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Letter from Supervisor Joan DuBois

Dear Dranesville Constituent,

This month marks a year of e-mail *Dranesville Dispatches*! We are having a great time reporting up-to-date County news, receiving suggestions for articles, and posting our community events. Please help us stay connected by continuing to e-mail your feedback!

This month we had the privilege of celebrating African American History, which is a time to commemorate the contribution, heritage, concerns, and many distinguished African Americans in our country and local community. What stood out to me this year was the many great events educating our youth about African American history at our local libraries and community centers.

On February 5, the Board of Supervisors recognized Germaine Broussard, an active McLean citizen, for her dedication to U.S. troops. Ms. Broussard offers a very personal level of support by baking cookies, over 54,000 to date, and then mailing them overseas to troops.

In the latest district conservation news, I would like to honor Katie Timblin, a longtime McLean resident, who placed her 5-acre Potomac River home, which overlooks Turkey Island, under an easement. As many Dranesville residents know, the Potomac area is a unique weekend haven for visitors and area residents. Ms. Timblin's selfless act is another generous part of a movement to preserve our area's treasures. We all owe her and others like her a debt of gratitude.

To support Ms. Timblin's conservation effort, get inspired to join upcoming watershed clean-up and tree-planting projects advertised in this newsletter and attend my Tree Forum to learn more about protecting the health of trees on your property.

Joan M. DuBois



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Lieutenant Ron Novak, an officer at the McLean District Station has been transferred to the Criminal Justice Academy with the new rank of Assistant Commander.

Lieutenant Novak is a respected community member and leader on the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Dranesville office has treasured his friendship and humor. Many citizens have expressed gratitude for Lieutenant Novak's service to McLean.

We wish him great success! Keep in touch!

\$ Tax Relief Workshop for Senior and Disabled Citizens \$

Again this year, Department of Tax Administration Staff will be available at the Dranesville District office March 16 and March 20 from 10 a.m. –1 p.m. *by appointment only* to assist seniors and disabled citizens with tax relief issues. Please call 703-356-0551 to schedule your appointment.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

On February 5, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for the 2007 Forest Pest Management Suppression Program. One aspect includes aerial treatment for Gypsy Moth infestations. Affected areas in Dranesville include Great Falls, McLean, Falls Church, and Langley.

The spray will be conducted in early May based on weather conditions. In February, citizens within a 3,000 foot radius of designated spray areas will receive an information letter. Please note helicopters will be seen early in the morning the day of the treatment. The spray material, Bacillus thuringiensis (BT), is a bacteria that affects caterpillars. People and pets should remain inside during the spray. If you are accidentally outside, a shower is sufficient to remove BT from skin and hair, as it is water soluble.

In April, citizens within a 300 foot radius will receive a first class mailing to remind them of the spray. Due to confusion during treatments last year, the County has expanded buffer zones and will also place signs around treatment areas. Ground treatment will be conducted in locations with infestations greater than 500 egg masses per acre. Public meetings will be held at the Great Falls Grange, Fairfax County Government Center, and Richard Byrd Library. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for more details.

For information on Gypsy Moths, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/pests.htm

Tysons Corner, I Heard You. (I think)

In the days leading up to the Board of Supervisors final vote on the Tysons Corner Center rezoning, I confess that I felt very conflicted. In all candor, I had heard directly from only a handful of you. This seemed counter to how I have come to know that this community generally reacts when it feels passionate about an issue. However, a comment made by one Dranesville resident when the application was first filed stuck with me: great, now we will need to pack a lunch to get from McLean to Vienna.

My decision to vote against this application centered solely on the current lack of an adequate transportation infrastructure in this area. I was also concerned about how the simultaneous construction of the Beltway HOT Lanes, a rail line, several other large projects approved before I became Supervisor, and the first phase of this application would impact you. I certainly know that you are more than capable of connecting the dots between transportation and development, and it seemed to me that this was not the right timing for an application of this size. We continue to ding VDOT and the General Assembly regularly for not providing Northern Virginia with more transportation dollars, but I believe that you hold us just as responsible as our colleagues in Richmond. Until we get some positive movement on transportation funding, I felt we needed to take a breath and defer approval of such a large project.

