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A few items of information for you or your association newsletter:

The Board Corner: Perspectives from Penny – Happy Independence Day! This July 4th marks the celebration of the 241st anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the creation of our nation. This year, especially, is a good time to examine our treasured democracy and representative government, which appear to be at risk from both internal and external forces. Beyond the parades, the picnics, and the fireworks, let's remember that the Stars and Stripes flies over all of us, not just some, not just a select few, but all of us – longtime residents and newcomers alike. It does not differentiate or discriminate between races, faiths, genders, social standing, or wealth. All of us.

Your Guide to Summer in Fairfax County – Summer is here, and Fairfax County has a lot of fun events and cool things to do through August. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/your-guide-to-summer-in-fairfax-county/ to find some fun things to put on your calendar!



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Lincolnia Planning District Study in Progress – A long-range planning study of the Lincolnia area is reviewing potential changes to Comprehensive Plan guidance (Plan Amendment 2013-I-11) for the [Lincolnia Planning District](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/area1/lincolnia.pdf) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/area1/lincolnia.pdf). A community task force is conducting a series of public meetings this summer. Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m.

on **Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 18, 2017** at the [Holmes Middle School library](#). Information about the study, and the meeting schedule, is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/lincolnia. Questions may be directed to Faheem Darab, senior planner, at Faheem.Darab@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-324-1351. Subscribe to the Lincolnia Planning District Study by e-mail at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/lincolnia/listservsubscribe.htm.

Spotlight by Starlight Summer Concerts at Mason District Park and Ossian Hall Park

– Enjoy a variety of free entertainment at **Mason District Park**, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., **until August 25, 2017**. Children's concerts are on Saturdays at 10 a.m. The cultural performances can be enjoyed **through August 19** at **Ossian Hall Park**, located at 7900 Heritage Drive in Annandale, on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. For a complete summer concert schedule, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight-by-starlight.htm. **Note:** Concerts are cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the performance for weather-related updates.

Farmers Market is Open at Mason District Park – The Farmers Market at Mason District Park is open every **Thursday** morning, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. For a complete schedule, and other information about the Farmers Markets visit the Fairfax County Park Authority Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/, or call 703-642-0128; TTY 703-803-3354.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) Schedules Public Hearing for its Newly Released Draft TransAction Plan – On **Thursday, July 13, 2017**, NVTa, located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200 in Merrifield, will host a Public Hearing and Open House for its Draft TransAction Plan, a multimodal transportation master plan for Northern Virginia that focuses on 11 major travel corridors to address regional transportation needs through 2040. The Open House will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. The Public Hearing will follow after the presentation. For more information about the Draft TransAction Plan, visit <http://nvtatransaction.org/participate/>.

Pre-registration is open for those who would like to testify at the Public Hearing. Each speaker will have three minutes to provide comments about the Draft TransAction Plan. You can pre-register to testify in one of four ways:

1. e-mail: TransActionUpdate@NVTaTransAction.org;
2. on-line: <http://TransActionPublicHearing.eventbrite.com>;
3. phone: 703-642-4652; or
4. in-person on July 13, 2017 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Housing Affordability: How Should our Community Invest in Housing that is Affordable?

– The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development wants to hear from you. According to data from George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, Fairfax County will need thousands more homes affordable to new workers – earning a range of incomes – to meet the need associated with projected job growth during the next 20 years. To

address this challenge, Fairfax County is leading the development of a Community-wide Housing Strategic Plan. A plan shaped by the community for the community. You are crucial to the creation and success of this plan. The goals of the housing plan are:

- Create a shared community vision of how housing supports local economic growth and community sustainability;
- Quantify the housing needed to sensibly accommodate future growth;
- Develop specific, measurable, and actionable strategies for meeting countywide housing goals; and
- Identify the programs and policies, and specific funding sources, that will be required to address housing needs in 5, 10, and 15 years.

Fairfax County has an [online survey](#) (www.surveymonkey.com/r/whyhousingmattersinfairfaxcounty) to collect information from the community about housing affordability in our area. The results from the online survey will help shape the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan. In addition to public insight, county staff will build on work completed through the [Fairfax County Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success](#) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/success), the [Human Services Needs Assessment](#) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman/needs-assessment), and the [One Fairfax Resolution](#) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2016/one-fairfax-resolution.pdf).

In addition to the survey, there are a number of community meetings scheduled countywide to garner public comment about how the community should invest in housing that is affordable. **Mark your calendars for the next community meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 7 p.m.** at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. For more information about the Community-wide Housing Strategic Plan and to stay informed about upcoming meetings, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/communityhousingplan.htm.

The Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments Invite You to a Crab Legs and Spiced Shrimp Feast – An all-you-can-eat crab legs and spiced shrimp feast fundraiser is set for **Saturday, July 29, 2017 2 - 5 p.m.** at the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department, 7128 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for this fabulous feast. For more information, visit www.avfd.org, or www.bxrvfd.org, or send an e-mail to crabfeast@avfd.org. The Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments are non-profit 501c (3) organizations, and all donations are tax deductible. Donations may be mailed to: AVFD, P.O. Box 806, Annandale, VA 22003; and to the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1159, Falls Church, VA 22041-3609.

