

# **HOT TOPICS THROUGH THE YEARS**

## **THE BIG FOUR:**

- Development -Green Spaces
- Street Lights
- Dogs - Cats - Wildlife
- Sidewalks

## IN THE 1950's, WE :

- MOSTLY HAD ONE CAR PER FAMILY
- COULD MAKE AN EASY LEFT ON GALLOWES
- HAD MILK DELIVERED TO OUR DOOR
  - ALSO DIAPERS AND POTATO CHIPS!
- SET OUT ASHTRAYS EVERYPLACE
- MET OUR NEIGHBORS HANGING OUT CLOTHES
- WOMEN WORE GIRDLES, WAIST-CINCHERS ("MERRY WIDOWS") — AND HATS + GLOVES
- MEN RODE TO WORK IN CAR-POOLS — AND MOWED THEIR LAWNS ON WEEKENDS
- USED MIMEOGRAPHS, TYPEWRITERS AND CARBON PAPER — NOT COPIERS + COMPUTERS!
- LOVED OUR "RECREATION CENTER" CONSOLES WHERE OUR KIDS WATCHED:

DAVEY CROCKETT — RANGER HAL-  
BOBB THE CLOWN — HOWDY DOODY

— AND WE WATCHED:

THE CAMEL NEWS CARAVAN -  
WALTER CRONKITE - EDWARD R. MURROW  
JOHN CAMERON SWAYZE - HOWARD K. SMITH  
CHARLES COLLINGWOOD - HUNTLEY - BRINKLEY  
KUKLA FRAN - OLLIE AND I LOVE LUCY

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AND WORRIED ABOUT AN ATOM BOMB

## ENCROACHING DEVELOPMENT: IT BEGAN IN 1951

World War II had ended, and young veterans and their families headed for the green spaces that were to become "the suburbs." Holmes Run Acres was one of the first developments in rural Fairfax County, and a local resident was heard to mutter, "Hmmp! City folks - don't even have any pigs or chickens." Early issues of the "Holmes Runner" contain lengthy discussions of continuing development and how we hoped to limit it. This is a brief summary of some of the issues, on most of which HRACA took active stands. Once the County Board of Supervisors abandoned its master plan and voted to favor development, the race was on, and few battles were won. Our efforts did, however, bring some concessions, affect plans, and help preserve green spaces.

- **THE EXXON STATION** - probably the earliest threat to our rural atmosphere, it stands where early residents enjoyed a horse stable.

- **GALLOWS AND ARLINGTON BLVD** - development began in earnest when the 600 acre **CHILES TRACT** between the Acres and Rt. 50 was sold. Despite protest, and even with *The Saturday Evening Post* and Lady Byrd Johnson weighing in, few green areas were left.

- **MOBIL OIL** - despite fears, provided the only trees left along Gallows Rd.

- **RAINTREE** - townhouses where the community feared high rises.

- **WALNUT HILL** - 30 acres was offered to the budding Fairfax Co. Park Authority in 1958 for \$110,000, but they had no funding to buy. The beautiful Tara-style mansion on the hillside is now replaced by 58 patio-homes.

- **HEART ASSOCIATION BUILDING** - withdrew its application.

- **BAPTIST CHURCH EXPANSION** - threat of increased traffic.

- **BELTWAY EXIT/ENTRANCE CHANGES** - traffic fears concerning these resulted in a VDOT environmental study. Several HRA houses on Gallows Rd. were saved and the study led to the classification of Holmes Run Acres as a National Historic Community.

- **ARNOLD LANE DEVELOPMENT** - a cul de sac plan that would have taken most of the trees bordering Surrey Lane was defeated by a combination of neighborhood petitioning and poor economy forcing the builder's bankruptcy.

- **BRIGHTVIEW ASSISTED LIVING** - development by now seemed inevitable, and there was little community response, so HRACA worked with developers toward mid-century architecture blending with ours, encouraging preservation of as many trees as possible.

