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Dranesville Dispatch

Dear Dranesville Residents:

Welcome to the fall 2009 edition of the Dranesville Dispatch.

As we enter the fall, about 170,000 students are heading back to the Fairfax County Public Schools. It is up to all of us to ensure their safety as they travel to and from school. This is a good time to remind ourselves and family members who are new drivers, to be especially careful and watch for students as they wait for and board their buses or walk to school. We all need to stop when buses are loading and unloading students. We all need to be extra careful as we drive through residential communities before school starts and after it lets out. Because the Schools have had to deal with significant budget challenges, there are fewer bus stops this year. As a result, more children will be walking longer distances to bus stops and more will be walking to school. Pedestrian and bicycle safety is always important. With the increased traffic that comes in the fall and the return to school, we need to be especially vigilant and careful for our children's sake.

As discussed in this edition of the Dispatch, many good things continue to happen in the Dranesville District and much progress is being made on pedestrian safety and access, minor road improvements, public infrastructure and in many other areas. However, portions of the District continue to be adversely impacted by construction of two of VDOT's Megaprojects, the HOT Lanes and the Dulles Rail project. There have been more dramatic changes to the landscape around our main roadways and more changes are planned. While both projects promise long term transportation benefits, in the short term they are creating additional congestion and adversely impacting the beauty of our community. My office meets regularly with the project managers for HOT Lanes and Dulles Rail to address constituent concerns and discuss each stage of construction. While we cannot make the construction process painless, we are attempting to mitigate the short term and long term impacts as best we can. In addition to focusing on congestion and noise impacts during construction, plans are being developed for reforestation of the construction areas during the final stages of the projects.

The County will face another difficult budget year in 2010. In preparation for next year's budget cycle, I have reconvened the Dranesville District Budget Task Force. The task force is comprised of community leaders who will work with me to examine every aspect of the budget. I will continue to pursue the right balance between meeting the demands for essential services and protecting the taxpayers in this very difficult time.

Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the many social events sponsored by our schools and community groups. Activities of special interest include: an open house at the "Carbon Neutral House" recently constructed in McLean; the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade; the Runnymede Park *NatureFest* 2009; and, the McLean Project for the Arts *MPAartfest*. You can read about these and other upcoming community events in this edition of the Dispatch.

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@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



Speak Out on Pedestrian and Trail Issues in McLean *Public Encouraged to Fill Out Online Survey*

The McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Task Force would like your opinions about pedestrian and trail safety in the McLean area.

On July 14 the McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Task Force held a public meeting to present preliminary findings, answer questions and obtain feedback from members of the community. As part of the outreach effort, the Task Force prepared a survey to collect the opinions of the McLean community on issues relating to pedestrian trail and bicycle safety. The survey is available as an interactive on-line survey or as a pdf file to download and print from the Dranesville District website at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/pedestrian_bicycle_taskforce.htm. The public is encouraged to participate.

Also available on this website is the presentation made at the July 14 meeting as well as the preliminary recommendations of the Task Force's working committees.

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust appointed the McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force in the late summer of 2008 to study the McLean downtown Community Business Center and access to it and make recommendations for how they can become safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Task Force, chaired by Doug Potts, has been meeting monthly since September of last year and has examined nearly every street in downtown McLean. Feedback from the community will be incorporated into the final report, scheduled to be presented to Supervisor Foust this October.

For more information please contact Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by email at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Pedestrian, Bicycle and Minor Road Improvements Coming to Dranesville District



Dranesville Supervisor John Foust announced that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the funding of over twenty intersection, pedestrian, and bicycle projects in the Dranesville District on July 13. These improvements are in addition to several recently completed projects and several projects previously funded and scheduled for completion this summer or fall.

In selecting these projects, Supervisor Foust received input from numerous constituents, Dranesville homeowner associations and civic organizations, the McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force, as well as the Dranesville representative to the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

Close to 150 potential projects were identified and considered. From that list, Supervisor Foust asked the County Department of Transportation staff to evaluate approximately 40 projects from a cost and construction feasibility standpoint. Following County staff's review, the projects to be funded were selected.

Supervisor Foust will be vetting and refining several of these projects with well-publicized community meetings. Some of the projects are subject to obtaining easements from private property owners. Most of the projects will be funded from Fairfax County's Commercial and Industrial Tax revenues.

For more information please contact Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by email at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

RECENTLY COMPLETED

Seneca Road and Georgetown Pike

Installed crossing signal and pedestrian crosswalks.



New signal at Seneca Road and Georgetown Pike.

Riverbend Road and Georgetown Pike

Installed crossing signal.



New signal at Riverbend Road and Georgetown Pike.

Beverly and Fleetwood

Constructed raised concrete median on Beverly Road on North Bound and South Bound approach.

SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION THIS YEAR

Dolley Madison Blvd and Great Falls Street/Lewinsville Road and Balls Hill Road

Install crosswalks and pedestrian signals and complete missing trail segment on Lewinsville Road from Dolley Madison to Balls Hill.

Route 7 and Dranesville Road

Add signalized crosswalks on west leg of Route 7 and south leg of Dranesville. Add curb ramps, sidewalk and signage.

Route 7 and Magarity Road

Install or upgrade pedestrian ramps, including across Lisle Avenue. Upgrade existing crosswalk across Leesburg Pike and upgrade pedestrian signals.

Bridge over Clarks Branch, Great Falls

Construct a pedestrian, bike and equestrian bridge over Clarks Branch.

Georgetown Pike

Construct walkway from Applewood Lane to Ad Hoc Road.

Georgetown Pike

Upgrade trail in front of Great Falls Library.

Walker Road

Add Right Turn Lane and sidewalk From south bound Walker Road to west bound Georgetown Pike and signal modifications.

Walker Road

Construct sidewalk from Great Falls Elementary School to just north of Georgetown Pike.

UNDER DESIGN OR SOON TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Westmoreland Road

Complete missing sidewalk links on west side of Westmoreland Street from Haycock Road to Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, fronting Haycock Elementary School extending around northwest corner of Haycock Road to western edge of school property to connect with existing trail.

Turner Avenue

Install sidewalk along east side of Turner Avenue from Williamsburg Pond Court to Haycock Road.

Route 7 and Baron Cameron Avenue

Install pedestrian improvements.

Lewinsville Road

Install pedestrian safety median and bike lanes on Lewinsville Road in front of Spring Hill Elementary School.

Spring Hill Road

Construct street-side walkway on east side of Spring Hill Road from Old Dominion to Petit Court. (Pending easement)

Spring Hill Road (Bull Neck Stream Park)

Complete interior trail east of Spring Hill Road behind residences, along stream valley from Old Dominion to Spring Hill Recreation Center.

Walker Road

Add right turn lane from south bound Walker to west bound Georgetown Pike and pedestrian improvements.

Clemjontri Park

Construct approximately 20 new parking spaces and a scenic pull-off on Georgetown Pike across from the park. Improve pedestrian crossing.

Browns Mill Road

Trail to complete link from Victoria Farms to Difficult Run. (Activity suspended because of easement difficulties.)

Lewinsville Bridge over Capital Beltway

As part of HOT Lanes construction project, a new bridge over the beltway will have 5 foot sidewalks on both sides, 5 foot bicycle lanes between curb and travel lanes. Sidewalk and bike lanes will be continued to Scott's Run Road inside the beltway and to Snow Meadow Lane and Timberly Drive outside the beltway.

Towlston Road

Add left turn lane on north-bound Towlston Road to west-bound Route 7 (Leesburg Pike).

FUTURE PLANNED VDOT STREAM BRIDGE PROJECTS

(Scope subject to change with eye toward cost reduction)

Old Chesterbrook Road over Pimmit Run - Preliminary Engineering Underway

Build new culvert, bridge and pedestrian crosswalk .

Leigh Mill Road Bridge over Difficult Run – Preliminary Engineering Underway

Superstructure replacement.

Beach Mill Road Bridge over Nichols Branch – Not Started

Footprint replacement within existing right-of-way

Towlston Road Bridge over Rocky Run Bridge Replacement – Preliminary Engineering Underway

Footprint replacement within existing right-of-way

Walker Road Bridge over Piney Run – Not Started

Footprint replacement within existing right-of-way

Beulah Road Bridge over Wolf Trap Run – Preliminary Engineering Underway

Footprint replacement within existing right of way

FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Pedestrian Bridge over Dulles Toll Road at Trap Road

Construct 10 foot wide bicycle and pedestrian trail along Trap Road, beginning near entrance to Barns of Wolf Trap property continuing north with bridge over Dulles Toll Road, with trail ending just beyond Wolf Trap National Park. (Funding obtained for design.)

NEWLY-FUNDED

Westmoreland Street

Add sidewalk along north side of Westmoreland between the bridge over Saucy Branch and property of Redeemer Church.

Ingleside Avenue and Dolley Madison Avenue

Improve intersection and possible pedestrian improvements.

Old Chesterbrook Road at Westmoreland

Add a median island to help safe pedestrian crossing.

Colvin Run and Route 7

Install ADA compliant pedestrian crossing for cross-county trail, including crossing signals and crosswalk.

Walker Road

Install traffic calming features, crosswalk and access lanes at business district intersections south of Georgetown Pike.

Fleetwood Road

Add bike route signage from Elm Street to Chain Bridge Road.

Kurtz Road and Calder Road

Add bike lane between Dolley Madison Blvd. and Calder Road, and then on Calder Road between Kurtz Road and Brawner Street.

