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Key: CH= Clubhouse; CC=Community Center; NC=Nature Center; HP=Hillside Park

### **Broadlands Association Board of Directors Meeting** Tuesday, February 10th - 6:00p.m.

Nature Center Conference Room

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

Monthly meetings are held in the conference room of the Nature Center on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Residents are welcome to observe the public portion of meetings and to address the Board during the 'Homeowner Forum' section of the meeting.

### **Modifications Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee meets at 7:00p.m. in the Nature Center conference room on the first and third Wednesdays, March through October, and only the third Wednesday, November through February.

Applications must be submitted by noon on the Thursday before the meeting to the Secretary to the Modifications Subcommittee, Robin Crews. Submissions may be emailed to rcrews@broadlandshoa.com or delivered to the Association office in the Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway. For your convenience, there is a drop box available for after-hours submissions.

Please review the Design Guidelines online at www.broadlandshoa.org/for-homeowners/designguidelines/ for complete guidelines and information required to be submitted with your application, as failure to include all information will delay review of your application.

A response to your application is generally mailed within one week of the meeting.

### Modifications Subcommittee Submission and Meeting Dates

Submission Date February 12, 2015 February 26, 2015

March 12, 2015

March 26, 2015

Meeting Date February 18, 2015 March 4, 2015 March 18, 2015 April 1, 2015

### Looking Forward

Want to get involved in your HOA but don't know how? Broadlands is fortunate to have several standing committees, each of which plays an integral role in the operation of the community. We rely heavily on these volunteers to develop and implement the wonderful community events and programming that we host throughout the year. More



than 75 dedicated volunteers devote hundreds of hours into the planning of and hosting events and we are always looking for additional support and ideas from you. Joining a committee is a great way to meet your neighbors, take pride in your community, and provide a good example for the kids. Volunteers tell us every year how rewarding it has been for them to give back to their community.

Programs like Flicks in the Sticks which provides a wonderful free movie night is wholesome fun for the whole family. Broadlands Live! is one of the few free concerts in the region where you can bring your own beverages and not get gouged by vendors charging exorbitant amounts. The Events Committee hosts numerous adults and kids events through all seasons, with effort made every year to revamp or improve things. Earth Day keeps getting bigger and better every year, with educational programs and festivities to celebrate Mother Earth. This event is the annual celebration of our community wildlife habitat's certification.

Why should I volunteer for a committee, you ask? Without the volunteers, we would not be able to put on all of the wonderful programs you have come to expect from us. One of the things that make Broadlands a wonderful place to live is that we have such amazing events and dedicated people working on them. Without volunteers, we would be forced to either pay for the time and talent contributed by our volunteers, which would drive up the cost of attending the events and of the HOA fees, or we would have to cut events from our budget and our community.

Whether you are a single person living alone, a couple with no children, a growing family with young kids, or empty nesters, we have events to fit your lifestyle. Concerned that you will be underutilized, you lack the necessary skills, or that you may be asked to work on events that do not capture your interest? Fear not, we have needs for all levels of skill and interest. Being a part of See Committees, page 6

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the planning committees for the events will ensure that we have activities that you and your loved ones will enjoy year after year. While some of the committee positions require considerable time in planning and organizing, the level of commitment can be up to you. Some committees meet once a month, while others are on a more flexible schedule and may meet quarterly or do most of the planning via email. Some committees need volunteers to assist with setup or assisting in activities during an event, but do not require routine attendance at committee functions. I am confident that you will find whatever time you have to devote a most rewarding experience.

Each individual who gave time or talent to the organization in the last year is deserving of a round of applause from the community. I am honored to host the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party, an elegant evening celebration which is just a small token of the appreciation for the hard work and hours of those who selflessly give their time. Feedback on both this event and volunteering as a whole is overwhelmingly positive.

### Read on to get a full list of committees and their responsibilities.

The Broadlands Live! Committee organizes the summer concert series held at Hillside Park next to the newly refurbished Stone House. 2015 marks the 12th year of concerts. Funding of the concert series is provided by the Broadlands Association, Inc. as well as sponsors and food vendors. These free, family friendly concerts provide fun for kids, teens, and adults alike, and are BYOB for adults over 21 years of age, with water, sodas, and food available for purchase from local vendors. Look for information on the 2015 performer schedule in the coming months and be

sure to let us know if you are interested in getting your name out by being a sponsor.

The Events Committee hosts an array of community wide events for adults, teens, and children alike, including past hits like Mardi Gras, St. Paddy's Day, Casino Night, SpringFest, Carnival, Wine Tasting, Halloween Parties, Visit with Santa, as well as coordinating a trip to the Beer Festival and community yard sales. Next up is a new event, the Ladies Night Out on Friday, March 6th at the Clubhouse. We hope you can join us! Speaking of new events, we are also planning a spring Tea and Fashion Show, Broadlands 20th anniversary/4th of July celebration, and Diwali event.

The Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Committee works to keep Broadlands actively engaged in its Community Wildlife Habitat projects and promote Broadlands' recognition by the National Wildlife Federation as the nation's 25th "Certified Community Wildlife Habitat." The National Wildlife Federation requires the Habitat Team and community members to participate in post-certification activities and submit yearly updates to maintain certification. This committee also organizes the EarthDay@Loudoun Family Festival as an annual celebration of our certification.

The Modifications Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing all applications for changes to the exterior of your unit as well as reviewing the existing Design Guidelines and making recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors. This committee reviews each application in detail to confirm compliance with our Declaration and Design Guidelines. The committee meets 20 times per year to review applications. In 2014, the committee reviewed 502 applications for your exterior home improvements.

They certainly deserve a round of applause!

The Technology Committee is responsible for the design and maintenance of the Broadlandshoa. org website as well as hosting the Flicks in the Sticks outdoor movie series. The Committee is made up of resident volunteers from the Broadlands community and includes web designers, graphic designers, content managers, database administrators, programmers and web hobbyists. Membership is open to anyone that would like to help work on the design and content of the site or help with programs or seminars on computer hardware, software, or usage for residents. Tech experience not required!

The Tennis Committee acts as the liaison between the tennis pro and the association, as well as monitoring the condition of the courts and making recommendations for maintenance and improvements.