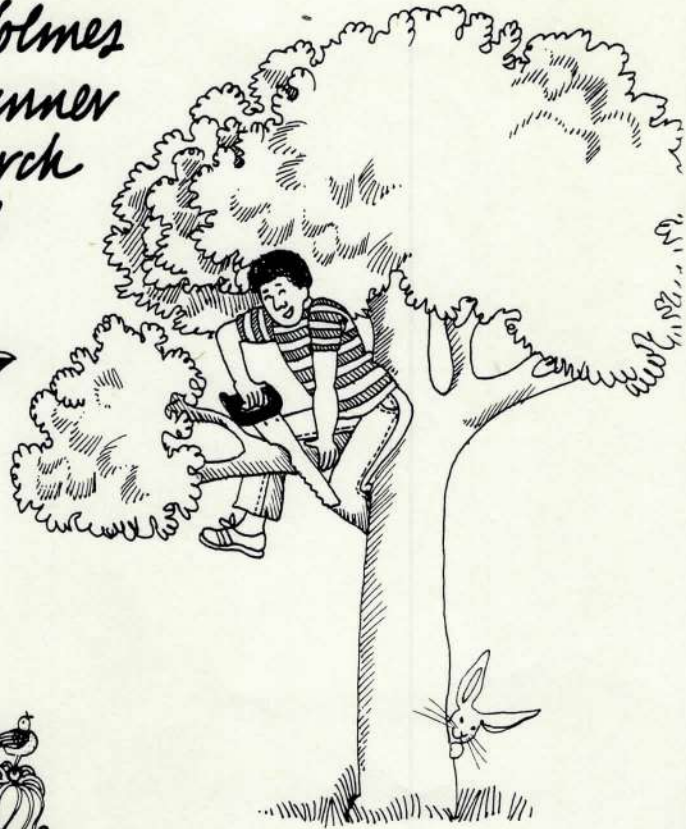
- **MOBIL OIL** - with its sale to INOVA, dare we hope most trees will remain?

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GROWTH ISSUES  
CONTINUE:  
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LIBEAU LANE

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*The  
Holmes  
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## Gallows Road Consolidation Mason District

On January 24, 2017, the BOS authorized the consideration of a Plan amendment for Tax Map Parcels 59-2 ((1)) 29A, 29B, 30-36, 38-43 and 43A, located south of Gallows Road, north of Libeau Lane and east of the Raintree neighborhood in the Annandale Planning District, A9-Holmes Run Community Planning Sector, Mason Supervisor District.

The 9.5-acre subject property is zoned R-2 and is planned for residential uses at 1-2 dwelling units per acre. The property is currently developed with 11 single-family detached dwelling units that are accessed from Gallows Road and Libeau Lane.

### 2017-I-A1 Gallows Road Consolidation ITEM: PA 2017-I-A1



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The Board has authorized staff to consider an amendment to the current Comprehensive Plan guidance for the property for residential uses with a density range of 5-8 du/ac.

