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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dranesville District Supervisor

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the November 2010 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. As Thanksgiving approaches, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday.

On behalf of myself and our entire community, I want to express special thanks to Fairfax County’s police officers for the extraordinary effort they made pursuing the serial burglar who victimized many Dranesville residents over the past several months. As you have probably heard, the police have arrested a suspect. In addition to their great detective work, I thank the officers for the outreach they provided to keep us informed and to educate us about precautions we should all take to protect against burglaries. I also want to thank the very alert McLean resident who provided the tip that enabled the police to identify the suspect and make the arrest.

I also want to express a special thanks to the Rotary Club of McLean for organizing an exciting and very successful Stop World Hunger event. On November 6, several hundred community members, including hundreds of students from area schools, gathered at the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean and worked to prepare and package 100,000 meals that will be served to needy people in Haiti and Nicaragua. This issue contains an article with more details and pictures from the event.

As another winter approaches, we painfully recall the many challenges we had with snow removal last winter. Since then, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has worked closely with the Virginia Department of Transportation to identify and address some of the major problems VDOT had with snow removal in the County. I have arranged for four public meetings to be held in the Dranesville District so VDOT can listen to residents and inform them about plans and improvements VDOT has made for the upcoming snow season. To learn more about these meetings and to find meeting location closest to you, please see the article in this issue.

Please take a few minutes to review this newsletter for news, special events, and updates on projects throughout Dranesville. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on issues affecting you and your communities. It is a privilege to serve you and I thank you for the opportunity.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust

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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 at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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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.

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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Dranesville Project Updates

Virginia Supreme Court Upholds County's Right to Tax Commercial and Industrial Property to Fund Transportation

Recently, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled in our favor of the County's right to tax commercial and industrial real property to fund transportation improvements. In doing so, the Court preserved the County's primary funding source for its share of the Dulles Rail project and a major funding source for other transportation improvements. Commercial property owners in Tysons and the Dulles Corridor had voluntarily agreed to place a special tax on their properties to raise over \$730 million to help pay for Dulles Rail. The Virginia Supreme Court rejected a small commercial property owner's claim that the tax was unconstitutional. Had the County not prevailed, we would have lost our primary funding source for Dulles Rail costs and the burden of paying for Dulles Rail would have shifted from the commercial properties that benefit most from the rail project to residential property owners throughout the County. The ruling also preserved the tax the County imposes on commercial and industrial properties to fund about \$40 million per year in transportation improvements.

Falls Church Water Can No Longer Charge Excessive Rates to Fairfax County Residents

In another important court case, the Virginia Supreme Court let stand a Fairfax County Circuit Court ruling that Falls Church Water could no longer charge excessive rates to Fairfax County residents to subsidize the City of Falls Church's operating budget. The case was brought by the Fairfax County Water Authority. Approximately 110,000 Fairfax County residents are served by Falls Church Water. For decades, the City of Falls Church had been transferring profits from the water service provided to Fairfax County residents to pay expenses unrelated to the cost of providing the water service. Through the inflated water rates, the City was taxing Fairfax County residents to fund part of the City's budget and the court found that to be an unconstitutional, extra-territorial tax. As a result of this decision, it is anticipated that rates for Falls Church Water will be reduced to bring them more in line with the rates charged by the Fairfax County Water Authority.

Dulles Metro Rail

Overall construction of Phase 1 of the 11.5 mile long Metrorail extension from Falls Church to Reston is nearly 25% completed. Work has been very intense along the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267) and I-66 near West Falls Church. Huge trusses and piers have been constructed in order to build the bridges that will support the new metro tracks. The cloverleaf at Route 123 and I-495 is the site for the assembly of the third, massive truss which will be used to build the bridges that will carry the rail tracks across the Capital Beltway.

Supervisor Foust's staff aide, Cheryl Patten is available to assist with any concerns regarding the Metrorail construction. You may contact her at 703-356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Rail Construction to Impact Parking at Reston East Park and Ride

As a part of Dulles Rail Phase One, the Reston East, Park-and-Ride lot located on the North-West corner of Wiehle Avenue and Route 267, will be developed into a seven-level underground garage with mixed-use development located above the garage. Construction will begin this December. A portion of Reston East will close the week of November 28th ; the lot will fully close the week of November 28th, 2011. The closure will remain in effect until completion of construction in late 2013.

County staff has developed the *Reston East Relocation Plan* to reposition the patrons who use the park-and-ride lot. The plan will be implemented in two phases. The first phase will shift approximately 200 bus riders who use route 595 and 597 to the adjacent Reston North Lot and will increase bus service to the Reston South Lot. Additionally new service will be added to route 585, which serves the Reston South Lot.

The second phase of the plan will occur the week of February 28th, 2011. Staff is aggressively working on opening an interim park-and-ride lot on the corner of Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway in Reston.

The construction project is expected to require closing approximately 200 of 820 parking spaces on or about Nov. 28 for preliminary utility work.

For up-to-date information about parking or travel options, commuters who use Reston East are encouraged to:

- Check the Fairfax Connector Web site (www.fairfaxconnector.com) for updates and parking options
- Sign up for emailed announcements from ConnectorInfo ListServ at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/news/listserv.htm>
- Watch for news releases, web updates and ListServ announcements from Fairfax County Department of Transportation as more parking options are identified

For those who do not have internet access, call the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's Reston East Park and Ride Hotline at 703-877-5700, TTY 711 or the Fairfax Connector Telephone Information Center at 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608.

For more information on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, please visit www.dullesmetro.com or call (703) 572-0506 or Marcia McAllister at 703-572-0506 or by email at marcia.mcallister@dullesmetro.com.

Supervisor Foust is closely monitoring the changes to the Reston East Park and Ride facility. Residents may also contact Cheryl Patten at the Supervisor's Mclean office at 703-356-0551, or Jennifer Boysko at the Supervisor's Herndon office at 703-471-5076 with any concerns.



Major Changes On Lewinsville Road Finalized

Supervisor John Foust announced at a public meeting held September 21 at Spring Hill Elementary School, that a new traffic signal with pedestrian crossing features will be installed on Lewinsville Road between Spring Hill Elementary School and the new Lewinsville Road entrance to the Spring Hill RECenter. These changes are necessary because of an ongoing project to relocate the Artnauman Drive entrance for Spring Hill RECenter onto Lewinsville Road and another project to build a median and pedestrian crossing in front of Spring Hill Elementary School.

“This light provides the best solution to address the pedestrian and car traffic concerns facing this unique location. School buses will be able to turn left safely out of the school and pedestrians including children and parents from the school and RECenter, will be able to safely cross Lewinsville Road,” said Supervisor Foust.



