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School Boundary Changes Don't Be Caught Off Guard!

By Deborah Broderick, HOA Board President, 709-8360

As you read this article, Fairfax County Public School officials are thinking about, proposing and planning how to alleviate the overcrowding at many of our local schools, especially Franklin Middle and Chantilly High. Although no official meetings had been held at press time, after speaking with the Fairfax County Boundary Office it is certain that meetings will be held this fall with the specific purpose of deciding which districts will attend the new West County Middle School and which will remain at Franklin. West County Middle School, located on McNair Road, is scheduled to open in September 1998.

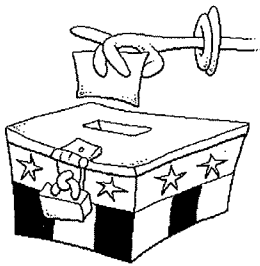
Not as certain, but still a possibility, is the redrawing of the boundary lines for Chantilly High. I was unable to get any confirmation on this issue from the Boundary Office, but have heard that the overcrowding at Chantilly High and Oakton High and the under-enrollment at South Lakes High may mean a proposal to redraw the boundary lines for Chantilly High. This would affect current Chantilly High students.

The importance of an active and vocal community cannot be emphasized enough. Below, you will find the names and addresses of county officials to write to or call to express your concerns. Now is the time for action! When these meetings are over, it will be too late!

The next school zoning meeting will be held at **Langston Hews Middle School, October 28, at 7 p.m.** You keep posted on these meetings by calling and/or writing to the School Board, or by watching Channel 21, Fairfax County's Big Apple station. A list of contacts is provided on **page 2**.

If you think you are too busy to make these calls now, think about how busy you will be driving your kids to Oakton or West County Middle School, or elsewhere. For those of you with writer's cramp, adapt Elena Marty's sample letter on **page 11** of this newsletter. As a community, we need everyone's support, so please don't put this on the back burner!

**Next School Zoning Meeting
Langston Hews Middle School
October 28, 7 p.m.**



Community Update

School Board

Rezoning Contacts

A list of school board contacts involved in the counties rezoning effort are provided for your convenience if you wish to voice your opinion on upcoming rezoning efforts by the county. Please see the cover story on **page 1** for more information. A sample letter addressed to the School Board appears on **page 11**.

Gary Reese, Sully District, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Va. 22030; tel. 246-3062, fax 278-8648. Reese is an elected School Board member. His term expires in 1999.

Dr. Loretta Web, Superintendent, Area III, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Va. 22027; tel. 204-3800.

Gary Chevalier, Boundary Coordinator, 246-3609. He has the inside scoop on proposed boundary changes and the procedures involved.

Jim Johnson, Director of Facilities Planning, 246-3608. He also has the inside scoop on proposed boundary changes and the procedures involved.

Fairfax County School Board,
10700 Page Avenue,
Fairfax, Va. 22030;
tel. 246-3646.

To receive a notice of all Board meetings, file a written request addressed to Clerk of the Board.

To obtain information about Board procedures or agenda items, or to arrange to speak before the School Board, call by the Monday prior to the meeting. School Board meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road.

Editors' Notes

By Jo Gordon, 709-8237 or jogordon@erols.com,
and Jeannette Borneman, 707-0394 or
mjborneman@aol.com

In this issue, we bring you a couple of new columns which will become regular items, namely Crime Watch and Home Sales. This information is gleaned from the local press and is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of every crime report or home sale transaction. Instead, these lists act as a barometer of current events so that you know what's happening in the neighborhood and can keep up with home values.

Don't forget to let us know about additions to your family, special celebrations or if you're new to the community. We'll happily give you a mention on the back page, introducing you or your new baby to Armfield residents. If you are looking for a nanny, offering child care (county permit holders only, please!), are available for babysitting or yard work, or planning a yard sale, this space is yours to share information. Contact us anytime with your news.

