BBHCA *e*News

APRIL 2010

BBHCA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

May 11, 2010 (Tuesday)

7:30 pm
Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

AGENDA:

Minutes from November Meeting (Vote)
Board and Committee Reports
New Business:

- 2010-2011 Board Elections
- Bush Hill Historical Marker

TOPIC:

Report on Lee District

GUEST SPEAKER:

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay (invited)

To sign up for Supervisor McKay's quarterly electronic newsletter, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/newsletters.htm

Report on Special Meeting Regarding Proposed Changes to Comprehensive Plan

Good news! The developer of Plan nomination 2RH withdrew their proposal on March 18, based on extensive objections raised by BBHCA residents and the Lee District Supervisor's office (also in response to BBHCA objections) and did not present at the March 18 meeting. This was a significant victory for BBHCA. However, residents strongly agreed that we need to learn a great deal more about the details of the current zoning on this property, and what the developer can and cannot do. A future BBHCA meeting will be scheduled with county staff to address this. It is likely that we will want to form a Task Force to pursue issues and options associated with this, and volunteers for that activity will be needed.

A representative for the developer of Plan nomination 1RH presented to more than 50 residents at the March 18 meeting. Following the presentation, Mr. Gill answered numerous detailed questions from BBHCA residents. Residents were generally satisfied with responses, however, most felt that they would not be affected by the development. Therefore it was agreed that BBHCA would defer to the position of the Gunnell Estates HOA (which is within the BBHCA boundaries) on this issue, as those residents will be directly affected by the development.

The area plan review by the Lee District Land Use Committee Task Force was postponed until 12 April.

>> For background information on both proposals, go to
http://www.bbhca.org/Comprehensive_Plan_Change_2010.htm

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Captain Bennett Takes Watch as New Commander of Franconia Police Station

Captain Shawn Bennett has replaced Erin Schaible as Commander of the Franconia District Station. Erin Schaible moved on to become the Commander of the Organized Crime Division for Fairfax County.

In Captain Bennett's first article in the *Focus on Franconia* he states, "I have been a member of the police department since 1989. I have served as a police officer at the Mount Vernon Station, the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, and on the Motor Squad. As a supervisor, I was a sergeant at the Mount Vernon District Station and later the Assistant Commander; at the Operations Support Bureau as a Motor Sergeant and Motor Second Lieutenant; and at the Information Technology Bureau as a First Lieutenant and Captain."

>> For the full article and issue, go online to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter/fra/marchapril20102.pdf.

Child Safety Symposium

Friday, April 9, 7–9 pm
Fair Oaks Church, 4601 West Ox Road

Topics: Internet Safety, Sexting, Stranger Danger, What is Suspicious?, Proactive Safety Efforts, Reactive Safety Efforts

Presenters: Crime Prevention Officer, MPO Sophia Grinnan; Child Abuse Detective, PFC Nicole Christian; and Child Exploitation Detective, MPO J.J. Sorrentino

RSVP to sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov

Police Seek Witnesses to Road Rage Incident

A man was charged with malicious wounding after he allegedly cut another man with a knife during a roadside altercation on Tuesday, April 6. Around 4 p.m. that day, the two men were driving on South Van Dorn Street near Interstate 495. The victim was driving his gold Ford Expedition and came up behind a silver Cadillac CTS. The two drivers became involved in a traffic dispute after one driver perceived he was cut off by the other car. The two pulled to the side of the road on the I-495 ramp.

Both men, 54 years old, exited their vehicles and the driver of the Cadillac reportedly produced a knife and cut the victim twice on the arm. The victim fled the scene and drove himself to a nearby hospital. He was treated for non life-threatening injuries. The suspect, Keith Lewis, 54, of 180 South Van Dorn Street in Alexandria, stayed on scene until police arrived and arrested him. He was charged with malicious wounding and taken to jail.

