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# Dranesville Dispatch

Dear Dranesville Citizens,

I hope you have had a safe and wonderful summer.

It has been my pleasure to meet many of you at Homeowner Association gatherings and public events on a variety of occasions during my first eight months in office. I have seen so many people working hard on neighborhood and community projects and issues. You have reinforced my opinion that Dranesville residents are eager to get involved and help make our community even better.

Many of you have taken the time to contact me or my staff with comments and suggestions on issues affecting you and your neighborhoods. I want to thank you for this vital input and encourage you to continue sharing your ideas and concerns.

Best wishes,

**John W. Foust**

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## Who's Who 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

**Address:** Old Town Hall  
730 Elden St.  
Herndon, VA 20170

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## Emerald Ash Borer Infestation Found in Fairfax County

Fairfax County officials have found an infestation of emerald ash borers **in the Herndon area**. These insects are a serious threat to ash trees across the county. They have killed more than 20 million ashes in the Midwest.



Green Ash Leaf

Approximately 20 to 30 infested trees were found near the intersection of Campbell Way and Herndon Parkway. No live insects were found, but two dead adult beetles were discovered, along with signs of larvae damage.

This is only the second time that these non-native beetles have been found in the county since a minor outbreak was contained in 2003. These insects only affect ash trees, but an infestation is usually fatal.



White Ash Leaf

**A federally ordered quarantine is effective immediately for all of Northern Virginia, including Fairfax County. This order bans the interstate movement of infested ash wood and wood products -- including firewood, nursery stock, green lumber, waste, compost, and chips from ash trees. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has also put in place a similar quarantine for Northern Virginia.**



Adult Emerald Ash Borer

Pesticides are generally not effective against the borer; cutting down ash trees is the best way to control this pest.

For more information about the emerald ash borer, contact the Fairfax County Forest Pest Program, at 703-324-5304, TTY 711.

## You Can Help

County arborists are trying to determine how far the beetle may have spread. To help officials, homeowners are asked to report any signs of declining or dying ash trees.

If you own ash trees, be on the look-out for the symptoms of infestation. The leaves of infected trees will begin to die off starting at the top third of the tree until it is completely bare. Other signs include sprouts growing from the trunk or roots.

More information is available to help identify ash trees or the beetle. If you suspect an infestation, please call the Fairfax County Forest Pest Program at 703-324-5304, TTY 711.

## Completed Dranesville District County Projects

### Bus Stop Improvements

- Magarity Road at Lusby Place (west bound). Construction of concrete pad, sidewalk and asphalt trail.
- Leesburg Pike at Idylwood Road (south bound). Construction of concrete pad, curb and gutter, milling, and overlay.
- Griffith Road at Burfoot Street. Construction of concrete pad, sidewalk, and restoration.

### Storm Drain Pipe Improvements:

The Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division (MSMD), Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, completed a series of point rehabilitation projects in the Dranesville and Providence Districts. Approximately 1,655 feet of storm drain pipe in multiple locations were rehabilitated to extend the service life by using cured-in-place point repair techniques. The contracted repair cost for all locations is \$ 92,000. This repair method does not excavate the drainage pipe and preserves the pavement, sidewalk and trees that are over the pipe.

Project Locations within the Dranesville District:

- 1813 Storm Drive
- 1903, 1907, 1909 Hillside Drive
- 1903/1905 Pimmit Drive
- 7100/7102 Penguin Place
- 1800, 1906, 1908 Anderson Road
- 1739, 1801, 1835, 1837 Olney Road
- 7315 Sportsman Drive
- 1900/1902 Miracle Lane
- 2047 Hillside Drive
- 2040 Stephanie Marie Drive
- 7414, 7417, 7419, 7420, 7421, 7423 Tillman Drive



**The River Oaks Sanitary Sewer Extension and Improvement Project** was completed on August 28, 2008, on time and within budget. The completion of this major sanitary sewer project has made public sewer service available to 114 existing properties located predominantly in the River Oaks Subdivision. The work included the installation of approximately 3,200 feet of gravity sewer pipe, 19,500 feet of force main sanitary pipe, 73 Grinder Pumps, water line relocation, extensive pavement and site restoration, and other related items.