Home Sales

Old Chatwood Place, 12623:

Christopher and Kay O. Headrick to
Joseph R. and Janice K. Camillucci,
\$239,000.

Dittany Court, 3827: R.E. Patteson to
K.G. and E. Baker, \$174,000

Springhaven Drive, 13710: D.J. and P.
Cleaves to A. and I. Herodet, \$197,000

Pool Party Plunge

By Ann Meier, 478-3490

On Saturday, August 18, the Annual Armfield Pool Party was held and attended by close to 400 residents. Everyone who attended will long remember that weekend's record-breaking heat! In spite of the temperature, a good time was had by all.

It was my pleasure this year to organize the pool party and I sincerely want to thank **Laura Fentem, Cheryl Caslavka, Marie Vanderhoof, Jo Gordon and Heather Makris** who willingly volunteered their time and effort. Because of their hard work, the party went off very smoothly. When you see them in your neighborhood, please acknowledge your appreciation for their time.

As in the past, the food served was purchased from local businesses who greatly reduced their prices for us. Subs were provided by **Subway** at Franklin Farm, **Lina Cafe** at Sully Plaza (owners are Armfield residents) provided the Chinese food, and **Kentucky Fried Chicken**, also at Sully Plaza, provided the chicken and coleslaw.

Needless to say, the food was delicious. Keep these businesses in mind when you are planning any type of party - they all deliver and your patronage would be a great way of thanking them for their support.

Thanks to all of you for bringing plentiful and delicious of desserts. There certainly was a wide variety to choose from.

It's always delightful to see the community's children get so involved at this annual event. They so enjoy dancing to the music, participating in all the games and swimming in the pool with their glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

A wonderful tradition has been established here at Armfield with our Annual Pool Party. Residents, young and old, look forward to this get together every year. Thanks again to my volunteers and to all of you for attending and enjoying yourselves.

The Board's Soapbox

By Dan Gordon, HOA Board Secretary, 709-8237 or jogordon@erols.com

Summer seems to come and go in a flash. That's probably because it's such an incredibly busy time planning vacations, doing endless yard work, shuttling kids to and from activities. Juggling full-time employment, full-time kids and a multitude of other responsibilities can be daunting. However, without the time and energy given to this community by valuable volunteers, many of the activities we enjoy and take for granted simply would not happen.

Take the pool party for instance. With no Social Committee to tackle the job this year, Board member Ann Meier took it upon herself to make sure this annual event did not get ignored. Each month, the Architectural Review Committee meets to consider residents' submissions. Every quarter, this newsletter gets researched, written and published. Every month, the Board meets to make decisions about matters pending and to plan for future issues. Every summer, the swim team is coached and led to victory. On an on-going basis, volunteer residents monitor community grounds and keep a watch on crime.

We don't express our appreciation for these efforts often enough. Volunteers, ironically, tend to be those people with the busiest schedules of them all, yet they participate without complaint and make an active contribution to this community. On behalf of the Board, I say a big thank you to every one of you who makes a contribution to the smooth running of Armfield!

On another note, the Board is in the process of planning its budget for 1998 and beyond. We are considering, among many things, what capital improvement projects to research and plan for during the upcoming years. Some ideas have been: upgrading the tot lots; beautifying the community's entrances; revamping the pool house and turning it into a recreation center; expanding the pool deck; and purchasing pool sports equipment. We're open to all suggestions that fall within our budget constraints and welcome your input.

A number of the Association's longtime contracts are up for renewal, including property management and common grounds maintenance. If you have comments on these services, as well as the quality of our summer lifeguards, I'd like to hear from you.

The Board tries to keep its ears to the ground, but we do not see and hear everything that happens in the community. Our property values depend on your participation. If you'd like to be heard before the Board makes any of the decisions discussed above, please contact a Board member as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you!

More Community News...

Tot Lot: To Replace Or Not?

Following the recent destruction of the tot lot off Springhaven Drive due to fire, surrounding residents were surveyed by the management company to determine the course of action to be pursued by the Board. The survey was sent to 130 home owners, 25 of whom responded.

