



Monroe Manorisms

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I. A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD

by Gordon Jarratt



2008 Annual Homeowner's Meeting on November 19 – Mark Your Calendars!

The Monroe Manor HOA Annual Meeting will begin at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, November 19. In addition, an election will be held for one Board position. All households are requested to have at least one adult resident attend the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Little Theatre – Room 165 at the Floris Elementary School on Centreville Road. More information and an agenda will be mailed in October, along with nomination forms. Monroe Manor residents interested in serving on the Board or other Committees should contact either a Board member or Mr. Archer Crebbs at Zalco.

Neighbors – we need a few Volunteers!!!

The Social Committee needs your help. Upcoming events include **Oktoberfest**, the **Halloween Parade**, and the **Ladies Holiday Social** and the **Men's Football Outing**. Each of these events needs a couple of adult sponsors for it to be a success. Please contact **Jen Carson** at 703-766-3527 or social@monroemanorhoa.org and let her know how you can help! More information is in Section III Community/Social Events.

Welcome New Property Manager

Zalco has appointed **Mr. Archer Crebbs** as Monroe Manor's new community manager. Mark Hoage left the company to pursue other opportunities. Archer's contact information is Zalco Realty, Inc., 8701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, direct phone (301) 495-6619, fax (301) 495-4169, e-mail: acrebbs@zalco.com. Welcome Archer!

2008 Reserves Study Completed

Virginia law requires all HOAs to complete a Reserves Study at least once every five years. This year we hired PM+ who provided a professional engineer to evaluate the state of our common area amenities and structures along with our finances to help ensure that we are positioned to manage any future large capital expenses. The study included a condition assessment of things like the basketball/multipurpose court, tot lot, certain trails and fences, a bridge crossing, the front entrance signs and lights, and other HOA-owned assets and amenities. I am pleased to report that our previous savings projections have been sound and that there are no major surprises in the analysis. Based upon the recommendations in the study, there will be an increase in the future annual amounts saved in the Reserve Accounts, which will also be indexed to inflation. This increase is approximately \$8/year per household. Funds in the Reserves Accounts are invested in CDs until the time they are needed. Please contact a Board member if you have questions or would like to review a copy of the Reserves Study.

Future of the Basketball (Multipurpose) Court

Within 1-2 years the Monroe Manor basketball court at the intersection of Monroe Manor Drive and New Parkland is scheduled to have its "floor" resurfaced and repainted. The engineer in the 2008 Reserves Study reconfirmed this maintenance timeframe. Adequate reserves funding has already been established for this capital project. Before making this financial investment, the Board wanted to ask residents if there was any type of alternate structure or different use of the property that should be considered. This is a multi-purpose court and its use could be left as a basketball court or re-configured as something different. **Residents with comments about changing this common area are**

asked to contact the Board before October 31, 2008. If there is interest, a neighborhood committee can be established to evaluate alternatives and make recommendations. Otherwise, the Board will keep the use as is and proceed with resurfacing the basketball court.

Independent External Audit

Each year the HOA hires an external auditor to review Monroe Manor's financial statements. CPAs from Ahlberg & Company have again been retained to provide this service to us. I am pleased to report that we have again received a clean audit opinion for the financial statements as of 12/31/06 based upon generally accepted accounting principles. Please contact a Board member if you have questions or would like to review a copy of the External Audit.

New HOA Laws

On July 1, 2008, new state regulations affecting homeowner associations went into effect. This legislation was passed by the General Assembly last winter and is the first change in Virginia's HOA laws since 1974. The new laws are intended to help ensure that homeowner funds managed by professional managers and volunteer boards are handled properly. Your Monroe Manor Board of Directors has always taken its fiduciary responsibility seriously, and we are in compliance with the new regulations. The legislation also implements new requirements for association management companies including employee training, professional credentials, management and accounting controls in place, and bonding/insurance on employees. For more information link to the Virginia Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute: http://www.caionline.org/govt/news/va_licensing.pdf

Virginia's Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation has set up a Common Interest Community Board to help with this law: http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/dporweb/CIC_Board_FAQs.pdf

New Monroe Manor Homeowners Website!

