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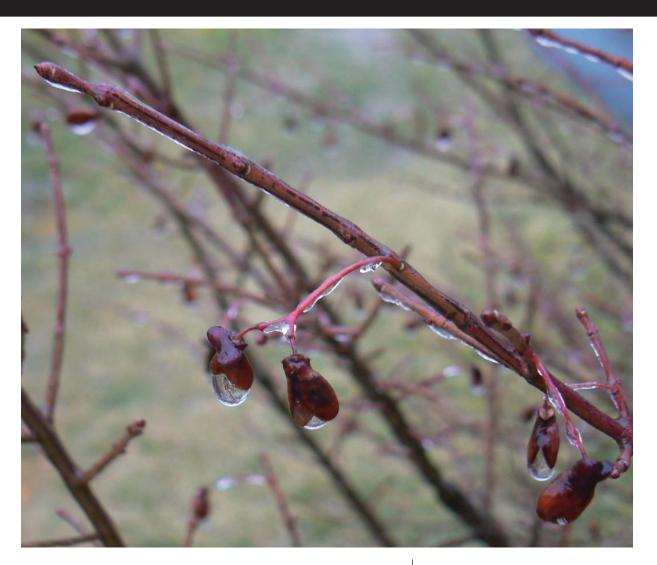
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# March



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#### Broadlands Association Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 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 26, 2015 March 12, 2015 March 26, 2015 April 9, 2015 Meeting Date March 4, 2015 March 18, 2015 April 1, 2015 April 15, 2015

#### Looking Forward

It's been a busy year already and winter is hardly even over! We are very excited to announce that we will be taking our Annual Meeting elections online for the first time! In order to ease the voting process, we have contracted with The Inspectors of Election to host our 2015 Board election, providing a secure and



efficient way for residents to submit their proxy in order for us to reach a quorum to conduct business and to vote for the candidates. You can take comfort in knowing that your vote will be accurately recorded by an independent third party vendor in an easy-to-submit format. Their website was by far the most user friendly of the ones we demo'd, and I am confident you will discover that this solution brings Broadlands into the technology era. And for those who do not wish to submit their votes electronically, you will still be able to submit the hard copy, which will be independently inputted into the system to ensure that your vote is counted efficiently and accurately.

Other projects the Board has approved include the much needed selective renovation pruning of the Crepe Myrtles throughout the community and cleaning out of the stormwater culverts. The Crepe Myrtles will be pruned in order to promote a healthier growing tree canopy and help develop a stronger root system. Branches that are dead or defective as well as crossing or rubbing against each other and shoots growing into the center of the canopy will be removed in order to give the healthiest branches the best chances of vibrant summer flowering. This work is scheduled for mid March. The stormwater culverts will be cleared of trash and debris, trees, and overgrown grass, vines, and shrubbery within a 10ft radius of the out flow area. This will help water flow properly through the culverts and cut down on buildup during heavy rains.

We will also be servicing the pumps at all three pools in order to extend the life of the pumps. Broken and

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damaged chairs were restrapped and tables and umbrellas are being purchased to replace missing and damaged ones. The pool rules have been reviewed and a few significant changes should be noted. Due to insurance restrictions, the minimum age for children to enter the pool without adult supervision must be increased from 11 years to 13 years; therefore, children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult caregiver over the age of 18. Please see the website for a complete set of rules.

Another policy change is regarding the rental of the Community Center. We are still working on revamping the contracts for use, but effective March 1, any tenants (non owners) wishing to rent the community center, will be required to pay the \$500 security deposit in cash or cash equivalent. A check will not be accepted for the security deposit portion of the rental. This is because tenants are not members of the association and do not have an account with the HOA. The Community Center is not available for rent by the apartments because the fees paid by the apartments do not cover these types of amenities, only the passive recreational facilities. Once the revision process is complete, the revised policies will be posted to the website.

I look forward to a busy spring and summer with the many enjoyable events we have in the community. Work has already begun on Broadlands Live, Flicks in the Sticks, the big 20 year anniversary celebration, and of course our nature programs are ongoing throughout the year. Hope to see you out there!

Cheers,

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 February 10, 2015:

- Approved minutes of January 13, 2015 meeting
- Approved the Stick Art Installation proposed by the Wildlife Habitats Committee
- Determined that HOA tenants (non owners) must pay security deposit in cash for Community Center rentals. Apartments cannot rent Community Center
- Discussed whether to require all members to use lidded recycling toters. Determined this is highly encouraged, but not required
- Approved replacement pool furniture (umbrellas and tables) for those damaged or missing
- Approved The Inspectors of Election for the 2015 Annual Meeting
- Approved the pool pump repair proposals from NV Pools
- Approved Crepe Myrtle pruning proposal from HLS
- Approved culvert cleanout proposal from HLS
- Approved 2015 Pool Rules
- Denied changing yard waste and/ or recycling day of pickup proposal from Patriot
- Reviewed the December financial statements
- Assessed violation charges to six owner accounts for trash cans in view and exterior light inoperable
- Assessed violation charges to two owner accounts



#### Please Tie Down Your Trash on Windy Days

Please be sure to bind newspapers with twine or place loose papers in paper bags before setting out at your curb. Weigh down your bottles, plastics and cans by placing heavier recyclables on top. Ensure that the lid of your trash can is tightly secured. Put smaller lightweight bags of trash together in a larger heavyweight bag. Don't put trash out early and PLEASE no loose "peanuts" or other packing materials. Lastly, if the trash does blow over, or you see a bin out of place, please pick it up even if it isn't yours. Your HOA assessment provides for curbside trash removal. There is no budgeted amount for litter removal. The Association relies on homeowners to keep their neighborhoods free of litter and their assessments reasonable.

#### Need a More Secure Recycling Bin?

Residents who currently have the smaller, open recycling bin through Patriot may swap out for the larger, lidded recycling toter at no additional cost. Please contact Patriot Disposal at 703-257-7100 to make this request. You are encouraged to keep a record of the serial number of your Toter(s) should you need to identify it in the future.

#### Share Your Broadlands Memories!

Believe it or not, 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of Broadlands! We know that a lot has changed in that time with old and new friends coming and going, families growing bigger and kids growing up, and the county has grown exponentially. We know many of you have been here the whole 20 years or very close to it. We want to hear from you! Have old pictures or stories to share of what the community was like back in the day? Send them our way to events@broadlandshoa.com. Selections will be featured in upcoming issues of Our Neck of the Woods monthly newsletter and on the website.

