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

**The Board Corner: Perspectives from Penny** – Fireworks and vacations are on tap for many families this month, as summer sets in and daily activities become a little less formal and, perhaps, more fun! If you are planning a Fourth of July celebration, please check out the safety tips provided by the Fairfax County Fire Department at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/fireworks-safety-0](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/fireworks-safety-0). Similarly, if your family vacation includes trips to a pool, lake, or beach, water safety tips can be accessed at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/pools](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/pools). A little advance preparation makes any adventure a lot more safe – and fun!

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Fairfax County, Virginia - Fireworks Safety

A constituent called me recently, asking what she could do locally to protect water resources. There are many non-profit organizations that focus on clean water for the globe (just search "clean water"), but our own actions here as Fairfax County residents can help ensure water quality locally. Lawn fertilizer runoff is a common pollutant in our waterways, but the Northern Virginia Regional Commission recommends that you should "fertilize in the fall, if at all." Most lawns today do not need the amounts of fertilizer so often advertised; you can take a soil sample to the master gardeners at Green Spring Gardens Park to learn more about what your lawn really needs. Avoid flushing medicines and other non-disposable items (even if they are labeled as "flushable"). Stormwater runoff catches everything in its path, taking grass clippings, leaves, plastic bottles and bags, and other trash with it, right into local water bodies. Neighborhood cleanups can help, but avoiding the pollution in the first place is the best approach. I'm sure you have many other ideas or tips that you can implement in your own household or neighborhood.

Last year at this time, Fairfax County was celebrating its 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary (yes, the county is older than the nation), with many fascinating stories and artifacts. It's never too late to document our more recent history, too. Perhaps you have memories of growing up here when Fairfax was a rural location, or maybe you remember when certain stores, now gone, were popular, or how holidays were celebrated. A constituent once told me that, when he was a boy, a tinker made his rounds along a gravelly Edsall Road in a horse-drawn wagon. (A tinker was an itinerant craftsman who mended metal utensils, like pots, knives, buckets, etc.). Capture those stories now, via digital recorder or cell phone video perhaps, before they are lost, and share them with my office if you wish. That could be a fun project with grandparents during vacation this summer!

**Short-Term Lodging** – At its **June 21** meeting, the Planning Commission, after much debate, recommended language for a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment that addresses short-term lodging (STL). A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The proposed language is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/). To testify at the public hearing, register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form), or call 703-324-3151; TTY 711 by noon on the day of the hearing to ensure your place on the speakers list.

**Land Use News** – Land use items of interest include:

- The public hearing before the Board of Supervisors about the Vulcan rezoning and special exception application in the Springfield Industrial Park will be conducted on **Tuesday, July 10**, at 4:30 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. To register to speak at the public hearing, complete the registration form available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form), or call 703-324-3151; TTY 711.
- Christopher Land LLC has submitted an SE application for several properties fronting Gallows Road and Libeau Lane in Annandale, across from Woodburn Elementary School. The application proposes independent living facilities in an age-restricted housing development consisting of a mix of single family homes and townhomes. This application will go through the county's extensive public process, which includes two presentations before the Mason District Land Use Committee, a public hearing before the Planning Commission, and ultimately a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors. A timeline and schedule for this application will be updated and available at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4244833>.
- Demolition continues along the southeast quadrant of Bailey's Crossroads to raze the Landmark Building at 5827 Columbia Pike. Interior demolition has been completed, and controlled asbestos abatement is nearing completion. Exterior demolition of the Landmark Building will begin in July. A protective mesh netting will be draped to contain the demolished material within the protective netting envelope. Deliberate dismantling of the steel structure will follow in mid-August, and the site will be stabilized by early fall 2018. For more information, or to answer questions/concerns during the exterior demolition process, contact Joan Beacham, project coordinator, Public Private Partnerships Branch in the Building Design and Construction Division,

Department of Public Works and Environmental Services,  
at [Joan.Beacham@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Joan.Beacham@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-324-5668.

- Northpoint Realty Partners, LLC has submitted an SE/PCA application to amend proffers and conditions associated with the approved I-4 zoning, and to permit an increase in FAR from 0.50 to 0.70 to permit a self-storage facility on a 6.04 acre property located at 6375 Bren Mar Drive. The applicant will present before the Mason District Land Use Committee on **Thursday, July 24**. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20**. The public hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not been scheduled.
- The Calvary Church of the Nazarene, located 8220 Little River Turnpike in Annandale has submitted an SE application for an adult day care center. The facility is proposed to be located entirely within the church's existing structure and proposes no changes or additions to the exterior of the property. This application is scheduled to come before the Mason District Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018**, and public hearings are scheduled before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on **Thursday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 25, 2018**, respectively.

**Spotlight by Starlight Summer Concerts Featured 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. through **August 24, 2018**. Children's concerts are on Saturdays at 10 a.m. At **Ossian Hall Park**, located at 7900 Heritage Drive in Annandale, cultural performances are featured on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. through **August 18, 2018**. For a complete summer concert schedule, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight-by-starlight](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight-by-starlight). **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.

