



Monroe Manorisms

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I. A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD

by Gordon Jarratt



Lawn and Yard Work Courtesy

Summer is almost here! It is growing season and many yards are looking great. However, some lawns and other landscaping have grown too high which in a few cases has resulted in an unkempt appearance. Please keep your premises neat with regular grass mowing and attendance to other landscaping needs.

There have been a few complaints about yard machine noise early in the morning. As a courtesy, residents are asked to wait until 9:00 am before they start up power equipment. In addition, please wait until Sunday evening before placing yard debris curbside for Monday pickup. Thanks everyone!

Concern about Two Nearby Fires

On Friday May 5, a neighbor noticed a small fire in the wooded parkland next to the grassy pipeline (area bordered between Fox Woods Drive, the Fallon Drive cul-de-sac, and the Dakota Lakes Drive cul-de-sac in Sycamore Lakes). Up to five teenage boys apparently had set the fire, and they ran off when they were seen by a Fox Woods Drive teen. The Fire Department and the Police Department were called.

This is a very dangerous problem that can quickly get out of hand with people hurt or property destroyed. We have experienced four previous fire incidents in the same area in previous years.

On Saturday May 6, a second fire was set to a bush next to a home near the intersection of Piney Glade Road and Cedar Glen Drive in the Sycamore Lakes

community. This location is just north of several homes along the western portions of Monroe Manor Drive and Fox Hound Court.

If this happens again, please ask family members to immediately call 911 and report a fire in the woods and to state this has happened before. Request that both a fire truck and the police be dispatched. They will do whatever they think is appropriate including any type of investigation. County Public Safety officials (Fire and/or Police) need to see the individuals that are doing this and follow-up with them. The teens likely live close by.

Our local crime prevention police officer is Robyn Jones. She should also be contacted at (703) 478-0799 after the incident has been called into 911. Be vigilant about our neighborhood safety.

Please Drive 25 MPH

There have been reports of speeding vehicles on streets that pass through the neighborhood. Witnesses to unsafe vehicle operation should call 911 with a vehicle description and a license plate number. Residents are reminded to obey all traffic laws, including driving 25 mph and coming to a complete halt at stop signs. Please also remind any teen drivers in your household. Thanks for doing your part to promote safe vehicle operation and to help protect all of our families and children.

Cars Locked, Valuables Hidden

Nearby communities, including Franklin Farms, reported several vehicle break-ins during the last week in May. Make sure any tempting valuables are stored out of sight.

Expanded Curbside Recycling Services

Reminder that 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 and clean cardboard
- All plastic containers with necks that are smaller than the body of the bottle, including milk jugs, soda bottles, and pill bottles (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 clean and flattened to be recycled. Cardboard boxes that are not flattened will be picked up with the regular trash.

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

Water Tank Spill; Generator Being Installed

On March 23, nine Monroe Manor homeowners met with representatives from Fairfax Water to discuss

the February 2006 overflow from the water tanks next to the basketball court (intersection of Monroe Manor Drive with New Parkland Drive). This was the third overflow incident recalled by residents. Because of the deep snow along with other debris and mulch that clogged a storm water drain, the most recent spill seriously threatened several homes. However, no basements were flooded.

Fairfax Water claims that the cause of an earlier 2005 problem was a mechanical calibration issue that has been fixed. They believe that the most recent problem was related to the 3.5+ hour electrical outage many residents experienced on Sunday morning February 12. The basic explanation from Fairfax Water about what happened: without Dominion Power electricity and without the backup power, a large tank valve remained open for a period of time letting water in until the tank overflowed. This lasted until workers could arrive on site and manually close the valve (a tedious process).

Fairfax Water reported on several initiatives, studies, and plans that they would undertake:

- Recalibrating a series of alarm sensors that indicate the water level is near the top of the tank
- Placing those water level alarms on UPS (uninterruptible power supply) so they can operate in a power disruption
- Revisions to primary operating procedures, so engineers at the Corbalis 24x7 water production plant have authority to shut off main and remote valves in a power disruption
- Place the main shut off valves at our water tank on a future UPS so they can still operate (open or close) during a power disruption
- Conduct an independent engineering study of the current water tank elevation and water runoff topography to determine if there are drainage options that could channel any water from future spills into the streets and let the other storm water drains handle the flow
- Place a large generator on the premises to ensure that water tanks and valves retain the electrical power they need at all times.

