



Monroe Manorisms

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I. A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD

by Gordon Jarratt



Misprint in HOA Coupon Book

A special award to **Christine Nielsen!** She was the first resident to notice a typo in the Monroe Manor HOA dues booklet. The 4th quarter coupon has an incorrect due date of 9/1/2006. Please note that the correct due date is 10/1/2006. Zalco's coupon printing service has been made aware of the error so it can be corrected for next year. Zalco apologizes for any inconvenience.

Monroe Manor Web Site is Coming!

A special thanks goes to **Doug Barbee** because he has been busy creating the Monroe Manor web site. Over the next several months, we will be developing content and setting up links that will be relevant to Monroe Manor residents. We hope to post the Association's documents and ARC guidelines. Also forms such as the ARC's Application for Exterior Modification, and the Directory update form. There will be new e-mail addresses for the association's Board members. In the future, we may provide subscriptions to various lists. Announcements will be made when the site is ready to be released.

Residents will need to periodically go to the website to read information that is relevant to our HOA. To help ensure this, we also may send periodic broadcast e-mail messages to residents as a reminder when new content and announcements and events are posted or updated (maybe one e-mail every month or so).

This will involve change. We will need to be careful about posting any personal information that would

not be appropriate to place on the World Wide Web. At some point in the future, we may consider a "secure" section of the website that would only be available to residents of the 184 homes. We will probably experience some "bumps" along the way as all of this is set up. Look for more announcements.

Newsletter will "migrate" to the Web Site

As the Monroe Manor website shapes up, the content that has previously been printed in the quarterly **Monroe Manorisms** newsletter will instead be posted on the website. The benefits are that notices and announcements can now be posted and distributed in a more timely manner (weekly or monthly instead of only four times per year), and the links will be 'clickable.' In addition, there will be savings from reduced photocopy and postage costs.

There may be only one to two more traditional hardcopy newsletters that will be mailed to each homeowner. Almost all residents have e-mail accounts and Internet access either at home, work, school, or through the library. If there are residents without Internet access that would not be able to access a future Monroe Manor website, please contact the Board at MonroeManorHOA@cox.net or call a Board member or Zalco.

Local Crime Watch

Fairfax County Police announced that a robbery occurred in the Franklin Farm Shopping Center on Tuesday, February 7. Around 5:10 p.m., a 13-year-old Herndon-area boy walked out of the Subway shop with a friend. They were approached by two males, one carrying a metal pipe. The suspect with the pipe threatened the victim and demanded his wallet. The victim complied and the suspects fled on foot into the parking lot of the shopping center.

The suspects were described as Latino, 16 to 20 years old with dark hair. The first suspect was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed approximately 190 pounds. He was wearing dark pants, a dark shirt and a dark knit cap. The second suspect was about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. He was wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans. No one was injured during the robbery. If anyone has any information that could help in this case please call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

No Neighborhood Watch

Because there has been no interest expressed by any resident, we will not pursue forming a neighborhood watch at this time.

Tot Lot Fence will be Replaced

Due to wood rot from weather and decay from insects, the Tot Lot fence and gate will be replaced later in 2006. The Board would like to receive input from ARC members and from interested residents (particularly those in homes that are closest to the tot lot). Please send your comments to

MonroeManorHOA@cox.net .

The new fence is expected to be placed in the same location and be a similar size as the current one. The HOA will solicit plans and bids from several companies. Replacement fence materials could be treated split rail pine, rounded cedar posts and rails, or possibly a neutral color artificial material (if it looks attractive, is proven weather and UV resistant, and is cost competitive).

Neighbors adjacent to the tot lot will be informed about plan options and their feedback will be considered before the specific fence design and material is decided. The Board makes final decisions about the Tot Lot common area property.

Expanded Curbside Recycling Services

All Monroe Manor residents now have expanded opportunities for curbside recycling of trash and recyclables. Effective immediately, you are now able to place all of the following items at the curb for recycling:

- Mixed paper (all clean paper, color or black and white, without food residue), and paper bags
- All newspapers, inserts, magazines and catalogs
- All envelopes (with and without windows), office paper, computer paper, junk mail, brochures, pamphlets, file folders, and post it notes
- All phone books and directories
- All food boxes such as cereal and cracker boxes
- All household product boxes
- All paperback books
- Flattened cardboard – cardboard must be clean and flattened in order for it to be recycled.
- All plastic containers with necks that are smaller than the body of the bottle, including milk jugs, soda bottles, and pill bottles (note: the plastic lids, caps, and tops should be discarded in the regular trash).
- All metal (steel and aluminum) food containers and beverage cans (rinse clean – labels and metal lids are OK)
- All clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars (rinse clean – labels and metal lids are OK)

Two important points for residents:

- (1) Please ensure that the additional mixed paper that you can now recycle is covered or bagged so it does not blow out of your container and litter the neighborhood.
- (2) All cardboard must be flattened to be recycled. Cardboard boxes that are not flattened will be picked up with the regular trash.

Residents may be surprised at how much less trash is created when mixed paper and flattened cardboard are added to recyclables collected at the curb. And this recycling activity significantly reduces the volume of refuse sent to landfill disposal each year.

A *Recycle Right* chart is available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/recycle-right.pdf and attached at the back of this newsletter.

There is much more information about various solid waste recycling options, as well where you can dispose of vehicle batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, paints, and many other type of household hazardous waste. [A four page summary of this solid waste and recycling information is attached at the end of this newsletter so it can be saved for future reference.](#)

Solid Waste and Recycling Contract Issue

AAA has billed the HOA for a significant increase in its contracted service for solid waste removal and recycling (even though the HOA negotiated lower limits to the maximum annual increase). Letters have been sent to AAA, and our attorney has also reviewed the contract. Because almost 50% of the total HOA annual budget goes to solid waste and recycling, any significant increase will result in an increase to our annual dues.

In response to this, the HOA issued a request for bids and received six proposals with widely varying costs and service options. A new provider would mean changes for residents like possible different dates of service and different restrictions about yard debris. Old toters and bins would be removed, with new toters and bins provided by a new company. And new drivers on new routes sometimes have start-up problems and missed collections.

After an initial review of the bids, it appears that AAA's cost increase is not out of line with its competitors. And for the past 8-9 months, there have been no formal complaints about missed or poor service. The Board's general position is that it probably makes sense not to change unless we can receive the same or better service at the same or better price. We will keep you informed about any potential changes. If you have comments about this situation, please contact the Board at MonroeManorHOA@cox.net.

