

BBHCA eNews

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COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 pm
Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

MEETING AGENDA:

- Board and Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business

TOPIC:

Kettler Proposal for Skating Rink on Oakwood Road

SPEAKERS:

Representing Kettler, David Gill of McGuireWoods LLP
Thomas Hillgrove of Rink Management Services

Renew Your BBHCA Membership Now!

BBHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011–2012*

BBHCA is your voice with elected and appointed officials and government agencies—state delegates and senators, Lee District Supervisor, Virginia Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Police, School Board, etc. We're a community that cares and takes action!



We need your continued support. Without members, we have no influence.

Only BBHCA members hold the right to vote on community issues and any actions taken by BBHCA.

Note: We are not a homeowners association. Therefore, we have no jurisdiction over (or interest in) what color you paint your house, what kind of fence you put up, whether you put in a hot tub, etc. **We focus on the larger issues that affect our community, including the current proposal by Kettler to build an ice skating rink on Oakwood Road, which is immediately adjacent to our neighborhood.**

Dues are only \$20.00 for a household membership, or just \$10.00 for an individual membership.

Your dues will go directly towards:

- Printing and mailing the *Brookland-Bush Hill News* (4–5 times a year),
- holding community meetings on topics of interest,
- maintaining the web site (www.bbhca.org),

- publishing the monthly electronic newsletter (eNews), and
- sending e-mail alerts.

It's Your Community—Show Your Support and Join Today!

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*The current membership year is September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012.

Post-Hurricane Bicycle Tour of BBHCA

By Bob Michie



BBHCA, August 28—I toured BBHCA streets on my bicycle this morning. The neighborhood came through in very good shape. Leaves, twigs, and branches are everywhere, but there are very few complete tree losses. Most of the larger debris had been gathered, chain sawed, and stacked out of the way by Noon. A few solid-wall board fences and old-style television antennas were damaged. The newer satellite dishes were completely unharmed. There was also a handful of gutter damage cases.

All overhead lines looked okay, although one set of house delivery wires are tangled in a tree on Old Rolling Road. There is also a rolled-up feed cable at

Bush Hill Elementary School, but I don't know if it is hurricane-related. I saw no crushed cars, trees on top of houses, etc.

There is a deadfall situation in Bush Hill Park. As you follow the path around from Waycross drive, there is a 60-foot tree leaning over the path. It is apparently being held up by another tree. We need to ask the County to evaluate it for possible removal. There is also a lot of debris on the Park's walking path.

The dry ponds scattered throughout BBHCA are now damp ponds. There is very little standing water anywhere. In short, the neighborhood did very well. This survey also included Gunnell Estates.

Goodnight, Irene.

Cash Donations More Helpful to Disaster Victims

After a disaster hits, donations of food and clothing begin pouring into areas that often do not have the resources to sort and distribute those items. The best way to help victims of disasters is to make financial contributions to local charities and faith-based organizations that are responding to the situation or the Virginia Disaster Relief Fund. Voluntary relief agencies can use cash to meet victims' needs more quickly.



“Virginians have shown after each disaster that they genuinely want to help those hit hardest, though donating unsolicited clothing and food can actually make a bad situation worse,” said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. “Monetary donations are the most efficient way to help the most people.”

You can donate money to help Virginians affected by disasters through the Virginia Disaster Relief Fund. The fund is designed to work through charitable organizations, which, in turn, help individuals. A website has been created to process credit card donations at <http://www.disasterfund.virginia.gov/>. Or make a check payable to the

Treasurer of Virginia with "Virginia Disaster Relief Fund" noted in the memo line. Send the check to: Comptroller's Office, P.O. Box 1971, Richmond, VA 23218-1971. *Donations to the Relief Fund are tax deductible.*

Source: Virginia Department of Emergency Management, www.vaemergency.gov.



ID Your Pets

Don't lose your family pet! Most people think it'll never happen to them, but every year more than 6 million pets across the U.S. are lost. Tragically, most of these pets are never reunited with their owners. Don't let this happen to you or your pet.

What can you do to protect your pet?

- Arm your pet with a personal ID tag, a rabies tag (required by law for all pets), and a license tag (required by law for all dogs over 4 months old).
- Consider a microchip, tattoo, or other device that will help animal shelters identify and return lost pets.

Even responsible pet owners may experience unexpected circumstances that cause their pets to accidentally stray, get lost, or become injured. Don't take chances. If you love them, ID them today.

Source: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/id_pets.htm

Grants Up to \$5,000 Available to Improve Neighborhood Quality of Life

Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP) grants are available to neighborhood or civic groups, homeowners associations, or nonprofits to make communities a better place to live.

Past projects include repairing or expanding children's playgrounds, community signs, community gardens and building paths, bridges, and outdoor pavilions to help connect neighbors and neighborhoods.

The NEPP is a matching grant program; organizations must contribute a matching amount of cash; in-kind donations; discounts on goods or services; and/or sweat equity. Eligible projects also must include at least 25 percent volunteer labor as part of their match.



Applications are due Monday, Oct 31, at 2 pm.