#### Modifications Subcommittee Using New Software

The Modifications Subcommittee is using new software to process applications in order to increase efficiency and provide quicker response time to residents regarding the status of their modification applications. Once the Subcommittee has reached a decision, the results letter will be delivered via email. If an email address is not provided, the results letter will be mailed. There have been reports that some emails are being delivered to residents' junk/ spam folder. Therefore, please check your inbox and junk/spam folders for your results letter or contact the HOA office at 703-729-9704. Emails will be sent from *no-reply@smartwebs365.com* should you wish to add this email address to your contact list to ensure prompt delivery.

#### Upcoming Changes to Community Center Rental Deposits

The security deposit for private parties renting the Community Center is now \$500, as of February 1, 2015 regardless of the number of hours rented. Effective March 1, any tenants (non owners) wishing to rent the community center will be required to pay the \$500 security deposit in cash or cash equivalent. A check will not be accepted for the security deposit portion of the rental.

The security deposit for non-profit groups is now \$100 for all new or renewing contracts, as of 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.





March 1, 2015

Dear Broadlands Homeowner:

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the members of Broadlands Association will be held on May 5, 2015. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting and plan to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the Board of Directors, includingthree (3) members to serve three year terms expiring May 2018. The Board oversees the business of Broadlands in the collection and expenditure of association funds, selection of contractors, management of facilities, and adoption of policies for the day-to-day operations. These volunteer Board Members are a vital asset to the association.

To become a Director, you must be a Unit Owner in good standing. The Board currently meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Nature Center Conference Room.

If you are interested in serving, please complete a Nominating Form and Petition for Candidacy and return both documents to the Broadlands Association, Inc. office by 5:00pm on **Monday**, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **2015.** Only the attached Elections Committee approvednomination forms may be used. If you would like a soft copy, you may request one at sarah@broadlandshoa.com.

The Broadlands Association, Inc. Bylaws require that at least three other owners sign the Candidate Petition, which must be received by the association no less than twenty five (25) days before the Annual Meeting to be eligible to be included on the Ballot. All members will be mailed with a proxy containing the names of all eligible candidates with the official notice of the Annual Meeting

New this year, the Board has contracted with The Inspectors of Election, LLCto act as an independent third party election service. The main reason for this addition is to provide the association's members the option to vote via paper Proxy Ballots or vote your Proxy online via their **TIE***i***VOTE**<sup>™</sup>voting website. The online system offers you an easy way to vote in a safe, quick and cost effective manner.

The Inspectors of Election will mail the official annual meeting notice and election package or about April 1, 2015, which will contain unique login information for each unit to access the **TIE***i***VOTE**<sup>™</sup>voting website. Proxies should either be submitted online via the voting website or will need to be mailed, faxed, or scanned to the Inspectors of Election, LLC. Proxy forms will <u>not</u> be accepted at the HOA Office.

For those of you that submit for candidacyin the election, we thank you for your willingness to assist in the success of your community. Remember to mark your calendars for May 5, 2015, the Annual Meeting of Broadlands Association, Inc.!

Sincerely,

Sarah Gerstein

Sarah Gerstein, AMS®, CMCA®, PCAM® General Manager Broadlands Association, Inc.

#### **BROADLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

#### NOMINATING FORM 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

I wish to become a candidate for election to the Broadlands Association, Inc. Board of Directors. Please include my name on the BALLOT for this election.

PRINTED NAM	E:	
ADDRESS:		
PHONE(S):		
EMAIL:		
SIGNATURE:		DATE:
QUALIFICATIO	ONS: (Pertinent Biographical Inform	nation)
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Return to:	Broadlands Association, Inc. 21907 Claiborne Parkway Broadlands, VA 20148	Fax 703-729-9733 Email Sarah@Broadlandshoa.com
Applications mus	st be returned by 5:00pm on March 2 official Annual M	23, 2015 for inclusion in the May Newsletter and eeting notice.

#### **BROADLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

#### PETITION FOR CANDIDACY 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_ wish to become a candidate for election to the Broadlands Association, Inc. Board of Directors and herewith submit the signatures of the following Broadlands Association, Inc. Unit Owners, as required by the Bylaws of Broadlands Association, Inc.

Application must be signed by three Broadlands Association, Inc. Unit Owners. Only one signature per lot allowed.

#### **OWNER SIGNATURES:**

Signature		Address
Signature		Address
Signature		Address
RMATION:		
	Signature Signature Broadlands Association, Inc. 21907 Claiborne Parkway	Signature Signature RMATION: Broadlands Association, Inc. 21907 Claiborne Parkway Fax 703-729-9733

in the official Annual Meeting notice.

# IN CASE YOU NEED A HAND...

#### BROADLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

21907 Claiborne Parkway Broadlands, Virginia 20148 Main: 703-729-9704 Fax: 703-729-9733 www.broadlandshoa.org + info@broadlandshoa.com HOA Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Nature Center Hours: First three Saturdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm

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#### COMMITTEES

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Technology: Dawnerioiz.denoiz@icioud.com

Tennis: Brad Marcus.bradmarcus@gmail.com

**Webmaster:** webmaster@broadlandshoa.org \*Please look under Clubs and Groups for more information

#### ASSESSMENT INFORMATION OFFICE

Firstservice Residential: Payments and Resale Docs Main: 703-679-1541 Fax: 703-591-5785 fsresidential.com customerservice.dcmetro@fsresidential.com

Mail Payments To: FirstService Residential P.O. Box 11983 Newark, NJ 07101-4983

#### NON-EMERGENCY

Ashburn Fire	703-729-0006
Dominion Virginia Power	888-667-3000
Fire Marshall	703-777-0333
Loudoun County Sheriff	703-777-1021
Loudoun Water (customer service)	571-291-7880
Loudoun Water (after hours)	571-291-7878
Poison Control	800-222-3333
State Police	703-771-2533
Washington Gas	703-750-1000

#### **BROADLANDS COMMUNITY**

Mailbox (Main Street Mailboxes)	1-703-753-5521
Trash Pickup (Patriot Disposal)	
Southern Walk Internet/Cable:	
OpenBand 24x7 (customer service)	866-673-6226
OpenBand (trouble tickets)	