Neighbors have seen a preview of the placement of this generator – it is protected and in a good location and should have a minimal visual and noise impact.

In early May 2006, Fairfax Water informed nearby residents that they had resolved two items:

- Installation of the battery backup for the motor which closes the local tank valve has been completed
- Installation of an audible alarm that would detect an overflow has been completed.

The battery backup should help prevent a reoccurrence, and the alarm would provide a warning to nearby residents if there were a future problem.

On May 17, Fairfax Water again met in person with nearby neighbors to explain the actions taken and to test the audible alarm. The alarm is set to alert about 5 minutes before water may be reaching the top of the tank overflow. The tone is loud and alerts for about 90 seconds. The closest affected residents were able to hear the alarm from within their homes.

Special thanks to **Athena and Brett Petersen** for hosting the meetings with residents and Fairfax Water. And thanks to **Gordon Jarratt** for coordinating the meetings and communicating the actions reported by Fairfax Water.

Fairfax Water has been responsive and hopefully the problems are behind us. Residents desiring more information can contact Jeanne Bailey (703-289-6291 or PR@fcwa.org). Also, Mr. George Hoke is the Risk Management administrator and can take care of any remediation problems (703-289-6211). If you see a water leak or hear the alarm, the evening and weekend "after hours" emergency contact number for Fairfax Water is **703-698-5613**.

Misprint in HOA Coupon Book

There is 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.

2006 Board of Director Meetings

The next Monroe Manor Board of Director meeting is August 23 at Jerry Chickillo's home. 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. **The Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 15.**

Vote on June 13 for the Primary Election

All registered voters may participate in the Primary elections on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. The ballot for Monroe Manor voters will include the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate. The two candidates running for office are Harris Miller and Jim Webb.

Elsewhere are primary elections for the U.S. Congressional 8th and 11th Districts. Because Monroe Manor voters reside within in the 10th Congressional District (with Congressman Frank Wolf, incumbent), we will not vote in those primaries. Polling locations are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

New Frying Pan Voting Precinct Location

About half of the Monroe Manor community has been voting in the Frying Pan precinct (previously at McNair Elementary School). The school location has been supporting two precincts (Frying Pan precinct #235 plus McNair precinct #237). To relieve the congestion with two precincts at McNair School, election officials have moved the physical voting location for the Frying Pan precinct from McNair to the new Frying Pan Park Visitor Center (Ellmore Farm, at 2739 West Ox Road). Affected voters will be notified by mail. Virginia voters can determine their precinct and voting location by linking to:

http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Where_Do_I_Vote/Polling_Place_Lookup_request.asp. No changes are currently proposed for the Floris precinct #203 at Floris Elementary School used by the other half of Monroe Manor residents.

FY07 Adopted Fairfax County Budget

Here is a summary of the final Fairfax County budget for Fiscal Year 2007 (effective 7/1/2006):

- To help partially address the continuing trend of rising assessments, the Board of Supervisors reduced the real estate tax rate for the fifth consecutive year, cutting another 11 cents from the rate to bring the cumulative decrease to 34 cents over five years. The rate will decrease from \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed real estate value to \$0.89 per \$100.

- The budget includes total General Fund Disbursements of \$3.2 billion, an increase of \$192.6 million or 6.37 percent over the FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan.
- Approximately \$106 million (55%) of this budget growth is associated with increased funding for Fairfax County Public Schools. Funding for new facilities and public safety accounts for approximately 35% of the increase.
- Regarding schools: The FY 2007 transfer from the County to the Schools for operations is \$1.53 billion, an increase of \$93.88 million (6.56%) over the FY 2006 Budget transfer level of \$1.43 billion. In addition, \$142.27 million, an increase of \$11.99 million or 9.20 percent over the FY 2006 level, is transferred for School debt service. The total County transfer to support School operations and debt service is \$1.67 billion or 51.9 percent of total County Disbursements.
- With the real estate tax rate of \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value, the typical household will pay \$4,813, an average increase of 7.31 percent or \$328 annually more than the FY 2006 bill.
- The \$25 automobile decal fee was eliminated, resulting in an average savings of \$58 per household. No more windshield decal scraping!
- The Personal Property Tax rate for vehicles will remain at \$4.57 per \$100 of assessed value for most classes of personal property.
- The Sewer Service charge will increase from \$3.28 to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons.

