

West Springfield Village News . . .

From the President - John Cooley - I hope all of you enjoy a happy and prosperous 2007! We have some issues looming on the horizon that may impact our lives for better or worse. Each will require us to speak as an Association representing majority input. We have to communicate frequently to stay abreast of these issues – such as the military plans to move about 18,000 jobs into the Engineer Proving Grounds just south of us; the ever-slipping Rolling Road widening project; the traffic light at Barnack and Rolling; and the cell phone tower soon to be erected at the Village West Swimming Pool. And the biggest issue – the one that makes daily news – is the transportation crisis of northern Virginia and just how much its resolution will cost each of us. I send out information on such issues in weekly news via e-mail; please make sure you provide your e-mail address so that I can add you to the distribution list. I have a couple of New Year's resolution ideas for us to consider as a community:

1. Get to know your neighbors – by name and by sight. Know their children and their habits. Invite them to share their normal schedule of activity so you will be more likely to spot something out of the ordinary. And share with them your schedule – including deliveries and absences. Offer a helping hand – and not just to one who is older or less capable. My neighbors have come to the rescue of one another without being asked on many occasions, such as when one of us is cutting trees, building sheds or even loading a motorcycle

onto a trailer. I may get more help than what I can offer them, but it is great to have neighbors who are also friends. Give it a try and take that first step – knock on their door and introduce yourself.

My wife and I invite all of you to visit our home to see the work that soon will be finished. Stop by during the day or early evening. We have the King Model (Cape Cod) at 8131 Edmonton Court.

2. Get involved in your Village. There are many ways to help our Association and our Village. Some take a little of your time, but none are overly taxing. For example, the judges who helped pick the Holiday Decorating Contest winners. Was that a task or an enjoyable family outing that also happened to benefit the Association? Those of us who did judge will tell you it was the latter. Helping to deliver the *Village Crier* not only gives you a good reason to get out for a walk, it also allows you to meet and chat with your neighbors.

Upcoming Activities:

- 2 - West Springfield Elementary School Fun Fair**
- 10 - West Springfield Elementary School Spring Gala Auction**

Pulling a neighborhood watch patrol gives you a chance to wave the NW flag and to enjoy an evening with a friend or your older children.

Become a Block Captain to help serve as liaison between the Association leadership and each resident in your assigned sector. Attend meetings; we only have two per year and each is a good way to sit and talk about issues or objectives you'd like us to pursue. Voice your opinion on issues whenever we need to establish a Village position. Serve on the Board of Directors or ask to fill a vacancy on the Executive Council. None of these tasks take as much time as you may think they would. E-mail and our website have given us the ability to communicate and serve in leadership positions without much encroachment on our own family time. If you can do nothing else, please make sure I have your e-mail address to help keep everyone up-to-date on Village issues.

3. Help all of our children keep safe and become good citizens. Some have made mistakes and a few have been incarcerated for giving in to their juvenile impulses. It goes without saying that we parents want to be a good role model for our own children, but we can also demonstrate to all the children with whom we have contact what a responsible young citizen should do to help keep on the right side of the law. Get them involved in community activities such as Pohick Stream cleanup, delivering *Criers* or accompanying you on a NW patrol.

"Orangeburg Sewer Pipes" - from Vice President Bridget Simpkins - In a house we rented on Barnack Drive, the basement drain kept backing up and flooding our laundry and family rooms. A kind neighbor snaked it for us, and out came lots of tree roots. We purchased typical products to clear roots from the drain, but the problem worsened.

When a plumber finally was called, we learned the reason: The sewer pipes from the house to the street were broken, shifted, and in many places completely collapsed. According to the workmen who replaced them, the original sewer lines were made of a product called Orangeburg pipe, used from the Korean War until the mid-1970's. This pipe is made of rolled wood fiber mixed with tar, and has a tendency to collapse as it ages.

