

Happy Holidays for Everyone!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/holidays.htm

For one-stop information on **Events and Tips for the Holidays** in Fairfax County click on the above Web site. Find out about holiday shopping at local historic sites, open houses at libraries, how to spread holiday cheer by adopting a family, in addition to other activities. An area calendar includes opportunities for shopping, ice skating, carols, and concerts. There are also safety tips for the season and six easy steps to prevent credit card fraud and protect your credit.



Winter is Here! Are You Ready?

www.ReadyVirginia.gov

"As temperatures continue to drop, the **Ready Virginia** campaign reminds Virginians that winter weather can cause downed power lines and slippery roads. There are simple, low-cost steps any resident can take to get ready for winter.

"Hurricanes and tornadoes are not the only weather-related hazards that can impact the Commonwealth," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "Every family should be ready to deal with the dangers that winter presents."

The Ready Virginia campaign is a coordinated effort to provide vital preparedness information to Virginians. It brings state government agencies together with private sector and local government partners in a statewide initiative to prepare residents for all hazards, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The campaign's Web site provides links to winter-specific safety information from the Virginia departments of Emergency Management, Fire Programs, Social Services and Transportation, as well as the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service. Information includes heating safety, generator safety, fire safety tips, winter driving guidelines, types of winter weather advisories and how to respond to them, winter preparedness information for kids, and the VDSS energy assistance program for low-income Virginians."

Your Comments Welcome

Fairfax County seeks public comment until **December 29** on an interim agreement to rezone 6.65 acres of county property on Silver Lake Boulevard, near the intersection of **Beulah Street and Manchester Lakes Boulevard** in Alexandria. This site is located on Tax Map 91-3((9)) 8B, which can be viewed by entering map number 0913090008b at <http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/Search/GenericSearch.aspx?mode=PARID>. The county is considering a public-private partnership with Lee Village at Silver Lake, LLC to design and build a new regional library and work force and older adult housing at this site. The interim agreement will be available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/lee_village or call 703-324-5800, TTY 711.

Send comments to the Clerk to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors either by e-mail at clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov or mail to Clerk to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 533, Fairfax, VA 22035. For more information, contact the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at (703) 324-5800, TTY 711.

Zoning 101: Raking and Shoveling



No law exists that require you to rake your leaves or remove snow. However, “while not legally obligated, citizens and businesses are asked to help keep sidewalks safe. They should, as soon as feasible, clear snow off the sidewalks in front of their property so that all pedestrians, especially school children, those with disabilities, and the elderly, may walk securely.”

County Leaf Collection Services >> www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/leaf/
Snow Removal FAQs >>
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/snowremoval.htm

Neighborhood Watch

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You can now **subscribe online** to the newsletter, *Focus on Franconia*, published by the Franconia District Police Station Crime Prevention Unit. To subscribe and access current and past editions, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter.

Select the "start" subscription option next to “Focus on Franconia” and enter your e-mail address. You will receive a confirmation e-mail to which you need to simply reply as instructed. E-mails concerning the "Focus on Franconia" will be coming from "FRANewsletter."

The November/December issue of *Focus on Franconia* is available for download at:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter/fra/novemberdecember2007.pdf>

>> *Franconia Crime Prevention Officers Alice Bennett and Jim Nida, (703) 922-8263*

Fairfax County Mental Healthcare Survey

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/beemancommission/survey.htm

“Consumers, their family members/significant others, and service providers are invited to take this anonymous survey to share their input on the mental health services in Fairfax County. This survey was developed by consumers in cooperation with Columbia University. The survey measures the type of actions or situations that promote or do not promote recovery from mental illness.

“Results from the survey will be used to help the Commission form recommendations on the future direction of mental health services in Fairfax County. Summarized results, as well as the Commission’s recommendations, will be available on the website when ready.”

Links To Keep

www.bbhca.org/Links_to_Keep.htm

A compilation of all links previously published in eNews is now available on the BBHCA Web site. New links are added with each issue of eNews. Your suggestions are welcome!

“Green Guide to Go” by National Geographic

www.thegreenguide.com

“As part of its ongoing mission to inspire people to care about the planet, National Geographic Society acquired *the Green Guide* in March 2007. Dubbed the ‘green living source for today’s conscious consumer,’ *The Green Guide* is an invaluable resource for men and women, from young adults to grandparents, striving for a healthy and ‘greener’ lifestyle.” Subscribe for FREE online via the above link.

Volunteer Fairfax

www.volunteerfairfax.org

Looking for opportunities to volunteer in our community? Don’t have much time? Check out Volunteers for Change, our weekend and evening program for busy, working adults. Need service hours for middle or high school requirements? Click the link above for more information and the most current postings.

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