

Springfield District Report - July 2004

A monthly electronic newsletter from the [Fairfax County Springfield District Office](#)
Elaine McConnell, Supervisor

--In honor of the 4th of July, please take a moment to reflect on the following poem,
["Freedom"](#), written by Supervisor Elaine McConnell--

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--Have a safe and happy 4th of July!--

Board Of Supervisors Endorses VDOT's Design Plans for General Access Ramps

At its meeting on June 21, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to endorse VDOT's design plans to provide general access ramps in the future between I-95 and the Franconia-Springfield Parkway, including roadway, trail, signing, striping, stormwater management, and drainage improvements, as presented at the November 19, 2003, public hearing, with conditions. Read the endorsement [here](#). For questions about this decision, contact [Steve Edwards](#), Supervisor McConnell's Chief-Of-Staff at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

The Springfield District Council – Western Fairfax Area – Scheduled To Meet July 14

The inaugural meeting of the Western Fairfax section of the Springfield District Council will meet on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in conference rooms 4 & 5 in the County Government Center. The newly formed citizen group provides an opportunity for its members to discuss issues of relevance to this area as well as to promote communications among the many homeowners and civic associations. Alec Monroe, of Little Rocky Run, is the newly elected Vice-Chair for this group. Supervisor McConnell will also be attending the inaugural meeting. For further information, contact Alec Monroe at AlecTMonroe@aol.com or [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

National Night Out Scheduled for August 3

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event involving citizens, law enforcement officers, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. The goal is to increase drug and crime prevention awareness, create support and participation in anti-crime programs, enhance and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, but most importantly to let criminals know that neighborhoods are fighting back. We hope communities will get involved and acknowledge the night. A community can participate by simply turning their porch lights on to having a social event -- many do ice cream socials or cookouts. Whatever your community chooses to do, the Fairfax County Police District Stations would like to know about it so they can plan to make a visit. If you have

any further questions or your community plans to get involved, please contact the Crime Prevention Officers at your local District Station. They are putting together lists for community visits; if your community is doing something and you have not advised them yet, please do so by July 26. Your local Springfield District Police Station contacts are as follows:

Fair Oaks District Station
Liz Barrington, Crime Prevention Officer
liz.barrington@fairfaxcounty.gov or phone 703-352-2163

Sully District Station
Mary Hulse, Crime Prevention Officer
mary.hulse@fairfaxcounty.gov or phone 703-814-7018

West Springfield District Station
Laura Zambron, Crime Prevention Officer
laura.zambron@fairfaxcounty.gov or phone 703-644-5026

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:

- Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee

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 Meeting Scheduled For August 3

The Springfield District Fairfax Center Land Use Committee will meet in August to review an application for residential townhomes on the south side of Post Forest Drive, east of its intersection with West Ox Rd. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, at 7 p.m. in conference rooms 4 & 5 in the Government Center. For further information on land use committee meetings and minutes of past meetings, see its [website](#). Please note there is no land use meeting scheduled for July. Please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691. See you in August!

Don't Be Mosquito Meat – Use DEET

Now that the 2004 West Nile virus season is here, the Health Department encourages everyone to "Fight the Bite" by using insect repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET when outdoors and mosquitoes are likely to bug you. DEET has been widely studied in the scientific community, but is often misunderstood by the general public. The fact is that insect repellents containing DEET have been proven to be both effective and safe when used in accordance with label instructions. The American Academy of Pediatrics says a DEET concentration of up to 30 percent is safe to use on anyone older than two months of age. To help educate parents and the general public, the Health Department has produced a new DEET fact sheet based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the AAP. These materials are available to read and download online at the [Fight the Bite Web page](#). If you have any questions, give [Carl Sivertsen](#) a BUZZ at 703-246-2338, TTY 703-591-6435.

Volunteers Needed At Fairfax County Juvenile And Domestic Relations District Court

Victim services aides are needed to assist crime victims of juvenile offenders for the Office of Victim Services at the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Volunteers will notify victims of pending hearings, inform victims of their legal rights and provide victims with emotional support. Training and supervision will be provided by the coordinator of this office. A minimum commitment of one four-hour shift per week between 9:30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday through Friday, for six months is required. A background in

law, counseling or social work is helpful but not required. For more information about volunteering, or to request an application, please contact Gwen Robinson, volunteer services coordinator, at 703-246-2697, TTY 703-273-3713, or send email to gwen.robinson@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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 and community meetings. 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.

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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