## Westmoreland Street Improvements



If you have driven on Westmoreland Street in McLean within the past couple of days you may have noticed new lanes painted on the road. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to include bicycle lanes along Westmoreland Street.

Due to its width VDOT agreed to install bike lanes along most of Westmoreland Street from Chain Bridge Road to Kirby Road, while the narrower sections will have 'Share the Road' signs to warn drivers. This allows bike riders to carefully use the road while sharing it with vehicles. These bicycle lanes are among the first ones in the Dranesville District.

## Business Counseling Services Offered at Board of Supervisors' Offices



A Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) representative will be in Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's office once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start a business in Fairfax County, expand an existing business in the county, or learn about other business services. These sessions are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m.

FCEDA assistance focuses on a wide array of business functions and questions: from starting a business in Fairfax County to securing office space, or securing capital to help a company grow. By offering individual counseling in the community, the FCEDA's specialized advisory service reaches more of the community's entrepreneurs and professionals.

To schedule an appointment contact Julie Ide in Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551.

More information on this service is available at the FCEDA Web site [http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/services\\_and\\_resources.htm](http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/services_and_resources.htm). Or contact Jatinder Kaur of the FCEDA at 703-790-0600 or [jkaur@fceda.org](mailto:jkaur@fceda.org).



## New Voting Cards Mailed to All Registered Voters

The Office of Elections recently mailed new voting cards to all registered voters in Fairfax County.

The new cards were distributed in July to give voters a chance to verify that their information is correct and make them aware of their polling location. Social Security numbers also have been removed for privacy reasons. The new cards display the unique voter identification number assigned to each voter.

As reported in our May 2008 newsletter, the Cooper precinct has been split into two precincts, creating a new precinct, Spring Hill. Your new voter card will reflect that change if it applies to you.

This year's general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polling locations will be open from 6 am to 7 pm. "Voters are encouraged to plan ahead and prepare for long lines this year," said General Registrar Rokey Suleman. "For those who are eligible, we encourage them to vote absentee."

**The application deadline for absentee voting by mail or fax is Oct. 28, and the deadline for absentee voting in person is November 1.**

Voters also should be aware that Fairfax County will begin using an optical scan voting system at the polls this year, in addition to the handicapped-accessible touch screen voting machines. The Office of Elections will conduct several educational outreach programs prior to Election Day to give voters an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new voting method.

**To correct misinformation on your new voting card or to request a card if one was not received, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 771, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb).**

## Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus

The Fairfax County Health Department announced two mosquito samples collected in Mason District tested positive for West Nile virus. These are the first positive mosquito samples identified this year in the county.



West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans, horses and other mammals through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Most people bitten by a mosquito infected with West Nile virus do not get sick. Those that develop symptoms usually suffer a mild, flu-like illness. People over the age of 50 are at greatest risk of more severe illness, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

The Fairfax County Health Department's Environmental Health staff are taking a proactive approach to combating West Nile virus by treating more than 35,000 storm drains three times a year with an environmentally friendly larvicide that inhibits mosquito breeding. Storm drain treatments are scheduled throughout the mosquito season, which typically runs from May until October. While these treatments will not eliminate all of the mosquitoes that carry the virus, the mosquito population will be reduced.

### **The Health Department recommends the following tips for residents to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:**

- When spending time outdoors, use insect repellents containing the active ingredient DEET (up to 30 percent), picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR-3535. Always use mosquito repellents according to label instructions.
- Wear long, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.
- Turn over or remove containers in the yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Fill in root-ball holes from downed trees or any depression that holds water for more than a week.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps, such as those that may be used to cover wood piles.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters.
- Manage black corrugated drain pipes.

For further information, residents may call the Health Department's Disease Carrying Insect Program at 703-246-2300, TTY 703-591-6435.

## 40,000 Books for Children & Adults

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its 39th Used Book Sale.

