

BBHCA eNews

DECEMBER 2009

Multi-way Stop Signs Approved at La Vista and Larno Drives

Nov. 25, 2009, letter from W.P. Harrell, Manager, Residential Traffic Administration Program to VDOT:

"In accordance with the Residential Traffic Administration Program guidelines for the establishment of multi-way stops in residential neighborhoods, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on November 16, 2009, endorsed the installation of a multi-way stop at the following location: La Vista Drive and Larno Drive."



The stop signs are the culmination of the Lee District Supervisor's office's work with the La Vista Drive residents over the past several years to address speeding and safety concerns.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Two Women Robbed Exiting Vehicle

Franconia Police District—Three males robbed two women on Wednesday, November 25, in the 5900 block of High Meadows Road. The victims, 43 and 46, parked their car in the street around 11:38 p.m. and as they exited the vehicle, the three males approached. One suspect confronted the driver and grabbed her purse; she resisted, but was not able to hold on to her bag and fell to the ground. The other two suspects confronted the passenger and demanded her purse. One of them displayed a handgun, grabbed her purse and all suspects fled to a car parked nearby with the two purses. The first victim was transported to the hospital; the second victim did not require medical attention.

The suspects were described as black, between 17 and 19 years old. They were between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 7 inches tall; one was about 120 pounds and another was about 180 pounds. All three suspects had their faces covered.

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

FAIRFAX COUNTY

To All Friends of Fairfax County Parks

The Fairfax County Executive has asked the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to propose a budget for FY11 with a 15% reduction to their current budget. Although the FCPA budget is less than 1% of the total county budget, it is one of only two county agencies that have been asked for a cut this deep. All other county agencies have been asked to cut only an average 3% of their budget.

This cut will result in reduction of hours, programs, services, vital resource management, cultural projects, staff, and possible closure of nature centers and cultural sites. You can help by:

1. Calling the Budget Hotline to register your comments. Calls will be accepted until mid-December at 703-324-9400.
2. E-mailing your budget comments to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget>.



Environmental Quality Advisory Council Annual Report

“EQAC’s 2009 Annual Report on the Environment was presented to the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 16. The report contains chapters on major environmental topics: global climate change as it relates to Fairfax County:

- land use and transportation,
- air quality,
- water resources,
- solid waste,
- hazardous materials,
- ecological resources,
- wildlife management, and
- noise, light, and visual pollution.

Most of the chapters include information regarding stewardship opportunities and conclude with recommendations that identify additional actions EQAC feels necessary to address environmental issues.

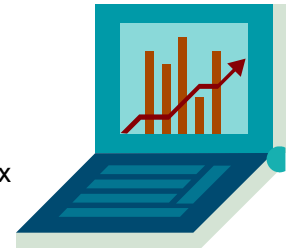
The summary report and the detailed report are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/report2009/.”

Fairfax County Launches “Financial Transparency” Web Page

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/finance/transparency

“Fairfax County has launched the first phase of a financial transparency Web page, that consolidates links from multiple agencies on one Web page.

“Financial transparency” describes efforts to make comprehensive, unfiltered information available to the public – providing a clear view of the government’s operations and how tax dollars are spent.



Currently, the Web page has links to information including:

- Financial reports
- Budgets for projects and services
- Annual audits
- Procurement contracts
- Staff compensation plans”

For full release, go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2009/fairfax-launches-financial-transparency-page.htm>

Is Your Water Heater Leaving You High and Dry?

“Water heating represents between 13% and 17% of residential energy consumption, making it the third largest energy end use in homes, behind HVAC and kitchen appliances.

“Most Americans have conventional water heaters that are barely more efficient than ones sold 20 years ago. Today’s new ENERGY STAR qualified water heaters include smart design enhancements that offer significant improvements in efficiency—and performance. Depending on the technology you choose, you can cut your water heating costs in half!” (Source: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=water_heat.pr_water_heaters)

“Five types of water heaters can now earn the ENERGY STAR. To see which one is best for you, go to http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=water_heat.pr_help_me.”

For information on **Federal tax credits** for Energy Star qualified products, go to http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index.



EVENTS

BBHCA 2010 Meeting Dates

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School

5917 Westchester Street, Alexandria, VA 22310

www.bbhca.org

- January 12, 2010
- March 9, 2010
- May 11, 2010

Electric Sunday: TV and Computer Recycling Event

January 24, 10 am - 3 pm

I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm>



Winter Farmers Markets

Alexandria City Farmers Market

301 King Street, Market Square

Saturdays, 5:30 –10:30 am

Arlington County Farmers Market

North 14th St. & North Courthouse Rd.

Saturdays, 8 am - noon

Clarendon Farmers Market

Clarendon Metro Park, Arlington, VA

Wednesdays, 2-7 pm

Columbia Pike Home Grown Market

Columbia Pike & S. Walter Rd., Arlington, VA

Sundays, 10 am – 2 pm

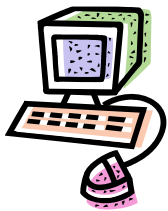
Falls Church Farmers Market

300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

Saturdays, Jan. 3-April 25, 9 am - noon

>> **Google Map of Community Farmers Markets,**

http://www.communitywalk.com/virginia/community_farmers_markets/map/400733



LINKS TO KEEP

Check Out A Charity Before Giving

<http://www.bbb.org/us/consumers/>

Before donating to a charity, check it out with the Better Business Bureau.

Light Bulb Buying Guide

http://www.thegreenguide.com/buying-guide/lightbulbs?source=email_gg_20091021

Buying a light bulb used to be simple, but now it's worse than the cereal aisle. This short lesson will brighten your day and make your next foray less daunting.

Fairfax County Updates on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/fairfaxcounty>

Keep up with the County if you can on Twitter. When there's not an emergency, there's actually a lot of interesting and fun...

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