The results were as follows: Twelve homeowners elected not to replace the old tot lot at all; eight suggested replacing the old structure, but in a new location; Seven wanted the tot lot replaced in the old location, with heightened security; Two suggested using the insurance money for something else.

One respondent felt that additional security would be too costly. A number of those surveyed requested that the tot lot on the other side of Springhaven Drive, behind Beech Down, be expanded and/or improved. Another comment was that the affected tot lot had been rarely used.

Following analysis of these responses, the Board decided at its September meeting not to replace the vandalized structure. No decision has yet been made on whether or not to use the insurance funds for expansion of the other tot lot/s or alternative capital improvements. The Board welcomes community input on this issue.

To date, there is still no new information about the cause of the fire. Once again, the Board calls upon anyone with information to contact a Board member or Armstrong Management.

Time Change

Last year, in this county, 582 families were alerted to home fires and escaped safely, thanks to their smoke detectors.

When the clocks are changed back from daylight savings time on **Sunday, October 26**, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors at the same time. When you change your clock, change your battery!

Athletic Boosters

The Chantilly Athletic Boosters is an organization set up to support the needs of all the athletic programs at Chantilly High School, whose needs are growing continuously with increased participation in athletic programs. The school's goals for the 1997-1998 year are ambitious and your support is requested.

The Boosters' first major fund raiser this year is the **7th Annual Chantilly Craft Fair**, scheduled for **Saturday, October 25** at Chantilly High School's gymnasium, 4201 Stringfellow Road, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. More than 100 crafters and artists are expected to be in attendance, so this promises to be a fun time for all members of the family.

Gang Controversy: What Say You?

There is some controversy in Fairfax County about the police department's policy of not releasing gang names. Police often say that an incident is "gang related", but decline to say which gang is involved. This policy is based on the premise that releasing gang names gives the gangs the publicity they seek.

On the other hand, there is the issue of the public's right to know what gangs are operating in the areas in which they live and many local residents believe the police department's policy hinders parents in their quest to keep gangs from getting their hooks into impressionable kids. With information about gang names, symbols and colors, parents might be better equipped to spot the signs if their teens are in trouble.

What do you think? Write the *Armfield Advocate* and let us know.

Armfield Stingrays End Season 1-3

The Armfield Stingrays ended the swimming season with a 1-3 record, placing second in their division in the Colonial League.

This year's team was composed of 58 girls and 38 boys. Most were from Armfield, but swimmers from nearby Foxfield were part of the team too. Foxfield does not have a swim team of its own.

There were seven team records set this year. In many instances, the swimmers kept breaking individual records week after week! Record-breakers were **Allison Mathey, Michele Kovalcek, Kim Barbano, and Lauren Giel**, and the relay team of **Allison Mathey, Stephanie Carroll, Kate Broderick, and Kim Barbano**. A total of 21 swimmers made league All-Stars.

The summer may be over, but swimming isn't. About 20 kids continue to swim on several leagues through the winter and will bring their improved skills to next year's team. If you're interested in finding out more about winter swim teams, contact **Keith Poulson** at 378-9606.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's team a success for the Stingrays. And thanks, too, to all the friends and neighbors who supported them!

Volunteers Needed!

Architectural Review Committee The Architectural Review Committee is in desperate need of committee members. The Committee meets monthly to review architectural applications made to the Association. Interested residents should contact **Lee Caslavka** at 736-0908.

Social Committee The Social Committee is in need of volunteers to assist with various events that are planned each year. There is money allocated in the HOA budget for these events, so we just need volunteers to plan and assist.

Halloween is fast approaching and it would be wonderful to see some type of celebration for the kids. If you would like to help or have any suggestions, please call **Annie Meier** at 478-3490.

Halloween Safety Tips

From the Consumer Product Safety Commission

As Halloween approaches, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is releasing safety suggestions for consumers to ward off injury-demons by making this ghoulish holiday a safe and happy one.