The real question is where do we concentrate our future growth and what is the *pace* of that growth? “Smart growth” proponents urge us to look at placing future growth around our public transit hubs. In Arlington, a community much like ours twenty years ago, there were predictions of an 80% increase in motor vehicle trips in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. Instead, vehicular traffic has increased only 16%. Up to 60% of workers in this corridor commute to work via public transit. I believe that we can meet those totals, if we can take a serious look at the future of Tysons Corner.

Tysons is our downtown and our economic engine, with an employment base of 130,000 that generated \$267 million in tax revenue last year alone. If Tysons gets the sniffles, the rest of Fairfax may get more than a bad cold. However, there is a delicate balance to be achieved, and if our current business owners cannot get their employees quickly and safely to work, and if nearby patrons avoid the area because it is too hard to navigate, this “engine” may stall. I believe that it is important for us to begin a serious dialogue about what the designation “urban county” means to us as we move forward.

This is not the sleepy bedroom community that many of us moved to over 30 years ago. There is a vision that Fairfax leaders have for Tysons Corner, but I sense that you are not yet ready to embrace that vision. I hope that over the next fourteen months, the Tysons Task Force can excite you about what this area can become. Change is inevitable. Some of that change is driven by market forces, but much is driven by what kind of change you are willing to embrace. I fully understand that I am accountable to you, and on this rezoning I heard you.....I think.

Supervisor Joan M. DuBois

Congestion Relief Projects

Balls Hill Road/Old Dominion Drive intersection

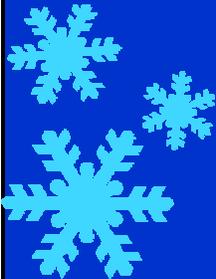
Construction at the Balls Hill Road/ Old Dominion Drive intersection has begun and should be completed by late summer or early fall of 2007. There will be a right turn lane/ramp wide enough to accommodate the smooth turn of a school bus or a truck and long enough to stack 3 to 4 vehicles from southbound Balls Hill Road to north (west) bound Old Dominion Drive. Vehicles turning right are going to have an opportunity to do so approximately 200 ft. prior to the intersection, bypassing vehicles traveling through southbound and stacked at the traffic light, much similar to the existing right turn from Old Dominion Drive to Balls Hill Road on the other side of the intersection.

This right turn lane/ramp is positioned in such a way that drivers at the stop sign on the ramp would have an adequate sight distance of the traffic traveling in the northbound direction on Balls Hill Road. The construction cost of this project is \$94,449; however the total cost is approximately \$150,000. This increase is due to unexpected need for utility relocation.

Georgetown Pike/River Bend Road intersection

A federally-funded project to improve the sight distance on Georgetown Pike at Riverbend Road will begin in March. A design has been approved that avoids all impacts to Great Falls National Park property. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) worked closely with a citizen task force to develop the least intrusive design possible. The County Police and Fire and Rescue Departments have agreed with an expedited construction scenario that will involve the closing of this intersection for one weekend. [Advance notice will be posted.](#)

Weather Related School Closures



When the forecast predicts snow, our children go to bed anxiously hoping for a snow day. Yet for parents who must juggle work schedules, change plans and arrange for childcare it is important to hear as soon as possible from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) about delays and closures.

During weather events, FCPS strive to provide citizens with fast, accurate information. They announce delays and closures through cable Channel 21, 1-800-839-FCPS, www.fcps.edu, local television, and radio stations.

They also operate Keep in Touch e-mails. To receive these messages, register at <https://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html>. However, be aware that due to the large number of people enrolled, some residents have reported it takes an hour to receive a KIT message.

To read about school closure decision policies, please visit www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm, which also includes a short informative video. For a detailed outline, visit www.fcps.edu/news/weatherdecision.htm. For school closure related questions, please visit, www.fcps.edu/news/weatherfaq.htm. Please contact your Dranesville District School Board Representative, Janie Strauss, with further questions, at jane.strauss@fcps.edu.

