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# BBHCA eNews

October 2009

## NEXT...BBHCA COMMUNITY MEETING

November 10, 2009 (Tuesday)

7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

## Did You Miss the September Meeting? Read All About It!

>> [September Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)

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## Is This Your Last eNews? Renew Today!

**If you haven't renewed your BBHCA membership, please take a minute now to fill out and mail the 2009-2010 application with your payment.**

We don't have fancy announcements or reminders, but we do need your support to cover our basic costs of operation. And if you've seen our budget, those costs entail primarily the print newsletter and the web site—our means of communication with the community.

**>> Members also receive this monthly eNews, an exclusive BBHCA member benefit.**

Communication is the key to a successful community and your once-a-year contribution of \$20 family/\$10 individual makes the difference.

**Renew today!** Just click on the link below to download the current application. Thank you!

>> [MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#) (Sept 1, 2009 – Aug 31, 2010)

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## Lee District Clamps Down on Mortgage Fraud

by Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay



September 24, 2009—Today's announcement of the largest fraud investigation in Fairfax County's history is great news for our citizens.

This investigation started right here in Lee District when neighbors called my office with concerns that appeared completely out of character with the neighborhood. Subsequent strike team and police investigations uncovered evidence extensive enough to call in the FBI and as we heard today, there is evidence of mortgage fraud in excess of \$100 million dollars involving hundreds of houses throughout the County.

This proves the value of alert and engaged neighborhoods that care about their community. It also illustrates the professionalism of the many different County organizations that worked as a team to bring this investigation to fruition.

It's easy to think of mortgage fraud as just another faceless financial crime. Ask anyone in a community that has been affected and you'll hear about the toll it takes on their neighborhood. I am proud of our community and our

County agencies, police, and FBI who have all worked together to slam the brakes on this crime against neighborhoods.

I would like to thank my Lee District neighbors for their perseverance. We know our neighborhoods and we know when something is not right.

And I say to those who would break our laws—you've picked the wrong County. In this County, we work together to protect our community and our citizens and we stop at nothing to ensure that justice is served.

- **Mortgage Fraud Bust Nets 20**  
[www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=333391&paper=72&cat=104](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=333391&paper=72&cat=104)

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## Fall Report from Supervisor Jeff McKay

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/newsletter/oct2009/message\\_from\\_supervisor\\_mckay.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/newsletter/oct2009/message_from_supervisor_mckay.htm)



### Dear Lee District Neighbor:

Welcome to my electronic newsletter. I hope that you'll find the information useful and that you will contact me and my staff if you have questions or concerns.

The events of the summer have set the stage for the coming year. Some of the events have widespread implications; others resonate on the neighborhood level. All, however, will affect our lives in some way.

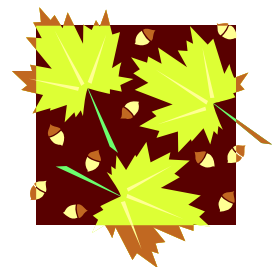
The impact of the national economic downturn on localities became clearer as the grass in our medians continued to grow and the state made yet another round of cuts to local budgets. At the end of September, the County released news about the criminal investigation and prosecution of what looks to be the largest mortgage fraud in Fairfax County's history. On the neighborhood level, there are important changes proposed for local parking restrictions. And of course, no newsletter would be complete without a preview of the County's budget picture.

As you'll read later in this newsletter, Lee District residents have strong opinions about property taxes and County services. You'll also read about the County's commitment to wiping out graffiti and upcoming community budget dialogues.

I wish you and your families the best in this season of crisp air and falling leaves.

Also in This Issue of Supervisor McKay's Lee District Update:

- [The New Normal Budget](#)
- [Mortgage Fraud](#)
- [Graffiti](#)
- [Large Area Parking District](#)
- [Parking Changes on the Horizon](#)
- [Lee District Survey](#)



>> **Lee District Home Page**, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/>

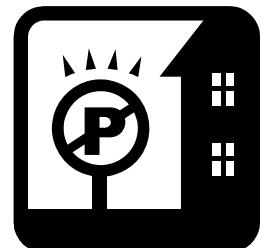
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## Public Hearing Scheduled for Establishing Community Parking District Monday, October 19

Dear Lee District Community Member,

This is a follow up to my previous letters about increasing residential neighborhood parking problems.

Fairfax County has developed a program where an entire magisterial district may limit parking of certain types of vehicles without having to go through an individual and lengthy petition process by setting up a large area Community Parking District (CPD).



Consideration of a large area CPD for the entire Lee District has been underway for over a year and I have been gathering input from communities throughout Lee District. Overwhelmingly, communities have expressed their support for creating a district-wide CPD in Lee District.

I have heard and agree with the numerous complaints about unsafe **parking of large boats and RVs** on our neighborhood streets. As traffic increases and the number of cars in neighborhoods grow, we must ensure our streets remain safe. Line of sight for drivers and pedestrians is a major concern of mine on our increasingly congested streets. I thank everyone who has shared their opinions on parking restrictions with me. I now am confident that restrictions are needed to protect our residential neighborhoods.

