

BBHCA eNews

June 2009

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BBHCA Community Yard Sale

SATURDAY, June 6, 8 am – 1 pm

You don't have to go far to find great deals at your Community Yard Sale! A record 29 homes will be participating this Saturday.

[Download the Community Yard Sale Map](#) and plot your treasure hunt. We've made it easy for you, so all you have to do is make sure you get out early, dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and think "fun and adventure"! Plus you get

to meet your neighbors!

Rain date: Sunday, June 7

BBHCA 2009-2010 Board Election Results

- President: Jeannie Henry
- VP Newsletter: Sarah Kelly
- VP Membership: Richard Frederick
- Treasurer: Kevin Henry
- Secretary: Deborah Moore

The Board was unanimously elected to serve for another year (their third) during the May 12 BBHCA community meeting. Be sure to extend your thanks next time you see them. The next BBHCA Community meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15. The next issue of the *BBHCA News* will be published prior to the September meeting. This electronic newsletter, eNews, will not be published in July and will resume in August.

Virginia Democratic Party Primary Election: Tuesday, June 9

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>

Governor

Terry R. McAuliffe

<http://www.terrymcauliffe.com>

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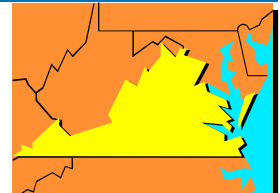
Jody M. Wagner

<http://www.jodyforva.com>

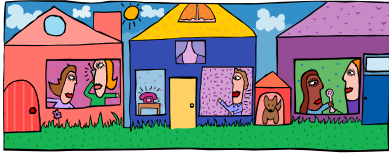
A. Michael Signer

<http://www.mikesigner.com>

Jon I. Bowerbank - Withdrew 5/18



>> **Voter Information** at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.html



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Lee District Crime Report (local)

"A high school student was charged for allegedly having drugs and weapons inside his car on Thursday, May 14 at Edison High School, located at 5801 Franconia Road....Brendan Anglin, 19, of 8929 Igoe Street in Lorton, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with possession of a firearm on school property, possession of a weapon on school property and possession of marijuana. No students were put at risk or endangered during this investigation."

Larcenies

La Vista Drive, 5700 Block: Bumper and lights stolen from vehicle

Crime Statistics: First Quarter 2009

Overall index crime in Fairfax County dropped by almost one percent (-1%) during the first quarter of 2009 compared to the same time in 2008. (Index crimes, reported monthly to federal authorities, include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.)

- Larceny, with a two percent up tick (+2%), is the only index crime that increased in the first three months this year.
- Violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) decreased by 22 percent (-22%).
- Property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) fueled by larcenies, increased by less than one percent (+1%).

The Fairfax County Police Department releases reported index crimes using the FBI's "Uniform Crime Report" criteria. The year-to-date data contained in this release is subject to change due to data revision and updating. These statistics are used in making decisions about deployment of police resources to better respond to the needs of the community, to identify trends, and to implement new and continuing strategies to enhance public safety. (To see table of statistics, visit FCPD-PIO@fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases.)

Police Survey

The Fairfax County Police Department wants to hear from you. A public survey has been posted on the agency web page in an effort to solicit your ideas and concerns regarding public safety. Officials are seeking greater community input in an effort to provide better service to the diverse population of Fairfax County. Constructive feedback is vital in helping the agency evaluate and improve our services to the public, according to John Kapinos, Strategic Planner for the Police Department.

"To date, more than 70 percent of our respondents have expressed overall satisfaction with our services," said Kapinos, who tabulates the results monthly and plans to evaluate them quarterly. "Our survey offers an opportunity for the public to tell us what they like, what they need and where they feel we can make improvements." In addition to the web survey (which can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police) officers are distributing the survey at public meetings and at district stations.

CAC Annual Picnic Wednesday, June 17

Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Franconia District Station meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 (the 3rd Wednesday of the month), will be the CAC PICNIC, beginning at 6pm at the Lee District Building at 6121 Franconia Road. BRING YOUR APPETITE and a side-dish. Main course and drinks will be provided.

PFC Julia M. Bauer, Crime Prevention

Franconia Station, Fairfax County Police Dept.
6121 Franconia Rd
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-922-8263

Neighborhood Blood Drive in Memoriam of Jim Deal

Monday, June 8, 2-7 pm
Bush Hill Elementary School

“Recent studies show only 37 percent of people in the United States are eligible to donate blood. Of those, fewer than 5 percent donate on a regular basis.” Your blood donation can make a difference, and now the INOVA blood mobile will be at the Bush Hill Elementary School on June 8. No appointment is required; however, if you would like to make an appointment to donate blood on June 8, please call Cathy Emhof at (703) 313-7502.

This drive is in memory of former resident, Jim Deal of Sumner Road, who passed away this March after a yearlong battle with Leukemia. The blood drive is being organized by residents Kim Jordan and Cathy Emhof of Barbmor Court.