New Virginia Law – Sales Tax Holiday August 4-6!

Effective this year, Virginian's will enjoy an annual sales tax holiday. During the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in August, the state's 5% sales tax will be waived for many back-to-school items such as clothes and supplies. Consumers will not have to pay taxes on school supplies that cost \$20 or less an item, and on clothing and shoes that cost \$100 or less an item. In addition, businesses may also choose to pay the 5% sales tax on other items for their customers and advertise those items as tax-free.

Federal Income Tax Savings for Homeowners

In February 2006, the IRS published guidance on the energy-efficient, home improvement tax credits for existing homeowners that were established under their Energy Policy Act of 2005. Homeowners may claim a 10% tax credit for energy-efficient improvements placed in service between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007. For more information, visit the IRS web site or consult your tax advisor:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=154657,00.html>

New Residential Dwelling Units Allowed for EDS/Wall Road property – will affect our local school enrollments and boundaries

The previously deferred Area Plan Review land use change across Centreville Road from Chantilly Highlands and the McLearn Square Shopping Center received approval from the County Board on May 15, 2006 (APR 04-III-6DS). This property “surrounds” the Cox Cable Communications building on three sides. The staff report, map and impact analysis are available at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/amendments/nofind/04-iii-6ds.pdf>

This means that the Comprehensive Plan is being changed to allow mixed-use development on the EDS Wall Road property. Mixed use includes a proportion of residential multifamily dwelling units like apartments and/or condos/town homes (as well as retail and office/commercial businesses). Residential development provides housing for families, and more families will result in more K-12 children attending the local schools.

Construction of residential dwelling units was not previously allowed on the parcel. The future additional children attending Floris Elementary and Westfield High schools will be factored into the Fall 2007 school boundary studies. The current estimates are that allowing a proposed 950 residential dwelling units could increase the potential school enrollment impact by approximately 260 students (153 elementary, 35 middle and 72 high school). With the recent increases in the costs of single family housing, some are concerned that more students than this may be generated in the future (meaning that proportionately more parents may be choosing apartments or town homes in which to raise their

families). FCPS will be initiating a study to refine its student generation projections.

Note that this Comprehensive Plan change still has language requiring the developer to mitigate any development impact on school enrollments. Exactly what this means or how it would happen is not precisely known (see the link above for the language and options).

The school PTAs were aware of the issues and this pending decision. They had stated to the Board their desire for no additional student capacity pressure on Westfield and Floris schools. The elected Supervisors approved this change anyway in part because they felt the total new students potentially generated would not be the “straw that broke the camel's back,” and because new Coppermine Elementary should help address any elementary school crowding at Floris. In addition, the land owner is agreeing to provide much needed recreation fields on this property.

There appear to be other positive aspects of the proposed development, such as attractive and desirable “town center” concepts. The Lincoln Properties Group is the developer for this proposed mixed-use development. They state that the ultimate outcome will be a scaled down version of their nice Birkdale Village development in North Carolina. To see an overview, link to www.birkdalevillage.net.

Now that the Comprehensive Plan has been changed, the landowner has applied for a rezoning request with more specifics about the proposed development of the parcel. The 67-acre portion of the parcel (out of 162 total acres) could have 110-145,000 sq. ft. of retail; 300-600,000 sq. ft. of commercial, and 1.1 million sq. ft. of residential (with 950 multifamily type dwelling units). The case number is RZ 2006-SU-007. The rezoning request and current high-level development plans are available for public review in Suite 801 of the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway – near Fair Oaks Mall). The staff coordinator of the rezoning case is Mr. Aaron Shriber.

The rezoning case is currently scheduled to have public hearings in front of the Planning Commission on October 11, 2006 beginning at 8:15 pm. The

final Board public hearing/decision would occur after this.

Large Development Proposed near South Riding

Pulte Homes wants to develop 731 acres of land that is adjacent to South Riding. The new community would be located just south of Dulles Airport and Route 50 and called Braddock South Village. The plans include:

- 516 single family detached homes
- 603 single family town homes
- 568 multifamily units (apartments)
- 160,000 square feet of commercial, retail and office space
- Open space preservation for nearly half of the acreage.

