

BBHCA eNews

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BBHCA Board Election Results

The following members were elected to the 2010-2011 BBHCA Board of Directors at the May 11, meeting. All positions except the treasurer were re-elected. Welcome to Joan Akins, our new treasurer, and thanks to Kevin Henry for his service as treasurer the past two years. And a special thanks to Jeannie, Sarah, Richard, and Deborah for their continued service on our behalf.

We are still seeking individuals to fill the positions of VP Newsletter and Secretary; however, until then the sitting directors will fulfill the responsibilities.

President:	Jeannie Henry
VP Newsletter:	Sarah Kelly (interim)
VP Membership:	Richard Frederick
Treasurer:	Joan Akins
Secretary:	Deborah Moore (interim)

UPDATE on Telecommunications Tower Proposed for Oakwood Road

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, has filed a 2232 application with the Fairfax County Planning Office. The application was for a 160' monopole to be erected at 5419 Oakwood Road, Alexandria. The private property is zoned C-3. A hearing was scheduled for July 29, before the Fairfax County Planning Commission, but was cancelled.

Balloon Test

The balloon test came and went without much fan fare on June 12. T-mobile took pictures of the balloon from various points throughout the neighborhood, most from a favorable point of view, i.e., least visible, which it showed at the community meeting.

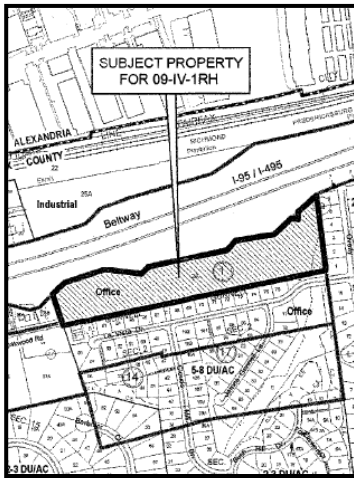


Community Meeting

As promised T-Mobile arranged a community meeting on June 16, to answer questions and receive input from the community regarding its proposal. Although the presenters were prepared with various slides and handouts, they were not prepared for the extremely strong negative feedback from residents regarding the possibility of a 160 foot cell tower (monopole) directly adjacent to BBHCA homes. Most of the questions and comments centered on the visibility to neighborhood homes, although questions were also raised about health issues. Approximately 20 community members attended and many residents made it clear that future T-mobile service would be highly unwelcome to them and their neighbors if a tower was constructed. One member pointed out that the timing of the meeting was such that many community members were on vacation and were unable to attend the meeting.

Due to the poor reception, T-Mobile withdrew its application (see Lee District Land Use Committee article below). However, the BBHCA Land Use Task Force has heard that T-Mobile is currently in talks with Bush Hill Elementary School to put a monopole on the school grounds. For precedence, there is currently a monopole at Edison High School behind the track. We also found that in June 2007, the Lee District Land Use Committee, as well as the County Staff, approved a monopole in Lake Accotink Park, despite strong opposition from the local civic association and the park manager. So the likelihood of a monopole in our future is still up in the air.

UPDATE on Proposal Submitted for Mini-warehouse on Oakwood Road



The developer for Plan nomination 1RH (Land Unit E), the property below Gunnell Estates, resubmitted a plan after the initial plan was rejected by the Lee District Land Use Task Force in April. A notification letter was sent to residents living adjacent to the property. The new proposal was for a mini-warehouse. A public hearing was scheduled for June 16, at the Fairfax County Governmental Center. **On June 16, the nominator withdrew this application.** The Planning commission approved the withdrawal.

Note: This application was not rejected by the Lee District Land Use Task Force; we recommended to the Planning Commission that they retain the current plan language for this parcel. Our recommendation was in conflict with the Staff recommendation to the Planning Commission. It should be noted that votes taken by the Lee District Land Use Task Force is a recommendation and does not prevent the application from moving forward to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

At this point the applicant is evaluating other uses for this property that are consistent with the current comprehensive plan. This parcel is currently zoned Industrial Institutional and is planned for commercial/office.

Lee District Land Use Committee Hears Three Cases

At the June 21, Lee District Land Use Committee meeting we heard three cases:

Grovedale Ramada Family Medical Practice: Recommended for approval 15-0-0 Dr. Ramada and his wife, also a physician, requested permission to build a 9,500 square foot medical office facility. They will use the top floor and lease the first floor.