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Animal Control/Shelter	
Building Permits & Dev	
County Landfill	
DMV (VA)	800-435-5137
Health Department	
Library (Ashburn)	
Loudoun Ride On	
Loudoun Hospital	
Miss Utility	
Metro	
Parks and Recreation	
Ridesharing	
Road Conditions	
School Board	
Street Signs/Storm Drains	703-771-5666
VDOT	
Van Metre Homes	
Verizon	
Verizon Fios	
Wildlife Hotline (local)	

#### SCHOOLS - BROADLANDS

Briar Woods High School	
Eagle Ridge Middle School	
Hillside Elementary School	
Mill Run Elementary School	

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

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

Prices are: Fleece Ear Warmers: \$7.00 Blankets: \$15.00 Corkscrews: \$7.00 Solo cups: \$4.00 Lanyards: \$5.00

#### 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.

If you would like to be included in the online listing of addresses, please complete the Yard Sale Submission Form on the website at broadlandshoa.org/yardsale-form/. It is the resident's responsibility to check the website to ensure inclusion and accuracy. Residents do not have to be on the list of participants to be part of the community yard sale. Please think about going "green" by bringing along a reusable shopping bag for your purchases. Check out the list of participants to see what's for sale and view the community map to find each unit at broadlandshoa.org/ yardsale.

The HOA will be publicizing the yard

sale in Ashburn Today, Leesburg Today, Loudoun Times-Mirror and The Washington Post.



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

It may not feel like it in this chilly weather, but Broadlands Live 2015 is just around the corner! Ok it's a BIG corner with warm temperatures and HOT bands! Il 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 get up 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 series. Visit broadlandslive.com to see past sponsors and get a look at this spectacular event.

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

#### 2015 Broadlands ODSL Piranhas Swim Team Registration

It might feel like winter but the ODSL Broadlands Piranhas swim season will be here before you know it! Be sure to mark your calendar with the following important team registration dates:

Returning Piranha families: Monday, March 2 Families new to the team: Monday, March 16 Non-Broadlands residents: Monday, April 13



The cost remains the same as last year at \$135.00 per swimmer and registration can be done online starting at 8:00am at teamunify.com/Home.jsp?\_tabid\_=0&team=recbstpva.

Go Piranhas...Swim Fast!

#### Summer Lifeguard Positions Available at High Sierra Pools

High Sierra Pools, the leader in swimming pool management, is now hiring for the Broadlands 2015 Pool Season! Interested applicants should apply online at highsierrapools.com or contact our recruiters at (703) 920-1750, extension 205.

High Sierra Pools is hosting an interview day at Broadlands Community Center. Join us on Friday, April 3rd, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. The Community Center is located at 43004 Waxpool Road, Broadlands, VA 20148. EOE

# 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, at 703-729-9704

or rcrews@ broadlandshoa.com.

# March Covenants Corner

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 March, the Inspectors will be focusing on two issues: homes with trash and recycling bins left out in public view on noncollection days and homes with fencing issues. Article 8, Section 8.2 (i) of the Declaration states that trash containers shall not be permitted to remain in public view from the Common Area or another Lot Except on days of trash collection.

Containers are not permitted to be stored on the driveway, in front of the garage, or on the side of the house, unless approved screening has been applied for and installed per the Design Guidelines. Containers may be put out at sundown the evening before pickup and should be put out of view by the end of the day of pickup.

If a violation is noted for trash cans, the owner will be mailed a letter providing ten 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, a Hearing Notice is sent and a Hearing will be held in accordance with state law, where charges may be assessed, up to \$50 per occurrence. Repeat offenders may be assessed \$50 per occurrence if the containers are left in view.

Article 7, section 7.2 of the Declarations for Broadlands states "Each Owner shall keep such Owner's Lot and all improvements located on the lot in good order, condition and repair." Fencing must be maintained in such a way that it is safe and visually appealing. Fencing that is leaning, has broken, bent, or missing boards, discoloration or mildew, or other damage should be repaired in order to maintain the integrity and visual appearance of the community.

If a violation of this nature is noted, the owner will be mailed a letter providing sixty days for the violation to be resolved. If the violation is not corrected, a second violation letter will be issued, providing an additional fifteen day extension. If the violation remains unresolved, a final notice will be sent, providing seven days to rectify before a Hearing Notice is sent.

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.

# Ladies Nite Out Shake Off Those Winter Blues Tap Those Toes - Get Ready to Dance! Brush up on your line dancing and learn some new steps.

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

Enjoy a hors d'oeuvres from Fusions Cuisine and drinks to compliment.

At 7:00pm kick up those heels with a seasoned line dance instructor.

This event is restricted to Broadlands ladies 21 and older. ID and vouchers required for admittance. Vouchers available at the Nature Center. Please bring photo ID and proof of residency when picking up vouchers. Space is limited to the first 200 to sign up.

Volunteers are still needed. To sign up please visit: SignUpGenius.com/ go/8050A4EA8A62BA20–ladies. Thank you for lending a hand. Without volunteers like you our community events wouldn't be possible.

# FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR SHAWN WILLIAMS

# Loudoun's Land Use and the Rural Economy

Loudoun County has seen incredible growth in our recent history. In the past fifteen years, our population has grown from 169,599 in 2000 to 367,096 in 2015. As I explained in a past article, this quick population expansion has led to stress on our infrastructure and we have been forced to play 'catch up' with roads and schools. While much of this growth was due to land use decisions made decades ago, recent and future development approvals are guided by Loudoun's Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is the set of policy documents adopted by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors intended to serve as a guide for development over the next 20 years and is the foundation for amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision ordinances to ensure the county's goals are implemented through the regulatory process. The county's Comprehensive Plan consists of the Revised General Plan and Amendments, specific strategic plans and the Revised Countywide Transportation Plan. The goals of the Revised General Plan include promoting reasonable residential growth, alleviating future traffic congestion, promoting a diverse economy, protecting the rural economy, and preserving environmental and historical features.

The plan envisions a suburban Eastern Loudoun, rural Western Loudoun and a transition area between the two. Additionally, key to the Comprehensive Plan calls for 'Transit Oriented Development' around the future Metrorail stations along the Greenway. Overall, I think Loudoun has a good Comprehensive Plan, but it's probably ready for some tweaks in the upcoming years. Specifically, I think we need to focus new development in mixed-use centers around the Metrorail stations



and other locations in Eastern Loudoun (like what is already happening at One Loudoun), where there will be sufficient transportation infrastructure to handle the growth. Defining these centers will be an important part of any upcoming revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

One element of land use the Board of Supervisors has worked hard to encourage over the past three years has been rural and agricultural uses. When landowners are given options other than subdividing their property for new housing developments, there is a net benefit to the county's finances. The Board has adopted land use policies to encourage the expansion and success of rural based businesses.