A fiber optics scope/TV inspection is one way to learn if you have Orangeburg pipes. While the sewer line under your home may be cast iron, it could still join Orangeburg pipes at the edge of your

foundation to the street. Camera inspection may cost a few hundred dollars, but it is a step that could save you a lot more money if you can avoid having waste water damage your foundation and the inside of your home.

Treasurer's Report - Kristy Walker - The Association's checkbook balance as of Jan. 8, 2007, was \$8046.71. We expect at the end of this year to have a balance of about \$2574.41. We are in good financial shape.

Membership - Julia Hale, Membership Chair - Thanks to all the Block Captains for their efforts during our 2007 Membership Drive. We finished with 335 members, leaving us 15 short of our objective and 88 short of our realistic goal of 423. Block Captains are asked to help deliver the 2007 Directories when they arrive. New neighbors who move into the village after the membership drive ended (15 November) are granted full voting rights membership for the rest of this fiscal year by simply completing the membership application form. New residents also get a copy of the 2007 directory. If you have a new neighbor, contact me at 703/569-3896. We can now say that the tangible savings available to members far exceed the cost of membership. Our 423 membership goal should be easy to obtain once we all know the benefit of membership.

Village Crier - Editor Larry Mark - Thanks to these neighbors who volunteered to deliver our October 2006 newsletter to Village residents: **Julia Hale, Dick Denny, Mark Lord, Kim Brown, Mary & Larry Mark, Lisa Gibson, Kathleen Cheney, Linda Cordoba, Syed Mirzada, Deborah Staron, Leanna Wilson and John Strong.**

If you have news that might be included in the *Crier* (birth, wedding, promotion, retirement, etc.), send an e-mail to ldmark@erols.com or john.t.cooley@verizon.net. You can also pen a note and drop it in the mail to CAWSV, P.O. Box 2204, Springfield, VA 22152.

2007 Directory - Editor Jane Ray - The Directory should be distributed to Association members soon, if it hasn't already been delivered to your door. If you were missed, you may contact Membership Chair **Julia Hale** or call me at

703/451-7772 or send me an e-mail at Directory@westspringfieldvillage.org. I want to thank all those who offered suggestions and corrections. After looking through the 2007 Directory, let me know your ideas or suggestions for improving the next edition.

What Is the Neighborhood Watch (NW)

Program? - Coordinator Jeff Carter - NW is a voluntary program where West Springfield Village citizens patrol our neighborhood streets to maintain a visible presence, discouraging criminal activity.

How does it work? A team of two volunteers patrol our streets by car on Friday and Saturday nights for a three-hour shift, watching for any strange or unusual activity or evidence of crime. The shifts run from either 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. A map, cell phone, logbook and flashlight are provided. New volunteers will be accompanied by one of our experienced patrollers.

What if something happens during the shift? If you witness any suspicious activity, such as vandalism, call 911 on the supplied cell phone (or your own cell phone). If it is something that has already happened and you feel might warrant a visit by the police, call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number 703-691-2131. FCPD emphasizes that is always better to call them than to dismiss something.

What you can do to help? Volunteer for a patrol. See the weekly electronic Village News e-mail for instructions on how to sign up or contact NW Coordinator **Jeff Carter** at 703/569-8784 or via e-mail at watch@springfieldvillage.com.

Thanks! We also want to acknowledge and thank all the households that have patrolled in 2006 – some some twice, a few three or more times:
Daugherty; Dorey; Rai; Guy; Hamilton; Ahyat/Kamiyama; Trinkka; Kriebel; An-Wang; Strong; Liebig; O'Brien; Cooley; Pittman; Fernandez-Caro; Porter; Orefice; Mundell; Dodd; Porter; Taglieri; Denny; Murray; Killion; Brien; and Carter.