Hilltop Village Center (Telegraph & Beulah) Comprehensive Signage Plan: Recommended for approval 18-0-0. Requested waiver to signage allowed by the zoning in order to provide necessary signage to direct traffic to the various business to be located at this site. This is the center where Wegman's will be located, probably in 2012.

Lewins Park Rezoning: APR 08-IV-105. This is a consolidation of several single family residences in the midst of what is now a commercial environment. They are planning four office buildings, two parking structures. They plan either a hotel or a fifth office building at the corner of Beulah and Fairfax County Parkway. They will be back at the September meeting.

The Oakwood Monopole was on the agenda, but was deferred at the request of the applicant. They may present at the July or September meeting (no meeting scheduled for August). I was reminded by two committee members that, based on the way the law is written, the Committee has very limited grounds to refuse this application.

Submitted by Carol Alim, BBHCA appointee to the Lee District Land Use Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Franconia Welcomes New Crime Prevention Officer MPO Jim Reid

"MPO Reid has an abundance of law enforcement experience to draw from, so you are in more than capable hands." As Officer Allie Eggers said, her Commanders have taken great lengths to keep this transition smooth and "have made an outstanding choice for my replacement." In the coming weeks, Master Police Officer Reid will send an email to introduce himself and we can welcome him at that time.

As many of you already know, Allison Eggers, has moved on. We appreciate her dedicated service to Franconia and wish her the best. Below is the letter she sent to those on the Franconia Crime Prevention email list.

Franconia Crime Prevention Transition

On June 21, 2010, I will begin the next era of my career working within the Traffic Safety Division. My last official day as the Franconia Crime Prevention Officer ends June 17, 2010.

For the past five years, I have enjoyed my time with you and your communities. I have come to know your names, faces, and emails during this period and I can say without a doubt that Franconia District has the best Neighborhood Watches and the most proactive communities in the County. Of course I'm bias on this issue, but I wanted to let you know that I appreciate your support for Neighborhood Watch and open lines of communication with all of us involved in law enforcement. What you have taught me in these past five years is that community crime prevention works and that with your involvement, we make our communities safer and stronger. Living by the motto "if you see something, say something"; you have helped me immensely in my task as your Crime Prevention Officer. I will miss you all. If you have scheduled a meeting with me, then my replacement or I will attend the meeting. Take comfort in the knowledge that my Commanders are taking the steps necessary in making this transition as smooth as possible.

Thank you for all that you do. I know you will continue this relationship with Franconia Crime Prevention as we move forward in welcoming the new Crime Prevention Officer to the position.

*MPO A. E. Eggers-NREMT-P
Fairfax County Police Department
Operational Support Bureau
Traffic Division/Traffic Safety*

Introducing MPO Jim Reid

Hi All,

My name is Jim Reid, and I am the new **Crime Prevention Officer for Franconia Station**. Just a short resume: In my 21 years as a Fairfax County Police Officer I have had the following assignments (Patrol-Reston Station, Patrol-Mt Vernon Station, EOD, Patrol-Mason Station, Detective-Major Crimes, and Patrol-Franconia Station). I hold a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University. I have also spent approximately ten years in the Reserves and National Guard. I was both an Officer and Enlisted. I grew up in Fairfax County and graduated from Chantilly HS.

What I am most proud of is my family. My wife Minnette and I have been married for 20 years. We have three children. My son will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. My daughter is a rising HS Junior. She is doing an internship at NIH this summer. Last but not least is my 5-year-old daughter. She is a graduate of the preschool program at our local High School. She will be studying kindergarten in the fall.

I was chosen for this assignment primarily because of my skills as a Detective. I hope to partner with our communities in order to solve the problem of crime in the Franconia District. I will outline my thoughts on this in the future. But, I would also like suggestions from you. You now have my e-mail address. That is probably the best way to reach me.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to working with you.

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Budget Cuts Lead to Lost Reading Time at Fairfax County Libraries

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

The Fairfax County Public Library has changed its hours as a result of countywide budget reductions. The new hours took effect at branches starting July 1, 2010. Although the change reduces the hours the library is open each week, the new schedule allows branches to extend their evening hours from 8 pm until 9 pm certain days of the week.

