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Dranesville Dispatch

Dear Dranesville Citizens,

As you read our first newsletter, I would like to thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your Supervisor. Our dynamic Dranesville community presents many opportunities and challenges. We are fortunate to have a diverse and talented population, always willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make our community better. Together we can share in the growth of our region while maintaining the character of our neighborhoods and the quality of life we enjoy.

Please read our newsletter to learn about the exciting projects we are working on throughout our district. I welcome your comments and suggestions as we plan and implement these important changes. With your input we will ensure that our efforts meet the needs of our communities.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns our staff is ready to listen and help you.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust

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New Faces at Dranesville District Offices

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.

Office Hours: M-W-Th-F: 9 am to 12 pm
Tuesday: 12 pm to 3 pm
Or by appointment

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Fax: 703-437-3210

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Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dranesville News & Information

Long running G.W. Parkway Project in Design Phase

The National Park Service is in the process of designing a \$54 million rehabilitation project to repair long time problems with the George Washington Memorial Parkway between Spout Run and I-495. The project, set to begin in 2010, will focus on repairing potholes, dangerous sight lines and poor drainage. The effort will also raise the historic rock walls from 18 inches high to 27 inches high, and improve the inadequate merge lanes at the interchange at Route 123.

Comments on the project may be filed online at www.nps.gov/gwmp or send comments to Superintendent David Vela, Attention: GWMP North Section Rehabilitation EA, 700 George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101.

PRECINCT VOTING LOCATION CHANGE

Voters in the Cooper Precinct (304) should have received information about a location change affecting some voters. Cooper has been split into two precincts, creating a new precinct, Spring Hill (311). Refer to the following chart to determine your correct polling place:

If you live here: South of Old Dominion, West of the Capital Beltway North of the Dulles Access & Toll Rd East of Spring Hill Road	Vote at Spring Hill Precinct 311: Spring Hill Elementary School 8201 Lewinsville Road McLean, VA 22102
If you live here: North of Old Dominion West of the Capital Beltway South of the Potomac River East of Difficult Run	Vote at Cooper Precinct 304: Cooper Middle School 977 Balls Hill Road McLean 22101

If you have any questions, please contact :

Fairfax County Office of Elections
(703) 222-0776 or TTY 711

OR Virginia State Board of Elections
toll-free at (800) 552-9745

HOT LANES CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with two private companies, Fluor and Transurban, will construct two HOT lanes in each direction along a 14-mile stretch of the Capital Beltway (I-495) between Springfield and Old Dominion Drive. HOT lanes (High Occupancy Toll Lanes) are privately owned toll roads that utilize the concept of “dynamic tolling”. Dynamic tolling bases the price to ride in a HOT lane on how many cars are currently on the road. Buses and carpools are toll free in the HOT lanes and tolls will only be charged to drivers choosing to utilize the new HOT lanes. All currently existing lanes of the Beltway will remain free of charge and available to all motorists.

The Tysons Corner area will provide access points to connect to the HOT lanes. Alterations to existing interchanges and infrastructure such as bridges, overpasses, and sound barriers in the locale are also part of this project.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is holding design public hearings for the Capital Beltway HOT lanes project on May 20 and 21 at the following locations:

Tuesday, May 20, 5-9 pm
Northern Virginia Community College
Ernst Cultural Center
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Wednesday, May 21, 5-9 pm
Marshall High School
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

Citizens may stop by anytime between 5 pm and 7 pm on either night to visit displays and learn more about the project. A brief presentation begins at 7 p.m. to be followed by public comments. Those wishing to speak for up to three minutes may register at the door (there is no pre-registration). The latest design plans will be available for review and VDOT project managers will be there to answer your questions.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Patten at the Dranesville District Supervisor’s Office: 703-356-0551.

Help Us Plan Your Future Bus Service

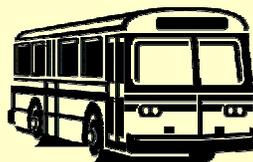
Fairfax County is developing a comprehensive 10-year plan for Fairfax Connector and Metro-Bus service countywide and will hold public meetings to discuss this plan with you.

This is your opportunity to learn about the project and provide comments and suggestions for improving service. There will be presentations, maps, charts and personnel working on the project, available to take your comments and answer questions.

One of the many public meeting locations is in Vienna:

May 20, 2008, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Westbriar Elementary School
1741 Pine Valley Drive, Vienna

For more public meeting locations please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm or call 703-324-1500 to leave a recorded message with your comments.



