

BBHCA Call for Volunteers!

Volunteering is the surest way to meet new people, make friends, and make a difference in your community. Enthusiasm, the ability to communicate (aka listen), and “work well with others” are the most important skills. Even if you haven’t done something before, consider this an opportunity to learn a new skill. We need you!

- **President** (approximately 5-10 hours per month: represent association, run member and board meetings, oversee all operations, work with county officials to address neighborhood issues, communicate regularly with community)
- **Vice President Newsletter** (approximately 8 hours for each of 5 issues: editing, manage advertising, layout, coordinate with printer/mailer)
- **Vice President Membership** (approximately 2-3 hours per month: update Excel database, promote membership)
- **Treasurer** (approximately 2-3 hours per month: develop budget, collect dues, forward membership applications to VP Membership, pay bills, report on fiscal status)
- **Secretary** (approximately 3-4 hours for each of 5 meetings: take minutes at community meetings and submit for publication)
- **Web Master** (approximately 3-5 hours per month: maintain and update Web site)
- **Yard Sale Committee Chair** (5-10 hours to organize annual community yard sale held in June)

If interested in knowing more about any of the above position, please contact Sharada Gilkey, BBHCA president, at (703) 313-8490 or president@bbhca. Elections will be held at the May 9, BBHCA Annual Business Meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Fairfax County School Board Schedules Community Meetings to Discuss Academic Goals

<http://www.fcps.edu/suptapps/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=320>

The Fairfax County School Board has scheduled a series of community meetings, called District Dialogues, to discuss academic goals for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). These meetings will take place in March, April, and May and are open to all members of the community.

Over the past several months, the School Board has been exploring different governing models while developing vision, mission, belief, and goal statements in order to focus more closely on student achievement and to establish clearer accountability. The meetings will offer members of the community an opportunity to share their expectations and hopes for the school system with School Board members.

April 3 (Monday), 7:00 pm

Lee “District Dialogue” Meeting

Location: Lee High School in Lancer Hall ([Map](#))

Speaker: Brad Center, Lee District School Board Representative

Web: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/strategic.htm>

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

History of Rose Hill and Franconia

7:00 pm

[Friends of John Marshall Library](#) are holding their 2006 Annual Meeting at [John Marshall Library](#) (Virginia Room), 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Adult residents of BBHCA are invited to join in the presentation of the history of Rose Hill and Franconia via the digital library. Uncover the past and discover the local



10 Reasons to be a Pooper-scooper

1. It's the law! The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public areas. (*County Code Section 41-1-2, Section 108-5-2 and Section 41-2-6*)
2. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.
3. Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
4. Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the water's oxygen, which is necessary for healthy underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
5. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for a long time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.
6. By joining the growing number of responsible pet owners, you might encourage hotel managers to accept pets when you're traveling and keep extra fees to a minimum.
7. Let's face it - no one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses.
8. Scooping on a daily basis and applying lime will help prevent odors.
9. It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic small plastic bags and paper towels in your pocket. The bags can be secured and thrown away in the garbage.
10. Your neighbors will appreciate the good manners!

Legal aspects of pet ownership

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices/legal.htm>

Your Pets and the Law (PDF)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices/your%20pets%20and%20the%20law.pdf>

Fairfax County Publishes Comprehensive Demographic Study Highlighting Trends

(March 16, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Weekly Agenda) Chairman Gerald E. Connolly and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors released a comprehensive demographic study at the board meeting on Monday, March 13. The report, "Anticipating the Future: A Discussion of Trends in Fairfax County," highlights the past, present and future of the county.

"Anticipating the Future" is the first study done in Fairfax County that brings together data from more than 75 major sources to demonstrate trends with implications and inferences covering human and social needs, housing, public safety, patterns of income and wealth, health care, technology change and community engagement.

"This study will illuminate and enlighten almost everything that we do in the county, from formulating public policy to preparing for future needs in the budget process, as well as addressing the board's six priorities," Connolly said. "Working together with the community, we can address our future through a continuation of active community involvement, and this information will help us make the tough choices that lie ahead."

While the trends are organized around 11 topic areas, the study was designed to be read as a whole because too narrow a focus may miss countervailing trends that must be balanced when assessing their impact on community needs. "Anticipating the Future" was compiled, researched and analyzed by Fairfax County's Department of Systems Management for Human Services and Department of Management and Budget.

Highlights from the study are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2006/069.htm (scroll down). The full report "Anticipating the Future" can be accessed online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aboutfairfax.

Huntley Meadows Park

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/>

Nestled in Fairfax County's Hybla Valley, Huntley Meadows Park is a rich, natural island in the suburban sea of Northern Virginia. Its 1,425 acres harbor majestic forests, wildflower-speckled meadows and vast wetlands bursting with life.

Some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area is enjoyed here. From the half-mile wetland boardwalk trail and observation tower, people have excellent views of beavers, frogs, dragonflies, and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with over 200 species identified in the park. Whether you come to hike, wildlife watch or simply to relax, Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park will provide you with a premiere nature experience.

The park contains:

- Visitor center with exhibits, classroom, and auditorium
- ½-mile boardwalk wetland trail
- Wildlife observation platforms
- 2-mile interpretive trail system
- Hike-bike Trail

Each year hundreds of programs are conducted for the general public and scheduled groups. **The park is open from 9 am to 5 pm daily except Tuesdays, when it is closed. Open holidays 12 noon to 5 pm.** Call the Visitor Center at (703) 768-2525 for additional information.

Links To Keep

Fairfax County Public Schools

<http://www.fcps.edu/index.shtml>

Fairfax County has one of the largest school districts in the nation. Whether you have children, are looking for adult continuing education, or considering a career in education, you'll find it all here.

John Marshall Library

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/jm/>

To receive the Fairfax County Public Library Events, Activities & Services E-Letter, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>. You will need to scroll down through numerous county electronic newsletters, some of which you may find interesting as well.

This electronic newsletter is sent to current members of the Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association (BBHCA). If you do not wish to receive this or any other e-mails from BBHCA, respond to this e-mail and enter "unsubscribe" in the subject line.