

# BBHCA eNews

APRIL 2011

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## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

**Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 pm**

Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

### AGENDA:

- Minutes from September Meeting (Vote)
- Board and Committee Reports
- BBHCA 2011-12 Board Elections (Vote)
- Old/New Business



**TOPIC:** Working with Contractors

**SPEAKER:** Wil Slaughter, Fairfax Office of Consumer Affairs

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## Nominations Needed for BBHCA Board and Committee Positions

If you have a couple of hours a month, you have an interest in keeping our community a great place to live, and you have been looking for an opportunity to contribute, now's your time! Remember, we are a civic association, *not* a homeowner's association. A civic association works to improve its neighborhood through work by volunteer members.

Nominations are needed for the following positions:

- VP Membership (elected Board position)
- VP Newsletter (elected Board position)
- Secretary (elected Board position)
- BBHCA eNews (appointed committee position)
- BBHCA Web (appointed committee position)
- BBHCA Community Yard Sale (appointed committee position)

**Board Elections will be held during the May 10 meeting.** For more information about BBHCA, we encourage you to take a look at the website at [www.bbhca.org](http://www.bbhca.org).

If you or someone you know is interested in these positions starting with the 2011–2012 year (effective following the May election), please Contact Jeannie Henry at [president@bbhca.org](mailto:president@bbhca.org).

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## T-Mobile Update

On March 16, the Fairfax County Planning Commission heard the T-Mobile 2232 application for the cellular tower on Oakwood Road. The decision on the application was postponed to give County staff time to research whether or not the landowner was in compliance with the terms of a settlement with regard to prior land use violations.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission subsequently approved T-Mobile's application for the tower on Oakwood. However, until the landowner meets the terms of settlement agreed upon with the County, the cell tower cannot be erected.

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## Just Say No To Door To Door Salespersons

*Below is good information on solicitors from my counterpart at the Mt Vernon Station, MPO Greg Kottemann.*

The Police Department has information that a large group of magazine solicitors may be in the area. Generally they are young adults between 18–25 who are brought to the area from out-of-state. The companies that hire them transport them throughout the county by van and drop them off in neighborhoods to sell magazine subscriptions door-to-door. In most cases the subscriptions are not even valid. To solicit door to door in Fairfax County each and every solicitor needs a solicitors license, which most times they do not have.

Soliciting itself may not seem a very serious crime, but it provides the opportunity commit other crimes such as burglary, larceny, destruction of property, and other offenses. Some of these individuals can also be very aggressive and hostile if you aren't interested in "buying" from them.

**Please call 703-691-2131** if you see anyone in your neighborhood soliciting magazines or any other type of items/services. Ask for a patrol officer to be dispatched to the area to check these individuals out. You never know who you could be dealing with so DO NOT confront them yourself.

**Don't depend on someone else to call.**

### Tips to protect against solicitors:

- Make sure all your homes doors are locked at all time—even if you are home or out in the yard.
- Do not answer the door if you do not know who is on the other side—keep it locked.
- Never give out personal information to a stranger. Never share neighbors personal information, habits, family composition or current location with a salesperson.
- Never buy something from a door to door salesperson. Ok....one exception, school boosters or scouts where you *personally* know and recognize the student or scout at your door.
- Never hire a contractor who is going door to door.
- Never invite a door to door solicitor into your home.
- If confronted by a door to door solicitor, first ask for a Fairfax County solicitors license.
- If they do not have one, then tell them you are not interested. If they do have a license, make sure it is valid—then still tell them you are not interested!
- Go inside and call the non-emergency number (703-691-2131). Do *not* tell them you are going to call.

Just because they have qualified and paid for a Fairfax County solicitors license does *not* mean they reputable business person or are selling a real or decent product.

Please help us keep your community safe!

Master Police Officer Jim Reid  
Crime Prevention Officer  
Franconia District Station  
6121 Franconia Road  
Alexandria, VA 22031



## Fairfax County Park Authority's Watershed Clean-up Day

**Saturday, April 9, 9–11:30 am**

Participate with Park Authority staff and county residents in clean-up efforts at a number of sites in Fairfax County:

- Huntley Meadows Park: 703-768-2525
- Lake Accotink Park: 703-569-3464
- Hidden Oaks Nature Center: 703-941-1065
- Frying Pan Farm Park: 703-437-9101
- Sully Historic Site: 703-437-1794
- Hidden Pond Nature Center: 703-451-9588
- Riverbend Visitor Center: 703-759-9018
- Walney Visitor Center: 703-631-0013

For complete details and site information go online to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) or call the appropriate number listed above for the site you are interested in.

