



Country Creek Association Newsletter

First Quarter 2006



Country Creek Association, Inc.

2897 Sutton Oaks Lane

Vienna VA 22181

From the President

Spring is upon us. The weather is warming, the sun is shining and the birds are singing. It is time to get out of the house and clean up the gardens, plant, and mulch. The trees are coming to life and the grass is growing. The common area grass and front lawns were infused with grass seed last year and then were treated with a weed killer. The grass is growing in thicker and with substantially less weeds and clover. There are a number of environmentally safe products for lawn care, garden care, and pest control. If you are interested in using environmentally safe products in the garden, there are several available at Whole Foods in Vienna. St. Gabriel Laboratories makes an environmentally safe weed killer called "Burnout". It is available online at www.milkyspore.com.

The landscaping and upgrading of our common areas has begun. The Vaden Street and Country Creek Road entrance has been redesigned. In addition to the flagstone path, clean up of the brush and vines, several Pine and Leyland spruce trees were added to the area to create a barrier between the street and the homes. The Sutton Oaks entrance is almost complete. The Board and Shenandoah Landscape hope to have most of the items on the list completed by June.

Pamela Frazier
President, Country Creek Association

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Farmer's Market at Nottoway Park

The annual Farmer's Market will open the 2006 season on Wednesday, May 3 and will close on November 22. The market offers a large array of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, baked goods, and many surprises. The market opens at 8 a.m. and closes at about 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday morning. Treat yourself and your family to the freshest in season produce and fruits, and a chance to meet the farmers who do the growing.

Parking Decals

New parking decals will be mailed in the next few weeks. THE NEW DECALS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE BACK SIDE OF YOUR REAR VIEW MIRROR. This is a change from the previous place for the decals. It is essential that it can be seen through the front windshield. Please make sure that your new 2006 decal is placed on the back of the rear view mirror by May 30, 2006.

Lost and Found

A ladies gold watch was found on the ground between the Vienna Metro Station and Vaden Drive. If you have lost a watch, please leave your contact information on the hotline and we will get back to you.

Stolen

A car wheel was stolen from in front of a residence on Village Spring Lane. If anyone has any information regarding this theft, please contact the Fairfax Police at 703-691-2131.

Country Creek Board of Directors

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CCA HOTLINE: (703) 255-1470

Hotline box #1-Disclosure Packets, #2-Architectural, #3-Billing,
#4-Grounds & Maintenance, #5-Board Meeting Updates

BILLING INQUIRES: Thompson & Assoc. (703) 938-9115

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Household Hazardous Waste

GET RID OF OLD CLEANING and gardening chemicals, pesticides and poisons, acids, varnish, oil-based paints, solvents, aerosols, wood preservatives, spent batteries and automotive fluids the responsible way by loading them up and taking them to the I-66 Transfer Station for environmentally safe disposal or recycling. Once you wind your way back to the disposal site (just follow the signs), a professional hazardous waste contractor will remove the items from your car. It's quick and it's easy.

Weekly collections are Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd. in Fairfax. The road back to the Transfer Station is a right turn off West Ox, just before Costco. Watch for a small sign on the right. Household Hazardous Waste Infoline: 703-324-5068, TTY 711

CCA Board Meetings

CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR THE SCHEDULE and locations. If you have a concern about living in Country Creek and would like to bring it before the Board, leave a message on the Hotline. A Board member will return your call.

Letters to the Editor

IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT OR QUESTION about living in Country Creek, put it on paper, sign it, and send it to Letters to the Editor, CCA, Inc., 2897 Sutton Oaks Lane, Vienna, VA 22181. Space is limited, therefore, concerns will be paraphrased and answered as space allows. *Reflections* is published quarterly. We aim for January, April, July and October.

www.countrycreekhoa.com

- AAA Recycling & Trash Customer Service (703) 818-8222
Trash pickup Tuesday (+ recyclables) & Friday (+ big items)
- Correct Time..... (703) 844-2525
- Fairfax Co. Animal Control..... (703) 830-3310
- Fairfax Co. Household Hazardous Waste Line..... (703) 324-5068
- Fairfax Co. General Information..... (703) 324-3185
- Fairfax Co. Police, Fire and Ambulance (Emergency)..... 911
Police, Fire and Ambulance (Non-emergency) (703) 691-2131
- Fairfax Co. School Information (703) 246-2502
- Fairfax Co. Web Site:..... www.fairfaxcounty.gov
- Accurate Towing..... (703) 536-0370
- Poison Control for D.C. Metro Area..... (202) 625-3333

Do you know when it is time to clean your gutters?

