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# Dranesville Dispatch

Dear Dranesville Residents,

Welcome to the summer edition of the Dranesville Dispatch.

I want to start by wishing all of you a fun and safe summer. Spring has been a tough time as both the weather and the economic forecasts were gloomy. But summertime is here, and we are beginning to see the sunshine outside and hopefully a brighter outlook for our economy as well. As you will see in our Dranesville Projects Updates section, we have completed some longstanding road and trail projects with others scheduled to be done this summer. Renovations of the asphalt and stone dust walkways, a streambed restoration and installation of state of the art LED lights are underway in one of our most popular community parks, McLean Central Park. With construction of both the HOT lanes and Dulles Rail projects in full swing, some of our local neighborhoods may experience alterations in daily traffic patterns. I have ongoing meetings with managers of both projects and continue to monitor traffic and environmental impacts in our district. I encourage residents to contact my office with their concerns and suggestions about living through these significant transportation changes.

While the negotiations regarding the County budget are completed, the hard work of continuing to provide the high quality of services with diminished revenue has begun. As I crisscross Dranesville attending task force and planning committees, community meetings, trail dedications, streambed clean-ups, invasive species removal efforts, etc. I am always impressed with the willingness of Dranesville residents to donate their time and skills towards the betterment of our community. The contributions of these volunteers are priceless.

And since it is summer, I urge you to take full advantage of the wonderful and varied activities that we have available right here in Dranesville, many of them are free of charge. Some of the activities include: children and youth camps, swimming and fitness classes, hiking, water and field sports, outdoor concerts, history and nature adventures, reading programs, and just escaping to lush, green woodlands. All this, and much, much more, is available through the Park Authority, our Community Centers, RECenters, local libraries, and many other venues. Included in this newsletter are websites and information that will help you learn about these activities.

My office will remain fully staffed during the summer. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on issues affecting you and your communities. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and for your contributions to our dynamic and beautiful Dranesville.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust

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# Changes in Staff

As of June 22, 2009 Supervisor Foust has made some staffing changes. Wes Callender, who was Chief of Staff, has decided to work part time and will continue to handle Great Falls issues and Zoning Enforcement. Jane Edmondson, currently on staff, is the new Chief of Staff.

Do you know someone who would like to receive the *Dranesville Dispatch*?

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or

visit us online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville).

## Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood. Call (703) 356-0551 or email [Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

<b>Jane Edmondson</b>	Chief of Staff, McLean Issues
<b>Wes Callender</b>	Great Falls Issues, Public Safety, Zoning Enforcement
<b>Jennifer Boysko</b>	Herndon Office, Schools, Human Services, Housing
<b>Joe Gibson</b>	Land Use, Tysons Corner
<b>Julie Ide</b>	Transportation, Trails, Communications
<b>Cheryl Patten</b>	Environment, Parks, HOT Lanes, Stormwater
<b>Dianne Peikin</b>	Office Manager, Schedule, Boards & Commissions

## Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff\\_assignments\\_by\\_subject\\_new.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm).

## Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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Herndon, VA 20170

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# Dranesville Project Updates

There are many on-going projects in and near the Dranesville District that will have an impact on the residents of Dranesville. Presented below is a brief update on some of those projects. For more information on these or other projects, contact the Dranesville District Supervisor's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 771 or email at [Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov). In addition, as noted below, some of these projects have their own website for information.

## Dulles Rail and HOT Lanes

The Supervisor's office is aware of the potential for traffic congestion and traffic spillover concerns as these two projects proceed with construction. The office is regularly updated through VDOT's Megaprojects team with information about the projects. The HOT lanes and Rail projects have created web sites that are continuously updated to help drivers be aware of any construction that may affect their commute. They are: [www.vamegaprojects.com](http://www.vamegaprojects.com) ; [www.virginiahotlanes.com](http://www.virginiahotlanes.com) ;and [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com). MetroRail also has an emergency construction hotline which will be answered 24/7 to deal with noise, debris or other complaints. That number is: 877-585-6789.

The HOT Lanes project has taken many beautiful trees and more trees will be lost before the project is completed. As part of the effort to prepare for the post construction period the Supervisor's office is working with Senator Janet Howell, Delegates Margi Vanderhye and Jim Scott, the private partners to the HOT lanes project, VDOT and Fairfax County to develop plans to restore habitat and reforest those areas that have experienced the severe loss of their landscaping. Though in the early stages of discussion, plans for the regeneration of the land are being developed in conjunction with professional arborists, naturalists, landscape specialists and representatives from many environmental groups. Community outreach will also become part of the program in the forthcoming months.

## The McLean Pedestrian Task Force

The McLean Pedestrian Task Force held its Walk and Bike Day on Saturday May 30. Participants were divided into groups, each taking a different route to show the need for safer road crossings and safer and additional sidewalks throughout the McLean Commercial Business Center.

Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust appointed the Task Force in the late summer of 2008 to study the CBC and make recommendations for how it can become safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists. **The Task Force will hold a public information meeting to present its preliminary results on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue.** Feedback from the community will be incorporated into the final report, scheduled to be presented to Supervisor Foust this October.

The Task Force identified problems encountered with existing pedestrian facilities including missing sidewalk sections and hazards to pedestrian and bicyclists. Supervisor Foust will use the Task Force's report to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle funding requests.

For more information please contact Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by Email at [dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov),



*Supervisor Foust and members of Pedestrian Task Force at start of the walk.*

## Intersection Improvements at Seneca and Georgetown Pike

At Supervisor Foust's request, Fairfax County Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation recently completed changes to the intersection at Georgetown Pike and Seneca Road in Great Falls.

By restriping the existing lanes they were able to extend the right-hand turn lane to allow traffic to continue from Seneca Road onto Route 7 with less delay by traffic attempting a left-hand turn onto Georgetown Pike.

This work was done without having to add to the existing pavement and using existing VDOT funding. Consequently, no extra cost was incurred by the County taxpayers. Additional relief will come to the intersection with a planned traffic signal. Signal installation is scheduled to occur before the end of the year.