Fairfax County Announces Budget Timeline

County Executive Tony Griffin will present his proposed fiscal plan for FY 2008 to the Board of Supervisors February 26, at 10 a.m. at the board meeting in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center. The meeting will be live on Fairfax County Government Channel 16, also available through video streaming at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable.

Public hearings on the FY 2008 budget are set for April 9, 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. with the School Board presentation to the Supervisors scheduled on April 10 at 6 p.m. The budget markup session will be April 23, at 10 a.m. Formal adoption of the budget will take place April 30, at 10 a.m. The budget presentation, news releases, and information on the proposed budget, will be available beginning on February 26 at 2 p.m. at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/budgetnews. Supervisor DuBois will address Mr. Griffin's proposals in upcoming newsletters; however please feel free to email your thoughts to dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov

Staff from the Department of Management and Budget will be available to speak to civic organizations, homeowners associations, and community groups regarding the proposed fiscal plan for 2008. To arrange for a representative to meet with your group, please call 703-324-2391, TTY 711, or e-mail DMB@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clock forward
one hour on March 11th



Local Citizens Association Histories

The McLean Citizens Association supports the preservation of local history. Because it represents local citizens association in the McLean area, it is encouraging local citizens associations to capture their own history. Many local communities are several decades old; it is important to capture that history now before those who know it are no longer around to tell it.

A member of the MCA has volunteered to collect the histories from each association and compile them into a single publication that would be available through local libraries and the Supervisor's office. Copies would also be provided to each participating citizens association. Three local citizens associations have already prepared their histories for inclusion in this compilation. They are Woodside Estates, Greenway Heights, and Evans Mill Pond. Each of these histories is six to ten pages, but others could be shorter. The histories should focus on the twentieth century since several documents record McLean's local history prior to 1900.

MCA urges all local citizens associations to participate in the project and prepare their histories. The goal is to have all the histories prepared by April 2007 so they can be published early next summer. Please contact Jan Auerbach at jauerbach@cox.net for further information about the project and to let her know of your willingness to participate.

Preserving our Local Trees



As Fairfax County becomes increasingly more developed, the importance of preserving the environment is a major initiative for the Board of Supervisors. In particular, it is important for our community to become active stewards of our trees, which help improve air quality, conserve water, and harbor wildlife. Here are some environmental events and tips about trees...

COMMUNITY TREE FORUM

Supervisor DuBois is co-sponsoring a Community Tree Forum, Tuesday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Colvin Run Elementary School. The program was developed by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service and is designed to address homeowners' concerns for trees on their property and in their community. Many people do not know where to turn to for help and accurate advice about trees. A panel of experts will deliver the most up to date information. No admission is charged but seating is limited - please RSVP to the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551.

GIVE A HAND - PLANT SOME TREES

Fairfax ReLeaf is offering free tree seedlings to those who wish to plant trees on public land or along streams. The goal is to plant 2007 trees in 2007! The seedlings are only available for planting in public places such as schools, parks, libraries, stormwater areas, and VDOT right-of-ways. Most planting sites require permission. On February 24, from 10 a.m.— 1 p.m. at Chantilly Library, “Site Leader Training”, will be run by Kay Fowler and Fairfax ReLeaf, which is for anyone interested in obtaining trees. This session includes information about obtaining permits for VDOT, FCPA, FCPS and library planting sites, and a planting demonstration. Come dressed to plant! For more information, contact Fairfax ReLeaf at trees@fairfaxreleaf.org, or call 703-324-1409, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxreleaf.org/default.aspx. Fairfax ReLeaf's office is open Tuesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. The program is a partnership with the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.



BUY LOCAL FIREWOOD - PREVENT THE EMERALD ASH BORER

According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Plant and Pest Services, native trees and forests in the U.S. are threatened by invasive insects and diseases that live in dead and dying wood. The *emerald ash borer* (EAB), an invasive insect from Asia, is one example of a pest spread by moving firewood. EAB is responsible for over 20 million dead and dying ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois since its accidental introduction into the U.S. in 2002. It caused millions of dollars in destruction because it has no native predators in North America, and it is very difficult to control the spread once infestation takes place. In 2003, Virginia had a serious encounter with the EAB when state officials determined that ash trees sent from a Michigan nursery which were planted at an elementary school in Fairfax County, Virginia, were infested with EAB. It took the combined efforts of federal, state, and county agencies to implement an eradication program. All ash trees within a half mile radius of the school were destroyed. Surveys taken by Virginia investigators for three consecutive seasons after the incident showed no new evidence of EAB in the state.