- **Treats:** Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has examined them carefully for evidence of tampering.
- **Flame Resistant Costumes:** When purchasing costumes, masks, beards and wigs, look for the label "Flame Resistant." Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- **To minimize the risk of contact with candles and other fire sources,** avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
- **Costume Designs:** Purchase or make costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible to motorists.
- **For greater visibility during dusk and darkness,** decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks also should be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.
- **Children should carry flashlights** to see easily and aid in being seen.
- **Costumes should be short enough** so that children won't trip and fall.
- **Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes.** Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.
- **Tie hats and scarfs securely** to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- **If your child wears a mask,** make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
- **Swords, knives and similar costume accessories** should be made of soft, flexible material.

Access CPSC's "Halloween Safety Alert" through the Internet at www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/hallow.html. or call the CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at cpsc.gov.



Community Regulations

Property Manager's Report

By Toni Koch, Property Manager, Armstrong Management Services, Inc., 385-1133

I dislike utilizing this space for rule reminders. It conveys the impression that I'm a bit of a grump (I'm really not!) and do nothing but enforce the rules of the Association all day long. Although I perform many functions for the Association, it is an unfortunate reality that complaints regarding rule enforcement are common. For this reason, I feel compelled to include some reminders on the most common types of complaints that I receive.

Pets: Please remember that the Association (and Fairfax County) have regulations regarding pets. No animal is permitted to run loose through the property. When walking your pets, please make sure they are restrained by a leash and controlled by a responsible individual. If you keep pets in your yard, it must be fenced or the pets secured in some manner with no means of escape. Also, if you walk your pets on Association common areas, you must pick up after them. It is unpleasant to walk through the neighborhood and find that someone neglected to clean up after a pet!

Finally, a barking dog is a nuisance. After dark, take your pets indoors so that neighbors can be assured of a peaceful night's sleep.

Trash: In this community, just about every day of the week is "the night before trash pick-up day." Since there is no community trash removal service, most residents contract with the company of their choice for trash pick up. The result is trash being placed at the curb six days a week for removal by up to five different trash collection companies. Many residents request that letters be sent to neighbors who place their trash out days prior to pick up, particularly those who put out trash on Saturdays for Monday or Tuesday collection. In many cases, animals get into the trash and garbage is strewn around the street or

blown by the wind. Please do not put out trash until the night before collection. This will help to keep the neighborhood looking as nice as possible!

ATVs and Dirt Bikes: Motorized vehicles, dirt bikes and go-carts are not permitted on the Association's common area or sidewalks. These vehicles create a hazard to neighbors and children and are strictly prohibited. If you notice one of these vehicles being ridden on a common area, contact the non-emergency number for Fairfax County Police, 691-2131.

Vandalism: Vandalism is running rampant in the Chantilly area, including Armfield. Parents, speak to your older children. If they know anyone destroying property, urge them to tell you who the culprits are. Neighbors, keep your porch lights on at night and your eyes open for suspicious behavior, especially if you live near any of the Association's amenities or entrances. If something looks odd to you, call the police. Don't think you are interfering and don't be afraid to get involved. The only way to keep this community a nice place to live is for everyone to be involved and stop vandals from creating damage in your neighborhood.

Snow Removal: Remember the Blizzard of '96? Well, another winter is quickly approaching. Remember that all roads in the community are public, state-maintained roads under VDOT's jurisdiction. The Association is not responsible for snow removal. If you have a snow removal complaint, contact VDOT at 934-0500 or 934-7300.

Please feel free to contact me for any reason, to discuss an issue of concern to you, to register a complaint (which may remain anonymous), or obtain information. I can be reached at 385-1133, ext. 3228.

Drinking and Driving

What Parents Need to Know

It's not easy being a parent. When it comes to alcohol and driving, the job gets even tougher as your child gets older. How should the subject of drinking and driving be approached in discussions with your kids? The first step is to know the laws in Virginia, including penalties for underage drinking. The second step is to discourage alcohol use by those under 21.