## Intersection and Pedestrian Improvements

Dranesville District pedestrians and motorists will navigate more safely as a result of a number of intersection improvements to be constructed this summer. A combination of traffic light signalization changes, installation of pedestrian signals, the creation of marked pedestrian crosswalks, a raised concrete median and the completion of missing trail segments will allow motorists and walkers to more safely share the road at the following intersections: Leesburg Pike (Rt. 7) and Magarity Road, Rt. 7 and Dranesville Road, Dolley Madison Boulevard (Rt. 123), Great Falls Street/Lewinsville Road/Balls Hill, and Beverly Road at Fleetwood Road.

In response to constituent requests for more walking and biking opportunities, the Supervisor's office is continuing to work with the County, residents and businesses to acquire easements across property to expand our trail network and connect neighborhoods and business centers. In cooperation with VDOT and FDOT, we will continue to improve access and safety for pedestrians.

## Riverbend Park

The Park Authority recently announced the award of a contract for the construction of a pedestrian, bike and equestrian bridge over Clarks Branch. The ninety-foot by six foot all-weather structure will replace an older, wooden bridge that washed out during heavy rainstorms. The new bridge to be constructed this fall allows users to continue along the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. Supervisor Foust secured the funding for the bridge as part of the expanded 2008 Park Bond.

As Fairfax County's only riverfront park, Riverbend has a reputation as a safe destination for water enthusiasts. Supervisor Foust, Friends of Riverbend Park and the Park Authority recently announced that the park's maintenance crew chief would continue to be stationed at Riverbend through FY 2010 and receive funding for a seasonal maintenance team.

## Langley Fork Scenic Pull-off and Georgetown Pike Traffic Calming

Work will begin this summer on a joint project of the Board of Supervisors, Park Authority and VDOT to construct a pull-off to include approximately 20 new parking spaces and a gateway feature to the Georgetown Pike Scenic Byway. The new lot will be located across the street from Clemyjontri Park on the north side of the roadway. As many residents know, parking is always at a premium at this wonderful children's active recreation park.

In addition to the new parking spaces, VDOT will improve the pedestrian crossing on Georgetown Pike with a raised median and the replacement of the yellow striping with an attractive, high-tech paving material.

## Long-Needed Streetlights are Installed in Herndon Neighborhood

In January 2008, Supervisor Foust was contacted by Reflections Homes HOA president, Jim Allen who shared the challenges faced in his community. Supervisor Foust was told that the number one thing that would make a difference in the neighborhood would be the installation of some streetlights along one of the darkest and most densely populated streets within the neighborhood. The HOA had been advocating for lights since 1998 and the Reflections HOA collected the necessary petitions showing broad community support. Supervisor Foust set the project as a high priority, secured the funding, and in June 2009, Dominion VA Power installed eight new cobra headed streetlights for Saunders Drive.



## New Lights for Herndon Middle School Athletic Fields

During the past year, a cooperative effort among the Supervisor's office, the Herndon Area Youth Sports (Optimists, Herndon Youth Soccer and NVTB), Community Recreation Services, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation resulted in an improvement for the athletic fields at the Herndon Middle School. CRS contributed the funding for the new lights and pending final zoning approval from the town the lights should be installed for the new school year. The community surrounding the fields has shown broad support citing that in addition to improving the fields the new lights will provide additional safety measures. Let's play ball!



## Dranesville APR Process Proceeding

On February 19, 2009 the Dranesville Apr Task Force led by John Ulfelder and comprised of Dranesville citizen volunteers, considered three Area Plan Review nominations in the Herndon area. (APR 08-III-7UP, APR 08-III-12UP, APR 08-III-11UP) The nominations are located in the western most part of Dranesville just west of the Town of Herndon next to the proposed Rt. 28 Metro station location. Because of the complexity of these major land use proposals -- they fall right along the border of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties and within 1/8 of a mile from the town of Herndon -- the Task Force and County planners decided to extend the study. Supervisor Foust added members from the Town and from the adjoining neighborhoods to the Task Force. The now nineteen member APR Task force met three times in June to hear from the nominators and will reconvene in September to consider the traffic studies. The Dranesville APR Task Force will make a recommendation at the conclusion of its study to the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Herndon area residents on the Task Force are: Carl Sivertsen, Kevin East, David Swan, Mary Boatman, Melissa Jonas, Lisa Merkel, Bob Brown of Reflections HOA and Stephanie Anderson, Rock Hill Road HOA. Dranesville Task Force members representing other areas of Dranesville are: Chairman John Ulfelder, Darren Ewing, Jody Bennett, Beth Chung, Rich Bliss, Dale Murad, Jim Robertson, Kathleen Murphy, Pam Dutton, Jack Mansfield, and Bill Pendergast.

Supervisor Foust appreciates the dedication and significant amount of time and talent the all-volunteer Dranesville APR Task Force members have contributed to this process.

In addition the staffs and elected officials of Fairfax County, Loudoun County and the Town of Herndon have been conducting inter-jurisdictional meetings to work through the various issues these development plans present.

## Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek

Representatives from a variety of local constituencies who share an interest in the Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek watershed areas are participating in the Fairfax County Watershed Advisory Group (WAG). WAG meets bi-monthly to consider storm water, conservation and improvement projects within this watershed region. Residents are encouraged to contact Jennifer Boysko in Supervisor Foust's Herndon office, with their concerns or suggestions regarding this area.

Contact for Herndon Area issues:  
Jennifer Boysko  
Herndon Aide  
Office of Supervisor John Foust  
Dranesville District  
Fairfax County, Virginia  
703 471-5076 Direct  
703 356-0551 Main Office

## Announcements

### Come Celebrate the Saving of “Burling Park”

**Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 1 p.m.**

**Scotts Run Nature Preserve**

7400 Georgetown Pike in McLean, Virginia

This commemorative program, remembering a citizen-driven preservation initiative, will be held at the site of Edward Burling’s cabin.

To get to this site, a short hike is required. If assistance is needed, participants should come to the upper parking lot.

Parking is available in both the upper and lower lots. Due to limited parking, guests are encouraged to park at Cooper Middle School, located at 977 Balls Hill Road in McLean, VA. A shuttle service will run from the school to Scotts Run throughout the afternoon.

