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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT **PATRICK O'NEILL**

No meeting this month, but we will have a Chapter Picnic on August 21, 2021!!! Picnic Area #2 does not have a shelter, but it does have two almost brand new restrooms!!!! It is also covered with shade trees!! See the map below. We will bring the large chapter shelter in case it rains. Weather outlook is good at the time of this writing. The chapter will provide plates, cups, napkins and such, as well as cold bottles of water, soda, and tea. Chapter will also provide some pulled pork and chicken from Red Hot and Blue! Please bring something to share with the rest of the chapter!

CHAPTER PICNIC **SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021**

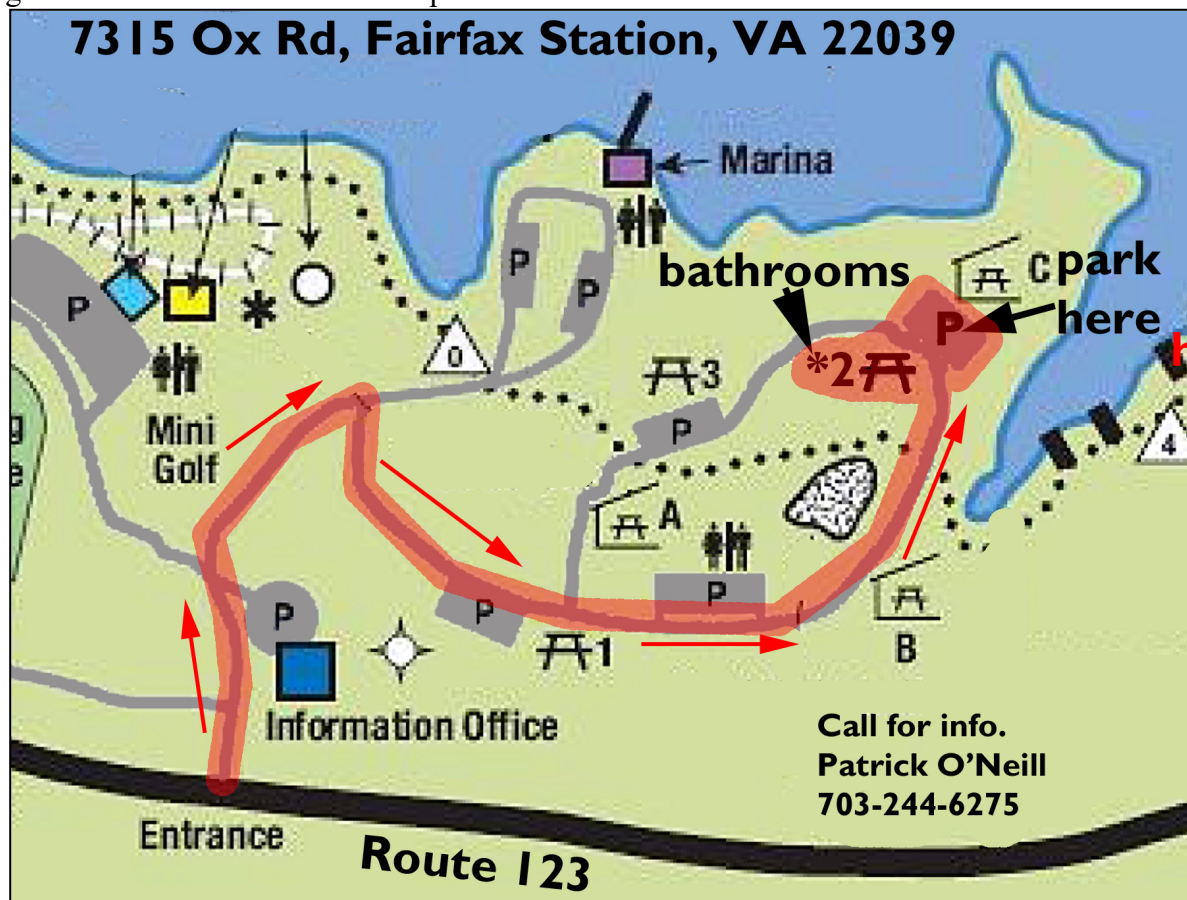
11AM - 3PM

BURKE LAKE PARK

PICNIC AREA #2

7315 Ox Rd

FAIRFAX STATION, VA. 22039



CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team



This month the CART team has been working hard in the heat on the Ash Grove Property. The kitchen structure needs some structural repairs, some archaeology is needed to gain a better understanding of previous attempts to stabilize the building. A concrete collar was placed around the base of the structure in the early 20th century, likely to stop cracking in the foundation from destabilizing the building. The team dug multiple test units around the edge of the building and tested our new digital field data collection methods. This will help to make the way we record data during excavations more efficient and accessible to the rest of our department in a way that was not possible before!

There have been a few very interesting artifacts recovered in the past few weeks, we recovered a few letter keys used for printing and lots of green shell edge pearlware! With so many ceramics found

on this project its likely some of them will mend together. Mending projects like this are a fun puzzle for the team, and with a challenging site like Ash Grove it can give a more complete picture of the use of the kitchen structure over time.



Soon the field and lab teams will be working together to finish processing the artifacts recovered during this project and will start water screening soil collected during excavations in the next few weeks.

We hope everyone is staying safe in this hot weather! Our volunteer program is currently suspended, and our offices remain closed until further notice. If you would like to be notified when we can again accept volunteer assistance, please email cartarchlab@live.com.

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The Chapter meets at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month either in person or on Zoom.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!