Completed Dranesville District County Projects



- **The Bus Shelter project located east-bound Leesburg Pike at Pimmit Drive** was completed on January 10, on time and within the budget. This project consisted of the installation of a concrete pad, bus shelter and sidewalk.
- The Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, completed a **pond rehabilitation project** at 8521 Lewinsville Road. The project successfully removed sediment and debris from the pond floor and installed a new larger trash rack. Total project cost: \$49,883.
- **Developer Proffered Stream Valley Trail** was completed in the Timberlake Subdivision, Difficult Run Stream Valley. The asphalt trail is 2250 linear feet and 8 feet wide. This project had no County cost.
- **The Group Athletic Field Lighting project** was completed in Lewinsville Park for a 90' Diamond Field. Cost to the County was \$154,570.
- **The Kirby Road Storm Drainage Improvement project** was completed January 30, constructing a retaining wall providing structural protection for a Kirby Road home as well as stream bank stabilization. The project reestablishes the stream buffer and improves water quality.
- **The Falstaff Road Flood Mitigation project** was completed January 18, providing for flood mitigation for properties on Falstaff Road. Work included the construction of an areaway, three window wells, a timber retaining wall, replacement of drainage structures, and yard grading for overland relief.
- **The Corland Court Flood Mitigation Project** was completed on January 15. This project is one of the Pimmit Run Watershed projects and provided for flood mitigation for a property located on Corland Court and included the construction of an areaway, four window wells, replacing two drainage structures, and yard grading for overland relief.
- **The Beach Mill Road Stream Restoration Project** was completed on April 4. This project provided for 200 linear feet of streambank stabilization using bio-engineering techniques to reestablish the stream buffer and improve the water quality.
- **A Storm drainage channel retrofit** was completed by the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division (MSMD), Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 8344 Old Dominion Drive. County field staff removed the existing concrete channel and reconstructed the drainage way with rip rap stone and restored the adjacent lawn area.
- **A Synthetic Turf Field was installed at Hutchison Elementary School in Herndon.** The property is owned by the Fairfax County Public Schools and the Park Authority has an interim use agreement for the field. The \$2.7 million project completes the second phase of improvements at this site.

The April 12 ribbon cutting for the new turf Hutchison turf field drew players and cheerleaders, pictured here with Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, Janie Strauss, Kevin Fay, Tim White, Cathy Hudgins, Hal Strickland, Jerry Carter, Bill Bouie, Davie Bekenstein and Eric Brunner.



Jay Donahue Appointed Planning Commissioner



Jay Donahue was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Dranesville representative to the Planning Commission after a February 7 motion filed by Supervisor John W. Foust. His term will expire in December 2008.

Donahue previously served on the Herndon Planning Commission from 1995-2007, having spent the last five years as the Commission's Vice Chairman. Donahue has also served on numerous public commissions and other groups as well, some of which include the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Corporation and the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association.

Commissioner Donahue received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of the Pacific in 1974 after completing his undergraduate studies at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of both the Virginia and Connecticut State Bar Associations.

Donahue had a thirty-two year career with the American Automobile Association in management and sales before retiring in March 2007. He was also a Democratic candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates that year.

Commissioner Donahue and his wife, Joanne, have two sons and currently reside in Herndon.

McLean Beautification Continues



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted on February 11, to award \$388,727 to implement Phase II of the McLean Streetscape Demonstration Project. Improvements provided by this phase will include new sidewalks, landscaping, and a planted median strip for pedestrian safety in the area along Chain Bridge Road between Westmoreland Street and Cedar Avenue.

Funding for both phases of this project comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation via the Commonwealth of Virginia, with Fairfax County matching 20% of the amount.

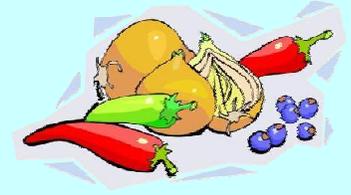
Construction for this phase is expected to begin in March and continue through early summer.

McLean Streetscape Demonstration is a project of the McLean Revitalization Corporation. Phase I of the McLean Streetscape Demonstration Project provided for brick crosswalks at the intersection of Westmoreland and Chain Bridge Road.

For more information, please contact Jane Edmondson at the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office: 703-356-0551.

Fairfax County Farmer's Markets Open

It's that time again! Fairfax County Farmer's Markets in the Dranesville District are open and will continue operations through November 19th.



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. Products sold at the Farmer's Market are produced by the vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County.

Wednesdays

- **Vienna/Oakton Farmer's Market**, 8:00 am - noon - May 7 - Nov. 19
Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road (Formerly located at Nottoway Park)
- **Frying Pan Farmer's Market**, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm - May 7 - Oct. 29
Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

Thursdays

- **Herndon Farmer's Market**, 8:00 am - Noon - May 1 - Oct. 23
Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, next to the Red Caboose

Fridays

- **McLean Farmer's Market**, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm - May 2 - Nov. 14
(Market closed May 16, 2008 for McLean Day)
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road in McLean

Great Falls Firehouse

At a special Membership meeting held on April 22, the Great Falls Citizens Association approved the County's current plan to build a new Great Falls fire station with the understanding that County staff will continue to work with the GFCA regarding the Walker Road-Georgetown Pike intersection improvements and possible septic alternatives to "pump and haul".

Funding for the fire station project was approved in the 2006 Public Safety Bond Referendum. Construction of the new fire station will require that the "cut through" between Walker Road and Georgetown Pike be closed. To address this traffic concern, on Monday, May 5, the Board of Supervisors approved funding to construct a right turn lane from Walker Road onto west bound Georgetown Pike.