For more information please contact the Fairfax County Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

### Dranesville District 2009 Lord and Lady Fairfax Winners Announced

Supervisor John Foust announced his choices for the 2009 Lord and Lady Fairfax honors by naming **Lisa Lombardozzi** as his choice for Lady Fairfax and **Vance Zavela** as his choice for Lord Fairfax.

Lisa Lombardozzi, of Herndon, makes a difference in her community as an active community, church, and school volunteer. Lisa is League Administrator for Northern Virginia Travel Baseball. She has served as the PTA/PTSA President for Armstrong Elementary, Herndon Middle School, and Herndon High School. She serves as Secretary for the Fairfax County Baseball Council and coordinates the Herndon High Sports Booster Club golf tournament. Lisa is the Coordinator for the Greater Herndon Community Coalition and serves as Coordinator for LINK’s Holiday Basket Program. Since 1998, Lisa has been the newsletter editor for her church, Herndon United Methodist Church. Lisa is a member of the Herndon Woman’s Club, the Leadership Fairfax Class of 2009, and the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Education Council. Lisa has received numerous awards for her community service including the Dulles Regional Chamber’s Volunteer of the Year and the Fairfax County Public Schools Outstanding Volunteer.

Vance Zavela, of McLean, volunteers countless hours of quality service to his community. He serves on the boards of the McLean Project for the Arts, Friends of McLean Central Park, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Claude Moore Colonial Farm. He served on the Board and as President of the Friends of the McLean Community Center, Trustee of the McLean Citizens Foundation, and Board member of Leadership Fairfax and McLean-Great Falls Celebrate Virginia’s 400th. Vance is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of McLean. For his outstanding leadership and service, he received the Rotarian of the Year award from District 7610, Rotary Foundation’s Citation of Meritorious Service, and Rotary International’s Four Avenues of Service Citation. In his day job, Vance is Partnership Development Manager in the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

The Lord and Lady Fairfax Program was founded in the mid-1980’s by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. (CFI) to recognize Fairfax County residents who have significantly contributed to our community. Each Fairfax County Supervisor annually nominates a Lord and Lady from the district they serve; so far, more than 470 individuals have been honored.

A reception to honor the Lords and Ladies was held in the Forum of the Government Center on Monday, June 1 and was followed by a special presentation of honorees during the first hour of the that day’s Board of Supervisors’ meeting.

The Celebrate Fairfax! Salute to the honorees was held on Monday, June 1 in the Forum of the Fairfax County Government Center.

### Supervisors Foust and Hudgins Meet with Herndon Senior Center Residents

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins joined a large group of residents at the Herndon Senior Center to hear concerns about possible budget cuts and how they would affect seniors living in Fairfax County. Local residents and users of the senior center presented Supervisors Foust and Hudgins with letters of concern, petitions and surveys they collected. Residents also took turns speaking before the crowd of approximately 120 seniors.

The Board of Supervisors heard the message and was able to save most of the senior service programs that had been slated for reduction including:

- Hours of Herndon Senior Center will not be reduced (and it will be open Saturday)
- The 5th hot meal of the week will not be eliminated
- The Senior Center will still have 4 group bus trips per month

Supervisor Foust was pleased to have the chance to sit down with residents to discuss issues and to find ways to make sure County services reach his constituents. Special thanks to Ruth Junkins, Director of the Herndon Senior Center, Judy Downer, Tony DeBenedittis and to the entire Senior Center Advisory Board for all of the hard work in preparing this event and reaching out to the residents to solicit their concerns.

### Franklin Park 100th Anniversary

On May 15 residents of Franklin Park subdivision of McLean celebrated the community's 100th anniversary. Franklin Park is a beautiful, tree-friendly and environmentally conscious community located south of the intersection of Kirby Road and Old Dominion Road in McLean. It is also one of the oldest subdivisions in McLean. The community's roots are steeped in tradition and history. In the early 1900's it was a summer retreat for Washingtonians trying to escape the summer heat. And in 1814 Franklin Park was along the path taken by President Madison as he was forced to flee the White House during the War of 1812.

Supervisor Foust, Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Margi Vanderhuy participated in the parade commemorating President Madison's 1814 flight. Following the parade was a street fair enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Although it has been built out considerably, Franklin Park's hilly terrain, meandering streams, walking paths and abundance of trees still create an oasis for its residents. It has been said that when you enter Franklin Park you feel like you have arrived at summer camp.

# Chesterbrook Residences Presented Prestigious “Best Practices” Award by Council on Aging

*Facility Honored for Excellence in its Diversity-Oriented Housing Program*

Chesterbrook Residences, a unique mixed-income, assisted-living facility in Falls Church, was honored on June 22 for its diversity-oriented housing program with a prestigious Commonwealth Council on Aging 2009 Best Practices Award.

Chesterbrook Residences was selected as the only statewide honoree in the “Housing” category from a competitive field of applicants. The honor was presented to Chesterbrook Residences, Board President Judy Seiff, Executive Director Marilen C. King, residents and other Board members during a special ceremony at the Government Center. More than 30 Board members, residents and staffers were in attendance.

The Commonwealth Council on Aging’s Best Practices Awards recognize model aging programs for innovation, cost-effectiveness, ease of replication as well as impact on the quality of life of older Virginians, their families and their caregivers.

Chesterbrook Residences hosted the very successful, first annual “Taste of Chesterbrook” on April 29. Over thirty restaurants joined the Chesterbrook culinary team for this unusual event, including Legal Seafood, Wild-fire, Maggiano’s, Alpine Restaurant, Natalia’s Fine Confections, Clare & Don’s Beach Shack, Red, White & Bleu, Endo Sushi, Kazan’s, Chef Forgione and many more. Chefs sampled their finest foods while musicians and strolling entertainers enchanted over 500 guests. A lively raffle was the entertainment highlight of the evening. All proceeds from the Taste of Chesterbrook went to the Chesterbrook Continuing Care Fund, which helps seniors in financial need.

Chesterbrook Residences is the first and only mixed-income, assisted-living community in Fairfax County. It is the product of a unique community partnership that worked together for seven years to convert a gift of five acres of land into a special community for seniors. With financial support from Fairfax County, the Virginia Housing Development Authority and more than \$1 million in private donations, the facility opened November 2007.



