

## Springfield District Report - May 2004

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### Planning Commission Reviews Park Authority Proposal

The Planning Commission reviewed and heard from the public regarding the Fairfax County Park Authority's [proposal for the Popes Head Estates Land Assemblage](#) on May 6. The Planning Commission has deferred their decision to May 13. If approved, the Popes Head Estates Park will provide significant relief from a shortage of rectangular and diamond athletic fields in Fairfax County. With the designation of five recreation zones, a maximum of seven new fields could be built. The Planning Commission meets in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. For further information on Planning Commission meetings, call the Planning Commission Office at 703-324-2865, TTY 703-324-7951 or go to its [website](#).

### Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) Openings

Citizen advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Supervisor McConnell is looking for a Springfield District representative for the following BACs:

- [Human Services Council](#)
- Advisory Social Services Board

If you are interested in serving on any of these BACs, please contact [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691. For further information on the various BACs, see the [BACs Website](#).

### Land Use Committee Approves BJ's Final Development Plan Amendment

The Springfield District Fairfax Center Area Land Use Committee met on Tuesday, May 4 and approved an application to amend the Final Development Plan for BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center. BJ's is proposing to construct a retail gas facility on its site in the parking lot to sell competitively priced gas to its members. The property is located at 13049 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Lane. Tax Map No. 55-2-((4))-4. The Planning Commission public hearing for this application is scheduled for July 21. For further information, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691. For general information on the land use committee and for minutes of past meetings, see the Springfield District Land Use [Website](#).

### Homeowner and Civic Association Contacts – We Need Your Help!

Supervisor McConnell's staff is updating its homeowner and civic association contact information in order to do a better job of keeping you and your fellow association members informed about district and county events. For example, we use these addresses to let you know about public hearings, land use meetings, and community meetings, such as the recent

[Cluster Subdivision Amendments](#) meeting held on April 20. If your association has recently changed officers or you believe we currently do not have the correct information, please let us know so we can update our list. Please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

**Farmers' Markets Open In May**

Every week, spring through fall, nine sites throughout Fairfax County become bustling marketplaces for farmers, residents and employees of our communities. Mere paved surfaces spring alive with the abundant sights, sounds, smells and colors of an open air produce market. The markets offer a wide variety of freshly picked, locally grown fruits, vegetables, baked goods, cut flowers, potted plants, cider and honey. The Farmers' Markets, supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority, open in May at various locations. The Burke Farmers' Market opened May 1 at the VRE Parking Lot at 5671 Roberts Parkway. For further information on opening dates and directions to the various markets, see the [Park Authority's website](#).

**Community Room Available for Non-Profit Groups**

The West Springfield Governmental Center offers not-for-profit community groups the opportunity to reserve (for free) meeting space in the Community Room. All organizations wishing to reserve the Community Room call [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

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