Have you been checking out the Monroe Manor HOA website? Link to www.monroemanorhoa.org to read news articles, information from the Board, ARC articles, and community events data. The website also has

electronic copies of our community documents (ARC Submission form and guidelines, HOA Bylaws, previous newsletters, etc.). Instead of our current regular paper newsletter, more community information will be posted electronically via the website. As significant articles and/or announcements are periodically added to the website, broadcast announcements with a link will be e-mailed to all residents. It is important that your HOA have at least one valid e-mail address for an adult homeowner living in each of Monroe Manor's 184 homes. Send a message to **Laurie Gibson** at directory@monroemanorhoa.org if we still need your e-mail address.

We hope that you find the new website to be helpful and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Special thanks to **Debbie Nelson** for her leadership and knowledge to help us launch the site. Please send your ideas or comments to hoaboard@monroemanorhoa.org.

Respond Please -- E-mail Addresses Needed for 12 Homes!

There are two reasons why your HOA needs at least one home or work e-mail address for the owner of each Monroe Manor home:

- (1) In the future, the frequency of the printed version of the *Monroe Manorisms* newsletter will be significantly reduced. In its place, most of the news and content that used to be in the newsletter will now be posted on the Monroe Manor website. Instead of the quarterly mailed newsletters, the HOA will be sending out periodic e-mail messages to all residents when there is some new link, announcement, or content to view on the website.
- (2) E-mail is the only practical way to keep residents informed about last minute service changes and notifications about community issues (such as changes in trash pick-ups, significant crime incidents, local school issues, snow removal, and upcoming social or community events).

If you are not already receiving occasional community broadcast messages (averaging maybe one per month), please contact **Laurie Gibson** at directory@monroemanorhoa.org or call her at 703-904-8616 so she can add you to the list. We still need e-mail addresses for residents of the following 12 homes:

2501 Camberwell Ct.
2518 Fallon Dr.
12705 Fox Woods Dr.
12809 Monroe Manor Dr.
12902 Monroe Manor Dr.
12805 Monroe Manor Dr.
13003 Monroe Manor Dr.
13008 Monroe Manor Dr.
13009 Monroe Manor Dr.
13011 Monroe Manor Dr.
2506 Tatnuck Ct.
2507 Tatnuck Ct.

To help prevent spam, individual e-mail addresses are not displayed in messages that are sent out. Thanks to all the residents that have already provided e-mail addresses!

New Monroe Manor E-mail Addresses

Note that with the website transition new e-mail addresses have been provided to residents supporting the Board, ARC, Social Committee, Newsletter, Directory, and other functions. Most of the new e-mail addresses are listed on the Monroe Manor Contacts Listing on page 11.

Make Sure Your HOA Dues have been Paid

Reminder that remaining **quarterly dues payments of \$165.00** are due on October 1, 2008. Dues coupons with pre-addressed remittance envelopes were mailed to each homeowner in December 2007. It is each homeowner's individual responsibility to ensure that full HOA payments are received before the due dates. Late payments are assessed late fees and collection fees. Homeowners may elect to prepay dues up to a year in advance to help avoid issues with late payments. Please make checks payable to Monroe Manor Homeowners Association, Inc. Contact Pat Dillon at Zalco (pdillon@zalco.com, or 301-495-6632) if you need coupons or have questions about the quarterly assessments. The remittance address for dues payments only is Zalco Realty, Inc., P.O. Box 17344, Baltimore, MD 21297-1344. Several residents have overdue accounts which need to be paid off to avoid possible additional interest, late fee, and legal collection charges.

Monroe Manor Residents Needed to Participate in the Floris Elementary School Boundary Study

The attendance boundary for Floris Elementary School will be changing effective for the 2009-2010 school year. A new school, tentatively called Coppermine Elementary, is being constructed in part to help reduce overcrowding at Floris ES and McNair ES. Whether or not the change will affect Monroe Manor homes is still unknown. We are looking for a group of Monroe Manor parents and residents to engage in and more closely follow the Boundary study that will begin in the fall of 2008. The committee will be independent from the HOA; however, the HOA will send periodic announcements from this committee to help keep residents informed.

Coppermine ES is being built on River Birch Road near the intersection with Coppermine Road (west of Centreville Road). The FCPS School Board has voted to include Floris, Oak Hill, McNair, Herndon, and Hutchison elementary schools within the scope of the study. Interested residents are asked to contact **Lisa Fee** at 703-787-0783 or fivefees@gmail.com to participate on this committee. Please see Section IV Local School News in this newsletter for more school boundary information. Also recent school performance and student achievement scores have been released.