**Friday September 19 - 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturday, September 20 - 10am to 6pm**  
**Sunday, September 21 - 12:00pm to 4 pm**

McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean, VA 22102



On Sunday bags of books may be purchased for \$7.00 a bag

For more information please call AAUW at 703-448-9195 or visit their website at [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org).

## Lyme Disease Cases on the Rise in Virginia

Fairfax County has increased efforts to prevent Lyme Disease in response to a recent surge in the number of cases reported in the State of Virginia. Last year the number of cases in Virginia nearly tripled from 357 cases in 2006 to 945 cases in 2007. Some of the explanations offered for this increase are increased deer populations and unusually rainy springs.

Lyme Disease cases affect approximately 20,000 Americans every year. It is transmitted by the bite of the tiny deer tick. Lyme Disease sufferers frequently report a bull's-eye rash near the site of the tick bite and flulike symptoms including muscle aches, fever and fatigue. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) untreated cases may result in heart, joint and nervous system damage. If treated promptly with antibiotics people affected can recover in a few weeks to a few months.



The Tiny Deer Tick

Fairfax County is in the forefront of efforts to educate communities about Lyme disease. A color booklet was mailed to every household in the county with advice on preventing Lyme disease and other insect-borne diseases. The booklet is downloadable at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvpamp.htm>. County residents may bring ticks that have bitten them to health officials to examine them for Lyme. Jorge Arias, environmental health supervisor for the Fairfax County Health Department reports that cases of infection have been reported countywide but are more common in the western, less populated areas.



Distinctive  
"Bull's-eye"  
rash

For more information you can call the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-246-2300 TTY: 703-591-6435 or visit the County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvtick.htm>.

### Fairfax County Health Department Offers this Advice to Prevent Tick-borne Diseases:

- Avoid tick-infested areas such as tall grass and dense vegetation.
- Walk in the center of mowed trails to avoid brushing against vegetation.
- Keep grass cut and underbrush thinned in yards. Follow directions carefully if chemical pesticides are used for tick control or hire a professional.
- Eliminate the living places of small rodents.
- Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks are easier to see and remove.
- Tuck pant legs into socks and boots. Wear long-sleeved shirts buttoned at the wrists.
- Conduct tick checks on yourself, your children and your pets every 4 to 6 hours.
- Apply tick repellent to areas of the body and clothing that may come in contact with grass and brush. Select repellents specifically for ticks; ones containing 30 percent DEET or 0.5 percent permethrin are effective in repelling ticks. Follow directions carefully and do not overuse. Some tick repellents can cause toxic or allergic reactions. Permethrin products only work on clothing, not skin.
- Ask your veterinarian to recommend tick control methods for your pets. Animals can get Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, but they do not transmit these diseases to humans.
- If you are bitten by a tick you should remove it promptly, and you may wish to consult with your health care provider. If you develop any signs and symptoms of early Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, or ehrlichiosis you should promptly seek medical attention.

## Great Falls Farmers' Market Reopens at New Location

The Great Falls Farmers Market opened on July 12 at its new location in the Great Falls Village Centre parking lot. The market moved from St. Francis Episcopal Church on Georgetown Pike.

The new location is in the parking lot across from the Wachovia Bank, off of Walker Road.

Open:  
8 am - 12 pm  
Saturday Mornings  
750 Walker Road  
Great Falls, VA 22066



## Dranesville Groups Win Neighborhood Enhancement Awards

Congratulations to Chain Bridge Forest Association and Hallcrest Heights, Dranesville District Organizations that were recently awarded funds by the Fairfax County's Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program. These groups were among 25 selected organizations receiving a total of \$94,682. Their proposals will leverage a total of \$221,678 in community funds, which include cash and volunteer labor.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program was developed to encourage partnership between the county and neighborhood-based organizations to assist in enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods. A total of \$100,000 was budgeted for this program in FY 2009. During the month of July 48 proposals were received from homeowners, civic and neighborhood-based associations requesting almost \$200,000 in funds.

