

# BBHCA eNews

MAY 2012

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

**Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 pm**  
Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

### MEETING AGENDA:

- Board and Committee Reports
  - March Meeting Minutes (Vote)
- Report on the Financial and Budget Audit
- Provisional Budget (Vote)
- Election for Officers (Vote)
- Old Business
- New Business

### TOPIC: Report on Lee District



**Speaker: Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor**

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## Result of BBHCA Financial Review and Budget Analysis for 2011-2012

*Article prepared by Joan Akins and concurred by the Audit Committee Members*

The following report is presented in accordance with Article 3 Section 4 and Article 6 Section 3 of the Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association (BBHCA) Bylaws.

### Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee

- Chair: Joan Akins, BBHCA Treasurer
- Member: Kevin Henry, Piedmont Drive
- Member: Robert Michie, Piedmont Drive
- Member: Sharada Gilkey, Westchester Street

### Scope

This review covers the 2011-2012 BBHCA fiscal year which ends May 31, 2012. This review took place on April 21, 2012. The review was based upon data and documents provided to the Committee by the BBHCA Treasurer, Joan Akins.

## Results

Income and expenses for 2011 and 2012 were presented in a spreadsheet that will be distributed to members at the May 2012 BBHCA meeting. The spreadsheet was compared to BBHCA Bank Statements from Burke and Herbert and the membership dues income. The audit committee members agreed that the revenue and expenses in the spreadsheet matched the bank statements, vendor invoices, and membership dues. The Audit Committee is satisfied that Association money was collected, reported, and spent according to the 2011-2012 budget plan.

## Recommendations

1. **Conduct a membership drive in September.** A membership drive should be conducted every September since that is the beginning of the membership fiscal year. The membership drive is the most effective means of renewing members and member dues are the main source of revenue for the Civic Association.
2. **Separate budget line for the cost of the membership drive.** Add a separate budget line for the cost of printing and mailing the membership form during the time of the membership drive.
3. **Reduce the membership form to a ½ page in the newsletter.** Publish the membership form in every issue of the newsletter.

## BROOKLAND-BUSH HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION Provisional Budget FY 2012–13

ITEM	ACTUAL	PROVISIONAL
	as of 5/7/2012 FY2011-12	BUDGET FY2012-13
Fiscal year starts on June 1 and ends May 31		
Membership Dues	4310.00	4400.00
Interest	29.53	30.00
Newsletter Ads	1115.00	1000.00
Donations	1015.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Yard Sale	0.00	150.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>6469.53</b>	<b>5880.00</b>
Bank Charges (checks)	15.00	0.00
Newsletter*	2904.29	2550.00
Newsletter mailing & postage*	2374.81	2100.00
Post card mailing	434.22	435.00
Membership mailing	271.48	325.00
Yard Sale	0.00	90.00
Fidelity Bond	100.00	100.00
Insurance	431.00	431.00
Meetings	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous**	379.31	50.00
Postage	0.00	25.00
Donations	0.00	50.00
Web Page (hosting)	199.35	200.00
Contingency	0.00	100.00

Fiscal year starts on June 1 and ends May 31	ACTUAL as of 5/7/2012	PROVISIONAL BUDGET
<b>Total Expenses</b>	7109.46	6456.00
<b>Profit ( Loss )</b>	(639.93)	(576.00)
<b>End of Year Cash</b>	20638.27	20062.27

- \* There were 5 newsletter payments in FY 2011–2012  
There will be 4 newsletter payments in FY 2012–2013
- \*\* Purchased BBHCA signs

## Community Yard Sale—Sign Up by May 23 Saturday, June 2

### REGISTRATION FORM

We all have that closet full of items we no longer use. Give them a new life and put the cash in your pocket at the BBHCA community yard sale.

Can't decide whether to keep it or sell it? Ask yourself these questions:

- Have I/we used it in the past two years? (This is a good indication that the item is severely neglected and in need of a new home.)
- Do I plan to use it in the next year? (Really? Be brutally honest.)
- Will someone in the family appreciate it? (Don't assume. Make sure you ask them.)
- Is it broken? Is it worth fixing? (Get an estimate or toss it.)
- Does it have special meaning for me? (If you have many "memorabilia," select one or two you actually like and give away or sell the rest.)



If you have questions, please send an email to Katherine at [yardsale@bbhca.org](mailto:yardsale@bbhca.org).

## Invitation: Evolution of Fairfax

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/evolution.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/evolution.htm)

**June 13, 20, 27**

7:30 pm

Mason Inn and Conference Center

4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Please RSVP to 703-324-2321 or email [chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Chairman Sharon Bulova, in partnership with the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, cordially invite you to the Evolution of Fairfax, a free three-part series on where we are, where we are going, and where we want to be. For three nights in June, join panels of experts to examine our shared past, our present state, and our exciting future.



On June 13, join our panelists in looking back at the last 40 years of land use trends, patterns of development and community building in Fairfax County.