Village Website - Webmaster Steve Stark - We have many "go to" contractors listed on our website (www.westspringfieldvillage.org), but ask that you also post them to the forum. What better source to

look for a contractor than the list of those recommended by your neighbors? Please check that list to make sure it contains the name of contractor who did quality work for you at a reasonable price and then also post it to the forum. You can either go to our website and then click on the "forum" link or go directly to: <http://westspringfieldvillage.org/Forum/phpBB2/index.php>. This communications medium will give you the chance to advertise items or express your opinion on Village issues. You do not have to register to read posts from other residents, but you will need to register if you also want to post a message. The process of registering is painless; in fact, there is a posted message to help guide you if help is needed. Your registering information is kept confidential. We need to make this work. Let me (Webmaster@westspringfieldvillage.org) know if you have ideas for improvement.

Cell Phone Tower - from Cingular's representative - Building permits should have been issued this last week. Construction is to commence as soon as possible, weather permitting. The only other cell phone company on the tower (at this time) is T-Mobile. No more than two others may sublet space on the tower, but right now it is Cingular and T-Mobile.

What caused the delay? County politicians claim that another storm water drain (SWD) survey was needed since the site is on the edge of the expanded resource protection area – the watershed of the perennial Pohick Stream. That SWD survey is complete and now even the politicians say that it will happen "soon."

AAA Trash & Recycling (703/818-8222) - Some of you may not be aware that we have a special discount rate for our Village residents. You have to ask for that special rate when you call to initiate service or you can also call to be put on our rate, effective the date of your request. The amount we're billed quarterly will vary due to fuel and environmental charges, but you should be charged \$73.50 for twice-per-week collection of household trash or \$64.50 if you have once-per-week collection. It is important for you to call AAA Trash at 703/818-8222 to report a missed collection so they can send a truck back out to do the job correctly. Effective the week of Jan. 15, yard debris will be collected on Thursdays. Be

sure to separate your yard debris from household trash.

Discount Building Supplies - You can purchase quality used and surplus building materials from the ReStore at a fraction of normal prices. ReStore proceeds help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat houses within the community. You can also donate surplus or gently used building supplies to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, located at 7770-A Richmond Highway in Alexandria. Call 703/360-6700 for more information.

Dog License - Fairfax County officials asked that we remind all dog owners of the county ordinance requirement to obtain a dog license by Jan. 31 for all dogs over the age of four months. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for a dog license.

The license will cost \$5 per neutered animal or \$10 for unaltered animals. Additional information is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/dog/licenses.htm. Questions, call 703/222-8234.

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics - Fairfax County Animal Services plans six low-cost clinics in 2007 for dogs, cats and ferrets. The cost is \$10 per pet for the rabies vaccinations, but you can also get your dog's 2007 license at the same clinic. Each of the clinics will be at the Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Each clinic will start at 12:00 noon and end at 2 p.m. They are scheduled for Jan. 21, Mar. 11, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. For more information, call 703/830-1100.

Paint Ball Guns, Pellet Rifles, BB Guns and Motorized Bikes - All are illegal in the Pohick Stream Park and the Hidden Pond Nature Center.

Halloween Parade and Party - Wow! The weather broke long enough for us to have a wonderful parade and party on Oct. 28. Congratulations and thanks to **Wendi Dorey** and her husband **Paul** for setting up and running this wonderful family event.

Santa Visited Our Village - Santa arrived at **Don & Susan Cheney's** home at 6702 Ontario Street, Sat., Dec. 16, at about 7:00 p.m. While there, Santa delivered small gifts to our Village children. Don & Susan served refreshments and all had a good time.

Put this on your schedule for the next holiday season – it truly is a fun event. Thanks also to Santa's helpers, **Mike & Carol Gallagher**.