For additional information about the emerald ash borer (EAB) and actions taken to combat its spread, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/pests.htm.



Heritage Tree Census in Great Falls May Be the First in Fairfax County

While Great Falls has many trees, there are only a limited number of truly large trees. Some are hundreds of years old and witnessed the sweep of American history, including the Civil War and the first automobiles. Their grace and beauty are among the reasons many people selected Great Falls for their home. Despite this intrinsic value, Great Falls citizens are concerned that they do not know the location of these trees in their community.

In order to create an inventory of these arboreal assets, the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) launched a tree census last fall to locate the largest trees in each of 23 major species such as white oak, red maple, and American holly. GFCA wants a full register, including trees in Riverbend Park, Great Falls National Park, and along the Potomac River.



A “heritage tree” is a large tree that has seen extensive history. However, it does not have to be a tree where something significant occurred. Any large specimen tree in one of 23 tree categories will be eligible for the Great Falls Heritage Tree Census. Citizens young and old have been asked to measure the circumference of big trees and record them at a special site on the GFCA Web site, www.gfcitizens.com.

 It’s been described as the best community treasure hunt ever held. Some of the most passionate tree measurers are among the girl, boy and cub scout troops in Great Falls who see large titans cut down more and more in their community, with seemingly little appreciation of what they mean to history and ecology. Some of them have heard about this project through presentations made to their troops and others from word of mouth and from reading the GFCA newsletter.

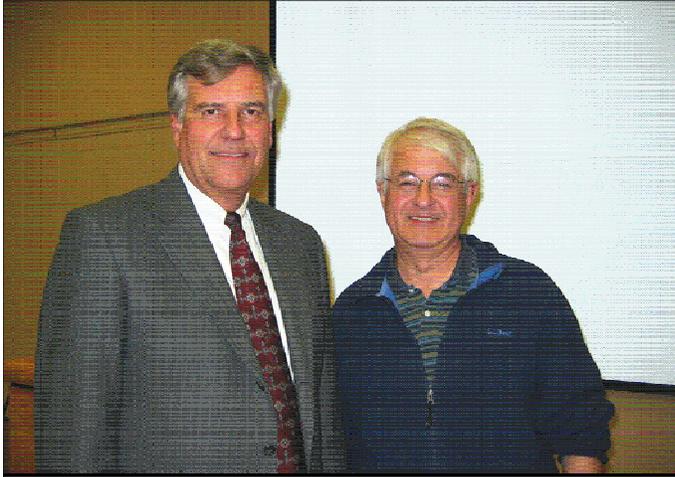
The census will run until May 2007. GFCA will announce the largest trees at a public program in the spring, with prizes for the winners. To help citizens identify trees, the volunteers who developed the program also created these special on-line tools:

Tree Field Guide. The 23 species are described in detail on the GFCA Web site in a special full color field guide, with detailed information on tree sizes, leaf shapes, bark, etc. This is also a great resource for boys and girls (especially scouts) who want to learn more about nature.

How to Measure a Tree. There is only one acceptable way to measure trees for this census. Place a tape measure or yard stick on the lower side of the tree at ground level. At four and a half feet off the ground, measure the tree’s circumference.

Nominating a tree. Using the GFCA Web site easy registration form, residents are asked to fill out as many nominations for heritage trees as they like. The first person to submit a correct nomination for a tree will be considered the first entry. If there are multiple entries for some trees (especially those in prominent public spaces), the first to register will be considered the nominator.

 ***For more information on this environmental program please visit, www.gfcitizens.com, or e-mail Bill Canis at bcanis@yahoo.com.***



On January 16, FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale spoke at the general meeting of the McLean Citizens Association about the 2007 School Budget.