*Supervisor John Foust with Board President Judy Seiff, Executive Director Marilen C. King, residents and other Board members at June 22 award ceremony.*

## Helpful Information

### Fairfax County Airs H1N1 Influenza Q&A Program

Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, director of health for Fairfax County, was featured on a Fairfax County Government Channel 16 program that aired during May, "H1N1 Q&A." The question-and-answer format show provided residents with information about the H1N1 Influenza (swine flu) as well as resources for additional information.

To view the broadcast visit [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/h1n1\\_influenza.asx](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/h1n1_influenza.asx).

For more information on the H1N1 Influenza visit the Fairfax County information web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/swineflu.htm>. The show may also be found on [Fairfax County's YouTube channel](http://www.youtube.com/fairfaxcountygov) at <http://www.youtube.com/fairfaxcountygov>.

### Protect your GPS Unit from Theft

*Navigate away from being a victim*

Portable GPS units have increasingly become the target of thefts in our region.

Satellite navigation systems can be pre-installed units fitted into vehicles during the manufacturing process or small, portable units that can be purchased separately and added to vehicles. The portable units are easily installed with no complicated wiring procedures. Generally, all that is required is to install a cradle which attaches to the front windshield by a suction cup. These units are small, portable and frequently reported stolen.

Tips for deterring thefts:

- Document the serial number from your GPS unit.
- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside. Remove portable GPS units from the dashboard, including the cradle. Do not simply place it in the glove box or under the seat.
- Keep a supply of moist towelettes to clean the area of the windshield marked by the suction cup.
- Do not leave other valuables in the vehicle, including laptop computers, cameras, satellite radios or cellular telephones.
- Lock all doors and close windows when leaving the car, even if it is only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park the vehicle in a well-lit, busy area.

This message is from the Fairfax County Police Department, McLean District, Crime Prevention Unit. For more information regarding this or other important crime prevention initiatives, please contact the McLean District Crime Prevention Unit at 703-734-0756.

### Home Improvement Scams

For many residents of Fairfax County, their home is their most valuable financial asset. For this reason, it is important to be cautious when hiring someone to do home improvements. Home improvement scams ensnare many unwary consumers, especially during tough economic times. Seniors are especially vulnerable to this form of consumer fraud.

- Be suspicious of contractors who seek you out. Don't believe a contractor who tells you s/he has materials "left over from a job down the street" and s/he can pave your driveway or replace your roof for a "really low price."
- Find out what work the project requires. Knowing this will help you speak knowledgeably with other contractors you are considering for the job and allow you to compare them on an equal basis.
- Determine what repairs or improvements you would like to have done and how much money you can spend. If you know in advance exactly what you want, need and can afford, you will be less likely to fall victim to high-pressure sales tactics.
- Do not do business without a written contract. Be sure that all guarantees, promises, and details are in writing.
- Do not pay large sums in advance and never make a final payment until all work is completed to your satisfaction.
- Check out contractors' licensing and complaint history with the Virginia Board for Contractors (804-367-8511) and the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs (804-786-2042) or (800-552-9963 if calling from outside the Richmond area).
- Call the police to report suspicious contractors

If you need more assistance, or would like to schedule a **free home security check**, please contact the McLean District Crime Prevention Office at 703-734-0756.

# How Does VDOT Decide Which Roads to Pave?

*Adapted from information provided by Dr. Robert F. Driscoll,  
Resident Administrator for Fairfax Maintenance,  
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)*

Fairfax Maintenance Section (FFXM) of the Northern Virginia District of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for about 9,500 lane miles of primary, high volume secondary and residential roads. (A “lane mile” means that a 2 lane road that is a mile long would be 2 lane miles.) Roads differ in amount of daily traffic density, the number of residents serviced, and their overall criticality. For instance, one would note that based on the overall utility consideration of serving or impacting the most number of residents and commuters, a route 29 would be “more critical” than a cul-de-sac in a subdivision. That said, all citizens have the right to safe driving conditions. Of this 9,500 lane miles, around 6,000 lane miles are “residential,” while about 3,500 are “high volume and primary.” Fairfax Maintenance does not do the interstates, separate cities (like Vienna) or of course other adjacent counties. Overall, the Northern Virginia District (NOVA) consists of Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun and selected roads in Arlington Counties.

There are **five categories** of maintenance work: ordinary; resurfacing; restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. The first category includes fixing ditch lines, mowing along the State right of way, removing trash, filling potholes, and limited patching. In Fairfax County, what citizens see mostly and call most about are potholes, failures needing patching, and the desire to have their road resurfaced. Citizens generally don’t like preventive maintenance; however, it is an empirical fact that a dollar spent on preventive maintenance saves \$4-6 later.

**Maintenance lifecycle:** Without preventive maintenance work in FFX County a general guideline is that a road will “last” about 7 to 10 years before it may be in need of resurfacing. Factors such as quality of the initial construction, traffic volume, natural events (e.g., hurricanes) amount of chemicals applied in winter operations, expansion on or nearby the road, and preventative maintenance done all affect the roads durability. Assuming a 10 year life-cycle FFXM would resurface about 950 lane miles of road a year just to keep ahead. In reality, the number is closer to 200 lane miles. And in Fairfax County about 43% of the secondary roads are “needy” roads.

The actual paving decision is guided by two realities: the **need to prioritize among categories** of roads; and the prudence of seeing to the “**most needy**” roads within a category before less needy ones. The “**neediness**” of the road is determined by a CCI (Combined Condition Index) rating which is derived from many factors including load and non-load distress, rutting, cracking and patching. In NOVA primary roads are rated yearly and 25% of secondary and residential roads are rated every year.

## **The Process:**

In deciding on which roads are most needy, the area managers use the factors already listed. In addition, in some cases a parallel contract - the replacement of sidewalk, curbs and gutters – plays a sequencing role, since concrete work needs to be done prior to resurfacing. In addition, the condition of the road has to be revisited, since unforeseen events can cause rapid road deterioration in between the rating cycles. The result of this is that it is not uncommon that before the start of resurfacing, FFXM and the contractor may be able to agree to “add/drop” some roads. As an aside, this is why maintenance managers are reluctant to “promise” that a street will be done. Changes happen up to the last minute. In the recent past several entire paving contracts were rejected by Central Office because the bids were too high, meaning a considerable portion of the County got no major paving that year.