Holiday Decorations Contest - Committee Chair Anne Walker - West Springfield Village was certainly beautiful this last holiday season! Thanks to all the judges, young and older, who participated in helping select the winners: **Jun & Linda Cordoba** with their children **Sydney, Michael, Jun and Chloe**; **Andy & Lisa Smith** with their children **Rachel, Bradley and Eric**; **Bob & Carol Ray** with **Jake and Kelsey**; **Jane Ray**; **Jodi Murray's** family and the **Cooley** family including **John & Suzanne**, daughter **Katrina** and U.S. Air Force Captain **W. Glenn Cooley**, who was home with his wife **Kerry** for the holidays. The winners were:

- * 1st Place - 6808 Ontario - **John & Carol Baccari** (Candy Cane Corner)
- * 2nd Place - 6809 Ontario - **Mike & Carol Gallagher** (Illuminated Nativity Scene)
- * 3rd Place - 6702 Ontario - **Don & Susan Cheney** (This Way Santa!)

Honorable Mentions (in no particular order) went to: **Jeffrey & Menne Dodd** at 6807 Ontario, **Russell & Kim Hilliard** at 8305 Wythe, **Richard & Jule Ann Cheslock** at 8135 Springfield Village Drive, **Abel & Teresa Medrano** at 6805 Ontario Street, **Inez Simonin** at 6817 Rolling Road, **Fred & Claudia Sanborn** at 6811 Landor Lane, **Jerry & Lover O'Brien** at 6802 Ontario Street, **Jason & Kerri Henry** at 8137 Edmonton Court, **Robert Hartzell & Debra Campton** at 6814 Ontario Street, **Jaime & Ana Maria Basurto** at 6828 Rolling Road, **Richard & Patricia Yost** at 6919 Rolling Road, **Jerry & Margaret Penn** at 6813 Landor Lane, **Jeff & Debbie Snyder** at 6819 Ontario Street, **Micah & Teresa Killion** at 6901 Vancouver, **Jeff & Anne Carter** at 6906 Ontario Street and **Susana Basurto** at 8111 Springfield Village Drive.

Mail Collection Box - The mail collection box at the intersection of Rolling Road and Springfield Village Drive was removed as part of the U.S. Postal Service's cost-savings initiatives. Federal standards require that 50 pieces of mail daily be deposited in a box to retain it; our Springfield Postmaster used 25 as a criteria, and still that

mailbox did not meet the standard. We suggested to the Postmaster that he instead move that box to the curbside at Rolling Valley Elementary School where most of us, and many from surrounding communities, gather during the school year. He will consider that and get back to us. You can express your opinion by calling Postmaster Walter Honchar at 703/451-1373; or e-mail him at walter.w.honchar@usps.gov.

Tampering with the U.S. Mail - We had another residential mailbox vandalized and the mail within removed and destroyed. It had to have been a younger adult or child; probably one of our children. Only someone young and naive would not know that mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1705), makes it a crime to vandalize them (or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them). Violators can be fined up to \$250,000, or imprisoned for up to three years, for each act of vandalism. Can you imagine your child in the courtroom trying to explain what he/she did and why? Discuss this with your children.

Postal Inspectors recommend these actions to protect your mailbox and any mail that may be inside it:

- * Immediately report theft, tampering or destruction of mail or mailboxes to your postmaster. You'll be asked to complete PS Form 1510, Mail Loss and Rifling Report, or PS Form 2016, Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint. The forms help the Postal Inspection Service determine whether your problem is isolated, or one frequently experienced in your neighborhood.

- * Obtain Label 33 from the Postal Inspection Service and affix it to your mailbox. The sticker warns that willful damage to mailboxes and theft of mail are crimes.

- * Keep your mailbox in good repair, and make sure it's properly installed. This may help prevent theft of the mailbox itself.

- * If you have information on mailbox vandalism, call the Postal Inspection Service to report it. Your cooperation helps apprehend violators. You may provide your information or complaints to your local postmaster or to our Postal Inspector at: Postal Inspection Service, 10500 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21044-3509, phone 410/715-7700 or fax 401/715-7788.

Super Sitter Guide - from **Wayne Kriebel** - You can get the "Super Sitter Guide" for your babysitters and potential sitters from the Consumer Product Safety Commission online at www.talentedkids.com/family/sitter.pdf.

