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# BBHCA eNews

MARCH 2011

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## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

**Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 pm**

Bush Hill Elementary School, Cafeteria

### AGENDA:

Minutes from September Meeting (Vote)

Board Reports

- Membership
- Treasurer

Committee Reports

- Land Use Task Force
- Neighborhood Watch

Old Business

New Business



**TOPIC:** Legislative Update

**SPEAKER:** Delegate Mark Sickles, [www.marksickles.com](http://www.marksickles.com)

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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MCKAY

### Proposed Budget Reflects Fragile Economy

The County Executive recently released his proposed budget and it is, in a word—boring. In this economic climate, boring is good. But then a lot has changed over the past few years as we've come to realize that Fairfax County is not immune to the economic headwinds that have battered the national and state economies. While this barebones budget is boring, it illustrates the county's ongoing financial prudence and good management. While surrounding jurisdictions are wrestling with large deficits, deep program cuts and increased taxes, we are holding the line. We've taken the prudent approach over the past several years of holding funds in reserve at budget carryover to plan for budget requirements in the following fiscal year.



The County Executive's proposed budget for the FY2012 fiscal year that begins on July 1, reflects the fragile economic improvements of the past several months. It's fiscally responsible. (Note that this is not the final budget. My colleagues on the Board and I will do an in depth review and listen carefully to our residents' priorities before adopting the final budget on April 26.)

Some of the highlights of this proposed budget are:

- The residential property tax rate remains at \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. It's my hope that the approved rate can be reduced.
- There are no cuts to code compliance, public safety, human services, or to parks and libraries.
- There is no restoration of previous cuts.
- County employee salaries are frozen for the third consecutive year.

You can find more detailed information on the budget at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/).

Our citizens have high expectations for their local government, the services it provides, and the quality of those services. Please let me know what is important to you by calling my office at 703-971-6262 or sending an e-mail to [Leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov).

To testify at a budget public hearing, contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 to put your name on the speakers list. You can also sign up online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm). Public hearings will take place in the board auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center on March 29, 30, and 31.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Turn Good Will Into Action

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/franconia/)

I would like to thank all of you for what you do. I have been overwhelmed with the support I have received from the community. Now I need to turn this good will into action. If you received this listserve message, you are probably already doing what I suggest.

Please grab hold of your neighbors and remind them of the following things:

1. The most prevalent crime in the Franconia District is larcenies from vehicles through unlocked doors. **Please! Lock your doors.**
2. Another prevalent crime is larcenies from vehicles in which valuables are left in view. The thieves break the window and steal the item. **Please! Take your valuables inside.**
3. The most likely way that these thieves will get caught is when an alert citizen calls the police. We come to the location and catch them in the act. **Please! Call in suspicious activity or persons.**

I finally have someone doing my *Weekly Summary Reports*. Look for those to start again soon.

MPO Jim Reid  
Crime Prevention Officer  
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(703) 922-8263  
[james.reid@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:james.reid@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## Major DeBoard Selected as Deputy Chief of Police

I am pleased to announce my selection of Major Maggie DeBoard as Deputy Chief of Police, with an effective date of Saturday, February 12. I held off on the announcement the past week or so out of respect for Second Lieutenant Mark Payton and his family and friends. She will be assigned as Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations and Operations Support.

We are blessed to have high caliber persons serving across our Department, and promotional selections are always difficult because of the breadth and depth of talent we have. I'm certain all will join me though in congratulating Major DeBoard and supporting her as she transitions.

Thank you,

Colonel Dave Rohrer  
Chief of Police  
Franconia Police Station, February 8, 2011

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## Emergency Preparedness Newsletter

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/outreach/newsletter/february2011.pdf>

### Register Now for March 15, Statewide Tornado Drill

The next Statewide Tornado Drill will take place Tuesday, March 15, at 9:45 a.m. The date also is Tornado Preparedness Day. (If widespread severe weather threatens the state on that date, the drill will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 16, at 9:45 a.m.)

This is an important statewide safety event. Last year was the most successful tornado drill ever with more than 1.2 million people across the state participating.

For help in planning a tornado drill for your location, contact the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at (571) 350-1000, TTY 711. You also can visit [www.vaemergency.com/threats/tornado](http://www.vaemergency.com/threats/tornado) for information and to register your participation.

>> Fairfax Office of Emergency Management, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/>

## Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/nova-draft-hazard-mitigation-plan.pdf>

The 2011 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is now available for public review and comment. The plan incorporates mitigation projects for Fairfax County and the towns of Vienna, Clifton, and Herndon. Please e-mail any comments to [oem@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:oem@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/stakeholderPDRPsurvey>

Fairfax County, led by the Office of Emergency Management, has begun development of a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan supported by a Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. The county hopes that area businesses, nonprofits and faith-based organizations will play a part in this important planning effort.