**Fairfax Water to Replace Backlick Road Water Main** – In late July, Fairfax Water's contractor, Casper Colosimo and Son, Inc., will be replacing selected water mains on Backlick Road, between Jayhawk Street and Cindy Lane in Annandale. Property owners in the affected area will be notified in advance of any water service interruptions (48 hours in advance). Interruptions of water service typically last approximately 4-5 hours, and normally occur toward the end of the project once all of the water main has been installed. Traffic flow and access to residences and intersecting streets will be maintained on Backlick Road. When the water main replacement is completed, the road will be repaved by the contractor in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation's requirements. Questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. Jerry Scott, P.E., Chief Construction Engineer, at 703-289-6351. Fairfax Water's after-hours emergency number is 703-698-5613.

**Urban Design Guidelines to be Updated for Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD)** – Fairfax County is updating its urban design guidelines, which are used to help implement the Comprehensive Plan vision for the character of streetscapes, public spaces, and development projects. Join the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and area residents for a discussion about the draft guidelines and how they relate to the Annandale CRD

on **Thursday, July 26, 2018**, from 7 - 8 p.m. at the George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. For more information and to view the draft document, visit [http://www.fcrevite.org/programs/UDGupdate\\_vol1.html](http://www.fcrevite.org/programs/UDGupdate_vol1.html), or call JoAnne Fiebe at the Office of Community Revitalization, 703-324-9300.

**Enjoy Seafood and Help a Worthy Cause** – The Annandale (Station 8) and Bailey's Crossroads (Station 10) Volunteer Fire Departments will host their "**All You Can Eat Crab Leg and Shrimp Feast**" on **Saturday, July 28, 2018**, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department Station, 7128 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Tickets are available at [www.avfd.org](http://www.avfd.org) or [www.bxrvfd.org](http://www.bxrvfd.org). For more information, call 703-941-1328, or send an e-mail to [crabfeast@avfd.org](mailto: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; or to the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1159, Falls Church, VA 22041-3609.

**Say NO to Crime: Participate in National Night Out on August 7** – Join your neighbors between 6 – 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018** in sending a united message to criminals to stay out of your neighborhood! National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event observed by locking doors, turning on porch lights, and enjoying a block party, cookout, or other planned community event. Mason District has more than 30 active Neighborhood Watch groups - the oldest is Camelot, established in 1979, in the Court of Camelot. Fairfax County Police officers will visit as many neighborhood activities as possible to support our community's commitment to fight crime. Contact the district police station in your area for more information about NNO events in your neighborhood: Mason Station, 703-256-8035; Franconia District Station, 703-922-0889; and West Springfield District Station, 703-644-7377. To register and participate in NNO 2018, visit <https://form.jotform.com/jrsherburne/nno-registration>.

**Pencil Drawings and Watercolors Featured in Art Display at Mason District Governmental Center** – This summer, the Art featured in the Mason District Governmental Center is a collection of portrait drawings by Fairfax County Adult Detention Center students in an inmate reentry program under the volunteer instruction of Kelli Schollard-Sincock (a.k.a. Ms. Kelli), who developed her art curriculum under the name "Inspiration Matterz" in 2017. The students in Ms. Kelli's classes vary in age, background and artistic experience, with most being novice artists. All drawings were completed with standard drawing pencils and erasers on Bristol board. Also on display are watercolors by Springfield Art Guild member Amy Browning, whose rendering of water, ranging from huge crashing waves to droplets of dew, provides a refreshing respite from summer heat. The Mason District Governmental Center is located at 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale, and the art is on display, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. until **Thursday, August 30, 2018**.

**Mason Matters! The Television Show** – Summer - that time of year with seemingly endless possibilities for activities to enjoy! Whether you are on summer vacation, just taking a few days off, or even if you are working, there are plenty of ways to have fun this summer. If you are staying in the area, and you enjoy the outdoors, consider visiting our wonderful parks. Fairfax

County maintains a vast park system; with more than 23,000 acres of land across 427 parks, along with 325 miles of trails, visitors have their exploring cut out for them! Add to that an extensive array of activities that offer something for everyone. Summer is a great time to discover and enjoy our parks. The **July** edition of *Mason Matters!*, the television show that brings you news and information about our Mason District community, hosted by Supervisor Penny Gross, features Sousan Frankeberger, Performing Arts Production Manager for the Fairfax County Park Authority, and Ron Kendall, Mason District Appointee to the Park Authority Board. *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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason).

**Mason News and Updates** – To receive news and updates about Fairfax County services and events in Mason District, send an e-mail to [mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mason@fairfaxcounty.gov) to subscribe. If you wish to unsubscribe, send an e-mail and include unsubscribe in the subject line to remove your e-mail address from the subscription list.

**The Quick 411** – Now that pool season is here, my family and I plan to head to the pool and maybe try some other local recreational facilities. Does Fairfax County offer any safety information? Yes. The Fairfax County Health Department [inspects hundreds of public and community pool facilities](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/permits/pools) ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/permits/pools](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/permits/pools)) annually and issues pool permits to help ensure that your local pool is safe. If you're heading to the pool soon, there are a few things to keep in mind to be pool safe and to prevent recreational water illness. For pool safety tips, illness prevention tips, residential pool requirements, county facilities where you can swim, where to sign up for a swimming class, and more, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/its-pool-season-what-to-know-before-you-dive-in/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/its-pool-season-what-to-know-before-you-dive-in/)