Water Tank Spill; and Generator Being Installed

On Sunday February 12, 2005, there was an overflow from the water tanks next to the basketball court (intersection of Monroe Manor Drive with New Parkland Drive). This resulted in standing water depths of 2-3 feet in the yard of a resident. A half-dozen neighbors came to the rescue and quickly dug out a culvert to help drain the rising water to a

storm water opening. Mulch from several landscaped trees and shrubs was swept away, but luckily there was no basement flooding reported.

Nearby residents have experienced this type of flooding problem twice before in the past three years. Fairfax Water claims that the cause of the earlier problem was a mechanical calibration issue that has been fixed. They believe that the recent problem was related to the 3.5+ hour electrical outage many residents experienced on Sunday morning.

Fairfax Water management is aware of the problem and is taking active steps to address it. Affected residents are asked to contact Mr. George Hoke (Risk Management administrator) at 703-289-6211. He has the authority to remediate problems, and fix damage or lawn or landscaping issues, and bring in contractors, if needed.

These two storage tanks and the pumping capability are critical for Fairfax Water. After the major regional electrical outages during Hurricane Isabel, this facility was designated to receive a future generator to support full time pumping capability. As a result of the recent problem, there will soon be a public hearing about the generator for property owners adjacent to the tank property (and other interested residents). This may occur in March or April 2006. One concern for neighbors may be the occasional running of a diesel motor for the generator (both during occasional electricity outages, and during periodic maintenance & testing). But the water tanks are on a large parcel of land, and Fairfax Water will try to minimize any occasional noise issues.

Jeanne Bailey is the Public Information Officer that will provide notice about and conduct the public meeting. She can be reached at 703-289-6291 or PR@fcwa.org. If the HOA receives advance notice about this meeting, we will send a broadcast e-mail to all residents. The evening and weekend "after hours" emergency contact number for Fairfax Water is 703-698-5613.

No More Electric Meter Reading

In January, Dominion Virginia Power announced that it would begin installing more than 81,000 automated meters in Fairfax County, including our

Herndon/Oak Hill area. Because the new devices can transmit usage data wirelessly, the need for manual meter readers to enter customer yards will be significantly reduced.

With the technology, each household's electricity usage data will be transmitted electronically from the meter to equipment in mobile vehicles that are driven through neighborhoods. Readings will be more accurate, and the need for estimated readings will be eliminated. Dominion will also have the capability to read as many as 10 times the number of meters per day with the new technology.

Some of the new meters will have a digital display of numbers instead of the familiar dials. Dominion will send a letter to customers who are scheduled to receive meters. If a customer is not home when the meter is installed, Dominion will leave information confirming the installation of the meter. Expect the new meters to cause a brief interruption of electricity to your home.

Fox Woods Men Compete on the Race Track

On February 19, some people were watching the Daytona 500. But the "real men" on Fox Woods Drive were participating on their own racing event located in Dulles, Virginia. The place was AllSports Grand Prix. The karts were from Belgium with 6.5 hp 4 cycle Honda motors and a lot of kick. The race track had both straight-aways and hair pin turns.

Our leader and organizer, **Bob Belttari**, had arranged for us to participate in a Sprint Heat Race. Upon arrival, each of us signed our life away on the release form. Then we suited up in racing coveralls, complete with full face helmet and gloves. Next we received a briefing and safety instructions.

The computer mapped out 10 races, each with 6-7 drivers. We each raced a kart in 5 of the 10 races. The computer scrambled things so each of us started near the front for some races, and the rear for others.

We were off to the races! Each of us was assigned a new kart for each race. The motors were rumbling, the vehicles were vibrating, and the adrenaline is surging! The light turns green and we were off. Guys were exclaiming "what a ride!", "what a maneuver!" and "what the heck is he doing?" Each race was exhilarating and thrilling.

Each race consisted of 8 competitive laps plus a warm up lap and a cool down lap. The computer tracked a myriad of statistics. Points were assigned for your finish position at the end of each race. When everything was tallied, **Rich Schwarzkopf** emerged as the overall leader with 42 points. He was awarded a trophy for the top Hood of the Woods! Second place went to **David May** (41), and **Ted Baltas** (39) took third. Recognition was also given to those with the fastest lap times (David May, 25.86 seconds, followed by **Gordon Jarratt** and Bob Belttari, each with 25.87 seconds).

Other racing ~~manias~~ professionals included **Ted Hartman, Ron Smith, Harold Swallow, Randy Hartman, John Krobath, Chris Krause, Dennis Drinkard, and Robert Ulrich**. A great time was had by all. Bob – thanks again for setting everything up. If you want to know more about this racing facility, link to www.allsportsgp.com.

New Real Estate Assessments

Virginia law requires localities to value real estate at 100% of market value. The 2006 real estate assessments were mailed in late February. The average improved residential property (single family, town home, condo) in Fairfax County increased by 20.6% and is now assessed at \$540,746. Countywide, the average single family detached home increased by 20.4% and now has an average assessed value of \$635,369. The average town home assessment increased to \$400,795, up 22.7%. The average condo increased 26% to \$296,039. When combining the Herndon/Oak Hill/Chantilly area, the average residential real estate valuation increase is 22.4% to \$508,020.

Individual assessments can vary significantly from the averages. The increases above are similar to other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia (rate of increase for all types of residential real estate):

- Alexandria – 19.5%
- Arlington – 18.25%
- Loudoun – 28%
- Fairfax County – 20.6%
- Prince William – 25.5%

Assessment inquiries can be directed to the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) at 703-222-8234, or link to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta.

If you believe your assessment is not equitable with comparison properties, or if you believe your assessment exceeds fair market value, appeals should be filed with DTA by March 31, 2006.

Real Estate appeals can also be filed with the Board of Equalization (BOE). Under State law, the BOE is separate from the Department of Tax Administration and consists of nine taxpayers appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The BOE conducts formal hearings and takes sworn testimony. By law, all appeals to the BOE must be filed and postmarked by June 1, 2006. BOE appeal forms are also available on DTA's homepage, or by calling the BOE office at 703-324-4891.

FY07 Advertised (Proposed) Budget Released

Fairfax County's advertised budget was released on February 27. Total proposed general fund revenue is \$3.3 billion. The primary revenue categories are:

Real Estate Taxes	59.6%
Personal Property (vehicle) Tax	15.8%
Local taxes	15.2%
(sales, business property, and utility taxes)	

To help offset a portion of the increase in real estate taxes, the County's FY07 budget proposes to reduce the real estate tax rate from \$1.00 to \$.93. This is the 5th consecutive rate reduction. Each one penny change in the tax rate results in a \$21.9 million change in total real estate tax revenue. And each one penny reduction puts about \$54 back in the pocket of the average residential real estate taxpayer. The proposed \$.07 reduction in the real estate tax rate will save the average property owner \$379/year. However, the average homeowner will still pay an increase of \$544 in the proposed FY07 budget.