The association does not currently have active Neighborhood Watch or Recreation/Pool Committees, but we welcome anyone willing to step forward to reestablish these committees, as well as recommendations for additional committees. If I have piqued your interest at all, please contact me to discuss volunteer options that we have available. You may also contact the committee chairs directly. Contact information for each committee is provided in this newsletter as well as on our website at www.broadlandshoa. org.

Until next month,

Sarah

Sarah Gerstein, CMCA, AMS, PCAM General Manager

### **Board Meeting Highlights**

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on January 13, 2015.

- Approved minutes of December 9, 2014 meeting
- Took no action on a request to remove a forum post
- Approved an easement agreement with Saul Centers for a streetlight at Broadlands Blvd and Demott Drive
- Approved the Events Committee Charter
- Revised the security deposit for the Community Center use
- Reviewed the draft Reserve Study
- Approved the Van Metre 5 Mile Run Race Agreement
- Tabled a proposal from HLS to install mulch around mailboxes
- Approved the Arbors Apartments request to apply for a zoning permit for a dog park on their property
- Reviewed the November financial statements
- Assessed violation charges to two owner accounts
- Wrote off outstanding balances in the amount of \$10 or less for 74 accounts totaling \$199.52
- Directed management on how to address two violations

Scholarship Program

Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute (WMCCAI) is excited to announce that it is offering a scholarship award for a third year. WMCCAI's Scholarship Program is open to all high-school seniors within the immediate Washington metro area living within a community association (i.e., homeowners association, condominium association, or cooperative association) who will be enrolled in the fall 2015 semester in post high school educational courses in a four-year college, community college, or vocational school.



The Scholarship Program grants an award of at least \$1,000 to one student who best meets the judging criteria. Criteria is based on the applicant's overall essay/presentation of the essay topic; identification of the applicant's community association within the essay/presentation; and the applicant's demonstration of knowledge of what a community association is and how it benefits the community and residents. This year's topic is "How Volunteer Leadership Adds Value to My Community." The application can be found on their Website, www.caidc. org. Applications are due by 5p.m., April 30, 2015.

### Get Your SWAG On...Broadlands Gear Available for Purchase

Broadlands gear for the New Year can now be purchased 9:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday at the Nature Center.

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Hillside Elementary School (571)	252-2170
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You will no longer be mailed a hard copy, but will be emailed a link to the online version.



### **SAVE THE DATES!**

Are You Ready

Mark your calendars, bring the



hop on over to the Nature Center on Saturday, March 21st for our annual SpringFest and Easter Egg Roll on the Nature Center lawn and patio.

The event will start promptly at 10:00am and run until noon. We'll hunt for eggs and have treats too, all that's missing is you!

More details to follow on the website, forums, and in the March newsletter.

### Buy and Sell at the Spring Yard Sale

One person's junk is another's treasure.

Come shop and sell at the Broadlands spring Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25th, 8:00am -2:00pm, rain or shine at private residences throughout the Broadlands neighborhood, The Arbors and The Van Metre Broadlands Apartments.

The HOA will be publicizing the yard sale in Ashburn Today, Leesburg Today, Loudoun Times-Mirror and The Washington Post. More

information to follow in the March newsletter.



### Ladies Nite Out Shake Off Those Winter Blues Tap Those Toes - Get Ready to Dance!

It's time to move those feet and tap those toes. Brush up on your line dancing and learn some new steps.

> Friday, March 6, 2015 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Broadlands** Clubhouse 43360 Rickenbacker Square

Catch up with your neighbors. Enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Starting at 7:00pm kick up those heels with a seasoned line dance instructor Let the memories flow as you brush up on those dance steps...or watch!

Ladies this is your nite out, Enjoy!

This event is for Broadlands ladies 21 and older. Vouchers are available at the Nature Center starting February 15th.

Come volunteer and get to know your neighbors. A total of seven volunteers are needed. Help is needed with set up, floaters during the party, and with clean up. To sign up please visit: SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4EA8A62BA20-ladies. Thank you so much for lending a hand. Without volunteers like you our community events wouldn't be possible.

Broadlands Live is Just Around the Corner - Sponsorship is a Great Way to Be a Part of the Community

roadlands live It may not feel like it in this chilly winter weather, but Broadlands Live 2015 is just around the corner! Ok it's a BIG corner with warm temperatures and HOT bands! 11 years running, this is one of Ashburn's longest running concert series, with hundreds in attendance at every show!

If your business is looking for an innovative way to getup close and personal with the residents of this community, Broadlands Live! is the perfect place to showcase your company. Highly visible exposure includes not only signage at all 4 shows, but website, social media, newsletter, over 18,000 postcard impressions, and so much more are all part of the sponsorship package! Meet and socialize with your potential customers while enjoying NoVa's best local bands at this family friendly annual event. Visit broadlandslive.com to see past sponsors and a look at this spectacular event.

Sponsorship space is limited so contact us ASAP for a sponsorship package: broadlandslive@yahoo.com.

### Save Yourself Time, Money and Aggravation

Before you make any modification, change or addition to the exterior of your home, an application is required for the Modifications Subcommittee to review. Don't be misled by well meaning friends, neighbors or contractors. It is the owner's responsibility to file an application for all exterior work. A county permit does not circumvent this requirement. The process is easy if you apply before work commences.

What can happen if you don't submit an application? You may be ordered to cease and desist, which might cause your contractor to charge additional money for delays in completion. You may have to appear before the Board of Directors at a violation hearing. You may be assessed a fee of up to \$900, which will be added to your account and to which late fees, attorney fees, and court costs can be charged if payment is not made. You may be taken to General District Court for a judge to hear the case and determine the penalty. You may lose your recreational and voting privileges. You might have difficulty selling your home if violations are noted in the resale package which you provide to your buyer.

Please consult the Design Guidelines on the website for detailed information. Submit a complete application package in order to obtain approval prior to beginning any work. The Design Guidelines provide a framework to maintain design quality throughout the community, to promote sensitivity for the natural environment and to encourage consistency of design while allowing flexibility for achieving design solutions. If you have any questions about architectural modifications, please contact Robin Crews, Secretary to the Modifications Subcommittee,



### February Covenants Corner

### Time to Remove Your Holiday Decorations

Throughout the year, the Covenants Inspectors inspect the homes in the community for a variety of issues ranging from trash containers in view to parking issues and unapproved modifications to leftover holiday decor. In addition, certain seasons dictate the need to focus on particular violations that occur with high frequency.

