

# BBHCA eNews

JANUARY 2012

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 pm  
Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

### MEETING AGENDA:

- Board and Committee Reports
  - November Meeting Minutes (Vote)
- Old Business
- New Business

### TOPIC: Identity Theft: How to Protect Yourself

*Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information for financial gain. Personal information is defined as social security number, date of birth, account numbers, or unique identifiers specific to you. Victims of identity theft spend an estimated 6,000 hours recovering over a period of several years. A special division of the Fairfax County Police is dedicated solely to solving identity theft crimes and helping victims.*

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## Tips from Public Works and Environmental Services



### Recycle your cut, live Christmas tree

All Christmas trees less than 8 feet tall can be recycled at the curb in Fairfax County during the first two weeks in January at no additional cost. Please remove tree stands, ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree toppers. For larger trees, contact Fairfax County for recycling details.

### Keep storm drains free from leaves, snow, and ice

Give rain, snow and ice melt somewhere to go during the fall and winter. Clogged storm drains lead to flooded and/or iced roadways. Bagging leaves and yard waste and moving snow piles/drifts away from storm drains can make a big difference by keeping water flowing downstream.



### Inspect & clean your chimney

Chimneys should be inspected annually and cleaned as necessary by a certified chimney sweep. If your chimney was damaged in the August earthquake, you should contact a licensed engineer or contractor to ensure that it is safe to use your stove or fireplace this fall and winter. Recycle packaging and gift wrap

### Can the grease

You can prevent sewer backups and overflows by pouring fats, oils and grease into a metal can or other container and adding an absorbent (like kitty litter or a paper towel). Throw the can in the trash when full.



Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/holidaytips.htm>

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# Fairfax County Executive Search Survey

A national search will begin soon for the next Fairfax County Executive as Anthony Griffin will retire in April after 12 years in the position.

The Board of Supervisors, who will hire the next county executive in the coming months, wants your input through a survey by **Jan. 16**. Your ideas and thoughts will advise Board members about what qualities and experiences it should look for in candidates, as well as issues and challenges facing the eventual chosen candidate.

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the county executive leads the day-to-day operations of county government (view organizational chart). This leader prepares the budget, fosters partnerships with residents, business and community leaders, identifies strategic issues facing the county, and encourages cross-department and regional collaboration.

## Take the County Executive Search Survey

The County asks you to take a few minutes to answer a few short questions. Simply click on the button below.



Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/search/>

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Police Investigate BB&T Bank Robbery

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2011/122711bankrobfran.htm>

Franconia Police District – A man entered the BB&T Bank at 4401 Backlick Road, implied a weapon and demanded money from a teller around 11:13 a.m. on Saturday, December 24. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured.

The suspect was described as black, about 20 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and between 170 and 180 pounds. He was wearing a black, collared jacket, a gray scarf, blue jeans, dark-colored sunglasses and a black hat.



*Bank Robbery Suspect, Close-up and Full-length*

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

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BBHCA Yard Sale Coordinator(s)

If stalking deals at the homes of strangers is your idea of a good time, then you may be the perfect person to coordinate the BBHCA June Yard Sale.

The process is set up online, so if you are comfortable with a computer you can easily guide your neighbors on how to sell their used, but still useful utensils and unicorns. The process starts in April and ends in early June.

Best of all, you can even take part and clear a space in your basement for something you really want. Contact [yardsale@bbhca.org](mailto:yardsale@bbhca.org) for more information now.



## EVENTS

- **January Used Books Sale**

**Saturday, January 7, 12 Noon**

John Marshall Library  
Friends Book Sale  
6209 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310-6299  
703-971-0010, TTY 711

**Saturday, January 14, 10 am**

Kingstowne Library  
Friends Book Sale  
6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria  
703-339-4610, TTY 711

More Book Sales: <http://bit.ly/tXR2qD>

For future book sales dates and the locations of branches with ongoing sales, visit the library's website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) (click on Events and Book Sales). Money raised during Friends-sponsored book sales supports the library. Donate used books and DVDs to your local library branch.