Over the past twenty months, Supervisor Foust and staff from the County's Transportation Department, Park Authority, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Police Department and Virginia Department of Transportation have worked closely with the surrounding community to arrive at this solution that addresses numerous issues and concerns.

Construction of additional parking spaces at Spring Hill RECenter is already underway.

For more information contact Julie Ide at 703-356-0551 or by email at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Supervisor Foust and VDOT to Hold Four Public Meetings on VDOT Snow Removal

It is the time of year to begin preparing for the upcoming winter season. Supervisor Foust and staff from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have organized four meetings in Dranesville to explain the updated processes and policies implemented by VDOT since the last snow season.

Herndon Area

December 1 @ 7:30 pm
Lecture Hall – Door 1
Herndon High School
700 Bennett Street, Herndon VA 20170

McLean/Arlington Border Area

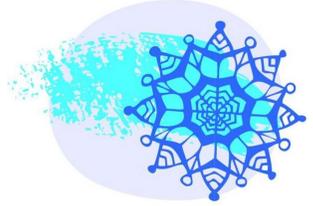
December 9 @ 7:30
Library (Media Center)
Chesterbrook Elementary School
1753 Kirby Rd.
McLean, VA 22101

McLean Area

December 8 @ 7:30
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA 22101

Great Falls Area

Co-Sponsored by Great Falls Citizens Association
December 14 @ 7:30
(Snow presentation 8:15 to 8:30)
Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike Great Falls, VA 22066



Topics that will be discussed at the meeting include:

Increased and more accurate communication with residents

Increased communication with plowers

Increased number of plowers for neighborhoods

Earlier mobilization of snow trucks based on weather forecast, not number of inches on ground

Updated “snow maps” (plowers’ assigned routes) with more accurate markings of “hot spots” (particularly difficult or previously neglected sections of road)

Linway Terrace Synthetic Turf Field Opens

Supervisor Foust, Dranesville Park Authority Board member Kevin Fay and Delegate Barbara Comstock dedicated a new synthetic turf field on Saturday, November 6 at Linway Terrace Park in a public ceremony. The field is located at 6246 Linway Terrace in McLean, VA.

The opening of this newly converted synthetic turf field is an example of the benefits of community cooperation and partnerships. Field #1 now boasts the state-of-the-art synthetic turf that provides field space that is weather resistant, increases playability and field capacity, does not require turf maintenance, and provides a smooth, dependable playing surface.

The \$840,000 capital improvement project was funded by the McLean Youth Soccer Association and the Board of Supervisors’ Mini Grant program administered by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Through innovative partnerships throughout the community, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Athletic Council are addressing the increasing need and existing shortage of rectangular field capacity in Fairfax County.

The Park Authority has completed more than two dozen field conversion projects over the last several years. This project also included installation of bleacher and bench pads, installation of goal posts, the addition of a fully-accessible asphalt trail, improved field drainage and landscaping.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor John Foust at Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-356-0551.

Leigh Mill Bridge Reopening Delayed Until January 2011 *Detour Remains in Effect During Bridge Replacement*

VDOT has announced that the reopening of the one-lane bridge on Leigh Mill Road over Difficult Run in Great Falls will be further delayed from the estimated December 2010 completion date. Drivers can expect the bridge to open in January 2011 rather than in early September as originally anticipated. The delay means that traffic will continue to be detoured while crews replace the bridge.

After the bridge closed to traffic on July 12, the superstructure was removed. VDOT engineers then determined that the bridge abutments and wing walls were in worse condition than previous investigations and inspections revealed. The old abutments and wing walls, of unknown age, are constructed of stone masonry which has lost much of its structural integrity over the years. The entire substructure has to be demolished and replaced with an exterior stone texture to replicate the original structure. VDOT engineers hope to accelerate the work and open the bridge sooner than January.

The new bridge will be the same length, elevation and alignment as the existing bridge, but will be 15 feet wide rather than 13 feet to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The new deck, posts, rails, and curbs will be constructed with a laminated wood product that is bonded with strong, waterproof adhesives. When finished, the new bridge will be safer, stronger, last longer and have a natural appearance.

About a thousand vehicles a day use the bridge.

Upcoming Dranesville Land Use Cases

Dominion Virginia Power Reddfields Substation (SEA 85-D-033-03)

West Falls Church Service and Inspection Yard, Idylwood

Special Exception Application for the construction of a power substation facility to provide electric power to the Metro Silver Line and nearby homes, businesses, and institutions. The proposed substation would covert electric power from an existing transmission line that crosses the property.

Planning Commission hearing: December 12, 2010; **Board of Supervisors hearing:** Not yet announced

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (SEA 2010-DR-002)

River Bend Knolls, Great Falls

Proposal is part of an ongoing long-term odor abatement program. Facility will utilize fans to pull odorous air from the atmosphere within the Potomac Interceptor sewer and push air through a tank containing activated carbon. The purified air is then discharged into the atmosphere. Facility will be enclosed within a natural stone veneer building with louvered windows.

Planning Commission hearing was held November 18, 2010; Board of Supervisors hearing: Not yet announced

United Methodist Church Telecommunications Pole Extension Approved

A Special Exception amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 19th to allow United Methodist Church on Liberty Meeting Court in Herndon to extend the height of an existing 100-foot tall telecommunications pole.

The 20-foot extension will continue to be camouflaged by panels on a bell tower and will accommodate two additional antennas on the church's property. The equipment needed for an antenna will be housed in a wooden fenced compound.

"I am happy to see telecommunication providers taking a creative approach in blending these facilities into our communities," said Supervisor Foust of the application.

Construction on the tower will begin in December and is anticipated to be completed by February 2011.

Longfellow Telecommunications Pole Application Withdrawn

An application to install a telecommunications tower at Longfellow Middle School in McLean has been withdrawn by the applicant. The proposed 115-foot tall tower, "disguised" as a tree, would have accommodated up to five wireless providers. The Planning Commission hearing for this case has been canceled.

While the Dranesville office coordinated several meetings with residents, consensus could not be found on the appropriateness of the school site. The application was withdrawn after surrounding residents and parents of Longfellow students raised concerns regarding the location and impact the pole would have on the character of the community.

Suspected Serial Burglar in Custody

Fairfax County Police believe the arrest of a man in Montgomery County, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 17 is directly linked to the recent series of burglaries and attempted burglaries in Fairfax County and surrounding jurisdictions. A burglary task force created to investigate these burglaries developed a suspect based on information received from the community. An intense, comprehensive investigation followed.

An alert McLean resident called police about a suspicious vehicle parked on their street around 4 a.m., Monday, November 8. Officers located the vehicle, initiated a traffic stop, and subsequently developed information that linked the vehicle and its driver to the series of burglaries. Subsequently, several incidents were reported in the same area.