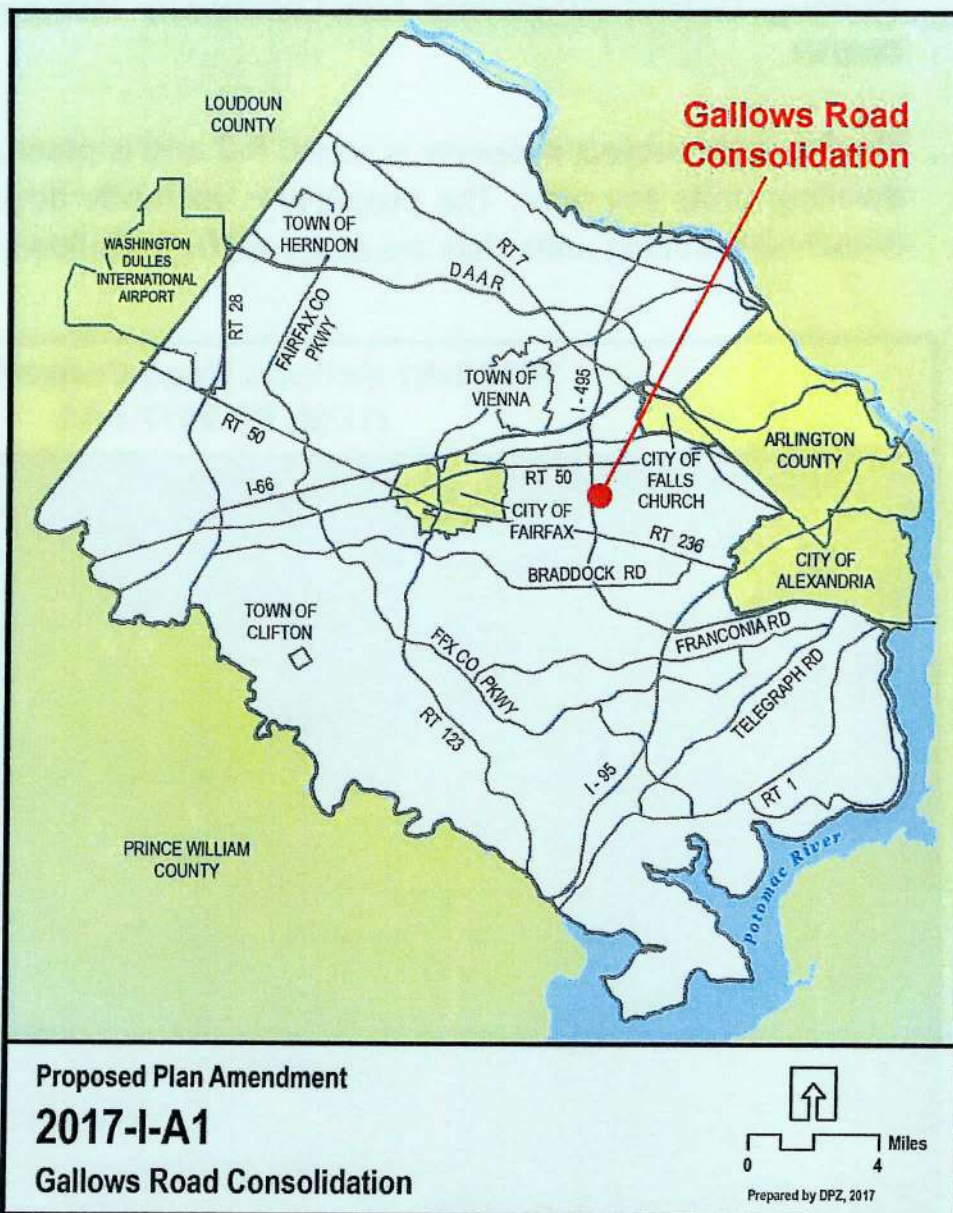
### Project Milestones

- Community Meeting  
April 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM
- Mason District Land Use  
Committee Meeting  
April 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM
- Public Release of the  
Staff Report  
May 18, 2017
- Mason District Land Use  
Committee Meeting  
May 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM
- Planning Commission  
Public Hearing  
June 15, 2017 at 8:15 PM
- Board of Supervisors  
Public Hearing  
July 25, 2017 at 4:00 PM

