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BBHCA eNews

NOVEMBER 2009

BBHCA COMMUNITY MEETING

November 10, 2009 (Tuesday)

7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

AGENDA:

[Minutes from September Meeting](#) (Vote) ([Click link for PDF](#))

Board and Committee Reports

New Business

TOPIC:

Home Energy Audits



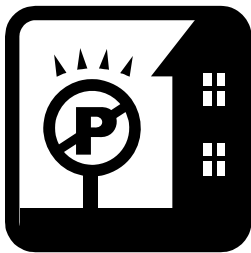
GUEST SPEAKER:

EDGE Home & Energy Services

A home energy audit will determine what areas use the most energy and suggest how to cut your energy costs. Find out what you can do on your own and what professional energy auditors can offer.

Win a FREE home energy audit! BBHCA members attending the presentation will have the chance to win a home energy audit from EDGE Home & Energy Services.

NOTE: BBHCA does not endorse any company offering services or products to BBHCA members or residents.



District-wide Community Parking District Approved in Lee District

October 20—As expected, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a community parking district (CPD) in Lee District. The CPD will go into effect November 18. However, during the first month area residents who have boats or RVs illegally parked on residential streets will be given warning tickets by police to move the vehicle within 48 hours. After 48 hours, the vehicle will be towed.

For more information, contact Joan Clark, Lee District Supervisor's Office, at (703) 971-6262.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Trick or Treat—Safe on the Streets

Halloween is quickly approaching and many youngsters will be out and about during dark hours crossing the streets. Many cars frequently use residential streets as a cut-through during high volume traffic hours. Fairfax County Police will be enforcing violations involving stop signs, speeding, and pedestrian cross walks.

DWI directed patrols will be occurring in the Franconia district. All other district stations will also have officers out in numbers to make sure trick-or-treaters have a safe Halloween night.

Here are a few safety tips to remember when walking along streets during nighttime hours:

- Always use crosswalks and sidewalks
- Carry a flashlight
- Wear reflective stickers on costumes
- Use face paint rather than full-face masks that block your view
- Only trick-or-treat at houses you know
- Travel in groups with an adult
- Notify police about any suspicious person or activity
- Inspect candy before children eat it



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.

Home Security Checks

Residents are welcome to contact their local Crime Prevention Officer (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/>) at any time to request a personal home security check or for information about crime in their neighborhood.

Vehicle VIN Etching

On November 6, the public can have VIN-etching applied to their vehicles. Forthcoming details will be posted on www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.



Jewelry Thefts Increase

Fairfax County Police have seen an increase in jewelry thefts in the Sully, Reston, and Fair Oaks Districts over the last few months. There was a 55% increase in burglaries involving stolen jewelry in those districts over the last year. Overall burglaries in those areas have dropped by 21%; however, the increase is found in the *type* of property being stolen, particularly jewelry. Detectives are attributing these thefts to the recent increase in value of all precious metals, including gold, silver, and platinum. Below are some tips to keep your gems safe:

- Always call police if you see people going door to door acting suspicious
- Keep all valuables out of sight
- Keep jewelry in a secure location
- Keep items made of precious metals secure
- Be mindful when discussing your valuables
- Document valuables with photos and serial numbers
- Always keep home and business entryways locked
- Always be aware of your surroundings

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EVENTS

LAST DAY... Absentee Voting

October 31

Mon - Fri 3 pm - 7:30 pm

Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Absentee voting is available at seven satellite locations throughout the County, including the **Franconia Governmental Center**, For more information, go to online to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/>, call 703-222-0776, TTY 711, or e-mail voting@fairfaxcounty.gov.

LAST DAY... Kingstowne Farmers Market

Kingstowne Town Center across from the Giant Food, near the Sunoco Gas Station

October 30

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

General Election

November 3

Bush Hill Elementary School

6:00 am – 7:00 pm

To elect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Members of the House of Delegates. For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>

>> **SAMPLE BALLOT** for the 43rd District (Lee District)

Edison High School Presents "Bye Bye Birdie"

November 13, 14, 20, 21

7:00 pm

Ticket \$8 adults, \$6 students

Rock and roll superstar Conrad Birdie's agent stages a publicity stunt on The Ed Sullivan Show in which he will kiss one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio, before being drafted into the army. Of course, hilarious complications arise! For more information and ticket sales go to www.edisondrama.com.

BBHCA 2009-2010 Meeting Dates

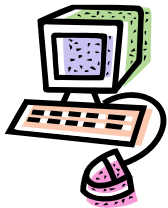
Bush Hill Elementary School

5917 Westchester Street, Alexandria, VA 22310

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

- November 10, 2009
- January 12, 2010
- March 9, 2010
- May 11, 2010

LINKS TO KEEP



Conduct Your Own Energy Audit

http://webapp.dpor.state.va.us/articles/energy_audit.htm

You can easily conduct a home energy audit yourself. With a simple, but diligent, "walk-through," you can spot many problems in any type of house.

Halloween 2009

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/halloween.htm>

Find out about Halloween activities in Fairfax County and safety tips for being out and about on the festive day.

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