Please add your voice and your input! The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management invites you to participate in a Stakeholder/ Public Survey to support the development of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. It will allow government to support the private and non-profit sectors as everyone works together to restore Fairfax County. The Stakeholder/ Public Survey is intended for non-profit groups or for-profit firms that could directly apply their capabilities to recovery, as well as for the general public.

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## Tax Relief Workshops for Seniors and People with Disabilities



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is hosting a series of FREE tax relief workshops in March. Real estate, car, and rent tax relief is available for seniors and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications.

For tax relief eligibility requirements, go to *Tax Relief—Frequently Asked Questions* at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief\\_faq.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_faq.htm).

For a tax relief application:

- Call 703-222-8234; Español 703-324-3855; TTY 703-222-7594, between 8:00 am–4:30 pm weekdays
- E-mail [taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov)
- Download the tax relief application from [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/forms.htm#Other\\_Forms](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/forms.htm#Other_Forms).

### Lee District Workshops

Tuesday, March 8

Thursday, March 10

10 am–2 pm. *No appointment necessary.*  
Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road  
Hosted by Supervisor Jeff C. McKay  
703-971-6262

County staff from the Department of Tax Administration will be onsite to assist residents with filling out the application form, as well as answer questions.

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## Tamara Derenak-Kaufax Launches Campaign for School Board



On February 27, Tamara Derenak-Kaufax of Barbmor Court launched her campaign for the Lee District representative to the Fairfax County School Board.

More than 40 neighbors, friends, and Lee District representatives attended the kickoff, including Jeff McKay and Brad Center. No one else has declared their candidacy for the Lee District seat on the School Board.

A member of BBHCA since 2001, “Tammy” has also been active in education at the local and County levels. For more information on Tammy, go to

[www.facebook.com/home.php#!/KaufaxForSchools](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/KaufaxForSchools).

### Education

- PTA Vice President, Springfield Estates Elementary School (2006-2007)
- PTA Cultural Arts Chair, Springfield Estates Elementary School (2003-present)
- PTA volunteer, room parent, classroom volunteer (2000-present)
- PTA Cultural Arts Chair, Bush Hill Elementary School (2000-2006)
- All God's Children Preschool, Board Chair (1999-2002), Board Member (1998-2007)

### Fairfax County

- Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council, Chair (2010-2011) and (2004-2005), Board Member (2001-present)
- FCPS Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council, Board Member (2010-present)
- FCPS Advanced Academic Program's Committee, Board Member (2010-present)
- Lee District Budget Advisory Council, Board Member (2009-present)
- Fairfax Citizens for Better Schools, Board Member (2009-2010)
- Fairfax County Association for the Gifted, Member (2004-present)
- Arts Council of Fairfax, Member (2001-present)
- Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association, Member (2001-present)

Note: Candidates for School Board run as independents and, therefore, are not nominated by primary elections, but by general election.

For 2011 election information, go online to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/).

### Primary Elections: August 23, 2011

Primaries for offices elected in November are customarily held on the second Tuesday in June. This year, due to redistricting changes,\* the primaries will take place on Tuesday, August 23.\*\*

\*In April 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau conducted the national decennial census and released detailed population data relating to Virginia in February 2011. The 2010 Census data will be used to reapportion representation in the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local elected governing bodies—a process commonly referred to as redistricting. Additional information regarding redistricting can be found at: <http://dlsGIS.state.va.us/>.

\*\*The General Assembly passed legislation (H 1507) which changed the 2011 primary date from Tuesday, June 14, 2011 to Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

## General Election: November 8, 2011

To elect members to the Virginia Senate, the House of Delegates, Soil and Water commissioners, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff, and members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County School Board.

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## ADDENDUM...in the news

### Kingstowne Ponds

January 19, 2011—"Last September, a dam in the Kingstowne ponds was busted by heavy rains, and caused one pond and part of another to drain away. The five basins making up the ponds were part of a former gravel pit operation that had developed into a wildlife habitat and attraction for Kingstowne residents. The county has been working to stabilize and evaluate the site...."

(Sources: <http://kimhannemann.com/2011/01/19/kingstowne-ponds-update/> and <http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/cms/story.php?id=2879>)

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## EVENTS

### BBHCA Community Meetings

Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

March 8, 2011

**Legislative Update from Delegate Mark Sickles**

May 10, 2011

Working with Contractors (Consumer Affairs) + BBHCA Elections

### Police Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Presentation and Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm

Helen Wilson Community Room, Lee District Government Center, 6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA

CACs enhance communication between residents and the Fairfax County Police Department. Members are kept informed about significant safety matters in their neighborhoods and are encouraged to bring any issues or questions to the attention of local police commanders.

