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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the summer 2010 edition of the Dranesville Dispatch.

I wish you and your family a fun and safe summer. I hope you will take full advantage of the wonderful and varied activities that we have available right here in Dranesville, many of them are free of charge, such as outdoor concerts and our wonderful parks. You can learn about the concerts, farmers markets, and upcoming community events in this newsletter.

Recently, the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2011 budget. Despite over \$90 million in cuts for the second year in a row, the budget maintains critical services, is sensitive to taxpayer concerns, and protects the quality of life for Fairfax residents. In this edition of the Dispatch you can read a summary of the adopted budget.

Even the most casual observer will recognize that there is much happening in Fairfax County, including the Dranesville District. After more than five years of study, analysis and community input, next Tuesday, June 22, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the County’s Comprehensive Plan for future development of Tysons Corner. In this edition of the Dispatch, you can read about the Tysons plan, the current status of the Dulles Rail project and our efforts to have noise walls constructed along the Connector and Dulles Access Roads, a proposed extension of the Beltway HOT Lanes project, VDOT’s proposal to add dual left turn lanes from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike, a proposal to plan the area at the future Route 28/CIT rail stop as transit oriented development, and many other pending projects that will bring Dranesville residents new and expanded trails, new synthetic turf fields, a new library, a new fire station, relocation and expansion of the Oakcrest School, and expansion of the Vinson Hall retirement community.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on these and any issues affecting you and your communities. And I thank you for the opportunity to represent and serve you.

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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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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Fiscal Year 2011 Fairfax County Budget

Board of Supervisors Adopts Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

On April 27, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). Once again, the poor economy, especially in the real estate market, created many difficult challenges. Projected revenues were down substantially and, because of the sluggish economy, the need for County services is at an all-time high. For the second consecutive year, the adopted budget included over \$90 million in cuts. Total General Fund Disbursements are projected to be \$3.31 billion, a decrease of \$92.2 million compared to the FY2010 Revised Budget Plan. The \$3.31 billion General Fund amount includes a transfer to the Fairfax County Public Schools of \$1.61 billion.

With valuable input and assistance by County staff, the County's non-profit partners, program advocates, and many members of the community, the Board was able to adopt a budget that, despite over \$92 million in reductions from the prior year, maintains critical services, is sensitive to taxpayers, and protects the quality of life in Fairfax County. Much credit goes to our County and School employees who, for the second year in a row, will continue to provide the excellent services Fairfax County is known for without any compensation increases. Our County employees were also helpful during the budget process by contributing many ideas and suggestions for cutting costs without reducing programs and services to County residents. The County Executive and his Department heads also deserve much credit for implementing consolidations and delivery systems that cut the costs of providing services without reducing those services. I especially want to thank the members of my Dranesville District Budget Task Force, chaired by Rip Sullivan. The task force was comprised of community leaders who examined every line of the draft budget and provided excellent ideas for meeting the demands for essential services and protecting the taxpayers.

On the school side, we were able to avoid the drastic program cuts that were originally advertised by the Superintendent, primarily due to more State aid than the Superintendent initially projected and less costs than initially projected that the Schools will be required to pay into the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) in FY2011. Because the Virginia legislature only deferred the obligation to pay the VRS expense, the County transfer to the Schools allowed the Schools to fund the School Board's requested budget and establish a \$45 million balance to pay future VRS requirements.

Some key revenue elements of the FY2011 budget include:

- A real estate tax rate of \$1.09, an increase of 5 cents. Due to the drop in assessments, the average homeowner's tax bill is reduced by \$48.55 from FY2010.
- A one-half cent increase in the rate for the Stormwater Service District. This funding pays for improvements and replacements to aging stormwater infrastructure. Combined with the real estate tax rate, the tax savings for the average homeowner is \$26.93.
- A vehicle registration fee of \$33 per vehicle for most vehicles.

Using a \$21.6 million reserve that the County Executive established through agency and department cost savings realized in FY2009 and FY2010, the Board of Supervisors was able to restore several of the more critical services that were cut in the Advertised Budget. These included restoration of the School Resource Officers in the Middle Schools, mental health and substance abuse programs, Basic Life Support units, the County's hazardous material support unit, additional evening hours at the regional libraries, athletic field maintenance, park maintenance and operations staff, and others. In addition, the Board was able to restore the Fairfax Connector bus services that were originally scheduled to be cut.

Dranesville Project Updates

HOT Lanes Public Information Meeting

On Wednesday, June 9, 2010 Supervisor Foust and Delegate Comstock hosted a public information meeting for the community to hear and respond to representatives of the Virginia Megaprojects, VDOT and Fluor/Transurban about their proposal to extend the HOT Lanes beyond Georgetown Pike.

The current design terminates the HOT Lanes at Old Dominion Bridge where the HOT Lanes, which run on the inside of the Beltway, will taper down from two lanes (in either direction) to one lane and then merge into the general purpose lanes of the Beltway. The new proposal would begin the HOT Lanes on Southbound I-495 shortly after the American Legion Bridge and would extend the HOT Lanes on Northbound I-495 to a taper area just past the George Washington Parkway. Presenters for the proposal stated that the purpose of the proposed design change is to ease multiple merge areas on the Beltway and to channel Maryland commuters off the general purpose Beltway lanes and onto the HOT Lanes thereby relieving Beltway congestion between the American Legion Bridge and Tysons Corner and to also reduce the incidence of cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets.