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# HOW GREEN WERE OUR ACRES

By Vivian Smith

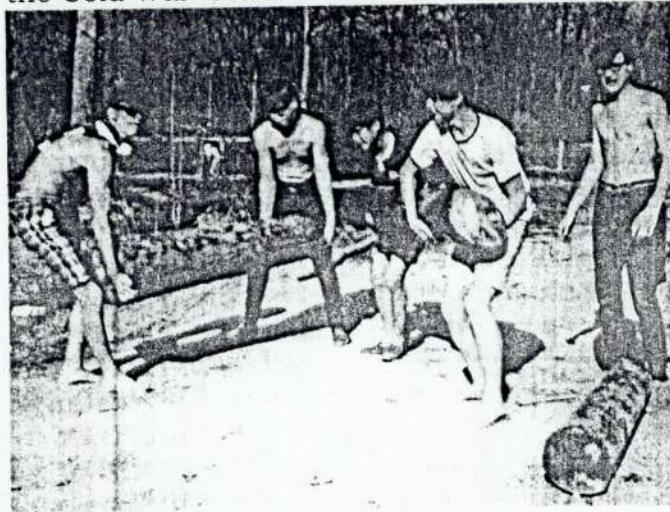
One of my favorite cartoons shows a little boy complaining to his dad, "No wonder you like history. You were there for most of it."

At the risk of being cast in the Dad's role, I'd like to rummage around in a bit of Acres history. Almost since the first house was built here, our residents were "green" conscious. It was the 1950s and we were fresh out of World War II and well into the Korean War and the Cold War. Most of us were one-car families, with the station wagon a high favorite (except for the Smiths, who drove their trusty little 1953 Studebaker, which even now reigns in our carport).

Did we worry about energy efficiency? Not really. Most men – and an occasional woman – carpooled downtown, the major source of employment in those days. Early editions of the Holmes Runner featured hilarious stories about carpools and the tested, and sometimes, testy relationships of the members.

Back in the Acres, the women stayed busy with the kids – and numerous other activities. Lynn Bilger, the area Civil Defense Warden, had us taking First Aid courses, planning evacuation routes (a joke even then), and sending our kids off to Woodburn with their toilet paper and emergency kits, along

Pictures show volunteers of all ages working with the Park Authority in the 1960's on improvements.



*The Holmes Run Acres community helped turn what had been a swampy dump site into the first neighborhood park in Fairfax County.*

with instructions to listen when they were told to "duck and cover."

How can we ignore the children's role in HRA "green"? They grew up playing in Holmes Run stream and exploring the woods. The *Saturday Evening Post* (a prestigious national magazine at the time) on June 18, 1966, did a major 2-part series on preserving open spaces. Written by Ben Bagdikian, "The Rape of the Land"

featured several pages about his tour of the woods around the Acres, led by four Acres' 7-12 year olds, Dirk and Mike Mattheisen and Ricky and Mike Cooper.

Their mothers, Ursula Mattheisen and Mary Lou Cooper, remain Acres residents. A reprint of the *Post* article can be found in "Holmes Run Acres. The Story of a Community, Vol 2," published for our 40th anniversary. Many of these young people went on to pursue professions in the nature/biology/ecology fields.

Sarah Lahr and Al Smith, who was probably the lone retiree in the Acres, tried to drum up

enthusiasm in the neighborhood for the Fairfax County Master Plan for controlled growth. Growth? With all this space around us? And if you wanted to know about a

political issue – not a party, but an issue – you just had to ask any of the very active members of the League of Women

Voters. I still remember Tess McNulty harrumphing, "Bombs. That's not what's gonna get us. What we should be worrying about is water." Tess later moved to Colorado, where I have no doubt she was active in the even more challenging water problems there.

