

BBHCA eNews

November 2008



VOTE November 4!

Tuesday, 6 am - 7 pm
8th Congressional District
Bush Hill Elementary School Cafeteria

Paper Ballot (submitted via Optical Scanner)

- >> [8th Congressional District - Optical Scan Sample Ballot \(PDF\)](#)
- >> [Optical Scan Voting Machine Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- >> [How To Cast a Write In Vote \(PDF\)](#)

Electronic Ballot (touch screen)

- >> [8th Congressional District - Touch Screen Sample Ballot \(PDF\)](#)
- >> [Touch Screen Voting Machine Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- >> [How To Cast a Write In Vote \(PDF\)](#)

Be prepared! For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/homepage.htm

Your patience at the polls is appreciated. Remember, the poll workers are volunteers (usually your neighbors) who work from 5 am to 9 pm (or later). If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask *before* you get to the front of the line.

Next BBHCA Community Meeting

November 11, 2008 (Tuesday)
7:30 pm
Bush Hill Elementary School (Cafeteria)

AGENDA (draft):

Minutes from September Meeting (Vote)
Board and Committee Reports
New Business



GUEST SPEAKER:

Ted Leopkey, [ENERGY STAR](#) Residential Branch, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Did you know that your home can cause twice the greenhouse gas emissions of a car? Come find out what you can do to cut both your energy costs as well as reduce your home's emissions.

BBHCA News: November 2008

The November issue of *BBHCA News* will be delivered to your mailbox the first week of November. To view the issue now in PDF, go to http://www.bbhca.org/PDFs/BBHCA_News_Nov08.pdf.

Fairfax County Outlines Plan to Address FY 2009 Revenue Shortfall

As a result of the national economic crisis that has been evolving over the past several weeks, Fairfax County is facing a projected revenue shortfall of approximately \$58.2 million for the current fiscal year (FY 2009), which runs from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The shortfall, which represents a decrease of 1.75 percent from the FY 2009 Adopted Budget Plan, is based on a review of first quarter data. Fairfax County, as an AAA-rated jurisdiction, has a history of strong financial management and taking the actions necessary to responsibly deal with the realities of the financial situation.

To address the shortfall, County Executive Anthony H. Griffin has outlined a number of steps to maintain a balanced budget, effective immediately. Action steps include agency budget reductions; cancellation of travel and training; capital project spending reductions; a recommended furlough day; suspension of vehicle replacements; and a recommended partial withdrawal from the [Revenue Stabilization Fund](#). Additional information on the actions taken is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/232.htm.

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools has been hosting **community dialogue sessions** to gather comments from the public, and will use that input as a key factor to help guide the development of criteria for making budget decisions.

The next forum in our neighborhood will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, at John Marshall Library on Rose Hill Drive.

If you are unable to attend one of the community dialogue sessions, Fairfax County still wants to hear from you. If you have suggestions or comments, please call the **Budget Hotline** at 703-324-9400 or complete the **Budget Feedback Form** online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget>.

>> **Budget Forum flyer** (PDF), <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/fy2010budgetinputflyer.pdf>

County Announces Two Home Heating Assistance Programs for 2008-2009

Fairfax County residents who need help to pay home heating bills or who face an emergency heating situation this winter may be able to access assistance from two federally funded programs locally administered by the county's Department of Family Services.

The **Fuel Assistance** program helps eligible low-income households with the costs of heating their homes. This year, the application period for the fuel assistance program began on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, and closes on Friday, November 14, 2008.

The **Crisis Assistance** program helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. The Crisis Assistance application period begins Monday, November 3, 2008, and closes on Monday, March 16, 2009.

To apply for these programs, call the Department of Family Services' energy assistance phone line at 703-324-7604 (TTY: 703-222-9452) and ask for an application to be mailed to you.

Links To Keep



Library Databases

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/dbsRemote/>

Our local libraries subscribe to a number of databases including [eBooks](#), [eAudiobooks](#), [eVideos](#), articles, reports, statistics, documents and other types of information. All you need is a [Fairfax County Public Library card](#). Some of these databases you can access from your home and others you must access from the library.

Check out our libraries also for book clubs, computer and Internet classes, Spanish/English classes, movie nights, book sales, and more!

Local Branches:

- [John Marshall Library](#), Rose Hill Drive
- [Kingstowne Library](#), Landsdowne Center, Beulah Road
- [Alexandria Library](#), Duke Street

Flu Shots

- John Marshall Library, Saturday, November 1, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, \$25 or Medicare Part B, 18 years or older
- Safeway pharmacy, 6130 Rose Hill Drive, 703-313-8800, \$30 or Medicare Part B
- CVS, 6150 Franconia Road, 703-313-8729, \$30, age restrictions vary by store.
- Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306, Dates: 11/6/2007, 11/13/2007, 11/20/2007, 11/27/2007, 12/4/2007, 12/11/2007, 12/18/2007, Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm, \$25, 6 months or older

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