Supervisor Foust and Delegate Comstock stressed that the proposal is in the “thinking stage” only. They added that significant additional information would be needed and that additional public meetings will be held before any decision could be made.

For further information please contact Supervisor Foust staff aide, Cheryl Patten, at 703-356-0551 or email cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For additional information on the HOTLanes project visit <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/about-megaprojects/i495-hot-lanes/> or contact Steven Titunik, Communications Director for Virginia Megaprojects at Steven.Titunik@VDOT.Virginia.gov or 571-483-2591.



Dulles Rail Project and Noise Walls

As we are all aware, construction of Phase I of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is underway. Phase I will include 5 new passenger stations, four in Tysons Corner and one at Wiehle Avenue in Reston. Passenger service on Phase I is expected to commence in 2013. Phase II of the project, an extension of service to Dulles Airport and Loudoun County, is in the preliminary design stage. Phase II will add three passenger stations in Fairfax County (Reston Parkway, Herndon/Monroe and Route 28/CIT). Passenger service on Phase II is expected to commence in 2017.

The Dulles Rail extension will be built along the Connector Road from Route 66 to Route 123, then along Route 123 to Route 7 in Tysons, to continue along Route 7 to the Dulles Access Road, and then in the median of the Access Road to the Dulles Airport. There are many established residential communities along the Connector Road and the Dulles Access Road. Supervisor Foust is working with other local and state officials as well as a citizens' task force to ensure that noise walls are constructed to mitigate the impact of the rail and traffic on the Connector and the Dulles Access roads. The Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority is managing the Dulles Rail project and has committed to building 3 to 5 miles of new noise walls and repairing 10 miles of existing noise walls along the Dulles Access Road. In the recent state legislative session, Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jim Scott successfully sponsored a budget amendment that requires VDOT to build sound walls adjacent to residential properties along the Connector Road. There are many outstanding issues to be resolved, in particular obtaining funding for the VDOT obligation to build walls, but much progress has been made thanks to the efforts of Senator Howell, Delegate Scott and a dedicated group of concerned residents.

For more information on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, please visit www.dullesmetro.com or call 703- 572-0506. For construction-related emergencies, please call the 24-hour Project Hotline at 877-585-6789.

Tysons Corner

After years of study and community input, the Planning Commission recommended a new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed plan at its meeting on June 22, 2010. A copy of the proposed plan is on the county's web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysonscorner.htm>.

The land use portion of the application is a dramatic improvement over earlier versions of the plan that were under consideration. The Board of Supervisors and County staff are working to determine how the significant infrastructure related to Tysons will be financed. If you wish to speak at the public hearing or submit comments to the Board of Supervisors, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk.

Dominion Substation

In connection with the Dulles Rail project, Dominion Virginia Power has submitted an application to construct a power substation on property adjacent to the West Falls Church rail yard. The property is owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and used as a Metro rail and service yard. Supervisor Foust and his staff are working with the affected community to review the application.

Route 7 Widening (at Georgetown Pike)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has proposed to widen Route 7 for the short distance from Rolling Holly Road to Reston Avenue. Unfortunately, VDOT insists that dual left turn lanes from Route 7 to Georgetown Pike will be included in the project. The Great Falls Citizens Association and the McLean Citizens Association support the widening project but oppose the dual left turn lanes because of the additional cut-through traffic that will use Georgetown Pike, Old Dominion Road and other local roads, and the adverse consequences of the construction on Georgetown Pike to the historical pike. Supervisor Foust, along with Congressman Wolf, Senator Howell and Delegate Comstock, is working with the community to have the dual left turn lanes removed from the project.

Lewinsville Road and Spring Hill Recreation Center

The 2004 Park Authority bond provided funding for a new entrance for the Spring Hill Recreation Center. This will allow the Park Authority to implement its Master Plan to close the upper entrance to the Rec. Center from Artnauman Street. The 2007 Transportation Bond contained funding to construct medians in front of Spring Hill School to improve vehicular and pedestrian access and safety. Supervisor Foust has been working with staff from the Park Authority, County Dept. of Transportation, VDOT, and Fairfax County Public Schools to address concerns raised by the community, including Spring Hill Elementary School representatives.

Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan Changes for the Area Around the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT)

In 2008, Supervisor Foust formed a citizens' task force to review several proposed amendments to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for the Dranesville Magisterial District. Three of the proposed amendments involve land around the CIT property north of Herndon near the intersection of Route 28 with the Dulles Toll Road. A rail station will be constructed in this area as part of Phase II of the Dulles Rail project. The task force and County Planning staff recommended a plan that would increase density at the sites, utilizing transit-oriented development. The Planning Commission voted to recommend the plan to the Board of Supervisors; the Board held a public hearing on May 25, 2010 and will vote on the proposed plan at its July 13th meeting.

Because development in this area will impact Loudoun County and the Town of Herndon, Supervisor Foust and other members of the Fairfax County Board, along with elected officials from Loudoun and Herndon, have been serving on an Interjurisdictional Committee that is working to ensure that all impacts from future development are addressed.

Library to Open in New McLean Location During Dolley Madison Renovations

Fairfax County Public Library will open in a temporary location at 6649-A Old Dominion Drive McLean (McLean Square Shopping Center near Balducci's), on June 28 at 10 a.m. The temporary library will serve the McLean community while Dolley Madison Library undergoes renovation. An official opening ceremony is being planned for July.