Please Trim Low Hanging Tree Limbs!

Several neighbors have been injured when they accidentally walked into low tree limbs that are blocking the sidewalks. All neighbors with trees along the sidewalks and roadways are requested to cut back all low hanging limbs so there is a 10-foot clearance for both hikers and bikers. In addition, please trim back any trees that are too close to the tall street lights (a 5-foot clearance between the fixture/post and tree branches is fine). Thank you!

No Leaves in the Stormwater Drains!

Fall is coming and for many of us that means some leaf raking! Reports have been received about some neighbors blowing their leaves out into the street, and then down into the stormwater drains along the street curb. Don't do this!!! While the drains can take some regular debris along with the rainwater, they cannot absorb entire yards of leaves. They will become clogged and then a public works crew will have to open up the nearby manhole and manually clean it out. Please rake all leaves and either compost them in a discrete back yard area, or

bag them in clear bags and leave them out for curbside pick-up by our solid waste and recycling company.

2008 Board of Directors Meetings

The remaining 2008 Monroe Manor HOA Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 19. This meeting will be at the conclusion of the 2008 annual membership meeting. Meetings are generally held quarterly, at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Residents are welcome to attend.

No Solid Waste Pickup on November 27 and December 25th!

AAA Solid Waste & Recycling crews pick up every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. Because both holidays are on a Thursday this year, we will not have service on those two days. Trash pick-up will resume on the following Monday.

Where Does Your Trash Go?

Have you wondered where your trash goes after it is picked up by AAA? Did you know it is used to provide electricity for over 75,000 homes? Learn more at this energy-from-waste video clip that was featured on the June 30 NBC Nightly News program:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/#25933859>

Best Place to Live in America – Hunter Mill!

Money Magazine has rated the best places to live in the United States. Our Hunter Mill District was ranked as the 19th best place in the nation! Here is the link for more information:

<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2008/snapshots/CS5193943.html>

Other local areas included Sully (#25), Burke (#31), and Reston (#37). Learn more about why Fairfax County is so desirable at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/four-fairfax-county-locations-land/story.aspx?guid=%7B9C5754E7-F448-40F3-B6B6-13A4BAD877FA%7D&dist=hp>

Local Transportation Improvements Update

- **Frying Pan Road Overpass at Route 28** -- Construction project is on schedule to open to traffic by August 2009:
www.28freeway.com/projectmap.html
- **Herndon Monroe Park & Ride Garage** -- repairs to be completed in December 2008.
- **Centreville Road from West Ox Road to Frying Pan Road** -- widen to 6 lanes; funded and under construction with June 2010 expected completion.
- **Fairfax County Parkway** -- widen Parkway to 6 lanes (including 2 HOV lanes) from Rugby Rd. to Sunrise Valley Drive (adjacent to Monroe Manor homes on Tallyrand). Additional traffic analyses, noise and air studies in progress; construction not funded. The noise study might not support sound walls for nearby neighbors – need local residents to engage on this.
- **Fairfax County Parkway @ Sunrise Valley Drive** -- Install dual left turn lanes on northbound Fairfax County Parkway. In design and funded with construction beginning in 10/08 and completed in 5/09.
- **Fairfax County Parkway @ West Ox Road** – extend southbound right turn lane and add northbound dual left turn lanes on Parkway. In design and funded with construction beginning in 2/09 and completed in 1/2010.
- **West Ox Road @ Monroe Street** -- left turn lane from eastbound West Ox Rd. onto northbound Monroe St. was completed in 4/08. VDOT study supports a traffic signal here but it is unfunded.

Vote in the November 4 Presidential Election

The polls are open from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 4 to vote in the next election. The deadline to register to vote is October 6. October 28 is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot, and November 1 is the last day to vote absentee in person. Call the Registrar at 703-222-0776 with questions. This year, Fairfax County voters will have the option of voting via the touch screen machines or via paper optical scan ballots. Contests include the President & Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. House of Representatives. About half of us vote at the Floris ES precinct, and the other half vote at the Frying Pan precinct. Enter your address at this link to find out where you vote:
<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicPollingPlace.aspx>

As this article is being drafted the State Board of Elections has not formally approved the list of Presidential candidates appearing on ballots in Virginia. They will include John S. McCain (R) and Barack H. Obama (D) and possibly others. These following races will also be on the ballot for Monroe Manor residents:

Party Designators	
D= Democrat	R= Republican
IG = Independent Green	L = Libertarian
I = Independent	*Incumbent

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PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the parks and park facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$77,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of providing additional parks and park facilities including the acquisition, construction, development and equipment of additional parks and park facilities, and the purchase of easements for the preservation of open-space land and the development and improvement of existing parks and park facilities by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and including an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 allocable to the County as its share of the cost of parks and park facilities to be acquired, constructed, developed and equipped by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority?

