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FCDOT Offers Penn Daw Residents Alternatives for Fixing North Kings Highway

With the approval of three developments in the Penn Daw area (the Insight development, almost complete, the Grande at Huntington at the old Fast Eddie's site, and the redevelopment of the Penn Daw Plaza) it was apparent that all of those sites would increase traffic on the southern portion of North Kings Highway that intersects with South Kings Highway. While the developers of each of those sites had made proffers for better signalization, turn lanes, and sidewalks, the sum of those proffers would provide little help for the overall traffic situation.

In particular, problems would be extreme at the intersections of North Kings Highway with Poag Street (between the Plaza and the Insight Development), with Shields Ave (the connection to and from Richmond Highway to the east on the south side of the Fast Eddie's area), with School Street (south of the Mount Eagle Elementary School), and with Jamaica Drive (turning off North Kings just to the north of the Fast Eddie's site). Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), after additional study, offered six alternatives for neighboring residents to consider.

- No build, making no improvements, even those proffered by the developers
- No build, but making the improvements proffered by the developers
- Option 8A: Putting roundabouts (traffic circles) at Poag Street and Jamaica Drive, re-aligning the intersection of Shields and North Kings, keeping the light, and making School Street right in, right out only (RIRO)

- Option 8B: traffic signal at Poag and North Kings, roundabout at Jamaica Drive, and southbound U-turn lane on North Kings at Poag
- Option 8C: no roundabouts, traffic signal at Poag Street, RIRO at Jamaica Drive, a southbound U-turn lane at Poag and a northbound U-turn lane at Jamaica Drive
- Option 8D: roundabout at Poag Street, northbound U-turn lane at Jamaica Drive, and RIRO at Jamaica Drive

FCDOT indicated that their evaluation of the alternatives would obviously include the greatest traffic improvement and least cost, but would also consider discouraging cut-through traffic on School Street, access to all the properties, minimal need to take private property, and facilitating pedestrian movement. FCDOT made clear that none of the alternatives would totally fix the traffic issues and that some of the intersections would still be rated "F" (on a scale of A to F) after any of the options were built.

FCDOT's analysis was that 8C was the best option, with the lowest cost, the least property impact, the best travel time savings on North Kings (tied with option 8D), the most enhanced pedestrian safety and walkability, improved vehicular safety, and reduced cut-through traffic on School Street. Option 8D was a close second.

The next step will be for FCDOT to review community input due this month and finalize the plan for the most favored alternative. It appears that funding will be available (including the developer proffers) for actual construction of this project by 2020.

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Virginia Hills Citizens Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th – 7:30 PM
Old Virginia Hills School, Diana Lane

Speaker: Wil Slaughter, from
Fairfax County Consumer Affairs

President's Corner

Comment from VHCA President Warren Suyderhoud

Hello! First of all, I wanted to thank all of you for supporting our association over the years. Some of you have contributed your time by coming to our meetings and discussing your concerns or delivering the Echo, and others are friendly and helpful to one another. Virginia Hills has always been a great place to live, to grow to be a part of a neighborhood that stands the test of time.

I am extremely grateful to be elected as your new President and I really look forward in the coming years to serving you. In addition, let's also thank Ralph Zecca for taking on the responsibility of Vice President. Robin Jones, who has done a great job handling our budget, will continue to be our Treasurer. Please also welcome Juliana Sharp as our new Secretary, Leah Buckley as our Echo Editor, and Akiko Zecca as Membership Director. Whenever you see them in our neighborhood, wish them well in their newly elected positions.

Our next association meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th and our speaker will be Wil Slaughter, who is a lead investigator with Fairfax County Consumer Affairs. I hope to see many of you there. The association meetings occur only five times a year and are a great way to meet some of the members as well as to become more familiar with our community. That being said, if you have any concerns that you would like to be addressed to Mr. Slaughter you can certainly drop me an email, or better yet just come to our next meeting!

And finally, I hope everyone's summer has been great. School will be starting soon for many of our residents which means you may see parents taking their children to school, picking them up, or just seeing them walk in our streets. School buses will be loading and unloading so I truly hope that we all take our time driving through our neighborhood especially during the morning and late afternoon.

Sincerely,
Warren Suyderhoud

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New Moped Laws as of July 1st From the Fairfax County Police

Virginia has enacted new regulations effective July 1st for the registration and operation of mopeds on public streets. There are some major changes.

! Moped drivers must carry a government-issued photo ID (does not have to be a driver's license).

! Moped drivers and passengers must wear a state police approved helmet while riding a moped. Drivers must also wear a face shield, safety glasses, or goggles unless the moped has a windshield.

! Operation of mopeds is prohibited on interstate highways.