176 of the new townhouse and multi-family units would be planned as affordable residences.

The development would be at the border between Fairfax County and Loudoun County. There are significant concerns that the traffic generated from the proposed development will overload Braddock Road, Pleasant Valley Road, and Route 50. Loudoun County's master plan calls for about two dwelling units per acre, but Pulte's proposal includes an additional 90 residences above that ratio. Loudoun County would have to approve the higher density.

The 1,687 new residences at Braddock South Village would add 770 children to the local Loudoun County school system. Therefore, Pulte would provide 48 acres for new elementary and middle schools, which the company would build.

Study Says Huge Growth for Our Dulles Corridor

According to projections by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis (<http://www.cra-gmu.org/>), our Dulles Corridor area will be the center of phenomenal growth over the next 25 years, creating from 200,000 to 300,000 new jobs overall. The corridor is a 23-mile stretch of land from the Washington Beltway to beyond Dulles

International Airport. The middle of this corridor is the Dulles Toll Road from Tyson's Corner past Dulles airport to Leesburg. The northern boundary is Route 7; the southern boundary is Route 50; the eastern boundary is the I495 Beltway; and the western boundary is just beyond Dulles airport in Loudoun County. The corridor is expected to be a dominant economic machine accounting for some 20 percent of the entire Washington Metropolitan Area region's growth for the next 2.5 decades.

Today there are about 488,000 jobs in the Dulles Corridor. But that is expected to grow by 46 percent to 710,000 by 2030. Included in that projection is the growth of more than 150,000 new jobs expected to be concentrated around business developments near planned Metro stations in Tysons Corner, Herndon and Reston. And all those new employees will need places to live. Fairfax County can expect to add about 45,000 households along the corridor in the next 25 years.

All of this future growth with housing demand is probably very good for our property values. But along with this growth come more demands such as more children to attend the local schools, and more cars with more vehicle trips upon our street network. Some planners feel that the new Metrorail connections out to Tysons Corner, through Dulles Airport and beyond are key to handling some of this business and transportation growth. And some day, one of the stations will be built beside the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride on Sunrise Valley Drive.

[Portions above from the May 22 *Washington Examiner*: http://www.examiner.com/a-114964~Dulles_Corridor_Engine_of_growth.html]

Elden Street Construction and Traffic Delays

From now through mid-2007, expect periodic traffic lane closures along South Elden Street in Herndon. The Virginia Department of Transportation has begun widening a one-mile stretch of the street between Worldgate Drive and the Herndon Parkway.

The Town of Herndon has appropriated about \$6.5 million of the anticipated \$11.7 million cost for the project, and the remainder is coming from the state. This will widen the four-lane divided highway to six lanes to improve traffic flow for the nearly 42,000

daily vehicle trips. Lane shifts and closures will occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when necessary. Lanes will not be closed during "rush hours."

Widening of Centreville Road

VDOT is working to complete the widening the existing two lanes of Centreville Road to a four lane median divided highway between McLearen Road in Herndon and Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. That work is expected to be completed in October 2007.

New McLearen Interchange Open on Route 28

No more 3-4 minute stoplights! The interchange/overpass from McLearen to Route 28 southbound opened to traffic on Wednesday, May 3. Construction has begun on a new ramp to go northbound on Route 28, which should be completed by July 2006.

Another stoplight has been eliminated from Route 28! Last year's elimination of the traffic lights at Westfield and Route 28 significantly improved traffic flow. Information about other overpasses and interchanges to remove traffic lights along Route 28 is available at: <http://www.28freeway.com/> .

Future McLearen Road Extension?

Have you ever wondered where McLearen Road would go if it extended past the West Ox Road stoplight intersection? The master transportation plan shows the road may one day extend all the way past Fox Mill Shopping Center to the intersection with Reston Parkway and Lawyer's Road.

Because the future extension could be built through their neighborhood, residents of Fox Mill Estates (1,144 single-family homes built in 1972) have requested that this road be dropped from the transportation plan. In May 2006, this was request was considered by Hunter Mill District's Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fey. He determined that the future road extension is critical to our area so it would not be removed from the master plan. Nevertheless, this will not happen any time soon. There is currently no funding available for this specific road construction project.