River Bend Road and Beech Mill Road

Add "Share the Road" signs on River Bend Road from Old Dominion Drive to Beech Mill Road and on Beech Mill Road from River Bend Road to the County Line via Brockman Lane – a distance of 7.8 miles.

Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive

Install pedestrian crossing lights at all four corners of Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive.

Dolley Madison Blvd and Churchill Road

Add pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps on south and east legs.

Georgetown Pike and Balls Hill Road

Add crosswalks, pedestrian signals and curb ramps on north and east legs.

Great Falls Street

Add pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps on east leg of Great Falls Street from Grande Lane to Haycock Road.

Leesburg Pike and Lewinsville Road

Add crosswalks, pedestrian signals and curb ramps on north and east legs.

Lewinsville Road

Connect missing link in existing trail along McLean Hundred frontage on Lewinsville Road at curve on Lewinsville Road between Altamira Court and Woodside Drive.

Lewinsville Road

Complete trail on south side Lewinsville between Snow Meadow Lane and Elsinore Avenue, and Scotts Run Road and Windy Hill Rd.

Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue

Install pedestrian crossing lights at all four corners.

Powhatan Street

Improve pedestrian access on Powhatan Street between Orland and Overbrook Street.

Raymond Avenue

Improve pedestrian access on Raymond Avenue approaching Churchill School.

Announcements

Virginia Prohibits Texting By Drivers

The Commonwealth of Virginia has instituted a ban on sending or reading text messages and e-mails while driving. The ban, effective July 1, cites texting drivers only after being stopped by police for another reason, such as running a red light. It carries a \$20 fine for the first offense and a \$50 penalty for subsequent violations.



Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New President, Marcia S. Twomey

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) welcomed a new President, Marcia S. Twomey, on August 3, 2009.

Ms. Twomey's previous position was with the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation (NMCGRF). No stranger to the McLean community, she has been a GMCC member with the NMCGRF and Vinson Hall for the past 11 years.

Marcia will work with the GMCC fulfilling its mission to provide professional development, networking, and facilitation of business opportunities among members while reaching out to a larger audience for the benefit of the business community, local non-profits, and the general public. GMCC partners with and supports local non-profits that benefit the community at large. GMCC operates the McLean Visitors Center from its offices at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road in McLean.



GREATER McLEAN CHAMBER of COMMERCE

NatureFest 2009

Runnymede Park Celebrates Nature

Explore various nature stations throughout the park including Reptiles, Archeology, Sugarland Run Watershed, Forest Habitats, Bats! with the "BAT CAVE," Animal Artifacts, Play "Oh Deer" & "Nature's Web" & much, much more! Enjoy fourteen stations which lead you through the park that include hands on activities, educational events, wildlife visitors and arts. Investigate live animals, entertainment, crafts, food, and fun for the whole family! Satellite parking will be available.

Sunday, September 20

1 pm - 5 pm

Runnymede Park

Herndon Parkway between Elden Street and Dranesville Road



This event is co-sponsored by The Friends of Runnymede Park and Herndon Parks and Recreation Department.

If you would like to volunteer please contact The Friends of Runnymede at friendsofrp@yahoo.com.

Parking availability:

Park along Herndon Parkway (space is limited; we encourage carpooling). Bike or walk if you live nearby. Ride the shuttle bus from the satellite parking at the Herndon Police Station, about 1/2 mile south of the park at 397 Herndon Parkway.

Town Hall Meetings: What to Expect this Flu Season



The Fairfax County Health Department will host a series of town hall meetings throughout the month of September. These community wide events were organized in response to the ongoing pandemic to better prepare residents for the 2009/2010 flu season. These town hall style meetings will give residents the opportunity to ask any flu-related questions they may have.

“I look forward to meeting with residents to discuss this important topic,” said Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D., M.P.H., Fairfax County Director of Health. “Our goal is to ensure that residents understand how influenza is transmitted and what they can do to protect themselves and others from catching the flu and limit its spread within our community.”

Dr. Addo-Ayensu will begin each meeting with a brief presentation before taking questions from the public. Residents will learn about the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic including individual and community influenza prevention strategies, seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine distribution and availability, and how to plan and prepare for the flu season.

The Dranesville District meeting was held on September 1. Dr. Addo-Ayensu is holding additional meetings open to all at the following dates and locations:

<p>Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. Braddock District Kings Park Library 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Hunter Mill District North County Governmental Center 2000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston</p>	<p>Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Sully District Sully District Governmental Center 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly</p>
<p>Friday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. Mount Vernon District Mount Vernon Govt. Center 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria</p>	<p>Friday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Mason District Mason District Governmental Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Lee District Franconia Governmental Center 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria</p>

Information on seasonal and pandemic influenza and guidance for residents are available through the county’s web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu. For information about the town hall meetings visit the Health Department’s web page: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/town-hall-meetings.htm, or call 703-246-2411, TTY 703-591-6435.