If you want to know whether you're able to give blood, review the [donor eligibility guidelines](#). (Note: Specially trained technical staff are available at each blood collection center and details of each donor's health and activities are discussed in a confidential setting prior to blood donation.)

If you are unable to give blood at this time, but would like to know of other opportunities, call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) or go to <http://www.inova.org/get-involved/blood-donor-services/how-to-donate-blood/index.jsp>.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Fawns In Spring



“White-tail deer give birth April through July, with most births occurring in June. Each spring, a doe generally produces one to three fawns and routinely leaves them alone for most of the day to search for food. There is a high population of deer in our county, so it is possible you might encounter fawns that are all alone, lying quietly in the woods or other areas.

“Good Samaritans presume that their mothers have abandoned them and attempt a ‘rescue.’ The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, however, strongly advises against this. They report, ‘more than 75 percent of fawns ‘rescued’ every spring should have been left alone. Most wild animals are dedicated parents and will not abandon their young, but they do leave them alone for long periods of time while looking for food.’ Also, they will not return to the area while you are present in order to protect their fawn's hiding spot. **In most cases, the best advice to would-be rescuers of any wild animal is to leave them alone.**”

“If you come across a fawn that is clearly injured, there is evidence its mother is dead or you still feel the fawn is in need of help, call the Wildlife Rescue League Hotline at 703-440-0800 before making any attempts at ‘rescue.’ You can visit these Web sites for more information on orphaned or injured wildlife: www.wildliferescueleague.org/.”

Foster Program Saves Kittens

“Fifty-five of the animals placed in foster care at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in 2008 were neonatal kittens who required bottle feeding because they were too young to survive on their own. Many shelters in the nation that do not have a neonatal kitten foster program are forced to euthanize these animals, but the Fairfax County Animal Shelter has made a concerted effort to build the infrastructure to save these animals.



"The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is able to save neonatal kittens due to the help of a specialized cadre of shelter volunteers who provide temporary out-of-shelter care bottle feeding and hand raising these small animals who weigh only ounces when they arrive at the shelter.

"Our vision includes working toward the day when no healthy, treatable, rehabilitable or manageable animal is euthanized for lack of space or resources," says Shelter Director Dr. Karen Diviney. "This includes senior pets as well as the very young ones. Sometimes we get these kittens when they are just hours old. We still give them a chance."

"Each year, the shelter hosts neonatal kitten and cat care classes to train new foster care providers, members of the animal rescue community and staff from local animal shelters. Persons interested in becoming a foster care provider for the shelter should visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/foster.htm> for more information and to complete an application."

Bush Hill Foxes Raise Another Family

The Bush Hill Woods pair of red foxes have successfully raised a trio of kits. Unfortunately, the adult male has developed sarcoptic mange so the family is now being treated with Ivermectin provided by Fairfax County wildlife rescue volunteers. If left untreated, foxes with mange eventually die. Contrary to popular belief, red foxes are not nocturnal and seek food for their young day and night. So, if you see a red fox during the day, do not be alarmed.

>> For more information on red foxes, visit <http://www.foxforest.org/>.

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Fairfax County— Quarantine in Effect

"In the summer of 2008, Fairfax County staff identified several sites infested with emerald ash borer.... The emerald ash borer does not generally spread great distances on its own. It is mainly spread when various ash articles (firewood, wood chips, nursery stock, etc.) are transported from infested areas to uninfested areas."

"Immediately after the infestations were discovered, a federal order quarantined Fairfax County for emerald ash borer. Soon after, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services put in place a similar quarantine for Fairfax County and surrounding areas.

"The following counties and cities are quarantined for emerald ash borer: Fairfax, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. The following items may *not* be moved from quarantined areas without a compliance agreement:

- all hardwood firewood
- ash nursery stock
- ash green lumber
- any other ash material, living, dead, cut or fallen, including logs, stumps, branches, roots, as well as composted and uncomposted chips from any species of ash"

For more information on emerald ash borer, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/eab_general.htm.

Hurricane Season: Are You Ready?



"June 1 marks the start of hurricane season, and Virginians should take steps now to prepare their families and businesses. Regardless of where you live in the Commonwealth, the flood risk and property loss associated with hurricanes and tropical storms is high.

"It is so important that every Virginian treat hurricane season seriously," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

'Hurricane season is flood season. No part of Virginia is safe from flooding because seasonal heavy rains and slow moving tropical systems can affect any part of the state.'

"All Virginia families can take three simple, low-cost steps to get ready: get a kit, make a plan, and stay informed.

"This year, the Ready Virginia campaign is focusing on teaching families how to make a plan. For hurricane season, families should learn their designated evacuation routes, decide on an evacuation destination, and collect emergency contact information.

"Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov for downloadable family plan worksheets." (Source: Virginia Department of Emergency Management)



EVENTS

BBHCA Community Yard Sale

June 6, 8 am – 1 pm

Download the map of participating homes and items for sale the week of the sale and go for the treasure! For more information, go to <http://www.bbhca.org/yardsale.htm> or e-mail yardsale@bbhca.org

Rain date: Sunday, June 7, 2009.