Anyone who witnessed this incident or has any information is asked to contact Detective Douglas Middlebrooks at 703-922-0894, ext.2233, or Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637, or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Burglary in Lorton

A 21-year-old man was robbed inside his residence on Monday, March 29. Around 9:22 a.m., two men forced their way into a residence in the 7400 block of Pohick Road. Once inside, one of the suspects implied a weapon and held the victim. The other suspect took cash and property and both suspects fled the residence. The first suspect was described as black, in his 20s, and wearing an orange or red hoodie. The second suspect was described as wearing black gloves.

Anyone who can provide additional information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1- 866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES/274637, or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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To subscribe to the *Franconia District Weekly Incident Summary Report* and/or the Franconia District Station's periodic newsletter, *Focus On Franconia*, contact the Crime Prevention Office at fracpo@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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MPO Alice Eggers
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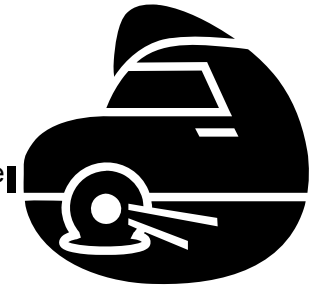
Potholes or Hole in the Road or Tire Buster

http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-potholes.asp



Whatever you want to call it, yes, that too, we have a few doozies in our neighborhood. It appears some have been temporarily patched (?), kind of like a temporary crown waiting for the real thing. According to a full Web page devoted to potholes by the Virginia Department of Transportation (aka VDOT), which has the unforgiving task of filling and fixing every pothole on state maintain roads, they do have the budget and are “working as quickly as possible…” Fortunately, unlike the sods of grass dislodged by the snowplows, the county is not asking its citizens to repair the potholes themselves.

For more than you wanted to know about potholes, including a video and diagram on pothole physics, click on the link above. You can also “swear and tell” by **calling 800-367-7623**, or go on line and calmly fill out a **form** at http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp.

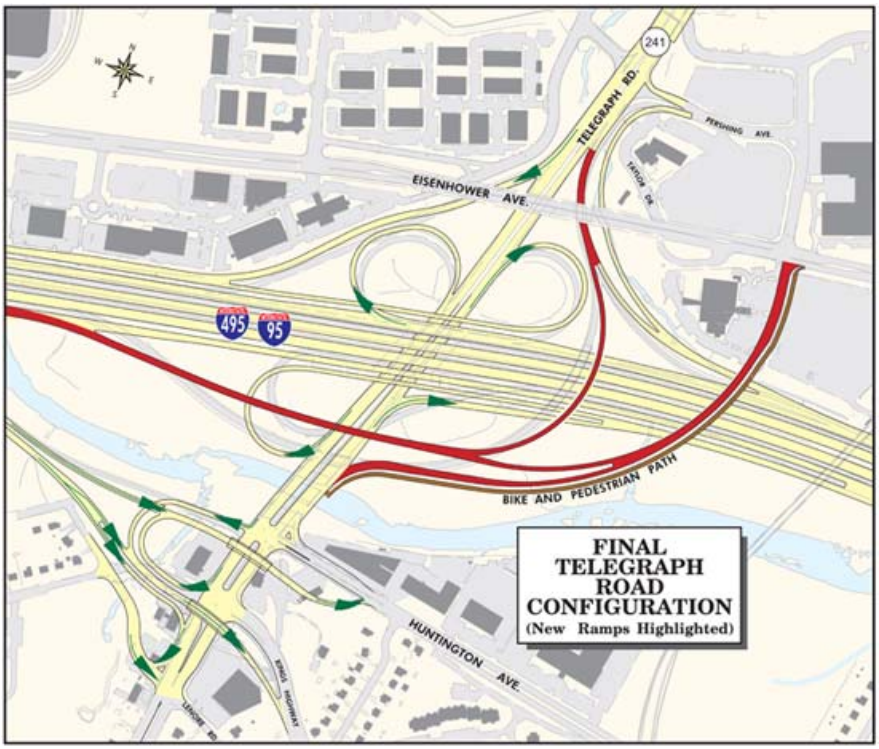
Telegraph Road | Eisenhower Avenue | 95/495

http://www.wilsonbridge.com/index.php/current-and-future-activities/telegraph-road/upcoming-work