What Can Parents do?

Strong foundations are built in childhood. Many things parents do show kids how to become responsible adults. Talk to your kids about alcohol and the law.

Know about the effects of alcohol on a teenager's body so you can explain why it is illegal for them to drink.

Know your teen's friends. Get to know their parents. Talk to them about your rules with your teen. If all parents set the same curfews and have similar rules, one adolescent is not singled out for teasing.

Establish limits and stick to them. Set curfews. Say "no" when necessary and don't apologize for it. Trust your decisions—kids want and need to know what their limits are. It's important for kids to know you'll be awake, waiting to talk with them when they return from an evening out.

Enforce no-drinking-and-driving rules. If your teen does drink, despite the rules, make sure there's a way for him/her to get home without driving.

Set a good example. Remember your kids do as you do. Plan alcohol-free parties with your teen. Make sure it is understood that you will be home and available if there is a problem. If they are going to a party at someone else's house, call those parents and confirm the invitation. Ask if parents plan to supervise the party or if alcohol is permitted. If the party is not supervised, chances are alcohol will be present. Decline the invitation, if necessary.

Give kids the information they need to do the right thing. Talk to them about how to refuse alcohol or a ride with an impaired driver without looking like a wimp. Encourage them to be the non-drinking designated driver wherever they go.

Be aware of the especially high risk involved when teenage drivers and passengers travel together, without adults.

Choose safe cars for teenagers to drive, keeping in mind that large cars are safer than small ones.

Require kids to buckle up on every trip.

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Use and Lose Law

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume any alcoholic beverage in Virginia. It is a crime to sell or give alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Penalties can include up to 1 year in jail and fines up to \$2,500.

Applies to ages 13-17 at the time of the offense.

Offense	Denial of License	Length of time license will be denied
Driving under the influence or similar local ordinance	Yes	1st offense; 1 year or until age 17, whichever is longer
Refusal to take a blood or breath test	Yes	2nd offense; 1 year or until age 18; whichever is longer
Felony violation of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; distribution of marijuana; or possession of a controlled substance	Yes	Same as above
Misdemeanor violation of possession of marijuana	Yes	Same as above
Unlawful purchase of possession of alcohol	Yes	If over 16, 6 months. If under 16: can't apply for license until age 16 1/2
Public intoxication	Yes	Same as above
Use of false identification	Yes	Same as above
Possession of concealed handgun or streetsweeper	Yes	Same as above
		2 years if 16 or older; 2 years after ability to apply for license if under 16

Fairfax County News

County News Briefs

Audit Hotline: Fairfax County has established an audit hotline for citizens' use in suggesting ways to increase county government efficiency and improve services. Citizens may also report any instances they perceive of alleged waste, fraud or mismanagement. Available 24 hours a day, the hotline number is **876-0526**.

Rabies Alert: Several recent incidents of rabies detected in the area have alerted the county to the fact that rabies is on the rise. Most commonly affected animals are raccoons, foxes, groundhogs, skunks and bats. Cats are at risk of contracting the disease too because of their nocturnal roaming. Symptoms include convulsions, muscular incoordination, extreme irritability, frenzied behavior and foaming at the mouth. Some animals become depressed and hide.

Parents are advised to tell their children to admire nature from a distance. Do not approach wildlife of any kind. Report animals behaving strangely to the county's Department of Animal Control at 830-3310, or 691-2131 after hours. If bitten by a wild animal or stray pet, wash the wound immediately with soap and water for ten minutes.

Apply antiseptic, seek medical attention and report the incident to Animal Control right away. Finally, be sure that your pets' rabies inoculations are up to date. For more information on how often to vaccinate, call the Animal Shelter at 830-1100 or your local vet.

