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Lou Lou

LOCAL SHOPPING

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CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

Undeniable Boutique

11891 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax;
703-327-4417; undeniableboutique.com

To find unique womenswear fashions at wallet-friendly prices, go to Fairfax Corner's Undeniable Boutique. Racks are stocked with distinctive styles that are sure to make a statement in any wardrobe—in the best way possible. And great customer service only sweetens the pot, not to mention customer appreciation bonuses.

CONSIGNMENT/VINTAGE BOUTIQUE

Chic Envy

11895 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax;
703-268-5228; chicenvy.com

Chic Envy, an upscale consignment boutique, offers a legitimate haven to buy and/or sell vintage designs—Coach, Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Tiffany & Co., to name just a few. The shop offers a satisfying alternative to paying designer prices for apparel, shoes, handbags and accessories without sacrificing good quality or customer service.

FRANCIS YATEN (LOU LOU)

ACCESSORIES BOUTIQUE

Lou Lou

Multiple NoVA locations; loulouboutiques.com

For jewelry, purses and accessories galore, Lou Lou is the spot to go to find reasonably priced and beautifully designed merchandise. Assorted by color, its inventory caters to women who are looking for unique items to accent any outfit

JEANS (TIE)

Denim Bar

1101 S. Joyce St., Arlington; 703-414-8202; denimbaronline.com

Denim Bar stocks the latest designs from premium labels, so fashions are sure to be up to date, and its helpful staff guides customers to locate the perfect style for their shape.

Lucky Brand

Multiple NoVA locations; luckybrand.com

Renowned for their legendary 'Lucky You' zipper, Lucky Brand Jeans offer a rustically chic look. Their durable jeans range in style from rugged to fashionably professional with a rustic flair.

SHOE BOUTIQUE

DSW

Multiple NoVA locations; dsw.com

DSW carries a selection of shoes that offers the perfect fit for practically every style, occasion and age group. A warehouse chock-full of athletic shoes, boots, flats, sandals, dress shoes and more for both men and women—what's not to love?

HANDBAGS

Coach

Multiple NoVA locations; coach.com

Coach carries away the title for best handbags. Classic design elements integrated with contemporary colors and made with quality materials all work together to create one stylish package.

FINE JEWELRY

Ketterman's Jewelers

38-C Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg; 703-777-0033; kettermans.com

A Leesburg-based family-owned jewelry store, Ketterman's Jewelers is known for their custom jewelry repair, quality selection and competitive prices. This little gem keeps customers coming back due to its personalized service, offered since 1951.

LINGERIE

Trousseau

306 Maple Ave. W, Vienna; 703-255-3300; trousseaultd.com

Offering superior brands in fine lingerie and sleepwear, Trousseau also carries a complete selection of elegant bridal accessories. Their devotion to "quality, beauty and personal excellence" defines the Vienna institution's customer-centric atmosphere.

customer to browse the aisles upon aisles of beauty products by themselves. Its stores offer a plethora of brands, colors and services that cater to contemporary, sophisticated clients.

HOME ACCESSORIES

The Nest Egg

11940 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax; 703-988-0944; shopthenestegg.com

The Nest Egg, in Fairfax Corner, operates on the philosophy that "home decorating should be enjoyable" and "everything about gift giving should be a pleasure." Their copasetic mindset is reflected in their business through the stock they carry and the way they treat their customers.

GIFTS

Zazu

20070 Ashbrook Commons Plaza, Ashburn; 703-858-9298; shopzazu.com

For times when gift giving is essential but inspiration absent,



MAKEUP

Sephora

Multiple NoVA locations; sephora.com

When shopping for makeup Sephora offers personalized customer service but also allows the

enter Ashburn's Zazu. Since 2003 the shop has continually expanded its unique array of gifts and accessories to exceed customer's expectations. The latest addition: easy-to-wear apparel.



Dandelion Patch

STATIONERY

The Dandelion Patch

Multiple NoVA locations;
thedandelionpatch.com

Since 1994, The Dandelion Patch, now with six area stores, has been NoVA's go-to shop for discriminating brides and other celebrants seeking custom couture stationery. While long-revered brands like Crane's are big sellers, patrons also adore lots of indie letterpress options.

KIDS' CASUAL CLOTHES

Pink & Brown

1212 King St., Alexandria; 703-684-1050; pinkandbrownboutique.com

This boutique, best known for its organic private-label collections, Kicky Pants, Twirls & Twigs, Adooka, Nano and Warrior Poet, sells sizes from newborn to 6 years with plans to extend to size 12 years.



Heidi Kallett Dandelion Patch owner

KIDS' DRESSY CLOTHES

The Magic Wardrobe

108 W. Washington St., Middleburg; 540-687-3363; themagicwardrobe.com

Brimming with impeccable dressy duds for babies through kids size 16, this shop imports haute labels from France, Italy and England, and half of its inventory is designed and manufactured by the store itself.

KIDS' SHOES

Dharma & Leopold's

7945 Stonewall Shops Square,
 Gainesville; 571-222-7817;
dharmaandleopolds.com

This boutique with shoe sizes for infants to kids age 12 is always on the search for new and exciting brands that are high-quality at a reasonable price. Big sellers currently include Morgan & Milo, pediped, Livie & Luca and Dino-soles. But shoes aren't the only thing this Gainesville boutique does well, shelves are stocked with great gifts and racks stocked with one-of-a-kind duds.

KIDS' GEAR

Apple Seed

115 S. Columbus St., Alexandria; 703-535-5446; appleseedboutique.com

Specializing in maternity and post-partum wear with baby clothes up to 24 months, Apple

Seed is also a kids' gear stand-out with must-haves like ERGO carriers and Bugaboo strollers plus lots of locally made, organic and hard-to-find European linens.