>> [Additional information about eligible groups or projects.](#)

Upcoming Information Session

- Wednesday, Sept 21, 6 pm: [McLean Governmental Center](#), Community Rm, 1437 Balls Hill Rd, McLean

For more information about the program, information sessions, or application process, contact Rachel Robinson, Fairfax County Department of Administration for Human Services, at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.



EVENTS

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting: To Tell the Truth

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Franconia Governmental Center, Helen Wilson Community Room, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria

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

Presentation: Polygraphs with a live demonstration

"In 1979, the Fairfax County Police Department established a program to enhance its ability to communicate with and better serve the community. This program took the form of advisory groups, known as Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), comprised of citizens representing a cross-section of the various neighborhoods of Fairfax County."

Fairfax County Recycling Events

Document Shredding

Saturday, September 24

8 am to 12 noon

Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA 20151

For details, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/ShowEvent.aspx?Event=8094>

Electric Sunday

Sunday, September 25

10 am to 3 pm

I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

For details, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/ShowEvent.aspx?Event=8095>



Car Tax and Registration Fees

DUE Wednesday, October 5

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/>



Fairfax County provides residents with several convenient payment options that can save you time and gas. These include paying

- online
- cash payments at Shoppers Food locations;
- by mail
- by phone
- at select banks (Bank of America, SunTrust and Wachovia/Wells Fargo)
- at the Fairfax County Government Center

For additional important details on payment options, go online to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/convenient_ways_to_pay_cartax.htm

Farmer's Markets Remain Open Into The Fall

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm#schedule>

The days are getting shorter, but many of the wonderful farmer's markets that bring fresh produce and delicious, farm-made products to our neighborhoods remain open into November. Fall is one of the best times to enjoy the bounty of these local markets.

The fall season brings apples, squash, pumpkins, potatoes, spinach, broccoli, onions, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, mums, and much more! The markets also offer fresh eggs, baked goods, honey and cider for purchase. Milk and cheese products along with a wide array of meat products round out the edible delights.

The Fall 2011 Market Schedule

Tuesdays

- Fairfax Farmers Market 8 am until noon through *October 25*

Wednesdays

- Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *November 23*
- Oak Marr Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *November 16*
- Frying Pan Farmers Market, 8 am until 12:30 pm through *October 26*
- Wakefield Farmers Market, 2 pm until 6 pm through *October 26*

Thursdays

- Herndon Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *October 27*
- Annandale Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *November 3*

Fridays

- McLean Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *November 18*
- **Kingstowne Market, 4 pm until 7 pm through *October 28***

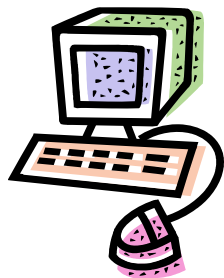
Saturdays

- Burke Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *November 19*
- Reston Farmers Market, 8 am until noon through *October 29*

Sundays

- Lorton Farmers Market, 9 am until 1 pm through *November 6*

Fairfax County Farmers Markets are local, producer only markets. All products sold are produced by vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. For more information call 703-642-0128 or click on the link above.



LINKS TO KEEP

Rose Hill Patch

<http://rosehill.patch.com/>

“Comprehensive and trustworthy local coverage of Rose Hill, VA. Featuring news and events, business listings, discussions, announcements, photos and videos.”

Recent stories of interest:

- >> **Franconia Residents Remember Local Homeless Woman**,
<http://rosehill.patch.com/articles/franconia-residents-remember-local-homeless-woman>
- >> **Bench at Clermont Elementary Honors Becky Johns**,
<http://rosehill.patch.com/articles/bench-at-clermont-elementary-honors-becky-johns>
- >> **Fairfax County Sees 32 Animal Rabies Cases So Far in 2011**,
<http://rosehill.patch.com/articles/fairfax-county-sees-32-animal-rabies-cases-so-far-in-2011-2>

Virginia Living

<http://www.virginialiving.com/>

This upscale glossy magazine is now available online for free.

A Patient's Guidelines to Preventing Falls

http://www.healthinaging.org/public_education/falls_consumer_pamphlet.pdf

"Falls are the fifth leading cause of death in older persons," says Laurence Rubenstein, MD, co-chair of the American Geriatrics Society falls expert panel. "People often underestimate the seriousness of falls and fail to report them to their physicians until injury and disability has already occurred."

Community & Recreation Services

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/>

The mission of this new Fairfax County agency is to engage, connect and collaborate with individuals, organizations, neighborhoods and communities to strategically plan, provide responsive services, and build capacity to support community and neighborhood solutions. You will find links to:

- Advisory Councils
- After-School Program
- Athletic Services
- Community Centers
- Computer Clubhouses
- Computer Learning Centers Partnership
- Fastran®
- "Kids Serve Too" Recreational Vouchers for Kids whose Parent is Deployed
- Mentoring
- Project SUCCESS (youth program)
- Center Without Walls (programs for senior adults)
- Senior Services
- Senior+
- Tobacco Free/Take Charge
- Teen Services
- Therapeutic Recreation (programs for people with disabilities)
- 4-H Youth Development
- Virginia Cooperative Extension of Fairfax
- Volunteering

Recycling & Trash in Fairfax County

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>

Have questions about recycling, yard waste, or special collections? Did you know you can sign up for recycling updates or an environmental education newsletter? Who thought trash could be so interesting!

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