

Rutherford Civic Association

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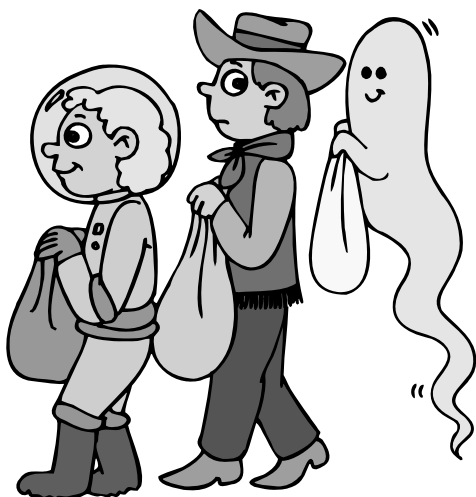
RUTHERFORD FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 28th

2-4 pm

at

Rutherford Park



Join your Neighbors
For Games, Crafts
and a Party

Please bring a packaged treat or some apple juice to share.

Volunteers are needed for 1 or 2 hour shifts--great for Community Service hours! Call Amy Jensen at 703-426-0730

Mark Your Calendars for Rutherford's Fall Festival Saturday, October 28 2-4 p.m. at Rutherford Park



Rutherford area children can play games, make fall crafts, and enjoy yummy treats at this year's Fall Festival. Children are invited to wear costumes and parents can bring a camera for photo ops.

Community volunteers make this fun event happen. Teens who need community service hours for graduation or confirmation (6th graders and older) or Rutherford newcomers who would like to help for an hour or two, we need your help! To volunteer, please call Amy Jensen at 703-426-0730.

The fall festival is sponsored by the Rutherford Civic Association and is free of charge. We do ask that each family bring a packaged treat or some apple juice to share during the festival.



Rutherford Directories

Our new directories will soon be here! Once they are back from the printer, block captains will distribute them to individual homes.

The directory is made possible by your Civic Association donations and by the businesses which advertise in the directory—please remember these supporters when doing business in the community.



The Treasurer's Corner



For the 2006-2007 fiscal year we are hoping to increase the number of households who contribute to the Rutherford Civic Association. With everyone's participation of at least \$10, we will be able to continue to publish our community directory, sponsor neighborhood activities, help to beautify Rutherford Park, and assist area schools, community programs, and the fire department.

Donation envelopes will be distributed along with directories this fall. We would appreciate it if everyone could promptly send in their \$10 Civic Association dues. Thank you all for your kind support.

Fred Zamon, Treasurer, Rutherford Civic Association



Meet New Moms and Children

The Rutherford playgroup meets weekly. Please drop in to meet new playmates and neighborhood moms. For more information and a schedule of meeting dates, call Melinda Van der Ploeg Fallon at 703-323-1227 or at Dblbright@cs.com.

Boy Scouts Keep our Park and Stream Beautiful

Clearing Ivy in Rutherford Park



Under the leadership of prospective eagle scout John MacDonald, members of Boy Scout Troop 1525 worked from 8 am to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 16 in Rutherford Park clearing English Ivy. They concentrated on the area behind the tennis courts, and filled an impressive 43 bags with ivy. Another workday is planned in October.

Members of Troop 1525 who are Rutherford residents are: John MacDonald, Spencer Adams, Zach Wester, Ben Marple, Chris Marple, and Malcolm Galloway. Adults helping out were Doris MacDonald and Mary Ann Beck.

Total volunteers: 24

Total volunteer hours: 80

English Ivy is a very invasive plant that chokes out native vegetation, and can kill the trees that it grows on. On the ground, ivy chokes out other plants and prevents native wildflowers from growing. Invasive plants are one of the most serious threats to the quality of our natural areas and their ability to support wildlife.



Long Branch Stream Clean Up

Malcolm Galloway from Boy Scout Troop 1525, also a prospective eagle scout, is organizing other members of his troop to clean Long Branch Stream and its banks on Saturday, November 4. They will start in the area behind Little Run Elementary School, continue through Rutherford Park, across Guinea Road, and along the trail beside Long Branch Stream as far as Woodland Way.

Thank you, Boy Scouts!

Mail and Telephone Solicitors

Tired of receiving junk mail? If you would like to receive fewer mail and telephone solicitations this year, there are several things you can do:

Direct mail (including catalogs, ads, etc.)

Register for the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service at www.dmaconsumers.org. Online registration is \$1 and will let marketers know to remove you from their lists for a period of 5 years.

Telephone Advertisers. Register at www.donotcall.gov to add your phone number to the National Do Not Call Registry. You must have an active e-mail account to sign up.

Credit card offers or insurance quotes. The main consumer credit reporting agencies, TransUnion, Experian and Equifax, maintain mailing lists that are often used by companies to send out mail. To get your name and address removed from the mailing lists circulated by all three agencies call: **1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688)**

Coupons. Write to: Val Pack Coupons
Direct Marketing
P.O. Box 13428
St. Petersburg, FL 33733



Rutherford E-mail Discussion Group

Keep informed of neighborhood news by joining the free Rutherford e-mail service. Follow these 3 easy steps to sign up:

1. Send an email to this address: RUTHERFORDCA22032-subscribe@yahoo.com with no subject or message in the e-mail.
2. You will then receive a message back which says, "Please confirm your request to subscribe to RutherfordCAyahoogroups.com."
3. Simply reply to this message, again with no subject or message, and that's it. You are now a member.