The new fire station will be on the existing fire station site, which was generously donated for the project by the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department. The new fire station design will incorporate recommendations made by the community and will include facilities to accommodate the volunteer firefighters.

The County recognizes that this is an important and much needed project. Since the meeting with the GFCA, the County staff has worked to improve the schedule for delivering the fire station. Currently, it is estimated that construction will begin in late Spring 2009 and that the facility will open in the fourth quarter of 2010.

McLean Revitalization and Creation of a “Main Street” Public Forums and Results

On April 3 and 4, over 250 residents and business owners attended public meetings, sponsored by Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, the McLean Planning Committee and the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment, to discuss the revitalization of a portion of the McLean Commercial Business Center (CBC). Discussion was lively and participants enthusiastically provided feedback on the revitalization of the portion of downtown McLean bordered by Old Dominion Drive, Chain Bridge Road, Beverly Road and Ingleside Avenue. Issues relating to the character of a “Main Street,” transportation, height of buildings and the future of the Old firehouse were discussed in small groups.

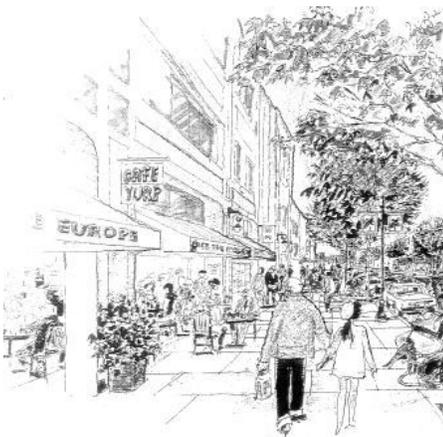
In addition to the public forums, nearly 500 people completed a survey on revitalization efforts. Residents can still take the survey online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/dranesville/mainstreetsurvey.htm>.

On April 30, a third meeting was held to present the findings from the earlier forums and the surveys and to discuss next steps. Trends suggested by the public input process include:

- Main Street should be a coordinated mixed-use development that creates a sense of place for McLean.
- Main Street should be pedestrian-oriented with limited vehicular access and convenient, limited on-street parking.
- A mixture of uses should be provided to serve McLean, including retail, residential, office, civic, entertainment, arts and recreational.
- Building heights should be varied and range from 2 to 6 stories, with any 6-story building being the exception rather than the norm.
- Retention of locally owned and run businesses is important and should be encouraged.
- If the Old Firehouse is demolished, its function as a Teen Center should be retained in McLean.



Main Street Public Forums April 3 and 4



The public input process demonstrates that the community wants to see the Main Street concept implemented. There are many decisions that will need to be made in order to move the project forward. It is up to the landowners to decide when to pursue a development proposal.

With the direction the community has provided through the public forum and survey process, the McLean Planning Committee, the County Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment, and the Dranesville staff will work with the landowners to ensure that any proposal for a Main Street development will be consistent with the community’s vision. The community will have plenty of opportunity to review and provide input on any plans that the landowners put forward.

For more information, please contact Jane Edmondson at the Dranesville District Supervisor’s Office: 703-356-0551.



Riverbend Second Annual River Festival on May 31

Saturday, May 31

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

8700 Potomac Hills Street

Great Falls, VA

\$5/person, 3yrs. and under FREE.

Riverbend Park will hold their River Festival on May 31. The event is for all ages. Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled day by the riverfront with children's activities, fishing contests, kayaking and water safety demos, and more!

Riverbend's second annual river festival celebrates the Potomac's natural beauty and abundant recreational opportunities. Outfitters, guides, and river conservation groups will help you learn more about your watershed or book an adventure. Win rentals, gear, and other exciting raffle prizes throughout the day.

Riverbend Park has over 400 acres of forest, meadows, and ponds. Park grounds are open from 7 am to dusk. Facilities include a visitor center with snack bar, gift shop, exhibits and riverside picnic area. For more information visit the park's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/> or call 703-759-9018.

St. Francis Episcopal Church Opens New Great Falls Farmer's Market

St. Francis Episcopal Church is hosting a new Farmer's Market at 9220 Georgetown Pike, open from 8 am until noon Saturdays from May 3 through October 4.

The market is intended to provide the community with fresh agricultural products and handmade crafts, to provide an outlet for small farmers and independent craft producers in our region, and to enhance Great Falls Village camaraderie. Unlike Fairfax County sponsored farmer's markets, the new Great Falls farmer's market will include art vendors and draw from a wider radius of businesses.

McLean Pet Expo

Everything you would want or need for your pet as well as an exciting pet fashion show and dog demonstrations will be showcased at the McLean Pet Expo. All pets will be included from dogs and cats to lizards and fish!

Don't miss this new event in McLean! Attractions include:

Pet Fashions, Health Products and Services, Pet Accessories, Trainers and Grooming Services, Pet Foods, Boutiques and Spas for Your Pet, Rescue Organizations/Pet Adoption, Petting Zoo, Kids Activities: Moon Bounce, Carousel, Pony Rides, Face Painting and more!