The temporary library will have a reduced collection of materials due to space limitations; however, customers can request material from other branches for pick up at the temporary library. Six public computers will be available, five with full Internet access; the facility will also have wireless Internet capability. Self-checkout will be available as well as an area for self-pickup of holds. Seating is limited and programming at the temporary library will be limited.

"Everyone on our staff has missed our great customers during the period we have been closed," said Starr Smith, branch manager of the Dolley Madison Library. "We look forward to reuniting with them in our temporary quarters. The temp space will be small, but will offer the same friendly service and access to the full range of library material while we await completion of the renovation."

When completed in summer 2011, the renovated Dolley Madison Library will include an additional 8,348 square feet, additional parking spaces, multiple meeting rooms with additional capacity, modernized facilities and 24 public access computers. Building design will be based on U.S. Green Building Council design principals (LEED). The renovation is funded through a library bond referendum approved by voters in 2004.

Two Synthetic Turf Fields at Herndon High School This Summer

As a result of Supervisor Foust and his staff working with a coalition of Herndon area youth sports groups, local businesses, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), Community Recreational Services (CRS) and FCPS, Herndon High School will be installing two synthetic turf fields this summer. Last fall, community groups -- Herndon Optimist Club, Herndon Youth Soccer and Herndon High School Sports Boosters -- joined forces with local businessman and Herndon High graduate Arthur Nachman and Supervisor Foust's office, to work out a plan to finance the project. Partial funding was secured by the FCPA in the form of a grant. CRS also provided a grant to the Optimist Club. With that seed money, Mr. Nachman was able to secure a private loan for the community groups to finance the remainder of the funds from local bank Virginia Heritage Bank. FCPS Construction and Design Department had already scheduled Herndon High School to receive new stadium lights this summer, so in the timing of the project, great efficiencies have been realized. FCPS will be managing the project.

The fields will be used by not only the Herndon High School community, but also by the Herndon Optimist football and lacrosse programs and Herndon Youth Soccer. This will be the first time a Fairfax County high school has worked in partnership with the Park Authority to build a turf field. Construction is scheduled to begin soon and, if all work goes as expected, both new fields will be ready by the end of summer, just in time for the fall sports season.

For more information contact Jennifer Boysko, in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at Jennifer.boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Bicycle Crossing Features Installed at Colvin Run Road and Leesburg Pike

Bicycle crossing features have been installed at the intersection of Colvin Run Road and Leesburg Pike at the point the Fairfax County Cross County Trail intersects Route 7. These changes include a button bicyclists can press to request a green light for Colvin Run Road bicycle traffic. In addition, signs alerting drivers to the approaching bicycle crossing have been installed ahead of the crossing on the east and west approaches on Leesburg Pike.

These changes are an interim measure to help bicyclists using the Cross County Trail safely cross this busy intersection. The longer term solution is the planned installation of a fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant pedestrian crosswalk. That project, currently in the preliminary design phase, will add a signalized pedestrian crosswalk connecting to bus stop improvements on both sides of Route 7, extended turn lanes and a large retaining wall on the south side of Route 7. This project has been approved and the completion date is currently estimated to be summer 2011.

For more information contact Julie Ide at the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711, or by email at Julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Bull Neck Run Stream Valley Trail

This summer the Park Authority will complete a new asphalt trail through the Bull Neck Run Stream Valley which will allow residents to walk between Lewinsville Road and Old Dominion Drive. The new trail connects with the existing pathways within the Spring Hill RECenter complex and through the Bull Neck Run Stream Valley. Drainage pipes will be installed at the base of the soccer fields at the rear of the athletic complex to help create a smooth and dry transition from the RECenter and onto the trail along the tributary. The new trail is a cool and leafy retreat connecting multiple neighborhoods and providing opportunities to enjoy a walk in the woods.

Oakcrest School to Build New School in Vienna

Oakcrest School received unanimous approval from the Board of Supervisors at their March 23 meeting to build a school on a 23 acre parcel near the intersection of Hunter Mill Road and the Dulles Toll Road.

Oakcrest, an independent school for girls grades 6-12, has been at 850 Balls Hill Road in McLean since 2000 and enrolls 175 students.

The new facility will allow the school to grow incrementally to 450 students and will offer expanded recreational opportunities including tennis courts, a softball field, and a soccer field. The school will open with no more than 250 students.



The approval of the school will not change the zoning or Comprehensive Plan language for the property or that of adjoining properties.

The school has agreed to construct a single lane roundabout which Supervisor Foust calls a “critical piece of infrastructure” at the intersection of Hunter Hill Road and Crowell Road.

Traffic estimates predict that the roundabout will not only mitigate the schools traffic impact but will bring a net improvement to the traffic condition at the intersection, even at full enrollment. As part of the approval the school also agreed to employ increasing levels of carpooling, as enrollment increases.

The school expects to open at the new location by the Fall of 2012. Construction will take 14-16 months. For more information, contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-3560-0551 or Benjamin.wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Vinson Hall Expansion Approved

An application by Vinson Hall Corp. to expand its campus was approved on March 23 by the Board of Supervisors.

The 212 bedroom retirement community built in 1969 and located on 17 acres at 6251 Old Dominion Drive, offers independent and assisted living facilities as well as accommodations for residents who suffer from memory loss.

The approved plan will add a 75-80 unit independent facility, a 53,000 square foot commons building and office space, and a three level parking structure with two below ground levels. Most of the development will be on land that now serves as surface parking.