An extensive investigation by the Fairfax County Burglary Task Force led detectives to Montgomery County, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 17. Task force detectives were working with Montgomery County Police when officers from that department observed the suspect commit a criminal offense in the Potomac area. The suspect was taken into custody and charged in Montgomery County. He remains in jail there.

The task force continues its investigation and anticipates placing charges against the suspect in Fairfax County.

Although an arrest has been made, residents should continue to secure their homes and vehicles and remain alert for suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

Based upon the recognized pattern of these burglaries, police encourage residents to take the following preventative measures:

- **Lock all doors, windows and garages.** In all but one burglary, entry was made via unlocked/open doors and windows and garage doors. If you have older children that come home late, urge them to ensure they are locking up when they arrive home.
- **Do not leave items of value in an unattended car.** This includes GPS units, purses, money, garage door openers, keys, etc.
- **Do not leave purses, keys or cash by entry points in your home.**
- **Do not leave valuable objects in view inside vehicles.** The suspect will force entry into vehicles if he sees valuables inside.
- **Talk to your neighbors and look out for each other.**
- **Report suspicious persons to police right away.**

Salona Park Master Plan Public Meeting Held

On November 17, the Park Authority held a public information meeting as part of the planning process for the Draft Master Plan for Salona Park. In welcoming the approximately 250 residents gathered at Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean, Supervisor Foust assured the audience that their ideas and comments were a vital part of the planning process for the park. "I believe we all recognize that Salona is a very unique and special property. Now we are participating in that process and it is very clear to me that there are other uses that need to be, and will be, considered. For many of us, this will be a once in a life time opportunity to help form the vision of how such a beautiful and historic property should be preserved," stated the Supervisor.

Salona Park, located at 1235 Dolley Madison Blvd., was created by a 41 acre perpetual conservation easement purchased in 2005 by the Fairfax County Park Authority from the DuVal family. The property had been in the family since Virginia Senator Clive DuVal purchased it in 1952, but its history dates back to the original Lee family land grant in the early 1700s. In 1971 a special historic easement was created to protect the 18th century house and the ten acres in the immediate vicinity of the home.

The common theme of the public comments was for the Park Authority to pay special attention to the historical and ecological value of the site during its planning process. The gathering overwhelmingly agreed with the sentiments expressed by Supervisor Foust: "We have one shot to get this right and I am confident we will take the time necessary to do that and fully involve everyone who has an interest in the process."

For more information on Salona Park visit the Salona Park Master Plan website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/salona.htm> or contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Great Falls Fire House Construction Underway

Construction of the new Great Falls Fire Station continues after the County's recent purchase of adjoining property for use as a septic field. The septic field construction on the property, located at 718 Walker Road, Great Falls, will begin next year with its completion scheduled to coincide with that of the new fire station. Once completed, the new fire station will have its own on-site septic system to handle sanitary waste.

Shortly after taking office, Supervisor Foust held meetings with Great Falls residents to discuss concerns the community had with the project as proposed. Major concerns raised were the closing of the Fire House "cut through," and the fact that the County's design called for using "Pump and Haul" to remove sewage from the station because there was no available septic field. To address the cut-through issue, Supervisor Foust obtained funding to add a turn lane on Walker Road onto Georgetown Pike. Supervisor Foust also committed to seek funding to purchase an adjacent commercial property to provide a septic field. That funding became available when the project was competitively bid and construction costs came in much lower than had been estimated. The Board of Supervisors then authorized staff to purchase the adjacent property. With the purchase of the property the project engineers can design a septic field into the project and eliminate the need for the Pump and Haul.

Also recently completed is relocation of underground utilities and construction of a temporary facility. This facility became operational the week of November 8. Demolition of the existing facility is scheduled for late November. Once the demolition is complete, work on the new building can begin.

The project is on schedule to be completed in early 2012.

Bridle Path Stream Restoration Project Begins

Supervisor Foust is pleased to announce that work has begun by Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division on the restoration of approximately 1,600 linear feet, or approximately 2.67 acres, of a portion of Bradley Branch. The project area includes land that is owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the McLean Hunt Homeowners Association. Over fifteen years ago the neighborhoods that border this stream asked the County for help. After taking office, Supervisor Foust worked with DPWES to move the project to implementation.

The stream is a tributary within the Scotts Run Stream Valley, near Swinks Mill Road in McLean. The goals of stream restoration are to stabilize the stream bank and reestablish the channels through which natural springs and storm water flow. Erosion of the original stream banks, both vertically and horizontally, is caused by an increase in the volume and velocity with which stormwater enters a stream.

The construction is being completed in two stages in order to reduce the impacts to the parkland and the community. The areas will then be vigorously replanted with native trees, shrubs and plants designed to attract wildlife to the restored project area. The in-stream construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2011 and the reforestation will be done weather permitting.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-356-0551.



Dranesville Supervisor John Foust discusses the stream restoration project with Craig Carinci, Director of the County's Stormwater Management Division.

Supervisor Foust and McLean Chamber of Commerce Tour Renovated Old Firehouse/Teen Center in McLean

On November 4 Supervisor Foust was the speaker at the Greater Mclean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) monthly meeting. He provided updates on various projects in the downtown McLean area such as pedestrian improvements, both finished and planned, and the status of the effort to underground the utilities at the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive.

The meeting was held at the newly refurbished Old Firehouse/Teen Center on Chain Bridge Road. The improvements undertaken by the McLean Community Center, which leases the building from Fairfax County, include new bay doors, painted and replaced furniture and carpeting, replaced computer lab tables and a new air hockey table and flat screen TV.

The improvements are paying off. Since last year there has been a 300% increase in attendance by teens.



(left to right) Jon Wilkins, Main Street Bank and GMCC Board Member, Lynn Gulick, Senior Vice President Cardinal Bank and GMCC Chairman of the Board, Supervisor John Foust, Marcia Twomey, President GMCC, George Sachs, Executive Director McLean Community Center, Sam Roberts, Director Community Events McLean Community Center

Fairfax ReLeaf Greens Up Wolf Trap and Fairfax County

Supervisor Foust and 35 other volunteers planted seedling trees at Wolf Trap National Park on November 12. This was one of many efforts by Fairfax ReLeaf to plant and preserve trees in and around Fairfax County and help maintain the County's Tree Canopy goal.

Fairfax ReLeaf, a non-profit organization, also offers free trees at various times throughout the year to County residents to plant on public or common community property. Trees, guards, stakes and tips on tree planting are provided free of charge through a partnership with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.