BRAC and the EPG - Under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legislation, 22,000 Department of Defense jobs will be moved to Fort Belvoir, doubling the base's work force. The Army estimates it will need more than 7 million square feet of structure and 7 million square feet of parking to support over 17,000 new vehicles to the Fort Belvoir transportation mix. Expected cost is \$4 billion in 2006 dollars. The Army museum is also to be located at Fort Belvoir (not a BRAC directive). The museum alone caused the Army to consider use of the Engineer Proving Grounds just south and east of the intersection of the Parkway and Rolling Road. The Army had wanted to put the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, now in Bethesda, Md., and elements of the Washington Headquarters Service into the EPG along with the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

However, the current strategy is to put the museum on what is now a golf course on the north fort beside Kingman Road. Elements of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center will be combined with the base's Dewitt Hospital and located in a new facility somewhere on the main Fort Belvoir post.

Two access points are currently being planned for the EPG. One will be off Backlick Road and the other off the connected Fairfax County Parkway close to where it is now off Rolling Road. They plan to leave Rolling Road as is and build the Parkway along a track on what is now the western edge of the EPG.

The Installation Commander, Colonel Brian Lauritzen, wants the public to know that every other possibility is still on the table and the final decision will not be made until after the environmental impact statement (EIS), which is due out as early as April, and subsequent public comment. Right now, the Army is looking at this challenge with a "can do" attitude, but will be very interested in public comments soon after the EIS is published. The base realignment moves must be

completed by Sept. 15, 2011. The time constraint alone makes this a very ambitious endeavor and also keeps the GSA warehouses near the metro stop a viable option even though the warehouses aren't the current strategy.

Federal Excise Phone Tax Refund Credit - When you prepare your 2006 tax return, make sure you don't overlook this credit. The federal excise tax has been charged to you on your phone bill for years. It is an old tax that was assessed on your toll calls based on how far the call was being made and how much time you talked on that call. When phone companies began to offer flat fee phone service, challenges to the excise tax ended up in federal courts in several districts of the country. The challenges pointed out that flat fee/rate phone service had nothing to do with the distance and the length of the phone call. Therefore, the excise tax should/could not be assessed.

The IRS has now conceded this argument. Phone companies have been given notice to stop assessing the federal excise tax as of Aug. 30, 2006. But the challengers of the old law also demanded restitution. So the IRS has announced that a one-time credit will be available when you and I file our 2006 tax return. However, the IRS also established limits on how BIG a credit you can get. The maximum credit is to be \$60, but it varies depending on your filing status and dependents. Thanks to **Roy & Anong Billet** for submitting this information.

Ads for the April 2007 Village Crier - Village residents who are Civic Association members who own or operate a business (not just a home-based business) are eligible to advertise in our *Village Crier* for \$8 each publication. Ads should be at/about 4" wide, 5" in height and in black and white. Children may also advertise their services at the same \$8 rate. We will need your payment and ad before the *Crier* is sent to the printing press (early in April 2007). Eight ads are needed to cover the cost of photocopying that extra sheet. Send your ads to john.t.cooley@verizon.net and also be prepared to provide a print-ready copy, if needed. Do not assume that running an ad in the last *Crier* reserved you a spot in the next one or that your ad was kept on file. Special thanks to *Crier* Editor **Larry Mark** and his wife **Mary** for years of dedication to our Village communications.

Police Patrols - We asked for additional police patrols and were told that we would get more during the wee hours of the morning. Let me know if you spot a cruiser in our area other than traveling along Rolling Road to their assigned sector or back to the station. Do your part by reporting suspicious activity to our police and make a report if/when you become a victim. That is the only way we can assure ourselves of police patrols.