Fairfax County FY 2011 Budget Community Dialogues

Fairfax County invites you to attend one of 12 Community Dialogues being held this Fall to share your feedback on the impacts of recent budget reductions as well as seeking solutions to close the budget gap in the coming year. County decision-makers will use your input as a key factor to help guide the development of criteria for making budget decisions.

Meeting times and locations:

<p>Tuesday, September 29, 7 to 9 pm McLean Community Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 14, 7 to 9 pm Marshall High School Cafeteria South County High School Cafeteria</p>	<p>Thursday, October 29, 7 to 9 pm South Lakes High School Cafeteria Woodson High School Cafeteria</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 30, 7 to 9 pm West Springfield High School Cafeteria</p>	<p>Saturday, October 24, 10 am to noon Centreville Regional Library Reston Regional Library John Marshall Library</p>	<p>Saturday November 14, 10 am to noon Kings Park Library Sherwood Regional Library George Mason Regional Library</p>

If you are unable to attend one of these community dialogues, Fairfax County still wants to hear from you. If you have suggestions or comments, please call the Budget Hotline at 703-324-9400 or complete the Budget Feedback Form online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget.

MPAartfest Connects Art and Community

This October 4, MPAartfest will transform McLean Central Park into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 40 juried artists. Attendees can purchase paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs, jewelry and other fine crafts at prices that will fit any art lover's budget. Artists will keep 100 percent of the proceeds from the sales of their works.

Event details:

October 4 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 McLean Central Park
 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.
 McLean, VA 22102



MPAartfest, presented by McLean Project for the Arts (MPA), includes activities to captivate art-lovers of all ages. Stroll through the Children's ArtWalk, sponsored by McLean Citizens Foundation, to experience the work of young artists from McLean area schools. Budding artists may create their own works of art at the Children's ArtTent, coordinated by New Dominion Women's Club. The Gazebo Stage will feature a variety of live performances throughout the day and visitors can treat themselves to a delicious selection of refreshments from local restaurants. In the event of inclement weather, MPAartfest will move to the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

Admission to MPAartfest is free, but a donation of \$5 is greatly appreciated and will benefit MPA's exhibitions and education programs. For more information, visit www.mpaart.org or call McLean Project for the Arts at 703-790-1953.

Grants Available Through Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program

Fairfax County announces a funding opportunity for selected projects through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP).

The program aims to:

- Promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods.
- Enhance neighborhood appearance.
- Encourage or create a culture of engagement
- Build and nurture community leadership within a neighborhood.

A total of \$100,000 in grant funding is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. Through a competitive process, awards up to \$5,000 will be made on a one-time basis to selected projects. Eligible organizations may submit applications for multiple projects, but can only receive one award. Applicants who previously have been awarded funds through the NEPP also are eligible to apply; however, preference will be given to new applicants.

The application is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/admin/cm/Solicitations.htm>. Applications must be submitted by 2 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Pre-application workshops will be held:

Tuesday, Sept. 22 6 p.m. - Meeting Rooms 1-2, Pohick Regional Library , 6450 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke.	Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. - Rooms 221 A and B, South County Center , 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. - Training Room 305, Falls Church Human Services Center , 6245 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.	Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7p.m. - Room 4900, Sully District Governmental Center , Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

Applying organizations must be either a nonprofit association, a recreational association, or an organization not controlled in whole or in part by any church or sectarian society. Applicants also must possess a valid Business Tax ID number; however, a 501(c) 3 certification is not required.

A portion of the award funds will be reserved for emerging community groups. Applicants claiming the emerging status must include a statement of need and/or other applicable evidence that the group was previously non-existent or non-functioning. Groups claiming emerging status may receive a maximum of \$2,000.

For questions and more information about the [NEPP](#), contact Rachel Robinson at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.

Used Book Sale at Fairfax County Public Libraries

Several branches of the Fairfax County Public Library will be holding used book sales this fall. Locations in the Dranesville area are:

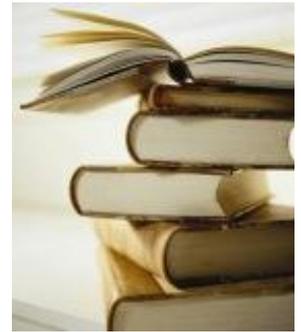
Saturday, October 3
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library
7484 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA
703-790-8088

Sale conducted by Friends of the Tysons-
Pimmit Regional Library

Saturday - Sunday, October 17 - 18
Patrick Henry Library
101 Maple Avenue East
Vienna, VA
703-938-0405

Sale conducted by Friends of the Patrick
Henry Library

Friday - Saturday, October 23 - 24
Great Falls Library
9830 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA
703-757-8560
Sale conducted by Friends of the Great Falls Library



For more information or for locations of other used book sale locations contact the Fairfax County Public Library at 703-324-8319 or visit librarynews@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Herndon High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 3

The 2009 Herndon High School Homecoming Parade will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 9:30 am. The parade follows Eldon Street through historic Herndon. This year's theme is "Children's Playtime" with floats depicting board games. The parade will feature the Herndon High School Marching Band, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, floats and more. Children and pets are welcome. For more information call (703) 810-2200 or www.visitherndon.com.





Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps Needs Volunteers

Are you willing to help your community during a public health emergency? Here is an opportunity!

The Fairfax County Health Department, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, is recruiting volunteers for the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). To date, approximately 3,600 medical and non-medical volunteers have signed up and are receiving training on emergency preparedness and response.

The all-volunteer MRC is designed to augment the capacity of the public health system in response to large scale events related to bioterrorism or natural, widespread epidemics. During a public health emergency, MRC volunteers will staff dispensing sites where vaccinations or medications will be provided to the county's 1.2 million residents, usually at a local high school. To accomplish this, many volunteers are needed. Despite the name of the program, the majority of the volunteers needed for the Medical Reserve Corps are individuals without a medical background.

Especially needed are seasoned, experienced managers to fill MRC leadership positions, including Incident Coordinator, Deputy Incident Coordinator, Branch director, Logistics Section Chiefs, and Safety Officers. All volunteers will receive the necessary training to fulfill their responsibilities.

Representatives of the Fairfax MRC are available to present information about the program and Fairfax County's public health emergency response plan to community organizations. To request a presentation, please contact Dianne Quebral, MRC Coordinator, via e-mail at Dianne.Quebral@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling on 703-246-8641, TTY 703-591-6435.

Those wishing to volunteer may register directly online at www.fairfaxmrc.org, or by calling 703-246-8641, TTY 703-591-6435.

Fairfax County Awards Town of Herndon Resident for Environmental Excellence

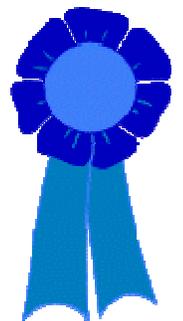
Fairfax County announced that Fairfax County employee and **Town of Herndon resident, Carl Sivertsen**, will receive the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Award for County Employees. Each year the awards are given in each of three categories: Business, County Employee and County Resident.

Carl Sivertsen, an Environmental Health Specialist III with the Fairfax County Health Department, has been recognized for his dedication, leadership and enthusiasm in providing outreach on disease-carrying insect and other environmental health issues. In his efforts to reduce the number and severity of cases of insect-borne diseases, he has created within the Health Department an enthusiasm for public health and outreach that can, perhaps, best be described as infectious. During the eligibility period for the 2009 award, he organized and participated in over two dozen outreach events, including the organization, coordination and implementation of the Health Department's 2008 presentation at Celebrate Fairfax. He also performed approximately 300 site visits addressing complaints and did so in an efficient and effective manner, solving 98% of his cases within a 72-hour period.

The Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards were established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2000 to recognize County residents, organizations, businesses and county employees who unselfishly dedicate time, energy and expertise for the betterment of the environment in support of countywide environmental goals and initiatives. The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) administers and judges the awards.

The awards were presented at the September 14 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

For more information, call the Fairfax County environmental coordinator at 703-324-1788, TTY 711.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Honors the Department of Community and Recreation Services for 50 Years of Service



During the regular Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, July 13, 2009, the Board honored the Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) for 50 years of service to county residents.

CRS was originally created to connect people and communities through programs, community outreach and special initiatives that address our communities' needs.

More than 20 representatives of businesses, community organizations, and other county agencies were on hand to congratulate CRS. These volunteer representatives included Fairfax County Athletic Council, Police Department, Partnership for Youth, Therapeutic Recreation Services Advisory Council, Fairfax County SPARC, Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Area Office on Aging, Computer Clubhouse Technology Council, Office of Partnerships to name only a few.

“The Board of Supervisors recognizes the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) for its 50th anniversary. CRS provides services, programs and activities that strengthen communities, responds to challenges, and encourage hands-on learning opportunities,” said Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisor. “CRS has a long and distinguished history of supporting the county’s most vulnerable populations by ensuring they have the opportunity to improve their quality of life and be successful and productive.”

The Board also recognized CRS for building community leadership and promoting engagement by involving thousands of community volunteers who help communities connect, develop and group.

For more information, please contact, the agency’s Public Information representative, Patricia McClenic, at 703-324-5641, TTY 711.

The Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance

A Dance for Everyone!

Colvin Run Schoolhouse is now home to weekly dances every Tuesday night, sponsored by the Colvin Run Citizens' Association, and hosted by Ed Cottrell and Gail Crum. The school house venue features a very large air-conditioned dance hall with a delightful floating wood dance floor.

Attendees can dance to a variety of DJ'd contemporary and classic dance music, including West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Hustle, Shag, Latin, Country Western Two-Step, plus requests.