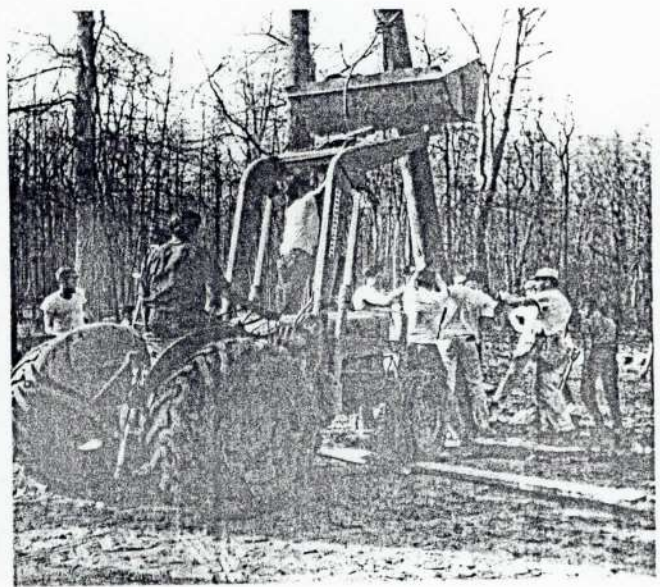
All these memories were stirred up because Henry Lowenstern was going through his papers as he and Marki planned their move to Goodwin House and he ran across a notebook he'd saved from the 1960s. He asked whether I thought they might be of interest for the history files. I rarely say no to such requests, preferring to leave the ultimate decision to a professional historian at some later date. (A page from Henry's notebook is reproduced on the next page.) After all, how much history did we lose when Martha destroyed George's letters? And how much history would have been lost had Fairfax County Library's Virginia Room not accepted the *Runners* offered to them by several HRA packrats ("archivists")?

Our newer residents may not know that all our *Holmes Runners* since first publication in 1952 are bound and available in the Virginia Room for historical research. So if you want to be a published author, contribute to the *Runner*! (Unsolicited advertisement for *Runner* contributions.)



Several additions were made to Totland, including a wood "climbing" gym, which along with the seesaw pictured - were eventually replaced because of changing safety standards.

During the 1950s, we lived in the comfortable illusion that we were almost rural, lulled by the vast forested Chiles tract between Route 50 and us. By the 1960s, the illusion was fast fading. Many of the articles Henry saved dealt



with zoning issues I selected one, which deals

*The Luria brothers deeded the land to the newly formed Fairfax County Park Authority in the 1950s.*

with the Merrifield area, so much in the news currently, and just as controversially Henry was testifying on behalf of our Civic Association, to save the 146-acre Chiles tract for "open space and badly needed park facilities" Included in the notebook is a presentation made by Roland "Pete" Peterson (who authored the many "Nature in the Acres" columns) He quoted from a letter sent to an Acres resident by Lady Bird Johnson " .your message. would correspond with truly hundreds of letters that have come to me from suburban counties all over the nation The very attraction, and appeal of suburbia - its fresh mantle of open greenery - is disappearing at an alarming rate, and I share your concern. "

There have been many residents in Holmes Run Acres like those mentioned above Their names may now be known to only a few of us, but the contributions they made are not forgotten. They would be - or are - pleased by the greatest tribute they can be given the continued civic interest and activities that our younger generations are showing here. Carry on! ☐

- THE "HOLMES RUNNER"  
WINTER, 2008

BELOW:  
A BRIEF  
HISTORICAL  
PERSPECTIVE  
FROM MY POINT  
OF VIEW -  
Dorian Smith

## WHEN IS ENOUGH ENOUGH?

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Gallows Road was never intended to be a major highway, much less to connect to an express lane Beltway access. Every new development brings more cars, and we turn on and off and cross Gallows Road at our peril. Our canopy of trees is shrinking daily, and the air we breathe in the summer heat brings tears to our eyes and fumes to our lungs. Our demands for power, water, sewage disposal, road maintenance and schools grow.

We do not want to stop progress. But when we continue to destroy the very amenities that attract people, is it "progress?" What do we owe the citizens who have lived here and watched their way of life deteriorate rather than improve?

When is enough enough? Now.

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Date: April 24, 2017 at 5:54 PM  
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*When is enough enough? Now.*

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Sent from my iPad

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*TYSONS CORNER IS FIRST 'HOLMES  
RUNNERS' KNEW IT —*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

The Washington Post

## Tyson's 2: Readers remember the former crossroads



John  
Kelly's  
Washington

The memories we form of Tyson's Corner today typically involve snagging a good parking space outside the mall or a getting a good deal on a cashmere sweater inside. That

wasn't always the case, as readers pointed out after Answer Man's column last week.