For more information contact Fairfax ReLeaf by phone (703) 324-1409 or by email trees@fairfaxreleaf.org.

Supervisor Foust with volunteers at seedling tree planting at Wolf Trap National Park. on November 12.

Covance to Close Vienna Facility

On November 3, officials of Covance, a drug manufacturing services firm, announced that Covance will close its Dranesville District facility and lay off more than 200 people after more than 60 years in the community. Covance has been a good neighbor and a great contributor to the local economy

Rotary Club of McLean's Stop World Hunger Event Prepares 100,000 Meals for the Needy

On Saturday, November 6, under the sponsorship and guidance of the Rotary Club of McLean, members of the McLean community, including several hundred Langley and McLean High School students, worked side by side to help prepare 100,000 meals for needy people in Haiti and Nicaragua. The event, held at the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean and conceived by Rotary Club member Bob Hahne, also brought helpers from Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, The Rotary Club, veterans from the American Legion, and other community groups.



Stop Hunger Now hosted the event and provided all of the supplies. Stop Hunger Now has packaged more than 30 million meals and has sent the meals to 26 different countries since they were founded in 2006.

Each meal was high-protein and sealed in bags for shipping. Meals consisted of rice, vegetable protein, dried vegetables and vitamin-rich seasoning.

For more information on Stop Hunger Now or to learn how you can help contact them at their website www.stophungernow.org or email them locally at mclean.stophunger@gmail.com.

Hallcrest Heights Community Shows Appreciation for Dulles Connector Sound Wall Installation

*Dranesville Supervisor John Foust (right) and Clark Tyler (left) present the Hallcrest Heights Annual Appreciation Awards to **Heath Crawford**, Lane Construction, and **Jamie Breme**, Virginia Megaprojects. Mr. Crawford and Ms. Breme, both associated with the HOT Lanes project, were recognized for their professionalism regarding the procurement and installation of the sound walls currently under construction within the Hallcrest Heights community.*



Herndon Skate Park Grand Opening

On Saturday, September 25 the Town of Herndon held a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of a new skate park at Trailside Park.

The 4,200 square-foot concrete skate park was designed by Grindline after gathering community input and review, and constructed by Hammerhead Construction. Virginia Paving generously donated its services and talents with park improvements including the relocation of the sand volleyball court. Lane Construction donated its services and talents for park shelter improvements. The skate park is open regular park hours, dawn to dusk.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov, town services, parks and recreation, or call 703-787-7300.



Grand Re-Opening of Eldon Street Giant In Herndon



Supervisor Foust, Delegate Tom Rust, and Giant Management cut ribbon at Grand Reopening of Giant Grocery Store on Eldon Street in Herndon on October 12.

Rotary Club of McLean Celebrates 45th Anniversary



Rotary Club of McLean President William Glen Yarborough receives certificate on November 9, honoring the Rotary Club of McLean on their 45th anniversary from Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff to Supervisor John Foust.

Salona Historical Marker Unveiled

On Sunday, October 31, 2010, Supervisor John Foust, along with other local dignitaries, officially unveiled a new road marker commemorating the history of the McLean property, Salona. The Salona house, part of an early 18th century land grant given to Thomas Lee, has been a private residence, a working farm, a Civil War encampment, and most notably the refuge for President Madison during the War of 1812 British burning of Washington. The marker was the product of a collaborative effort of research and planning by the Fairfax County History Commission, The McLean Historical Society and McLean residents Carole Herrick, Kip Laughlin and Randy Dyer.

“There are many people to thank for this reminder of what a unique area we live in. Right here, on a corner of Dolley Madison Boulevard, we can read the history of America and be inspired to continue to make McLean a special place to call home”, said Supervisor Foust.



Delegate Jim Scott, Senator Janet Howell and Supervisor John Foust at unveiling of Salona Historical marker.

Dolley Madison Library Construction Update

Construction continues at a quick pace on the renovation of Dolley Madison Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Residents can now see the full footprint of the building, which includes a new reading addition with floor to ceiling energy efficient windows, giving patrons an expansive view of the adjacent woods and park land. The contractors for the project have taken special care to ensure the well-being and protection of the mature trees that surround the property. With the help of Fairfax County's Urban Forestry Division and the agreement of the Park Authority, the project team identified a few trees that needed pruning and coordinated with the project's certified arborist for monitoring before any work began. Additionally, crews have recently planted numerous shrubs and trees as part of the much larger landscape plan for the new library site. Next time you are in McLean Central Park or visiting the McLean Community Center, take a small detour and take a look at our new library.

During construction residents may visit the temporary library location at McLean Square Shopping Center on Old Dominion Drive. The new library is expected to open in summer 2011, although at the current rate of construction progress, a earlier opening may be possible.

For more information contact on the Dolley Madison Library renovation contact Supervisor Foust's aide, Cheryl Patten, at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

Supervisor Foust to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Pedestrian Improvements on Westmoreland Road

Supervisor John Foust is holding a public meeting with residents of the community in the vicinity of Westmoreland Road between Kirby Road and Chain Bridge Road. The Supervisor and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff will present and discuss proposed road improvements to address ongoing concerns relating to pedestrian traffic on Westmoreland.

The Supervisor's office, FDOT staff and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have reviewed every intersection along this stretch of road for possible improvements. The result of this review is a series of possible road modifications.

Meeting Details:
Monday, November 29, 2010
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Kent Gardens Elementary School
1717 Melbourne Drive
McLean, VA 22101

For more information contact Julie Ide at 703-356-0551 or by email at julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Recognitions

Operating Support Grant Recipients Announced

The Arts Council of Fairfax County announced \$364,820 in Operating Support grants to 42 Fairfax County arts organizations. Operating Support Grants support and advance the arts throughout Fairfax County by providing flexible funding for overhead, performances, exhibitions, community partnerships, and educational activities. Organizations in a broad range of disciplines including visual art, dance, instrumental music, theatre, vocal music, and opera are supported. Operating Support grants are awarded through a competitive process and funded by Fairfax County. Recipients are required to raise 2:1 matching funds through additional public and private revenues.

Congratulations to the following Dranesville grant recipients:

McLean Project for the Arts
Virginia Chamber Orchestra
Traveling Players Ensemble Inc.
Amadeus Concerts, Inc.
Elden Street Players
McLean Orchestra
Reston Community Players
Council for the Arts of Herndon
McLean Community Players
Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts

The Arts Council ensures that artists and the arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, advocacy, funding, education and capacity building. The Arts Council is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts, an agency supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Fairfax County Creates New Code Compliance Department

Fairfax County has established a new, consolidated code enforcement agency that can take coordinated action on new or emerging code compliance problems. This new department combined many of the County's code enforcement activities into a single agency with expanded authority to enforce multiple codes, thus helping County inspectors effectively resolve quality of life complaints including most zoning, noise, property maintenance, building, fire, blight, grass and health codes.