In response to concerns by the Franklin Area Citizens Association (FACA) and the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) over the visual impact of the new construction, Vinson Hall agreed to reduce the size of the development by about 30,000 square feet, sink the parking structure by one floor, and increase the setback of one of the proposed buildings from Old Dominion Drive by about 50 feet. In addition Vinson Hall agreed to augment its landscaping plan with larger trees to reduce the visibility of the project from adjoining properties.

Supervisor Foust noted at the public hearing that the cooperation of the applicant and the work done by FACA and MCA made the project “far more compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods.”

Construction is expected to begin in late 2011 or early 2012 and will take about 16 to 20 months to complete. For more information, contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-3560-0551 or Benjamin.wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov.

McLean Revitalization Corporation Adopts McLean Pedestrian Task Force Implementation

The McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC) has agreed to house the future work of the McLean Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force and begin implementing the recommendations of their report. As a corporation, the MRC will be able to apply for grants, accept money and execute projects. Currently the MRC is involved in undergrounding the overhead utility lines in the McLean Central Business District, as well as putting up bus shelters.

Supervisor 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, examined nearly every street in downtown McLean.

On November 5, 2009 the Task Force presented their final report to Supervisor Foust. The report identifies problems and recommends solutions in the areas of pedestrian and bicycle safety, safe pedestrian access to downtown from community anchors, and design options for increasing safety and walkability.

For more information about the McLean Pedestrian Task Force or the McLean Revitalization Corporation visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/pedestrian_bicycle_taskforce.htm.

McLean to Get New Look at Two Locations

Watch for changes this summer in downtown McLean as two construction projects get underway:

McLean Professional Park

Last year, the Board of Supervisors approved a proffered condition amendment application for McLean Professional Park, a low-rise office park located at 1477 Chain Bridge Road. One condition of the approval required the owners of McLean Professional Park to close the existing entrance and create a new entrance further west from the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Avenue. As part of this relocation, the owners will restripe Chain Bridge Road. The new entrance will create a much safer location than the current entrance as it increases the storage bay length for vehicles turning left onto Ingleside Avenue. In addition, it will alleviate the existing unsafe traffic condition attributed to the short left turn bay for vehicles entering the subject site from Chain Bridge Road.

New landscaping and a brick/concrete sidewalk in accordance with the McLean Design Standards will also be installed. All the work should be done by the end of the summer, weather permitting.

Capitol One Bank

Currently, there is just a big hole in the ground, but eventually the corner of Dolley Madison and Elm Street will see the Capitol One Bank. This project consolidated three lots. The bank will be a one-story brick structure with neoclassical architectural characteristics. The owners agreed to provide substantial landscaping with a 5-foot planting strip next to Dolley Madison and Elm Street with a 5-foot sidewalk and pedestrian concourse at the intersection. Sidewalks will meet the McLean Design Standards. Construction is expected to be finished in October 2010.

The McLean Planning Committee and the McLean Citizens Association supported both projects and were involved in many of the design features. In addition, both developers made contributions to the Dranesville District Walkways Fund that will be used to fund future pedestrian projects in downtown McLean.

New Clarks Branch Bridge Officially Opens

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 Fairfax County officials, Park Authority representatives and visitors to Riverbend Park celebrated the official ribbon cutting opening the new bridge across Clarks Branch. The 90 foot long, 6 foot wide steel structure provides a crossing for pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers. Located in a section of the park more than a mile from a paved road that is home to a globally rare plant community as well as an archaeologically important Native American artifact site, construction of the bridge presented certain challenges. The National Park Service provided \$60,000 to fund an archaeological study and initial feasibility and hydrology studies. The majority of the \$426,069 funding for the three year project was through voter approved Park Bonds in 2006 and 2008.



Supervisor Foust speaking at the dedication of the bridge, with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Sharon Bulova.

Please “Pardon Our Dust!”

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun making improvements to Riverbend Park. Work will include rehabilitation of access roads and parking lots, and related improvements. The project is underway and is scheduled to be completed August 2010. The Fairfax County Park Authority Construction Bond provides funding for these improvements.

Recognitions

Michael Longhi Appointed Auditor to the Board of Supervisors

In Fairfax County, the office of the Auditor to the Board of Supervisors provides the Board with an independent means for determining that policies, programs and resources authorized by the Board are being used consistent with the intent of the Board, and that the usage is consistent with all appropriate statutes, ordinances and directives. The Auditor to the Board is one of only three County employees (the other two are the County Executive and the County Attorney) who are appointed directly by the Board of Supervisors. The Auditor to the Board works with the Board’s Audit Committee which is comprised of four members of the Board of Supervisors and two private citizens. The Board’s Audit Committee is charged with identifying inefficiencies, waste and duplication of effort in County programs, and proposes actions to the Board and County management to correct problems. Supervisor Foust is the Chairman of the Board’s Audit Committee.

After twelve years of outstanding service to the County, John Adair recently retired from the position of Auditor to the Board. After a nationwide search for his replacement, the Board of Supervisors appointed Michael Longhi to the position of Auditor to the Board of Supervisors effective July 12, 2010. Mr. Longhi is currently serving as the Deputy Treasurer in the Arlington County Treasurer’s Office. During the budget negotiations for Fiscal Year 2011, Supervisor Foust proposed that Board members reduce their individual office budgets and use the savings to fund an additional position on the Auditor to the Board’s staff. The Board adopted the proposal.

