? Our favorite spots to visit: **Boxwood Winery**, **Greenhill**, **The Local Taste** and **Three Fox Vineyards**.

To escape the heat, try visiting the **National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM)** or going for a dip in the **Middleburg Community Center's (MCC)** pool.

Need more ideas? You'll find them online at [visitmiddleburgva.com/summer-activities](http://visitmiddleburgva.com/summer-activities).

## Calendar of Events

July 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 7:30 pm  
Bluemont Concert Series

July 12 | 5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Biz Buzz: Middleburg Common  
Grounds & Three Fox Vineyards

July 15 & Aug. 19 | 6:30-9:30 pm  
"Dinner & a Dive-In Movie" at  
MCC

July 23 | 11 am-5 pm  
Art in the 'Burg

July 23 | 10 am-5 pm  
"Carriage Day" at NSLM

July 29 & Aug. 26 | 6-8 pm  
"Open Late" Concert at NSLM

Aug. 2 | 6-8 pm  
"National Night Out" at MCC

Aug. 5-7: Summer Sidewalk Sale

Aug. 9 | 5:30-7:30 pm  
Biz Buzz: Greenhill Winery

Aug. 26 | 3-6 pm: Art Explosion

Sept. 11 | 11 am  
NSLM Polo Classic at Great  
Meadow

Sept. 11 | 4 pm  
"Mexican Traditions" Concert at  
Middleburg United Methodist

Sept. 13 | 5:30-7:30 pm  
Biz Buzz: Washington Fine  
Properties

# At Foxcroft, Barbara Conner Finds Perfect Fit

Barbara Conner has held many titles over the course of her career, but one thing has always remained constant: her desire to help other people fulfill their dreams.

Now, as director of college counseling at Foxcroft School, Conner has the opportunity to guide students (and their parents) through what can be a difficult process—finding the right school.

“I’m incredibly honored to be a part of these students’ lives,” Conner says. “What should be a very joyful time is sometimes a very stressful time, but really should be very joyful and happy and future-focused.”

With 3 million more people of college-age now than there were 30 years ago, college is more difficult to get into than it used to be. But Conner’s approach to college counseling attempts to reduce some of the stress of that process by providing students with a realistic assessment of their skills and needs.

At Foxcroft, that journey begins the freshman year with an assessment of each student’s learning style and continues in the sophomore year with an evaluation of what career field they’re best suited for. Conner typically



begins talking about the college exploration and application process in the junior year, when each student takes a College Seminar series to guide her through the application process. By a student’s senior year, the intensive work of applying to and selecting schools is well underway, and Conner is there to guide each student through the process.

When it’s all said and done, Conner has the satisfaction of seeing the results of all that work, as students move on to the next phase of their academic careers. “Just, day-to-day, knowing that the work I do has an impact on the lives of people in very positive ways, that’s huge to me,” Conner says.

# MBPA Sets New Membership Record, Welcomes New Members

With 114 members, the Middleburg Business and Professional Association has set a new record for its membership rolls, surpassing last year's total of 111 members. That record-setting number includes 23 new members who've signed on this year, including **Amanda's Regal Canine, Golden Rule Builders, The Jackson Clinics and Venture Construction Group Inc.**

The association also recently said good-bye to two board members, Christina Naramore, who moved to North Carolina as part of Teach for America, and Phil Miller, who was elected to the Middleburg Town Council.

To fill these vacancies, the board has appointed Tone Moore, owner of **Popcorn Monkey**, and Bob Ball, president of **Middleburg Millwork Inc.**, to serve on the board for the remainder of the year.

Middleburg also continues to get good buzz from the press and other outlets. Recent coverage and accolades include:

- **Wylie Wagg** was named "Best Pet Boutique" in *Northern Virginia* magazine's "Best of NoVA" issue and was included in *Washingtonian* magazine's

"Best of Shopping" section in its "Best of Washington" issue

- Middleburg was featured as part of a WUSA-9 segment on local travel escapes and in an episode of the PBS travel series "Travels with Darley"
- Loudoun Economic Development awarded the **National Sporting Library & Museum** and the Middleburg Professional Center its "Signatures of Loudoun" Design Excellence awards

If you want to keep track of what's happening in Middleburg's business community, be sure to join us for our next Biz Buzz.

## Will You Be Next?

If you're ready to follow your dream and open up a business of your own, be sure to check out these prime retail spots in the heart of Middleburg available for rent:

3 & 5 S. Madison St.

15 S. Madison St.

101 W. Washington St.

108 W. Washington St.

# Middleburg's Can't-Miss Summer Events

If you're trying to figure out something fun to do in Middleburg this summer, here's our list of the top events you won't want to miss.

First up: The **National Sporting Library & Museum** has a number of exhibitions and events this summer, including "The French Horse From Géricault to Picasso: Works from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts" (through July 31), "Carriage Day" on July 23, "To the Finish: the Art and Process of Greg Montgomery" (July 29-Nov. 27), "Picturing English Pastimes: British Sporting Prints at the NSLM" (July 29-Jan. 15, 2017), and their always-popular (and free-of-charge) "Open Late" concert series on July 29 and Aug. 26.

If you like live music, you'll also want to check out our other summer concerts: the Bluemont Concert Series (July 9, 16, 23 & 30), the "Mexican Traditions" concert at Middleburg United Methodist Church on Sept. 11 (free), and "Concert on the Steps" at the **Middleburg Community Center (MCC)** on Sept. 16 (also free).

For more live music and lots of great art, be sure to stop by **Art in the 'Burg** on July 23, which will include art by local and regional artists, music, wine tastings, plein-air artists and more throughout town from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

If you love to shop, you won't want to miss the Summer Sidewalk Sale on Aug. 5-7, which will feature great deals on seasonal items at boutiques throughout town. Look for the balloons at participating retailers!

For family fun, mark your calendars for "Dinner & a Dive-In Movie" (July 15 & Aug. 19) and "National Night Out" on Aug. 2 at the MCC. Also, be sure to visit Middleburg for "Art Explosion" on Aug. 26, which will feature out-of-the-box art projects throughout town and a community art project in the shape of a giant Middleburg fox!



## Board Members:

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