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- Fairfax National Estates
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- Gate Post Estates I
- Green Trails/Manorgate
- Heritage Crossing
- Heritage Forest
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- Leeton Manor
- Little Rocky Run
- London Towne
- Marian Woods
- Mount Olive
- Newgate
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- Patera
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- Virginia Run
- Walney Mills
- Willoughby's Ridge
- Winding Ridge
- Woodgate Comm. Assn
- Woodlands of Fair Lakes

From the President

I hope that you're finding time to relax and enjoy your summer!

Things are reasonably quiet in Western Fairfax County right now. Not so with our neighbors to the south and west. There is serious, on-going debate over a massive development and roads proposal in southeastern Loudoun County. The proposal includes some 15,000 homes and the developer is offering to spend almost \$200 million on road improvements in that area. I recently attended a Dulles South Business Alliance meeting where the proposal was presented and discussed. The problem I see is that the proposed road network is not very useful without connectors to the north, east and south. There is not much point in making significant improvements to Route 50, Bull Run Post Office Road, or Braddock Road in Loudoun County, to the Fairfax County line, if there are no funds to make improvements, or the Comprehensive Plan precludes improvements, beyond Loudoun. To follow the developments, visit the WFCCA website (www.wfcca-sully.org) and let me know what you're hearing.

In other news, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has posted the comments gathered at the Sully Woodlands Regional Master Plan public hearing in May as well as all submitted written comments. A lot of discussion has ensued over an area off Bull Run Post Office Road

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Election Officers Needed for November 7, 2006 Election

The Fairfax County Electoral Board is looking for election officers to work at polling sites for the Tuesday, November 7, 2006 General Election, including Chief and Assistant Chief Officers. The County requires over 3,000 citizens to serve as election officers in its 225 precincts on Election Day. The greater the shortage of officers, the longer it takes to vote at the polls.

Applicants must be registered to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia and cannot hold elective office or be the employee of an elected official. Election officers must be available to work the entire day on November 7th, beginning at 5:00 a.m., until all tallies have been completed and all voting equipment secured. Working only one-half day (Split-shift) is available for those meeting all requirements (go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/splitshift_requirements.pdf for information). All officers are required to attend one training class, lasting about two hours, prior to the election. The full-day pay ranges from \$100 to \$200, depending on responsibilities.

If you or members of your community would be interested in working in this important capacity on Election Day, would like an election officer application, or need more information, please contact the Fairfax County Electoral Board at (703) 324-4735 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/.

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◆ WFCCA Items of Interest ◆

WFCCA Elects Land Use Committee and Chairs at April Meeting

At its April 17, 2006 quarterly meeting, the WFCCA elected Land Use Committee members to serve the next year. Re-elected are: Mary Coyle (*At-Large*), Carol Hawn (*At-Large*), Kathleen Hill (*Centre Ridge Owners*), James Katcham (*Centre Ridge Regent*), Dorothy Steranka (*Willoughby's Ridge*), Chris Terpak-Malm (*At-Large*), Ted Troscianecki (*Virginia Run*), and Russell Wanek (*Heritage Forest*). Joining them on the Committee are newly-elected members Scott Miller (*Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Coalition*), Jim Neighbors (*Sully Station I*), and Karen Wedekindt (*Woodgate*). The Committee re-elected Mr. Katcham as Chair.

In addition to the Land Use Committee elections, the WFCCA also elected the following Standing Committee Chairs to serve for the next year: Education - E. Mark McConn (*At-Large*), Environment - Mr. Wanek, Parks and Recreation - Mrs. Terpak-Malm, and Social Services and Outreach - Ms. Hill. The Transportation Committee Chair position is currently vacant.

The WFCCA thanks outgoing Land Use Committee members Judith Heisinger (*Bull Run*), Georgette Kohler (*Rock Hill*), and Dawn Williams (*Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Coalition*) for their service. Their commitment to the land use process in western Fairfax County is greatly appreciated. The WFCCA also thanks Mrs. Heisinger for her dedicated service as Transportation Committee Chair; Judith and her Committee were of great assistance to the WFCCA during two high-profile transportation studies, including the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study and the Tri-County Parkway Location Study. Finally, the WFCCA thanks Ron Koch and Jim Hart for again serving as the Nominating Committee.

The WFCCA is open to civic, homeowner, and community associations within the following area of Fairfax County, including portions of Sully and Springfield Districts: east of the Loudoun County line; south of Route 50; west of Stringfellow and Clifton Roads; north of Compton Road east of Route 28, and north of Bull Run west of Route 28.

WFCCA Treasurer's Report

On January 16, 2006, WFCCA cash on hand balance totaled \$3,556.96. A report was not presented at the April 17, 2006 quarterly meeting. Therefore, the cash on hand balance for the WFCCA remains \$3,556.96. Please note *the Pioneer* reported an incorrect balance on hand in the last issue.