During the month of February, the Inspectors will be focusing on homes with holiday decorations still on display. Sparkling lights, prancing reindeer, smiling snowmen and lovely green wreaths; we all enjoyed the show! But now it is time to pack up the decorations and enjoy your holiday memories. Holiday decorations should be removed by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In accordance with the Association Documents, should you fail to bring your lot into compliance by removing the decorations, the Board of Directors and management may take action to enforce compliance. If a violation is noted, the owner will be mailed a letter providing fourteen days for the violation to be resolved. If the violation is not corrected, a second violation letter will be issued, providing an additional seven day extension. If the violation remains unresolved, Hearing Notice is sent and a Hearing will be held in accordance with state law, where charges may be assessed, up to \$10.00 per day for a maximum of 90 days.

If you have questions regarding this process, or if you receive one of these letters and are unable to correct in the time allotted, you may contact the covenants inspectors at covenants@broadlandshoa.com to request a reasonable extension to rectify the issue.

### Upcoming Changes to Community Center Rental Deposits

The security deposit for private parties renting the Community Center will be \$500, effective February 1, 2015 regardless of the number of hours rented...

The security deposit for non-profit groups will be \$100 for all new or renewing contracts, effective February 1, 2015.

The security deposit for for-profit groups remains at \$150.

The Broadlands Association reserves the right to deduct from the security deposit any amount necessary to cover any costs of excessive cleanup, and shall also deduct the costs of repairs or replacements of any property damaged during the use of the Community Center. If the security deposit does not fully cover these costs, the Contract Holder shall be billed for the difference and any future use of the Community Center shall be denied until these costs are paid. Any contract Holder using the Community Center shall be responsible for any and all damages that occur due to their use of the Community Center.

### FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR SHAWN WILLIAMS

### FY 2016 Budget Preview

With the New Year here, the Board of Supervisors' attention will be turning to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Loudoun's operational budget funds local services such as education and public safety while the capital budget funds needed infrastructure like school facilities and roadway improvements. For many of these items, we share funding responsibility with the Commonwealth of Virginia. During the past three budget cycles since I have been serving on the Board, I believe we have struck the correct balance between funding core government services like education and transportation while keeping property taxes at a reasonable rate.

To fund this budget, the Virginia Constitution gives Loudoun County limited authority to raise revenue, chiefly through the property tax. Because this tax is constitutionally mandated to be applied equally to all commercial and residential property owners, local property taxes are more burdensome for some than others, especially retirees. When setting the tax rate, the Board must consider both the funding needs of 32 County agencies and the ability of all property owners to pay. During our past three budget cycles, the Board has lowered the property tax rate from \$1.29 to \$1.155 (per \$100 in assessed value). These tax rate reductions were mainly achieved through expanding our commercial tax base and holding the line on pressure from developers to convert commercially zoned land to residential. Despite these tax rate reductions, property assessments continue to increase at a higher pace in some areas of the County necessitating a delicate balance in the need for funding core government services with maintaining a reasonable tax rate that is affordable and will also allow us to compete for additional commercial businesses that expands tax revenue without burdening additional County services.

While you might have seen stories in the local newspapers last September and October raising the possibility of a



large budget shortfall for FY 2016, the revenue picture has since significantly improved. As I discussed last month, the Board's focus on bringing more revenue positive commercial development to Loudoun is paying off. At the current tax rate of \$1.155, \$64.7 million in additional revenue will be available. At the equalized rate, the rate at which the overall average tax bill holds steady due to assessment increases, at \$1.13 there is estimated to be \$47.5 million in additional revenue. The County Administrator has already indicated he can fully fund non-school county government operations at the \$1.13 tax, so any tax revenue above that rate would be available for the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS).

I have three kids all of which are or will be attending Mill Run Elementary School in Broadlands and I am veryvested in our education system. The LCPS operational budget accounts for approximately two-thirds of Loudoun's local spending. During my three years on the Board, we have consistently invested in education. From FY 2012 to FY 2015 we have increased the LCPS budget by \$167 million, a 22.5% increase. These funding increases have allowed for better teacher compensation and reduced elementary school class sizes. Additionally, in the

same time period the cost-per-pupil, which is inclusive of new student growth, has risen from \$11,014 to \$12,275, an 11.5% increase. For comparison, over the same period Fairfax County Public Schools' cost-per-pupil has only risen by 5.5%. I'm proud that over the past few years we have been able to generously fund education while keeping property taxes reasonable. The rhetoric that this Board has not supported education is just not the case so I just want parents to be properly armed with the facts. During our term in the past three years we have provided a larger percentage increase in funding to LCPS than what was given in the previous five years combined. We have a great education system here in Loudoun with great teachers and parents. I continue to press to get the increased funding into the classrooms which has been a challenge in the past but I am hopeful this new LCPS administration will set the right priorities.

In early February, the County Administrator will present his proposed budget to the Board of consideration. The Board will hold public input sessions and worksessions during late February and early March with planned budget adoption in April. The new fiscal year begins July 1st. As we have done in past budgets, I will once again strive to ensure core government services have the necessary funding while maintaining overall fiscal responsibility as to not overwhelm those in the County challenged to make ends meet with an already extremely high tax rate compared to other area jurisdictions.

If you have any questions or would like to share input about the upcoming budget or other county issues, please email me at shawn.williams@loudoun. gov or call my office at 703-771-5088. For my frequent updates, visit www. loudoun.gov/broadrun, to sign up for my email newsletter and 'like' my facebook page.

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### From the Naturalist...

Coming Soon...Broadlands' Very Own Little Free Nature Library By: Jessica Bukowinski, Broadlands Naturalist

For the past couple of years the Broadlands HOA has been setting aside money for improvements to the Nature Center animal habitats and educational areas. A few years ago we needed to spend the money on habitat upgrades for our well-loved critters. And, thanks to investments in recent years, each of our residents has exactly the habitat he or she needs for now. The 2014 budgeted funds were used to order our own Free Little Library.