Each month will feature a 1-hour beginner level lesson series from 7:00 to 8:00, followed by dancing from 8:00 to 10:30. The cost is a \$10.00 cover charge that includes a lesson, dancing and refreshments.



Date/Time:

Every Tuesday Night

Lessons at 7:00 pm

Dance at 8:00 pm

Location:

The Historic Colvin Run Schoolhouse

10201 Colvin Run Road

Great Falls, VA 22066

10 minutes west of Tysons Corner off Route 7

For additional information contact Ed Cottrell at edcottrell@macp.org or 703-435-5620 or Gail Crum at gailcrums@aol.com or 703-450-6539. For directions visit www.colvinrun.org.

New Lights at Herndon Middle School Fields

Supervisor Foust is pleased to announce that the County's Community and Recreation Department has funded twelve new lights for the Herndon Middle School athletic fields. Eight will light the baseball field and four will light the football/soccer field during evening games and practices. The old lights were in great need of replacement. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the Town of Herndon staff have worked together this summer on the permit process and construction has begun. Supervisor Foust is pleased that the County, FCPS and the Town of Herndon have successfully worked together with the community to help the youth sports organizations, bringing improvements to some of the busiest fields in Herndon.



Restored McFadden House Opens in McLean Business District

An aging residential property once described as “an eyesore” on Ingleside Avenue in McLean reopened on July 28 as a revitalized building housing a satellite real estate office. The opening ceremony was attended by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Sharon Bulova, Dranesville District Supervisor, John Foust, Former Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn and the owners of the property, Frank and Lyn McFadden.

With commercial properties on three sides, but zoned for residential use, the property was granted a zoning exception by Supervisor Foust after neighbors agreed to the new low-intensity commercial use. Driving the decision was the owner's agreement to dramatically improve the condition of the building exterior and to limit the intensity of use at the property.



Supervisor Foust makes remarks at ribbon-cutting ceremony for the McFadden House.

Service Awards to be Given to Three Great Falls Residents

The Fairfax County Park Authority has named eight recipients for the Special Recognition awards and three for the Elly Doyle Park Service award recipients, including three residents of Great Falls. Recipients will be honored in November for their volunteer efforts at parks around Fairfax County.

Serena Wilson and **Eleanor Anderson** were recognized for their contributions to Riverbend Park and **Richard Thorpe** was recognized for his work at Colvin Run Mill. Great Falls was the only community to have three residents selected.

Serena Wilson worked on increasing the membership and funding to Friends of Riverbend Park. Wilson also nurses injured animals back to health as a certified wildlife rehabilitator.

Eleanor Anderson selected plants for the Friends of Riverbend Park annual native plant sale. She also is very active with the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA), of which she is a board member and past president. Through the GFCA, Anderson has helped to organize invasive plant removals at Riverbend and Turner Farm parks, as well as stream cleanups along Pond Branch and Difficult Run.

Richard Thorpe contributed his carpentry skills to create a working model of the mill's water wheel, used to educate park visitors on the operation of the mill, as well as exhibit cases, brochure racks, and wooden plaques. Thorpe was also named as Colvin Run Mill's 2009 site volunteer of the year.

Carbon Neutral House Opens in McLean

One of the first "carbon neutral" houses in the United States has been constructed in McLean. The project showcases a new approach to development whereby more efficient building design, innovative technology and smart locations can be combined to reduce carbon emissions, the leading source of Green House Gases. Development of the Carbon Neutral House is a partnership between McLean based WEST*GROUP and Arlington based GreenSpur, Inc.

The site for the house was chosen because of its walkable proximity to the amenities of downtown McLean and its proximity to Metro bus service. The Craftsman Style house was designed by Cunningham Quill Architects of Washington and includes a geothermal system for heating and cooling, a solar hot water system, and photovoltaic panels to generate electricity. The walls and roof of the house utilize Structural Integrated Panels (SIPS) which conserve timber by using significantly less dimensional lumber. SIPS construction also produces significantly higher levels of insulation. The house is projected to use 80% less energy per square foot than a comparable new home. The house also uses water saving plumbing fixtures and appliances, and rainwater will be stored to use for outdoor landscaping. The Carbon Neutral House is built on a site where a 1950 home had stood, with about 97% of the materials from that house and its site improvements, recycled or reused in the new house.

Working with McLean based non-profit, Charity Works, WEST*GROUP engaged the region's leading interior designers to decorate and furnish the "GreenHouse" using sustainable, environmentally responsible resources. Nationally acclaimed designer Barry Dixon chaired the Design Committee, and Philip Cousteau, President and Co-Founder of Azure Worldwide, also advised Charity Works to enhance the educational impact of the project.

WEST*GROUP will broaden the educational impact of the project by opening the house to the public from October 10 through October 30. Proceeds from the open house will benefit the McLean Project for the Arts; the Friendship School, a Charter School located in the District of Columbia; the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund; and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.