Topics included rising costs of the ESL program and special education, expansion of all day kindergarten in 20 schools and also the expansion of foreign language to all elementary schools.

Dr. Dale is pictured with MCA Education and Youth co-chair Ed Saperstein who arranged the evening's event for Dranesville residents.

Christmas Anti-Theft Teams

Known as CAT, police officers arrested 285 people this holiday season and recovered over \$232,000 worth of property.

CAT Teams work in and around major shopping areas in the County to arrest amateur and professional shoplifters. In 2006, CAT teams successfully worked in McLean, Franconia, and Fair Oaks Districts to stop property crimes in the Tysons Corner, Springfield, and Fair Oaks Mall areas. The teams were in place from November 22 through December 31.

In the McLean District Station alone, there were 93 individuals arrested and \$116,999 in property seized or recovered.

2007 Real Estate Assessments Notices

Notices will be mailed on February 26, 2007.

The DTA site will be updated with the 2007 assessments and the neighborhood sales used to determine those assessments at **2 p.m.** that day. The DTA Web site showing detailed property data including the ownership and 2006 sales information is currently available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta.

Women in Media Making Strides

The Commission and Office For Women invites residents to join in a panel discussion on the strides women have made in the media industry and the challenges women face in advancing media. The panel will review a history of women in media, and evaluate how the Internet is changing media and journalism. Two participating panelists include ABC 7 Anchor, Maureen Bunyan, and WUSA 9 Reporter, Peggy Fox. The event will be held March 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center. This free event is a partnership with George Mason University, however pre-registration is requested.

For more information, or to register, please visit the Office For Women's Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofw/ or call 703-324-5730, TTY 703-324-5706.

Fairfax County Police Department Adds Convenience to Reporting Non-violent Crimes

Fairfax County residents who are victims or witnesses of certain misdemeanor crimes can file police reports online or by telephone. The “Citizen Reporting System” (CRS) operates seven days a week and in the evenings. Although CRS has existed since 2003, and telephone reporting even prior, the Police Department has recently introduced improvements. The system has been centralized at police headquarters, and officers are assigned to the system full time.

Not all crimes can be reported using the CRS. For the criteria needed to report a crime and the types of crimes and incidents that can be reported using CRS, please visit, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police and click “file a police report”. Citizens follow the directions, providing all the information required about the crime, and receive a case number within 24 hours. The second method for filing certain reports is through the Department’s non-emergency phone number at 703-691-2131. Citizens inform the call taker they would like to use CRS to report a crime or incident. If citizens choose this option, their name and contact number will be taken, and a CRS officer will respond to take the report. This process typically takes less than 24 hours to complete.

The advantage in using CRS is convenience. Instead of having an officer respond in person, citizens can file the report at a time and location convenient to them. Waiting for an officer to free up from more urgent calls is eliminated. When the reports are filed online, officers can e-mail a case number, for documentation or for insurance purposes, usually within 24 hours.

When citizens use CRS, patrol officers are able to use their time to conduct proactive and preventive patrols, such as traffic enforcement, community policing, high visibility patrols in residential and business districts and crime/drug prevention. Stay tuned to upcoming newsletters for information from the police and Geographic Information System staff about a new County web service that will allow you to search crime incidents in your neighborhood.



Off Road Crime-Fighting Utility Vehicle

Reston District Station has just taken delivery of a new tool which will assist officers in preventing crime and enforcing laws in their district which serves members of our Great Falls community. The four-wheel drive Kubota utility police vehicle is fully equipped. It will enable officers to more efficiently traverse the extensive trail system, including parts of Great Falls.

The Kubota enables officers to respond to remote locations and will be used to proactively address crime issues within the Reston district. It will be a great tool to use during special events as well. This new crime-fighting tool is a valuable addition to police crime prevention and enforcement efforts.



On January 29, McLean Chamber of Commerce Elected Officers gathered at Café Oggi in McLean for the new Board Installation. Pictured above are Supervisor DuBois, Chamber Chairman and Tunnel Activist Scott Monet, and Chairman Gerry Connolly.