A citizen committee of Neighborhood College and Citizen Police Academy graduates were the selection advisory committee and reviewed each proposal based on established criteria. The committee discussed the merits of each proposal and reached consensus on the proposals that would be funded this cycle.



Chain Bridge Forest Association plans to improve wooded land along Pimmit Run and enhance access to the area by clearing undergrowth, restoring plantings and beautifying the tributary to Pimmit Run. Hallcrest Heights will enhance the berm which screens their community from Route 123 by planting new Leyland Cypress trees.

For more information on the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program, please contact David Ellis in the County Executive's Office at 703-324-3501.

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

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

## Update on McLean Revitalization Efforts

As reported in the previous newsletter, three public forums sponsored by Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust along with the McLean Planning Committee (MPC) and the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment (OCRR) were held in the early spring. Over 250 residents and business owners attended the events. In addition to the public forums, nearly 500 people completed a survey on revitalization efforts.



The forums generated a great deal of excitement about the possibility of redeveloping the portion of downtown McLean bordered by Old Dominion Drive, Chain Bridge Road, Beverly Road and Ingleside Avenue.

With the direction the community has provided through the public forum and survey process, the MPC, OCRR and the Dranesville staff have begun working with the landowner, McLean Properties LLC, to ensure that any proposal for redevelopment is consistent with the community's vision.

Recently, McLean Properties opened an office next to Capri Restaurant in order to have a presence in downtown McLean. "We welcome the opportunity to be part of the process that will hopefully lead to a revised comprehensive plan that people are excited about...we look forward to the continued collaboration between landowners, the County and the community," said Bob Montgomery of McLean Properties.

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

## Dranesville's Roots and Shoots Junior Volunteers Win Elly Doyle Park Service Award

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board announced that Spring Hill RECenter's Roots and Shoots Junior Volunteers were among the winners of the 2008 Elly Doyle Park Service Award. This award is the most prestigious recognition given by the Park Authority Board to individuals and organizations who contribute outstanding volunteer service to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Roots and Shoots was established by the Jane Goodall Institute to inspire young people to become involved in making positive changes for animals and the environment. Internationally, the group boasts a membership of tens of thousands of young people in almost 100 countries. The Spring Hill RECenter Roots and Shoots membership includes 57 members representing 19 area elementary, middle, and high schools that collaborate on local service projects including working in our parks to combat invasive species, or collecting and distributing towels to our local animal shelters.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1988 in recognition of Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service toward the preservation of parkland, natural resources, and recreational facilities as a member of the Park Authority Board. The 2008 Elly Doyle Park Service Award and Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Program will be held in November. For information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.



## HERNDON HAPPENINGS

### Nature Fest at Runnymede Park

Celebrate nature and Runnymede Park's birthday Sunday, September 2! Explore a variety of nature stations throughout the park. Investigate live animals, entertainment, crafts, and fun for the whole family! Satellite parking will be available and free shuttle bus provided.



Sunday, September 21

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Runnymede Park

Herndon Parkway between Elden Street and Dranesville Road in Herndon

This event is presented in collaboration with the Friends of Runnymede Park and is FREE!

### Foreclosure Clinic in Herndon September 25

On Thursday, September 25, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, the Homeownership Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection will host a free clinic for homeowners and renters who live in the county. Legal Services of Northern Virginia will have representatives there to answer specific questions that homeowners may have. Event details:

Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 pm  
Neighborhood Resource Center  
(Located in the Bloom Shopping Center)  
1086 Elden Street



#### Information for homeowners:

- Strategies to prevent foreclosure.
- Workout options when mortgage payments are no longer affordable
- Predatory lending practices
- Foreclosure rescue scams

#### Information for renters:

- What to do if the property they are renting is facing foreclosure
- How mortgage foreclosure affects a rental dwelling
- What happens after the foreclosure is final

Herndon, VA 20170

Space is limited so register early. To sign up, call Supervisor Foust's Herndon office at 703-471-5076, TTY 711. Homeowners who are unable to attend but would like more information can contact the Homeownership Resource Center of the HCD weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm at 703-246-5087, TTY 703-385-3578. Renters with questions about rental housing in foreclosure or homeowners seeking to avoid foreclosure rescue scams should contact the Consumer Affairs Branch weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm at 703-222-8435, TTY 711.