On June 20, our panelists will examine the revitalization of Fairfax County's commercial centers, the redevelopment of Tysons Corner, and the rise of transit-oriented development.

On June 27, a keynote speech will lead to breakout sessions so you can answer the question: where do we want to go?

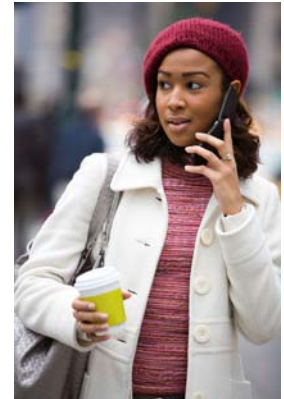
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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Have a Crime to Report? There's an App for That!

Fairfax County Crime Solvers has provided an anonymous tip line for the public to report crime since 1979. In 2008 we introduced secure text and email capabilities. We are now proud to promote a new smartphone app to further the public's ability to report crimes anonymously!

The free app, TipSubmit, is the first app of its kind and works on both the iPhone and Android phones. It allows the public to anonymously submit tips to police through their local Crime Solvers program. This mobile app works with the existing TipSoft software already utilized by Fairfax County Crime Solvers for their text and email tips. However, the app offers even more because it has the ability to use GPS to auto-locate the nearest Crime Solvers program or law enforcement agency. Users may also manually select a location for their tip. Tipsters may include photos and videos with their tips.



In Virginia, tipsters and their information are protected under state law when their information is reported to a certified Crime Solvers program. (15.2-1713.1) For the tipster that fears retaliation, this state law is essential. It allows the tipster to communicate through a Crime Solvers program and still maintain their anonymity. As with the text and email capabilities, this app continues to promote that two-way communication, allowing real-time chat between the tipster and program.

Smart phone users are encouraged to download this free app and use it when you have information on a crime or a wanted person. For additional information on this new app, please visit <http://tipsoft.com/index.asp?P=TipSubmitMobile>.

For crimes occurring in Fairfax County, tipsters may continue to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail tips at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637). Find us on Facebook!

Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2012/042412csphoneapp.htm>

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## What to Do When You are Stopped by Police

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/citizen-awareness/police-stop-tips.htm>

If you are stopped by a police officer, taking the actions suggested below will likely lead to a brief, positive, and safe encounter for both you and the officer.

- What are some reasons police might stop me?
- What should I consider if I am stopped?
- What actions should I take if I'm approached by a police officer?
- What actions should I take if I'm in a vehicle that is approached by a police officer?
- When can a police officer search me?



**What are some reasons police might stop me?**

Generally, because you:

- Are in the area where a crime just occurred
- Witness a crime
- Fit the description of a suspect
- Have been pointed out as a suspect
- Appear to need assistance
- Violate a law

For answers to the other questions, click on the link above!

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## EVENTS

- **BBHCA Community Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 8**

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

**Topic:** Report on Lee District

**Speaker:** Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor

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

**Wednesday, May 16**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

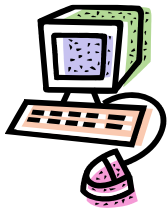
Helen Wilson Community Room, Lee District Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/franstacac.htm>

**Topic:** Tactical Community Policing in Homeland Security

**What is CAC?** The purpose of the CAC is to:

1. Provide a forum for obtaining citizen input about the delivery of police services.
2. Provide a formalized process that will facilitate citizen and community cooperation with the police.
3. Identify specific and potential problem areas concerning the police.



## LINKS TO KEEP

- **Medicare: 6 Things You Need to Know Now**

[https://secure.consumersunion.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=crh\\_order\\_Senior\\_Guide\\_Medicare&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=9fpjzqx0z4.app243a](https://secure.consumersunion.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=crh_order_Senior_Guide_Medicare&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=9fpjzqx0z4.app243a)

Whether you will soon turn 65 and join Medicare for the first time, or you already get your care through Medicare or have someone in your family who does, *Consumer Reports* gives you the six things you need to know right now. FREE, concise guide on making the most of your new rights.

- **Understanding Stress: Symptoms, Signs, Causes, and Effects**

[http://www.helpguide.org/mental/stress\\_signs.htm](http://www.helpguide.org/mental/stress_signs.htm)

If you frequently find yourself feeling frazzled and overwhelmed, it's time to take action to bring your nervous system back into balance. You can protect yourself by learning how to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress and taking steps to reduce its harmful effects.

### **Gardening Resources from Green Springs Gardens**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/gardening.htm>

Since 1970, Green Spring has developed a number of gardens designed to demonstrate a wide range of gardening styles as well as feature plants available to local residents. Through its gardens and educational programming Green Spring advances the awareness and practice of gardening in Metropolitan Washington, DC. Click on the link above for some of their internet resources for gardeners.

### **House Cleaning Tips**

<http://www.housecleaning-tips.com/>

Tip on cleaning everything from the basement to the roof, decluttering, organizing, and more.

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