McLean Central Park at the corner of Dolley Madison Blvd. and Old Dominion Drive

Saturday, June 14

11 am - 5 pm

FREE Admission

For more information contact the McLean Community Center at 703-790-0123.



McLean Day is Saturday, May 17

“The sky is the limit” when it comes to the attractions and entertainment offered at this annual community party in the park.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
Lewinsville Park
1659 Chain Bridge Road
FREE ADMISSION



Festival highlights:

- The Old Firehouse Teen Center’s **Annual 8K Fun Run** will begin at 8:00 am at Lewinsville Senior Center.
- Residents can cast their votes to **elect new members to the 2008-2009 MCC Governing Board** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Lots of fun for kids and adults** with rides, balloon animals, a rock climbing wall, face painting, free hayrides, carnival games and soccer activities.
- **Enjoy performances** by professional artists, including: [Jessie and James Mutts Gone Nuts Variety Show](#), Children’s Entertainer [Mr. Knick Knack](#), Children’s Entertainer [Yosi](#) and [The Mike Rose Magic Show](#).
- **Eatery Row** returns with great food including American food, international fare, snacks, beverages and desserts.
- **Expo booths for business and non-profit groups**, including **Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust**, who will be on hand to meet constituents throughout the day.

Limited parking will be available around Lewinsville Park, so MCC is strongly encouraging participants to use its free shuttle service running to and from the park originating at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd.; McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd.; and the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Parking also is available at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street.

For festival updates, driving directions, free shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events, or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center’s telephone will be answered from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day of the festival.

Jammin' Juniors Concerts

Wednesdays, May 7 through 28, at 12:30 p.m.

[McLean Central Park Gazebo](#)

Bring your lunch and listen to some tunes! These free lunchtime concerts for preschoolers ages 2-5 are returning to McLean Central Park every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. during the month of May. The park is located at the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd. (Route 123) and Old Dominion Drive. Parking is available at the Center.

Schedule (Subject to Change)

Wednesday, May 21—[Dinner Dogs](#)

Wednesday, May 28—[Patricia Shih](#)

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/alden>.

McLean Community Summer Garage Sale

Saturday, June 7

9 am to 1 pm

Indoors at:

The McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Ave.

McLean, VA 22101

Phone: 703-790-0123



Selling spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$45. Commercial vendors or flea market dealers are not allowed at this sale, only residents selling used household items. To register visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/> using **Activity No. 2002.180** or visit **The McLean Community Center**.

Deadline to apply is May 31. This is a very popular community garage sale. Spaces go quickly, so please register early!

Volunteer Fairfax Awards Outstanding Volunteers

Several Dranesville Winners

Congratulations to Dranesville winners of the 16th Annual Volunteer Fairfax Community Volunteer Service Awards. The ceremony, held April 24 at the Tysons McLean Hilton, recognized outstanding volunteers in 13 award categories.

Among those honored were these Dranesville individuals and organizations:

- **James Edmondson of McLean, was honored as the 2008 Community Champion from the Dranesville District.** For nearly eight years, Jim was one of the key players involved in a multi-congregational effort to build an affordable assisted-living facility in Fairfax County. Chesterbrook Residences, the only mixed-income assisted-living facility in Northern Virginia, opened its doors to the first of its 109 residents in November 2007.
- **Trudy Harsh, founder and President of the Brain Foundation,** was awarded for her outstanding work with Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Harshes organization provides affordable housing for persons afflicted with brain diseases, personality disorders and brain injuries.
- Wining the award for Youth Volunteer Group of the Year was Spring Hill RECenter's **Roots & Shoots Jr. Volunteer Program.**, a global youth initiative whose members effect positive change for their communities, animals and the environment. This group was one of five groups nominated from Spring Hill RECenter.
- The award for Family Volunteers went to **Tom and Carol Lukas for their work with the Treasure Trove Thrift Shop** in McLean which has raised millions of dollars for Fairfax Hospital.

Chesterbrook Residences Dedicated

Northern Virginia's First Mixed-Income Assisted Living Facility

200 people gathered February 10 for the dedication of the 97-unit assisted living facility, Chesterbrook Residences, located at 2030 Westmoreland Street in Falls Church. Chesterbrook Residences offers 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, 3 meals daily and assistance with activities of daily living to seniors, age 62 and older.

Chesterbrook Residences opened to residents on November 1, 2007. Over half of the units are reserved for eligible renters through the Fairfax County rent subsidy program. The remaining are offered at below market and market rates.

The non-profit Chesterbrook Residences Inc., whose members are Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, Temple Rodef Shalom and the National Capital Presbytery, developed and owns the facility. The Virginia Housing Development Authority provided \$11 million of the project's \$14 million cost. Fairfax County provided nearly \$2 million in grants and loans. Members of the three congregations, numerous service organizations and businesses contributed nearly \$1.1 million to the capital campaign.

For more information on the facility, please visit www.chesterbrookres.org.