"What a fun surprise to open Sunday's Washington Post and see your picture of Mr.

**Braunstein's** General Store at the old Tyson's Corner," wrote **Karen Smith**, who used to drive out Route 7 with her family to visit her grandparents. "I can still hear the sound of that old screen door spring as I would push it open as a young child — and can still picture the big candy bins by the wooden counter to the left that we were allowed to take a piece of candy from! Directly across Route 7 on that corner was **Mr. Bless's** big farm where he raised beef cattle — and next to him, heading



S.R. PEARSON/COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Crossroads Market, left, and Tyson's Corner Market at Route 7 and Chain Bridge Road in the 1950s.

north toward Leesburg on Route 7, was my grandparents' home."

Tysons Corner was rural then, a collection of orchards, dairy farms, a gravel quarry and a few buildings, including that general store.

"Your piece on the history of Tysons brought back childhood memories of that country store," wrote **John Collinge** of Bethesda. "My mother, Alyce Collinge, was a 1960 Census taker, and Tysons was part of her territory. I recall accompanying her at the time she took the census there. I was 9 years old. The store was the most memorable landmark in what was a very rural setting."

**Dorinne Armstrong** of Frederick, Md., remembers returning from dropping her husband off at Dulles Airport sometime in the early 1960s and making a wrong turn. "It was dark and about the only place there was a gas station," she wrote. "I pulled in and asked the attendant where I was. 'You're at Tyson's Corner, lady,' he replied. I tell that story often, and now because of your article, perhaps my friends will believe me."

When **John Morton** saw the photo of the crossroads, he thought he might spot his father's car among those parked in front of the store.

"Dozens of times we would drive to Tysons Corner after church, load up with whatever was in season, and then drive over to Fairfax Circle (back when there was a real circle



HOMER HELLER/COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX CITY REGIONAL LIBRARY

**"I can still hear the sound of that old screen door spring as I would push it open . . . and can still picture the big candy bins by the wooden counter," Karen Smith wrote of the general store.**

there) and Sunday dinner at Howard Johnson's," John wrote. It was a leisurely drive — top speed 35 mph — and on the way they would load up with apples, peaches and other fruit and vegetables to share with neighbors and family. "In those days during World War II, and soon thereafter, grocery stores had lousy fresh produce," John wrote.

**Rollin Berger** of Clifton, Va., has fond memories of a different Tysons, from when development was in its infancy and the land was stripped of trees but not yet covered in concrete. "I can remember riding my 100cc Yamaha trail bike up and down the hills there in 1967 with my

friends shortly before the shopping center was built," Rollin wrote. "It was a fun time and the hills were a challenge to we amateurs in our 20s."

Finally, **Bill Goodwin** of Bryantown, Md., was the first of many readers to point out that the photo we ran could not have been taken in 1956, which is what the caption indicated. "While clearly the center car is a 1955 Chevrolet, the car to the left with the trunk open is a 1959 Plymouth," Bill wrote. "This dates the picture September 1958 or later. New cars back then came out in September."

The giveaway, said the eagle-eyed readers, are the Plymouth's

massive fins.

## Helping Hand

Speaking of massive, Answer Man would be massively grateful if you donated to one of the three Washington Post Helping Hand partners. These are local charities that work with local families to rescue them from homelessness. You can make a tax-deductible contribution online at [www.posthelpinghand.com](http://www.posthelpinghand.com).