- Mary A. Coyle, Treasurer

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proposed for use by model airplane enthusiasts. There also remains concern over the inadequate transportation system in place to support some of the planned active recreation areas. Visit the FCPA website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or the WFCCA website for links to the Sully Woodlands Master Plan website.

I hope you can join us at our upcoming quarterly meeting on Monday, July 17, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. where Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Honorable Gerry Connolly, will be our guest speaker and bring us up to date on the latest in Fairfax County.

Finally, I encourage you to renew your community's membership in the WFCCA and continue participating in its activities. Visit the WFCCA website for more information on joining or give me a shout.

Have a great remaining summer!

- Ted Troscianecki, President

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President

Ted Troscianecki *Virginia Run*

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Executive Vice President

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Standing Committee Chairs

Education

E. Mark McConn *At-Large*

Environment

Russell Wanek *Heritage Forest*

Land Use

James Katcham *Centre Ridge Regent*

Parks and Recreation

Chris Terpak-Malm *At-Large*

Social Services and Outreach

Kathleen Hill *Centre Ridge Owners*

Transportation

vacant

◆ Land Use Committee ◆ (4/2006 - 3/2007)

Mary Coyle *At-Large*

Carol Hawn *At-Large*

Kathleen Hill *Centre Ridge Owners*

James Katcham *Centre Ridge Regent*

Scott Miller *Pleasant Valley NC*

Jim Neighbors *Sully Station I*

Dorothy Steranka *Willoughby's Ridge*

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The Western Fairfax County Citizens Association Synopsis of the Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 17, 2006

James D. McDonnell Community Room 1, Sully District Governmental Center

President Ted Troscianecki called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and introduced the Executive Committee. He introduced April Dehn, Commerce Bank, who discussed the Kid's Fair scheduled for April 29, 2006. She announced that Ron Koch was elected the Centreville Hometown Hero, and will be acknowledged during the festivities.

Mr. Troscianecki introduced The Honorable Michael R. Frey, Sully District Supervisor. Supervisor Frey discussed the status of the County Executive's Advertised Fiscal Year 2007 County Budget Plan, which will be marked up next Monday for formal adoption on May 1, 2006. This is at least the sixth year of double-digit tax assessment increases. The Board of Supervisors is considering eliminating the county vehicle decal. Because the General Assembly has not yet adopted a state budget, those impacts are not yet known. Funding transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth remains an issue.

Locally, the Westfields/Route 28 interchange is open, and the McLearn Road/Route 28 interchange will be completed soon. Plans are underway to convert the remaining intersections on Route 28 between Route 7 and Braddock-Walney Roads into interchanges, paid for with funds from the Route 28 Tax District. He also mentioned the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's proposal for the Dulles Toll Road and proposed rail extension. Other issues discussed included the Sully Woodlands Regional Master Plan, development in Loudoun and Prince William Counties, and ongoing watershed studies for Cub and Bull Runs. Mr. Troscianecki thanked Supervisor Frey for his comments.

Admission of New Member Communities – There were no new member association applications.

Land Use Committee Elections – Ron Koch, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked the past years' Land Use Committee members for their service. Nominees for the 2006 – 2007 Committee were: Mary Coyle (*At-Large*), Carol Hawn (*At-Large*), Kathleen Hill (*Centre Ridge Owners*), Jim Katcham (*Centre Ridge Regent*), Scott Miller (*Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Coalition*), Jim Neighbors (*Sully Station I*), Dorthy Steranka (*Willoughby's Ridge*), Chris Terpak-Malm (*At-Large*), Mr. Troscianecki (*Virginia Run*), Russell Wanek (*Heritage Forest*), and Karen Wedekindt (*Woodgate Community Association*). There were no nominations from the floor; therefore, *Mr. Troscianecki moved the nominations be accepted by acclimation; Mr. Katcham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

President's Report – Mr. Troscianecki discussed membership and further implementation of the WFCCA website. The newsletter will now be posted online as well as sent through the mail. He discussed the lack of regional planning on transportation and development.

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Hawn reminded attendees to update their community's contact information.

Education Committee – Mark McConn discussed the opening of the new school facilities headquarters, the sale of unused school properties, and an upcoming countywide school boundary redistricting effort.

Environment Committee – Mr. Wanek noted the new county curbside recycling policy.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Katcham reviewed the agenda for tomorrow evening's meeting and upcoming presentations.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Terpak-Malm noted the draft Sully Woodlands Regional Master Plan is now available online. The report narrative section is well-done, but the 'devil is in the details'. She is concerned about some of the plans regarding the Stephens and other properties, and believes the WFCCA must make a strong statement on this document. There are also a number of transportation access issues. She is also concerned that the Park Authority is keeping the already-approved Quinn Farm master plan, which is rendered outdated by the Regional Plan. She will work with Mr. Troscianecki on the WFCCA statement, and encourages communities to send input to her. The Authority still has not addressed the use of Fairfax County park facilities by Loudoun County residents.