Crime Solvers - Crime does not pay, but Crime Solvers does! What can you do? Call Crime Solvers at 703/691-8888 or 1-800/673-2777 if you have information on:

- * A crime that has occurred in Fairfax County
- * The whereabouts of a wanted person
- * Stolen property or illegal narcotics
- * Respect your intuition – it could protect you from danger

A Transportation Solution for our Region? - Our Virginia Assembly Delegate **Dave Albo** is sponsoring a bill that may help us Northern Virginians resolve our transportation woes. Dave asked for your comments on his plan, which is outlined in an interview he did on *Washington Post Radio's* "Politics Hour with Mark Plotkin." The interview took place on Dec. 22, and is available online in the archive. The link to the interview is: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/wtwpradio/archive/archive-politics-plotkin.html>.

The basic element of his plan is a fee bill that will raise transportation-specific funds that stay here in northern Virginia – not consumed by the rest of Virginia as our state income taxes are now (we get back 24 cents for every dollar we send to Richmond in state income and other taxes). Dave's plan is for this to be enacted by our local government and for it to be a local government revenue source only. He believes that visitors, commercial office owners and northern Virginia residents should share in raising the estimated requirement of \$400 million per year:

1. Visitors - Add an additional 2-percent fee on hotel and rental car rates.
2. Commercial office owners - an additional 30-

cent real estate tax per \$100 of owned commercial property. Dave says that the commercial property owners have already agreed to his plan.

3. Persons moving into Northern Virginia - Increase the fee for a new Virginia driver's license to \$100. His numbers suggest our annual growth of 80,000 new residents per year. This additional fee for a driver's license would be waived with a safe driving certificate to keep our young drivers from paying the extra fee. There would be no increase for current residents who renew their driving license.

4. You and I, Dave's constituents - A 4/10th of 1-percent fee when we sell our homes (0.004 times the sale price). That would be about \$2,000 to \$2,500 for our Village homes (based on the current market).

Delegate Albo proposes safeguards to keep Richmond's fingers out of this revenue source and to kill the fees if the amount of our appropriations from state sources would be lowered because of this additional money available to local governments.

Again, he asked us to listen to the interview and to provide feedback on his plan. E-mail or call him at Dave@DaveAlbo.com, or 703/451-3555. I have only lived here about 10 years, but it is painfully clear that any fix to our transportation problems will have to be funded by us. I sincerely doubt any of the other districts in Virginia would be willing to take a cut in appropriations to help us and the Tidewater area out; we'll have to fund the fix ourselves. At least, Delegate Albo has a plan – let him know what you think about it.

Bald Eagle Spotted - by Nancy Cronin (Brisbane Street) - A couple of weeks ago, my husband and I saw a bald eagle on Rolling Road right after Greeley. It flew across the road and then perched on a tree. It was as clear as day! Did anyone else see it or others in/around our Village? It was an awesome sight. Thursday we also think we saw an immature bald eagle perched on our neighbor's high tree. At least it looked like one through our binoculars.

Another Bald Eagle Sighting - by Christina Putney (Bluefield Court) - With regard to the Cronin's Bald Eagle sighting, our 6-year-old son, **Soren**, who is a budding naturalist and has seen bald eagles in Wisconsin and Michigan, said he saw one last week while playing in front of our house at

the end of Bluefield court. His bird identification is usually pretty accurate, but seeing one in this area is so unlikely that until I read of the Cronin's sighting I was skeptical. Now I'm sure he saw it too!

WSES Spring Gala Auction - The West Springfield Elementary School PTA will host this annual event on Sat., Mar. 10, location to be determined. Proceeds will go to help the school's PTA purchase a hard-pack athletic track and also to procure more smart boards for their classrooms. There are two ways you can support this event: 1) Donate goods or services for the silent auction. Money is also accepted as a donated gift. Make checks payable to the "WSES PTA." 2) Purchase tickets to this year's event and then bid on items that you may want, much like any other silent auction. Some of these items are very nice and aggressively bid upon – bring your fatted wallet! Tickets go on sale at the WSES Fun Fair on Feb. 2 at the school.