What is a Free Little Library? It is a small model of a building that looks similar to a fancy mailbox or bird house that is used for people in a community to share books with one another. Anyone can take a book, and anyone can leave a book. You do not need to officially check out the book or even to return the same book or the same number of books that you take.

Because we are a Nature Center, our library will feature nature themed books and will be a Free Little Nature Library. Broadlands residents and other Broadlands Nature Center visitors will be able to stop by to donate nature themed books to the library or borrow books and return them or to keep them or pass them on. They will also be able to sign the library guest book.

The library should arrive and be installed by the end of February. In the meantime, if you have any extra field guides or nature books you would like to donate to help us keep it stocked, you can leave them in the box outside the naturalist's office (next to Sunny the corn snake) in the Nature Center.

I am really excited about adding this additional community building attraction to the Nature Center and the Broadlands community, and I hope you are too.

You can learn more about the Little Free Library movement at littlefreelibrary.org/.

Broadlands' ANS Naturalist, Jessica Bukowinski, believes that connecting with nature brings out the best in all of us. Jessica can be reached at naturalist@broadlandshoa.com. You can learn more about the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) at anshome.org

Free Gardening Lecture February 5th - Early Formal and Landscape Gardens of England with Margery Erikson

Need an antidote to February? Last year it was a tour of Monet's garden in Giverny, and this year garden traveler and scholar Margery Erickson will lead a virtual tour to England, with slides of early formal and landscape gardens featuring the renowned grounds of Hampton Court Palace, Blenheim, Stowe, and others that are prominent in British landscaping history.

Learn how the English landscape gardens developed and inspired a more naturalistic garden style in Europe and America that continues to influence us today. Please join us 7pm on February 5th at Rust Library, Old Waterford Rd in Leesburg, VA

### **BWHS** Band Dinner at Chipotle - Save the Date for February 17

Take a cooking break and join us at Chipotle in Ashburn on Tuesday, February 17 from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Bring in the flyer that is available at BWHSmusicboosters.org, show the flyer on your smart phone, or tell the cashier that you are supporting the BWHS Music Booster Association. When you do this the association will receive 50% of the proceeds which will all go towards supporting BWHS music programs.

### From the Naturalist...

### Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) Presents Nature Birthday Parties at Broadlands Nature Center

- Parties are recommended for children ages 4 to 10.
- Parties are held year-round and are 1.5 hours long. An additional 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the party may be used for set up and clean up. One hour is led by an experienced naturalist and includes program based on a theme, a nature walk, and may include a craft or game. The remaining 30 minutes is the responsibility of the host family and is reserved for traditional birthday fun.
- Party fee includes up to 14 children. \$15 for each additional child up to a maximum of 18 children.
- Party host provides food, drinks, and party decorations if desired. Set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the birthday host family.
- COST: \$225 for ANS Members & Broadlands Residents, \$260 for non-members/ non-residents (includes a one-year family membership to ANS).

Times: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10:30am - 12:00pm (Limited availability at other times pending availability of the Broadlands Naturalist).

### Choose your birthday party theme:

#### **Insect Investigation**

Enter into the wonderful world of insects, and enjoy a visit from a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach before heading outside to search for insects and creepie crawlies.

#### Pond Plunking

Get wet and muddy as we explore the pond, looking for a variety of critters that make the pond home sweet home.

### Wiggly Worms

You and your friends will enjoy digging, wiggling, and giggling as we do hands-on exploration of worms inside and then search for them in their natural habitat.

#### Nature Center Tour

Enjoy meeting the Nature Center animals with your guests.



### Audubon Naturalist Society at the Broadlands Nature Center

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### **Fresh Air Toddler Treks**

At

### **Algonkian Regional Park**



Nova Parks and The Audubon Naturalist Society have partnered to offer nature based programming for children ages 2-5 years old along with a parent or caregiver. This class will foster social, physical, and academic skill development via songs, books, and hikes. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch to share at our picnic tables.

Session dates: March 2, 9, 16 and 23

**Time:** 10-11:00AM **Cost**: \$42

**Program Location**: Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling, VA 20165 . Please meet at Pavilion #3 by the boat ramp. Younger siblings are welcome. Ages two and under are free.

Pre-registration is required. Checks should be made out to ANS. To register call 703-669-0000 or email

emcdougall@anshome.org





### From the Naturalist...

### Broadlands Nature Center Winter 2015 Programs Weekday Nature Programs for Children

### Wee Naturalist

Ages: 2-4 years old with caregivers Date: Four Tuesdays of each month February - 3, 10, 17, 24; March - 3, 10, 17, 24; April - 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 9:30-10:15am or 1:00-1:45pm (We will run the same program in the morning and again in the afternoon – sign up for the one that better suits your family's schedule.) Cost: \$20.00/month for residents, \$32.00/month for non-residents or

\$10.00 per single session

Our youngest naturalists (ages 2-4) and their caregivers & siblings meet on Tuesdays. The program will include as much outside time as the weather allows (so dress to play outside!), finger plays, stories, crafts and hands on exploration.

### Mid-Week Nature Club

Ages: 5-7 years old Date: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, currently through May 2015 February - 11 & 25 March - 11 & 25 April - 8 & 22 May - 13 & 27

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Cost:\$24.00/month for residents, \$32.00/month for non-residents This drop off (although caregivers are welcome to stay if you prefer!) program for eager young naturalists is geared towards half day kindergartens and early elementary aged homeschoolers. We will spend as much time as possible learning and playing OUTSIDE in the areas surrounding the nature center so please send your children dressed for the weather!

### Custom Environmental Education Programs to Meet Your Needs.

The Audubon Naturalist Society facilitates Nature Birthday Parties, badge focused Scout Programs and Homeschool Programs at both the Broadlands Nature Center and the Rust Nature Sanctuary. Contact naturalist@broadlandshoa.com or 703-729-9726 for more information on scheduling a program here at the nature center. To schedule a program at the Rust Nature Sanctuary in Leesburg, contact 703-669-0000 or susanne.ortmann@anshome.org.



# SATURDAY, February 14<sup>TH</sup> THE BUG MAN!

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This exciting program will introduce you to ecology and basic entomology of insects. You will learn about their importance, followed by their coolest defense strategies and life cycle.