Supervisor John W. Foust speaking at the Dedication Ceremony, with Jane Edmondson, Dranesville Staff Aide and Secretary of Chesterbrook Residences, Inc.



The New Chesterbrook Residences Facility

Attention Homeowner Associations:

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

We would appreciate your providing 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 with your latest information.



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**.

May 17, 4-6 pm

Langley High School Orchestra Society
String Quartets

May 24, 2-5 pm

Abdukerim Nasdirin

World-Renown Chinese Painter Exhibition

May 31, 4-6 pm

No Better Off

Local Hand that's Cool as Folk

All events are held at:

Civic Place Green

1445 Laughlin Avenue
McLean, VA 22101

Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park

McLean will hold a series of concerts in the gazebo at McLean Central park this summer. The park is located at 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, at the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd (Rt. 123) and Old Dominion Drive. Parking is available at the McLean Community Center. These hour-long concerts will be held on Sundays at 4 pm.

This Summer features an outstanding lineup including:

June 29

The Grandsons

WAMMIE award winners whose music is described as "American music in a blender with the lid off."

July 13

Difficult Run Jazz Band
Sounds of the swing era

July 6

Ocean Orchestra

Celtic tunes with a rock rhythm, featuring
Jennifer Cutting and Lisa Moscatiello

July 20

The U.S. Navy Commodores
The Navy's premier jazz ensemble

July 27

Roni Stoneman
Bluegrass royalty and banjo virtuoso



HERNDON HAPPENINGS

Free Children's Health Care and Sport/Camp Physicals For Eligible Herndon Residents

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, founded in 2002 to assist low income members in need of health care in Reston, Chantilly, Herndon and Centreville, is expanding its services for children in these areas.

If your child has no health insurance, lives in Herndon, Reston, Chantilly or Centreville and your family has an income of 200% or less of the poverty level; your child may be eligible for **health services** through the free clinic.

In addition, the Clinic is also hosting a **Sports and Camp Free Physicals Event**, Saturday May 31 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. School entrance and sports physicals will be provided free of charge, by appointment only, for children over 3 years of age to 19.

The event includes vision screenings, immunizations, a visit with a medical provider, and completion of Virginia State School or camp and sports physical health forms. All patients will receive dental care information, toothbrushes and toothpaste, school supplies and other goodies that have been donated.

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Services are provided by a network of dedicated medical and community volunteers. In addition to health screenings for children, the clinic provides primary medical care for adults with hypertension and diabetes.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call (703) 481-8160 or visit jsfreeclinic.org.

HOMEOWNERS ADVISED TO KEEP STORM DRAINS, SANITARY SEWER LINES CLEAR

The Town of Herndon's Department of Public Works is advising all homeowners to keep public storm drains and sanitary sewers clear of leaves, grass clippings, rocks and trash, all of which may cause blockages.

Homeowners are responsible for their lateral sewer lines, which connect homes to the Town's sewer system. These tips can help prevent blockages:

- Don't put cooking oils and grease down a garbage disposal or any household drain. Fats, oils and grease can build up, creating blockages.
- Don't flush disposable diapers or sanitary napkins down the toilet – even if labels indicate this is acceptable.

Most insurance policies do not automatically cover damage caused by flooding or sewer backups. Homeowners and renters may contact their insurance companies to obtain this additional protection.

For more information, contact the Town of Herndon Department of Public Works at (703) 435-6853.





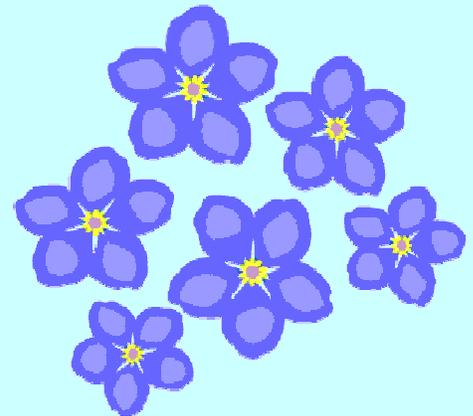
Herndon Senior Center Wins Best New Facility Award

The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services is pleased to announce that the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon, Va., was awarded the Best New Facility Award by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VPRS). The Herndon Senior Center was selected from over 100 entries.

The award was given to a facility that met selection criteria including innovative design, excellence in addressing community needs, efficiency of resources and meeting the needs of the populations served, and general facility excellence in the areas of accessibility, security, and aesthetics.

YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Nominations are now being accepted for the Town of Herndon's annual Yard of the Month Awards program, an opportunity to recognize the efforts of Town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the Town and its neighborhoods.



The Yard of the Month is awarded in two categories: single family homes and townhouses. Prizes include local publicity as well as a \$100 gift certificate from Meadow Farms Nurseries; winners will also be recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

Nominations for the June Yard of the Month Award are due May 20. Nominations are due June 20 for the July award and September 20 for the October award.

Nomination forms for the Yard of the Month Awards are available on the Cultivating Community" page of the Town's website, www.herndon-va.gov; see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month." Forms are also available at the Neighborhood Resource Center and at the Herndon Municipal Center. For more information, call 703/435-6800 X2010 or email information@herndon-va.gov.