If you have questions or concerns about zoning violations or other code compliance issues, please contact Donna Keefe at the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at Donna.Keefe@Fairfaxcounty.gov.

The phone number for reporting zoning violation complaints to the new Code Compliance Department is 703-324-1300.

Talk of the Nation Interviews Herndon High School Student

Four Fairfax County Public School students, including Dranesville's **Jeff Sinclair** of Herndon High School, were part of a group that joined U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation show last week. Jeff and other Fairfax County students Taylor Avery of Centreville High, Diana Saffarini of Chantilly High, and Mary Sun of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology asked Duncan questions about the state of education in the United States, including questions on national standards, school food, attracting new teachers, and how to afford college.

Mr. Duncan says he answers students' questions regularly on Facebook and is learning how to use Twitter. He has visited schools in 42 states and talks to students whenever he visits a school.

Marshall Academy Students visit GMU for Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour

Students from Marshall Academy's entrepreneurship class participated in the Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour on November 4 at George Mason University.

Top young entrepreneurs from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area shared their personal success stories with students. Among the speakers were entrepreneurs in technology, media, education, finance, real estate, telecommunications, nonprofit organizations, health care, entertainment, sports, retail, and microfinance lending.

The Fairfax County Public School's entrepreneurship course provides students with the skills to develop, finance, and market a new product or service while learning small business ownership skills. The class is also offered at Chantilly Academy. Marshall Academy is one of six high school academies in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Marshall and McLean High School Students Learn Customer Service at Coastal Flats Tasting

Marketing students from Marshall High School and McLean High School, in conjunction with Tysons Classroom on the Mall, learned the importance of customer service while taking part in an educational tasting of the food offered at Coastal Flats at Tysons Corner Center on November 16.

The hands-on lesson gave students an insight into restaurant management and showed them how quality service can provide a high-quality experience for customers. Part of the lesson included using restaurant industry audit sheets to rate the food the students tasted.

Herndon High School Cheerleaders Place 2nd in Division Championships

The Herndon High School Hornets Varsity Cheerleaders took second place in the AAA division of the 2010 Virginia High School League's State Cheer Competition Saturday, November 13 at the Alltel Pavillion at the Stuart C. Siegel Center at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

The Hornets received a leading score of 262.5 points in the first round of the state cheer competition, which advanced them to the second round in which they scored 263.5 points – ranking them 2nd out of 16 AAA division Virginia high schools.



Four Dranesville Residents Receive 2010 Champions of Character Awards

The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services presented 2010 Champions of Character Awards at a ceremony held at the Fairfax County Government Center on October 21. The awards recognize youth, coaches and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor.

Among this year's recipients of the award were these Dranesville residents:

- **Abbey Piro, Female Athlete, Great Falls Softball League**, a 13 year old three-sport athlete in the Great Falls Softball League, the Great Falls Basketball League and a member of the Great Falls Liberty travel soccer team and Great Falls Sharks travel softball team, was nominated for the commitment and enthusiasm that she displays on the playing field and court.
- **Rick Kissire, Male Athlete, McLean Youth Football**, a 13 year-old five-sport athlete who is completing his fifth year as a player in McLean Youth Football (MYF), was nominated for his ability to work with and encourage his teammates and set an example with his work ethic on the field in practices and games
- **Terry Petty, Coach, Herndon Optimist Club Football**, the commissioner of Herndon Optimist Club Football and an "ankle biter" coach within the league, has overseen a league that has doubled in size over the past three years through his leadership, sportsmanship and positive approach to youth in the Herndon area. During his tenure at the helm of the league, Terry has led multiple fundraising efforts and worked with numerous partners to raise over \$1.5 million towards the new turf fields that have recently opened at Herndon High School, giving the school and its youth leagues a valuable tool to host year-round games, practices and tournaments in their community.
- **Jennifer Beckwith, Parent, Great Falls Lacrosse Association**, a parent volunteer in the Great Falls community's soccer, basketball and lacrosse leagues, was nominated for the countless hours she spends as the Great Falls Lacrosse Association's equipment manager.



.Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust's Chief of Staff, Jane Edmondson, presenting MCC Governing Board Chairman David Sanders with the resolution. Because of a scheduling conflict Supervisor Foust was unavailable to attend.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Recognizes McLean Community Center's 35 Years of Service

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the McLean Community Center with a resolution commemorating its 35th anniversary. The Center was built and is funded by residents in Small District 1A- Dranesville through a local real estate tax surcharge.

The plaque was presented at the Center's 35th Anniversary Gala, which featured a performance by award-winning actor John Lithgow on Saturday, October 16, at the Alden Theatre.

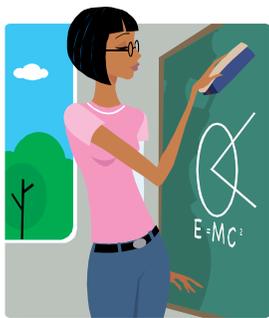
Supervisor Foust Thanks All of the Great Volunteers Who Pitched In and Helped VolunteerFest 2010!

VolunteerFest Work Locations in Dranesville:

Bryn Mawr Park
Falstaff Park
McLean Central Park

Dranesville Teachers Honored for Students' Outstanding Performance

Twenty-two Fairfax County Public School teachers have been named Gold Star Teachers by W!se for their students' outstanding performance on the W!se financial literacy certification test during the 2009-10 school year.



W!se is an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to building financial literacy, fostering business and social entrepreneurship, and preparing students for college and the global workforce. In order to earn Gold Star status, 90 percent or more of the students in one or more of the teachers' classes must pass the certification test.

Fairfax County Public School Gold Star Teachers who teach Dranesville students:

Everett Rice, Langley High,
Cara Lambert, McLean High
Kimberly Fields, Marshall High
Rebekah Sievers, Marshall High

Longfellow Middle School Celebrates 50th Year with Renovated Library

Longfellow Middle School, now celebrating its 50th year, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of its newly renovated library on Tuesday, November 2.

The library will now house 45 new computers and feature two drop-down projection screens with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors; new furniture, including eight easy chairs; a public address system; and a conference room where teams and professional learning communities can meet. A mural is currently being created in the hallway outside the library.



(From left to right) Marty Smith- Cluster 1 Assistant Superintendent, Supervisor John Foust, Marie Schryver—Head librarian at Longfellow, Susan Thornily - head of Library Services for FCPS (behind Marie Schryver), Matt Beall - Assistant librarian at Longfellow, Carole Kihm—Principal of Longfellow, Sophia Bruner- PTA President, Janie Strauss—Dranesville School Board Member, Tim Cha— Student Council President, Ramunda Young—Barnes and Nobles Community Relations Manager, Michelle Padgett -- Assistant Principal.

