



2008 Providence District VolunteerFest®



Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2008 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 25 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's County-wide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The week long 2008 Providence VolunteerFest® projects will kick off at the Fourth Annual Merrifield Festival on October 18 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the Fourth Annual Merrifield Festival. Come and enjoy a day filled with the sights and sounds of Merrifield featuring "A Taste of Merrifield," amusement rides, moon bounce, pumpkin painting, stilt walker, Police K9 and fire truck show and tell, flu shots provided by Inova Health Systems, Inova's bloodmobile, and an Asian History Project booth. New to this year's festival is an interactive environmental booth. The booth will have useful resource materials about the various environmental impacts on our community and what residents can do as caretakers of our environment. Kids are welcome to learn fun things about critters from bugs to turtles! Entry to the Festival is free and will be held rain or shine. Outdoor events will be moved indoors in case of rain.

All projects will take place on October 25th unless indicated otherwise

- **Food Drive** - Supervisor Smyth's office and Food for Others. Non perishable food donations will be received from October 13 - 22 all day at Supervisor Smyth's office at 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax.
- **Children's Winter Clothing Collection** - Fairfax County Public Schools, Providence District School Board Member Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner and Supervisor Smyth. Donations of new hats, scarves and gloves will be accepted from October 14 - October 24 at participating schools in Providence District during school hours and all day at Supervisor Smyth's office from October 13 - October 22.
- **Used Book Sale** - Friends of the Oakton Library - Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Book sale will take place on Friday, October 24 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sunday, October 26 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds to benefit programs at Oakton Library.
- **Child ID** - Delegate Shannon's Office (35th District) - Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton - Child safety, fingerprinting and identification will take place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Fairfax4Horses** - Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton - Information table on future public horseback riding facilities on county parkland from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Mini Golf** - Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - Fairfax County Park Authority will host projects in parks located in Providence District. Park project details are available by calling 703-938-7532, TTY 711.
- **Adopt a Soldier** - James Lee Community Center 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church - kits for soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Event Promotions** - The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church with the October 10th 2008-2009 season opening production of *Rough Crossing*.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2008 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2008 VolunteerFest® Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the Volunteer Fairfax Web site at www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323 or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■