

From the President

The year closed on a high note for Country Creek. The Association voted to approve the proposed dues increase of \$25 per quarter. This additional income will allow Country Creek to proceed with a number of landscape upgrades and additional drainage projects that were not included in the budget for fiscal year 2006. There has been a substantial settling of the community grounds in the last ten years. This has resulted in sidewalks buckling, our walkways and steps sinking, and general ruts in the common ground between the rows of townhouses. As well as being unsightly and a muddy mess, this sinking has caused challenging and sometimes damaging drainage problems. At least half of the projects on the Association's list of improvements will correct erosion and improper drainage in several common areas. These improvements will also enhance several areas that have been ravaged by time. Our trees have grown tall and many areas are blocked from the sun. These areas will be planted with hearty ground cover that does not require much sun.

The Vaden Street entrance and the Sutton Oaks Lane entrance to Country Creek will get a face lift. The area will be regraded and a flagstone walk will be installed in front of the Vaden Street entrance sign. The vine and bramble will be removed from the area behind and the stepping stone path will be extended along the outside of the fence line. Ground cover will be installed and the area will be mulched. The flagstone path will be an attractive and useful addition to the area.

The Sutton Oaks Lane entrance will also get a face-lift. The three cherry trees that are at the entrance are diseased. The weeping willow tree is dead. These trees will be removed. Seven burning bushes will be installed to form two beds. Three blue spruce trees will be installed between the shrub beds.

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First impressions often linger the longest. Watch for landscaping improvements this spring at the corner of Vaden Street and Country Creek Boulevard. The area will be regraded, replanted and a flagstone walk will be installed for foot traffic at that corner.



Be a Good Neighbor!

It never fails; March winds toss unsecured newspapers and other recycling around like so much confetti, and once the garbage crews are out of the area, empty lightweight plastic containers roll around in the street. Please help by anchoring open containers of recyclables before you leave in the morning, and rounding up your trash and containers as soon as possible when you return.

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Did You Know

THERE IS A RECYCLING CENTER LOCATED on Blake Lane, just a five minute drive from Country Creek. If you drive to Blake Lane from Sutton Road and turn right, about a half mile on the left is the Blake Lane Park recycling center. You can drop off newspaper, mixed paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, and cardboard.

Snow Removal

THE COUNTRY CREEK ASSOCIATION WILL PLOW the roads within the community. It is each resident's responsibility to shovel out his or her parking spaces, front walkway and steps, and the sidewalk in front of his or her home. If a fire hydrant is located near your home, please clear the snow away from it. Also, help out and clear a path to the mailboxes. Please help a neighbor if he or she is unable to shovel snow.

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.

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These will be the projects that you see first. Shenandoah Landscape hopes to get all the new trees and bushes in by the end of February. If the weather holds out and they are able to get the bulk of the projects done on schedule, we should have a spectacular spring. In the fall, all of the common areas and front lawns were treated with a weed and clover agent. These areas were also power seeded. We should see more grass and less clover and weeds this spring as well.

Pamela Frazier
President, Country Creek Association

2006 Board Meeting Schedule

January 9	7:30 p.m.	Oakton High School	Room 174
February 13	7:30 p.m.	Oakton High School	Room 174
March 20	7:30 p.m.	Oakton High School	Library
April 17	7:30 p.m.	Oakton High School	Library
May 15	7:30 p.m.	Oakton High School	Library
June 19	7:30 p.m.		To be determined
July 17	7:30 p.m.		To be determined
August 21	7:30 p.m.		To be determined

When the fall schedule is confirmed with Oakton High School, it will be published. Please check the Hotline for further updates.



A small patch of new brick paving has completed the transition from sidewalk to street on the left side of the entrance to Sutton Oaks lane. Diseased cherry trees and a dead weeping willow on the right side have been removed to give way to redesigned planting beds. The burning bush shrubs will provide impressive fall color and serve to screen the retention pond. Watch for three blue spruce trees to complete the plan.



One of the easiest steps to become better prepared for an emergency or severe weather event is to sign up for Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, a free service of the county's Office of Emergency Management.

People registered on the CEAN will be provided a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken and other important information such as National Weather Service watches and warnings.

CEAN alerts may cover personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. In addition, residents also may register for any or all of the additional CEAN alert categories: severe weather 24/7; severe weather 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday;

severe traffic disruptions and county government closings/schedule changes.

The CEAN will be used by county officials to deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones (text messaging costs may apply; check with your service provider), text pagers, satellite phone and wireless PDA's that are registered on the system.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, visit the Fairfax County Web page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. For additional information on the CEAN, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

Fairfax county Government offers the CEAN as a public service that will be used in conjunction with other public notification methods, such as the Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line (703-817-7771, TTY 711); cable television Channel 16; the Fairfax County Government Web site; and area media.

In Fairfax History

Monday, March 09, 1863 • Lt. John S. Mosby, C. S. A., with 29 of his men, enters Fairfax C. H. and captures Union Gen. Edwin Stoughton;

Tuesday, March 17, 1863 • Antonia Ford and several others arrested for allegedly spying for Mosby, and taken to the Old Capital Prison, Washington, D. C.;

Sunday, March 11, 1888 • The blizzard of 1888. About 12" of wet snow downs telegraph and electrical lines. High winds and very low temperatures literally blow the Potomac River from its channel;

Friday, March 02, 1973 • Skyline Towers collapses in Baileys Crossroads, Va.

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