Zoning Rules to be Developed for Short-Term Rentals – Fairfax County is working to develop proposed zoning rules for what are called short-term rentals. These are homes, condos and apartments rented for less than 30 days via Web sites, such as Airbnb, Homeaway, VRBO, FlipKey, or Roomarama. The public is urged to assist by participating in a 12-question survey that is available until **Thursday, August 31, 2017** at www.surveymonkey.com/r/short-term-rentals. Regulations may address:

- Where these rentals would be allowed in the county;
- How often they could be rented;

- What types of properties could be rented; and
- How many people would be allowed to stay in a property at any one time.

Additional public comment this summer. For more information, including future public meeting dates, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm, or call the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324- 1314; TTY 711.

Protect Your Wallet: Scammers Using High-Tech Skimmers at Gas Stations – Scammers have found a way to empty a bank account within minutes. The Fairfax County Police Department's financial crimes detectives are seeing a trend at local gas stations. **Criminals are using high-tech skimming devices to steal bank card information and money.** In the last year, investigators have removed **21 individual skimmers from 15 different locations** in Fairfax County. What also is of concern **is a new wave of Bluetooth skimmers that are harder to detect.** They're completely inside the pump and there's no real warning sign to look out for when paying for fuel. The financial crimes unit is working diligently, but there are some steps you can take to better protect your pocketbook:

1. **Use a credit card when possible and not a debit/ATM card** that requires entering a PIN. New technology allows thieves to get your PIN and clone your card in no time. It also may be more difficult to have personal bank funds reimbursed.
2. Try to **avoid older gas pumps**, which are easier to infiltrate and alter.
3. **Check your bank and card statements regularly** for any suspicious charges. If you notice anything fraudulent or questionable, contact your bank or credit card company immediately.
4. If you are a victim of financial crime in Fairfax County, **report it online through the Financial Crimes Online Reporting (FiCOR) system** at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ficor/.

Adult Day Health Care Centers Offer Respite for Care Givers – When your loved one needs care during the day, but you work or have other obligations, Fairfax County's [Adult Day Health Care \(ADHC\)](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/adhc) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/adhc) centers are here for you. For more than 35 years, the Fairfax County Health Department's compassionate and caring staff has been providing services to older adults and adults with disabilities, including all types of dementia. The service allows those who need supervision during the day to continue living at home and provides respite for family members. With locations in Lincolnia, Herndon, McLean and the Mount Vernon area, Adult Day Health Care offers safe, affordable quality care, meaningful activities, new friendships and peace of mind. **The centers are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Nutritional meals and snacks are provided and door-to-door transportation is available. To learn more, call Jennifer Robinson at 703-246-8743; TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/adhc/.

Don't Ignore It! - If You See Something, Say Something! – The Fairfax County Police Department reminds everyone that if you see something suspicious when you are out and about, say something to local authorities! Report suspicious activity by calling 1-877-4VA-TIPS (482-8477). For more information about crime prevention and awareness, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/citizen-awareness/.

Registration for NVSO's 35th Anniversary Season to Begin July 10 – Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) is celebrating its 35th anniversary this fall. Be a part of one of the largest annual seniors' events in the region. Registration for the 2017 NVSO begins July 10. The NVSO includes about 70 events that exercise the mind as well as the body. To qualify for the Olympics participants must turn 50-years-old by Dec. 31, 2017. Participants can **register online, by September 2, 2017**, at www.nvso.us, or download and **mail registration forms** that must be postmarked **by August 26, 2017**. Registration forms also are available at most county recreation and senior centers. **Games** are scheduled to **commence Saturday, September 9 and conclude September 20, 2017**. The NVSO also is seeking volunteers to help at its venues across Northern Virginia. For more information, contact RSVP Northern Virginia at 703-403-5360, or send an e-mail to RSVP at rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org. For a complete list of events and venues please visit www.nvso.us. The NVSO is a joint project of the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, and of the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William.

Mason Matters! The Television Show – Summertime offers a variety of recreational activities both on land and water. Whether it's playing baseball, soccer, swimming, riding jet skis, or sailing, these activities can drum up an appetite; and what better way to top off the day than with an outdoor barbecue! Outdoor cooking is a hallmark of summer, and with it comes great responsibility. Whether it's a smoker, a pit, or a gas or charcoal grill, safety precautions must be taken to prevent a fire. Location matters - where cooking devices are placed, and their proximity to your home, is important. Just as important is how you clean and store the items, whether it's for the day or the season. The **July/August** edition of *Mason Matters!*, the television show that brings you news and information about our Mason District community, hosted by Supervisor Penny Gross, features Battalion Chief Ramiro Gálvez with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and Brian Foley, director of the Building Division of Land Development Services. *Mason Matters!* airs on Cable Channel 16 every **Thursday at 7 p.m.**, and every **Friday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.**, and daily on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason.

The Quick 411 – I am planning a special event and I would like to know if there are historic venues here in Fairfax County available to rent for the occasion. Yes. We're celebrating our **275th anniversary** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/histcomm/fairfax-county-275.htm) this year, and you can rent some of that history for your special event. The Fairfax County Park Authority's [Historic Property Rental Services](#) oversees **seven county historic properties** that are available for hosting weddings and other special events. County historic properties available for rent include: Cabell's Mill, Victorian-style Clark House, Forestville Schoolhouse, Grange Meeting House, Hunter House Farmhouse, Stone Mansion, and Wakefield Chapel. Learn about these historic properties and rental services online: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hprs/, call 703-324-8730, or send an e-mail to hprs@fairfaxcounty.gov.