Alfred Odrick Homesite Park Opens

The Alfred Odrick Homesite Park, a new cultural resources park owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority, was dedicated at a ceremony on Saturday, May 1, 2010 in McLean, VA. An interpretive marker was unveiled during the event, held at the homesite located on the south side of Lewinsville Road between Hardison Lane and Stoney Point Court.

Alfred Odrick, a slave who belonged to the Coleman family of Dranesville, was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. Following the Civil War, Odrick traveled to Chicago and worked as a carpenter. He returned to the Dranesville area, and in 1872, along with his wife, Anna Maria, purchased 30 acres of land near today's Lewinsville and Spring Hill Roads for \$450.



He cleared and farmed the land and built a log cabin that he soon replaced with a large, comfortable house for his family of six. Mr. Odrick was instrumental in the construction of Odrick School, a one-room schoolhouse built on land next to his property in 1879. The school closed in 1954 and was later demolished. Charity Baptist Church occupies the site today. Many of Mr. Odrick's descendants settled in homes surrounding his, and thus, the name Odrick's Corner was born. Odrick's Corner became a thriving neighborhood of African Americans. Alfred Odrick's home was destroyed by fire sometime between 1947 and 1956.

During a review of an application to build 10 homes on the south side of Lewinsville Road, Fairfax County Park Authority staff discovered that the site contained the ruins (cellar and foundation) of Mr. Odrick's home and therefore, had historic significance. The findings were important because, with the exception of Gum Springs, no post-bellum black archeological sites have been located in Fairfax County.

The developer agreed to donate land to the County for park purposes and contribute \$1,000 for an interpretive sign. The Lewinsville Coalition contributed \$500 toward the marker costs.

"On behalf of Fairfax County it is a great honor to dedicate this tribute to Alfred Odrick, a man of courage, purpose, and vision," said Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. "In the aftermath of the Civil War he dedicated his life to enriching the educational and economic opportunities for the African-American community here in Dranesville, and set an example for the rest of the County. It is a fitting tribute to his legacy that we are gathered here today."

For more information, contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at jane.edmondson@fairfaxcounty.gov.

MCA Presents Teen Character Awards

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) awarded eight teens from McLean with a Teen Character Award for demonstrating outstanding character. The honors were given out at McLean Day on May 15 by Supervisor John Foust, School Board member Jane Strauss and MCA president Rob Jackson. These teens have, on their own and without compensation, helped out in their neighborhood or communities and were recognized not only for themselves, but as an example to others.

This year's recipients are:

Brendan Battle (McLean High School): For volunteering at Sunday lunches at So Others May Eat for the past six months.

Sebastian Brana (McLean High School): For volunteering at So Others May Eat for the past six months.

Eliza Campbell (Langley High School): For volunteering at a local ballet school.

Zach Harker (Flint Hill School): For volunteering at Wolf Trap Farm Park, aiding staff with maintenance of the physical facilities and supporting the music program by helping performers.

Lilynaz Hashemi (The Bullis School): For volunteering with children with speech disabilities and occupational therapy needs at the Treatment and Learning Center in Rockville.

Victoria Haviland (Longfellow Middle School): For volunteering with a summer hosting program wherein children from an orphanage in Siberia visit the United States.

Sam Mayman (Langley High School): For volunteering with two different Swim clubs as lane coach with the Hamlet Swim Team and at Nadar Por Vida.

Keyan Momeni (McLean High School): For being a consistent companion for his grandmother who lives alone in a senior housing community in Centreville.

Cantor Michael Shochet and Tanveer Mirza named Dranesville's 2010 Lord and Lady Fairfax

Each year the members of the Board of Supervisors name extraordinary community leaders and volunteers from their districts as Lord and Lady Fairfax. In choosing the Dranesville nominees this year, Supervisor Foust highlighted the tremendous contributions made by volunteers in the faith community.

As Lord Fairfax, Supervisor Foust nominated Cantor Michael Shochet. Cantor Shochet is the senior Cantor at Rodef Shalom Temple in McLean. As a volunteer, he serves as the Fairfax County Police Department Chaplain Coordinator, Washington Metropolitan Council of Government Chaplain Sub Committee Co-Chair, and the Langley CIA Chaplain. In 2008, Cantor Shochet began working with County agencies to develop a Fairfax County Community Chaplain Program for disasters and major community emergencies. Cantor Shochet is also active in the McLean High School Band program, serves on the Jewish Community Relations Council for Greater Washington DC and is currently leading the Rodef Shalom Haiti Relief Council.

As Lady Fairfax, Supervisor Foust nominated Tanveer Mirza. Ms. Mirza has served on the All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center's Board of Directors for 12 years. She chairs the ADAMS Center Board's Fund Raising Committee and serves on the Board's Interfaith Coordination Committee. Ms. Mirza also serves as the President of FAITH, Inc., a Herndon based non profit that provides support services to victims of domestic violence; develops and promotes community education efforts to reduce incidences of domestic violence; and provides counseling, job training, and financial, food, and medical assistance to people in need. Ms. Mirza has also been an active Girl Scout Troop Leader and an active volunteer in the Forestville Elementary School, Cooper Middle School and Langley High School.

Congratulations to Lord Shochet and Lady Mirza and thank you for all you do for our community.