Human Services Resource Guide

The Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) is a free online database offered to residents by the Fairfax County government. The database consists of public, non-profit, and some private for-profit human service agencies that have services available to Fairfax County residents.

The HSRG contains detailed service descriptions, organization contact information, hours of operation, service eligibility criteria including income guidelines, and even languages spoken by staffers. This guide is accessible for both professionals and any residents in need of service.

Please visit, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rim/.

SNOW PLOWING COMPLAINTS

In the past week, we have heard from many citizens with complaints about the “County’s” handling of snow plowing on their streets. However, snow plowing is not managed by Fairfax County. It is a state service handled through the Virginia Department of Transportation, (VDOT), www.virginiadot.org 703-383-8368. To voice complaints and request an evaluation of VDOT snow plowing procedure, please contact your state elected officials, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/whosmyrep.htm. For information on VDOT snow removal, please visit www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-snowremoval.asp.

Congratulations

Former Herndon Mayor Michael O'Reilly for his appointment to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) by Governor Tim Kaine.

Langley gymnast Lisa Faulkner for her second place finish in the all around competition at the Virginia individual gymnastics championships, the top finish for a Northern Virginian gymnast.

To Langley's wrestling teams which won four individual titles during the Northern Region wrestling tournament. Langley won the school's first regional wrestling title.

To the 2006 Elly Doyle Award Recipients, Cathy Mayes for Riverbend Park, Michael J. Moran for the Colvin Run Historic Site, and Cathy Flippin for Spring Hill RECenter.

The National Arbor Day Foundation named the Town of Herndon as a “Tree City USA” in recognition of the Town's commitment to its community forest. This is the 18th consecutive year Herndon has received this designation. For more information, visit www.herndon-va.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Claude Moore Farm Winter Estate Sale

Browse distinctive selections of jewelry, watches, crystal, silver, china, linens, decorative accessories, collectibles, household items and more donated from several local estates. This estate sale is organized by volunteers to fund the Virginia living history museum and programs which are operated by the National Parks. February 24, 10 am - 5 pm. Free admission. Rain or shine. For more information, please visit www.1771.org.

Route 28/Innovation Drive Intersection Construction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) notified Supervisor DuBois they will close access to Route 28 from Innovation Drive in the Herndon/Sterling area to construct a new intersection which will remove the traffic light from Route 28. Supervisor DuBois requested VDOT conduct a public information meeting for citizens about the closure, the future configuration of the intersection, and project time lines. The meeting will be held February 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hutchison Elementary School library. For questions, contact the Dranesville District office at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-356-0551.

9th Annual Taste of McLean

Food lovers can sample mouth-watering cuisine from noted local restaurants and meet caterers and food industry professionals. The event will be held March 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. For more information, please visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Transit Oriented Development Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on a proposed amendment for transit-oriented development on March 12, at 5 p.m. in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center. To speak at the hearing, call 703-324-3151, TTY 711. For further information, please view the county press release at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/039.htm.

Forum on Underage Drinking

Join local faith communities, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Police Department, and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board in a countywide effort to reduce underage drinking. A panel discussion will take place at the Faith Communities in Action meeting March 14, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. For information, e-mail Sandy Chisholm at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov, call 703-324-3453, or visit the Faith Communities in Action Web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/CIL/fciadefault.htm.

Volunteer Stream Cleanup in Great Falls

Be a part of the region's largest annual watershed cleanup! The Great Falls Citizen Association is coordinating the 19th Annual Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1. Volunteers are needed to pick up trash or serve as site captains. A site captain chooses a cleanup location in advance and organizes volunteers for a cleanup. Robin Rentsch and Stella Koch, co-chairs of the GFCA Environment Committee, will assist you in this project by providing trash bags, gloves, sign in sheets, and training. Stream cleanups count towards Great Falls National Wildlife Community Habitat Certification. For more information contact, Stella Koch smkoch@aol.com at 703-628-6983, or Robin Rentsch, robrentsch@cox.net at 703-759-5453.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is also coordinating volunteers for cleanup sites. Please contact Dan Schwartz at the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, dan.schwartz@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-1422, TTY 711. For more information, visit www.potomaccleanup.org