! You must be at least age 16 to drive a moped.

! It is illegal to drive a moped if your license is suspended or revoked for convictions of DUI, underage consumption of alcohol, refusing a blood/breath test, or driving while your license is suspended/revoked for a DUI-related offense.

Virginia law requires mopeds operated on Virginia roadways to be titled and registered by July 1, 2014. DMV will issue one license plate per moped to be placed on the rear of the vehicle. When titling a moped, you will be requested to complete a moped certification form (DMV form VSA 31) found at <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/vsa31.pdf> indicating how you intend to operate the vehicle. To obtain the title fee and annual moped registration fee, refer to the DMV Fee Chart at <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/dmv201.pdf>.

If you have outstanding fines for HOT lane or toll violations, you may not register any motor vehicle, including a moped, until those fines have been paid.

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DEA/UPC Prescription Drug Take back

On September 27th, Fairfax County Police will participate with the DEA/UPC initiative of Prescription Drug Take Back. There will be a bin at the Mount Vernon Police Station in the front lobby. Drop off between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

We are hoping to get a big turnout for this event so we can do it again in the future. The police department encourages you to look through your medicine cabinets for old or out-of-date medicine, and encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. All medicines are accepted except needles and pressurized items.

Community Shred Event

Support your local Crime Solvers program while disposing of your personal and financial documents securely! Shredding helps prevent identity theft. Tax-deductible donations will be accepted to benefit Fairfax County Crime Solvers. Swing by and drop off your papers for a suggested donation of \$5 per bag/box. Papers will be shredded on-site. All shredded materials are recycled to help protect the environment. It will be in the parking lot from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, October 4, 2014.

Election Officials Needed

The Fairfax County Office of Elections is in need of election officers to staff the county's polling places for the November 4th election. Election officers are compensated for their time.

To apply to become an election officer, or for more information:

- Email elect@fairfaxcounty.gov, with your full name, current address, daytime telephone number, and date of birth (used to verify your voter registration).
- Call 703-324-4735, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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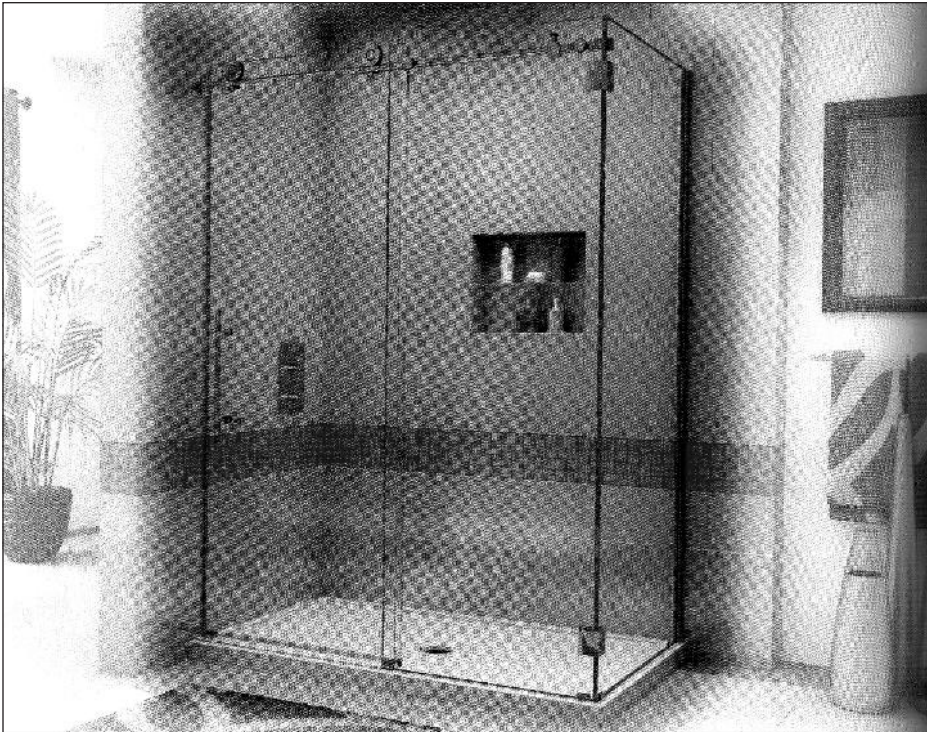
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Telegraph Road and Route 1: Together Again From Supervisor McKay's office

Finally! Since Woodlawn Road, the two-lane road that cut through Fort Belvoir, linking Telegraph Rd and Route 1 was closed back in 2001, traveling from east to west has been a lengthy and roundabout trip.