McLean Giant Changes its Look



Supervisor Foust (third from right) helps cut the golden ribbon to officially re-open the newly renovated McLean Giant, with (left to right) Virginia State Delegate Jim Scott; Giant Food district manager Cipriano Andrade; Store Manager Rick Makely; Mary Anne Cannon, representing Congressman Frank Wolf; Virginia State Delegate Barbara Comstock; Lynn Gulick, chairwoman of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; and Marcia Twomey, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

Dranesville Resident Named Fairfax Federation's Citizen of the Year

Supervisor Foust (far right) with (left to right) Supervisor John Cook, Chairman Sharon Bulova and Governor Bob McDonnell at the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) Awards Banquet held on Sunday, May 2, honoring Dranesville resident Clark Tyler as this year's FCFCA Citizen of the Year.

FCFCA is an Association for the County's Homeowner, Civic, and Community organizations, providing an opportunity to work together on issues that impact all Fairfax County residents.



Announcements

Alden Theatre's Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park Series

This summer, four of the region's best-loved bands will perform in the Alden Theatre's Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park series.

Location:

Gazebo of McLean Central Park
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.
*(Free parking is available at the McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue)*

Schedule (Subject to Change):

Last Train Home

Sunday, June 27, at 5 p.m.

Peter Cooper of The Nashville Tennessean calls Last Train Home "one of the country's most formidable roots-rock bands."

Frontiers: The Journey Tribute-"Don't Stop Believing!"

Sunday, July 11, at 5 p.m.

Frontiers vocalist Jeremy Hunsicker was briefly tapped as a replacement vocalist for Journey in 2007.

Afro Bop Alliance

Sunday, July 18, at 5 p.m.

The Latin Grammy Award-Winning Afro-Cuban jazz septet

Difficult Run Jazz Band

Sunday, July 25, at 5 p.m.

DRJB is dedicated to preserving the sounds of the Swing Era, while presenting the unique, high-energy style embodied in contemporary Big Band jazz.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org .



McLean Centennial Celebration: Remembering Our Roots

Saturday, June 26

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean
Free Admission



McLean is turning 100 and everyone is invited to an anniversary event on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Former Governor and Senator Charles Robb will act as Honorary Chair and Former Delegate Vince Callahan will be the Master of Ceremonies for the festivities.

The event features displays of old photos and memorabilia, a 40-foot map of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad, guest speakers, a calliope, games and other attractions that pertain to the year 1910. A large, modern replica of the 1934 entrance sign to the McLean Carnival will lead people into the Center. The McLean Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with antique trucks and activities for kids. The event is sponsored by McLean/Great Falls Celebrate Virginia in consultation with the McLean Historical Society.

Long-time McLean residents who have photos, historical items or memories of early McLean to share, are encouraged to contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223, for more information.

Community Day 2010

“Creating a Healthy Community”

Community Day 2010 brings the community together in the Herndon/Reston area of Fairfax County for a day of celebrating who we are and all that we have in common. The hope is that this community event will build strong ties and foster lasting relationships among community residents, schools, county agencies, private non-profits, businesses and the faith community.

Resource/information tables will highlight county and community programs. Attend this free event and enjoy musical performances, dance and other entertainment along with refreshments for all.

Event details:

Saturday, June 19
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Alabama Drive Park
1100 Alabama Drive
Herndon, VA

If you have questions regarding the event or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Wangin Bang at 703-324-8514 or Michelle Gregory at 703-787-4990.

Great Falls Village Centre Summer Concerts on the Green 2010

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

Event details:

Sundays 6-8 p.m.
Georgetown Pike & Walker Rd
Great Falls, VA 22066



This summer's line-up of entertainment:

| Date | Performer | Sponsor |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| June 20 | Daryl Davis | Newcomers of Great Falls and Great Falls Optimists |
| June 27 | The Shields Brothers | Great Falls Friends and Dominion Title Corp. |
| July 11 | Craven Dogs | The Old Brogue and Katies Coffee |
| July 18 | The Smallwood Brothers | Maison Du Vin |
| July 25 | Tom Principato | Bob Nelson, Realtor |
| August 1 | Hamburger James | Jan and Dan Laytham of Long and Foster Relators |
| August 8 | Two Car Living Room | True Ventures and Argy, Wiltse, & Robinson, P.C |

For more information please contact the Village Centre Property Manager at gfcca@aol.com

Herndon Garden Tour

The 6th annual self-guided Herndon Garden Tour, featuring six elegant gardens at Herndon homes, will be held on Sunday, June 27 between noon and 4 p.m.

Admission is \$10 when purchased in advance or \$15 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available in advance at the Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn St. and the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center, 717 Lynn Street. Tickets are available the day of the Garden Tour at participating gardens and at the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center.

This event is sponsored by the Cultivating Community Initiative, a program designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and build community spirit. All programs are developed through the input of resident volunteers.

Herndon Friday Night Live!

On the Herndon Town Green

Come celebrate summer with the most popular outdoor concert series in the D.C. Area.

Friday Night Live! is a FREE outdoor concert series on the town green in Herndon. Hear great bands and enjoy your summer at the 16th Season of Friday Night Live!

Location:

Herndon Town Green
777 Lynn Street, Herndon VA

Entertainment Line-up:

June 18 Dr FU + Backseat Betties
June 25 Kristen & the Noise
July 2 Hyjinx + The Shields Brothers
July 9 JunkFood + The Cheaters
July 16 Love Seed Mama Jump
July 23 The Reagan Years
July 30 Burnt Sienna
August 6 Gonzo's Nose
August 13 B2B

Friday Night Live is presented by
Volkswagen Group of America

Sorry - No Pets Allowed

Event hotline: (703) 481-6133

Call for weather and other updates.