Throughout the program he will be showing real live bugs! And, you will have a chance to pet his collection of bugs at the end!

Program Time: 10:00am-11:00am Doors open at 9:45am

### Cost:

Pre-paid price is \$4.00/child. Payment must be received by noon on Friday, February 13, 2015

Payment on day of event: \$5.00/child

Pre-pay online at broadlandsnaturally.org or at the Nature Center

# Broadlands Nature Center

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# SATURDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

## **BABY ZOO TO YOU!**

**Brought back by popular demand**, with extended hours, the Leesburg Animal Park is coming to the Broadlands Nature Center!

Zoo-To-You is the DC area's premier petting zoo service that brings the petting zoo to Broadlands! Get up close with ducks, chicks, bunnies and a baby goat or lamb.

Don't miss out on these cute baby animals!

Program Time: 10:30am-12:30pm

Doors open at 10:15am

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### From the Naturalist...

### Broadlands Nature Center Winter 2015 Programs Programs for Adults & Families

Wednesday Walks for Broadlands Residents

Age: All ages welcome

Date: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month

Time: 9:00am

Cost: FREE for Broadlands residents & their guests. Non-residents are welcome to join us, but will need to pay a drop in fee of \$5.00/family (cash or check only).

Walking outside with others is good for us all, but as the weather gets colder it can be hard to find a walking partner. Broadlands residents of all ages are invited to join Broadlands ANS Naturalist, Jessica Bukowinski, for a leisurely walk on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The 1st Wednesday we will meet in the parking lot by Clyde's and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday we will meet at the Van Metre Nature Preserve across from Harris Teeter.

### Adult Discussion Group Reconnecting with Earth

Age: Participants must be 16 years old and older

Dates: Tuesdays, February 3rd to March 10th, at the Nature Center. The make-up date in case of weather related cancellations is Tuesday, March 17th.

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Cost: Broadlands residents \$40.00, non-residents \$60.00

With the help of a discussion group guide and a book of readings provided by the North West Earth Institute participants will meet with the Broadlands naturalist to discuss our relationships with the Earth. Our world is changing at such an astoundingly fast pace. We get caught up in our daily lives and the problems we face—we end up losing touch with that deep connection we have to our planet. **Reconnecting with Earth** helps participants explore how our cultural beliefs and personal values affect the way we view and treat Earth. Together, we will discuss how our well-being is inextricably linked to the well-being of our planet. Participants discover a deeper respect for the planet and a renewed commitment to act—a shift that could be the key to real and lasting change.

Register no later than noon on Tuesday, January  $27^{th}$  to receive a bound course book. Late registrations will receive a PDF.

Minimum 6 participants, maximum - 12

### Community Campfire on the Nature Center Lawn

Age: All ages welcome Date:Tuesday, March 24th **Time:** 7:00pm

Cost: Broadlands residents \$3.00/person (\$10.00 max per family), non-residents \$5.00/person Come on over to the Nature Center after dinner for a small campfire. We'll hang out and get to know one another better and maybe even play a few group games. I'll provide s'more supplies and hot chocolate. Please bring your own camp chair if you have one. Minimum 8 participants, maximum - 16

> The Broadlands Nature Center will be closed on the following dates: February 16th - President's Day

> > The Nature Center is located at: 21907 Claiborne Parkway Broadlands, VA 20148 Phone: 703-729-9704, email: naturalist@broadlandshoa.com

### From the Habitat Committee...

### Keeping the Costs Down While Enjoying Your Fireplace By Oya Simpson, Wildlife Habitats Committee

This time of year I try to avoid looking at our gas bill. It makes me feel guilty because I don't have a good tolerance to cold, so our thermostat might be set on a higher temperature than others.

Since our focus is "green" living, which I like to call "efficient" living in this case, let's look at a few things to reduce heat loss and improve the comfort level.

### Finding and Sealing Air Leaks

Air leaks can waste a lot of your energy dollars. One of the quickest energy and money saving tasks you can do is caulk, seal, and weather strip all seams, cracks, and openings to the outside.

Test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, carefully hold a lit incense stick or a smoke pen next to your windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches, and other places where air may leak. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing, or weatherstripping.

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Inspect dirty spots in your insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.

- Cover single-pane windows with storm windows or replace them with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Cover your kitchen exhaust fan to stop air leaks when not in use.

### Places To Inspect:

- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces, and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal or sheetrock and furnace cement caulk if needed.

Source: Energy.gov

Checking Fireplaces for Efficiency When you light a blazing fire on a cold winter day it looks and feels wonderful, but it can be an expensive and inefficient endeavor. A fireplace sends most of the heat in your house straight up the chimney emitting as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air per hour to the outside! But, there are ways you can limit the loss of heat when enjoying a quiet evening by the fire.

Reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly - only about an inch - and close doors leading into the room.

Check the seal on the flue damper and make it as snug as possible.

Keep your fireplace's damper

closed when you aren't using it. The damper is the metal plate that regulates airflow through the chimney. Some dampers fit snuggly when they're new, but frequently warp within a year or two, producing a loose fit and allowing air to leak past them.

Chimney cap dampers close the entire top of the chimney, so they reduce heat loss when the fireplace is not being used, but don't improve efficiency otherwise. Keep it clean by hiring a chimney sweep to inspect your chimney each year. And keep ash and soot from collecting in the fireplace to improve efficiency. Did you know, woods such as hickory, white oak sugar maple, and white ash burn well if available. Avoid using construction scraps, painted wood, or other treated woods. Never overload the fireplace.

Install tempered glass doors and a heatair exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room. Fireplace doors are supposed to reduce the amount of air that would otherwise be siphoned up the chimney. Depending on the type of glass in the doors, some heat still radiates through the doors into the house. Cheap doors use tempered glass, which breaks if you close the doors when a fire is burning. Ceramic glass doors can produce a small efficiency improvement but are stunningly expensive. Fireplace doors are almost never tight enough to prevent cold air from backdrafts when the fireplace is not being used.

Consider a gas fireplace if you are planning to install a new one. These provide the enjoyment of looking at flames, but can be 70% more efficient than regular fireplaces.