KUDOS Awards for Community Caregivers

LifeCircle Alliances, recognizes Leaders of the Fairfax County long-term care community with the “Kudos for Community Caregivers” award. This year’s awards were given at a ceremony on September 20 at the Mason Inn Hotel in Fairfax.

Of this year’s four award winners, three were from the Dranesville District:

Dr. Joseph and Linda Marshall

Nominated by Chesterbrook Residences staff, residents, and Board members.

The Ramon Planas Family

Nominated by Elizabeth Heubner and the staff at Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care center

Mrs. Joan Frankhauser

Nominated by Michelle Thyen, Director of Volunteer Programs at Brain Injury Services.

Congratulations to these outstanding members of the community for their hard work and dedication!

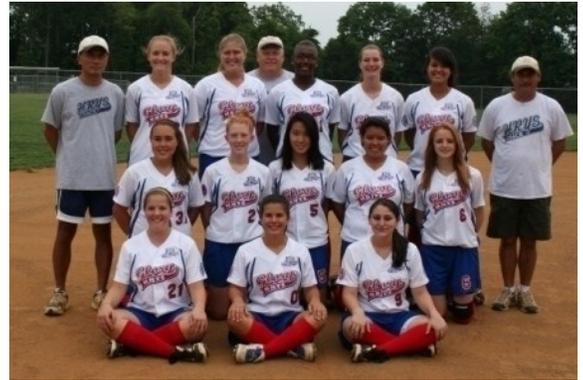
LifeCircle AlliancesSM is a nonprofit organization that seeks support for the independent living needs of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County, VA. Partnering with the community, they create programs and services to provide caregiving, housing options, day care, employment, assisted living, social and recreational opportunities, and address workforce issues.

Herndon/Reston Girls “16U Glory Softball Team” Finishes 6th in Country

After recently winning the Virginia Championship title, the Herndon/Reston 16U Glory Softball fastpitch team went on to compete in the Babe Ruth 16U (for 15 and 16 year olds) World Series this past August. The Glory is the first Herndon/Reston Optimist team, female or male to go to the Babe Ruth World Series, finishing 6th in the entire country for Babe Ruth Softball.

Congratulations to the entire team and the Optimist Club for a most successful season.!

The team members (pictured here with their coaches) are:
Destine Beckham, Sarah Betti, Sarah Dzurilla, Natalie Gauger, Lindsay Goff, Leta Kent, Arisa Koyama, Michelle Le, Julie Linovitz, Sarah Lukatch, Tanya Mayan, Mary Severin, and Katie Thomas.



2010 Exceptional Design Awards

The Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards Program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and administered by the County's Department of Planning and Zoning in cooperation with the County Architectural Review Board and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize outstanding achievement in the total design of a building and the site and to create an awareness of superior planning and design projects. This year's winners were recognized on the morning of October 19 during the Board of Supervisors meeting. The 2010 winners from Dranesville are:

Merit Award: Graticule

Jury Comments: This project has attributes of the International Style. The design demonstrates a bold contrast between solids and voids and applies a strong use of geometry as evidenced by the interplay of the building with its surroundings and by the beautifully articulated openings.



Honorable Mention Award: Evans Farm

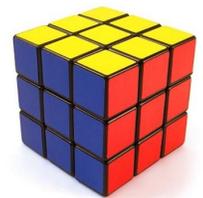
Jury Comments: This neo-traditional project was recognized for its features in the historical, adaptive re-use category for the sensitive renovation of the mill, the pond and the stonehouse.



*Present at the Exceptional Design Award ceremony's honoring of Evans Farm were Mark Lowham, Executive Vice President of West*Group, Supervisor John Foust, Gerry Halpin, President and CEO of West*Group and Stephanie Z. Smith of Elm Street Development, Inc.*

Dranesville Schools Excel in Rubiks Cube Competition

Longfellow Middle School captured first place and **Spring Hill Elementary School** came in second in the You Can Do the Cube competition at the USA Science and Engineering Festival. Teams competed to see which group could unscramble 25 Rubik's Cubes the fastest. The two Fairfax County Public School teams won cash awards to spend on math and science equipment at their schools, and received their awards from Erno Rubik, inventor of the cube.



Helpful Information

Community Input Sought on FY 2012 Budget

The time is quickly approaching for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to arrive at a budget for Fiscal Year 2012: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. In preparation, Supervisor Foust will be holding public meetings during the first quarter of 2012 to allow Dranesville residents to provide input. Dates for these meetings will be announced in the near future.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Dranesville Dispatch, Supervisor Foust has convened the Dranesville District Budget Task Force, chaired by Rip Sullivan. The Task Force, comprised of community leaders, meets twice a month, examines every aspect of the budget, and provides a report to Supervisor Foust of its budget recommendations.

Fairfax County residents will have an opportunity to provide their input at small, self-organized community meetings, using the County's Do-it-Yourself Budget Toolkit. The Toolkit is available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget> and includes:

- A 15-minute video overview on the FY 2012 Budget.
- Background information to guide the discussion.
- Topic questions to be answered by the group.
- An online form to provide feedback to the county.



Individual residents may complete a short budget survey and submit comments at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

Another opportunity for input was provided in October when the County held a series of Community forums.

The input gathered from the public will be used as a key factor to help guide the development of criteria for making budget decisions, providing the public with greater opportunity to help shape the budget before County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presents his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors in February 2011. Residents will still have an opportunity to provide feedback in March and April to the Board at the budget hearings as in previous years.

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget or call 703-324-3187, TTY 711.

EQAC Releases 2010 Annual Report on the Environment

The **2010 Annual Report on the Environment** from the Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), was presented to the Board of Supervisors on November 16, 2010.

The 2010 Annual Report has been prepared in two formats: A summary report; and a detailed report. Copies of the complete summary report and complete detailed report are available for download in Portable Document Format (PDF) below:

Download Complete 2010 Summary Report at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/report2010/summary_report.pdf

Download Complete 2010 Detailed Report at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/report2010/complete.pdf>

Copies of the report are available from the Department of Planning and Zoning, Suite 730, Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

WinterFest in McLean

Make plans now for McLean's Only Community Parade: WinterFest!

Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m.



The WinterFest parade starts promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Chain Bridge Road between Fleetwood Road and Brawner Street.