For more information visit www.herndonrocks.com



Let Us Entertain You:

Free Outdoor Events at McLean Civic Place Green

The Palladium at McLean's Civic Place Green Committee, in cooperation with surrounding communities and the McLean Revitalization Corporation, is continuing its art and music events at its fountain area at the corner of Laughlin and Lowell Avenues. Come grab a light meal, beverage, or fine dessert and enjoy live outdoor entertainment with family and guests in the heart of downtown McLean.

Palladium Civic Place Green
1445 Laughlin Avenue
McLean

Woven Green

Folk Rock

Saturday, June 19 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Billy T's Time Machine

Rock, Blues, and Country

Saturday, June 26 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Marshall Maley Band

Local Jazz Talent

Saturday, July 3 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Seekers

Soft Rock

Saturday, July 10 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Woven Green

Folk Rock

Saturday, July 17 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Project Natale

Jazz Trio

Saturday, July 24 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Folsom Prisoners

Country

Saturday, July 31 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Rick Thompson

Jazz Quartet

Saturday, August 7 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

No Better Off

Alternative Rock

Saturday, August 14 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dulcie Taylor

Local Wammie Winner from McLean, Folk and Blues

Saturday, August 21 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Grandsons

Local Wammie Winners, Mixed Rock

Saturday, August 28 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Celebrated Trees of Fairfax County

Fairfax County is looking for a few good trees. 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.

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 is 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).



Nomination Criteria

- Only trees in Fairfax County may be nominated.
- Only native and stably naturalized (non-native) species of trees may be nominated. Nominators do not need to identify a tree species in order to submit a nomination, but trees will not be accepted if they don't meet this criteria. For a list of invasive species, visit the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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.

Great Trees of Dranesville

In celebration of Arbor Day and to publicize Fairfax County's Remarkable Tree Program, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax County Tree Commission member for Dranesville Robert Vickers visited three Virginia State Champion Trees growing in the Dranesville District. The Remarkable Tree Program is part of a statewide effort designed to draw attention to some very special trees and to encourage citizens to appreciate, protect and preserve our tree canopy.

Three of the sixteen State Champion Trees, so identified because they are the largest of their species, are providing shade right here in Dranesville. These include a pitch pine with a circumference of nearly 10 feet on private property in McLean, a European larch with a circumference of about 9 feet at the Potomac School, and an enormous American elm with a circumference of almost 20 feet on Nature Conservancy property in Great Falls.

For more information about the Big Tree program please visit their new web site: <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/4h/bigtree>

Helpful Information

Calendar of Fairfax County Recycling and Trash Events

June 26**Document shredding**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Twain Middle School
4700 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

June 27**Electric Sunday TV and
Computer Recycling Event**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
I-66 Transfer Station
4618 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

July 7**Business Hazardous Waste
Clean-up Day for Conditionally
Exempt Small Quantity Generators**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
I-66 Transfer Station, Hazardous Waste Site
4618 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

July 24**Document shredding**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Langley High School
6520 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22101

July 25**Electric Sunday TV and Computer Recycling**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
I-95 Landfill Complex
9850 Furnace Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Aug. 2**Document shredding**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Springfield District Office
Springfield Government Center
6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA 22152

Aug. 22**Electric Sunday TV and
Computer Recycling Event**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
I-66 Transfer Station
4618 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

For scheduling updates, including cancellation notification of events, please call 703-324-5052, TTY 711.

VDOT's Volunteer Mowing Program

Last year the budget cuts to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) impacted many aspects of street maintenance in Fairfax County. One direct result was a less frequent mowing schedule for roadside grass. Now, with warm weather here, we can expect increased concerns about the tall grass on the VDOT maintained roadsides of Dranesville.

Fortunately, VDOT now has developed a program to issue mowing permits to private citizens, businesses and homeowner associations. Organizations or individuals may now become Volunteer Mowers.

For a detailed description of how to become a VDOT Volunteer Mower visit the VDOT Volunteer Mower website at http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/volunteer_mowing.asp.

For more information contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at Julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Farmers Markets Open for the Season

Area farmers markets are now open until fall. The Markets offer a wide variety of freshly picked fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers. There are also fresh eggs, baked goods, honey and cider to purchase. Milk and cheese products, along with a wide array of meat products, round out the edible delights. If gardening is an interest, many vendors have small plants at the beginning of the season, while other vendors have larger landscape plants for those ambitious projects.

Farmers Markets in and around Dranesville:

Wednesdays

Vienna/Oakton Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon
Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road

Frying Pan Farmers Market, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
2709 West Ox Road, in front of Frying Pan Country Store

Thursdays

Herndon Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon
Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, next to Red Caboose

Fridays

McLean Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

Saturdays

Reston Farmers Market, 8:00 am - Noon
Lake Anne Village Center off North Shore Drive

Great Falls Farmers Market, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Great Falls Village Centre, Walker Road and Georgetown Pike

Are You and Your Community Prepared for a Disaster?

Disasters and emergencies can affect anyone at anytime. Do you have the plans and supplies in place to help you withstand the first three to five days after a disaster?

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management suggests three steps that each individual and family should take to prepare for an emergency:

Make a Plan – Determine how you will contact your family, and get back together, if you are separated during an emergency. Be sure to identify what you will do in various situations. More information is available at www.ReadyVirginia.gov and www.MakeaPlan.org.