Exiting exhaust from chimneys can

See Fireplace, page 22

### About Your Pet...

Give. No Matter the Reason or Season! By: Shannon M. Pecora, MA of Stream Valley Veterinary Hospital

We're willing to bet that you considered donating or actually donated to a charitable organization some time between Thanksgiving and New Year's. This large cluster of holidays seems to inspire giving. Celebration is meant to be shared, after all!

We have no objection to you opening your heart (and maybe your checkbook) a bit more during that time of year. However, if everyone gave time, effort, money, and supplies only in one certain 6- to 7-week period, what about the rest of the year? It's obvious, but it just doesn't occur to many of us: charities need such donations year-round. And, they really don't mind if the reason for giving is a winter holiday, a unique birthday gift, a way to honor a loved one's memory, or a "just-because" notion. Of course, we're awfully partial to animal welfare organizations, and we'll even provide you a current reason to give: spread a little love for Valentine's Day! Consider offering your volunteer services or monetary and supply donations to one of the following groups. If you search for them online, you should find at least one whose mission and philosophies speak to you.

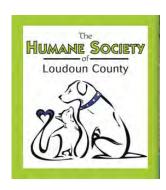
Here are some you may want to look into:

- 1. Loudoun County Animal Services - loudoun.gov/index. aspx?NID=543
- 2. Loudoun Pet Pantry loudoun. gov/index.aspx?NID=3020
- 3. Homeless Animals Rescue Team - HART, hart90.org/
- 4. Friends of Homeless Animals -FOHA, foha.org/
- 5. The Humane Society of Loudoun County - hsleva.org/hsle0. aspx
- SPCA of Northern Virginia spcanova.org/index.php
- 7. Broadlands Nature Center - broadlandshoa.org/for-residents/nature-center/
- 8. Beagle Rescue, Education, and Welfare - BREW, brewbeagles.
- 9. Briggs Animal Adoption Center - baacs.org/
- 10. Wildlife Rescue League wildliferescueleague.org/
- 11. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy - loudounwildlife.org/
- 12. Blue Ridge Wildlife Center blueridgewildlife.org/
- 13. House Rabbit Society rabbitsinthehouse.org/
- 14. Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank - brvbb.com/
- 15. Morris Animal Foundation morrisanimalfoundation.org/
- 16. World Wildlife Fund worldwildlife.org/
- 17. Alley Cat Allies alleycat.org/

If your favorite organization is not on this list, go ahead and give to them instead! And some of your routine errands can make giving simple, too. Look for donation drop-off locations in your neighborhood. Coincidentally, during the month of February, Stream Valley is accepting donations to benefit Loudoun County Animal Services and the Loudoun Interfaith Relief Pet Pantry! For guidance on what these organizations can and cannot use, please visit http://loudoun.gov/ index.aspx?nid=645 or http://www. loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=3020. Time, effort, money, supplies whatever you can give, please do, now and all year long!







### In the Garden

### February: What to Do During the 28 Days of Gray?

By Jill Johnson, Loudoun County VCE Master Gardener

February is not this Loudoun County gardener's favorite month because of the interminable 28 (or even worse, 29) days of unrelenting gray and cold. On a positive note though, every day is getting a tiny bit longer bringing welcome light as the earth tilts closer to the sun. And the 2015 Philadelphia Flower Show opens February 28 this year, another sure cure for the wintertime blues and a sign that spring is around the corner.

Perusing the various seed catalogs and ordering flower and vegetable seeds is a pleasant way to spend time this month and will ensure that you get the selection you want. This year, to keep the orders realistic, I plan to inventory my existing seed stock and run some germination tests to see if they are still viable. This Southern Exposure Seed Exchange link tells how to test seeds: southernexposure.com/how-to-testgermination-ezp-162.html

There's always garden tidying that can be done on those rare nice days in February, but try to avoid walking on the grass as much as possible because it compacts the soil. You can remove diseased, damaged or dead branches from trees and shrubs at any time, but late February is a good time to prune and shape roses, spiraea, rose of Sharon, boxwoods and crape myrtle. Butterfly bush and Beautyberry can be cut back to 12 inches, and Heavenly Bamboo headed back by six inches. Here's a link to an excellent guide to successful pruning, pubs.ext. vt.edu/430/430-455/430-455.html.

If you're thinking about replacing invasives this year, Summersweet (Clethraalnifolia) or Sweetspire (Iteavirginica) make nice native replacements for Butterfly bush.

Oakleaf hydrangea and Shrubby St. John's Wort are recommended native replacements for Heavenly Bamboo.

Lastly, here's an indoor activity to help you plan beautiful and vibrant containers for your deck, patio and yard come spring. On Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm, at Sterling Public Library, 120 Enterprise Street, Loudoun County Master Gardeners will give a free presentation on container gardening that will cover color schemes, temperature variations, plant and container selection and



Please visit loudouncountymastergardeners. org or call the Loudoun County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-771-5150 for answers to your gardening questions and to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, the Trumpet Vine.





### Beignets with Quick Homemade Blackberry Jam

1 (.25 ounce) envelope active dry yeast

3/4 cup warm water, about 110 degrees F

1/4 cup granulated sugar

3/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1 large egg

1/2 cup whole milk

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2 quarts canola oil, plus more to oil bowl

Confectioners' sugar

Blackberry jam, recipe follows

Quick Blackberry Jam

1 quart fresh ripe blackberries, hulled

1/2 cup superfine sugar

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Mix the yeast, water, and sugar in a mixer bowl fitted with a dough hook. Let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes. Add the salt, lemon zest, nutmeg, egg, milk, and 1 ½ cups flour; mix on medium speed until combined. Add the butter; mix until incorporated. Add 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups flour, and mix until the dough comes together. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in the remaining 1/4 cup flour by hand until the dough is smooth, about 5 minutes. Place the dough in a lightly oiled bowl, cover loosely with plastic wrap, and let stand in a warm, draft-free spot until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Remove the dough from the bowl and punch down. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut out circles with a 1-inch round cutter; place on a floured baking sheet. Let rise in a warm, draft-free spot for 30 minutes. Heat the oil in a medium pot or deep fryer until it registers 350 degrees on a deep fry thermometer. Fry the beignets in batches, rolling them around constantly with a slotted spoon, until golden brown all over, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer the beignets with the slotted spoon to a platter lined with paper towels and dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm with the jam. Yield: 4 Servings Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