I'm sure many of you are all well aware of the success Loudoun has experienced with the wine industry. In 2014, the County celebrated the opening of eight new wineries, bringing Loudoun's total to forty-two. Wineries are an import industry in Loudoun, with an estimated \$136 million annual economic impact to the County. Last year Wine Enthusiast magazine named Loudoun 'One of the ten best wine travel destinations.' The Board is looking to replicate the same success we have seen with the wine industry with breweries. On January 21<sup>st</sup> of this year, the Board adopted a zoning amendment that permits farm breweries on agriculturally zoned land. As a result of this amendment, seven new brewery businesses have announced plans to open in Loudoun, including Flying Dog Brewery.

Our growing beer industry is getting a lot of attention. This past fall I joined Governor McAuliffe, Catoctin District Supervisor Geary Higgins and Virginia Secretary of Agriculture Todd Haymore for an exciting economic development announcement for this industry. Lucketts Mill Hop Works will be the largest commercial hops processing facility on the East Coast, investing approximately \$1 million into Loudoun's economy. Loudoun partnered with the Commonwealth of Virginia for an agricultural grant for this project. The future looks bright for the craft beer industry in Loudoun.

Part of what makes Loudon special is both suburban development and rural uses all in one community. Maintaining a reasonable Comprehensive Plan and encouraging rural businesses is one way to deal with growth. Additionally, the jobs and tax revenue associated with the rural economy are important contributors to Loudoun's overall economic health. If you have any questions about this article 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 loudoun.gov/broadrun to sign up for my email newsletter.

# **Broadlands Spring Eggstravaganza**

Saturday, March 21st 10:00am until 12:00pm

Hillside Park 43051 Waxpool Road

Led by Peter Cottontail, the parade will begin promptly at 10:00am on the path next to the Community Center. Follow Peter as he makes his way through the tunnel to Hillside Park where there will be eggs to hunt.

#### Please limit eggs to 10 per child so everyone gets some

Bunny photo opps will be available after all of the eggs have been collected...don't forget to bring your camera!

In the event of inclement weather, visit our furry friend at the Community Center to take photos and collect eggs.

Please bring your basket and camera, a little patience, and good cheer. You don't want to miss this fun event!

## This free event is for Broadlands residents only



# For the Health of Your Trees...

#### Proper Mulching Techniques - adapted from International Society of Arboriculture pamphlet Contributed by Jeremy W. Baker, ISA Certified Arborist, jbaker@thecareoftrees.com

#### Benefits of Proper Mulching

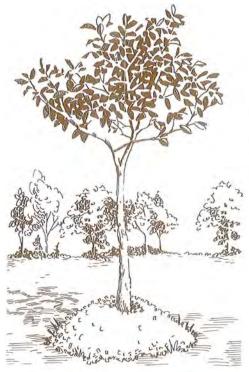
- 1. Helps maintain soil moisture. Evaporation is reduced, and the need for watering can be minimized.
- 2. Helps control weeds. A 2"-4" layer of mulch will reduce the germination and growth of weeds.
- 3. Insulation mulch keeps soils warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.
- 4. Improved quality of soil. Many types of mulch can improve soil aeration and structure and can improve drainage.
- 5. Some types of mulch can improve soil fertility.\*
- 6. A layer of mulch can help inhibit some types of plant disease.
- 7. Helps facilitate lawn maintenance and reduces the risk of mechanical damage from weed-whips or lawn mowers.

Trees growing in a natural forest environment have their roots anchored in a rich, well-aerated soil full of essential nutrients. The soil is blanketed by leaves organic materials that replenish nutrients and provide an optimal environment for root growth and mineral uptake. Urban landscapes, however are typically a much harsher environment with poor soils, little organic matter, and large fluctuations in temperature and moisture. Applying a 2"-4" layer of mulch can help mimic a more natural environment and improve plant health. The roots of most trees can extend to a width of 2-3 times the diameter of the canopy of the tree. Additionally, most of the fine, nutrient and moisture absorbing roots are located in the top few inches of the soil. These roots require oxygen and

moisture to survive. A thin layer of mulch, applied as broadly as practical, can improve the soil structure, oxygen levels, temperature, and moisture availability where these roots grow.

#### Not too much mulch!

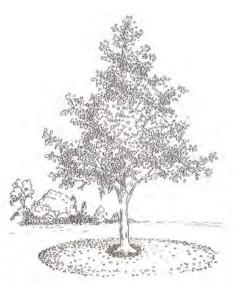
As beneficial as mulch is, too much can be harmful. The generally recommended depth is 2"-4". Unfortunately, Virginia landscapes are falling victim to a plague of over-mulching. A new term, 'mulch volcanoes,' has emerged to describe mulch that has been piled up around the base of trees. Most organic mulches must be replenished, but the amount of replenishment required depends upon the rate of mulch decomposition within your landscape. Thoroughly inspect your mulch beds to ensure that you maintain only a 2"-4" level around your trees and shrubs.



Mulch Volcanos cause many problems for trees.

#### Proper Mulching

- 1. Rake the old mulch to break up any matted layers prior to adding new mulch.
- 2. Keep mulch back a minimum of 2" from the trunks of trees and shrubs.
- 3. Use a well aerated and composted organic mulch to help improve soil conditions. Avoid sour-smelling mulch!
- 4. Composted wood chips that contain leaves and bark make great mulch.
- 5. Mulch a 2"-4" layer out to the drip-line of the tree, or farther if practical.