TOYS

Doodlehopper 4 Kids

Multiple NoVA locations;
doodlehopper.com

Doodlehopper 4 Kids has worn its "Best Toy Store" moniker for three consecutive years now due to attributes including: a huge inventory of toys, free gift wrap, a generous rewards program and kids' birthday club plus free in-store events. And as kids take the time to test drive the toys, adults can peruse the aisles of attire.

PET SHOP

Wylie Wag

Multiple NoVA locations;
wyliewagg.com

While Wylie Wag, with four NoVA shops, features all kinds of pet supplies (toys, treats, apparel, etc.) and regularly holds adoption events, its hard-to-find organic, healthy pet food is its main draw, including Giveables, all-natural baked treats with sales supporting charities.

BOOKSTORE (TIE)

Barnes & Noble

Multiple NoVA locations;
barnesandnoble.com

Seemingly ubiquitous at shopping centers as competing chains increasingly disappear, this store also claims to be the Internet's largest online bookseller, with over 1 million titles available for immediate delivery. Thanks to its sleek Nook, B&N is an e-book leader, too.

Richard McKay Used Books

8435 Sudley Road, Manassas;
703-361-9042; mckayusedbooks.biz

Since 1983, this store has been helping NoVA recycle traditional books, and today provides cash or trade credit for audio books, VHS tapes, Blu-Rays, CDs, DVDs, and video games and consoles, too—with 80,000-100,000 items added to the inventory monthly.

GARDEN STORE

Merrifield Garden Center

Multiple NoVA locations;
merrifieldgardencenter.com

Merrifield Garden Center first opened in Merrifield in 1971 with a quaint red barn, a tiny store and less than an acre of



plants—a very small business with soaring standards. Now with three massive locations, its old-school principles remain intact, including top-notch customer service.

FLORIST

Karin's Florist

527 Maple Ave. E, Vienna; 703-281-4141;
karinsflorist.com

A family-owned shop with over 55 years in the business, this Vienna institution, originally located in Seven Corners, is not just known for its stunning bouquets, award-winning floral designers and stellar customer service, its Karin's Gives Back program continually supports local charities.

JONNY MEYER (APPLE SEED)

SERVICES



Tailor

KIM'S TAILORING

Exceptional customer service and professional expertise explains the rave reviews Kim's Tailoring has earned from their customers. Whether mending a torn sweater, hemming slacks or taking in a skirt, Kim's Tailoring always produces timely, specialized work. • 9897 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls; 703-757-3355



Dry Cleaner

CREST CLEANERS

Exemplifying a customer-oriented business philosophy, Crest Cleaners offers a free pick-up/drop-off service to benefit the busy customer's lifestyle. Crest is also ecologically conscious, always reducing its environmental footprint. • Multiple NoVA locations; crestcleaners.com



Carpet Cleaner

CLEAN SHAG HOME CARPET CARE

Owner Tom Thieman is the brainchild behind this reliable NoVA business (formerly called American Home Carpet Care), which has been around since 1995. "How you live on your carpets is your business; how they're cleaned is mine," Thieman says. • 703-691-1271; cleanshag.com

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BEST of the COUNTIES

THIS YEAR WE ALSO BRING YOU
THE BEST OF EACH COUNTY.

ALEXANDRIA CITY

Visit historic monuments, an eclectic mix of boutiques and a variety of delectable cuisines all within the limits of Alexandria City. Alexandria offers contemporary additions that perfectly accent the city's history. Chock-full of small businesses and large legends, these are just some of the must-see spots.

MUST-DO WHILE IN THE CITY

GHOST TOURS
ALEXANDRIA BY WATER
SEAPORT CRUISE
TORPEDO FACTORY/
torpedofactory.org
FARMERS MARKET

PLACE FOR HANGING OUT

OLD TOWN
WATERFRONT
DEL RAY/visitalexandriava.com

PLACE FOR SHOPPING

3 SISTERS/shopsisters3.com
PRETTY PEOPLE VINTAGE/
prettypeoplevintage.com
BISHOP BOUTIQUE/
bishopboutique.com

CURRENT BOUTIQUE/
currentboutique.com

DIVA/divaboutiqueva.com
MINT/shopmintcondition.com

PLACE FOR NIGHTLIFE (AFTER 8 P.M.)

DANIEL O'CONNELL'S/
danieloconnells.com
NO. 9 LOUNGE/eveningstarcafe.net
PX/eamonnsdublinchipper.com,
THE CARLYLE CLUB/
thecarlyleclub.com
THE BIRCHMERE/birchmere.com
NICK'S NIGHTCLUB/
nicksnightclub.com
UNION STREET PUBLIC HOUSE/
unionstreetpublichouse.com
MURPHY'S IRISH PUB/
murphyspub.com

FOOD

PLACE FOR BREAKFAST
CHADWICK'S RESTAURANT/
chadwicksrestaurants.com

PLACE FOR LUNCH
THE FISH MARKET/fishmarketva.com

PLACE FOR DINNER
WAREHOUSE BAR & GRILL/
warehousebarandgrill.com

STANDOUTS

POP'S OLD FASHIONED ICE
CREAM/fishmarketva.com
GEORGE WASHINGTON
MASONIC MEMORIAL

EVENT

SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK

COFFEE SHOP
MISHA'S
mishascoffee.com

FARMERS MARKET
KING STREET

HAIR SALON
LORRAINE
APRILLE SALON
lorraineaprillesalon.com

DAY SPA
LORIE HOTEL
AND SPA
lorienhotelandspa.com

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