### Chicken and Sausage Gumbo

2 fresh chicken breasts

2-3 links Andouille sausage or any quality sausage

½ cup all-purpose flour

1 stick of butter

1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning

3 bay leaves

4-5 cups Cajun trinity (chopped onion, bell pepper,

celery, garlic and parsley)

2 1lb bags cut okra

2 cans Rotel tomatoes

6-8 cups chicken stock

1 cup long grain white rice

Tabasco

Chopped green onions for garnish

Fill a stock pot with water. Leave enough room for the chicken breasts. Season the water with salt and Cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil. Place the chicken breasts in the boiling water and boil for 50-60 minutes. Meanwhile, spray a non-stick skillet with canola oil and place on medium heat. Cook the Andouille sausage turning often for about 20 minutes. Remove and drain on paper towels. Cut into ½ inch slices and set aside for later. Next, in a Dutch oven, heat 2 tablespoons of canola oil and sauté the Cajun trinity until onions and celery are translucent. Set aside. In the stainless steel skillet, melt the 1 stick of butter. Once bubbly and hot, gradually add the ½ cup of flour. Sprinkle in a little flour and stir well. Add a little more flour and stir until the roux is smooth and becomes a dark caramel color. Carefully, pour the roux into the Cajun trinity. Stir well. Return the pot to the heat and place on medium. Mix in the Rotel tomatoes. Ladle out 3-4 cups chicken stock from the boiling chicken pot. Add to the mixture and stir well. Add 1-2 bags of cut okra. Make sure all is covered well with stock. Add Cajun seasoning, bay leaves, dashes of Tabasco. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Occasionally stir and add additional stock if needed. The chicken breasts should be done after 1 hour. Remove the chicken from the stock pot. Let sit a few minutes, and then cut into bite size pieces. Add the chicken and sausage to the gumbo. Stir well and add more stock to cover all ingredients. It should be a thick soup consistency. Cook the rice. Serve the chicken and Andouille sausage gumbo over rice in a deep plate or bowl. Garnish with chopped green onions or bell pepper. Yield: 6-8 servings Recipe courtesy Cajuncooking.com

### To Help You Out During the Winter

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create creosote build-up and can decrease the efficiency of your fireplace. Liners provide maximum efficiency for your chimney and protect masonry from corrosive byproducts of the flue gases.

To make your fireplace truly efficient, you'll want to install an insert approved by the EPA. A fireplace insert is basically a woodstove that fits into a masonry fireplace. Within the last 15 years, fireplace inserts have become much more energy efficient. To be safe and effective, the insert must have a stainless steel liner run right to the top of the chimney.

If you're not using your fireplace regularly, inflatable plugs can stop warm air from going up the chimney when the fireplace is not in use.

Source: Mother Earth News and EarthShare

### Don't Find Yourself on Thin Ice Public Safety Officials Remind Residents to Never Walk on Frozen Waterways

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management are reminding residents to never walk on frozen streams, rivers and ponds.

The region sometimes experiences unseasonably cold temperatures, causing many waterways to freeze. Although it may seem the ice is thick enough to walk on, the actual strength of the ice may be far less than it appears, particularly when temperatures exceed the freezing mark.

"It is especially important for parents to speak with their children about the dangers of walking and playing on frozen ponds and rivers," said Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman. "If you live near a waterway, we ask that you remain watchful for children attempting to venture onto the ice," Sheriff Chapman added. Many communities in Loudoun County strictly prohibit ice skating on frozen ponds.

If you should find yourself in a situation where a person has fallen through the ice, Loudoun emergency personnel ask that you do not panic and encourage the victim to keep calm. Call 911 immediately. "Do not attempt to enter the water. Extend an object, such as a tree branch or rope," said Loudoun County Fire Chief W. Keith Brower. "Bystanders should never enter the water or go onto the ice in an attempt to rescue a person or animal - a bystander attempting a rescue could become a victim themselves in a matter of seconds. If a dog or another animal falls through the ice, do not go to its rescue. If the ice did not support the animal it will not take your weight," Chief Brower added.

More winter safety and preparedness tips can be found at loudoun.gov/ winter. Please also keep your pets off of the ice!

### Briar Woods High School **Music Boosters** Winter News and Notes Orlando was Awesome!

The Briar Woods High School Band's Russell Athletic Bowl performance and overall trip to Orlando was ahuge success. The band performed during the bowl game halftime show which was televised on ESPN. In addition they marched in The Macy's Universal Christmas Parade at Universal Studios and managed to have time to visit Orlando parks and socialize with students from 9 other marching bands from around the country who also participated in the show.

The students spent weeks preparing for this exciting event. Their dedication and hard work, the leadership of Director, Duane Minnick, and the support from the Boosters Association, parents and fundraising support from our school and local community all combined to make this a memorable and rewarding experience for the Briar Woods student musicians and color guard.

### Kicking off 2015

The Symphonic Band & Winds are now beginning their most important season of the school year. The new semester will also involve competitions and performances from the BWHS Jazz Bands, Falconaires Winterguard, Falcon Drumline and Pit Orchestra, (the school musical). Look for details on upcoming performances soon!

### Falcon Gear for Frigid Weather

Band Fundraisers are continuing in 2015 - including the opportunity to purchase Falcon Gear such as fleece headwraps. You can view our selection of Falcon Gear and order by visitng the Music Boosters website at BWHSmusicboosters.org or by emailing BWHSMusicBoosters@ gmail.com.



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Ladies of Loudoun was started in January 2015 by a few women in Loudoun County with the goal to give back to their local community.

"There has always been an outpouring of support when a need is identified by local residents; we want to mobilize that support for charities that are near and dear to all of us in Loudoun. Our objective is to have regular fundraisers, supporting charities that are voted on by our members. We are excited to help facilitate fundraising events for local nonprofits, and to give residents a chance to make a real difference in their own neighborhoods. We are excited for you to grow with us in 2015 and beyond!!!" -Founding Ladies of Loudoun The first fundraiser being organized and facilitated by Ladies of Loudoun will be hosted by The Zone in Ashburn and will benefit Smashing Walnuts Foundation. Adults, children and families are invited to stop by anytime between 4pm and 9pm to enjoy bowling, laser tag, arcade games, or simply having a drink or dinner at The Zone! The Zone will be donating a percentage of the proceeds that will go directly to childhood brain cancer research. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items including Washington Capitals tickets, beauty packages, homemade décor, and more!