Fairfax County News & Information

CrisisLink 2-1-1 Service Began February 11

Like **9-1-1** for emergencies, **2-1-1** is the Federal Communications Commission-designated national three-digit telephone number for information about health and human services. Beginning Monday, Feb. 11, the **2-1-1** service became available throughout Northern Virginia seven days a week, from 8 am until 12 midnight. The **2-1-1 VIRGINIA** system began operating in other parts of the state in 2006. CrisisLink, a nonprofit agency which has provided “hotlines” for the region since 1969, is answering **2-1-1** calls in Northern Virginia.

Residents can still use the local government number, 703-222-0880, which may be familiar to them, or the easy-to-remember **2-1-1**.

For more information about CrisisLink, contact Carol Loftur-Thun, CrisisLink Executive Director, at 703-527-6603.



Boarding House “Strike Teams”

Fairfax County is undertaking a countywide effort to crack down on illegal boarding houses. Code enforcement “strike” teams are now operating in the northern and southern parts of the County to address problems with these residences. “Strike Teams” address the destabilizing effect illegal boarding houses can have on older neighborhoods across the County. The teams consist of zoning inspectors, the fire marshal, building code inspectors, the County Attorney’s Office and the Sheriff’s office with the following goals:

- ◆ **Shutting down illegal boarding houses**
- ◆ **Maintaining the health, safety and welfare of neighborhoods**
- ◆ **Protecting people from unsafe living conditions**

To report a boarding house that may be in violation please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/striketeam/ or call the Fairfax County Office of Zoning Enforcement at 703-324-1300.

County Litter Removal & Mowing Operations Update

Fairfax County has announced that litter removal and mowing operations commenced on April 1, 2008. The first of at least 3 cycles should be completed by the end of May.

If you have a question regarding the status of a specific area within Fairfax County please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at (703) 383-8368.



When Disposing Unwanted Medicines

DON'T FLUSH!



DON'T FLUSH UNUSED MEDICINES. Why? Because they can end up in our rivers and streams. To help protect our environment, throw unused, unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medicines in the trash. Don't flush medicines — except when specifically instructed by the label.

DO THROW IN THE TRASH The American Pharmacists Association recommends steps for safely disposing of pills and liquids. These steps will help prevent their misuse or accidental ingestion by

children or pets.

Keep the medicines in their original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.

- Cross out your name and prescription number for safety.
- For pills: add some salt water to start dissolving them.
- For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or ash.
- Seal the container and secure with duct or packing tape.
- Put the container in the trash as close to pickup time as possible.
- Do not put in the recycle bin.



Virtually all public roads (interstate, primary and secondary) in Fairfax County are maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Please contact VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 703-383-8368, TTY 711, for information or to request maintenance on any of the following issues:

- Bridge work
- Curb, gutter or sidewalk repairs
- Dead animal removal
- Drainage systems (culvert/ditch cleaning, pipes)
- Dust control
- Grading
- Gravel/stone placement
- Guard rail replacement
- Mowing
- Potholes
- Snow removal
- Traffic directional signs (stop, speed limit, etc.)
- Traffic lights (stop lights)
- Traffic study
- Trash removal
- Tree trimming/removal

For additional information you may also visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/>

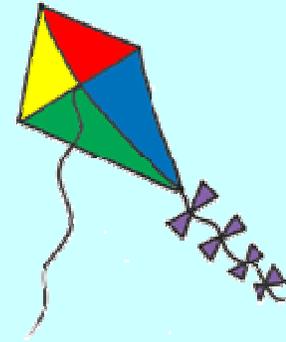
Important Power Line Safety Information

Warm spring days draw many children outside to play and adults outside to work on their homes and gardens. Nine percent of electrocution deaths each year are caused by ladders contacting power lines while homeowners are cleaning their gutters, painting their houses, or trimming trees.

The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative reminds residents of these safety tips:

- **Use a fiberglass or wooden ladder** Never touch a person or object-- such as tree limb, ladder or even a kite string--that has made contact with a power line.
- **Inspect electric hedge trimmers and other power tools** for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housings.
- **Always unplug power tools that are not in use.**
- **Store power tools indoors** – never outdoors where they can get wet.
- **Never stand on wet or damp floors when using electrical tools.** Wear closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes when using electric tools, because rubber does not conduct electricity.
- **Do not use long-handled swimming pool nets or tree-trimmers near overhead power lines.**
- **Always call *Miss Utility* at 811 before digging on your property.** *Miss Utility* crews will mark where underground power lines are located.
- **Plant new plants outside NOVEC's right of way easement** and away from pad-mounted transformers, power poles and overhead lines. Overgrown plants can cause outages or fires.
- **Teach children to never play near pad-mounted electric transformers and substations.**
- **Never fly kites or Mylar balloons near power lines.** Make sure children understand this safety rule. If a kite or a Mylar balloon becomes stuck on a power line, do not touch it. Call NOVEC for assistance at 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500. Never release Mylar balloons outdoors; they have caused major outages when entangled in power lines, because the metal in Mylar conducts electricity.