The presentation, on a specific topic of interest, runs from 6:30–7:15 pm. The CAC meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The CAC meeting is characterized by reports from the Franconia police about crimes in the area, as well as other community activities, such as the holiday food drive. All residents are invited to attend.

For more information on the next meeting, contact Sue Hotto at [sue.hotto@gallaudet.edu](mailto:sue.hotto@gallaudet.edu)

### Civil War "Both Sides Tour VI"

Saturday, April 23, 8:00 am – 6:30 pm

Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA

Start the day with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum. Board a motor coach for the trip to the local Union Fort and then west to meet Jackson and his men as they march from the Shenandoah Valley. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas and then proceed to the nearby Battlefield Visitors Center to view artifacts and information before reliving the battle on the actual site.

Cost: \$100 each, includes bus ride, buffet lunch and a snack card, as well as the entrance fee to the Visitor's Center. For registration information, call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or e-mail [dhakenson@cox.net](mailto:dhakenson@cox.net).



### Lee District Nights Concert Series

Wednesdays, June thru August, 7:30 pm

Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia, VA

Free entertainment! We invite you to enjoy these concerts with your family and friends! Free cookies, plus dog biscuits and water for canines. Concerts cancelled if raining. If bad weather threatens, please call 703-324-SHOW (7469) after 6 pm. Click on the links below for more information on each artist.

## JUNE

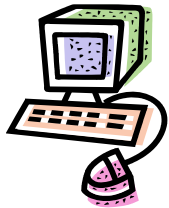
- 1 [The Nighthawks](#) (American Roots Music)
- 8 [Alt Washingtonia](#) (Bavarian Folk Dance & Music)
- 15 [The Old World Folk Band](#) (Klezmer)
- 22 [Pietasters](#) (Ska)
- 29 [Guy Mendilow Band](#) (World Music)

## JULY

- 6 [The Grandsons](#) (Rockabilly/Swing/Lounge)
- 13 [David Bach Consort](#) (Jazz)
- 20 [The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra](#) (Summer Pops)
- 27 [The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble"](#) (Jazz)

## AUGUST

- 3 [Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper](#) (Bluegrass)
- 10 [Lyuti Chushki](#) (Bulgarian Folk Music)
- 17 [The United States Navy Band "Country Current"](#) (Country)
- 24 [Brothers + 1](#) (Motown)
- 31 [The Sock Monkeys](#) (Rock&Roll/Cover Band)



## LINKS TO KEEP

### Real Estate Tax

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/realestatetax\\_home.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/realestatetax_home.htm)

Link to links on the top current real estate tax issues and questions. Plus two videos on "How Assessments are Calculated" and "Tax Relief."

### Fairfax County NewsWire

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/)

Sign up for the latest news and more from Fairfax County via multiple venues. Includes "Ask Fairfax!," a forum to engage in online discussions about key topics in our community. Download a mobile app, tap into Twitter, join Facebook, listen to a podcast, or just go online whenever you feel like it.

### Fairfax Office of Emergency Management

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/)

"The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery services to the residents of Fairfax County by writing the *Emergency Operations Plan* (March 22, 2008, *Notice of Change to EOP*; July 1, 2009, *Notice of Change to EOP*), managing the county's emergency operations center and duty officer program, and by coordinating post disaster recovery activities.

OEM also provides emergency planning in such areas as special needs, continuity of operations, and emergency operations.

OEM staff members are available to give presentations on emergency preparedness to your homeowner's association, civic group, business or faith community."



### 17 Common Plants Poisonous to Pets

[www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/17-common-poisonous-plants.aspx](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/17-common-poisonous-plants.aspx)

The ASPCA provides detailed information via the above link on the dangers of each plant.

- Lilies (pictured above left)
- Marijuana
- Sago Palm
- Tulip/Narcissus bulbs
- Azalea/Rhododendron
- Oleander
- Castor Bean
- Cyclamen
- Kalanchoe
- Yew
- Amaryllis
- Autumn Crocus
- Chrysanthemum
- English Ivy
- Peace Lily (AKA Mauna Loa Peace Lily)
- Pothos
- Schefflera



Source: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, [www.asPCA.org/](http://www.asPCA.org/)



### **Cleaning for a Reason**

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

If you know a woman who is currently undergoing chemotherapy, let her know that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

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