Transportation Committee – Jim Hart noted the County Transportation Policy Plan will soon be before the Planning Commission; there are some issues within the WFCCA area that we should address. The staff report is online. The Commonwealth Transportation Board has adopted an alignment for the Tri-County Parkway, but deferred decision on the Battlefield Bypass.

Committee Chair Elections – Mr. McConn agreed to continue as Chair of the Education Committee. Mrs. Terpak-Malm will serve as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Wanek will chair the Environment Committee. Ms. Hill will chair the Social Services and Outreach Committee. *Mrs. Hawn moved tabling the election of a Transportation Committee Chair; Mr. Katcham seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Katcham moved adjournment; Mrs. Steranka seconded. Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. Upon adjournment of the quarterly meeting, the Land Use Committee members reelected Mr. Katcham as Committee Chair.

In Memoriam

The WFCCA sends its deepest condolences to the family of Duane Heisinger, who passed away May 1, 2006. Duane was the husband of longtime Bull Run Civic Association President, and WFCCA Representative, Judith Heisinger. He served thirty years in the Navy, and retired as a Navy Captain. In 2003, he authored the book, *Father Found*, and was devoted to increasing international public awareness of the Bataan and Corregidor Campaigns of World War II.

Committal is scheduled for September 28, 2006 at Arlington National Cemetery. We keep Judith and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

◆ Land Use Committee News and Notes ◆

Land Use Committee Presentations and Decisions

Below are the applications reviewed at the April, May, and June Land Use Committee meetings. The WFCCA Land Use Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the James D. McDonnell Community Room 1 in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. All area residents are invited to attend the Land Use Committee meetings.

Agent/Applicant	Location	Use	Decision
April 18, 2006			
There were no formal presentations.			
May 16, 2006			
Ed Donohue, Agent	Braddock Road	Telecomm.	Endorsed
Leanna Hush, Fairfax County		Facilities (2)	w/ mod. *
Nancy Jo Cranmer	Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center	Café Martini Pool Hall	Endorsed w/ mod. *
June 20, 2006			
Lisa Chiblow/Brian Self	Westfields Boulevard/ Route 28	Clarification of Uses in Center	Endorsed w/ mod. *
Jim Hart, At-Large Planning Commissioner	Countywide	ZOA** - Storage Containers	Information Only

* endorsement contingent upon recommended modifications to application

** ZOA - Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Upcoming WFCCA Land Use Committee Agenda Items

The WFCCA Land Use Committee continues to review two applications near the Routes 28/29 interchange; the 'Unicorp' application for a Walgreens, Bank of America, and a third building at the northeast quadrant of the interchange as well as the PNC Bank facility just east of Braddock Road on Route 29. The Mount Olive Baptist Church expansion application has also been accepted by the County and will be before the Land Use Committee prior to their Planning Commission public hearing.

For more information, or to find out what applications might be heard at an upcoming meeting, please contact Jim Katcham, Land Use Committee Chair, at (703) 803-8177.

Centreville Historic Overlay District Expansion Update

County staff recommendations on the Centreville Historic Overlay District expansion have been submitted to the Fairfax County History Commission (FCHC) and Architectural Review Board (ARB) for review and comment. The FCHC will make their recommendation to staff on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, meeting at the Fairfax City Regional Library at 7:30 p.m. The ARB will publicize their recommendations at their August 10, 2006 meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Work Group may be reconvened to review these comments, prior to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor public hearings later this fall. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the draft staff report, please contact Virginia Eller, Assistant to Supervisor Michael R. Frey, at (703) 814-7100.

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Transportation Projects - Updates and Related Web Sites

For updates or additional information on transportation projects in or near the WFCCA area, visit the websites, below.

Manassas National Battlefield Park (Route 29) Bypass Study - On June 15, 2006, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved Alignment D (modified), the northern route. For maps and other information, visit: www.battlefieldbypass.com.

Tri-County Parkway Location Study - For information, visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/tcp.asp.

Fairfax County Transportation Plan Update - On July 10, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved the language of the Transportation Plan Update; there are some changes that yet need to be made to plan maps. Visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot.

TransAction 2030 - The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority is updating the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan. For additional information on how you can offer comments, please visit www.transaction2030.com.

Route 28 Interchange Construction - Visit www.28freeway.com. The McLearen Road/Route 28 interchange is open and completed for all movement.

I-66 Multimodal Transportation and Environmental Study - The project website is www.infoi66.com.