For information, visit <http://www.novec.com/> or call (703) 335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500.



Do you know someone who would like to receive the *Dranesville Dispatch*?
Email us contact information at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov
or visit us online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville



Auxiliary Police Officer Program Looking for Applicants

Fairfax County Police are seeking volunteers who are interested in becoming Auxiliary Police Officers.

Fairfax County has had an established Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) program since 1983, and has a current strength of approximately 100 volunteers. APOs are trained to perform a variety of operational, support and administrative duties, which include patrol, traffic control, security of prisoners, communications, desk assignments, fingerprinting, crime prevention and special events. Auxiliary officers undergo almost as much training as regular police officers, but because they offer their services on a volunteer basis, they provide a considerable savings to county taxpayers while allowing patrol officers to handle assignments only they can perform. The police department provides uniforms, equipment and insurance. Auxiliary officers must perform an average of 24 hours of volunteer service a month to maintain their status in the unit.

Fairfax County is planning to hold its next Auxiliary Police Academy session this spring. To be considered, applicants must live in Northern Virginia and be at least 21 years of age. Applicants must be in good health; without a criminal record or history of drug use; and cannot be an applicant for police officer in any jurisdiction. To apply, obtain a brochure or additional information about the Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Unit, contact Second Lieutenant David Cox at 703-280-0576.

For more information, visit this web link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/Volunteers.htm> or e-

Fire Explorers Recruiting for New Members

Young men and women between 14 and 20 are invited to become Fire Explorers with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Learn firsthand how exciting a firefighter's job is by working with Fairfax County firefighters.



Following an introductory training program, Fire Explorers may ride-along to real emergencies with firefighters and paramedics, and assist them by performing routine, supervised tasks.

Fire Explorers assist with virtually all routine tasks in the community and around the fire station, including community relations, fire prevention, equipment and station maintenance and training. Fire Explorers wear a uniform, and are provided with helmets, turnouts and other safety clothing. Becoming a Fire Explorer is an excellent way to develop qualities and gain experience that will be helpful in the future.

Meetings are the first and third Monday of every month from 6 - 9 pm at the Fairfax County Fire Rescue Academy: 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax. For more information contact Captain David Tobin (also for reasonable ADA accommodations) at David.Tobin@fairfaxcounty.gov, 703-246-3965 or Firefighter Joseph Herrera at joseph.herrera@fairfaxcounty.gov, 703-780-0110 (both TTY 703-222-5494).



Shelter Announces Time Changes for 2008 Rabies Clinics and New Hours

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter 2008 low-cost rabies clinics will now be held from 2 – 4 pm at the animal shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

Dates for the 2008 clinics are:

Sunday, May 18
Sunday, July 13
Sunday, Sept. 14
Sunday, Nov. 16

The cost for rabies shots at the clinic is \$10.00. The clinic is held for dogs, cats and ferrets. All dogs should be on leashes and all cats and ferrets in carriers.

Fairfax County 2008 dog licenses will be sold separately at the clinic and cost \$5.00 for altered dogs and \$10.00 for unaltered dogs (please bring proof of your pet's spay or neuter).

The clinic is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division and Deepwood Veterinary Hospital. For more information, please call (703) 830-1000 or visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices>.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has new hours ...

Tuesday – Friday: 12 pm – 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm

Fairfax County Animal Shelter Location:

4500 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Phone: 703-830-1100

For animal-related issues requiring the assistance of an Animal Control Officer, residents can call non-emergency police dispatch at (703) 691-2131. The shelter will provide all services during the hours it is open to the public, including facilitating animal adoptions and visitations, returning animals to their guardians, accepting surrenders and strays and allowing residents to obtain dog licenses.

Fairfax County Offers Free Summer Meals for Kids

During the school year, nutritious meals are available through the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. However, these programs end when school ends for the summer. The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Free nutritious meals will be provided to eligible children while school is out for the summer. The Summer Meals for Kids program operates at various sites throughout the County. The program will begin June 18 and end August 29. Some sites will serve breakfast and lunch. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Special vegetarian meals will be served by request only.

To be eligible to receive free meals, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Children who are part of households that receive food stamps or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Sites in and around Dranesville providing meals are as follows:

Herndon

- Boys & Girls Club of Herndon, 1329 Parcher Avenue (Lunch)

Reston

- Cedar Ridge Apartments, 1601 Becontree Lane (Lunch)
- Hughes Middle School (Teen Center), 11401 Ridge Heights Road (Lunch)
- Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Rd (Breakfast & Lunch)

Organizations and Volunteers Needed to Feed Kids This Summer

The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) is seeking community and faith-based organizations to operate a summer meals program for kids during the Summer. When an organization agrees to become a meals site, they provide the location and volunteers to serve the meals. CRS and USDA provide the meals at no cost to the organization. Training and ongoing support is also provided.

