

BBHCA eNews

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Ongoing Snow Emergency

Only Call 9-1-1 for Emergencies

Fairfax County public safety officials remind residents that calls to 9-1-1 should only be for emergencies and life-safety issues.

Fairfax County is coordinating transportation for emergency personnel, health care workers and mission-essential staff. Call **Fairfax County's Non-emergency number, 703-691-2131**, TTY 711, for emergency transportation to work at hospitals, healthcare facilities or other emergency service locations. Do NOT call 9-1-1.

Fairfax County is encouraging residents to take measures for personal and property safety during the ongoing snow emergency affecting the area. According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), it could take most of this week for all neighborhoods to be plowed from the weekend storm. Residents also may contact the **Fairfax County Emergency Information Line** at 703-817-7771, TTY 711; voice mail messages will be monitored and returned.

Snow and Roof Safety (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/lfi/snow_roofs.htm)

- Evacuate if you notice any warning signs of roof distress.
- Do not attempt to clear the snow off a roof; do clear roof downspouts and drains.
- Call 9-1-1 if the roof has collapsed.

Avoid driving. If you must travel:

- Do so during daylight, drive slowly and use main roads.
- Carry a cell phone for emergency use.
- Inform someone of your route and when you expect to arrive.
- Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights even the hood and roof before driving.
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows stay back a safe stopping distance and don't pass on the right.
- Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions and don't pump anti-lock brakes. Its recommended to stomp and steer.

Portable heater safety Caution should be used with any approved (UL or FM listed) auxiliary heating devices. Keep combustibles away from all portable heating devices, monitor their use and don't leave them unattended.

Power outages With many in Fairfax County without power, residents are encouraged to check on their neighbors, especially the elderly. If a neighbor is without power and you have power service, please help as possible. Do not call 9-1-1 for information on the restoration of power; call your local provider:

- Dominion Virginia Power: 1-888-667-3000 o Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC): 703-335-0500 or toll-free 1-888-335-0500 If you clear snow be careful to avoid over exertion. Intense exertion from shoveling snow, combined with low temperatures can potentially cause heart attacks and injuries. Stay hydrated while shoveling.

Hypothermia If you see an unsheltered person at night who may be at risk of hypothermia, call Fairfax County's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131.



Fire Hydrants Clear snow away from fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Ask neighbors to adopt a fire hydrant and clear snow and ice away from all hydrants so that they are easily visible in the event of a fire. Residents also are reminded that parking is prohibited within 15 feet of a fire hydrant located along the curb line or edge of any public or private roadway. No special curb marking is required for enforcement.

Gas Meter To avoid the possibility of an interruption in gas service, clear any accumulated snow from your natural gas meters and regulator vents as well as any appliance exhausts using your hands, a brush or broom. Do not use a shovel or other hard object to clear the snow from the gas meter, regulator vents or appliance exhausts. Should you experience an interruption in gas service, please call Washington Gas Customer Service at (703) 750-1000.

Shoveling Safety The Virginia Department of Emergency Management reminds residents that shoveling snow is hard on your body. If there is any reason that shoveling snow might be dangerous for you, such as a heart condition, consult your doctor before shoveling. While some heart attacks are sudden and intense, many heart attacks start slowly with mild pain or discomfort. If you or someone you are with begins to have chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs of a heart attack, call 9-1-1 right away.

Roofs and Decks The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services cautions residents regarding the impact of the heavy snow to their homes. Residents should watch for falling snow and ice from their roofs, but should not attempt to access their roofs to try to clear the snow due to the safety concerns of slipping off the roof and exposure to electrical wires. Residents should clear the areas around downspouts and roof drains so that melting water has a path to flow away from the house. Residents should also clear snow and ice away from exhaust vents that go through the exterior walls. Decks can be cleared of snow to reduce the stress to these structures, although they are designed to support the snow load.

Snowplowing According to VDOT, it could take most of the week to finish plowing neighborhoods in Fairfax County. If residents have not seen a plow on their streets, call 703-383-VDOT or e-mail novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov with the location. Photos are also welcome. Crews will be dispatched to treat missed spots and problem areas.

Operating and weather status updates are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/status/.



Trash Collection Cancelled

Trash and recycling collection for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday customers has been suspended for this week. Please pull your trash and recycling back from the curb out of the way of snow plows clearing the streets.

This message will be updated as the week progresses. Please call 703-802-3322 for updates or check our web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/customer.htm.