Signs of Gutter blockages:

- If water is seen coming over the side of the gutter during heavy rain, it may indicate that there is a build-up of debris. It is surprising how much rubbish can build up. The common sources are leaves, the grit that washes off composition shingles, scraps of food dropped by birds, etc.

- Check downspouts during a rain to make sure that the water is properly flowing out of them. There could be a build-up of rubbish in the downspouts themselves.

Gutters should be cleaned twice a year:

- Spring: March - April - May
- Fall/Winter: November - December - January

Cleaning gutters is *preventive maintenance*:

- Water going into your basement will affect your foundation
- Water can run down an outside wall and eventually cause damage to the structure

Gutterwork's General Townhouse Inspections

Estimated fee of \$75

(prices are subject to change based on size and location of townhouse)

The inspection covers:

1. Roof condition
2. Gutter condition
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5. Check list will be provided after inspections have been completed.

Contributed by Tim Gagnon



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AAA Recycling Guide

- **Glass bottles & jars, metal food & aluminum cans:** Rinse out food residue and remove caps and lids. Crush or fold aluminum cans individually to save space. Store in paper bags or AAA recycling bins. UNACCEPTABLE: plate & window glass, pottery, light bulbs, Pyrex, ceramic dishes, pots, pans, foil, pie tins, and scrap metal.

- **Newspapers & magazines:** Bundle newspapers in paper bags or tie with strong twine. DO NOT use plastic bags. Magazines, phone books & glossy inserts are O.K.

- **Brush & yard debris:** Collect separately the woody part of yard debris such as bushes and small tree limbs. Cut into 4-foot lengths, tie and bundle in arm size bundles.

- **Collection information:** Recyclables are picked up each Tuesday. Have recyclables on the curb early on the day of collection. If it's raining, don't worry. It's okay for all recyclables, even newspaper, to get wet. Do not mix trash with recyclables. NOTE: All cardboard goes out with the regular trash; it is not recycled.



Be a Good Neighbor!

DO NOT put trash out on days when no pickup is scheduled. If you miss a pickup, DO NOT leave trash out until the next pickup.

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Safety First!

LET'S MAKE THIS A SAFE outdoor season at Country Creek. One of the leading causes of fires in the summer is outdoor grills. The Fairfax County Fire Department recommends you keep grills at least 15 feet from homes and flammable structures, such as our lovely, but aging, wooden decks. With the dry spring, our decks are particularly vulnerable and fire that starts on one could quickly spread to neighbors. Make sure you keep lighter fluid out of reach of children -- or use electric starters for your charcoal grills. Here are more tips from the Fairfax County Fire Department's Web site:

- Charcoal must be kept dry. Wet charcoal can spontaneously ignite.
- Spare propane bottles should be stored outside away from the home.
- Keep children away from the grill. Grills continue to give off heat long after the cooking has stopped.
- Never place hot ashes in paper or plastic bags or containers. Only use metal containers for hot ashes. Though coals may appear to be cool, always soak them with water. Coals retain enough heat to reignite for days after the fire.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire - it is much too dangerous to use on grills.
- Use charcoal lighter fluid only before the fire is lit. If you try to make a fire bigger by adding more fluid, the

heat from the coals may ignite the stream of fuel and burn back into the can, causing it to explode in your hands.

Never use a grill on apartment or condominium balconies. This practice is one of the biggest dangers with grills. It is unsafe and against the law.

With a little planning on everyone's part, this can be a safe summer cookout season for all of us.

Yard Sale

THE COUNTRY CREEK ASSOCIATION yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. along Sutton Road. This year we will be coordinating our yard sale with the Ivy Square community. Please contact Rebecca Wolf at (703) 938-7457 for information and to reserve your space.

This Month in Fairfax History

Thursday, May 23, 1861 • Fairfax County votes to secede from the Union;

Monday, May 27, 1861 • Pvt. Peyton Anderson, C.S.A. is wounded and captured while on picket duty near present day Fairfax Circle. First Confederate soldier wounded in action;

Monday, May 24, 1976 • Concorde (SST) makes its first flight into Dulles International Airport.

As gleaned from the Timeline of Fairfax County History at <<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/or/timeline3.htm>>.

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