Mulch wide - not deep

# From the Naturalist...

#### The Broadlands Nature Center, Our Community's Household By: Jessica Bukowinski, Broadlands Naturalist

Taking care of the Broadlands Nature Center sometimes feels like managing a second household. At home, I keep a never ending shopping list on my fridge, while here I keep a similar shopping list on my desk. When I am here at the Nature Center, my kids (or their teachers) call when something is amiss, and when I am at home our volunteers call with questions or concerns. Occasionally all runs smoothly without a single bump, and

I know the answer to every question. I might even think for a moment that I have finally figured it all out, but whether I am here or at home, eventually a new challenge or concern comes up and stumps me. For example, if I find a weird rash on my kids, I consult my mom friends and the internet and then call the pediatrician. When I worry about the animals, I first consult online message boards for reptile enthusiasts and pick the brains of the other ANS naturalists and then I call our vet. We are lucky to have one of the best exotic vet clinics in the nation right here in Northern Virginia, and over the last few weeks I twice bundled up animals and made the drive down to Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services (SEAVS) in Fairfax.

During recent visits to the Nature Center, you may have noticed that our corn snake, Sunny's, bump has been growing larger. This is something that our vet monitors at Sunny's annual visit. In 2014 we got a closer look with an x-ray. During Sunny's exam last week the vet confirmed that despite its increase in size the lump is not causing him pain and that he can continue his important work as an ambassador for his species. Sunny is one of the animals that kids love to meet! There is something empowering about meeting a snake.

Another thing that you or your kids may have noticed is in the opposite corner of the Nature Center. Our female red eared slider (turtle),



Swimmy, has been shedding the top layers of the scutes on her shell since before the start of the New Year. This is something that happens to some, but not all, turtle species as they and their shells grow. The layers that come off feel like fingernails. Our male turtle, Franklin, went through the same process last summer. Because Swimmy is an older turtle with a history of shell troubles, I have been watching her very closely and I had the vet check to ensure that the process was not taking so long that it might encourage infection underneath those loose top layers of scute. She passed her exam with flying colors and continues to shed those layers of scute as she basks under her light by her pond here at the Nature Center.

Our pair of female doves took the opportunity to carpool with the others and went in for their annual exam. While their health looks fine,

> it is important to screen birds for certain diseases that could make our visitors and volunteers sick so they had some routine tests.

I am proud of how the Broadlands community cares about our Nature Center critters. I love it when visitors are concerned enough to notice and point these things out to me and to ask about the welfare of our animal friends. As Broadlands residents, you can consider the Nature Center and the animals in it yours to visit and to love. Meanwhile, you can leave your Naturalist to deal with managing all the

details while you focus on your own households. Keep on caring and keep on asking questions!

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.

# **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





www.audubonnaturalist.org

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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

## Cost:

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

Payment on day of event: \$5.00/child

**Pre-pay online at** broadlandsnaturally.org.

## Broadlands Nature Center

21907 Claiborne Parkway Broadlands, VA 20148 703-729-9726

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# 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 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 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.



Bobby, Heather, Parker, Darden and AJ Peterson, one of the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. They were so excited to see that they were one of the winners that they took a picture to share with us. Your house looked great! Congratulation!

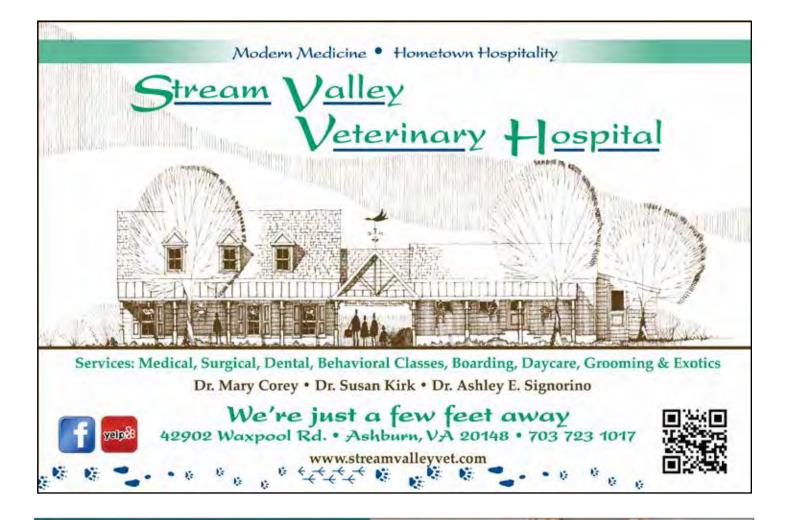




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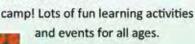
Half-day classes for ages 2.5-5 years. All-day programs for children ages 6-weeks to after-school 5th grade.

#### Full-Day Accredited Kindergarten!

Our full-day kindergarten is a great start to your child's school career. 8:30a-3:30p with before and/or after-care available. Summer Camp Coming Soon!

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Field trips: weekly Water Parks, National Zoo, Baltimore Aquarium, Luray Caverns, Adventure Park, Roller Skating and more!

We bring all the ingredients together to provide enrichment to each campers experience. Enroll soon, our camps fill up quickly.

#### **CHEER & TUMBLING SUMMER CAMPS**

We offer state-of-the art equipment, 9-panel spring floor and the following summer programs:

- Full-Day Cheer Camps includes tumbling, stunting, cheering and fitness for ages 6-13.
- Half-Day Cheer Camps focuses on cheering, stunting and tumbling.
- Half-Day Tumble Camps provides tumbling for all levels.
- Stunt Clinic & Camps teach essentials of stunting. through drills, stunts, stretching, conditioning, and especially technique for bases and flyers.
- Superstar Tumble Camp provides opportunity to practice unique & different skills not normally focused on in a standard tumble class. Each day will finish with a tumblingoriented group activity, game or fun competition.
- High School Boot Camp is for veteran high school cheerleaders. and includes tumbling, stunting, jumps and conditioning.

#### AFTER SCHOOL & KINDERGAR ENVICHMENT

After School Program: our unique program includes a daily, healthy snack and is comprised of our five pillars of healthy living; Fitness Program, Nutrition Seminars, Academic Support & Technology Center, Character Education and Community Service, which includes indoor & outdoor activities and open gym up until 6:30pm.

Kindergarten Enrichment: includes the above with a low 8:1 student/teacher ratio and provides enrichment of skills and concepts learned in LCPS, plus an art program and monthly field trips. Program is run by a licensed Kindergarten teacher. Choose half-day program until 2:30pm

or full-day until 6:30pm.



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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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, currently through 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.

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

# From the Habitat Committee...



24 March 2015 | Our Neck of the Woods



# NATURE SUMMER CAMPS AT BROADLANDS NATURE CENTER

# Pre-K/K in Fall 2015

#### Backyard Bugs

#### July 27-July 31, 9 am-12 pm ANS Members/Broadlands Residents \$128; Nonmembers \$213

Let's dig deep, get dirty, and see what kinds of cool and creepy critters are living in our backyards. Exploration of worms, butterflies, and spiders are just the beginning as we discover what makes its home in our backyard.