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[www.bbhca.org](http://www.bbhca.org)

Topic: Identity Theft—How to Protect Yourself

- **Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 18**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Richard Byrd Library located at 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA.  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/franstacac.htm>

Topic: TBA.

**What is CAC?** "In 1979, the Fairfax County Police Department established a program to enhance its ability to communicate with and better serve the community. This program took the form of advisory groups, known as Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), comprised of citizens representing a cross-section of the various neighborhoods of Fairfax County."

- **Discover the Secret of Trees**

Sunday, January 22, 1:30 pm

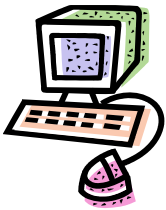
Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va

Have you ever taken a close look at a tree? Author Nancy Hugo will help you really see trees for what they are. Author Hugo will teach you a new way of observing trees and will invite you to deepen your relationship with the earthly treasures that you may take for granted.

The lecture is part of the Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series. The lectures take place on Sunday afternoons into March. Refreshments and time to meet the speakers are provided after the talks.

> The cost for the lecture is \$10, and with limited seating it is best to register in advance through [Parktakes Online](#). You may also register by phone at 703-222-4664.

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## LINKS TO KEEP

- **Identity Theft**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/financialcrimes/identitytheft.htm>

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information for financial gain. Personal information is defined as social security number, date of birth, account numbers, or unique identifiers specific to you. Victims of identity theft spend an estimated 6,000 hours recovering over a period of several years.

Examples of Identity Theft are:

- A person uses your social security number for employment purposes.
- Someone opens up an unauthorized account using your name and date of birth.
- Someone uses your credit card number to make a fraudulent purchase online (credit card fraud and identity theft).

Go to the above link for more information on the following:

- What is not Identity Theft?
- Who can investigate Identity Theft?
- What should I do if I am a victim of Identity Theft?
- How can I protect myself from becoming a victim of Identity Theft?
- Where can I find additional information and resources?

### **Federal Trade Commission: Identity Theft Web Site**

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

On this site, consumers can learn how to avoid identity theft—and learn what to do if their identity is stolen.

- **Lee District RECenter**

6601 Telegraph Road

Franconia, Virginia

703-922-9841

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm>

Lee District RECenter, approximately 83,600 square feet, is comprised of three major areas; Natatorium, Gymnasium, and Fitness Center.

The **Natatorium** includes a heated, indoor 50-meter by 25-yard pool, a Superslide, three diving boards, spa, spectator seating, locker rooms, family changing room, saunas, and showers and an outdoor sun deck and grassed sunbathing area.

The 20,400-square foot **gymnasium** includes one regulation size basketball court, or is convertible to two half courts, or two volleyball courts. Also included are electronic scoreboards, spectator seating, boxing equipment, volleyball nets and a three-lane, 1/10 mile running track.



The **Fitness Center** has a dedicated fitness studio equipped with CREW, indoor cycles, Pilates Allegro equipment, Cybex VR2 machines connected to the FitLinxx network, and a wide selection of cardiovascular equipment, free-weights, and a stretching area.

In addition to these main features, the RECenter also contains racquetball/wallyball courts, two mirrored dance/fitness rooms, three multi-purpose rooms, a mezzanine, and preschool.

The surrounding 193-acre park has one soccer field with two overlay T-Ball fields, two football fields with two overlay softball fields, four basketball courts, an amphitheater, a playground and tot lot, four lighted tennis courts, a tennis practice wall, and walking trails.

### Calendars (PDF)

- [Pool Calendar](#)
- [Pool Lanes Availability](#)
- [Fitness Class Schedule](#)
- [Open Gymnasium Calendar](#)

>> Membership Pass, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/recenter-rates.htm#passes>

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