Because of the extreme competition for paving dollars, managers are frequently doing what seems like a dumb or wasteful thing: paving one road and passing by one equally bad right next to the one being paved. It used to be that area managers were able to “work their way through subdivisions” – meaning to systematically replace bad concrete, than patch, than pave. There are 350 such subdivisions in Fairfax Maintenance, so by the time area managers made it to their last, it would be time to start over. This practice has become increasingly impossible. For the last three years, Fairfax Maintenance has not been able to afford a large concrete contract for the county. In addition, managers are often driven to focusing on through or connector residential streets at the expense of nearby ones.

In preparation for the start of resurfacing operations in the spring of the year, area maintenance managers, using their own and contract patching crews, must ensure that **potholes are repaired and subsurface repairs are done** on the roads to be resurfaced. This prior work ensures that a road with failures will not be resurfaced, since because asphalt is a “flexible” pavement, the sub-base failure would soon resurface.

## **Summary:**

Resurfacing is one of many maintenance functions. The decision to resurface is influenced by a number of factors. FFXM attempts to impartially use its resources to meet the overall needs of the citizens of the County in priority order.

# Fairfax County Residents Get Involved in Police Services



## Citizens' Police Academy

Would You Like to Take a Glimpse Behind the Badge? Have you ever wondered what police officers do all day or why they run radar at a specific location? You can find answers to many questions by enrolling in the Citizen's Police Academy.

Students at the Citizen's Police Academy get hands-on instruction from expert officers and civilians from all over the department and have plenty of opportunities to ask questions. The goal is to gain a better understanding of police work and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by our officers. Students will learn about:

- Police training including weapons and driving
- Animal Control
- The police helicopter and its capabilities
- Gangs in our county and the Gang Unit
- Narcotics
- The Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (Bomb Squad)
- SWAT
- Crime scene investigations
- Criminal investigations
- Neighborhood Patrol Units
- Crime analysis
- Crime prevention
- Traffic enforcement and management
- The Department of Public Safety Communications (911 call center)

### Hours and Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Open to all who live or work in Fairfax County
- Must clear a review of your criminal record and police contact history prior to acceptance
- Total time commitment: 35 hours over 10 weeks
- Classes meet on nine Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Graduation is on a Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Class locations rotate around to police facilities throughout the county
- Due to the popularity of this class, you're asked to commit to attending at least eight of the 10 sessions
- No transportation provided

**You may contact the Citizen's Police Academy by phone at 703-280-0713 or by email through their online form at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=902080>.**

## McLean and Reston Police Citizen Advisory Committees

In 1979 the Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department established the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Fairfax County Police Department (CAC) to enhance its ability to communicate with and better serve the community. Thirty years later, this program is still going strong and continues to be important to:

- provide a forum for obtaining input about the delivery of police services,
- provide a formalized process to facilitate citizen and community cooperation with the police, and
- identify specific and potential problem areas concerning police services

Each of the 8 Fairfax County police stations has a CAC. The McLean and Reston District Station CACs meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The McLean CAC meets at 7 pm at the McLean Police Station, located at 1437 Balls Hill Road. The Reston District Station CAC meets at 7:30 at the Reston Police Station, located at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive.

**For more information about the McLean CAC call Bill Trap at 703-356-3962 or by email at [wfrapp1@verizon.net](mailto:wfrapp1@verizon.net).**

**For more information about the Reston CAC call the Reston Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799.**

## Provide Us with Your Two Cents' Worth

The Fairfax County Police Department wants to hear from you. A public survey has been posted on the agency web page in an effort to solicit your ideas and concerns. Officials are seeking greater community input in an effort to provide better service to the diverse population of Fairfax County.

Constructive feedback is vital in helping the agency evaluate and improve our services to the public, according to John Kapinos, Strategic Planner for the Police Department. "To date, more than 70 percent of our respondents have expressed overall satisfaction with our services," said Kapinos, who tabulates the results monthly and plans to evaluate them quarterly. "Our survey offers an opportunity for the public to tell us what they like, what they need and where they feel we can make improvements."

In addition to the web survey, which can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police), officers are distributing the survey at public meetings and at district stations.

## Barbeque Grilling Safety

Everyone loves a cookout and barbeque. However, cookouts can lead to tragedy if they are not properly planned. Outdoor chefs can minimize the risk of fire or injury by following some simple but practical safety tips:

- Never use gasoline to start a charcoal fire.
- Use charcoal lighter fluid safely and prudently. Adding more fluid on hot coals may ignite the stream of fuel and burn back into the can, causing it to explode.
- Consider using a U.L. approved electrical starter in place of lighter fluid.
- Place grills away from structures and combustibles (minimum 15 feet) so they will not tip over or ignite objects above them. One of the biggest dangers with grills is trying to use them on apartment or condominium balconies. This practice is unsafe and against the law.
- Never bring a grill into the home. The carbon monoxide produced by burning charcoal is dangerous, and deadly.
- Keep a garden hose or a portable fire extinguisher handy in case of fire in the grill gets out of control. Call 911 immediately.
- Keep children and pets away from fires and grills. It only takes a second for curiosity to cause a serious burn.
- Though coals may appear to be cool, always soak them with water. Coals retain enough heat to reignite for days after a fire.
- If your bag of charcoal gets wet, leave it in a well ventilated area away from the house. During the drying process spontaneous ignition can occur in confined areas.

For more information about proper use, storing, and disposing of other flammable materials and other safety information, contact the National Fire Protection Association at <http://www.nfpa.org>, the National Safety Council at <http://www.nsc.org>, or Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire).

## Lyme Disease Awareness

As warm weather arrives and people spend more time outdoors, it becomes more important to be aware of the prevalence of Lyme disease in our community. Black Legged or Deer ticks transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Last year 190 cases of Lyme disease were reported in Fairfax County. 5 to 13 percent of ticks tested by the health department were carrying the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

There are some things you can do to avoid contracting Lyme Disease:

- Avoid tick-infested areas (overgrown grass, brush, leaf litter)
- Use tick repellent with DEET
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to protect your skin
- Wear light-colored clothing to see ticks easily
- Check for ticks after outdoor activities
- Remove ticks promptly

Early Lyme disease symptoms:

- Bull's-eye rash within 30 days of the bite
- Chills
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Muscle and joint pain

If untreated, the infection may become more serious. This could cause additional symptoms that may appear separately including loss of muscle tone in the face, severe headaches, neck stiffness, or heart palpitations.