"Smashing Walnuts Foundation was started by 10-year old Gabriella Miller and her family after Gabriella was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor that was the size of a walnut. Gabriella smashed walnuts with a frying pan to symbolize "smashing" her tumor." - smashingwalnuts.org/

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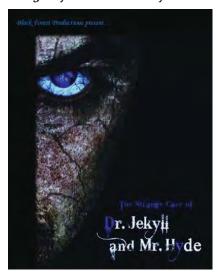
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### **Holiday Decorating Contest**

This year's Holiday Decorating Contest was harder than ever to judge. Residents put forth so much effort and creativity into designing and installing their lights, inflatables, displays and music, and utilizing their homes and yards to the best of their ability. One street even has every tree lined with matching lights. It was truly a joy to see Broadlands light up the night with the decorations. We bring our own enthusiasm for the season by lighting up the outside of the Clubhouse and Nature Center and we hope you took a moment to stop into the NC to admire the rustic interior decorations put up annually by the HOA staff.

Driving around, we noted some houses that had award worthy displays, but hadn't entered the contest. In order to be fair to all participants, only submitted entries were judged. If you would like to be considered for one of our contests (Halloween or Holiday) next year, please be sure to submit your entry when the contest is published.

Thanks to all who participated. Winners received a Home Depot gift card.

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Includes Broadlands and surrounding Ashburn area clubs and groups. To be included on this list or if your club has an announcement or an event you would like published, please email nihanainen@broadlandshoa.com.

#### ASHBURN AREA WOMEN'S CLUB

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. The Ashburn Area Women's Club meets the 1st Thurs of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Broadlands Community Center.

#### ASHBURN CLASSICS

Are you over 50 and want to meet other Seniors, please come to the next Ashburn Classics meeting on Saturday, February 14th at 10:30am. We meet the second Saturday of each month at the Mills Recreation Center on Gloucester Parkway in Ashburn Village. There are also satellite groups such as Bunco, book clubs, Mexican Train, card games and lunch groups. For more information, please call please call Grace at 703-729-7044 or Carmen at 703-723-3724.

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Welcomes those interested in developing communication, leadership and presentation skills. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Broadlands Community Center, 43004 Waxpool Rd. For information, visit ashburn.toastmastersclubs.org/.

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

Bridge players interested in joining a social bridge game please contact Ved Gupta at 973-902-3321 or vedbgupta@yahoo.com. We meet every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at 42809 Vestals Gap Drive.

#### **BAC - BROADLANDS ADAPTED CLUBS**

A social club for high school students and young adults with disabilities meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7:00pm to 9:15pm at the Broadlands Community Center. Contact Monica Benteler at mjbenteler@gmail. com for more information.

#### BROADLANDS CERTIFIED COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT

Organizes wildlife habitats, eco-friendly living and native plants related programs and events. The Committee works with the NWF, Broadlands HOA and residents to achieve our annual goals. To learn more about the committee work, visit www.BroadlandsNaturally.org.

#### ASHBURN/BROADLANDS COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE **STUDY**

We are currently working on a study, Ruth by Kelly Minter. This is an interdenominational group that meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:15am in a local home. Please contact Chris at 703-729-2095 for information.

#### **CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS**

The Cub Scout program is designed for boys grades 1-5 and Boy Scouts grades 6-12. Boy Scout Troop 2970 meets at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church on Thurs nights. Cub Scout Pack 1483, www.pack1483.com, meets at Hillside and Cub Scout Pack 1484 meets at Mill Run. For info, contact Ed Yarbrough at 703-724-1064.

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#### MOMS IN PRAYER

Hillside Elementary and Eagle Ridge Middle School Moms are invited to join us to pray for our children and the school they attend. We meet Monday mornings 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m. during the school year. Please contact Rebecca for more info at 703-858-7379.

#### PRE-TEEN AND TEEN ASPERGER'S SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

These groups are run by Dr. Michael Oberschneider and Dr. Andrea Lee. Group members work on coping and social skills development with Dr. Oberschneider. Dr. Lee runs a parent group simultaneously that addresses various topics on parenting children and teens with Asperger's disorder. For more info call Christine Kutt at 703-723-2999.

#### ROTARY CLUB OF ASHBURN

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#### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30p.m. in the Nature Center. For more information, visit broadlandshoa.org and click on Committees. Meetings are open to all residents.

#### EARLY EDUCATION/DAY CARE

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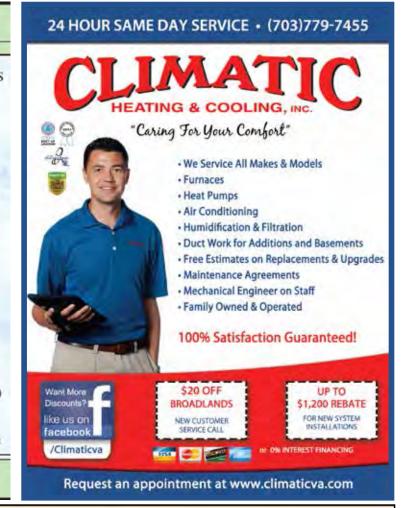
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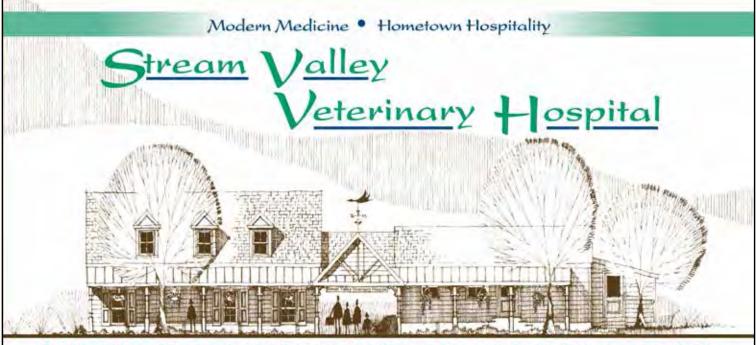
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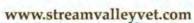




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