Future Fairfax County Parkway Widening

An informational meeting about the proposed future widening of Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100)

was held on June 7. If widened from four lanes to six, the two new lanes in each direction may be restricted as car pool or high occupancy vehicle lanes during rush hours. The six mile section would extend between the Dulles Toll Road (to the north) and Route 50 (to the south). Current funding for this project covers only design and environmental studies. There presently is no funding for actual construction.

Monroe Manor residents that live adjacent to or very near the Parkway and have provided e-mail addresses to the HOA were notified in advance about the meeting. Environmental issues such as noise abatement will need to be analyzed before road construction can take place. Residents interested in potential future sound walls may want to learn about the future process and stay abreast of developments. Conceptual plans can be viewed at the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Suite 449, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Or contact Mr. Keith Foxx at 703-324-5800. Comments and questions can also be sent to citizenscomments@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Library Has Free Wireless Access

Both the Reston and Chantilly Regional Libraries now offer free wireless access to the Internet. You must provide your own WiFi enabled Windows-based or Mac laptops that are 802.11 (a, b, or g) compliant. Wireless users also will need charged batteries since library power outlets may not be available. Wireless Internet access is available during regular library hours of operation.

Pandemic Flu Information

Pandemic flu is virulent human flu that can cause a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness and death. Because there is little natural immunity, the disease can spread easily from person to person. Currently, there is no pandemic flu. Still, we should all be aware and prepared in case an outbreak ever occurs. Good information is provided at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/>. Spend a few minutes to learn about this potentially serious threat to you and your family.

Facts about Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus

Check out these factoids about mosquitoes:

- More than 30 species of mosquitoes exist in our local area (there are more than 170 species of mosquitoes across North America).
- Only female mosquitoes bite. They require a blood meal in order to develop eggs.
- Most female mosquitoes lay their eggs (100 to 300 at a time) in standing water (stagnant ponds and ditches are preferred), but even a few tablespoons of water in a flower pot or old tire will do.
- Mosquito eggs hatch, become swimming larvae, and develop into flying adults in four to seven days.
- When she bites, the mosquito injects saliva that slows coagulation so blood flows freely. Your body's allergic reaction to the saliva causes the welt and itching sensation.
- You are more likely to be a mosquito magnet if you consume bananas.
- Mosquito biting activity increases by 500 times when there is a full moon.

To get information about West Nile Virus, mosquitoes, mosquito prevention, and insect repellents, link to the Health Department's mosquito awareness web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/westnile/wnvmosq.htm> or you can BUZZ them at 703-246-2300.

Lightning Awareness and Safety

Each year in the U.S., flash flooding is the #1 weather-related event that kills the most people. Lightning is #2. Nationally, 31 people died from lightning strikes in 2004, and 280 were injured. Summer is the peak season for lightning. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management encourages residents to become familiar with the following lightning safety tips. Before the storm:

- Check weather forecasts before going outdoors.
- Watch for signs of an approaching severe storm, such as distant lightning, sky darkening, towering clouds, and strong winds.
- Make sure you have a NOAA weather radio at your golf course, athletic field complex or any other outdoor venue, and one for your home.

When you hear thunder:

- Immediately move inside a sturdy building or an automobile for greater protection. Avoid picnic shelters.
- Once inside a building, close all windows and outside doors. Stay off the telephone and away from electrical outlets and metal pipes.
- If you cannot get to a building, seek shelter in a vehicle with a metal roof. Close all windows and doors and avoid touching any inside metal.

If you are outdoors and cannot get to a building:

- Find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles.
- If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees or low brush.
- If you are on the water, move to land immediately and find a low spot.
- If you feel your skin tingle or hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. You want to make yourself the smallest possible target while minimizing your contact with the ground.

Wait at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder to return to your activities.

Lightning tends to strike the tallest objects, and solitary trees are not the only things to avoid. Metal bleachers, fences, light poles or goal posts can attract the charge. Lightning can also “splash” or “ricochet” off these objects and strike or shock nearby people. If you can hear the sound of thunder, you are within range of a lightning strike. Additional information is available at the National Weather Service lightning safety Web page:

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/wcm/lightning/index.htm

Tornado Watches vs. Warnings

If storms or tornadoes are in our area, stay informed by listening to radio, television or a NOAA Weather Radio. Tornado watches means that conditions for tornadoes are possible and you should stay tuned to the radio or television news. Tornado warnings means that a tornado has been sighted and you should take shelter immediately. For more

information about tornado preparedness, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency or call the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362. Additional information is available on the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Web site at www.vaemergency.com.