Helpful Information

Child Safety Seat Inspection Schedule Changes at McLean Governmental Center

The McLean District Police Department has announced that child safety seat inspections will now be conducted on one Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. The location for inspections is:

McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road
McLean, VA 22101



The schedule of Saturdays for the remainder of 2009 is: October 3, November 14, December 12

The police department wants to emphasize that this is an inspection of child safety seats -- not an assembly. Your seat needs to be removed from the box and an installation must have already been attempted before an inspection will occur.

Stroller Fit Parent/Child Exercise Class

StrollerFit® is a class for moms, dads or caregivers to exercise with their children aged 6 weeks to 4 years utilizing their stroller as a portable fitness machine in addition to resistance tubes and bands, medicine balls, steel weights, aerobic steps and more. The class combines cardio conditioning including aerobics, kick boxing, dancing and more with strength exercises (boot camp style drills, core, yoga) with songs to delight babies and toddlers.

September 15 - December 22

Herndon Community Center,
814 Ferndale, Avenue,
Herndon, VA 20170



The cost of 28 classes in the fall session is \$135 for Town of Herndon Residents and \$169 for non-Town Residents. For more information call 703/787-7300 or visit www.herndon-va.gov.



Back-to-School Safe Driving Reminders

Fairfax County students are back in school and it is important for employees and residents to be cautious while commuting to work and during the day, especially around school buses. Fairfax County Police are asking motorists to consider adding extra time to their schedules to accommodate potential traffic delays and ensure a safe commute.

Officers have set up additional traffic enforcement projects targeting speeding, reckless driving behaviors and unsafe neighborhood cut-through traffic. Motorists will see additional officers in school zones and near school bus stops to help ensure safe loading and unloading of students.

Important safety reminders, include:

- When the lights and stop sign on a school bus are activated, vehicles must stop in both directions, unless they are separated from the bus by a median. Too often, drivers pass a bus while it is loading or unloading children.
- Electronic "Wink-o-Matic" signs are posted at many school zones to remind motorists of reduced speed limits during school opening and closing times.
- Motorists should pay special attention to increased numbers of pedestrians on streets and sidewalks, as parents often accompany children to school in the early morning hours. To date in 2009, 10 pedestrians have been struck and killed in Fairfax County.
- Watch for and follow the direction of crossing guards and safety patrols.
- Before making a right turn at a red light, motorists must stop, look for oncoming cars and pedestrians and then, only when conditions permit, make the turn.

Information provided by the Police Department's Public Information Office and the Mount Vernon District Station's September 2009 newsletter.

National Night Out

Outdoor Security Lighting Helps Prevent Crime

The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC), the Fairfax County Police Department, and the National Association of Town Watch promoted the use of outdoor security lights to prevent crime, by successfully sponsoring another National Night Out on August 4. Neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out with block parties and by encouraging residents to keep their outdoor security lights on all night.

“Lights on during NNO signifies unity of a community against crime,” says MPO W. M. Brock, crime prevention officer, Fairfax County Police, Sully District.

Those concerned about the cost of the security lights can note these energy-saving tips for outdoor security lighting:

- Install a lamp post with a low-cost photoelectric sensor that will turn on the light automatically when the sun sets and off when the sun rises. If applicable, use a compact fluorescent or light-emitting diode (LED) light bulb.
- Connect timers to porch and door lights. Adjust them seasonally to coordinate with night hours. A time clock system can turn lights on inside and out at different times to confuse thieves.
- Install spotlights with energy-saving compact fluorescent spotlight bulbs on house corners under eaves. (Avoid shining them in neighbors’ windows.) Lights with motion detectors will turn lights on when an uninvited person or hungry deer intrudes on the property.
- Solar-powered garden lights use photovoltaics to convert sunlight into energy to illuminate bulbs. Solar lights need just a small battery every year.
- A property owner may ask NOVEC to install a dark-sky friendly security light on an existing power pole on his or her private property. The installation is free, but the Co-op charges a small monthly fee for the light. Dark-sky friendly lights illuminate areas where safety, security, and visibility are needed, but they do not aim light into the sky.

NOVEC works with community developers, counties, and the Virginia Department of Transportation to install cobra head, colonial, and decorative street lights.

For more information on street lighting for security, visit <http://www.novec.com/page.cfm?id=147> or contact NOVEC’s distribution engineering department at 703-754-6750 or toll-free at 1-888-335-0500, ext. 6750, or via e-mail at disteng@novec.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Take Time for Preparedness During September



Get involved with the Fairfax County Citizen Corps to help be better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds.

September 2009 marks the sixth annual National Preparedness Month. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management encourages county residents to become better prepared for all types of emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management suggests a simple four-step process for residents to prepare themselves, their communities and their businesses for naturally occurring or man-made emergencies.