### BE CAREFUL WITH WINDOWS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

During summer months we open our windows to let in fresh air. Every year children in our community fall from windows and land in area hospitals. A screen offers little protection when the weight of a child pushes against it.



Safety tips to prevent an accident from happening:

- Always supervise young children. Life threatening injuries can happen in seconds to a child left unattended.
- Close and lock windows whenever young children are around.
- If you need ventilation, open windows that children cannot reach (For example, open double hung windows from the top only).
- Keep furniture and beds away from windows. Children can quickly climb onto window ledges and fall.
- Keep window treatments (blinds, cords, drapes, etc.) out of children's reach. They may injure themselves when climbing or be strangled.

For more information, call Daniel L. Schmidt or Lt. Raúl G. Castillo, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department 703-246-3801; TTY 711.

### September 21-28 is Child Passenger Safety Week Are Your Children Properly Buckled?



Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their vehicles, safety seats and children to the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office permanent "Fit Station" where trained deputies will ensure that the children fit securely in the safety seats and that the safety seats fit securely in the vehicle seat.

The Sheriff's Fit Station is located at 10520 Judicial Drive in Fairfax City. *This service is provided free of charge to the community and by appointment only.* Call Sgt. Donna Honse at 703-246-3763 or MDS Leslie Sheehan at 703-246-7947 to schedule your appointment.

# Fairfax County Implements Report-a-Litterer Program

One of the responsibilities of a licensed driver is to ensure the proper disposal of all trash from the vehicle. The Report-A-Litterer program was created to remind people that littering is against the law.

When the information is received on a certain vehicle, it will be sent to the Fairfax County Police Department who will send a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle. This letter will be advisory and will not result in any punitive action or further investigation. Neither the Fairfax County Police Department nor the Clean Fairfax Council will maintain a record of this as an actual traffic violation.

To see the brochure about the program, visit the Clean Fairfax Council Website at [www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org/](http://www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org/) and click on the link to "Report a Litterer." For more information you may also contact Rosemary Byrne at [cleanfairfax1@aol.com](mailto:cleanfairfax1@aol.com) or call 703-324-5471.

If you witness someone littering from a car, record the following information and mail it within 7 days to this address:

Clean Fairfax Council  
12000 Government Center Pkwy  
Suite 467  
Fairfax, VA 22035

Car \_\_\_\_\_ Truck \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Virginia License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Littering done by :

\_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger

\_\_\_\_\_ Tossed \_\_\_\_\_ Dumped from vehicle

Type of litter: \_\_\_\_\_

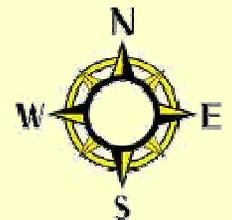
Date of violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Location of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_



## County Offers Mapping Resources

You may not be aware that the Fairfax County Geographic Information Systems and Mapping Service offers excellent mapping and web resources for the Fairfax County area. Here are some of the great websites available to county residents:



- Land Use and Development Page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/landuse/>
- Maps, Facts and Stats Page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aboutfairfax/>
- GIS and Mapping Homepage: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/>
- My Neighborhood – View GIS Data, Political and Service Information for your house or neighborhood: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/default.aspx>
- Land Development Case Information - LDSNet: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>
- DTA Tax Administration Web Site – Property Specific and Assessment Information: <http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/Main/Home.aspx>
- Digital Map Viewer: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/pdfviewer/default.htm>
- Fairfax County Map Gallery: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/gallery.htm>

For More information, contact the Fairfax County GIS and Mapping Services at 703-324-2712.

## CEAN Offers Emergency Alerts Residents Encouraged to Prepare and Register Today



The Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, is a service of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. This powerful service sends registered people real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken, and other important information such as National Weather Service watches and warnings.