Dulles International Airport New Runways - The Record of Decision on two new runways and related improvements is available at: www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/RunwaysEIS.htm. Ground has been broken for the fourth (the new north-south) runway.

◆ Around and About the WFCCA Community ◆

Sully District Starlight Cinema

On Saturday evenings during the month of August, starting at 7:30 p.m., free drive-in movies will be shown at Trinity Centre (5875 Trinity Parkway). You can watch movies from the comfort of your car, or from a designated seating area in front of the screen. The schedule is:

August 5: *Madagascar*

August 12: *BABE: The Gallant Pig*

August 19: *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

August 26: *Men in Black*

Movies are cancelled if there is rain. Call (703) 324-7469 after 6:00 p.m. for cancellation information.

Centreville Day is September 16th

Centreville Day will be celebrated Saturday, September 16, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Centreville Historic District. A parade will precede the festivities, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The festival will include an outdoor marketplace with arts and crafts vendors, local Centreville businesses, churches and other nonprofit community organizations, a "Taste of Centreville", children's games and amusements, musicians, and tours of historic sites with interpreters and re-enactors. For more information, visit: www.centrevilleday.com.

County Decal No Longer Needed

Fairfax County residents are no longer required to purchase a county decal for their vehicle windshield. The Board of Supervisors repealed the article in the Code of the County of Fairfax, effective July 1, 2006. Vehicles properly registered with the County's Department of Tax Administration (DTA) are not subject to ticketing for failure to display the decal. New residents and those registering a vehicle for the first time must file a personal property declaration form with DTA within 60 days after purchase or entry into the county. Vehicles may be registered online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. For more information, contact (703) 222-8234. Residents should ensure their address on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is correct; otherwise they may encounter tax and ticket issues. The green decal from last year can be removed.

Referendums on November Ballot

Two bond referendums will appear on the November 7, 2006 general and special election ballot, including a \$125 million public safety facilities referendum and a \$25 million parks and parks facilities referendum. More information on each will be in the October issue of *the Pioneer*.

Virginia 2007 Commemoration Events

In 2007, the Commonwealth of Virginia will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown with numerous events. You can sign up for periodic email updates to get the latest news and information about commemorations, events, and activities. To subscribe, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists. Look under the "General News and Information" category, and subscribe to "Virginia 2007 - 400th Anniversary Celebration Information". For more information, contact the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at (703) 324-3187.

Environmental Tip for the Quarter

Take An Inventory Of Hazardous Materials In Your Home

This is a good activity to teach young children the dangers of hazardous and poisonous household items. Make sure that fertilizers, household cleaners, paints, and pesticides are labeled correctly and stored safely out of the reach of children and pets. Teach your children the dangers of these items by reviewing the warning labels with them--one good way to help children recognize "dangerous" item is to mark them with a special bright-colored sticker or a "Mr. Yuk" sticker. Your local poison control hotline can provide you with "Mr. Yuk" stickers and materials. Never put leftover hazardous materials in food or beverage containers. Keep the number of your local poison control center near all the phones in your home. The number is 1 (800) 222-1222.

Dispose of Hazardous Household Materials Properly

Containers that are partially full of hazardous materials (household cleaners, motor oil, paints, pesticides, etc.) should not be thrown in the trash or poured down the drain. Check the Fairfax County website for up-to-date instructions on disposing of hazardous waste at the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill. The county's website address is: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/hazardouswaste.htm

Have your children take part in collecting and participating in annual disposal drives and community recycling programs so they may learn what is hazardous and how to prevent it from harming the environment. The information they learn as children will help them grow into responsible and environmentally friendly adults.

- Russell Wanek,

Trust Funds Established for Families of Slain Officers

The WFCCA joins with all residents of Fairfax County in sending condolences to the families of Detective Vicki Armel and Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino, victims of the May 8, 2006 shooting outside the Sully District Police Station.

Trust funds have been established for the Armel and Garbarino families. Contributions can be sent to:

The Armel Family Trust Fund

or

The Garbarino Family Trust Fund

c/o Fairfax County Federal Credit Union
4201 Members Way
Fairfax VA 22030.

We also remember at this time our entire Fairfax County Police Department, who courageously serve and defend the safety of all of us. At its July 17, 2006 quarterly meeting, the WFCCA will consider a contribution to the above funds.

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*Election Officers
Needed to Work
at the Polls
on
Election Day,
November 7th*

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2006
7:00 p.m.

**Sully District Governmental Center and Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly**

**The James D. McDonnell Community Room 1
(across the Entry Hall from the Sully District Supervisor's Office)**

**Our guest speaker for the evening will be
The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly,
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.**

There will be a question and answer period.

All area residents are invited to attend.

*The WFCCA Land Use Committee meets the third Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sully District Governmental Center.*