If you're not marching, come early to get a good spot to view the parade. Enjoy the food, fun, holiday music and community spirit. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce tree lighting will immediately follow the parade. **And don't miss the Reindog Pageant on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 a.m. in Langley Shopping Center!** Please note: The parade route will be closed from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. on the day of the parade.

For more information visit www.mcleanwinterfest.org.

Annual Holiday Shoe Drive Underway



The **Herndon Council for the Arts** and **Dranesville Supervisor John Foust** will soon begin the annual Holiday Shoe Drive to collect donations of NEW closed toed sneakers - sizes child's 12- 4 or gift cards for Kohl's, Target, Walmart or K-Mart in \$10 increments.

The Holiday Shoe Drive will benefit students at Hutchison Elementary School. Collection will begin Thanksgiving week and continue thru Dec. 17th. (Note the new collection point at the Herndon/Reston Senior Center.)

Drop off locations are:

Dranesville District Supervisor Foust's offices:

McLean Government Center

1417 Balls Hill Road

McLean, VA

and

Herndon Old Town Hall

730 Elden Street

Herndon, VA

Herndon Council for the Arts

730 Elden Street

2nd Floor office

Herndon, VA

Herndon/Reston Senior Center

873 Grace Street

Herndon, VA

For more information please contact Jennifer Boysko, at the office of Supervisor Foust, at 703-471-5076 or by email at Jennifer.Boysko@FairfaxCounty.gov.

You may also visit the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at: Herndon Old Town Hall, 730 Elden Street, Herndon, VA,

Music Friends' Concerts at the Alden

The premier showcase for great chamber music in Northern Virginia.

Music Friends' Concerts are an excellent opportunity to hear great classical music in McLean at no cost.

The Music Friends' classical music series, now in its 35th season, began in 1974 when the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library bought a Steinway Concert Grand and began to hold recitals in local library branches. The Music Friends work to serve the Fairfax County Public Library's mission "to enrich individual and community life" through the enjoyable and educational experience of live music performance.



All Concerts begin at 3 p.m.

at

The Alden Theatre

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean, VA

Admission is free. No tickets are required.

Upcoming Performances:

<p>November 28 Josef Spacek, violin</p> <p>January 2 Young Soloists Recital</p> <p>January 30 Josef Spacek Piano Trio</p>	<p>March 13, 2011 Young Artist Concert: Elizabeth Hu, piano Antonia Stabile, piano Jacob Sanders, cello Seung Jeon, flute</p>	<p>April 17, 2011 Cecilia Cho, piano Kate Hamilton, viola</p> <p>May 15, 2011 Fifi Zhang, piano</p>	<p>June 19, 2011 Young Artist Concert: Evelyn Mo, violin Mull Yu, piano Jessica Hu, cello Cory Rivera, violin</p>
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For more information about the concert series and Music Friends membership, call 703-324-8344 or TTY 703-324-8365.

The Concerts at the Alden series is sponsored by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library and the Alden Theatre at the McLean Community Center.

Volunteers Needed to Help Low Income Families Prepare and File Their Taxes

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, locally known as the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign – Creating Assets, Savings and Hope – provides free tax preparation services to working families and individuals who earned less than \$49,000 in 2010. You can make a real difference by helping hard-working people in our community file their taxes and, in many cases, obtain tax credits and refunds. Volunteers can help prepare tax returns or serve as greeters, screeners and interpreters. This is a short-term, focused volunteer effort requiring 3 to 6 hours a week during tax season, with an immediate positive impact. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provides free tax certification training to volunteers. Last year's VITA program in Northern Virginia resulted in tax refunds of over \$5.5 million for low-income families and individuals.



A local coalition of public agencies, businesses, libraries, faith and community-based groups will operate the program at 20 sites throughout Northern Virginia starting in January 2011.

To register as a volunteer, or for more information about the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign, please contact Thea Frisby, with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, at 703-533-5702, TTY 711.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers in McLean

The Meals on Wheels program is seeking volunteers to help with meal delivery in the McLean area.

Meals on Wheels delivers lunch meals Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to older neighbors who are unable to shop or prepare meals for themselves. Volunteers deliver nutritious meals and a friendly visit where it is needed most.

Sign up to deliver meals once a week, once a month, or as a substitute.

Meals on Wheels in McLean is also looking for treasurers, driver coordinators and group coordinators.

For more information call Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711.



FCPS Invites Businesses, Community Organizations to Explore Five Ways to Partner With Schools

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is encouraging local businesses and community organizations to check out five ways to partner with the school system in an effort to support students individually and on a larger scale through its **Give Me Five!** initiative:

- **Mentor a child.** Mentors commit to working with a student one hour a day, once a week, throughout the school year and are placed with a student close to the mentor's home or office. Training and support is offered to all potential mentors.
- **Partner with a school.** A business or organization can establish a partnership with one school and have the option to expand the relationship to mutually benefit both partners. Some schools have had the same business partner for more than 20 years.
- **Serve as a systemwide partner.** Partnering at the school system level can affect students throughout FCPS and often targets a specific curricular focus that can enhance a business's workforce development.
- **Support an existing partnership.** Individuals, companies, and organizations can donate items, volunteer, or provide funding to any of a number of existing partnerships and programs.
- **Develop or advance an educational initiative.** Initiatives come from inside and outside the school system, support cutting-edge learning, and help develop future employees while providing opportunities for businesses to grow and market their services.

For additional information about partnering with FCPS, contact Jay Garant at 571-423-1209 or jpgarant@fcps.edu. For more information about serving as a mentor, contact Shelley Prince at 571-423-4403 or rrprince@fcps.edu. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/bcp/index.htm> for more information about business and community partnerships in FCPS.

Give Me Five!

5 ways to Partner with
Fairfax County Public Schools



- Mentor a Child
- Partner with a School
- Partner Systemwide
- Support an Existing Partnership
- Help Develop or Advance an Educational Initiative

2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey

The results of the 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey were presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 26, 2010, at a joint meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board.

The Youth Survey looks at behaviors, experiences and other factors that influence the health and well-being of the county's youth. This year's survey incorporated questions in the new areas of civic engagement, cyberbullying, teen dating violence, environmental stewardship and life skills. The anonymous, voluntary survey was administered in the fall of 2009 to over 42,000 Fairfax County 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students.

This is the fifth time that Fairfax County youth have taken part in a survey of this type, which helps to monitor behavior trends and changes and provides crucial information to help prioritize the focus for prevention efforts throughout the community. The findings are particularly useful to parents, community leaders, PTAs, school-community coalitions, faith-based organizations and others interested in the safety and well-being of the county's young people.

Since its inception, the Youth Survey has been the result of the collective efforts of a broad cross-section of County, school and community organizations interested in the health and well-being of the County's youth. The survey is a collaborative effort of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and Fairfax Partnership for Youth.