**A public hearing before the full Board of Supervisors for the Lee District Large Area CPD is scheduled for October 19, 2009.**

If you or someone representing the community would like to speak at a hearing, please register with the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151. You can also contact the Clerk to the Board by sending an email to the clerk at [clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov).

*If you are speaking on your behalf or for your neighborhood, you'll have three minutes to speak. Please note that when you begin your presentation to the Board, you'll be asked to state your name and address for the record. If you'd like to distribute copies of your statement to the Board and the media, please bring 15 copies with you.*

*You can also submit written testimony by mail or email and your testimony will be entered into the record. The mail address is:*

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 533, Fairfax, VA 22035, or [clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**The following is information related to the large area CPD that you may find helpful:**

*Community Parking Districts (CPD) prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles greater than or equal to 3 axles, vehicles with a GVWR greater than or equal to 12,000 lbs., and vehicles transporting greater than or equal to 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas ([http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large\\_cpd.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large_cpd.htm)).*

**Private storage facilities:** The attached document that was produced by FCDOT.

**Posting of signs:** According to 82-5B-3.2(a)7. "The posting of signs designating a large area CPD and setting forth the prohibitions and restrictions therein shall not be required unless provided for by the Board at the time the large area CPD is approved." The Lee District large area CPD documents state that no signs would be installed and the ones that currently exist would not be removed.

**Warning Period/Enforcement:** Section 82-5B-5 Adoption and effective date. "If a District has been established as a result of a large area CPD without signage, the effective date shall be 30 days after approval of the District." Both Mount Vernon and Reston were enforced using the following time frames as an example of what to expect:

*Example:*

9/1 Public hearing approval

10/1 CPD effective

10/1 to 11/1 PD warnings and FCDOT produced flyers placed on vehicles

11/1 commence warnings with 48 hours to move, wait 48 hours, if vehicle still in CPD issue parking ticket and wait 48 hours, if still in CPD – tow.

(Note - initially there could be many vehicles so it may be longer than 48 hours).

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. McKay  
Lee District Supervisor  
Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County, VA

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## Transit Development Plan

"Fairfax County is developing a comprehensive 10-year plan for bus service countywide that includes both Fairfax Connector and Metrobus. To make sure the new plan meets the needs of Fairfax County residents, we have:

- Examined current and projected demographic, economic, and land use data
- Conducted customer and resident surveys
- Counted ridership
- Conducted public meetings to hear what you think needs to be done
- Developed service recommendations



Now the County is asking for your feedback and recommendations. Attend a convenient **meeting** or use our **online comment form**, call 703-324-1500 to record your comments **by phone**, or write to Mr. Randall White, FCDOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033-2895. Comments and suggestions will be accepted until **November 30, 2009.**" (Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm>)

>> Comment Form, [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp\\_comment.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp_comment.htm)

>> For public meeting dates, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm>



### Fall Planting Guides

Through its gardens and educational programming Green Spring Gardens advances the awareness and practice of gardening. Go online for their resources for gardeners.

Plant Information Sheets (first three samples below)

- Recommended Annuals, Biennials, Tender Perennials, and Tender Bulbs for Gardens in the Washington, D.C. Area
- Recommended Hardy Bulbs...
- Recommended Deciduous Trees and Large Deciduous Shrubs...



## EVENTS

### Franconia Volunteer Fire Department Open House

6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria

**Saturday, October 10**

10 am – 4 pm

If you think the Fire Department Open House is just for kids, think again! Fire prevention is serious business and you'll be pleasantly surprised how much you will learn. Plus you'll have a blast! To learn more, go to [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

### Absentee Voting

**October 14-31**

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](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### Watershed Cleanup Day

**Saturday, October 17**

9 am to 11:30 am

Clean up events at eight Fairfax County Park Authority sites will be held rain or shine. Volunteers are advised to wear boots, old clothes, and to bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation will be provided. For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/pr096-09.htm>.

### Kingstowne Farmers Market

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

**Fridays** thru October 30

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Lorton Farmers Market

Lorton VRE Station Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton, VA 22079

**Sundays** thru October 25

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Directions: From I-95 South, take exit 163. Turn left onto Lorton Road, going under railroad tracks. Turn left onto Lorton Station Boulevard. Turn left into the VRE Station parking lot.

From the Fairfax County Parkway and Rt. 1, go South on Route 1 to a right on Armistead Road. past the Lorton Fire Department. Armistead becomes Lorton Station Boulevard. Turn left into the VRE Station parking lot.

### 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](http://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

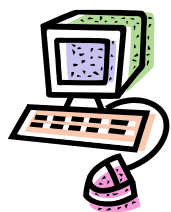
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March 9, 2010

May 11, 2010

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## LINKS TO KEEP



### Explore Google Search

[www.google.com/landing/searchtips](http://www.google.com/landing/searchtips)

Check out these cool search features offered by Google. Learn how to search quickly for information on weather, unit conversion, package tracking, flight tracker, movie times, cooking conversions, area codes, and more! Save time...look smart!

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