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Community Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11th (rain date June 18th)
8:00am - 12:00pm

The Virginia Hills Citizens Association is happy to announce a chance to meet with neighbors and find treasures. The following homes are participating in the sale:

- 3527 Austin Avenue
- 3713 Austin Avenue
- 3715 Austin Avenue
- 6619 Dorset Drive
- 6401 Gentele Court
- 3901 Hillview Court
- 6122 Hillview Avenue
- 6303 Prospect Terrace
- 6412 Prospect Terrace
- 4002 Ronson Drive
- 6214 Sandlin Court
- 6229 Virginia Hills Avenue
- 6402 Virginia Hills Avenue
- 6502 Berkshire Drive (Estate Sale! Freezer, refrigerator, furniture, tools, dehumidifier, sets of china, crystal, glassware, framed pictures, lawnmower, gardening and patio items, etc. You MUST remove your purchases the same day.)

You never know what gems your neighbors may have hiding in their basement. Take a drive around the neighborhood and find out!

Picnic at the Pool!

Virginia Hills residents are cordially invited to a community summer picnic hosted jointly by the Virginia Hills Citizens Association and the Virginia Hills Pool!

Come in bathing suits, bring a picnic mat or chair, a food item to share, and BYOB (bring your own beer/wine).



When: Saturday, August 27

Where: Virginia Hills Pool, 6500 Virginia Hills Pool Drive

Time: check the VHCA facebook page or www.virginiahills.org

Other: Please bring a food item you want to share with your neighbors as your admission!

RSVP/Questions: Akiko Ueda-Zecca, membership@virginiahills.org

Cost: \$3.50 per person

Please RSVP by August 22.

(By the pool regulations, sales of alcoholic drinks are not allowed. If visibly impaired, guests may be asked to leave. No food or drink is allowed on the pool deck, and no glass containers are permitted due to safety reasons. In case of bad weather, the event will be canceled.)

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Virginia Hills Citizens Association Meeting

Tuesday, June 14th – 7:30 PM
Old Virginia Hills School, Diana Lane

Speaker: Fairfax County's Planning Commissioner

The President's Corner

Comment from VHCA President Suyderhoud

The VHCA has been quite busy this past year organizing community events. The officers and those members who have been actively involved in organizing these events are an amazing and dedicated group of individuals that clearly are making a difference in Virginia Hills. As President, I am very impressed with their eagerness to bring about significant changes in making Virginia Hills a better community to live in. I just want to say thanks to our VHCA officers and those volunteers that have helped out.

Since we are talking about summer in a sense, you know how I also like to talk about summer activities and safety. With the temperatures on the rise, we need to be a little smarter when it comes keeping things cooler especially in coolers. When carrying things in a cooler, make sure that it's full because the items inside will stay cold longer. In addition, keep coolers inside the car, not the trunk. And how about grilling? Of course we all know about washing our hands before we do anything with food, but remember to never leave perishable food out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, or one hour when the temperature is above 90.

I have some good news about the traffic study on Dorset Drive. I did receive a letter from Supervisor McKay's office recently and the traffic study is complete and we have been approved and this qualifies us for inclusion in the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP) for traffic calming. The next step is to meet with the county staff. In terms of what will be spoken about will be presented either at our next community meeting or in the Echo.

Well, that's all for now and I hope to see all of you at our next meeting June 14, at 7:30 pm, as well as at our pool party August 27!

Sincerely,
Warren



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Farmers Market Season Has Started

All of our favorite farmer's markets are open for the season and better than ever! The Huntington market will be open from 3-7 pm every Thursday at their new location in Huntington Station Shopping Center.

The Kingstowne market opened Friday, May 6, and will run through Friday, October 28. It's open every Friday, 4-7 pm.

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2016-2017 Membership

**Mail to: VHCA, P.O. Box 10837
Alexandria, VA 22310**

I'd (We'd) like to join / renew my (our) membership in the Virginia Hills Citizens Association. Enclosed are the annual membership dues of \$7.00 per household. I am also including a contribution in the amount of

\$ _____.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Comments: _____

Checks for dues may be made payable to VHCA or the Virginia Hills Citizens Association.

Fairfax Water Authority Web Portal

The Fairfax Water Authority has (finally!) developed a portal website that allows customers to view and pay bills, monitor water usage, and communicate with the Customer Service department. Apple and Android apps are also available. For additional information, go to <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>.

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Fairfax County Budget Approved From Commissioner Bulova's Office

On April 26, the Board of Supervisors voted to increase funding for schools by \$104 million and made strategic investments that protect the quality of life in Fairfax County. After amending County Executive Ed Long's FY2017 Advertised Budget, the Board voted 7-3 in favor of a \$1.13 tax rate for FY2017, an increase from the FY2016 rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. The 4-cent increase will generate approximately \$93 million in additional County revenue that will invest in valued County services such as education, public safety and human services.

Our Board is committed to investing in what makes our County great: its schools, its employees, and its services. Education is absolutely a top priority -- and this budget reflects that. The major change the Board made to the County Executive's Advertised Budget was to provide an additional \$33.6 million to Schools. This was done by allocating an entire penny of the tax rate and using reallocated funds from Third Quarter Review. With FCPS receiving 52.7% of the County's General Fund budget, the elected School Board will have enough funds to address teacher compensation, preserve existing programs, and begin working to decrease class sizes.

It was no doubt a tough budget year. We know that many of our citizens are struggling in this sluggish economy and continued increases in the real estate tax rate are not sustainable. Collaboration between our Board and the School Board, revenue diversification from Richmond, and efficiencies in County programming are very important moving forward.

Lee District Entertainment: Summer Nights

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm
Lee District Park Amphitheater

June

- 1 David Bach Consort (Jazz)
- 8 The Revelers (Swamp Pop)
- 15 Natty Beaux (Swing)
- 22 The Pietasters (Ska)
- 29 Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang

July

- 6 The David Kitchen Band (Pop/Rock)
- 13 City of Fairfax Concert Band
- 20 East of Monroe (Bluegrass)
- 27 Squeeze Bayou (Cajun)

August

- 3 The US Navy "Sea Chanters" (Choral)
- 10 Hard Swimmin' Fish (Blues/Jazz/Funk)
- 17 Patty Reese Band (Bluels/Roots Rock)
- 24 Swing Shift (Big Band/Swing)

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Current Virginia Hills Real Estate Market

Status	Address	List Price	Close Price	BR	FB	Fpl	Gar	Bsmt	DOM
Pending	6103 Pike Ct	\$315,000		3	2	1		Yes	1
Pending	6604 Dorset Dr	\$315,000		3	1	0		No	13
Pending	6202 Paulonia Rd	\$364,260		3	2	0		Yes	128
Sold	3607 Austin Ave	\$385,000	\$385,000	3	2	0		Yes	58
Sold	6518 Dorset Dr	\$454,600	\$454,000	4	3	0	2	No	6
Sold	6514 Enfield Dr	\$349,900	\$361,000	3	1	0	1	No	6
Sold	6308 Prospect Ter	\$449,888	\$449,888	4	2	0		Yes	4
Sold	6535 Virginia Hills Ave	\$349,000	\$342,500	3	1	1		No	3
Sold	6538 Virginia Hills Ave	\$418,800	\$427,300	3	2	1		Yes	2
Sold	6306 Gentele Ct	\$225,000	\$196,375	3	2	1		Yes	0

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