Disbursements from the General Fund are proposed at \$3.2 billion. The primary disbursements categories include:

Schools (FCPS)	52.2%
Health, human Services, Welfare	11.0%
Public Safety	12.9%
(Fire, Rescue, Police, Sheriff, E911)	

The proposed transfer to school operations is \$1.52 billion (an \$86 million increase or 6% over FY06). FCPS has requested \$1.56 billion, a \$126 million or 8.8% increase. FCPS also would receive \$142.7

million for debt service, plus \$56.6 million in other County support for FCPS programs and services.

Board Chairman Gerry Connolly has proposed eliminating the annual windshield decal the County requires for all vehicle and motorcycle owners. In addition, he would eliminate the annual \$25 fee, for a savings of approximately \$20 million to taxpayers. This change reduces the variety of revenue funding sources for the County, which means that greater pressure for tax revenue will in some ways be transferred to the owners of real estate.

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins is holding three public meetings to discuss the FY07 advertised (proposed) budget:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 7-9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center – Hunters Woods – 2310 Colts Neck Road – Reston-20191

Wednesday, March 22, 2006, 1-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry Street, S.E. – Vienna, Va. 22180

Wednesday, March 29, 2006, 7-9 p.m. at McNair Elementary School- 2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive – Herndon, VA. 20171

The Board of Supervisors will hold collective public budget hearings on April 3-5. Final changes to the budget, including any adjustments to the tax rate will be made on April 24, with final budget adopted on May 1, 2007. It is likely that the Board will change the budget priorities and amounts so an additional reduction in the tax rate results (below \$.93). Citizens can link to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/> for more details about the proposed budget.

Recent Fairfax County Statistics and Trends

The Fairfax County economy led the region by adding 25,000 jobs (we have only 20% of Metropolitan Washington's population, but we added 28% of the region's total job growth).

The County's unemployment rate of 2.4% is below both the Virginia average of 3.2% and the national average of 4.7%.

The Fire and Rescue Department responded to 89,130 incidents in 2005, including 61,843 Emergency Medical Service/Rescue calls, 21,506 fire calls, and 5,781 public service calls (244 calls per day, 24x7).

The Sheriff's Department ensured the safety of the jail by overseeing an average of 1,031 inmates every day. Sheriff's Deputies also served 234,432 civil processes in 2005, and supervised over 1.1 million visits to our local Courts.

Thanks to the Police department, the overall crime index for Fairfax County declined by roughly 4% in 2005 -- our lowest rate of crime in the past 32 years, and the lowest in the country. The E-911 function received over 700,000 calls from citizens.

The Fairfax County Public School system is delivering a high quality education to 163,530 students. It is the largest school system in Virginia and the 12th largest in the nation. Since 1995, the largest increases in the Fairfax County budget go to education -- the County doubled its investment in schools from \$725 million to \$1.43 billion.

In 2005, County students scored an average combined SAT score of 1114. This was the highest ever and exceeds the statewide average of 1030 and the national average of 1028. Over 94% of FCPS students go on to post-secondary education, compared to the national average of 66%.

Several important transportation projects involving significant local funding are moving forward rapidly. The first span of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge will open this spring, with the second span and the Route 1 interchange improvements to be completed by 2008. This will dramatically improve capacity as the bridge moves from three lanes to six lanes, including space dedicated for HOV and transit.

Route 123 in the Lorton, Laurel Hill, and Occoquan area is being widened with the last segment, including additional capacity on a new bridge over the Occoquan River, to be finished this fall. And the widening of the northern portion of West Ox Road (between Reston Parkway and Route 50) will be completed this year.

The cost to Fairfax County to comply with unfunded State mandates from the Virginia General Assembly

will be \$771 million (12% will be reimbursed by the state). The cost to Fairfax County to comply with unfunded federal mandates will be \$423 million (user fees will cover about 26% of these costs).

For every \$1.00 that Fairfax County taxpayers pay in Virginia State Income Tax, the County receives about \$.19 back from the state. We are literally subsidizing the rest of the Commonwealth.

(some portions above extracted from Chairman Connolly's State of the County speech at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/state_of_county_2006.htm)

Risky Internet Behavior by Children & Teens

Reading the blogs and Web sites posted on-line by Fairfax County pre-teens and teenagers can be an eye-opening experience:

- Teen girls and boys who upload inappropriate photos of themselves with revealing attire and provocative poses – asking for compliments.
- A 12-year-old middle school student whose photo shows him posing with a handgun.
- A 12-year-old girl who talks about contracting a sexually transmitted disease.
- Photos of a 16-year-old girl getting intoxicated with her friends on New Year's Eve.
- A 17-year-old girl who writes about coping with the pressure of high school through pain medication and cutting herself.
- A teenage girl who frankly describes her eating disorder, including details of how she "purged" the recent meal prepared by her parents.

Children and teens are increasingly publishing their most intimate thoughts and detailed personal information on the Internet via blogs (web logs) such as Myspace, Xanga, Friendster and Livejournal. In Fairfax County alone, at least 22,367 people — mostly teens and pre-teens — have web journals on just one blogging site, Xanga.

According to the Pew Internet & American Life Project which tracks on-line behavior, one out of every five teenagers (ages 12 to 17) have created a

blog, and three out of every four teens regularly communicate over instant messenger. And young people often post too much personal information such as phone numbers, e-mail addresses, home addresses, full names, hometowns and ages.

Even Fairfax County elementary school children are creating Web sites and posting their thoughts on blogs. "A high number of our students use Myspace and Livejournal," said Cathy McDonald, a technology specialist at Greenbriar West Elementary School. "I know a lot of parents have no idea what they're putting out there for everyone in the world to see."

Internet safety advocates say that offering too much personal information via blogs, instant messaging, chat rooms or e-mail opens youngsters up to risks from sexual predators. Of the 75 million children across the United States that access the Internet, one out of every four has been exposed to sexually explicit material, and one out of every five has received a sexual solicitation from someone, according to statistics compiled by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. 70% of solicitations happen via a computer in the home, the place where children are supposed to be the most safe and protected.