Regional Branches

(Centreville, Chantilly, City of Fairfax, George Mason, **Pohick**, Reston, **Sherwood** and Tysons-Pimmit)

Monday	1 pm - 9 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	1 pm - 9 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

Community Branches

(Burke Centre, Dolley Madison*, Great Falls, Herndon Fortnightly, **John Marshall**, Kings Park, **Kingstowne**, Lorton, Martha Washington*, Oakton, Patrick Henry, Richard Byrd*, Thomas Jefferson* and Woodrow Wilson)

Monday	10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday	1 pm - 9 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 6 pm
Thursday	1 pm - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	closed

The Access Services branch, which is located at the Fairfax County Government Center, will maintain its current hours.

* The renovated Thomas Jefferson Library will reopen at 10 am, June 26 with the new hours.

* The temporary Dolley Madison Library will reopen at 10 am, June 28 with the new hours.

* The renovated Martha Washington Library will reopen at 2 pm, July 10.

* The renovated Richard Byrd Library will reopen at 6 pm, July 22.

Alexandria City Branches

<http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us/>

Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, 703-746-1702

Mon-Thurs 10 am-9 pm; Fri 10 am-6 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1–5 pm

Barrett Branch, 717 Queen Street, 703-746-1703

Mon 1–9 pm; Tues-Thurs 10 am-7 pm; Fri 10 am-6 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm

Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road, 703-746-1704

Mon-Wed 10 am-7 pm; Thurs 1–9 pm Fri 10 am-6 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm

Duncan Branch, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, 703-746-1705

Mon-Tues 10 am-7 pm; Wed 1–9 pm; Thurs 10 am-7 pm; Fri 10 am-6 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm

Special Collections (Local History), 717 Queen Street, 703-746-1706

Mon 1–9 pm; Tues 2–7 pm; Wed 10 am-7 pm; Fri 10 am-6 pm; and the first Saturday of the month, 10 am-5 pm.

Chairman Bulova Delivers “State of the County” Address



In her “State of the County” address, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova discusses the Board’s accomplishments during the last six months and focuses on the challenges in the future given the current economic climate.

The address is available on multiple venues, including:

- Fairfax County Government **Channel 16** on Sundays and Fridays at 5:30 pm and Wednesdays

at 7:30 pm

- The chairman's **Web** page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman
- **Video** on demand, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm
- **YouTube**, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/offsite/?pg=http://www.youtube.com/user/fairfaxcountygov

Topics include:

- Budget cuts and reductions taken last year
- New ways to deliver services in a less costly manner, including reorganizational efficiencies
- Regional partnerships and initiatives
- Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for the Transformation of Tysons
- Transportation update, including HOT Lanes and the Dulles Rail project
- The newly adopted Housing Blueprint
- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Fairfax County's diverse community

Fairfax Animal Control Division ExtravaCATza



The month-long adoption celebration, ExtravaCATza!, is in full swing at the [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#). As part of the event, the first 100 cats adopted from the shelter during the month of July will receive a free spay or neuter.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will also open for special Sunday adoptions from 12–4 pm on Sunday, July 25. Families interested in adopting a cat or kitten are encouraged to drop by the shelter throughout the month to meet the wonderful animals that are available and looking for a loving new home.

As part of the ExtravaCATza!, the shelter is also partnering with area animal rescue organizations who will bring their cats and kittens available for adoption to the shelter on Saturdays and Sundays in July. Adoptions processes and fees vary by group.

The shelter will be open its normal adoption hours throughout the month: Tuesdays – Fridays, 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#) is located at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

For more information about the ExtravaCATza!, call 703-830-1100.



EVENTS

Lee District Night's Concert Series

Wednesdays, June through August, at 7:30 pm
Lee District Park, behind the Recreation Center

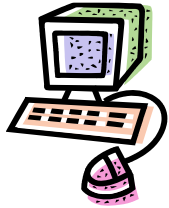
To download the Program, go to
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdf/files/2010_lee_district_nights_concert_series_schedule.pdf

JULY

- 21 King Teddy (Swing)
- 28 David Bach Consort (Jazz)

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- 4 Mama Jama (Reggae/Caribbean)
- 11 The Nighthawks (American Roots Music)
- 18 Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie (Traditional Bluegrass)
- 25 Sock Monkeys (Rock&Roll/Cover Band)



LINKS TO KEEP

Department of Code Compliance

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

The new Department of Code Compliance investigates most neighborhood quality of life complaints in the County, including parking in the grass, junk in the yard, too many people living in a home, uncut grass, building without permits, and hoarding. It enforces zoning, property maintenance, building, blight, grass, fire and health codes all within in a single department.

>> Search Complaint History

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

Enter the street address to research the past and current complaint history and resolution.

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