Rutherford Civic Association Reference Numbers

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Community News and Events

Braddock District holds Community Forum on George Mason University Plans

Supervisor Sharon Bulova is sponsoring a series of community meetings with George Mason University to discuss the University's upcoming plans and the impact on neighboring communities.

The first meeting, which covered future construction on campus, was held on September 5. A meeting on October 3 will discuss "Transportation Plans for GMU", including Roads, Pedestrian Improvements and Bus Connections to VRE and Metro. The final meeting on November 6 will be on the topic of "Responding to Off-Campus University-Related Issues" and will cover: County Zoning Laws and Enforcement; Police Response to Complaints; and Public Notice of Major University Events.

All meetings will be held in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room starting at 7:30 pm.

Town Meetings on Future Growth and Development in the Braddock District

Supervisor Bulova is sponsoring three town meetings to enlist community input on how future growth in the Braddock District should proceed. Participants will adopt a Community Resolution on how they would like to see future growth accommodated, and will articulate a "vision" for Braddock and Fairfax County's future. The meeting schedule is as follows:

October 25. Trends and demographic information on Braddock's growing population.

November 1. Development strategies of the past. What has worked and what has not.

November 8 Approaches to accommodating future growth and transportation needs.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 pm. The October 25 meeting will be held in the Kings Park Library Community Room, and the remaining two meetings will be held in Supervisor Bulova's meeting room adjacent to the library.

Free Lecture Series at George Mason University

A new "Vision Series" of lectures given by distinguished faculty members at GMU will take place once a month through April 2007. The series offers the community a chance to hear from practitioners across a wide spectrum of work. The lectures are free; however, advance tickets are required. For more information and the schedule of eight lectures, see <http://www.gmu.edu/cfa/vision/> or call the Center for the Arts Concert Hall at 703-993-8888.

In addition, well-known D.C. artist Sam Gilliam will be at GMU on Thursday, November 16 to discuss his painting. This free lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Theater.

BINGO!

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of good, old fashioned Bingo and a silent auction! There are lots of prizes, raffles, items to bid on and free appetizers and desserts. All profit from this evening will go to support the Little Run PTA which helps fund numerous programs at our school.

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Time: Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and Bingo starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Little Run Elementary School cafeteria

Cost: \$15 for three sets of books (12 games each). Additional books will be available for purchase that evening.

Tickets are available at the door or for advanced purchase and will be ready for distribution the night of the event.

To buy tickets in advance, send your check for \$15 (+ \$5 for each additional book of cards) to: Little Run Elementary School PTA (Attn. Laura Kent), 4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032

If you have any questions, or would like to reserve tickets, please contact Laura Kent at laura.kent@verizon.net or Ali Cuzzo at Cuzzo@cox.net.



Protecting our Parkland

The Boy Scouts are doing an impressive job helping to maintain the health of Rutherford Park and Long Branch Stream. But there are things all of us can do to encourage native vegetation and reduce the harm that invasive plants do to our trees and plants.

What can homeowners do to help?

1. Consider getting rid of invasive plants on your own land, and never plant them near parkland.
2. Do not compost clippings from invasive plants.
3. Never put piles of leaves, grass clippings, logs, or other yard debris on parkland. Besides being illegal, it also prevents oxygen from getting to the plants beneath, killing tree roots and other plants.
4. When planting trees or other plants, consider using native Virginia plants.
5. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/stewardship to learn more about native plants as well as harmful invasive plants.

Ten Backyard Invaders

The Fairfax County Park Authority has identified ten common invasive plants that aggressively reproduce and have a negative effect on the ecology of our area:

Burning Bush	Pachysandra
Japanese Barberry	Bradford Pear
Privet	English Ivy
Multiflora Rose	Bamboo
Autumn Olive	Oriental Bittersweet

Annual Pool Meeting

7:00 p.m. November 15th

at Little Run Elementary

Ask not what your pool can do for you, but what you can do for your pool.



The Pool Board Nomination Committee is hard at work recruiting for the new pool board. Currently we are looking for nominations for:

Aquatics *	Treasurer	Social*
Secretary	Membership*	

* Candidates under consideration already

While our current President, VP, Operations and Rules and Regulations board members have thankfully agreed to serve a second term, pool members may also nominate other candidates for these posts.

All nominations should be submitted to the nomination committee by October 29th.

The slate of nominees will be presented to bonded members for election at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Little Run. During that meeting the current Board will present budget updates, upcoming events and information. We hope everyone will be able to attend this important meeting.

Please contact Nomination Committee members with your nominations:

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or 703-503-0478

Carole Butler: kiwicsb@aol.com
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November 11, 2006

\$10 at the door / \$8 in advance

Location: Mantua Clubhouse

Time: 7 – 10 PM

For advance tickets,
contact Irma Rupar at 703-426-1927