After identifying victims by searching through blogs and Internet profiles, on-line predators will typically contact the child in a chatroom or by instant messenger, seeking to manipulate the child into sending a photo or arranging a meeting in person. Child sex offenders are typically well versed in youth culture, making it easy for children — particularly those with low self esteem — to trust and befriend them over the Internet.

Many parents have trouble keeping up with the current technology trends, making it difficult for parents to know what their child is doing on-line. "It's easy for your child to be way ahead of you on the learning curve, especially in high school, where they're learning programming," said Det. K.A. Haynes, an investigator with the computer forensic section of the Fairfax County Police Department.

Kerri Pratt, a Chantilly mother of three, found out that two of her children had created blogs on the Myspace Web site. "They put up on-line whatever

they like," she said. "It's pretty scary. We're trying to watch them as closely as we can, but it's just not possible to see everything they do." And Mount Vernon parent Christy Conner said she requires her two daughters give her the password to their Myspace blog accounts, so she can see what they post on-line. A few months ago, she found out her daughters had posted too many revealing personal details on their blogs. She made them remove the information and now she regularly reads their blogs.

"The rules are, I get your password or you don't get the privileges," Conner said. "We've had to set some ground rules. You have to have some trust. It's hard sometimes. You've got to have an open line of communication. And you've got to pray."

Speaking before parents at a middle school Det. Haynes showed the transcript of a chatroom conversation between an undercover Fairfax County detective posing as a 13-year-old and a 33-year-old man from Florida. After just three lines of introduction, the 33-year-old propositioned the teen.

To better protect children, Haynes said parents need to set out some ground rules regarding Internet use. "When you're ready to give your child the set of keys to the car, you're going to have a set of rules, right? The Internet should be no different," he said. Parents can tell their children never to give out or post their last name or address, never post photos or send them to people the child does not know, never agree to meet anyone on the Internet and never accept files from an unknown person. The most important tip, he said, is to have an open line of communication with the child, making them feel comfortable to tell the parent if they are approached on the Internet by someone who makes them feel uncomfortable. "Like anything — alcohol, drugs or sex — you've got to talk with your kids," Haynes said.

(portions above extracted from the *Connection* newspaper)

New Inline Hockey Facility

When Potomac Inline Hockey (PIH) opens its new facility on Avion Park Court in Chantilly, it will have two rinks. PIH was formed in 2002 to provide a venue where youth and adults could learn and play inline hockey, as they have been doing at Planet Splash & Play in Chantilly. But by spring 2006,

they plan to move into a 35,000 square-foot facility across from the Chantilly Auto Park (near the Route 50 and Stonecroft Boulevard intersection). PIH will offer year round inline hockey, with winter, spring, summer and fall seasons of 11-12 weeks each, mirroring the school sports seasons. Each season will attract 350-550 players, ranging in age from 4-60, in various leagues and divisions.

The new, state-of-the-art facility will feature a 185x85-foot, regulation-size rink with high-grade dasher boards around the perimeter, protective netting for spectators and a technically advanced and fast inline skating surface. It will also contain bleachers, four large locker rooms, plus a meeting room where players may do homework or hold team meetings or team parties. The second rink will be smaller (72x36) and will be used by younger players for games and practices. In the beginning classes for young skaters, the children start off in tennis shoes, with helmets and protective gear. Then after about three weeks, they get to put on skates.

The new building will be able to accommodate 100 teams, or roughly 1,000 skaters per week. Hours will be 6:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. daily. Skaters will typically participate in 15-17 practices and games per season. The spring season will run from the second week of April until school ends in June. To register, link to www.potomachockey.com or call Tiffany Jensen at 571-643-1203.

Celebrate America's Anniversary Weekend! America will soon be 400 years old! Settled in 1607, Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas and is considered by most as our nation's birthplace. The 400th anniversary celebration will begin with an 80 day sail of the newly commissioned replica ***Godspeed***. She will be stopping at six major ports along the eastern seaboard, including Alexandria Virginia.

Godspeed, one of the three original ships that in 1607 brought America's first permanent English colonists to Jamestown, will serve as a floating museum for families, students and tens of thousands of visitors. You can experience the "Landing Party" with live musical performances, family entertainment, and historical and cultural displays highlighting the legacies of Jamestown and the

growth of America. The ship is scheduled to be at the Alexandria waterfront between Memorial Day and June 4, 2006 (and in Baltimore June 9 through June 12, 2006).

The primary celebrations for America's 400th Anniversary are currently scheduled for May 11-13, 2007, in Jamestown. Commemorative festivities, cultural events, pageantry, musical performances, a children's stage, VIPs, celebrity appearances and more are being planned. For more information link to <http://www.americas400thanniversary.com/>.

2006 Board of Director Meetings

The scheduled Monroe Manor Board of Director meetings are:

- May 17 (John Bull's home)
- August 16
- November 15 (annual meeting at 7:00 pm)

Meetings are generally held quarterly, at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Residents are welcome to attend. Please contact a Board member to confirm the specific time and location.

II. ARC NEWS

by Rick Auman

As spring is in the air, and planning is in the works for all those outdoor projects that you've spent all winter hatching, here are a couple of reminders to help you complete the ARC submission form:

- Any changes to the exterior of your property, including landscaping, painting, etc., should be preceded by an ARC form; if you have it to Zalco before the 1st of the month, we will review it during that month's meeting. Anything considered maintenance does not require a submission, e.g. painting woodwork the same color as it was before.
- Please include a copy of your plat with the proposed changes clearly marked, including setbacks from property line, as appropriate, e.g. a new deck being added to the back of the house.
- Also include complete lists/pictures of materials, as appropriate, e.g. catalog picture of a new lamp post you want to install.
- Make sure you notify the neighbors around you who will be most affected by the change. This may not necessarily be those adjacent, so think

this through, and if in doubt, notify any who might be affected.

If you keep these things in mind, fill out the form completely, and get it in to Zalco before the 1st of the month, you should have your answer back from the ARC by the middle of the month. As always, if you need some help with the submission process, contact any of us on the ARC; we'd be happy to help you out! Thanks for all your support in maintaining our beautiful neighborhood and following the association's covenants and guidelines!

III. COMMUNITY/SOCIAL EVENTS

by Jennifer Carson & Judy May

[Editor's Note: Congratulations to Jennifer and Sam Carson on the birth of their daughter Isabel on March 1 (8 lbs. 14 oz., and 20 ½ inches). Mom, daughter, and Dad are doing fine!]

Attention all neighbors! Mark your calendars for the big day on Saturday, May 20! We are having a first for Monroe Manor by combining two special events on one day! On the morning of Saturday May 20, we will hold the Neighborhood Yard Sale. On the evening of that same day, we will have the Annual Progressive Dinner!

Neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday May 20!
(Rain date is May 21)

The yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 (with a rain date of Sunday, May 21). If you would like to participate please have your items out on your driveway or displayed in your garage by 7:30 am. We will place ads in several local newspapers. Volunteers are needed to make and hang some signs. Don't forget, all signs must be removed when the Yard Sale ends. **Judy May** and **Carolyn Jarratt** are organizing this event. Please contact them if you can help out! A future broadcast e-mail will provide a reminder with more information.

The Monroe Manor Progressive Dinner - Also on May 20!

The Annual Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 20 starting at 6:30 pm. This is a great event to meet your neighbors and to have a fun "adult" social evening. Everyone rotates to different

houses for three or so courses and then meets at one house for dessert at the end of the evening.

Judy and David May have graciously offered to organize this and host final desserts at their home on Fox Woods Drive. Contact Judy if you are interested in participating. An e-mail will be forthcoming with additional information including whether you would like to host a course (e.g. appetizer, salad, etc.) or to bring a dessert.

Monroe Manor Summer Social Hours

End of the School Year Party -

School ends on Tuesday June 20. We will consider another "end of school party" for a Friday in June. We had a record turnout for an event in this time period last year. Would you like to help organize this event? Please contact Jennifer Carson.

Additional Summer Social Hours –

Would you and "your cul-de-sac" like to host a Summer Social Hour? Please e-mail Jennifer .

Special Events, Local Festivities, and Holidays!

by Gordon Jarratt

March:

- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 17 – Luck of the Irish (Reston Clyde's w/ bagpipers)
- 17-19 – Equine Event Horse Show (Dulles Expo)
- 17-19 – Collector's Showcase (Dulles Expo)
- 18 – Harlem Globetrotters (Patriot Center)
- 20 – Spring Begins
- 24-26 – Arts, Crafts and Woodworking Show (Dulles Expo)
- 24 (thru April 15) – Three Tall Women (Elden Street Players)
- 25 – Kite Day & Hunter Horse Show (Frying Pan)
- 25 – Wine Dinner (Market Street Grill, Reston)
- 25 – Smithsonian (and Gunston Hall) Kite Festivals
- 25 – Women in Aviation Day (Udvar-Hazy Center)
- 25 (thru April 9) – Cherry Blossom Festival (D.C.)
- 28 – Bryan Bowers, Herndon Folk Club (Tortilla Factory)
- 31 (thru April 2) Super Pet Expo (Dulles Expo)

April:

- 1 – Springfest (Sterling)
- 1 -- April Fool's Day!
- 1-2 -- India Heritage Festival (Dulles Expo)
- 1-16 – Gingerbread Boy (Industrial Strength Theatre)
- 2 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- 5-16 – Ringling Brothers Circus (Patriot Center)
- 8 – Telescope Day (Udvar-Hazy Center)
- 8 – Easter Eggstravaganza (reservations; Frying Pan Park)
- 8 – Cherry Blossom Parade
- 8-9 – Civil War Show (Dulles Expo)
- 10-14 – FCPS Spring Vacation
- 11 – Wash. Nationals Home Opener vs. New York Mets
- 15 – Champions on Ice (MCI Center)
- 15-16 – Spring Garden Party (Mount Vernon)
- 15 – Easter Egg Hunt (Herndon High School)
- 16 – Easter
- 16 – Loudoun Hunt Point-to-Point (Oatlands)
- 19 – High School Job Fair (local, Dulles Expo)
- 20 – Herndon Taste of the Town (Worldgate)
- 22 – Farm Baby Day (Frying Pan)
- 22 – Spring Fling (Reston Town Center)
- 22 – Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (George Mason)
- 22 – Hot Import Car Show (Dulles Expo)
- 22 – Earth Day
- 22-29 – Historic Garden Week (Gunston Hall, Woodlawn Estate, River Farm, Mount Vernon)
- 25 – Michael Smith, Herndon Folk Club (Tortilla Factory)
- 26 – Administrative Professionals Day
- 28-30 – Town Square Singers (Industrial Strength Theatre)
- 29 – Hunter Horse Show (Frying Pan)
- 29-30 – International Perfume Bottle Convention (Reston)

May:

- 3 – Farmer's Market (Frying Pan, Wednesdays thru October)
- 4-7 – Disney Live with Mickey (Patriot Center)
- 5 – Friday Night Live begins (Herndon, Fridays thru August)
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo!
- 5-7 – Sugarloaf Craft Fair (Dulles Expo)

- 6 – Virginia Gold Cup (Great Meadow, The Plains)
- 6 – Pet Fiesta (Reston Town Center)
- 6 – Oatlands Garden Fair
- 7 – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk
- 13 – Sheep & Wool Day (Frying Pan)
- 14 – Mother's Day
- 16 – Roy Binder, Herndon Folk Club (Tortilla Factory)
- 18-21 – Orvis Catalog Sale (Dulles Expo)
- 19 – Bike to Work Day
- 19-21 – Gem & Jewelry Show (Dulles Expo)
- 20 – Monroe Manor Yard Sale and Monroe Manor Progressive Dinner!!!**
- 20 – War of 1812 Muster (Sully Historic Site)
- 20 – Preakness Stakes (Pimlico)
- 20 – Team America Rocketry Challenge (Great Meadow)
- 20-21 – Armed Forces Day (Andrews Air Force Open House?)
- 20-21 – No. Va. Fine Arts Festival (Reston Town Center)
- 26-28 – Viva Vienna!
- 27 (thru 6/3) World Philatelic Exhibition (Wash. Conv. Ctr.)
- 28 – Rolling Thunder XIX – Ride to Vietnam Vet. Memorial
- 29 – Memorial Day Holiday
- 29 (thru June 4) – *Godspeed* at Alexandria waterfront

June:

- 1 – Herndon Festival Golf Tournament
- 1-4 – Herndon Festival
- 2-4 – Quilt Show (Dulles Expo)
- 2-4 – International Franchise Expo (Wash. Conv. Ctr.)
- 2-24 – Complete Word of God (Elden Street Players)
- 3 – Saturday Evening Concerts (Reston, Saturdays thru August)
- 3 – Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (George Mason)
- 3 – Manassas Railway Festival (Old Town Manassas)
- 3-4 – Occoquan Craft Show
- 8 – Thursday Night Concerts (Herndon, Thursdays thru August)
- 9 – Ice Cream Social (reservations; Frying Pan)
- 9-11 – Celebrate Fairfax - The Fairfax Fair, Government Center
- 10 – Dairy Day (Frying Pan)
- 10-25 – Alice in Wonderland (Industrial Strength Theatre)
- 13 – Democratic and/or Republican Primary Elections
- 14 – Flag Day
- 17 – Taste of the Town (Reston Town Center)
- 17-18 – Potomac Celtic Festival (Morven Park Leesburg)
- 17-25 – Herndon Open Tennis Tournament
- 18 – Father's Day
- 18 – Antique Car Show (Sully Historic Site)
- 18 – Wine & Jazz Festival (Manassas)
- 20 – FCPS last day of school
- 20 – Chuck Brodsky, Herndon Folk Club (Tortilla Factory)
- 21 – Summer begins
- 21 – Dance Under the Stars (Reston, reservations)
- 23-25 – Scrapbook Show (Dulles Expo)
- 24-25 – National Capital BBQ Battle (Pennsylvania Ave.)
- 25 – Reston Grand Prix (Bicycling, Town Center)
- 30 (thru July 11) – Smithsonian Folklife Festival (Mall)

Ongoing May – October Events:

- Beginning May 3, Frying Pan Park hosts Farmer’s Markets from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm every Wednesday (thru October 25)
- Beginning May 5, the Herndon/Dulles Chamber of Commerce presents “Friday Night Live” concerts each Friday evening from 6:30 – 10:30 pm (thru August)
- Beginning June 3, Reston Town Center presents Saturday evening concerts from 7:30 – 10 pm (thru August)
- Beginning June 8, Herndon presents Summer Concerts each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm (thru August)

IV. LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

by Gordon Jarratt

FCPS School Calendar

Here is the remaining 2005-2006 public school calendar:

April 7	Student Holiday
April 10 - 14	Spring Vacation
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
June 20	Last Day of School

The calendar can absorb three inclement weather days before other holidays would have to be cancelled. Any revisions to the calendar will be at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/about/05-06cal.htm> .

Floris Elementary News (Japanese Immersion, and New Foreign Language program)

Effective with the 2006-2007 school year, there will be no first grade Japanese Immersion class at Floris Elementary. This program has been transferred to Fox Mill Elementary.

Floris Elementary is considering a new program called Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES). They plan to start the initiative in the Fall 2006 with the entering first grade class, and expand it one grade each year until all six grades are participating. Classes will be two weekly lessons of 30 minutes each. The school is surveying parents to help determine the foreign language that will be selected and taught (the candidates are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Russian, and Spanish).

Local School Capacity, Construction, Boundary Studies, and Demographic Information

Important reading for all Monroe Manor Residents! Attendance Boundary Studies coming up for our three local schools.

Fairfax County Public Schools has released its comprehensive FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan. Relevant information about school capacity, construction, attendance boundary studies, demographics and statistics has been extracted and is summarized below.

Regarding Countywide FCPS school impacts: As of 2005, there are 385,000 housing units in Fairfax County with a total population of 1.041 million. Those figures are expected to increase to 443,000 housing units with 1.198 million residents by 2025 (roughly a 15% increase spread out over 20 years).

For over 35 years, FCPS has regularly experienced a net increase in total annual student enrollment. However, beginning in 2004, the first small net decrease in student enrollment was realized. The ten year projections in the new CIP show that total enrollment is expected to stabilize and range between 163,000 to 165,000 students through 2015.

So the current data shows that even with expected moderate increases in dwelling units and population, school enrollments are expected to remain relatively stable or decrease slightly. How is this possible? Many external factors affect the school population estimates:

- Recent enrollment trends (incoming Kindergarten enrollments predict future 12th grade enrollments)
- Recent local birthrates
- Local economic factors and housing costs
- Job center locations
- Housing development patterns
- Recent local “in migration” and “out migration” statistics for families in our area

There appears to be a transition from new suburban single family homes to more “in fill” and “multi-family” housing options. “In fill” type developments will typically result in fewer K-12 school aged children (apartment and condo buildings typically generate fewer K-12 students than single family and town home developments).

Enrollments at our three local schools in Cluster VIII:

Here are the latest local school enrollment projections (includes all special education and pre-school enrollments, where applicable):

School	Capacity	Projected Enrollments	
		2006	2010
Floris	768	828	853
Carson	1250	1106	1114
Westfield	3100	3265	2801

Note: the Westfield capacity figure above does take into account the new 24 classroom (600 student) addition ready in 2006. The enrollment figures above do not take into account other new construction (such as the new Coppermine Elementary) or any future boundary changes (from the fall of 2007 high school boundary study with changes effective in the fall of 2008).

Regarding local Elementary schools: The new Coppermine Elementary School is planned to be a 36 classroom (950 student) facility. Over 85% of the \$22 million total cost is fully funded. The new school is expected to open in the fall of 2009.

Here are some projected five year statistics (year 2011) about Floris and other elementary school enrollments which are adjacent to or nearby Floris' school boundary:

- Floris Elem. would still have a 4 classroom shortage
- McNair Elem. would have a 3 room shortage
- Fox Mill Elem. would have a 9 room shortage
- Oak Hill Elem. would have a 10 room shortage
- Herndon Elem. would have an 8 room shortage
- Dogwood Elem. would be at capacity (no shortage)
- Crossfield would have a 3 room extra capacity
- Lees Corner would have a 1 room extra capacity
- Hutchison would have an 8 room extra capacity

Note that the above projections exclude the impacts of additional capacity after Coppermine Elementary opens in the fall of 2009. Future elementary classroom capacities will not be known until after the elementary school boundary adjustment study for Coppermine and nearby schools is conducted in the fall of 2008. McNair and Floris will be a part of this

elementary school boundary study area. Hutchison, Lees Corner, Oak Hill and others may also be included in the study, but it is too early to predict which other elementary school boundaries may be impacted.

McNair is currently using 4 trailers to supplement capacity. Herndon Elementary has 9 trailers. Floris and other nearby elementary schools do not have trailers.

Future factors such as “No Child Left Behind” will also have unpredictable impacts on projected school enrollments. For example:

- Approximately 200 students transferred out of McNair due to NCLB (plus others also transferred out from Dogwood Elementary)
- Most NCLB students went to either Fox Mill Elementary or Oak Hill Elementary Schools (which are now significantly overcrowded). Both Fox Mill and Oak Hill will likely be removed as future transfer options for NCLB students (to help prevent further overcrowding)
- Future NCLB decisions are made annually based upon test scores, and the exact number of schools impacted and students offered (and accepting) NCLB transfer options is not known
- Some students that transferred from McNair and Dogwood may want to complete their elementary school education at Fox Mill or Oak Hill. Others may want to transfer back to Dogwood or McNair in a year or two when the schools improve test scores and achieve adequate yearly progress (AYP). And others may be interested in attending the new Coppermine E.S.