On August 18, a critical link to our transportation network was added when Jeff Todd Way was opened to traffic. The road, initially called Mulligan Road but renamed in memory of a well-loved local businessman and community leader, will not only serve as an east/west link, but will also allow us to improve road conditions on surrounding streets.

The project also includes widening and improvements for parts of Route One and Telegraph Road, including: the widening of Telegraph from Beulah Street to Leaf Road, the widening of Old Mill Road to four lanes, the addition of wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles, raised medians, and pedestrian-friendly wide sidewalks on both sides of Jeff Todd Way.

Virginia Hills Needs Your Help!

Have you wanted to help out in our community, but weren't quite ready to take on a long-term commitment like an executive board position? We have just the opportunity for you! Our neighborhood sign on Telegraph Rd has been vandalized, and we could use some volunteer assistance to get it cleaned up.

The wiring for the lights isn't functioning correctly, and the sign needs a good cleaning. If you own a pressure washer or if you are handy with electrical knowledge, please contact our president Warren Suyderhoud at president@virginiahills.org and let him know you'd like to help.

Police Warn of ATM Skimmer Scam

Police are looking for suspects in recent incidents at local ATMs. Three SunTrust ATMs in Fairfax County have been compromised by skimmers, which attach to the card reader and record card information. The thief can then use that information for fraudulent purposes.

The banks have identified affected customers, but police recommend that you keep a careful eye on your bank statements for any discrepancies. Look closely at any ATM you use. ATM skimmers appear on the front of machines and may be affixed loosely with tape.

Anyone with information can call Crime Solvers by phone at 866-411-TIPS/8477, send an e-mail via fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Huntley Meadows Restoration Update



The view from the wetlands observation tower

After twenty years of research and public meetings, and a little more than a year of construction, the Wetland Restoration Project is complete! The park's beaver wetland is now a managed hemi-marsh. The park's mission is to preserve, manage and interpret the natural and cultural resources found in Huntley Meadows Park in a manner that highlights and encourages the biodiversity associated with this site's native ecosystems, while also providing a site for environmental education, wildlife observation, ecological study and passive, trail-related outdoor recreation compatible with a wildlife sanctuary.

The South Kings Hwy parking lot is part of a separate project: the widening of Telegraph Road, done by VDOT. This project will continue until 2015, and the parking lot will be closed for months at a time. It is currently considered part of a construction site, and officially closed to the public. If you choose to park there, you do so at your own risk. Please call the park for details and suggestions.

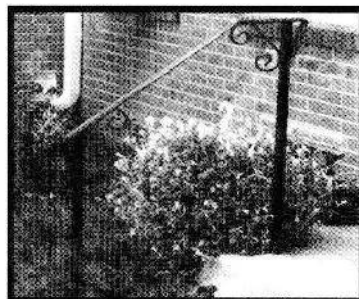
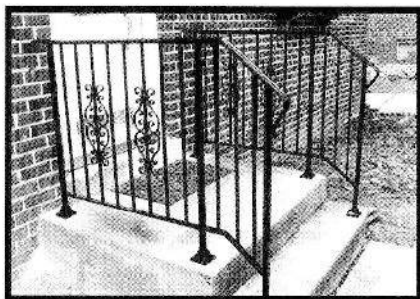
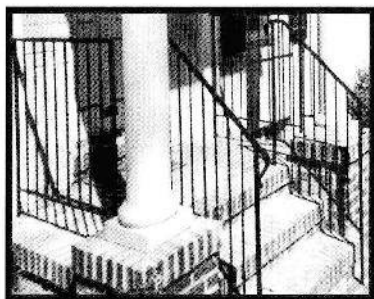
The Visitor Center parking lot (off Lockheed Blvd and Harrison Ln) is unaffected by either of these issues and remains open and accessible, as are all the visitor center trails and wetland boardwalk.

Hayfield Boys Lacrosse Fundraiser

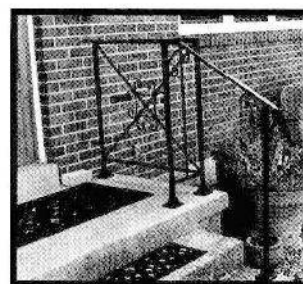
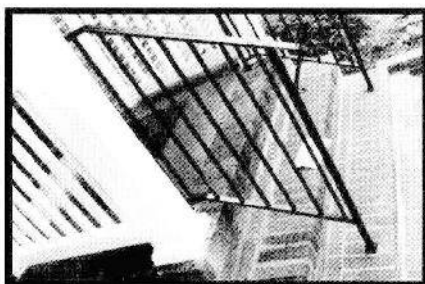
Got leaves? Why spend hours on that dreaded fall chore? Save your back and help support the Hayfield Hawks Boys Lacrosse "Rake it Up" 2014 Fall Leaf Raking Fundraiser. Go to www.hawksathletics.org and select the "Rake it Up" tab to schedule a day and time, or call 540-307-1LAX. Don't miss out! limited slots are available!! *We rake. You relax.*