AAA Rating: Fairfax County has not only maintained its status as a top-rated issuer of tax-free securities from Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's Corporation, but has now received a third AAA rating from Fitch Investors Service, Inc. This is the highest credit rating possible for a local government. Only six states and four other counties in the United States have AAA ratings from all three investor services.

Welfare Reform: Welfare reform is now entering its second year in this county. Under the new laws, families participating in the employment part of welfare reform must obtain full- or part-time employment within 90 days of receiving their benefits, and are limited to 24 months of public assistance. They are expected to achieve self-sufficiency within two years.

There are ways in which we can help to provide much-needed support, particularly to mothers and their children. The following are some areas in which help is needed: employment, child care, transportation, eye-care services, dental services, financial consulting, tutoring services, English lessons, legal assistance, clothing and respite time. To offer assistance to individuals or families on public assistance, call the county's **Department of Family Services at 324-7743**.

Real Estate Info: Real estate assessment and tax information can now be accessed through the county's telephone Automated Information System at **222-6740**, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Callers have a choice of information from public real estate records, including property descriptions, sales prices and assessed values for most county properties. Faxed reports for up to five properties per call can be requested as well. All you need to know is the address of the property you are researching.

Malfunctioning Streetlights: To help keep Fairfax County safe during nighttime hours, citizens are asked to report any malfunctioning streetlights on public roads to **Virginia Power, 1-888-667-3000**. Malfunctions may include such problems as a light being out at night or a light being on during daytime hours. Streetlights help to deter crime and enhance traffic and pedestrian safety, so please be vigilant.

School News: Math Up, Verbal Down

The average score for Fairfax County seniors on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) slipped eight points from 1996 to 1997, but local students continue to outperform their counterparts in the rest of Virginia.

The mean score at Fairfax County's 23 high schools was 1,088 this year - 538 on the verbal portion, 550 on the math. The average verbal score dropped five points, while the average math mark dropped three. Some local comparisons for individual schools' 1997 senior graduating classes follow:

Centreville:	519 verbal; 526 math
Chantilly:	518 verbal; 527 math
Fairfax:	522 verbal; 535 math
Herndon:	512 verbal; 518 math
Oakton:	551 verbal; 557 math
South Lakes:	541 verbal; 547 math
Fairfax County:	538 verbal; 550 math
Virginia:	506 verbal; 497 math
Nation:	505 verbal; 511 math

Health Department Flu Clinics

The Fairfax County Health Department has scheduled special flu and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination clinics at its district offices and other sites during October and November. The vaccinations are targeted for those at high risk: adults aged 65 and over and adults and children with chronic cardiovascular or pulmonary disorders. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have a written physician's order for the vaccine.

There is a charge of \$10.00 for the flu vaccine and \$19.00 for the pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine. Medicare Part B will be accepted only for those in a high risk category. Recipients must bring their identification cards.

Call 481-4242 for a site and schedule convenient for your household.

The Chill Drill Controlling Anger Without Violence

According to the Northern Virginia Turn Off the Violence Coalition, Violence is a learned behavior. It can be unlearned. This organization is dedicated to educating and empowering individuals to choose nonviolent entertainment and nonviolent ways to deal with conflict.

Did you know that by the age of 18, the average child has witnessed 200,000 acts of violence including 18,000 simulated murders on television (Media & Values Magazine)?

Throughout the month of October the coalition will be sponsoring events and activities to help families and individuals use and recognize techniques for avoiding violence and anger in themselves and others. You can call (703) 799-2848 for more information and a schedule of activities. Below are some practical tactics published in their leaflet "Turn Off the Violence."

Practical Tactics for Settling Arguments

- Identify the problem. Focus on the problem, not the person.
- Keep an open mind. Things aren't always the way you think they are.
- Be honest. Tell the other person how you feel.
- Listen carefully. Take time to hear what the other person is saying. Put yourself in his or her shoes.
- Brainstorm solutions.
- If you anticipate a difficult situation, plan ahead. Think of alternatives that can peacefully resolve the dispute.
- Postpone decisions if possible. Give yourself time to calm down and avoid overreacting.
- Be open to compromise.
- Consider avoiding the conflict. Sometimes it's not worth it to argue.
- Ask someone else to listen to both sides and help work out a reasonable, nonviolent solution.