Contact Deb Roeber at 703/913-8093 or via e-mail at WSESGala@yahoo.com for more information about your donation or involvement in this worthwhile fund raiser.

Random Acts of Kindness - Steve Johnson's name has been listed many times in the past, but hopefully you also have seen him along Rolling Road where he cleans, bags and cuts dead trees. The shoulders of Rolling Road north of our Village give drivers and potential home buyers their first impression of our community even though it lies outside our boundaries. VDOT was to clean it, but have made excuses such as manpower cuts, priority work elsewhere and that Rolling Road is a secondary road and does not have to be serviced as often as more busy routes. But Steve started without them and continues to work to improve the northern route into our Village. Steve is also at our community clean-up and in the woods cleaning the Pohick Stream Park during those semi annual events. In giving back to his community and to the environment, Steve has become a good role model for all of us. Thanks, Steve, for your unselfish efforts to enhance the appearance of our Village!

Citizens Police Academy Class - by Laura Bentley - The next class is coming up in March. The sessions run for 9 weeks on Thursday nights

from 6:30-10:00 p.m., with a final meeting all day on a Saturday of that last week. It's a wonderful opportunity to find out what our police department does. Any Fairfax County resident 18 years or older can apply. To sign up, go to CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov. If the March class doesn't work for you, there is also one in September. The only "obligation" afterward is to pass on what you learn to the community.

View from Behind the Bench - from Laura Bentley - On Thurs., Jan. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the Fairfax County Courthouse, a sitting judge will be giving a question-and-answer presentation and invites residents and all the CAC committees across the County. This should be a great, no-cost opportunity to get a look at part of the criminal justice process rarely seen by the public. Attendees will need to bring valid photo identification. RSVP: 703/360-8928, Ext 2.

U.S. Secret Service vs. FBI Hockey Game - by Laura Bentley - 2:30 p.m., Jan. 13 at the Reston Skate Quest, 1800 Michael Faraday Court in Reston. For directions, click on www.usarinks.com/connect3/SilverStream/Pages/pgAPPHome_5.html?fac=reston&facility_id=1. Cost: \$5 donation requested; proceeds will benefit the Arnel/Garbarino Trust Funds.

Winter Preparations - Sooner or later, we will get wintry weather. Let your neighbors and the President know if you may need assistance this winter with snow shoveling or a ride to appointments, or even someone to pick up food at the grocery.

Announcements:

- * Retirement - **Jay Walker**, Village resident since 1988, retired from Fairfax County Public Schools Nov. 1 after 30 years of teaching.
- * Promotion - U.S. Coast Guard Commander **Jim Mazzonna** became Captain (O-6) Jim on Nov. 1.
- * Champion - **Dick (The Tiger) Denny** recently won his flight in a highly competitive golf

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tournament. Dick is a past president of our Association and should be credited with a lot of what the Association does now that is right.

* Test Pilot School - U.S. Air Force Captain **W. Glenn Cooley** announced that he has been selected for the Air Force's Test Pilot School. He and his wife **Kerry** will move to Edwards Air Force Base in California this fall for the school.

* Retirement - **Paul Kruppenbacher** retired from Northrop Grumman after a 19-year career with TASC, preceded by a 21-year career in the Air Force. He and his wife **Sharon** moved to Florida and reside on Anna Maria Island, just south of Tampa, at 410 79th St., Holmes Beach, FL 34217 (941/778-4360). The Kruppenbachers moved from Long Beach, California to their West Springfield home in 1985. Their 19-year-old daughter **Amy**, an honors graduate of Rolling Valley Elementary and West Springfield High, succumbed to a tragic medical illness in 2003. Their son, **Brandt**, remains in the area and is looking after their Dante Court. house while it is on the market.

* **Teenager needed to help retired Quebec Court resident** - Someone to cut the grass, help mulch flower beds and perhaps shovel snow. Notify the President at john.t.cooley@verizon.net and he'll forward to the resident requesting this help.

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