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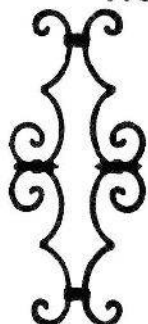
It is the time of the year when bushes get bushier and tree branches begin to sag. Please look for bushes and grass that encroach on your sidewalks and tree branches that hang lower than 6.5 feet above the sidewalk. Trim the bushes, edge the grass, and cut the branches so pedestrians can use the full width of the sidewalk and avoid walking into low branches.



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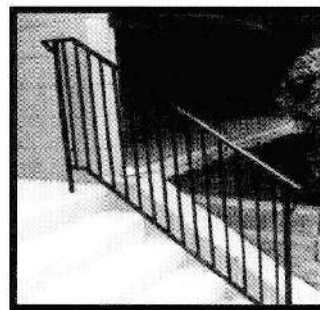
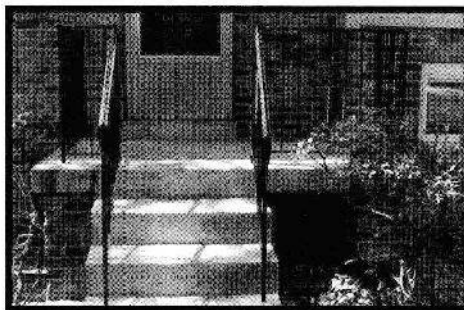
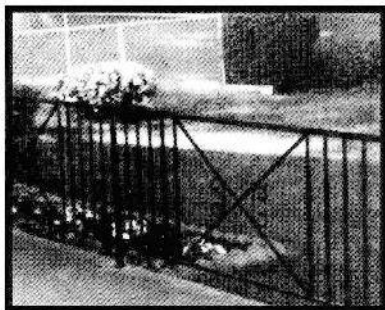
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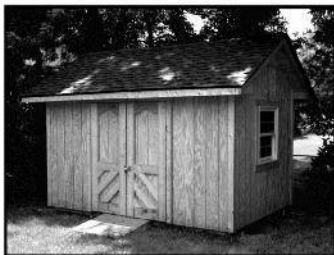
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Message from Supervisor McKay

Summer is winding down along with that slower pace that lends itself to reflection. So, if you find yourself on a sunny beach with your mind wandering to local government and thoughts of "what does a Fairfax County supervisor do anyway," here's the scoop.

Constituent service is the most important thing I do as your Lee District Supervisor. The Supervisor's office is the first and sometimes the last resort for residents with difficult questions or problems—often state responsibilities such as roads and potholes. Don't think that you need a complicated issue before you can get in touch with me. I hear from people with zoning complaints and from those with human service needs. I hear from people who want to know if a permit is needed for garage construction and from people who want to know if their neighbor got a permit for that garage. My office staff helps with storm water and drainage issues, public safety, parking problems, everything from animal control to zoning. And everywhere I go, I'm asked for details about Springfield Mall, Wegmans, and the progress of road improvement projects.

On a broader scale, I work with our state and federal government representatives to get the best outcomes for our district and our region. Every year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee (which I've chaired since 2009) prepares its legislative package for the General Assembly in Richmond. Many of the services that Fairfax County provides, like transportation, K-12 education, and human services, require a partnership with the state. During the legislative session, the Legislative Committee tracks every bill that could affect our county and our quality of life. This is especially important in our Dillon Rule state where counties can only pass legislation if they have first obtained enabling legislation from the General Assembly.

Public service is a 24/7 job—even in the summer—and with so many big projects on the horizon, my summer has been very busy. No matter the season, there's always a lot happening in Lee District, so please call my office if you ever want any more information about a project or have an idea for the future.



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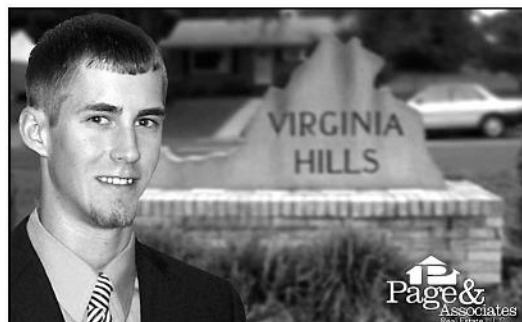
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Sold	Rambler	6508 Enfield Dr	3	2	0	\$379,000	\$375,000	No	1
Sold	Rambler	6405 Wilcox Ct	5	2	0	\$410,000	\$400,000	Yes	0
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