

BBHCA Election Results

We are pleased to report that new volunteers stepped up to take positions on the BBHCA Board. 2005-06 President Sharada Gilkey will share the position with Jeannie Henry for the 2006-2007 terms. Deborah Moore agreed to stay on as secretary for another year. Also elected were Sarah Kelly as First Vice President (newsletter); Karman Reese as Second Vice President (membership); and Kevin Henry as Treasurer. Special thanks were extended to Judi Connelly (newsletter, 2002-2006), Darrell Meyer (membership, 2005-2006), and Mike Fogarty (treasurer, 1997-2006) for their service to the community. All terms took effect at the May 9 meeting.

Officers 2006-2007

Co-Presidents: Jeannie Henry and Sharada Gilkey, president@bbhca.org
First Vice President (Newsletter): Sarah Kelly, newsletter@bbhca.org
Second Vice President (Membership): Karman Reese, membership@bbhca.org
Treasurer: Kevin Henry, treasurer@bbhca.org
Secretary: Deborah Moore

Committee Chairs

Constitution and Bylaws: Bob Michie
Land Use & Transportation (Representative to Fairfax County): Carol Alim
Neighborhood Watch: Randy Bowman, [bowmanrand@verizon.net](mailto:b Bowmanrand@verizon.net)
Web Site: Sharada Gilkey, webmaster@bbhca.org

Illegal Activity in Bush Hill Park

Several residents reported to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) that a bike trail was being built in Bush Hill Park. A white truck was observed parked at the entrance and a young man was going in and out with a wheel barrel. Upon checking, residents found that they were clearing brush and adding blue stone and logs for ramps. The residents reported to the activity to FCPA watch hotline The Park Authority destroyed the trail makings and posted a legal warning sign. This prompted the invaders to write a nasty note which residents turned over to the FCPA who were going to document it with the police should they need to prosecute. No additional activity has been noticed.

Transit-Oriented Development Committee to Guide Future Comprehensive Plan Policy

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tod.htm

Note: This committee may make recommendations which affect the future development of the Oakwood Road area which is currently designated for low-level office development.

The Transit-Oriented Development Committee (TOD) was formed in response to direction by the Board of Supervisors to provide a more refined, standardized definition and set of principles for transit-oriented development. These principles are often referenced for residential, commercial and mixed-use developments surrounding a rail station in an urban

setting, but increasingly the concept is being applied to stations in suburban settings such as Fairfax County.

The committee will aim to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors later this year. The public is invited to participate in the meetings by listening to presentations, asking questions and providing comments. The committee will evaluate the various information it receives and it will work toward developing a recommendation for an amendment to the Policy Plan volume of the Comprehensive Plan, which guides all development in Fairfax County. Any proposed amendments will then be examined by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, with public hearings scheduled before both bodies.

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tod.htm or call the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865, TTY 703-324-7951.

The Reality of Rabies in Fairfax County

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

Because of several incidents of rabies infected animals coming into contact with humans in Fairfax County, all citizens are advised to learn to recognize rabid animal behavior, to protect themselves and to have their pets inoculated against the disease. The most publicized incidents this year have involved rabid foxes, raccoons and a rabid cat. The disease is also prevalent in the bat and skunk populations. Humans are susceptible to the disease through animal bites or other contact with a rabid animal's saliva through a break in the skin.

Confused About Phone, Internet, and Cable Services?

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2006/151.htm>

The communications industry is making significant technological advances that result in more choices for consumers. These new technologies have enabled cable television and telephone companies to offer more than their traditional services. You can now get cable TV, telephone and high-speed Internet from more than one provider. But how do you choose?

The Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection and the Consumer Protection Commission are helping residents answer that question. As part of the **Connecting Your Home initiative**, Fairfax County has produced a [brochure](#) and a television show on Channel 16 detailing the offerings of the three major competing providers in the county – Comcast, Cox and Verizon. Additional information also will be posted to the county's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer.

All three providers offer cable TV, telephone and Internet services—often called the “triple play.” **By ordering all three services from one provider residents can save money and consolidate their bills.** The brochure, television show and Web site information provide an overview of how these three technologies work and where to go to get more information from each company.

The brochure is available at county government centers and libraries or by contacting the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection at 703-324-5930, TTY 711, or 703-222-8435, TTY 711. The television program, “Connecting Your Home,” *begins* airing on Channel 16 on Friday, June 9, and will air Fridays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m., Sundays at 1 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10 p.m. The program also will be available on video-on-demand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable.

Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus in Fairfax County

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdnews/2006hdnews/20060701hd.htm>

The Fairfax County Health Department today announced that a mosquito pool collected in Fairfax County has tested positive for West Nile virus. This is the first positive mosquito pool identified this year in Virginia.

“This is a reminder to residents that West Nile virus is still active in Fairfax County and now is the time for people to pay close attention to eliminating mosquito breeding areas around their neighborhoods before more mosquitoes become infected, particularly after the large amount of rain that we received this past week,” said Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D., M.P.H., health director. “Removing breeding sites protects everyone and reduces risk of infection for the whole community.”

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans, horses and other mammals through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Most people bitten by a mosquito infected with West Nile virus do not get sick. Those that develop symptoms usually suffer a mild, flu-like illness. People older than 50 are at greatest risk of more severe illness, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

The Health Department recommends the following tips for residents to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- When spending time outdoors, use insect repellents containing the active ingredient DEET (up to 30 percent), picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always use mosquito repellents according to label instructions.
- Wear long, loose fitting, light colored clothing.
- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Fill in root-ball holes from downed trees or any depression that holds water for more than a week.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps, such as those that may be used to cover wood piles.
- Clean out bird baths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and black corrugated drain pipes.

Click on link above for additional information.

eNews Takes A Break in August

The next issue of the BBHCA eNews will be published in September. Matters of urgency will be posted if necessary. Thank you and have a great summer!

Links To Keep

Thunderstorm and Lightning Safety

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/newstouse/articles/0016.htm>

Thunderstorms are nothing new in the Washington DC region, but as a result we often disregard our safety. Review the guidelines now for storm safety.

Ride Sources Program

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sources.htm>

Operated by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the RideSources program provides commuters with free ridesharing information, including ride matching assistance to form or join carpools or vanpools.

Off-Leash Dog Areas

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/offleash.htm>

Your dog needs a social life too! For owners of well-mannered canines who enjoy a good run or a friendly romp, now there's the option of dog parks— fenced areas where unleashed dogs can have free play.

This electronic newsletter is sent to current members of the Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association (BBHCA) and guests. 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.