- Get an emergency supply kit. When assembling a kit for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.
- Make a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.
- Be informed about the types of emergencies that can happen where you live. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. Be informed about the potential emergencies that could happen to you.
- Get involved in preparing your community. Get involved with the Fairfax County Citizen Corps to help be better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds.

Information also is available online from the Ready campaign at www.ready.gov and www.listo.gov (Spanish) and by calling toll-free, 1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO.

Emergency management professionals are available to give presentations on emergency preparedness to homeowners associations, civic groups, businesses, faith communities and other organizations. To schedule a presentation, or for more information about emergency preparedness, call the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 571-350-1000, TTY 711.

Vehicle Larcenies Lead to Home Burglaries

Several communities in Dranesville have experienced an increase in larcenies from vehicles. Items such as GPS units, cellular phones, Ipods, laptops, purses, cash and garage door openers have been taken. Garage door openers were used to gain entry into several homes after the occupants had left.

These burglaries are of particular concern. Fairfax County Police ask that you review the following list of suggestions that have proven to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

- Lock the doors and close the windows of all vehicles parked in front of or on your property.
- Remove or secure the garage door remote control and any spare keys to your home or vehicles.
- Remove all valuables from the inside of your vehicle.
- Lock all of the exterior doors and windows as well as the entry door from the garage into your home.
- If your neighbor's garage door is open for an extended period of time and you do not see them around try to call them or knock on their door to let them know.



Report all suspicious people immediately by calling 703-691-2131.

Spotlight on Non-Profits and Human Services

Staying Ahead of the Game with Safety Awareness

For Families, Friends and Care Givers of Older Adults

The Columbia Baptist and NorthStar - Churches on Mission Group Partnership is offering a free seminar/exhibits to provide information to those who care for or know of an older adult who may not be aware of emergency preparedness and other safety concerns.

October 3, 2009

9:00 am - 12:00 p m

103 W. Columbia St
Falls Church, VA 22046



Please RSVP by September 25th to 703-534-5740 x288
Refreshments available.

Speakers and topics include: Mike Ryan “Emergency Preparedness”, Thomas Lambiase “Ready, Pack, Go”, Kristi Cahoon “Financial Stability”

Reasonable ADA accommodations will be made for any event upon request. Call Columbia Baptist/Northstar at 703-534-5740 x288 for more information.

Volunteers Needed to Help Residents of Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Help residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities advocate for their rights, resolve conflicts and improve their quality of life. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers who can commit a minimum of four hours a week for one year. Volunteers set their own schedules with visits usually occurring between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. Volunteers receive training and continuing support.

Call 703-324-5861 or 703-324-5422; TTY 703-449-1186, e-mail lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/litombudsman. Apply now to attend the three-day annual training in September.

Find out why so many of our volunteers say, “I receive so much more than I give!”

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Ombudsman Program serves the City of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William and all towns and cities within these jurisdictions. The program is part of the Department of Family Services’ Fairfax Area Agency on Aging.

Fairfax County Presents: Ten Free Seminars for Family Caregivers



Fairfax County has announced the Free Seminars for Family Caregivers series with 10 events this fall to help family caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities throughout the county. Speakers include experts in law, care management, finances and community resources.

People are welcome to attend one or all of the seminars.

Making Life Easier: Gadgets, Gizmos and Home Modifications

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Braddock Glen ADHC
4027B Olley Lane
Fairfax, VA 22032

Behavior as Communication in Alzheimer's Disease

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009
1-3 p.m.
Sherwood Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Legal Tools for Caregivers

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Hollin Hall Senior Center
1500 Shenandoah Road
Alexandria, VA 22308

Financial Issues for Caregivers

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Centreville Regional Library
14200 St. Germain Dr.
Centreville, VA 20121

Behavior as Communication in Alzheimer's Disease

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Alzheimer's Family Day Center
2812 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031

Long Distance Caregiving

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Little River Glen Senior Center
4001 Barker Court
Fairfax, VA 22032
Flu shots will be available from 5-7 p.m. at this location.

Navigating the Medicaid Maze: Waivers, Eligibility and Documentation

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009
Noon – 2 p.m.
Sully Governmental Center
4900 Stonecroft Blvd.
Chantilly, VA 20151

Managing the Emotions of Caregiving

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Oakton Library
10304 Lynnhaven Place
Oakton, VA 22124

Money Management Tips for Family Caregivers

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009
7-9 p.m.
City of Fairfax Regional Library
10360 North Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Does Mom Really Need to Move?

Explore housing alternatives for your loved one.
Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009
7-9 p.m.
Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center
4710 N. Chambliss St.
Alexandria, VA 22312

For more information, to register, or to request reasonable accommodations go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa, e-mail care-giver@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5205, TTY 703-449-1186.

The Fall Free Seminars for Family Caregivers series implements the Fairfax 50+ Action Plan directive to “support caregivers so that they can continue giving.”

For more information on services for older adults, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa.
or www.seniornavigator.org.