

# BBHCA eNews

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## County Rec Centers Offering 15-17% Discount

Four and 12-month passes are on sale through February 14, and are valid at all nine recreation centers throughout the county.

Included with your pass are\*

- FREE Drop-in group fitness classes (XYO)
- Pools
- Fitlinxx Computer System
- Cybex Circuit and Free Weights
- Cardio Machines
- Indoor Basketball
- Saunas
- Spa

\*Availability varies at RECenters



For more information and to register, go online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/hhpass10.htm> or visit our own [Lee District Rec Center](#), less than two miles away! Request a free tour or purchase a day pass and check out the facilities. Be sure to ask about the best times to visit. Occasionally, the pool is reserved for school swim practices and meets.

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## Renew Your Dog License(s) by January 31



All dogs four (4) months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for one (1) year and must be purchased/renewed by January 31, each year. The fee to purchase a dog license is \$10 for all dogs. License tags are issued free of charge to the owners of dogs trained and serving as a guide dog for a blind person, a hearing dog for a deaf person, or a service dog for a mobility-impaired person. License tags may be purchased by mail, on-line or in person.

**By Mail:** Send a completed copy of the Dog License Application, a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination to the County of Fairfax, Department of Tax Administration, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035.

**On-line (Renewals Only):** Rabies vaccination date must be current to purchase a dog license. You will need your dog's registration number and previous license number. These items may be found on the Dog License Application Letter you received in the mail from DTA.

Note: Pursuant to a competitively bid contract, the on-line service fee of \$0.95 is a charge imposed by the County's e-commerce vendor, Govolution, for processing all electronic dog tag transactions, including e-checks. The amount is based on Govolution's cost analysis of processing such payments. The service fee goes to Govolution, not the County. The County only receives the \$10 tag fee. In addition, only one dog tag can be processed per transaction, and Govolution charges the service fee per payment transaction.

**In Person:** Bring a completed copy of the Dog License Application, a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination, to one of the following locations:

- The Department of Tax Administration at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays) or

- The Animal Shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax between noon and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Those who have bought tags in prior years will automatically receive application forms in the mail in October. For questions regarding license fees, call 703-222-8234 [TTY: 703-222-7594].

>> You can download the dog license application at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf\\_files/pddogapp9.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/pddogapp9.pdf).

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Noise Violations Affect Quality of Life

Fairfax County residents and businesses are reminded that they must comply with the county's noise ordinance and are encouraged to report any violations that directly affect them. The ordinance promotes an environment for county citizens that is free from noise that jeopardizes their health or welfare or degrades the quality of life.



#### Specific Prohibitions

Under the ordinance, the following acts are violations during the hours noted:

- Operating loud speakers and amplification devices on the exterior of a building between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Operating construction equipment outdoors between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Operating construction equipment outdoors on Sundays and federal holidays between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- Repairing vehicles or equipment outdoors between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Operating powered model vehicles outdoors between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Refuse collection in residential neighborhoods between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Truck loading or unloading outdoors between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Note that TV, radio, musical instruments, and animals that howl, bark, meow, or squawk frequently and habitually are declared a noise disturbance *any time when plainly audible across property lines or through partitions*.

The Fairfax County Code states that violations of the noise ordinance is punishable as a misdemeanor offense. Violators may receive a sentence of imprisonment not to exceed 6 months or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or both.

To issue a complaint, call the Fairfax police non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.

## Haitian Earthquake Relief Fraud Alert

01/13/10—The FBI reminds Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization and/or a good cause.

Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming e-mails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status rather than following a purported link to the site.
- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.

- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Anyone who has received an e-mail referencing the above information or anyone who may have been a victim of this or a similar incident should notify the IC3 via <http://www.ic3.gov>.

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## Springfield Town Center Starts with Mall Renovation

<http://www.springfieldtowncenter.com/index.php>

The new owner of Springfield Mall, Vornado Realty Trust, has posted their showcase website to illustrate the transformation of Springfield Mall into Springfield Town Center (TC). According to the site, construction of the TC will begin this spring. However, renovation of the mall began in the spring of 2009 and will be completed this fall.

“One of the first steps in this proposed redevelopment will be a complete transformation of the Mall to rejuvenate the existing interior retail areas. A new internal layout will reduce and realign the confusing corridors and consolidate the two movie theaters and disjointed food options into one more unified design.”



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## Call VDOT for Maintenance of All Public Roads, 703-383-8368

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/road\\_maint.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/road_maint.htm)

- Bridge work
  - Curb, gutter or sidewalk repairs
  - Dead animal removal
  - Drainage systems (culvert/ditch cleaning, pipes)
  - Dust control
- Grading
  - Gravel/stone placement
  - Guard rail replacement
  - Mowing
  - Potholes
  - Snow removal
  - Traffic directional signs (stop, speed limit, etc.)
  - Traffic lights (stop lights)
  - Traffic study
  - Trash removal
  - Tree trimming/removal



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## EVENTS

### BBHCA 2010 Meeting Dates

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School

5917 Westchester Street, Alexandria, VA 22310

[www.bbhca.org](http://www.bbhca.org)

- January 12, 2010 >> CANCELLED
- March 9, 2010
- May 11, 2010

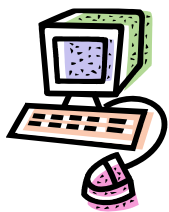
## Book Discussion Group

Third Wednesday each Month, 6:30 pm  
John Marshall Library  
6209 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310-6299  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/jm/>

A new book is discussed each month. The library also sponsors an on-going book sale (and takes donations).

## Electric Sunday: TV and Computer Recycling Event

January 24, 10 am - 3 pm  
I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm>



## LINKS TO KEEP

### Fairfax County 2010 Budget (ZIP)

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/adopted/fy2010/fy10\\_adopted\\_budget.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/adopted/fy2010/fy10_adopted_budget.htm)

Wondering where your tax dollars are going? Scroll down the page for a breakdown by fund and agency.

### Have Guests or Want to be a Tourist for a Day?

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

Check out the Fairfax Visitors page with links to Arts, Attractions, History, Parks and Recreation, and Shopping!

### Emergency Kit...Be Ready

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/prepare/kit.htm>

Emergencies aren't planned, but we can plan for emergencies. We see it on the news, the earthquake in Haiti, fires in California, and flooding in Florida. Be smart, be ready.

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