YES

NO

Go Green – Save Money on Energy Star and Water Sense Appliances in October!



From Friday, October 10 – Monday, October 13, 2008, Virginian's will not pay any state or local sales tax on **Energy Star** and **WaterSense** appliances and products! Commercial vendors and stores are expected to offer additional promotions and discounts above the 5% sales tax holiday for the following qualifying (labeled) products:

- ♣ Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- ♣ Ceiling fans
- ♣ Clothes washers

- ♣ Dehumidifiers
- ♣ Dishwashers
- ♣ Programmable thermostats
- ♣ Refrigerators
- ♣ High-efficiency toilets
- ♣ Bathroom sink faucets

Qualifying products must be for non-commercial use and each cost \$2500 or less. More information at: <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=EnergyStarQualifiedProductsHoliday>

II. ARC NEWS

by *Rick Auman*

All external changes to your home require advance review and approval by the Architectural Review Committee. Forms with drawings and a plat must be turned in to Zalco on or before the last day of each month. The ARC submission form is on the Monroe Manor website: <http://monroemanorhoa.org/>

III. COMMUNITY/SOCIAL EVENTS

by *Jennifer Carson*

Hello Monroe Manor Neighbors!! It's hard to believe that summer is over and that those big yellow buses have taken over the roads! Fall is here... and that means that a fun filled season of neighborhood events is also upon us.

First, thanks so much to everyone who organized and helped with our Summer Kick-Off party and the Ice Cream Social. Both events were a lot of fun and very well attended! We will look forward to them both again next year. We are looking ahead to the coming months and are busy planning the following events.

Oktoberfest! We need some help this year with this event and would love some ideas, feedback, and organizational support. Please touch base with **Jen** at social@monroemanorhoa.org or at 703-766-3527 if you can help. We've gotten several notes about dates given Homecoming and sports events throughout September and October. Please look for a broadcast email or Evite soon with more details as this event starts to take shape.

Annual Halloween Parade: Join us for some Halloween fun! The annual Halloween parade is on! The route will be from the basketball court at Monroe and New Parkland, through the "spooky" forest, and then on to the pipe-stem for some games

and activities....and of course candy and treats. If anyone has any ideas on how to expand this event to include some of our "older" residents (grown ups!!!) or if you would like to volunteer, please email **Lisa Fee** at fivefees@gmail.com. We are looking forward to a great Halloween in Monroe Manor. Look for an announcement confirming the date and time soon!

Holiday Events - The ever-popular **Ladies Holiday Social and Men's Football Event** are

also on the schedule with details to follow soon. If anyone can help with either of these...or if anyone has some new ideas...please touch base with **Jen** at social@monroemanorhoa.org or at 703-766-3527.

The Social Committee is in need of some new faces!! Please touch base if you've got some ideas or some time to help out. We would love to sponsor some new events so let us hear from you! Enjoy the last few weeks of warm weather. Look forward to seeing everyone at our next event if not sooner around the neighborhood!

Jennifer

IV. LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

by *Gordon Jarratt*

Will the Future Change in Floris Elementary School Boundaries affect Monroe Manor or not? Parent-Resident Group Needed to Represent Monroe Manor at Town Hall School Boundary Meetings in the Fall 2008!

The number of students attending Floris Elementary School is projected to exceed its facility enrollment capacity. The same situation exists at McNair ES and Oak Hill ES. To help address this problem, a new Coppermine Elementary School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. Parents and residents are needed to create a School Boundary Committee and to participate in several "town hall" meetings. Please contact **Lisa Fee** at 703-787-0783 or fivefees@gmail.com.