NCLB will result in some unpredictable enrollment factors that will vary each year.

Regarding local Middle schools: Looking five years out, Rachel Carson is projected to have the capacity to absorb 136 additional students. Other area middle schools surrounding Carson (Herndon, Hughes, Franklin, and Stone) are also projected to have excess capacity.

Because of the high school boundary study that will be conducted in the fall of 2007, Carson is also listed in the CIP as having a potential school boundary change (more below in the High School section).

Rachel Carson and Franklin Middle Schools do not require trailers. Other nearby middle schools that do have trailers include Herndon (11), Hughes (8), and Stone (7).

Regarding local High schools: The \$9 million Westfield High School addition will address the current overcrowding issue in the fall of 2006. Looking out to 2010, in theory Westfield would have the capacity to absorb 299 additional students. However, Westfield still would have one of the largest high school enrollments in Virginia, which would still require dozens of trailers.

Future five year projections for other high schools adjacent to the Westfield boundary include:

- Oakton could absorb 228 students
- South Lakes could absorb 666 students
- Chantilly High School would be at capacity (could absorb 10 students)
- Centreville High remains 88 students over capacity
- Herndon High could absorb 295 students.

Westfield High School requires 35 trailers to handle its current student enrollment. Other nearby high schools requiring trailers include Oakton (10), Chantilly (10), Herndon (11), and Centreville (7). South Lakes High School does not use trailers. Another goal of the high school boundary study might be to reduce the reliance on trailers for school education.

The \$63 million South Lakes High School renovation will be completed in time for the fall of 2008 school year.

Westfield High School will be part of the fall 2007 local high school attendance boundary study. Other high schools that will be included are South Lakes, Oakton, Chantilly, and Centreville. The CIP lists these schools at “potential boundary changes.” Madison may also be included.

Note that this western high school boundary study may also affect several middle schools. For example, Rachel Carson, Herndon M.S., Hughes, Stone, Franklin, and Rocky Run are all listed as

having potential boundary changes that may result from the outcome of the 2007 High School boundary study. Some of these changes may result from the desire to reduce the number of high schools fed by a middle school. For example, today Rachel Carson feeds both Westfield and Oakton High Schools. Rocky Run feeds both Centreville and Fairfax High Schools. And Franklin feeds three high schools (Westfield, Oakton, and Chantilly). If high school attendance areas are changed, it may make sense to also consider some changes to see if middle school feeders can be better aligned with their respective high school boundaries.

The CIP also provides a placeholder for construction of a new proposed Dulles area west county high school. The estimated cost is \$90 million, and the projected date is between 2012 – 2016. This is tentative and unfunded at the present time.

Other County-wide statistics and demographics

The CIP also listed demographic statistics about FCPS students including Ethnic membership, English speakers of other languages (ESOL) and students enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program.

Ethnic groups (FCPS Countywide 2005)

Other/undesignated	0.4%
Am. Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Multi-racial	4.9%
Black	10.8%
Hispanic	16.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.4%
White	50.2%

In our Cluster VIII schools, 8.7% of all students are participating in the ESOL. And the proportion of students enrolled in free or reduced lunch programs averages 15.5%. Some of the individual statistics for our nearby local schools include:

<u>School</u>	<u>ESOL</u>	<u>Free or reduced lunch</u>
Floris Elem.	5.4%	2.5%
McNair Elem.	33.8%	39.2%
Fox Mill Elem.	5.5%	1.9%
Oak Hill Elem.	5.6%	4.0%
Herndon Elem.	23.8%	29.1%

Dogwood Elem.	35.2%	54.1%
Carson Middle	3.0%	6.6%
Herndon Mid.	10.8%	22.8%
Hughes Mid.	9.6%	30.4%
Franklin Mid.	5.5%	9.9%
Stone Mid.	6.8%	10.9%
Westfield	3.5%	10.4%
Oakton High	3.8%	9.2%
South Lakes High	7.3%	27.0%
Chantilly High	4.9%	11.2%
Centreville High	6.1%	13.8%
Herndon High	7.8%	18.5%

Locally (Herndon, Oak Hill, Chantilly, Centreville, Route 28 corridor) can still expect a mix of new and “infill” housing development. This will result in a variety of dwelling unit generation types (such as single family, town home, condos, and apartments). Each of those dwelling unit types “generates” different percentages of K-12 school-aged children. So depending upon the final approval of various local development plans, local school enrollment estimates will also be affected. While student population growth in our local area is likely, the specific impacts are not known until land development decisions are finalized and approved for construction. Residents still need to be vigilant about the proposed developments for the EDS property and Land Unit A along the Centreville Road corridor (see articles about the Area Plan Review in previous newsletters).

Because of millions of dollars in unfunded capital project and construction needs, it is very likely that FCPS will again ask voters to approve another school bond in 2006. More information about the Capital Improvement Plan, enrollment projections, boundary studies, and school demographics is available at: www.fcps.edu/fts/

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Toddler Play Group!

Are you at home on weekdays with a toddler (or two)? Need some adult time while the kids play? Come and join a Toddler Play Group. Please contact **Carolyn Jarratt**.

Swim Club Membership Wanted

Our family would like to purchase a swim club membership for Pinecrest Pool. If you know of one that is available, please contact **Carolyn Jarratt**.

Summer Job Wanted

Alison Murphy (of Monroe Manor Drive) is seeking a day-time babysitting or mothers-helper position for this summer. Alison, 15½ years old, is a rising sophomore (with honors) at Westfield High School. She has nearly 4 years of local babysitting experience (much of it here in Monroe Manor) and has been certified in Babysitting Basics by Inova Healthsource. During the past 2 summers, Alison has served as a Counselor-In-Training and Counselor’s Aide at both the Reston YMCA and local Girl Scout camps.

Monroe Manor Contractor List

Please send any updates to the Monroe Manor Contractor List to Kathy Lawson. Thanks!