Neighborhood Watch

First Committee Meeting Scheduled

by Steve Spero, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

The First Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting has been set for **October 30, 1997** at 7:00 p.m. at Lees Corner Elementary School. Everyone who has previously expressed an interest in the program has been contacted. If you have not been contacted or would still like to get involved and participate you are urged to attend this very important kick-off meeting.

Jennifer Lescallett, Crime Prevention Officer at the Fair Oaks substation will be working with us to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program in our community. Please do not miss this important meeting.

October is Fire Safety month so be sure your fire alarms work and replace batteries as needed. The fire company also urges homeowners to identify children's rooms by posting "Child Room" decals on the outside or inside of the childrens' windows.

Finally, notify the police of any suspicious people, trucks, or cars in the neighborhood. Don't worry about being a nuisance.

Police Non-emergency:

691-2131

Emergencies,

Life threatening situations or an immediate danger:

911

Crime Watch

The following were among crime reports recently received by the Fairfax County Police Department:

Beech Down Drive, 3600 block. Cash and food were stolen from a residence entered by forcing a rear window.

Springhaven Drive, 13500 block. Vandalism reported.

Leith Court, 13500 block. Two reports of vehicle tampering.

Fall Safety Hints

One the best ways to resist the temptation of drugs and violence is to avoid situations in which they are available.

Avoid being a victim, always lock your vehicles at night to prevent theft.

Sample Letter for School Board

Date:

Clerk of the School Board
Fairfax County School Board
10700 Page Avenue
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

RE: BOUNDARY CHANGES
CHANTILLY HIGH SCHOOL/FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear _____,

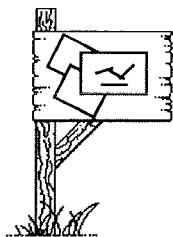
As concerned parents and Chantilly residents of the Sully District, we are writing to express our profound concern and dismay over the proposed plan to redraw the school boundary lines for Franklin Middle School/Chantilly High School.

The proposed gerrymandering of school boundary lines has gone beyond the dictate of common sense. This is further exacerbated by the fact that many parents of school-age children moved into this community for the sole purpose of giving their children the opportunity to attend and graduate from Chantilly schools, namely Franklin Middle School/Chantilly High School.

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As parents, we exercised our right to choose a community in which to raise our children with all of its associated educational opportunities. If you endorse the boundary revisions, you are taking away the assumed educational future of our children. As your constituents (an active voting bloc of the Sully District), we ask that you represent us by adamantly opposing this proposal. Keep Chantilly residents in Chantilly schools! Don't split up our community!

Sincerely,



Services and Resources

Announcing...

This space is reserved for announcing new babies and newcomers to our community. Contact an editor to be mentioned here.

TASC

Leadership in
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Armstrong Management Services

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Grounds Committee

Terri Donovan	834-1136
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Neighborhood Watch

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Pool Committee

Sue Kovalcik	318-0677
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Social Committee

Vacant

Swim Team

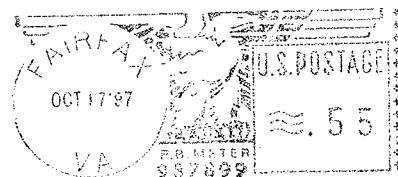
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On the Calendar...

Board meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month and open to all residents. During the summer, meetings are held at the pool house; otherwise, at Armstrong Management Services' offices, located at 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 205, Fairfax, in the conference room.

HOA Board Meetings

October 21
November 18
December 16

Chantilly Craft Fair October 25
Time Change October 26
School Zoning Meeting (pg 1) ... October 28
Neighborhood Watch Meeting .. October 30

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