County Staff Comments on Change to Comprehensive Plan Affecting Our Community

Part of the review process for making changes to the Comprehensive Plan includes a review by the Fairfax County staff. Like the Lee District Land Use Committee Task Force, the staff reviews the proposed changes and submits their comments, approving or disapproving the nominations. Their recommendations, along with the recommendations of the Lee District Land Use Committee and the comments submitted/presented by the committee will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in deciding whether to approve/disapprove the nominations submitted by the land owners.

The next meeting of the Lee District Land Use Committee will be sometime in March. According to BBHCA President Jeannie Henry, "We hope to be able to have a meeting of the community before the Task Group meets. Once we find out when that date is we can determine whether we need to schedule something earlier [before our scheduled March 16 meeting] or not."

LAND UNIT E

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve Nomination as submitted
- Approve Staff Alternative
- Retain Adopted Plan

“Due to the by-right development of single-family residential use to the immediate south of the subject property, significant constraints exist that have made the existing Plan recommendation inappropriate for this property. The proposed nomination would reduce average daily trips by nearly 90 percent over the current Plan recommendation. Additionally, the need to ensure compatibility and appropriate transitions to the neighboring residential use makes the existing density planned for this portion of Land Unit E difficult to implement. Staff recommends approval of a staff alternative that would replan the subject property for office use up to .15 FAR, which would reflect an existing approval, and would allow an option for mini-warehouse use up to .15 FAR with conditions related to screening, architecture, accessory storage, and truck rental (Attachment I).”

For the full report, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2009southcounty/prelstaffreports/1rh.pdf>

LAND UNIT D

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Nomination as submitted
 Approve Staff Alternative
 Retain Adopted Plan

“The proposed nomination would provide greater flexibility to the subject property by removing a condition requiring simultaneous development of residential and non-residential components. While this phasing condition was initially put in place to ensure office use was built within Land Unit D, it has hindered the development of residential use. It should be noted that residential development may be constrained by noise from Interstate 95/495, and adequate mitigation will be needed in order to accommodate residential development. As an alternative to the submitted nomination, staff recommends Plan text as noted in Attachment I. This alternative measures intensity in square footage instead of floor area ratio (FAR) to more accurately reflect what has been approved in a previous rezoning. Additionally, it removes the consolidation condition for this option, reflecting the consolidation of the subject property prior to its rezoning.”

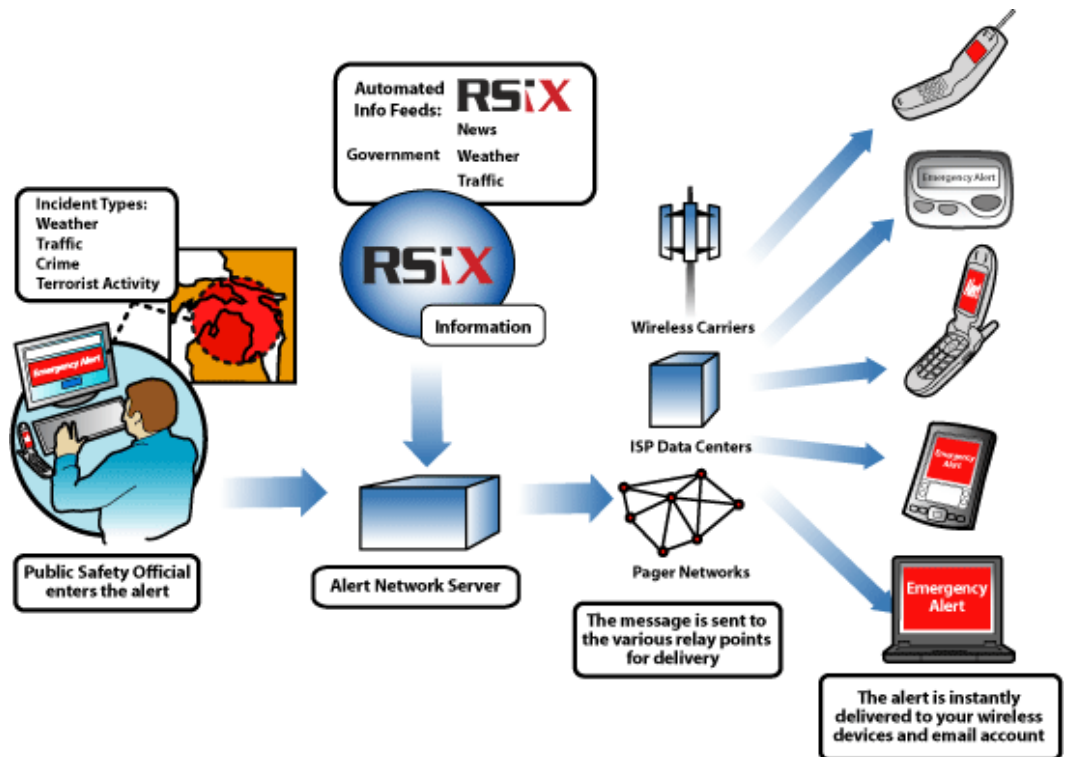
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Community Emergency Alert Network