Assemble a Kit – An emergency kit should contain basic supplies to help you withstand a disaster. It's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.

Stay Informed – The most convenient way to stay up-to-date about local emergencies is to register for the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN), which delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major emergency, in addition to regular weather and traffic alerts. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean.

Additional information regarding emergency preparedness can be viewed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/prepare and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency.

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management is available to deliver emergency preparedness presentations to community organizations and homeowners associations. If interested, contact Marcelo Ferreira at 571-350-1013, TTY 711, or via email at marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Preventing Electrical Fires

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), older homes are at greater risk for electrical fires. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that half of U.S. homes were built before 1973 – before households plugged in computers, high-wattage hair dryers, microwave ovens, and video game boxes.

The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) says faulty wiring is not the only hazard. The Co-op warns that unsafe electrical appliances and devices, and their improper use, can shock or electrocute users if they do not heed safety precautions. NOVEC suggests taking these Electrical Safety Precautions:

- Look for the Underwriters Laboratories label on all electric devices to make sure they meet UL safety standards.
- Keep all electrical devices in good working condition. If a cord is frayed, have an electrician replace it or buy a new device.
- Don't piggyback more than two appliances or devices in one outlet.
- Have a working smoke detector on each floor of the house.
- Make sure all bathrooms and kitchens have ground fault circuit interrupter outlets. GFCIs usually — but not always — detect electrical faults and shut off electricity to the circuit before a device user is seriously harmed.
- Have an electrician inspect an older home's wiring and make a recommendation about installing arc fault circuit interrupters. An AFCI can detect a dangerous condition in a home's wiring and cut off power to the circuit before a fire develops.
- Inspect electrical plate covers. Warm or discolored covers may indicate faulty wiring that might catch on fire.
- To protect small children, have an electrician install tamper-resistant receptacles, which have a built-in shutter system that prevents children from inserting foreign objects into the slots. ESFI says these outlets will prevent most of the 2,400 burns children get each year from outlets.
- Never use an electric hair dryer or curling iron near a wet shower, sink or bathtub or while standing on a wet or damp floor. Keep radios and televisions away as well. If a device falls into water, unplug the device before removing it.
- Unplug hair dryers, curling irons, hot rollers, electric razors, irons, and power tools when not in use.
- To be on the safe side when using electrical devices while standing on concrete, wear rubber-soled shoes that will not conduct electricity.

This information is provided by NOVEC, a not-for-profit corporation that distributes electricity and energy services to approximately 144,000 customers in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, and Clarke counties, and the City of Manassas Park. It is one of the largest electric distribution cooperatives in the nation. For more information, visit www.novec.com or call 703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500.

Human Services

County Hosts Foreclosure Fair & Family Finance Expo: "Cash Counts"

As part of the Northern Virginia CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign, Fairfax County will host the 2010 Foreclosure Fair & Family Finance Expo – “Cash Counts” – on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. This is a free event, but registration is required.

Through partnerships with lenders, personal finance experts, banks, consumer protection agencies, and community-based groups, the expo will enable county residents to access the tools and expertise they need to recover from financial crisis and mortgage distress. HUD-certified counselors will be available to discuss loan modification and housing assistance options, including the newly launched Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives (HAFA) program. The expo will also feature free credit reports, the opportunity to receive \$50 for opening a new bank account, and one-on-one personal finance counseling.

For more information visit <http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=Financial%20Education> or contact Thea Frisby at 703-533-5702; TTY 703-533-5316 or theodorafrisby@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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 visits occur between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays. Volunteers receive training and continuing support.

Apply now to attend the three-day initial training on September 13, 14 and 23. Call 703-324-5861 or 703-324-5422; TTY 703-449-1186 or e-mail lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Ombudsman Program serves the City of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, 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.

Summer Meals Program

Because Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation

The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) is now accepting applications for meal sites for the 2010 Summer Meals Programs for Kids. The Summer Meals Program operates from June 28 through September 3, 2010. A meal site can participate in the program at any time during the program's operating cycle. The Summer Meals Program for kids is open to children and teens up to age 18 and to people over 18 who are mentally or physically disabled.

How does the program work? The meals are delivered to meal sites daily at no charge to the organization serving the meals. Each site can receive up to two meals a day per child. This is an opportunity for organizations to serve the children in their community.

Meal sites must be located in areas where at least 50 percent of the children are qualified for free or reduced-priced school meals, or where at least 50 percent of the children enrolled in a specific program are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. All children – regardless of family income level – can receive a free meal at approved sites.

The Summer Meals Program reaches only a fraction of the children in need. The primary reason for the limited access to the program is that there are not enough meal sites. Your community building or place of faith could become a meal site. Sites are the physical locations where food is served. Sites may be located at schools, community centers, faith-based organizations, parks, apartment complexes, homeless shelters, public or private non-profit summer camps, or local, county or state government agencies.

This is a federally funded program administered nationally by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Meal sites receive free training, technical assistance and assistance with recruiting volunteers to serve the meals. We need your help. Please sign up now. Sites must be approved according to USDA's guidelines.

To become a meal site this summer, organizations need to complete an application form, which can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or to have one mailed to you, please contact Brent Quarles at 703-360-6088, TTY 711 or by e-mail at Brent.Quarles@fairfaxcounty.gov.