Your Board will help organize this Committee with a kick-off meeting and share relevant communication via broadcast e-mails and the website. The Committee may decide to join with

other local neighbors participating in this study. Approximately three dozen local parents have already joined the Yahoo Group "Stay with Floris." Interested residents can send an e-mail message to Stay_With_Floris-subscribe@yahoo.com with the word Subscribe in the message line, or link to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Stay_With_Floris/.

Here is the overall boundary study calendar:

October 2008 – School Board members will be invited to a Floris PTA meeting

November 13 – FCPS staff hold boundary study "town hall" meeting #1 (of 2)

December 10 – FCPS staff hold boundary study "town hall" meeting #2 (of 2)

January 2009 – FCPS staff send their recommendation about the elementary school boundary change to the School Board

January 8 – School Board Meeting – Boundary discussion on the agenda

January 9 – Speaker's List sign up for Boundary Public Hearing begins

January 29 – FCPS School Board holds Boundary public hearings with citizen testimony

February 4, 11 – if necessary, additional School Board public hearings on Boundaries will be held

February 12 – School Board work session on Boundaries

February 19 – FCPS School Board makes final elementary school boundary change decision.

September 2009 – Effective date for all Elementary School Boundary changes.

The School Board decision about the scope of the Boundary study, the projected enrollments, the projected land development, and maps of the area are available at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/ecabb7e97b0992ab85256e56000c1bea/5a0456c1027460948725748700537112?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,Coppermine>

<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/News/F54EC204D936A0B1872574BA00513B4A?OpenDocument>

The FY2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan has detail about capacity and enrollment projections of all schools, including the elementary schools in this study: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/cip.htm>. These

figures will be updated in November 2009 prior to the first "town hall" meeting.

The boundary change regulation and process is provided in Regulation 8130.5 which can be found at: <http://www.fcps.edu/Directives/R8130.pdf>

The associated "policy" is available at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/Directives/P8130.pdf>

New AYP Results for FCPS Released

FCPS has received 2007-8 data about Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Act (NCLB). NCLB scoring is based upon Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in mathematics and English. For Virginia schools to achieve AYP this year, 77% of students in each school had to pass a reading exam and 75% had to pass the math exam. Schools are required to meet AYP benchmarks in 29 categories; missing a single benchmark will result in a school not making AYP for that year. NCLB requires that 100% of all public schools meet standards by 2014.

The primary focus of this testing is on Title I schools which face sanctions if they do not make AYP for two or more consecutive years. Title I schools are those with high numbers of students receiving subsidized lunches, and they receive additional federal funding under NCLB. FCPS received approximately \$17-18 million in federal Title I funding last year.

(1) Specific SOL scores by individual school and by demographic group can be found at this link:

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/>

Statistics and scores for select local schools of interest follow:

Title I Schools:

McNair ES -- did not make AYP in 2008 or 2007 or 2006; passed 26 of 29 AYP elements; in year 3 of English improvement plus in year 3 of math improvement; continue with school choice and SES plus corrective action needed

Hutchison ES -- did not make AYP in 2008 and 2007; made AYP in 2006; passed 25 of 29 AYP

elements; must offer school choice plus supplemental education services

Non-Title I Schools:

- Floris ES** -- has always made AYP
- Herndon ES** -- Made AYP in 2008; did not make AYP in 2007; made AYP in 2006; no actions
- Oak Hill ES** -- has always made AYP
- Rachel Carson MS** -- has always made AYP

McNair Elementary is one of several Title I schools that have missed AYP for multiple years in a row. They must continue to offer McNair parents the option of placing their student in another FCPS elementary school. They also must take more formal corrective actions such as alternative governance plans, replacing school staff, extending school hours, changing curriculum, offering transfers, offering tutoring, and taking other actions.

Link to the full AYP 2008-2009 school report card - Excel file:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src/ayp.shtml>
This link provides a "report card" for each public school in Virginia:
www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/src/index.shtml

(2) FairfaxCAPS has independently analyzed all elementary school SOL scores and assigned all 136 elementary schools a numerical score at:
http://www.fairfaxcaps.org/images/FCPS_2007_ElementarySchoolReportCard.pdf

Ranking of some local elementary schools of interest: Oak Hill - #11
Floris - #17
Herndon - #102
Hutchison - #125
McNair - #135

New SAT Scores for High Schools

Here are 2008 SAT scores for select FCPS High Schools – these are the total SAT figures combining the Reading, Math, and Writing scores together:

- TJHSST -- 2183
- Langley -- 1824
- Oakton -- 1710
- Madison -- 1674
- Herndon -- 1636

- Chantilly -- 1621
- Westfield -- 1620
- Centreville -- 1595
- South Lakes -- 1568

- FCPS Avg. of 25 High schools -- 1654
- VA Avg. -- 1522
- USA Avg. -- 1511

Here are some comparisons for this year's and last year's SAT scores for select high schools:

- Centreville** - good increases in Reading and Writing scores; Math score was stable
- Chantilly** - decrease in Reading; increase in Math; stable in Writing
- Herndon** - HUGE increases in all three areas!
- Langley** - HUGE increases in all three areas!
- Madison** - decreases in Reading & Writing; increase in Math
- Oakton** - big increases in all three areas
- South Lakes** - big decreases in all three areas
- Westfield** - decrease in Reading, increases in Math and Writing

Here is a link to the new SAT scores by FCPS High School with three-year averages (see Table 2):
http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/pressrel/SAT_ACT_08262008_tables1to4.pdf

AP and IB Statistics for High Schools

Here are several 2007-2008 AP and IB statistics for select high schools:

- South Lakes HS** -- 46 senior class students enrolled in IB (3% of the student body)
- Oakton HS** -- 883 students across all grades enrolled in AP with 876 taking AP tests (37% of the student body)
- Westfield HS** -- 1030 students across all grades enrolled in AP with 1024 taking AP tests (32% of the student body)
- FCPS-wide:**
 - ♣ 14,390 students in AP across all HS grades - - 27% of the student body
 - ♣ 379 seniors enrolled in IB -- 0.71% of the student body

South Lakes High School Welcomes New Students

Parents have reported that SLHS has provided a warm welcome to new students in the school. In addition, each new student has been assigned an upper class student as a mentor! Here is the link to

the SLHS PTSA site: <http://www.southlakesptsa.org>

2008 – 2009 FCPS Calendar

For the most recent public school calendar, link to www.fcps.edu/cal.htm . Below is the current 2008-2009 school calendar. These dates are subject to change if there are more than three days of inclement weather that affect school closings.

October 13	Columbus Day Holiday
October 31	First Grading Period Ends
November 3 - 4	Student Holidays
November 26	Students Released 2 Hours Early
November 27 - 28	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 24 - January 2, 2009	Winter Vacation
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday
January 20	Inauguration Day Holiday
January 23	Second Grading Period Ends
January 26 - 27	Student Holiday
February 16	George Washington's Birthday - President's Day Holiday
April 2	Third Grading Period Ends
April 3	Student Holiday
April 6 - 10	Spring Vacation
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
June 15	Graduation On or After This Date
June 18	Last Day of School

College Night

FCPS will host a College Fair on October 19 at Fair Oaks Mall (7:30 - 9:30 pm) for students and families. For more information link to www.fcps.edu/ss/FCPSCollegeFairNight .

Online Resources for FCPS Parents

FCPS provides a complete list of resources for

parents at www.fcps.edu/parents.htm . This includes frequently called FCPS numbers, athletics, lunch payments, and Library homework support.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pinecrest Pool Membership for Sale!

A Monroe Manor family has a Pinecrest Swim & Dive Club pool/tennis pass for sale. If you are interested, please call **Linda** at 703-435-7145.

Keys lost by Monroe Manor Neighbor!

On Wednesday, August 27, a Monroe Manor neighbor **lost an important set of keys!** They were last seen on top of a car that was driven down New Parkland Drive from the intersection with Tallyrand Court to the intersection with West Ox Road. If you find the keys or have any information, please contact **Bruce Lao** at **202-321-1931** or bruce_lao@hotmail.com . Thank you!

Fairfax Choral Society Fundraiser

The Fairfax Choral Society is having an art auction and fundraiser on September 27 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center Atrium. Neighbor, member, and singer **Leslie Beahm** is helping with this event and can be reached at 703-437-7699 or lbeahm@gmail.com. Or link to <http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org/>

Monroe Manor Contractor List -

Please update your Jobs Wanted Postings!

Please send updates to the Contractor List to Kathy Lawson at newsletter@monroemanorhoa.org or 703-796-1570.

MONROE MANOR CONTACT INFORMATION (as of September 2008)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board meetings are generally held quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact any member for the date, time and location of the next meeting.

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