<http://cean.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Fairfax County uses the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) to deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to all devices you register:

- e-mail account
- cell phone
- text pager or BlackBerry
- satellite phone
- wireless PDA



When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will notify you using this alert network. This will be your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken and other important information.

Fairfax County Government offers the CEAN as a free public service that will be used in conjunction with other public warning systems already in use. It is intended for the use of county residents as well as people who work in Fairfax County. This service is dependent upon external services such as your individual wireless carrier or e-mail delivery service. Fairfax County Government can make no guarantees that notifications will be received by the intended recipient. Service costs from your carrier are your responsibility.

Virginia to Launch Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program in April

<http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/DE/ARRA-Public/ARRA.shtml>



January 4, 2010—The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided nearly \$300 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for states to set up new, or augment existing, appliance rebate programs. The money was divided up by state, according to population. Virginia's allocation is \$7.45 million.

Virginia will implement an appliance rebate program in partnership with some utilities. Participating utilities will receive a population-based portion of the state's allocation to augment appliance rebate programs operated by the utilities. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) will offer rebates to all other qualifying Virginia residents who are not eligible for a utility rebate. Thus, any ARRA-funded rebate on the purchase of an appliance or other qualifying item, such as a heat pump or water heater, will be available to all Virginians.

DOE approved the Virginia appliance rebate plan on December 22, 2009. The planned program launch date is late April, 2010.

Energy Star-rated appliances and other equipment will be included in the program. Rebate amounts and qualifying appliances and other equipment will be identified at a later date to be determined. Rebates will not be available retroactively for purchases made prior to the official launch date of the program.

Please do not call DMME for program details, which are subject to change until the program opens in late April. Information on the amount of rebates, items that will be eligible for rebates, how rebates will be applied for and paid, and other program rules and guidelines will be added to this website by late April 2010.

Additional Leaf Pick Up February 12

Leaf Area 8 (includes Brookland-Bush Hill) got shorted on the second pickup due to the snow and will receive an additional, final leaf collection on February 12 (Friday). To ensure that you receive this pickup, please make sure your leaves are raked/blown within 4 feet from the edge of the street prior to this date.

Note: Due to the recent snows, this date *may* be revised once again. Check the link below for updates, if you have any leaves left to collect.



The vacuum leaf program is for leaves only. Leaves mixed with brush, rocks, tree trimmings, sticks or trash, etc. cannot be vacuumed. Please remove all debris from leaves prior to set out. Do not block streets or pile leaves in storm drains or drainage ditches. Do not block leaf piles with cars or any type of equipment that could limit accessibility to the leaves or create hazardous conditions. Do not park vehicles on piles of leaves - this is a fire hazard.

For additional information on leaf collection, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/leaf/>.

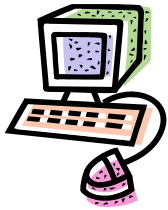


EVENTS

BBHCA 2010 Meeting Dates

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Bush Hill Elementary School
5917 Westchester Street, Alexandria, VA 22310
www.bbhca.org

- March 16, 2010 (Guest: Lee District Delegate Mark Sickles)
- May 11, 2010 (BBHCA Board Elections)



LINKS TO KEEP

Emergency Kit...Be Ready

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/prepare/kit.htm>

Now that you have nowhere to go, you can pull together your emergency kit. Download the list and start today. Then you can make like a bear and hibernate for a couple hours.

Fairfax County Operating and Weather Status Updates

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/status/

Stay informed, stay safe. You can also call 703-817-7771, TTY 711, or go to Channel 16 on your TV. Sorry, they don't take any requests for better weather. You wish!

Fairfax County Events...New Interactive Site!

<http://www.fxva.com/>

Check out Fairfax County's new Web site to help you select from numerous entertainment and arts venues for your family and friends. Makes you excited to live here, despite the snow!

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