

May Issue of BBHCA News

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BBHCA Community Meeting

May 13, 2008 (Tuesday)

7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

AGENDA:

- Board and Committee Reports
- Preliminary 2008-09 Budget (Vote)
- Board Elections (Vote)
- United Wesleyan Church Renovation Update by *Carl Sell*



Report on Lee District

Guest Speaker:

[Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor](#)

Call for BBHCA Board Nominations

The Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association is accepting nominations for the following Board positions:

- President
- Vice President—Newsletter
- Vice President—Membership
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Election of officers for the 2008-2009 membership year will be held during the May 13 meeting, 7:30 pm at Bush Hill Elementary School. For more information, please contact Jeannie Henry at president@bbhca.org.

BBHCA Membership

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The spring 2007-08 membership drive exceeded expectations: 101 residents joined or renewed. To date we have a total of 247 members or 30% of the total 814 homes in Brookland, Bush Hill, and Gunnell Estates.

BBHCA also thanks those who made a donation in addition to their member dues.

Cash Donations Reach Disaster Victims Quickly

www.vaemergency.com/newsroom/disasters/aprtornado08/donations.cfm

RICHMOND, Va—When disaster hits local communities, many concerned citizens want to help. Frequently, donations of food and clothing begin pouring into areas that are not ready to sort and distribute items. A better

way to assist victims of disasters is to make financial contributions to local charities or faith-based organizations that are responding to the situation.

Cash donations help organizations avoid the labor and expense of sorting, packing, transporting and distributing donated goods. Also, voluntary relief agencies can use cash to meet victims' needs more quickly.

>> For a list of relief organizations currently serving the victims of the recent storms and tornados and accepting donations, click on the link above.

Aerial Gypsy Moth Spraying to Begin in May



Fairfax County will begin its annual aerial spraying program to suppress gypsy moth caterpillars starting in May. For the second year in a row, this insect population remains high.

The caterpillars are a threat because they can kill trees by defoliating them. County officials believe the dry weather during the past two years has contributed to an upsurge of gypsy moths. Dry weather inhibits the growth of a fungus that naturally keeps their population under control.

Helicopters will spray a naturally occurring insecticide in 46 areas across the county. Once spraying begins, it may take seven to 10 days or longer to complete, depending on the weather. Further information on the spraying program and a detailed map of the areas to be sprayed are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/072.htm

Help Decide Your Future Bus Service



Fairfax county is developing a comprehensive 10-year plan for Fairfax Connector and Metrobus service countywide. Make sure your voice is heard! This is your opportunity to learn about the project and provide comments and suggestions for improving service. There will be presentations, maps, charts, and personnel working on the project available to take your comments and answer questions. You can also learn more and comment by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm> or call 703-324-1500 to leave a recorded message with your comments.

Local hearing dates:

- Monday May 19, 2008, 6:30-8:30PM* South County Government Center 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
- Tuesday June 3, 6:30-8:30PM Springfield Government Center 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield

Spanish speaking staff will be in attendance. To request reasonable ADA accommodations or alternative format of materials, call Katharyn Rogers at (703) 324-1120, TTY (703) 324-1102.

Plan for Summertime Fun at Fairfax County Camps

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/funcamps.htm

From performing arts, to sports, to high adventure, Fairfax County camps offer an amazingly wide range of summer activities for ages three through teens.

Summer Jobs: For older youth, counselor and other seasonal job opportunities can be found on some of the sites and at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hr/jobs.htm#Seasonal.

Kingstowne Farmers Market

When: Fridays, May 16 - Oct. 24, 4-7 pm

Where: Kingstowne Town Center across from the Giant Food Store



The 2008 season of the Fairfax County Farmers' Market kicks off May 1 and continues until November 19. There are 11 markets located across the county, open different days throughout the week.

All products sold at the Farmers Market are produced by the vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. Buy local and support sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. You will find the freshest and most desirable fruit, vegetables, plants, baked goods, eggs, dairy and meats available.

The Farmers Markets are supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority through the Community Horticulture office based at Green Spring Gardens. The daily operations of the markets are managed by volunteer [Market Masters](#).

>> Fairfax County farmers markets: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm

VDOT—Virginia Department of Transportation

Virtually all public roads (interstate, primary and secondary) in Fairfax County are maintained by the [Virginia Department of Transportation](#) (VDOT). Please contact VDOT's [Northern Virginia District Office](#) at 703-383-8368, TTY 711, for information or to request maintenance on the following:



Bridge work | [Curb, gutter or sidewalk repairs](#) | Dead animal removal | [Drainage systems](#) (culvert/ditch cleaning, pipes) | Dust control | Grading | Gravel/stone placement | Guard rail replacement | Mowing | Potholes | [Snow removal](#) | [Traffic directional signs](#) (stop, speed limit, etc.) | Traffic lights (stop lights) | Traffic study | Trash removal | Tree trimming/removal

>> [Streets, Sidewalks and Trails FAQs](#).

Real Estate Tax Relief

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm



Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements.