Health Department experts believe many Lyme disease cases go unreported, estimating that as many as 2,000 people were exposed to Lyme disease in Fairfax County last year alone. Ticks are commonly found throughout Northern Virginia in wooded areas, back yards, and can even be found in the front yards of town houses.

Educational materials on Lyme Disease are available in three at languages: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvamp.htm>  
To learn more about Lyme disease visit the health department's website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvlyme.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvlyme.htm).

# Fairfax Connector Service Changes Starting June 28

Fairfax Connector will reduce service or eliminate some of its routes and increase fares on express routes, effective June 28, 2009. These changes are due to the county's budget shortfall and a reduction of over 8 percent to the Connector's fiscal year (FY) 2010 budget.

In order to prevent their elimination, Fairfax Connector's FY 2010 budget includes a fare increase to \$7 for three express routes which travel outside Fairfax County boundaries. These are routes 380, 595, and 597, which provide bus service to the Pentagon and Crystal City. This fare increase does not apply to any other routes.

Bus routes which will have reduced service on holidays include: 380, 585, 980

Bus routes which will have reduced weekend service include: 425

Bus routes which will have reduced weekday service include: 301, 505, 553, 557, 585.

Bus routes which have been discontinued include: 303, 556, 922, VRE EZ-Bus.

A complete list of Fairfax Connector bus routes can be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/fy10\\_changes.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/fy10_changes.htm), indicating individual route status as of June 28, 2009. Schedules and maps for each bus route are expected to be available in early June.

For more information, contact the Fairfax Connector Information Center at 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608, visit one of the five Connector Store locations, or visit the web site at [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com).

# Library Changes Hours and Fees Beginning July 1

The Fairfax County Public Library will reduce its hours, increase fines and establish new fees as a result of a county decrease in revenues and a 15 percent cut to the library's fiscal year (FY) 2010 budget. Changes will take effect July 1, 2009.

All library branches will close earlier Monday through Thursday; regional branches will be open 1- 5 p.m. on Sunday. The new schedule follows:

Monday – Wednesday	(all library branches)	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Saturday	(all library branches)	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, Friday	(all library branches)	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Sunday	(regional* branches only)	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*\*regional branches include Centreville, Chantilly, City of Fairfax, George Mason, Pohick, Reston, Sherwood and Tysons-Pimmit.*

The Board of Trustees has also approved the following fines and established new fees; the new fees and fines will go into effect beginning July 1:

- The daily charge for overdue materials will be 30 cents for both adult and children's materials
- A charge of \$1 will be assessed to customers who do not have their library cards with them but would like to check out materials, place holds or conduct other transactions
- A guest pass will be required (\$2) for visitors, non library card holders or those who do not have their library cards with them to use the public computers

An additional policy change will affect some customers July 1. The library accounts of customers who owe more than \$15 or who have owed any amount for more than one year will be blocked; customers will not be able to place holds, check items out, renew items or use the public computers.

The budget cuts have also required the library to eliminate more than 300 part-time positions, re-align library staff and reduce expenditures on the collection in FY2010 by \$1 million.

Information about the county budget can be found on [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). For information about the library visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

## **Parents Who Host, Lose The Most**

### ***Don't be a party to teenage drinking***

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. In a recent national survey of parents and teens by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking alcohol, smoking pot, or using cocaine, Ecstasy or prescription drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, nearly half (46 percent) of teens have been at such parties where parents were present.

Drug-Free Action Alliance has developed the "***Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking***" public awareness campaign to provide parents with accurate information about the health risks of underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to youth. It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol.

Here are the facts:

- Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends under any circumstances, even in their own homes, are breaking the law.
- Parents who knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted and everything associated with such a violation can be confiscated, including personal property.
- Parents can be sued if they give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.

Underage use of alcohol is a serious problem that too often leads to harmful consequences for youth and their families. Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following these guidelines when hosting parties for their children:

- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events for youth during prom and graduation season
- Refuse to supply alcohol to children or allow drinking in your home or on your property
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenager's friends do not bring alcohol into your home
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at youth events
- Report underage drinking

More information about "***Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking***" is available at [www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org).



## **Free Minor Home Safety Improvements Offered by Fairfax County's Independent Living Project**

Free minor home safety improvements are available to participants of Fairfax County's Independent Living Project. The home improvements are funded by the Virginia Department of Health and are available for a limited time.

The Independent Living Project is a free, upbeat program of exercise and workshops offered to county adults wishing to stay in their homes as they grow older. The program includes a 6-week exercise program and workshops on fall prevention, nutrition, food safety, medication management, getting the most out of your next medical appointment and brain fitness. The exercise sessions improve balance and strength to help avoid falls.

Participants are encouraged to schedule a home safety review. Limited funding is available for suggested home safety improvements.

The Independent Living Project will begin a new program on:

Monday July 27 from 12:45 - 2:50 p.m.

**Fairfax United Methodist Church**

10300 Stratford Avenue, Fairfax

Pre-registration is required. Call 703-324-7210, TTY 703-449-1186 or e-mail [jennifer.edge@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:jennifer.edge@fairfaxcounty.gov) to register and request ADA reasonable accommodations.

The project is part of the Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. Heatherwood Retirement Community of Burke is a sponsor of the program at Commons Community Center.

# Activities

In cooperation with Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Park Authority; and supported in part by the New Dominion Women's Club, the Alden Theatre presents...

## Summer 2009 FREE CONCERTS AT MCLEAN CENTRAL PARK SUNDAYS AT 3 P.M.



July 5

### Last Train Home

Over its eight-year existence, LAST TRAIN HOME has evolved from a five-piece part-time band in Washington D.C. to what critic Peter Cooper of the Nashville Tennessean calls "one of the country's most formidable roots-rock bands." And while roots-rock is the core of Last Train Home's sound, don't overlook the country, swing, bluegrass, folk, mariachi, pop, punk, and Tin Pan Alley influences you'll find if you give this band a listen.