# Registration Info

Online registration for Virginia camps opens Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 9 a.m. To register:

• Go to www.anshome.org

• Click on Register Online and follow the prompts

Broadlands residents: To get the ANS/ Broadlands member rate, you must check the box that says you are an ANS member when registering online. When the system asks for your member ID number, type in "Broadlands".

Questions? Call 703-729-9726.

# 1st/2nd/3rd/4th Grades in Fall 2015

#### Cold Blooded Creatures

#### July 6-July 10, 9 am-3 pm ANS Members/Broadlands Residents \$254; Nonmembers \$339

Did you know one local amphibian can freeze solid each winter? Learn more about some of our cold blooded friends in this camp about reptiles, amphibians, and fish. We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

#### Junior Entomologist

#### July 13-July 17, 9 am-3 pm ANS Members/Broadlands Residents \$254; Nonmembers \$339

Are all insects bugs? We'll answer this question and more while looking high, low, and lower for our six-legged friends and their habitats. Come investigate insects and how important they are to ecosystems. Get ready for some crazy crawlers, happy hoppers, and fantastic fliers.

#### Creature Feature: Animals and their Habitats

#### July 20-July 24, 9 am-3 pm ANS Members/Broadlands Residents \$254; Nonmembers \$339

Meet a live animal every day in this exciting camp! We will investigate the differences between wild animals and pets, including their different adaptations. Before we meet our live guest, we will practice safe and respectful handling. We'll finish every day seeing and touching the animal we have learned so much about!





# About Your Pet...

#### Farm Feline or City Kitty? By: Shannon M. Pecora, MA of Stream Valley Veterinary Hospital

The suburban life is generally an indoor one for domestic cats. However, beautiful Northern Virginia, including our own Loudoun County, encompasses everything from the bustling urban to the bucolic rural. Therefore, one NoVA kitty may rarely venture beyond his condo's foyer while just a few miles away a NoVA barn cat regularly patrols the stables and barnyard. And it would not be surprising if these two felines were born in the same litter!

These distinctive lifestyles merit their

own personalized approaches to veterinary care. An apartment is usually a much more controlled environment than a farm - though that should not give you a false sense of complacency if your cat stays indoors. Just be sure to clearly communicate with your veterinary staff, particularly if there are any changes: have you given your cat access to a newlyadded screened porch, welcomed a dog into your family, or moved from a townhouse to a farm?

So what difference does any of this make? Well, of course, the exposure risk for illnesses such as rabies increases greatly with a more adventurous, outdoor (or indoor/ outdoor) lifestyle. Preventive medicine includes baseline examinations, vaccinations, and recommendations to keep your pet safe based on risk potential. So first, let's consider some highly likely recommendations for an indoor-only cat. Regular exams track health trends and can help catch illnesses in early stages. Annual rabies and distemper vaccines really are a must, even if you think your cat will never come in contact with another animal. These viruses are incredibly contagious and dangerous, and they can be spread in everyday situations: a bat mistakenly flies into your attic, your cat escapes through the front door and has a few minutes in your yard before you catch her, or a friend with an infected pet visits and plays with your cat without properly encounter those biting parasites right where they live! And it's not just wild animals who present a threat; other outdoor cats can be dangerous, too, especially during mating periods or fights over territory. That means you should have your cat tested each year for FIV (also referred to as feline AIDS) and feline leukemia. There is also an annual vaccine that can help protect your cat from feline leukemia.

Though we generally recommend that all cats be spayed or neutered, outdoor cats obviously will have more opportunity to mate, which can increase the unwanted pet population. A microchip and proper rabies and ID tags will make it clear that your kitty belongs with your family. And don't forget to talk to your vet about ways to check in with your cat so you know that she hasn't become a victim of a fight, fall, or busy highway (incidentally, all great incentives for keeping a cat inside!).

An outdoor lifestyle is not ideal for every kitty, and your veterinary staff can talk with you about pros and cons tailored specifically to your pet. Even if your cat stays inside your home, it's not akin to living in a bubble, so there are precautions to take no matter what. Country cat or city kitty? Because these lifestyle decisions should be considered carefully, talk to your vet and have the pros help you weigh your options!

washing his hands first. We also want to check fecal (or stool) samples at least annually. Did you know that potting soil can contain intestinal parasites? Keep your pets and your kids away! And of course, fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes thrive in our climatecontrolled homes, so keep up those preventive products year-round!

Now, imagine an outdoor cat who could try to hunt down a bat, who will dig through potentially-infested outdoor soil, and who will certainly

# In the Garden

#### March, the Month to Get Gardening! By Jill Johnson, Loudoun County VCE Master Gardener

Daffodils and crocus are coming up and March looks promising even though the weather doesn't always cooperate. Saint Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> is a traditional date to plant peas but last year on that date we had one of the heaviest snows of the winter, so you never know. At any rate, garden soil needs to be crumbly and workable before you plant peas, not wet and frigid. Peas will germinate as soon as the soil warms to 50 degrees. I will plant my favorite heirloom Mammoth Melting Sugar snow peas again this year, and will do a better job of providing adequate trellising to support the 6 foot plus vines.



Spring officially arrives on March 20 and on Saturday, March 21 Loudoun County Master Gardeners are holding our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Symposium at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg. The seminar features four renowned speakers who will instruct, inspire and get your gardening juices flowing! Award winning garden writer and Mother Earth News contributing editor, Barbara Pleasant, will kick off the day with her presentation "New Frontiers in Organic Gardening." Go to *loudouncountymastergardeners.org* for more information.



I'll pick the first nice day this month to get serious about garden clean-up. I didn't cut back my perennials in the fall, so that's on my to-do list, as well as cutting down ornamental grasses, and cleaning up dead leaves from hellebores and epimediums. You can divide perennials now if the ground is dry enough. Just think, free plants if you do the work. Yank those nasty perennial weeds like garlic mustard and henbit and the annuals like chickweed, bittercress and deadnettle.

Space limitations preclude a complete list of March chores but you can find a comprehensive guide

including what to sow in the vegetable garden at loudouncountymastergardeners.org, just click on the tab "Gardening Advice" for a month by month list.