## Fairfax County's Annual Earth Day / Arbor Day Celebration

**Saturday, April 16, 9 am-2 pm**

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway

- Secure Document Shredding (8 am to Noon)
- Community Clean-up (9–11 am)
- Urban Forestry Workshops (9–11 am)
- Arbor Day Tree Planting
- Reptiles Alive
- Exhibits, Games, and Fun!

The event will be held rain or shine. For complete details, go online to [www.cleanfairfax.org](http://www.cleanfairfax.org), or call 703-324-5471, TTY 711.

## Eagle Festival at Mason Neck State Park

**Saturday, April 16, 10 am-4 pm**

Join in the spirit of Earth Day with demonstrations, exhibits, live music, and activities for the entire family. Enjoy musical performances, live animal shows, hayrides, food, canoe tours, guided hikes, and educational displays and activities.

Special highlights include Reptiles Alive, the Raptor Conservancy, and Wildlife Ambassadors.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at 703-339-2384, or go to [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/mas.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml).

## 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-up

**Saturday, April 16, 10 am-4 pm**

For 23 years, Fairfax County residents have participated in this regional clean-up effort. Throughout the month of April, you can join us at one of literally dozens of sites in Fairfax County and make a real difference in restoring our local waterways and public lands. To participate, simply go online to [www.potomaccleanup.org](http://www.potomaccleanup.org) to find a scheduled clean-up site near you, or call the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at 703-324-1422, TTY 711.

Source: Earth Day/Arbor Day festivities, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)



## EVENTS

### FAIRFAX FREE RECYCLING EVENTS

- **Document Shredding/Recycling**

**Saturday, April 9**

8 am to 12 noon at Mount Vernon High School

- **Electric Sunday**

**Sunday, April 10**

10 am to 3 pm at the I-66 Transfer Station

For more information, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling), or call the Recycling InfoLine at 703-324-5052.

### Civil War “Both Sides Tour VI”

**Saturday, April 23, 8:00 am – 6:30 pm**

Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA

Start the day with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum. Board a motor coach for the trip to the local Union Fort and then west to meet Jackson and his men as they march from the Shenandoah Valley. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas and then proceed to the nearby Battlefield Visitors Center to view artifacts and information before reliving the battle on the actual site.

Cost: \$100 each, includes bus ride, buffet lunch and a snack card, as well as the entrance fee to the Visitor’s Center. For registration information, call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or e-mail [dhakenson@cox.net](mailto:dhakenson@cox.net).



### Lee District Nights Concert Series

**Wednesdays, June thru August, 7:30 pm**

Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia, VA

Free entertainment! We invite you to enjoy these concerts with your family and friends! Free cookies, plus dog biscuits and water for canines. Concerts cancelled if raining. If bad weather threatens, please call 703-324-SHOW (7469) after 6 pm.

Click on the links below for more information on each artist.

### JUNE

- 1 [The Nighthawks](#) (American Roots Music)
- 8 [Alt Washingtonia](#) (Bavarian Folk Dance & Music)
- 15 [The Old World Folk Band](#) (Klezmer)
- 22 [Pietasters](#) (Ska)
- 29 [Guy Mendilow Band](#) (World Music)

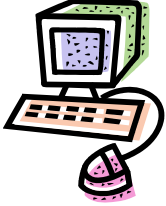
### JULY

- 6 [The Grandsons](#) (Rockabilly/Swing/Lounge)
- 13 [David Bach Consort](#) (Jazz)
- 20 [The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra](#) (Summer Pops)
- 27 [The United States Army Band “Blues Jazz Ensemble”](#) (Jazz)



## AUGUST

- 3 [Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper](#) (Bluegrass)
  - 10 [Lyuti Chushki](#) (Bulgarian Folk Music)
  - 17 [The United States Navy Band "Country Current"](#) (Country)
  - 24 [Brothers + 1](#) (Motown)
  - 31 [The Sock Monkeys](#) (Rock&Roll/Cover Band)
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## LINKS TO KEEP

### Consumer Central

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/>

Fairfax County's new web page for consumer-related issues. Includes what you would expect, such as how to submit complaints, and what you wouldn't expect, such as public utilities and cable regulation—obviously the source of a large number of complaints. You can also search a company's complaint history. And much more!

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