The full report and a summary are available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demogrph/youthpdf.htm>.

Be Alert For Deer

Police caution motorists to stay alert for deer in the roadways. Virginia was ranked among the top 10 states in the nation for deer/vehicle collisions in 2009. The vast majority of these collisions occur during the deer breeding season between now and early January. Motorists should pay close attention and remain alert at all times, especially at dawn and dusk when deer are active and are likely to be seen quickly entering roadways in herds. Police are posting a mobile sign board on roads where deer/vehicle collisions have been reported in recent weeks.

Safety tips for motorists include:

- Deer are most active between 6 and 9 p.m.
- Use high beam headlamps as much as possible at night to illuminate the areas from which deer will enter roadways.
- Deer generally travel in herds – if you see one, there is a strong possibility others are nearby.
- Do not rely on car-mounted deer whistles; they may not work.
- If a deer collision seems inevitable, attempting to swerve out of the way could cause you to lose control of your vehicle or place you in the path of an oncoming vehicle. Do not swerve to miss a deer. If you cannot avoid hitting a deer, take the following precautions:
 - * Slow down and grasp the steering wheel firmly with both hands.
 - * Take your foot off the brake at the time of impact so the front end of your vehicle will lift up and enable the deer to go under the car, rather than over it – reducing the danger of it crashing through the windshield or windows.
 - * If the animal is injured or killed, report the collision through the County's non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.



To learn more about deer activity in Fairfax County, check <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/deer-management.htm>.

Need Help With Your Heating Bills This Winter?

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services is accepting applications for the Crisis Assistance Program.

The Crisis Assistance Program helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. The application period began Monday, November 1, 2010 and closes on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

To apply download an application online, complete it and then fax it to 703-324-8242, or mail it to:



Fairfax County Department of Family Services - Pennino Building
c/o Energy Assistance
12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232
Fairfax, VA 22035

You may also request an application by calling 703-324-7604; TTY703-222-9452. or pick one up at any of these Department of Family Services offices:

Pennino Building

12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232
Fairfax, VA 22035

Reston - Lake Anne Office Building

11484 Washington Plaza West, 4th Floor
Reston, VA 20190

Falls Church

6245 Leesburg Pike (Route 7), 2nd Floor
Falls Church, VA 22044

Richmond Highway/Alexandria - South County Center

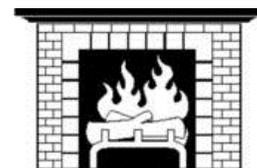
8350 Richmond Highway (Route 1), 4th floor
Alexandria, VA 22309

Don't Wait. File Your Application Today! For more information call Department of Family Services' Energy Assistance phone line at 703-324-7604 TTY 703-222-9452.

Fireplace Safety – Can Your Ashes

As outdoor temperatures drop and people take measures to keep themselves warm this winter, fire incidents involving fireplaces may increase. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind you of some important SAFETY TIPS:

- Have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned as necessary.
- When cleaning the fireplace, store ashes in a non-combustible container with a tight fitting lid and place the container away from the house.
- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container (sometimes it takes four days for ashes to cool down).
- Call 911 immediately when a fire occurs. Residents should not attempt to extinguish the fire themselves.



For more seasonal fire and life safety information, please visit our website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire

FEMA Encourages Winter Weather Preparation*

Last month, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its 2010 U.S. Winter Outlook, predicting extreme weather patterns for different regions of the country this winter.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reminds residents and businesses to get ready for winter storms and extreme cold. “With winter right around the corner, it’s never too early to start preparing for snowstorms, icy roads and other types of severe weather,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

Severe winter weather can include snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and ice or heavy rain storms. An emergency supply kit both at home and in the car will help prepare people for winter power outages and icy or impassable roads.

An emergency supply kit should include a three-day supply of food and water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and extra flashlights and batteries. Thoroughly check and update your family’s emergency supply kit and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:

- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to help stay warm.

Ensure that your family preparedness plan and contacts are up to date and exercise your plan. For more information and winter preparedness tips, visit: www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html.

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Keeping Warm: Alternate Heating Source Safety Tips

Winter will soon be here. The cooler temperatures cause many of us to seek out alternative sources to heat our home and keep warm. Alternate heating sources are a major contributing factor in residential fires. The following safety tips will help you keep a safe home:

- Keep at least three feet of clearance between your heat source and anything combustible.
- Do not keep or store combustible materials in closed areas or near a heat source.
- Never leave a heater on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep, and never leave children or pets unattended near heating sources.
- If you use an electric heater, be careful not to overload the electrical circuit.
- Avoid using electrical heaters in bathrooms as they may come in contact with water.
- Only use heaters that have been tested to the latest safety standards and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). These heaters will have the most up-to-date safety features, such as automatic shut-offs. It is important to install and use heaters according to manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Do not use a range or oven as an alternate heating source. This is a safety hazard and may be a source of toxic fumes.
- Do not use fuel burning appliances without the proper room ventilation.
- Never fill a kerosene heater while it is in operation or hot. Avoid overfilling.

Calling All Tree Lovers!

Nominate a Tree: You've climbed them, relaxed in their shade, plucked their fruit and planted them in honor of loved ones. Join with the Fairfax County Tree Commission to celebrate the County's trees.



Nominate trees that mean the most to you in one or more of these categories:

- Big Tree — Tree that's one of the largest of its species.
- Historic Tree — Tree associated with a significant event, person, landmark or institution.
- Commemorative Tree — Tree or group of trees planted as a memorial of an event or person.
- Favorite Tree — Any favorite tree (only one nomination per person accepted).

Eligible trees will receive an honorary designation as a Celebrated Tree of Fairfax County. They also will be included in a database on the County's website. Historic, commemorative and favorite trees will be included in a database of the County's most special trees. Big trees will go into the County's Big Tree Database, as well as be submitted for consideration in the Virginia Big Tree Program.

Nomination Criteria

- Only trees in Fairfax County may be nominated.
- Only native and stably naturalized (non-native) species of trees may be nominated.
- Nominations may be submitted any time of year. Celebrated Trees is an ongoing project.

Nomination forms can be filled out and submitted electronically (with attachments) to treemail@fairfaxcounty.gov, or printed and mailed with additional documents to:

Fairfax County Tree Commission
c/o Urban Forest Management Division
12055 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 518
Fairfax VA 22035

Protect Celebrated Trees: It is possible to legally protect a Celebrated Tree or any other tree from being cut down. Heritage, memorial, specimen and street trees may be protected under Fairfax County's Tree Preservation Ordinance. Any individual or group may nominate a tree for preservation.

For more information, contact the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.