Free Garden Lecture, Thursday, March 5th – The Magic and Mystery of Vernal Pools

The pools of water that appear every spring in our Loudoun landscape and slowly fade by late summer are the lifeline for rare water plants, amazing wood frogs and marbled salamanders. On Thursday, March 5th at 7 pm at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, 30 Catoctin Circle, Leesburg, Naturalist Tammy Schwab will share the secrets of how these special waters nourish plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. She also will tell us how to identify a vernal pool and protect it. Please join us!

For more information about the lecture or the Loudoun County VCE Master Gardener program visit the website: *loudouncountymastergardeners.org* or call the Loudoun Extension Office at 703-777-0373.

# Spring is Almost Here, Why Don't You...

## Let's Celebrate Spring !

Spring Tea and Fashion Show Saturday, May 2, 2015 1:00pm - 4:00pm Broadlands Community Center

Enjoy a Traditional High Tea View the Latest Spring 2015 Fashions Sponsored By a Local Boutique

Dress Up In Your Favorite Spring Outfit Invite Your Daughters (appropriate for ages six and older)

Seating is limited to the first 60 guests that sign up

#### Are You Looking to do Some Bulk Shredding?

Mark your calendars for our third "No-Cost, On Site, While You Watch" Shredding & Electronics Recycling Event, which will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the RE/MAX Premier parking lot located at 44675 Cape Ct, Ashburn. We will take ANY electronics, tools, TV's, computers, appliances, metal objects, fans, phones, cords, grills, etc. If you can get it to the truck, we'll take it. Please know that we DO NOT destroy the hard drive of computers. If you are sensitive about information being seen, please remove it before dropping off.

Dunkin Donuts coffee, hot chocolate and donuts will be served. Please RSVP to Dan at dan@danthiewes.comor call 703-508-5762 so we know how many donuts to order!

#### Briar Woods High School Music Boosters Musical Honors and Events

#### Tri-M Music Honor Society

Congratulations to the 73 students who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Students representing the Briar Woods Band, Choir, Guitar and Orchestra Programs were granted this honor, and pledged to promote music appreciation, awareness and excellence within their school and community.

#### All-District Band

23 students represented Briar Woods as members of the LCPS All-District Band. In addition, 6 students went on to JMU on February 28th to audition for the All-State Band. Congratulations to the following outstanding musicians on their achievements in being selected to the LCPS All-District Band and for a great performance at the All-District Band concert at John Champe High School on February 7th:

- Flute Helen Choi
- Bassoon Alex Mosher
- Bb Clarinet Megan Lee, Bethany Oberg / Alternate-Alec Vanlandingham
- Bass Clarinet / I<sup>st</sup> Chair- Skylar Schulman
- Tenor Sax / 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Cameron Greer
- Trumpet James Sutherland / Alternate Max Kadunce
- French Horn Nick Skacel, Thomas Skacel, Aman Garg, Kender Poore, Aizlinn Tyrie / Alternate - Derek Vandervoort
- Trombone Eric Svendsen, Jacob Zerega
- Tuba / 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Cameron Farnsworth
- Percussion Mark Panetti, Tyler Schafer, Michael Levan, Coby Ryan / Alternate - Zach Greenbaum

#### Winter Competitions

The Falconaires Winterguard and Falcon Drumline kicked off its competition season in February beginning with the Winter Drumline and Winterguard Contest at Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria. The groups are looking forward to an exciting season as they participate in competitions throughout the area.

Visit **BWHSMusicBoosters.org** for the latest news on all Briar Woods music programs.



#### GUINNESS BEER CHEESE DIP

32 ounces processed cheese food (i.e. Velveeta), cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 cup Irish stout beer
2 cup salsa

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

teaspoon chili powder
teaspoon onion powder
teaspoon cayenne pepper

Heat cheese in slow cooker on High until melted, about 20 minutes. Stir beer, salsa, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, onion powder, and cayenne pepper into cheese until smooth and heated through, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes. Serves 16. *allrecipes.com* 

#### FROSTED MINT CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

2/3 cup mint chocolate chips 1/4 cup unsalted butter
1 package refrigerated chocolate chunk & chip cookie dough (i.e. Nestle Toll House, Pillsbury, etc.)
1/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa 1/4 teaspoon mint extract 2 eggs
1 to 1 1/2 cups green frosting

Remove cookie dough from package; let stand at room temperature about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350°F. Line an 8-inch square pan with cooking parchment paper. In a 1 -quart saucepan, heat chocolate chips and butter over low heat, stirring constantly to prevent burning, until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Break up cookie dough and add to a stand mixer with paddle attachments. Add the melted chocolate mixture, baking cocoa, mint extract and eggs. Beat on low speed just until blended. Pour brownie batter into pan; spread evenly. Bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven; cool completely in pan on a cooling rack for about 45 minutes. When brownies are cool, spread frosting over top with spatula and server. Serves 12. roxanashomebaking.com

#### LEPRECHAUN'S LUNCH

1 ounce Bailey's Irish Cream Caramel 1 ounce Creme de Menthe 1 ounce Creme de Cacao 4 ounces milk



Pour the Bailey's Irish cream, Creme de Menthe and Creme de Cacao over two ice cubes in a small (8-oz) highball glass. Add milk, stir, and serve. *theslowroasteditalian.com* 



# Take Time Out For You

#### Make Fitness a Family Affair By, Katie Herbert, CPT, Tabata Bootcamp Master Trainer locotabatabootcamp@gmail.com

By now most of us know that childhood obesity is becoming a nationwide epidemic. The percentage of obese children and adolescents has increased dramatically over the last 30 years, doubling in children ages 6-11 and quadrupling in adolescents 12-19. The statistics for obese children are frightening as many of these children end up with medical complications that in the past were reserved for obese adults such as: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, adult on-set diabetes and musculoskeletal diseases. The future for obese children doesn't look great but we can begin to change the landscape and it starts at home.

Most parents are aware that modeling plays a huge role in the development of our children. Children watch what we do and listen to what we say, even if it doesn't seem like they are paying attention, they are taking note of everything that goes on. As parents, we hope that as our children grow they will adopt all of our positive behaviors (i.e. I eat healthy: they will grow up to eat healthful food, I exercise: they will see the benefit and do the same). Modeling played a huge part in my life as one of my earliest memories was watching my Mom workout to Jane Fonda videos.