- The gross income from all sources of the owners of the dwelling and any relatives of the owners who reside in the dwelling may not exceed \$72,000.
- The applicant must be a resident of Fairfax County as of December 31 of the previous year and reside in the dwelling.
- The applicant must be at least 65 years of age, or permanently and totally disabled.
- The total combined net assets of owners of the dwelling and of the spouse of any owner who resides in the dwelling may not be greater than \$340,000. (Excluding the value of the dwelling and up to one acre of land where it is situated.)

First time applicants have until December 31 of the year that tax relief is being requested. For first time filers, late applications may also be accepted during the following tax year.

Springfield Neighborhood College—"Building a Strong Community"

May 5–June 23, 6 pm–8:30 pm

Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St, Springfield

Learn how to collaborate with others who live or work in the Springfield are of Fairfax County to strengthen your neighborhood and build a strong sense of community. Through a combination of panel presentations, hands-on activities, group discussions and field-work, the Neighborhood College will provide the opportunity to learn more about:

- How local government works in Fairfax County
- Fairfax County services and how to access them
- The history and current demographics of the area
- Community resources
- Cross-cultural dynamics
- Building community partnerships

- How to operate effectively as a local leader

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, plus one Saturday session on May 17 from 10 am–4 pm.

Classes are free and light meals are provided. Day Care will be provided however, space is limited. Classes will be held in English and Spanish simultaneously.

Class size is limited and the **deadline is May 2, 2008**. To apply please contact Sarah Allen at 703-704-6733 or by e-mail Sarah.Allen@fairfaxcounty.gov or Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700 or Maria.Franco-Nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov

Attention Seniors: The Fairfax County Police Want You!

The Police Department is reaching out to county residents over 55 years of age, who are interested in serving on new Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT) councils.

The focus of the new councils will be to enhance law enforcement's response to crime-related issues experienced or feared by older residents. The Police Department wants to hear first-hand from older residents about any of their unmet needs and quality of life issues. It is anticipated that these councils will play an important role in helping guide police department programs and policies.

Potential members should be willing to express their concerns about crime issues and may be asked to help share police-related information with their peers. The councils will be based in local police districts, with meeting times and spaces to be coordinated with local district officers. Police plan a training component to the councils to help new members better understand the police department and its function in the community.

For more information contact Alice Eggers at (703) 922-0889 or Alice.Eggers@fairfaxcounty.gov at the Franconia District Station, Crime Prevention Unit, 6121 Franconia Road.

Edison First Annual EagleFest

May 17, 10 am – 4 pm
Edison High School

The class of 2010 at Edison High School is inviting all the neighborhoods in the community to attend their carnival—EagleFest—in May. Admission is free—Games, activities, prizes, and entertainment for all ages. Tickets will be on sale at EagleFest for all activities and refreshments. The highlight of the day will be the dramatic “Golf Balls from Heaven.”



Neighborhood Watch

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Victim Recants Sexual Assault Claim; Arrest Made

April 28—Police arrested Cristina Arotoma-Quispe for filing a false police report. Arotoma-Quispe, 18, of Frontier Drive, claimed to have been raped on April 24 in the 6200 block of Dana Avenue. An investigation revealed she allegedly made up the incident, including the threats to her infant daughter. She was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with falsely summoning police.

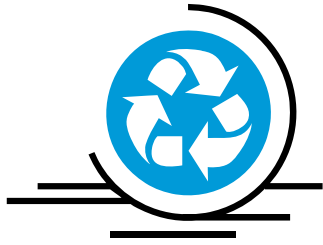
Unlicensed Massage Parlor Shut Down in Springfield Mall

April 22—Four people were charged in connection with operating an unlicensed massage parlor, Healthwise, at Springfield Mall. In conjunction with the Regulation and Licensing Branch of the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection, police arrested the owner, manager, and two therapists.

Recycle Small Electronics at the Post Office

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling

In 2008, as part of a pilot program, white, plastic envelopes available at all Fairfax County U.S. Post Offices can be used to mail in small electronics for recycling at no cost to you. The postage-paid mailers are free and can be picked up from your local post office.



Items that may be placed in the envelopes:

- cell phones
- PDAs
- digital cameras
- MP3 players
- inkjet cartridges
- other small electronics

Electronics received through this program will be reused, recycled, or broken down into their component parts for reuse and recycling.

Local Collection Events

Upcoming Computer Recycling Events are posted online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/announce.htm

Links To Keep

MyMoney.gov

<http://mymoney.gov/>

MyMoney.gov is the U.S. government's website dedicated to teaching all Americans the basics about financial education. Whether you are planning to buy a home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401k, the resources on MyMoney.gov can help you do it better. Throughout the site, you will find important information from 20 federal agencies government wide. Make your taxes work for you! Includes the following and more:

- >> Roadmap to Saving and Investing at <http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/roadmap.htm>
- >> 66 Ways to Save Money at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/money/66ways/index.html
- >> Small Business Start Up Guide at <http://www.sba.gov/smallbusinessplanner/index.html>
- >> Choosing a Financial Planner at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/money/financial-planner/10questions.html

Get Answers About National Banks

<http://www.HelpWithMyBank.gov>

Find answers to your national banking questions. For example, credit card fees, account errors, mortgage loans, credit scores, property insurance, identity theft, and more.

Find Your Property Value

<http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/Main/Home.aspx>

This site provides assessed values and physical characteristics extracted from the official assessment records for all residential and commercial properties in Fairfax County.

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