Sign Up for Local Emergency Alerts

How can you stay informed if there is a future local emergency or severe weather event? Easy – just sign up for Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN). This free service from the County's Office of Emergency Management will provide alerts about personal safety, severe weather, major highway accidents, major utility incidents, and disaster notification in the event of a terrorist attack.

Messages can be delivered to your personal or work e-mail accounts, cell phones (text messaging costs may apply -- check with your service provider), text pagers, satellite phones, and wireless PDAs. To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, point your browser to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean.

Guide to your local community

On April 27, The Washington Post published a comprehensive guide to community life in Fairfax County. The guide can be viewed on-line at:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/metro/specials/theguide/fairfax/index.html>

II. ARC NEWS

by Rick Auman

As I drive through other neighborhoods in this area, I am often struck at how much of a negative impression one poorly maintained property can have on an otherwise pleasant community. And now that spring is clearly here, we are in that transition period between "My, look at how green everything is getting" to "Where in the world did that jungle come from that used to be my yard?" So as you start to get out and look around at potential outdoor projects, please take the time to attend to basic maintenance requirements, including weeding of beds, lawn care, and pruning of hedges/shrubs and other landscaping. We all know it can be

challenging to keep up with it all, particularly as fast as everything is growing, but please do your part to keep up with these basic chores that help make Monroe Manor a beautiful community.

Also, a gentle reminder to **submit your proposals for outdoor projects with signed ARC forms to Zalco before the 1st of each month.** Your proposal needs to:

- 1) Be signed by all affected or adjacent neighbors (at least two) who would be impacted by your project. Their signature only indicates that they have been informed about the project; you aren't asking for their approval
- 2) Include pictures (when appropriate), materials lists, colors, heights, and any plans/drawings to depict the completed project, and
- 3) Include a copy of your plat with the location of the project (when appropriate) on your property including setbacks from your property lines and other relevant distances.

The ARC usually meets before the 15th, and we will get back to you as soon as your proposal has been reviewed. We strongly encourage you not to begin work on your project until you have heard from your ARC rep that the proposal has been approved. Please keep your signed copy of the approved proposal for your records. Although each ARC member keeps a file for each house in their area, and Zalco maintains a master file for the entire community, it is in your best interest to keep the signed copy we return to you for future reference.

If you need any help or have any questions, please give one of the ARC rep's a call. We would be happy to talk you through it. We also have the ARC proposal form in electronic copy that we can send if you'd like. Enjoy the coming summer season!

III. COMMUNITY/SOCIAL EVENTS

by Jennifer Carson & Judy May

First and foremost... many thanks to **Judy May** for organizing yet another fantastic Progressive Dinner.

Word is that it was the best so far...thanks Judy!!!

Summer is here...warm weather...longer nights...it must be time to get together. We are thinking about a mid-July social hour/outdoor movie night and possibly one additional social hour in August...and would love some feedback from everyone regarding dates that are convenient given vacation schedules, etc. Please touch base with me via email or give me a call and let me know what you think. An email with details will follow once we land on some good dates for everyone!

We look forward to our usual end of the summer Ice Cream Social (probably September 4 on Labor Day weekend) and, of course, Oktoberfest! I would love ideas for any new things neighbors might like to plan for the rest of the year. Please feel free to touch base and let's have some fun!!

Happy Summer...

Neighborhood Yard Sale Success!

Several dozen homeowners set out their goods for the big yard sale on May 20. The weather was perfect, and the traffic was good. Just who was that woman buyer who showed up at 6:45 am? Everyone had a chance to sharpen their "negotiation skills." It looked like most homes successfully sold a lot of items. Thanks to **Judy May** and **Carolyn Jarratt** for helping to organize this event.

Great Monroe Manor Progressive Dinner!