Lee District Nights— Summer 2009 Concerts

Lee District Park Amphitheater

7:30 pm, Wednesdays

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| June 3 | <u>The United States Navy Band 'Cruisers'</u> |
| June 10 | Chinese Dance and Music |
| June 17 | <u>Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie</u> (Traditional bluegrass) |
| June 24 | <u>The United States Navy Band Country Current</u> (Bluegrass) |
| July 1 | <u>Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues Boys</u> (Delta blues) |
| July 8 | <u>King Teddy</u> (Swing) |
| July 15 | <u>The Alexandria Klezmer</u> (Klezmer) |
| July 22 | The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Summer Band (Classic) |
| July 29 | <u>The Nighthawks</u> (Rockabilly) |
| August 5 | <u>The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble"</u> (Jazz) |
| August 12 | <u>Pietasters</u> (Ska) |
| August 19 | <u>John McCutcheon</u> (Folk) |
| August 26 | <u>The Irish Breakfast Band</u> (Irish) |



Click on the links above for more information on the individual performers.

>> Summer Concerts Flyer (PDF), http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdf/files/2009_concerts.pdf

Democratic Party Primary Elections

June 9, 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

All qualified voters are eligible to vote in this election. Vote at your normal polling place. For more information, see article above.

Civil War Enthusiasts— Mosby Tour

June 20, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

The 2009 Mosby Tour will start at the Truro Rectory, in Fairfax City, where Mosby captured Brigadier General Edwin Stoughton. We ask everyone to arrive at the Truro Rectory at 8 a.m., to sign in. The bus will leave at

8:30. We will be going to Culpeper, Orange Court House, Gordonsville and more. We hope to arrive back at the Truro Rectory at 5:30. If you are a member of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society the cost is \$65. If you are not a member, the cost is \$75. No refunds after June 8. The tour does not include meals, however, we will be stopping at a fast food place somewhere on the tour.

To reserve your spot, make your check out to Don Hakenson and send it to: 4708 Lillian Drive, Franconia, VA 22310. The Mosby Tour will be conducted by authors Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding, and Eric Buckland. Tom Evans will be signing books before the tour at the Truro Rectory. Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984, dhakenson@cox.net, or Gregg Dudding at 703-971-4860, wdudding@cox.net.

Department of Community and Recreation Services Celebrates 50th Anniversary July 16

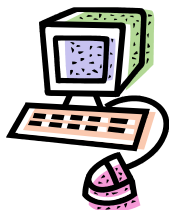
All CRS facilities and programs will hold fun family activities to commemorate this memorable occasion. The best part is that they are all free. The community is invited. Contact your local community center, teen center, senior center, Virginia Cooperative Extension/4-H programs or programs for people with disabilities (Therapeutic Recreation Services) to find out about their event, or watch for a list of events and activities.

>> For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/>

Free Summer Entertainment in the Parks

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/

Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy local and regional entertainers in performances ranging from children's puppet shows to big band, jazz, bluegrass, rock, classical and world music. Take a nostalgic return to the good old days and drive in to see classic movies on a large outdoor screen from the comfort of your car. The Fairfax County Park Authority, in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and with generous contributions from local businesses and corporations, presents shows, concerts and movies throughout the summer.



LINKS TO KEEP

Get Involved! The Gift that Changes Lives

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>

Community and Recreation Services “rely on the generosity of people like you to help build a stronger community through our programs and services. By sharing your time and talent with us, you can make a big difference in the quality of services provided in your community. Our volunteers work side by side with staff in every activity. To arrange to become a volunteer or discuss volunteering, please e-mail our Volunteer Coordinator at DCRS-volunteers@fairfaxcounty.gov. You may also fill out the online volunteer application and e-mail it to DCRS-volunteers@fairfaxcounty.gov. When it is processed, the Volunteer Coordinator will give you a call for the next step.”

>> Volunteer Application (PDF), <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/volunteer/pdf/volapplication3.pdf>

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) “has one of the largest and most versatile volunteer programs in the country. Citizens are urged to participate by contacting the nearest school.”

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. “Volunteers are needed to join our active stream monitoring program. All training and equipment are provided and no prior experience is needed. Monitoring includes both biological and chemical aspects. Volunteers are trained to assess ecological conditions in streams. If you are interested in becoming a monitor, please contact the coordinator by e-mail at dan.schwartz@fairfaxcounty.gov.”

Volunteers for Change program “is providing flexible weekend and evening volunteer opportunities for active, dedicated adults who have a desire to serve. To learn more, download a sample calendar or view sample projects.”

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program “educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.” For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/cert.htm>.



RIDE SHARE

Looking to share transportation costs with a neighbor? BBHCA members may send their destination and contact information to eNews@bbhca.org. Indicate whether you are a driver, passenger, or both. Note: BBHCA does not screen participants and takes no responsibility for matches or mismatches. Listings are free and open to current BBHCA members.

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