CEAN alerts may include personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. In addition, residents may also register for any or all of the additional CEAN alert categories: severe weather 24/7; severe weather 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; severe traffic disruptions and county government closings/schedule changes.

Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones, text pagers, satellite phones and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system.

Businesses can register for CEAN too. A unique feature of business registration is that it allows a business contact to add up to five employees to CEAN. Additionally, business registration keeps employees informed about the emergencies and updates that are most important to their field. Specific messages can be targeted to businesses based on their type and location.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean). For additional information on the CEAN, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

## Police Offer Safety Classes for Women

Fairfax County women, ages 12 and up, are invited to attend classes to learn techniques for keeping safe from sexual assaults. Here are the details:

### Sexual Assault Free & Empowered (SAFE)

September 16, 18, 23 and 25  
are 6:15 pm until 9:30 pm  
Riverside Elementary School  
8410 Old Mount Vernon Road  
Alexandria, Virginia

Registrants are expected to attend each of the four classes, which will be taught by Fairfax County police officers. Attendees learn physical defense techniques and crime prevention strategies that will help women overcome and handle fear. A combination of classroom instruction is followed by hands-on training.

SAFE Classes are also held each month, free of charge, at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly. A female guardian must accompany those between the ages of 12 and 17. No men are permitted to be present during a class.

For more information, class dates or to register for SAFE classes, call 703-246-7806.

# Board of Supervisors Announces New Initiative to Address Home Foreclosures in Fairfax County.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has authorized a new initiative to address the foreclosures within the county. It is anticipated that the total number of foreclosures in the county in 2008 will far exceed the number of foreclosures in the county in 2007.

The initiative is a three-pronged approach designed to address the current foreclosure problem and help stabilize impacted neighborhoods while increasing the opportunities for additional workforce housing. These approaches include: Assistance to Homeowners in Distress, the Silver Lining Initiative and Neighborhood Preservation Efforts.

**Assistance to Homeowners in Distress:** Foreclosure specialists from the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other county agencies and nonprofits will coordinate efforts with the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to counsel households at risk of foreclosure in Fairfax County.

**Silver Lining Initiative:** Through a federally funded Home Equity Loan Program (HELP) shared equity loan, HCD will assist first-time homebuyers to purchase a foreclosed home.

## **Neighborhood Preservation Efforts:**

To assist in maintaining home values in communities with foreclosed properties, the county will use a variety of tools including Direct Strategic Purchase and Neighborhood Appearance and Safety.

Using Direct Strategic Purchase, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) will purchase up to 10 foreclosed homes identified as abandoned, deteriorated or a destabilizing force on the neighborhood. The home will be rehabilitated and resold to first-time homebuyers or a nonprofit organization.

Neighborhood Appearance and Safety is achieved by using the existing Home Improvement Loan (HILP) program for low-cost loans to current homeowners, the county will assist homeowners in maintaining and preserving the appearance and safety of their neighborhoods.

**If you are a homeowner in foreclosure, a renter living in a property in foreclosure or you want to complain about vacant or foreclosed properties please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711, for help on weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm.**

## Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday, October 4

County residents will have an opportunity to dispose responsibly of household hazardous waste this October at the McLean Governmental Center. In order to take advantage of this service, residents will need to show proof of residency (e.g. utility bill or driver's license).



Details:  
Saturday, October 4  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
McLean Governmental Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road  
McLean, VA

Examples of what to bring: acids, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, TV sets, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, mercury products, oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals and rechargeable batteries (no automobile batteries). Automobile batteries may be taken to one of the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facilities at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA) or the I-95 Landfill Complex (9850 Furnace Road, Fairfax, VA).

For more information please visit the county website for the Solid Waste Management Program at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling) or call 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

## Police Explorer Post Has Room for a Few More

Do you know someone 14 to 20 years old and considering a career in the exciting and challenging field of law enforcement? Nationally-recognized Fairfax County Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1742 invites them to discover opportunities to develop leadership skills and real world experience as they lend a hand to on-duty police officers. Two upcoming informational meetings will introduce them to this unique, hands-on program and how they can get involved.