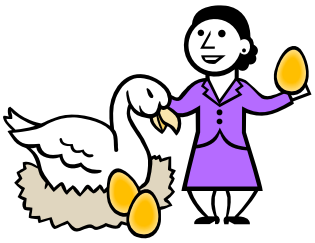
“When construction is complete in Fall 2010, three new ramps (red in the map) will significantly improve traffic flow from:

- Telegraph Road North directly to Eisenhower Avenue
- Capital Beltway Outer Loop (I-95/495 South) to Telegraph Road North
- Outer Loop directly to the Eisenhower Valley”

Until then, as the road signs warn, expect less than optimal conditions. For play by play details, click on the link above.



Wildlife Volunteers Sought to Control Geese



The Fairfax County wildlife management program is seeking interested volunteers to join an effort to help control the growing population of Canada geese across the region. Volunteers will learn to use a safe and humane technique called "addling." Addling is a simple process that was developed by the United States Humane Society that involves applying oil to goose eggs to prevent embryo development. Learn more about the ecology of geese and their behavior, how to locate and identify goose nesting areas and how to addle eggs.

To learn more, attend the hands-on training session at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2/3 on Sunday, April 11, 11:30 am to 1 pm. For more information and to register to attend a training session, please contact Victoria Monroe, the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist, at 703-324-0240 or email Victoria.Monroe@FairfaxCounty.gov.

EVENTS

22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

Saturday, April 10, 9 am – 12 pm
http://www.potomaccleanup.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.shtml

The 2009 Cleanup took place at over 500 sites in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia–all part of the lands, or watershed, that drain into the Potomac. Locations included fields, forests, parking lots and other 'inland' sites, where the trash can be removed before it enters creeks and other waterways.

Town Hall Meeting (Supervisor Jeff McKay and School Board Representative Brad Center)

Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 pm
Franconia Governmental Center, The Helen Wilson Community Room, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdffiles/mckay_center_joint_town_hall.pdf

Earth Day/Arbor Day Event (Recycling Too!)

Saturday, April 24, 11 am - 4 pm
Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/recycling/earthday.pdf

This family fair will feature activities for children, entertainment, food and exhibitors. Document shredding will be available from 9 am - 2 pm only.

Electric Sunday TV and Computer Recycling Event

Sunday, April 25, 10 am - 3 pm
I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/recycling/earthday.pdf

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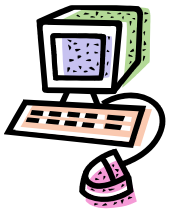

LINKS TO KEEP

Recycling

http://earth911.com/recycling/

Find a recycling center near you for anything from electronics to paper to automotive to construction materials and hazardous waste. “Earth911.com is your one-stop shop for all you need to know about reducing your impact, reusing what you’ve got and recycling your trash. Get involved in our world by checking in for daily news, reading weekly feature stories, surfing product channels and opting into our weekly emails.”

Healthcare Reform

http://www.healthreform.gov/
http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting

Find out what the recently passed health insurance reform bill will mean for you and your family.

HealthGrades

http://www.healthgrades.com/

“HealthGrades (Nasdaq:HGRD) is the leading healthcare ratings organization, providing ratings and profiles of hospitals, nursing homes and physicians to consumers, corporations, health plans and hospitals.”

A report on my physician would cost $12.95. My dentist’s report was free, apparently due to a lack of data, and I was asked to complete a survey, which I did. For a local hospital I had to first select a condition, so I selected heart attack whereupon two hospitals were recommended along with an optional list of all other hospitals in the area. Information about the hospital was provided and reports were free for attending physicians in the full array of specialties. Furthermore, you can request an appointment online. HealthGrades also enables you to research and/or compare nursing homes. The report compares up to 10 facilities for $19.95, and you can view a sample report. However, the “View Details” option does nothing more than list an address.

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