Meal sites may be located in a variety of settings for example public and private schools, housing developments and apartment complexes, parks, churches, day camps, summer activity programs, and refugee resettlement centers to name a few. As a summer meals site, organizations receive two meals per weekdays that are prepared and delivered. Organizations can elect to serve breakfast and lunch, some may only serves lunch (no meals served July 4).

Children in your community do not need to go hungry this summer. Individuals who have a couple hours during weekdays are needed to serve food to children. To learn more about this program, concerned community leaders and organizations should call the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5330, TTY 711 or send an e-mail to dcrs@fairfaxcounty.gov. By becoming a summer meals site, you can make a difference in your community.

Eligibility for the Summer Meals for Kids program is based on USDA criteria and does not discriminate because of race, color or national origin, sex, age or a disability. Special vegetarian meals are available upon request.

Fairfax County Announces Hazardous Waste Collection Events for Small Businesses

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will host hazardous waste clean-up days for any small business within Fairfax County which qualifies as a “Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator.” The sessions are as follows:

July 23 and October 1, 9 am - 2 pm
I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site
4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

The Fairfax County CESQG Clean-up Day Program provides these businesses with an economical way to manage small quantities of hazardous waste. A complete list of participation rules, materials accepted and associated disposal costs can be found on the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program’s web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.



Aerial Gypsy Moth Spraying to Begin in May

Fairfax County will begin its annual aerial spraying program to suppress gypsy moth caterpillars starting in May. For the second year in a row, this insect population remains high. The caterpillars are a **threat because they can kill trees by defoliating them**.

County officials believe the dry weather during the past two years has contributed to an upsurge of gypsy moths. Dry weather inhibits the growth of a fungus that naturally keeps their population under control.

Helicopters will spray a naturally occurring insecticide in 46 areas across the county. A detailed map (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/sprayblock.htm>) showing these treatment areas is available at all public library branches and county governmental centers. Treatment areas are chosen through an annual county survey of the gypsy moth population. This year the county will treat approximately 3,500 acres, compared to 4,000 acres last year.

Because weather conditions are unpredictable, **county officials do not know the exact days when spraying will be conducted**. Once spraying begins, it may take seven to 10 days or longer to complete, depending on the weather. Typically, spraying is done in the early morning and at dusk. However, it may continue all day if weather conditions permit.

The county will use a naturally occurring bacteria — *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt. — as an insecticide. Extensive research has shown that **Bt. is not harmful to people, pets, plants** or beneficial insects, such as honeybees. The spray will not cause any permanent harm to painted surfaces, and residues can be removed with soap and water.

Bt. is registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in forests and residential areas. In addition, Bt. is sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Virginia Department of Agriculture for use against gypsy moths.

For more information about the treatment program, affected areas or gypsy moths, call the county’s Forest Pest Program at 703-324-5304, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/pests.htm.

Green Pages

Park Authority Holds Summer Staff Open Hires

The Fairfax County Park Authority will begin hiring staff for its summer Rec-PAC program. Rec-PAC provides thousands of children in Fairfax County with summer activity programs and will operate at 54 elementary school locations around Fairfax County on weekdays from June 30 through August 7. During the summer, staff will be assigned to a site and work daily from 8:15 am to 3:45 pm or 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm at some sites.



Open Hire Event:

Tuesday, May 20 - 12 pm to 5 pm
Herrity Building 1st Floor
12055 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA

Applicants must bring an original Social Security card as well as photo identification from the Department of Motor Vehicles. You must be 18 years old. For additional information contact the Rec-PAC office at 703-324-5514.



Impact of Climate Change on Older Adults

Scientific research is showing a link between increasing global temperature and health conditions in the elderly, particularly heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Older adults may have medical conditions that upset the body's response to heat, and are more likely to be taking medications that impair the body's ability to regulate temperature or inhibit perspiration.

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced fluid replacement. It is a warning that the body is getting too hot and immediate treatment is required. Heat exhaustion can occur even indoors if it gets too hot. For some older adults, it doesn't take much heat or time in the sun to get heat exhaustion.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and occurs when the body becomes unable to regulate its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the body loses its ability to sweat and it is unable to cool down.

Older adults and those who care about them should be cautious and attentive during hot weather. For information on health issues, call 703-246- 2411, (TTY 703-591-6435) or visit the Health Department.

HERNDON NAMED "TREE CITY USA" FOR 19th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Herndon, Virginia, as a "Tree City USA" in recognition of the Town's commitment to its community forest. This is the 19th consecutive year that Herndon has received the Tree City USA designation, by having in place four standards: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance.



Two Dranesville Schools Awarded Environmental Grants

The Clean Fairfax Council and the Fairfax County Recycling Program have awarded **Lemon Road Elementary School** and **Haycock Elementary School's Girl Scout Troop 5322** with environmental grants through the Johnnie Forte, Jr. Memorial Litter/Recycling Grant Program to carry out environmental projects involving litter prevention, litter control or recycling. Lemon Road and Haycock are two of 18 Fairfax Schools receiving this honor.

Each school will receive a grant of up to \$500 to carry out their proposed environmental project involving litter prevention, litter control or recycling.