Exploring provides young people with outstanding opportunities to learn and practice some of the same skills that officers use on a daily basis like fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

Post 1742 members compete locally and nationally to demonstrate the police skills they've acquired. This year's team placed second in the U.S. for bomb threat response and one Explorer placed tenth in the nation in the 9mm shooting competition at the National Explorer Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado.

All interested young adults, parents and friends are encouraged to attend these informational sessions:

### September 22

7 pm – 9 pm  
FCPD Headquarters  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

### September 29

7 pm – 9 pm  
South County Govt. Center  
Room 221C  
8350 Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22309

Call 703-246-4311 for more information about the Fairfax County Police Department Explorer program.



## Participate in Fairfax County's Annual

# RECYCLING ROADSHOW

In commemoration of America Recycles Day 2008, the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program, Clean Fairfax Council and Students Against Global Abuse have teamed with local governments and recyclers in the community to bring you the 7th annual Recycling Roadshow.

Saturday, October 25  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Herndon High School  
700 Bennett Street  
Herndon, VA

This year we are accepting ...

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Eyeglasses
- Bicycles
- Gently Worn Shoes
- Clean, Working Microwaves
- Rechargeable Batteries (excluding automobile batteries)
- Clean Bed sheets, Pillowcases and Towels
- Personal Documents (to be shredded on-site in a mobile paper shredder)
- Used Sewing Machines
- Books, Audio Books, CDs, DVDs and VHS Tapes

All materials will be accepted free of charge, with the exception of CRT computer monitors. A donation of \$10 is requested to offset environmental management costs. Additionally, a \$10 donation per bicycle is requested to help defray shipping and repair costs.

Financial and in-kind donations to these organizations are tax deductible and tax deductible receipts will be provided by the collecting organization whenever possible.

For more information contact the Fairfax County Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230, TTY 711, or visit us online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling).

### 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.

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

# Emergency Flood Recovery Information Available Online

With the heavy rains experienced lately Fairfax County residents are encouraged to visit the Fairfax County Web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/recover](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/recover), for information on recovering after a flood emergency.

Residents also are advised to follow some general safety tips after a flood, including:

- Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
  - Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company.
  - Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
  - Use extreme caution when entering buildings; there may be hidden damage, particularly in foundations.
  - Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems as soon as possible. Damaged sewage systems are serious health hazards.

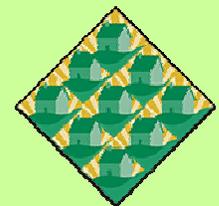


For more information, residents can call the Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line at 703-817-7771, TTY 711, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Green Pages

### McLean Hunt Estates is Fairfax County's First "Cool Neighborhood"

A year ago, Fairfax County began an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050. Congratulations to McLean Hunt Estates for becoming the County's first official Cool Neighborhood. Rekha Nadkarni, a resident of McLean Hunt Estates, and a group of her neighbors worked with the County and Sierra Club to create the "Cool Neighborhoods" program, hoping to generate awareness and involvement among individuals. "We wanted to have an impact on the larger community, perhaps by setting an example here," said Susan Bartram, President of McLean Hunt Estates Citizens Association.



To qualify as a Cool Neighborhood, at least 20 percent of the households must either reduce their carbon emissions by 2 percent annually or have a carbon footprint 80 percent or less of the County average for homes with the same number of people. McLean Hunt Estates has 60 households.

The participating households are reducing the amounts of water, gasoline and electricity used by adopting measures such as installing new insulation and windows that allow for less heat transfer, replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent versions, buying energy-efficient Energy Star appliances, combining driving errands and reducing air conditioning and heating use.

Simple steps like these can contribute to cutting green house gas emissions, and any neighborhood can participate. Information on the Cool Neighborhoods program can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/environment/coolcounties/neighborhoods/coolneighborhoodstools.htm>.