Several dozen homeowners participated in the neighborhood Progressive Dinner on May 20. This is a delightful way to meet some of your neighbors. The final evening event was the "dessert house" hosted at **Judy and David May's** home. In addition to some scrumptious treats, a "Vegas scene" was set up complete with casino gaming tables! This neighbor lost his chips too quickly, but fun was had by all!

Special Events, Local Festivities, and Holidays!

by Gordon Jarratt

June:

10-25 – Alice in Wonderland (Industrial Strength Theatre)
13 – Vote in the Primary Elections
14 – Flag Day
15 – Herndon/Dulles Chamber Tropical Night Mixer (5:30 pm, Main Street Bank, 727 Elden Street)
17 – Family Day (Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum)
17 – Taste of the Town (Reston Town Center)
17 – Bob Brown Puppets (Lake Fairfax)
17 – Cajun Festival/Crawfish Boil (Breux Vineyard, Hillsboro)
17 – Father’s Day Pig Roast (Windham Winery, Hillsboro)
17-18 – International Festival (Dulles Expo)
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)
18 – Father’s Day Specials (Tarara Winery, Leesburg)
20 – FCPS last day of school
20 – Chuck Brodsky (Herndon Folk Club, Tortilla Factory)
21 – Summer begins
21 – Dance Under the Stars (Reston, reservations)
23-24 – Scrapbook Show (Dulles Expo)
23-25 – Old Dominion Brewfest (Ashburn)
24 – Fairfax Symphony String Quartet (E.C. Lawrence Park, Walney Road, Chantilly)
24 – Fairfax Symphony Woodwind Quintet (Lake Fairfax)
24-25 – Antique Tractor Show (Flying Air Circus, Bealeton)
24-25 – National Capital BBQ Battle (Pennsylvania Ave.)
25 – Reston Grand Prix (Bicycling, Town Center)
30 (thru July 11) – Smithsonian Folklife Festival (Mall)

July:

4 – Independence Day Holiday (fireworks typically at Bready Park/Herndon Community Center; Lake Fairfax; Vienna; Fairfax City; Lansdowne; some shows may be on July 1)
6-8 – Airliners Collectible Show (Sheraton Premiere Tysons)
7-9 – Sports Collectibles Show (Dulles Expo)
8 – World War II Living History (51st Engineer Combat Battalion, Sully Historic Site)
8 – Bob Brown Puppets (E.C. Lawrence)
8 – Blue Sky Puppet Theatre (“The Three Not So Little Pigs”, Lake Fairfax)
8-9 – Reston Festival (Town Center)
15 – Fairfax Symphony Brass Quintet (E.C. Lawrence)
15 – Fairfax Symphony Percussion Duo (Lake Fairfax)
15-16 – 18th Century Market Fair (Claude Moore Farm)
21 – B2B (Jimmy Buffet Beach Band, Herndon)
22 – Star Gazing (Sky Meadows Park, Paris, VA)
22 -- Blue Sky Puppet Theatre (“The Three Not So Little Pigs” (E.C. Lawrence)
22-23 – Big Flea Market (Dulles Expo)
23 – Parent’s Day
24-29 – Loudoun County Fair (Leesburg)
26-27 – Wild Pony Swim and Auction (Chincoteague)

28 (thru Aug 19) – Elden Street Players “Blood Brothers” (Industrial Strength Theater)

29 – Classic Car Show (Franklin Park, Purcellville)

August:

1 – National Night Out (neighborhood unity against crime)
5-6 – 4H Fair and Farm Show (Frying Pan)
7 – Herndon Council for the Arts Golf Tournament
11-13 – Food and Wine Camp (Lansdowne)
11-19 – Prince William County Fair
11-19 – Montgomery County Fair
12 – Pro Bull Riding and Rodeo (Great Meadow, The Plains)
12-13 – Sport Horse Breed Show (Morven Park, Leesburg)
15 – Susan Greenbaum (incredible vocalist, Herndon Folk Club, Tortilla Factory)
17-20 – Arlington County Fair
18-20 – Gem & Jewelry Show (Dulles Expo)
19 – Silly Socks “Hansel & Griddle” (Lake Fairfax)
19-20 – Civil War Encampment (Sully Historic Site)
19-20 – Hot Air Balloon Festival (Flying Circus/Bealeton)
26 – Family Fest (Dulles Town Center)
26-27 – Greenberg Train & Hobby Show (Dulles Expo)
26-27 – Lego Brick Party! (Sheraton Premiere Tysons)
26-27 – Lucketts Fair