The Comprehensive Guide to Recycling, Solid Waste, Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries, Household Hazardous Waste, Scrap Metal, and Free Mulch

Keep these pages for future reference

Curbside Recycling Services

All Monroe Manor residents now have expanded opportunities for curbside recycling of trash and recyclables. Effective immediately, you are now able to place all of the following items at the curb for recycling:

- Mixed paper (all clean paper, color or black and white, without food residue), and paper bags
- All newspapers, inserts, magazines and catalogs
- All envelopes (with and without windows), office paper, computer paper, junk mail, brochures, pamphlets, file folders, post it notes
- All phone books and directories
- All food boxes such as cereal and cracker boxes
- All household product boxes
- All paperback books
- Flattened cardboard – cardboard must be clean and flattened in order for it to be recycled.
- All plastic containers with necks that are smaller than the body of the bottle, including milk jugs, soda bottles, and pill bottles (note: the plastic lids, caps, and tops should be discarded in the regular trash).
- All metal (steel and aluminum) food containers and beverage cans (rinse clean – labels and metal lids are OK)
- All clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars (rinse clean – labels and metal lids are OK)

Two important points for residents:

- (1) Please ensure that the additional mixed paper that you can now recycle is covered or bagged so it does not blow out of your container and litter the neighborhood.
- (2) All cardboard must be flattened to be recycled. Cardboard boxes that are not flattened will be picked up with the regular trash.

Residents may be surprised at how much less trash is

created when mixed paper and flattened cardboard are added to recyclables collected at the curb. And this recycling activity significantly reduces the volume of refuse sent to landfill disposal each year.

The following items are trash that **cannot be recycled curbside**. These items must be left in the regular solid waste trash container:

- Yogurt cups, and dairy, cottage cheese, butter, and margarine tubs
- Styrofoam packaging and pellets
- Coffee cups and drink/juice boxes
- Plastic food boxes and trays
- Aluminum foil, aluminum trays, and pie tins
- Shaving cream, deodorant, and aerosol spray cans
- Wax paper
- Foam take out containers
- Pizza boxes, and all cardboard with food residue
- Frozen food containers
- Hard back books
- Paper plates, napkins, tissues and paper towels
- Ceramics, pottery, and dishes
- Window glass and mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Prescription vials
- Cookware (pots and pans)
- Grease covered or oil saturated paper

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A *Recycle Right* chart is available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/recycle-right.pdf

Recycle Clothing and Household Goods

Are you looking for organizations that will recycle clothing and household goods? You can link to this list of nearby consignment and thrift shops:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/thrift.htm

Recycle Plastic Bags

Clean plastic bags, such as grocery bags, dry cleaning plastic covers, and plastic shopping bags may be recycled at grocery stores and some dry cleaning stores.

Other Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Information for the I66 Transfer Station (Citizen's Recycling and Disposal Facility)

Some trash and recycling items cannot be handled curbside. Residents may dispose of or recycle other household hazardous wastes at the I66 transfer station (4618 West Ox Road, across from the Fairfax Costco).

Batteries

All regular non-rechargeable alkaline or carbon zinc batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt) may be safely discarded with the regular trash. All button batteries and rechargeable batteries contain toxic metals and should be recycled at the Household Hazardous Waste facility in the I 66 Transfer Station. This includes nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd), lithium ion (Li-ion), nickel metal hydride (Ni-Mh), and small sealed lead acid (SSLA or Pb) batteries. These types of batteries are typically used in cellular & cordless phones, video and digital cameras, PDAs, MP3 players, some video games, cordless power tools, portable computers, rechargeable shavers and toothbrushes, emergency lighting, security & alarm systems, and computer backup devices. Batteries may be deposited Thursday thru Sunday.

Vehicle batteries, motor oil, and antifreeze: Used automobile, truck, boat, and motorcycle batteries are accepted seven days a week at the Citizen's Disposal Facility. Note that used vehicle batteries can also be traded in at the store when purchasing a new vehicle battery. Used motor oil and antifreeze may also be deposited at the Citizen's Disposal Facility in the I66 Transfer Station.

Other Household Hazardous Wastes:

The following household hazardous wastes may also be dropped off Thursdays thru Sundays at the I66 Transfer Station:

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| acids | insecticides |
| aerosol sprays | mercury products |
| asbestos products | moth balls |
| automotive fluids | paint (oil base) |
| batteries | paint thinner |
| coal tar products | pesticides |
| creosote products | poisons |
| driveway sealers | polishes |
| floor care products | pool/spa chemicals |
| fungicides | rust removers |
| fluorescent lamps/tubes | varnish & stains |
| glue (solvent base) | weed killers |
| herbicides | wood preservatives |
| inks & dyes | empty 20 lb. propane tanks (from outdoor grills) |

Please transport household hazardous waste to the collection center in cardboard boxes. All materials must be properly labeled. Do not put waste in plastic trash bags.

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The following household items can be safely poured down the drain inside your home (not an outdoor gutter or storm drain):

ammonia based cleaners (Windex [®] , Glass Plus [®])	bathroom cleaners (Pine Sol [®])
drain cleaners (Drano [®] , Liquid Plumber [®])	individual medicines
diluted mixes of photographic chemicals (developers, fixers, etc.)	

The following items may be disposed along with the regular trash:

fertilizers (lawn and garden, tree spikes)	alkaline & carbon zinc household batteries
latex paints (fully dried in open containers)	smoke alarms
empty containers of any kind	legal fireworks/flares (thoroughly soak in water first)

The following items are not accepted at the I66 Transfer Station:

Ammunition (contact the Police Dept. 703-246-2253)	radioactive materials
illegal fireworks (contact the Fire Prevention Division 703-246-4741)	compressed gas cylinders
Explosives	Medical/infectious waste

Free mulch

The I66 transfer station also operates a brush-grinding machine that provides free double shredded wood mulch for citizens. They will load the mulch for you if you have access to a pickup or open trailer. Otherwise, you can contact local mulch hauling services that will deliver for a small fee (such as All Seasons in Chantilly at 703-385-3233, or Miller & Sons in Sterling at 703-444-0319).

Large appliances, scrap metal and waste items:

The I 66 Transfer Station will also accept “white” goods (appliances like a refrigerator, washing machine, or dishwasher, etc.), 20 lb. propane tanks, scrap metal, tires, rock, brick, concrete, and dirt for a small fee.

The I66 Transfer Station and the Citizen’s Disposal and Recycling Facility is open:

- Monday thru Saturday from 6 am – 6 pm, and
- Sunday 9 am – 6 pm.

The Household Hazardous Waste area is open:

- Thursdays from 1 pm – 5 pm
- Fridays from 8 am – noon
- Saturdays from 8 am – 4 pm, and
- Sundays from 9 am – 4 pm.

For disposal questions and more information about the I66 Transfer Station’s services and fees, link to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispensites.htm or call the Division of Solid Waste Disposal & Resource Recovery at 703-324-5230.