July 12

### The Grandsons

A fan aptly described The Grandsons exuberant sound as "American music in a blender with the lid off." The more prominent elements in this eclectic whirlpool are New Orleans rhythm and blues, rockabilly, swing and country two steps.

July 19

### The Woodshedders

The character and charisma of the Jazz age, Old-Time, Bluegrass, Celtic, Country, Rap, Rock, and Rhythm & Blues are brought forward by this talented bunch to render a genuinely fresh original music that honors heroes and heritage, but defies age or genre. Original Hot Appalachian Jazz is the current tag.

July 26

### Adrian Duke Projek

Drenched with the sounds of New Orleans, Adrian Duke's piano is overshadowed only by the raw emotional power of his voice. Although he has found a home as a Blues artist, by blurring the lines between Blues, Funk, R&B, and Jazz, he has found critical acclaim, audience acceptance, and artistic peer recognition.

## Let Us Entertain You: Free Outdoor Events at McLean Civic Place Green

Springtime brings free outdoor events to McLean at the Civic Place Green. Entertainment is presented by **The Palladium at McLean** and supported by the **McLean Revitalization Corporation**.

All events are held Saturdays at:

**Civic Place Green**  
1445 Laughlin Avenue  
McLean, VA 22101

July 4	None	6-8	August 22	Martinez & Guthrie (alt. rock)	6-8
July 11	No Better Off (alt.rock)	6-8	August 29	Jody Marshall (celtic/folk)	6-8
July 18	The Grandsons (mixed rock)	6-8	September 5	Barbara Martin Duo (jazz/blues)	5-7
July 25	McLean Orchestra Kamerata Trio (classical)	6-8	September 12	No Better Off (alt. rock)	5-7
August 1	The Folsom Prisoners (country)	6-8	September 19	The Seakers (soft rock)	4-6
August 8	Woven Green (folk rock)	6-8	September 26	The Rick Thompson Jazz Quartet (jazz)	4-6
August 15	Fairfax Saxophone Quartet	6-8	October 3	Martinez & Guthrie (alt. rock)	4-6

# Fairfax County Farmers Markets

Each May to November, eleven sites throughout Fairfax County spring to life with the activity of numerous Farmers Markets. The Markets offer a wide variety of freshly picked fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers. There are also fresh eggs, baked goods, honey and cider to purchase. Milk and cheese products, along with a wide array of meat products, round out the edible delights. If gardening is an interest, many vendors have small plants at the beginning of the season, while other vendors have larger landscape plants for those ambitious projects.



All but the Frying Pan market host Fairfax County Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Citizens can bring plant or insect samples for pest identification or disease diagnosis. Master Gardeners also help citizens by having informational displays on topics such as Container Gardening or EcoSavvy Gardening.

All products sold at the Farmers Market are produced by the vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. Buy local and support sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. You will find the freshest and most desirable fruit, vegetables, plants, baked goods, eggs, dairy and meats available. For more information about the Markets, call 703-642-0128, TTY 703-803-3354.

## Tuesdays

Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 5 - November 24  
Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane  
Fairfax Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 5 - October 27  
Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway

## Wednesdays

Vienna/Oakton Farmers Market, 8:00 am - noon  
May 6 - November 18  
Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road  
Frying Pan Farmers Market, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
May 6 - October 28  
Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon  
In front of Frying Pan Country Store  
Wakefield Farmers Market, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
May 6 - October 28  
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

## Thursdays

Herndon Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 7 - October 29  
Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, next to the Red Caboose  
Annandale Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 7 - November 5  
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale

## Fridays

McLean Farmers Market, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
May 8 - November 20  
Please Note: Market closed for McLean Day, May 15, 2009  
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road in McLean  
Kingstowne Farmers Market, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
May 8 - October 23  
Kingstowne Town Center near the Sunoco Gas Station.

## Saturdays

Burke Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 2 - October 24  
In the Virginia Railway Express Parking Lot at 5671 Roberts Parkway  
Reston Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon  
May 9 - October 31  
Lake Anne Village Center, Reston

## Sundays

Lorton Farmers Market, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
May 3 - October 25  
VRE Parking Lot

## McLean AAUW Used Book Collections

*CD's Tapes, Videos and Software No Records or Textbooks, Please.*

American Association of University Women Collections

**Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**July 11 and 25**

Sun Trust Bank

515 Maple Avenue East

Vienna, VA

**McLean AAUW Used Book Sale: September 11, 12, 13 2009**

McLean Community Center

Questions: 202-337-2294 [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org)

This sale benefits scholarships for women.

Remainders go to [www.dianasbooks.org](http://www.dianasbooks.org)



## Herndon Friday Night Live On the Town Green

Come celebrate summer with the most popular outdoor concert series in the D.C. Area. Friday Night Live! is a FREE outdoor concert series on the town green in Herndon. Hear great bands and enjoy your summer at the 15th Season of Friday Night Live!

Friday Night Live is presented by Two Guys and a truck  
Sorry - No Pets Allowed  
Event hotline: (703) 481-6133  
Call for weather, schedule, and other updates

### Concert Schedule

**July 3:** Crowded Streets + 8 Track Jones  
**July 10:** Flip like Wilson  
**July 17:** Kristen & the Noise  
**July 24:** B2B  
**July 31:** JunkFood + Fools & Horses

**August 7:** HyJink + Rise & Fall  
**August 14:** Gonzo's Nose  
**August 21:** Drop Dead Sexy  
**August 28:** Go Go Gadget

## 2009 Summer Concerts on the Green At the Great Falls Village Center

June through August  
Great Falls  
703-759-2485  
Free to the Public  
Sunday Evenings 6-8pm  
Bring a Picnic & Have Fun



Sunday evenings in the summer mark the beginning of the concerts on the Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and bottles of wine for an entertaining evening of live music from 6pm—8pm at the Great Falls Village Centre. The concerts are sponsored by local merchants and feature a full range of musical talents from eclectic rock/pop to Celtic, Jazz and more.