What if we took it a step further and instead of just modeling these positive behaviors, we *included* our children in these activities that we so value. I don't mean to take away your sanity time at the gym or propose that you never get a run in on your own. But what if instead you added a little activity to your day that could include your children? This is a win-win because you get to burn a few extra calories and your children get to join in the fun and feel the difference that activity makes.

#### Tips for Family Fitness Fun:

1. Remember to keep it fun exercise shouldn't feel like work for a kid, you want to keep it light and playful.

2. Start simple and take a family bike ride or if you are going for a run have an older child ride a bike alongside you.

3. At the gym, warm up by shooting hoops with your child before you workout.

4. Have a dance party at home. Crank up the radio and get silly. You can take turns being the operator and play freeze dance too.

5. Have an animal parade. Each child can take a turn choosing a different animal to act out. You can add to this and play tag as each animal talk about burning calories!

6. Hit the playground together and take turns creating an obstacle course.7. Into yoga? Children are natural yogis; show your kids a few of your favorite poses, you can even ask them to create their own.

8. Older children can be included in gym workouts. Steer clear of machines: think medicine balls, bosu balance trainers, light free weights and body weight exercises.

The first tip bears repeating: keep it fun. Family fitness time can be an amazing tool not only to show your kids your commitment to health but also as a time to connect. The most meaningful talks happen when I am throwing the football with my oldest



son. His mind is free and he opens up about his day and about his friends and school. Keep your activity time light. This isn't a time to judge or correct but a time to engage and have fun.

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#### Piranhas Planning Triathlon -Save the Date!

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#### Memorial Service and Blessing For Jamie Rowley

It hardly seems like a year ago that our community experienced a tragic loss. In the early morning hours of March 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, Jaime Rowley (single mother living in the Broadlands community) was hit by a car while running through the intersection of Claiborne Pkwy and Waxpool Rd. Unfortunately, Jaime did not survive her injuries. With the abundant outreach and support of the community, Jaime's family and friends were inspired to help others. Her family and friends have created the Run for Jaime Foundation with two simple goals: promoting runner safety awareness and providing financial assistance for children who have lost a parent or guardian too soon.

Family, friends and the Running community raised money for a memorial bench to be installed near the location of Jaime's last run. Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church will be holding a Memorial service and a blessing of the bench on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm followed by a reception with small plates and appetizers. The community is invited to join with family and friends to remember Jaime and to come together once again.

The Run for Jaime Foundation will be holding a fund raising event hosted by 1757 Golf Course on April 27<sup>th</sup> in efforts to raise money to help families who have been affected by an unexpected tragic loss. The event is the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Olympics and will not be your average golf tournament. It is going to be a fun way to honor an amazing person and to benefit the Run for Jaime Foundation. It is a game that everyone can play and is not just for golfers. Each hole will be a different obstacle, event or game. For more information, please go to www.golfinvite.com/19thholeolympics.

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#### 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 senior citizens? Please join us on Saturday, March 14th at 10:30am. at the Mills Recreation Center on Gloucester Parkway in Ashburn Village. This month we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The Classics meet the second Saturday of each month and have satellite clubs which include bridge, Bunco, book clubs, Mexican Train, card games and lunch groups. For more information, please call Grace at 703-729-7044 or Carmen at 703-723-3724.

#### ASHBURN TOASTMASTERS

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.

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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.

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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.

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#### CONSIGNMENT/CHARITY EVENT

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Classified ads (limited to 40 words maximum) must be received with payment by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's issue.

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#### Monthly Rates:

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> Mail to or drop off payments at: Broadlands Association 21907 Claiborne Parkway Broadlands, VA 20148

For more information contact: Advertising Manager: Stassa Collins, (703) 729-9704, scollins@broadlandshoa.com

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## ADVERTISING and EDITORIAL INFORMATION

The Broadlands Community Newsletter is a monthly publication mailed to nearly 4000 homes and businesses in the Broadlands community. The newsletter editor reserves the right to reject any advertisement that is not in the best interest of the Broadlands Community or the Broadlands Association. <u>Advertising orders cannot be cancelled after the initial deadline.</u>

#### **ADVERTISING**

Advertiser provides camera ready ad. Electronic format is required in PDF. Ads not sent in this format cannot be placed. Although every effort is made to provide a professional look to your ad, the association is not responsible for ad quality. A completed Insertion Order Form is required and is available at broadlandshoa.org on the newsletter page. DEADLINE: <u>Ad, payment and Insertion Order Form submissions are due the 1st day of the</u> <u>month prior to the issue. (Ex: Jan 1 for Feb's</u> *issue.)* 

#### MONTHLY PRICING

BLACK AND WHITE: 1/8 pg (3.625" W X 2.25" H) \$90 /\$75\* 1/4 pg (3.625" W X 4.875" H) \$165 /\$140\* 1/2 pg (7.5" W X 4.875" H) \$295 /\$270\* Full pg (8.5" W x 4.875" H) \$550/\$525\* COLOR (INSIDE COVERS) LIMITED AVAILABILITY: 1/4 pg (3.625" W X 4.875" H) \$225 /\$210\* 1/2 pg (7.5" W X 4.875" H) \$425 /\$405\* Full pg (8.5" W X 11" H) \$1050 /\$900\* COLOR (OUTSIDE BACK COVER) LIMITED AVAILABILITY: 1/4 pg (3.625" W X 4.875" H) \$250/ \$240\* 1/4 pg horizontal banner (8" W X 3" H) \$250 /\$240\* 1/2 pg (8" W X 4.875" H) \$475/ \$455\* Full pg (8" W X 8"H) \$1050/ \$950\* \*Notes discounted price if 6 or more months are prepaid Add 10% to base price above for preferred placement Color space is limited, please inquire.

#### PAYMENTS (Due when Ad is submitted)

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For more information or questions regarding advertising, contact Ad Manager Stassa Collins at ads4broadlands@yahoo.com or 703-729-9704. Please Note: Advertisers in the Broadlands Newsletter *are not* endorsed by the Homeowner's Association, the Board of Directors or HOA Management.

#### **EDITORIAL**

The deadline for editorial submissions is **noon on the 10th of the month**, or noon on the last business day before the 10th should it fall on a weekend or holiday. Editorial submissions should be emailed to nihanainen@broadlandshoa.com. A message may be left for the editor at 703-729-9704.





