

BBHCA eNews

JANUARY 2011

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

AGENDA:

Minutes from September Meeting (Vote)

Board Reports

- Membership
- Treasurer

Committee Reports

- Land Use Task Force
- Neighborhood Watch

Old Business:

- Initiating Process for Bush Hill Drive Speed Bump (Vote)

New Business



TOPIC: What to Watch for When Hiring Contractors

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

T-Mobile Community Meeting, Take III

Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

At the request of residents, T-Mobile is holding a third community meeting following the December floating of the balloon after the leaves had fallen. Residents are once again encouraged to attend to voice their concerns.

For background information on prior meetings, go to <http://www.bbhca.org/#TMobile>

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Resolve to be Ready for Emergencies in 2011

As December turns to January, resolve to be ready for any emergency in the new year, weather-related or not. Your first step is making a family emergency plan. Get a free worksheet at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

Discuss with your family:

- **Who is our emergency point of contact?** Choose an out-of-town friend or relative to be your contact. During emergencies, it's often easier to make long distance calls. An out-of-town person can help communicate among separated family members.
- **Where are our meeting places?** In case you can't return home, choose a place to meet in your neighborhood and another place outside your neighborhood if you can't get there. Your neighborhood meeting place may be a friend's house on the next street. A meeting place outside your neighborhood may be a nearby church, store or another friend's home.

- **Do our schools have emergency plans?** If you are a parent, ask your schools and daycare providers about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during a crisis. Ask if they are prepared to stay in school if necessary and where they plan to go if they must leave.



Winter has barely begun, but it has brought frigid temperatures to Virginia. Here's what you should know about staying safe and about being prepared for winter emergencies:

- **If power goes out and you have no heat:** You'll need blankets or sleeping bags for warmth in as few as four hours after power is out, depending on your home's insulation. Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, and wear a hat and mittens.
- **If you use kerosene or propane heaters:** These should be used with much caution. The room must be ventilated by opening a window. Keep heaters at least three feet away from flammable objects such as curtains, blankets and furniture. Place heaters on a hard surface, not on carpet. Refuel them outdoors after they have cooled.
- **If the power is out and you need information:** Be sure you have a battery powered radio with extra batteries. Get one with a weather radio band so you can hear reports from the National Weather Service and your local radio stations. Find these at electronics and sporting goods stores, department stores, from catalogs and on-line.
- **If you can't get out, you'll need supplies:** Stock at least a three-day supply of food that doesn't need refrigeration or electricity to prepare. You may also need water – three gallons per person will last three days. Be sure to have flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Don't use candles during power outages.
- **If you must drive during a winter storm:** Most traffic crashes happen within two hours after a storm starts. Try to stay off the road to give snowplows time and space to work. Wait until daylight to drive so sunlight can warm the roads. Get road conditions by calling **511** or go to www.511Virginia.org. Buckle up every time you drive.

Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov and www.Ready.gov for more about preparing for winter weather and other emergencies.

Commercial Robbery in the Kingstowne Area

Franconia Police District – On Friday, December 24 around 9:30 a.m., two men entered the Radio Shack store located at 5965 Kingstowne Towne Center. The men displayed knives and ordered two store employees to go to the back of the store. During the robbery, two more individuals entered the store and also were ordered by the suspects to go to the back. All four victims were tied up by the suspects. The suspects took cash and personal items from the victims and merchandise from the store. No one was injured.

The first suspect was described as black, about 6 feet 2 inches tall, 350 pounds, with dreadlocks and black glasses. The second suspect was described as white, about 6 feet to 6 feet and 2 inches tall, 170 to 250 pounds, with light hair and beard.

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.

Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2010/122710commrob.htm>

Animal Shelter Provides TNR for 1000th Feral Cat



Fairfax County Trap, Neuter and Return Program Prevents Unwanted Litters

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has altered its 1000th feral cat marking the success of its two-year-old trap, neuter and return (TNR) program, which includes humanely trapping, spaying, neutering and vaccinating feral cats and then returning them to their outdoor homes. The goals of the program are to decrease the number of unwanted kittens born each year to outdoor cats; to decrease the intake of cats and kittens at the shelter; and to decrease the euthanasia of cats in Fairfax County.

As part of the TNR program, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter provides free spay/neuter and vaccinations for feral cats who reside in Fairfax County. The program is funded by private donations from the sale of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Animal Friendly License Plates. For each plate purchased by a Fairfax County resident, \$15 is donated back to the shelter, which is using the money, in part, for TNR. More than 230 citizens have attended the shelter's Helping Community Cats classes to become eligible to use the resources offered by the shelter's program for outdoor cats. Citizens who attend the classes are trained how to perform TNR and become part of a "citizen army" of trappers, transporters and caregivers who provide ongoing management for feral cat colonies.

"We estimate that the TNR program has prevented somewhere between 3,000 and 6,000 litters of kittens from being born," says Karen Diviney, director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. "Our hope is that in time, we will start to see this program translate into fewer cats coming into our shelter and fewer homeless cats being euthanized in our community."

To be eligible for the shelter's TRN program, citizens must first attend the **Helping Community Cats Workshops** held twice monthly in Fairfax County. For more information about attending an upcoming class or about TNR, please contact the shelter at 703-830-1100.

Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2010/121010tnr.htm>

Springfield Mall Clears Another Hurdle Toward Development



In a December 21 message to constituents, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, shared the news that the new owners of Springfield Mall, Vornado, had overcome another major hurdle to redevelopment: "acquiring the mortgage" for the mall and "purchasing the partnership interest" on December 17. He states that he "expects to see activity on this important redevelopment soon."

According to the *Springfield Connection* (Dec 1, 2010), "Vornado announced that it had settled on buying the mall for about \$115 million, far less than the \$160 million the company would have paid originally under a 2006 agreement..." For the full story, go to <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=347163&paper=72&cat=104>.

Apartment Homes Available at Olley Glen Senior Residences

Beautifully designed one bedroom apartment homes are immediately available at Olley Glen Senior Residences—the newest affordable independent senior living community in the heart of Fairfax County for low and moderate income seniors 62 years old or better.

For more information or an application, please visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/olleyglen.htm> or call 703-503-8717/TTY: 703-385-3578.



EVENTS

Recycle Your Live Christmas Tree!

Wednesday, January 12

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

WORKSHOP

Exploring New Markets and Global Opportunities

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 am – 11:00 am

TeqCorner, 1616 Anderson Road, McLean, VA

The workshop is designed to assist businesses that are considering export opportunities, in the process of expanding into foreign markets or currently exporting. Highlights of the workshop will include an overview of the exporting process with presentations from directors of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority overseas offices which are located in Seoul, Bangalore, Tel Aviv, Frankfurt and London; as well as the state and federal government resources, export financing, market entry strategies, and how to identify partners and distributors.

For more information and or to register go to <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/events/exporting-101-exploring-new-markets-and-global-opportunities>

Future BBHCA Meetings (Tuesday, 7:30 pm)

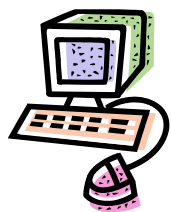
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March 8, 2011

TBA

May 10, 2011

TBA + BBHCA Elections



LINKS TO KEEP

My Neighborhood—An Internet Mapping and Information Application

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/>

Shows what features and county facilities are available in and around your neighborhood. The information is broken down into logical business groups called Views. Right now there are four views: General Information, Parks, Demographics, and Police Incidents.

Cancellations.com

<http://www.cancellations.com/index.php>

Find cancellations in your area by entering a zip code or organization name. Or sign up for notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals by e-mail.

Financial Calculators Online

<http://dinkytown.net/money/order.html>

More than 350 financial calculators. You can try or use them without buying them.

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