September:

2 – Porsche Club Car Show (Reston Town Center)
2 – Jazz & Lobster Fest (Lansdowne)
4 – Labor Day Holiday
4 – **Monroe Manor Labor Day Ice Cream Social** (6:00 pm, Basketball court; future e-mail to confirm)!!!
4 – Herndon Jazz Festival & Wine Tasting
5 – FCPS School Starts
7-9 -- Orvis Catalog Sale (Dulles Expo)
8 (thru Oct. 30) – The MAIZE at Temple Hall Farm (Leesburg)
9 – Arts & Crafts Festival (Claude Moore, Sterling)
9-10 – National Capital Cat Show (Dulles Expo)
9-10 – Radio Controlled Model Airplane Show (Bealeton)
10 – Grandparent’s Day
10 (?) – Classic Car Show (downtown Herndon)
10 – Quilt Show (Sully Historic Site)
15-17 – Food & Wine Camp (Lansdowne)
16 – Centreville Day Parade and Festival
16 – Virginia Scottish Games & Festival (Alexandria)
16-17 – Bluemont Fair
16-17 – 18th Century Craft Fair (Mount Vernon)
17 – Herndon Naturefest (Runnymede Park)
19-24 – Middleburg Classic Horse Show (Great Meadow)
21 (thru Oct. 9) – Big Apple Circus (Dulles Town Center)
21-24 – Capital Home/Garden Show (Dulles Expo)
23 – Herndon FOP Poker Run
23 – Autumn begins
23-24 – Occoquan Arts & Crafts Show
27-30 – Sewing & Quilt Show (Dulles Expo)
28 (thru Oct. 6) – Virginia State Fair
30 – Virginia Wine Festival (Morven Park/Leesburg)
30 – Fall for Fairfax (Government Center)

November:

15 – Monroe Manor Annual HOA Meeting

Ongoing June – October Events:

- Frying Pan Park hosts Farmer's Markets from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm every Wednesday (thru October 25)
- The Herndon/Dulles Chamber of Commerce presents "Friday Night Live" concerts each Friday evening from 6:30 – 10:30 pm (thru August)
- Reston Town Center presents Saturday evening concerts from 7:30 – 10 pm (thru August)
- Herndon presents Summer Concerts each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm (thru August)

IV. LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

by Gordon Jarratt

June 20 is the last day of school for FCPS

Check with your individual school for more specific end-of-year school information. And the 2006-7 school year begins on September 5, 2006.

FCPS Budget Approved

In May the elected School Board passed a \$2.1 billion budget for the upcoming school year. This is a 9.5% increase over last year. The County provides about 75% of the funding (\$1.5 billion), with the rest from the state and federal governments. FCPS estimates that the direct per pupil cost for education is \$13,700 per year (approximately \$10,250 of that is paid by the local government). FCPS expects total fall attendance to be 165,000 students. More about the budget is available at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2007.htm>

FCPS Summer Reading List

All FCPS students who will be entering grades six through twelve in the fall of 2006 must read at least one book over the summer. The suggested Summer Reading list for each grade is available at: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/index.htm> . Most special courses and high schools have additional summer assignments. Parents and students should inquire at the time of registration and look for these assignments on the individual school web sites. The high school section at the link above has several outstanding reading resources for adults too.

School Enrollments and Boundaries Affected by Land Use Decisions

All parents with children in the local schools should read the article on page 4-5 above about new residential dwelling units on the EDS/Wall Road property. This will affect our future local school enrollment capacities and boundaries.

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

Kevin Halsey (Fox Woods Drive) is offering complete car cleaning and detailing services this summer. He is 15 years old and is a rising sophomore at Westfield High School. He has many hours of experience working on his parent's vehicles, and the neighbor's that have tried his service were amazed with the new immaculate look of their vehicle.

Tudal Promotion

Some have inquired about the promotion that the Baltas family was offering. For the next month, wines can be purchased with a 20% discount from the website www.tudalwinery.com . The special promotion code is 1GRTCAB. Please contact Janet or Ted Baltas if you have questions or need more information.

Monroe Manor Contractor List

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