- July 5: The Beat Hotel  
Sponsored By: Doris Leadbetter/Keller Williams Realty
- July 12: Tom Principato  
Sponsored By: Grandmother's Back Room & Peking Delight
- July 19: Emma Bailey & SRO  
Sponsored By: Village Green Day School & Great Falls Construction Co.
- July 26: Mr Knick Knack – A Children's Concert from 6-7pm
- Tender Polman – A concert for the entire family from 7-8pm  
Sponsored By: The Irish Corner of Great Falls: The Old Brogue & Katie's Coffee

## Spotlight on Non-Profits and Human Services

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT THE BARGAIN LOFT

Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), Inc. is seeking volunteers who want to interact in a fun thrift shop, The Bargain Loft, at 336 Victory Drive in Herndon. Pricers are needed to accept, sort and price donations; cashiers are needed to assist customers and provide check-out at the cash register and credit card processing. Training is provided. Volunteers are asked to work one day per week, Tuesday – Saturday, for a 4 hour shift. To learn more about volunteering, call Sherri Longhill at The Bargain Loft at (703) 437-0600, or send an email to [sherri.longhill@herndonrestonfish.org](mailto:sherri.longhill@herndonrestonfish.org).

### Governing Board Chair Appointed for Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

Michael O'Reilly, founder of the Herndon-based O'Reilly Law Firm, has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as the chair of the newly formed Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in Ten Years. Mr. O'Reilly has served with several local commissions, boards and organizations, including two consecutive terms as a member of the Herndon Town Council. He served as the Mayor of the Town of Herndon from 2004 to 2006.

In March 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community in Ten Years.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in Ten Years will consist of nonprofit, business, government and faith-based groups working in partnership to develop resources and deliver collaborative services to end homelessness in the community. The Governing Board will provide leadership for this community-county partnership and consists of elected officials, community leaders and representatives from authorities, faith-based groups, businesses and foundations. The Governing Board's responsibilities include setting policy direction, raising community visibility and the resource development capability necessary for the successful implementation of the plan.

More information on the implementation plan and the strategic directions for preventing and ending homelessness can be found online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless).

### NEED MONEY TO BUY FOOD?

*The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) may be able to help you.*

If your income is low, you may want to apply for SNAP. If you are eligible, you will receive a debit card that you can use at most grocery stores to buy food. Apply online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs). You can also visit or call any of the offices listed below. Find out if the SNAP Program (formerly Food Stamps) may be right for you. Fairfax County Department of Family Services:

#### Fairfax

12011 Government Center Pkwy. Fairfax, VA 22035  
703-324-7500; TTY 703-222-9452

#### Reston

11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston, VA 20190  
703-787-4900; TTY 703-707-9346

#### Falls Church

6245 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044  
703-533-5300; TTY 703-533-5316

#### South County

8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309  
703-704-6353; TTY 703-799-3435

If you do not live in Fairfax County, call "2-1-1" for information.

# DIAL 2-1-1 TO GET CONNECTED

*Local Services to Assist with Today's Most Pressing Needs*

Loose your job? Need a ramp for your home? Mom was just diagnosed with Alzheimer's? Don't know how you'll pay that bill? Dial 2-1-1 to get connected to local services to assist you and your family with today's most pressing issues or problems. 2-1-1 was created to help connect people to the services they need the first time, every time. 2-1-1 is available, statewide, in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

In fact, nearly 80% of the United States population can access 2-1-1 for assistance today, and it is projected to be completely nationwide by 2010.

This three digit dialing code is available 24/7 to residents throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. When a resident dials 2-1-1, they are connected to a trained Community Resource Specialist who will assess his/her needs and provide information and referrals to appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. 2-1-1 VIRGINIA was launched in Northern Virginia in February 2008. CrisisLink is the 2-1-1 VIRGINIA provider in Northern Virginia, connecting area residents to more than 4,400 social service programs run by nonprofits, governments, and other organizations throughout the region. The Call Center Director for 2-1-1 Virginia Northern Region is Ms. Jamie Carter.



"You use 9-1-1 if your house is on fire, but you dial 2-1-1 after the fire to find resources to get you back on your feet", says Carter. As Virginia residents continue to face financial pressures, job loss, health care issues, and increased mental health concerns, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA is a vital resource for individuals. 2-1-1 VIRGINIA is free, available 24/7, and can provide assistance in over 200 languages. To reach 2-1-1 Virginia, dial 2-1-1, or you may also dial 1-800-230-6977 in Virginia or 703-752-5254 if you have an area code outside of Virginia. For TTY access, Virginians can dial 7-1-1. You can also access the 2-1-1 database via the internet at [www.211virginia.org](http://www.211virginia.org).

2-1-1 VIRGINIA encourages government agencies, nonprofits, community-based organizations, and businesses that provide health and human services to the residents of Virginia to list their services in the 2-1-1 VIRGINIA database. If your organization is a service provider, or you want more information on 2-1-1 VIRGINIA, contact Jamie Carter, Call Center Director for 2-1-1 VIRGINIA, Northern Region at 703-516-6774 or [jamiec@crisislink.org](mailto:jamiec@crisislink.org).



## Herndon-Reston FISH Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help (FISH) began in 1969 and has evolved over the last 40 years in terms of territory and missions. Initially volunteers came from churches and synagogues and covered an on-call service 24/7 in Herndon, Reston, Sterling and Great Falls. By the end of the 70's FISH became non-sectarian and targeted Herndon and Reston. The Northern Virginia Crisis Hotline was established and

FISH ended the 24/7 service. When Fairfax County established women's shelters, FISH stopped its assistance to women for safe shelters, food and clothing. FISH yielded to LINK and Reston Interfaith for food pantry assistance and its clothing program to The Closet to avoid duplication of efforts.

FISH evolved to its current mission of providing an answering and referral service, short-term emergency assistance to families for rent, utilities, medical supplies and prescriptions, gasoline for job interviews, free transportation to medical appointments. Low-cost furniture and household goods are provided with the help of The Bargain Loft, FISH's thrift shop, which opened in 1981 and is thriving today in Herndon. FISH also sponsors holiday food and gift boxes for Thanksgiving and December. FISH began a new program in 2008, of seminars on managing personal finances for those whom FISH assists.

For more information visit the FISH website at [www.herndonrestonfish.org](http://www.herndonrestonfish.org).