Here's a bit more information and how to donate by check:

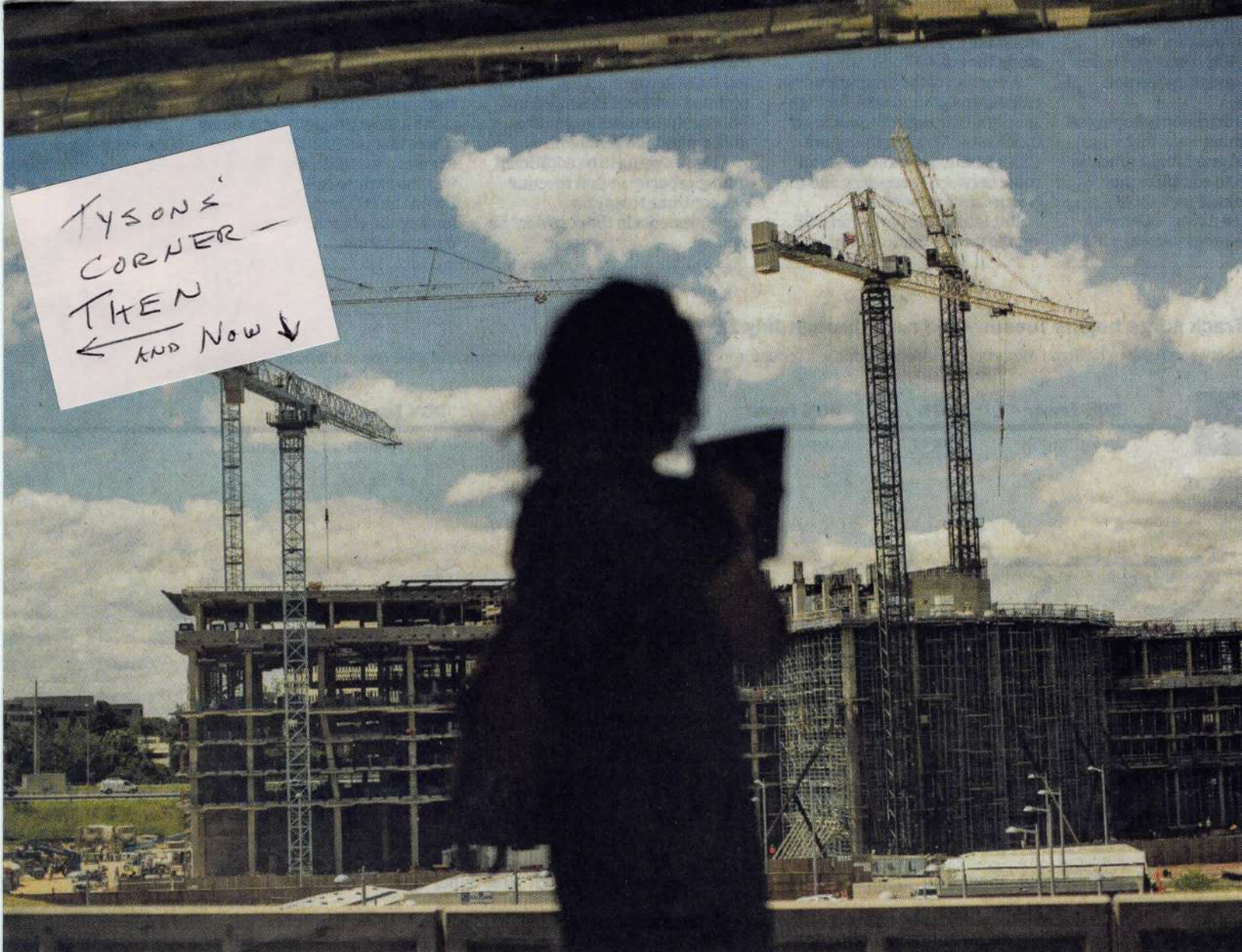
**Community of Hope** helps hundreds of families in the District, many of whom have been in the D.C. General shelter. Send a check payable to "Community of Hope" to: Community of Hope, Attn: Helping Hand, 4 Atlantic St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20032.

**Homestretch** helps families in Northern Virginia that face homelessness. Send a check payable to "Homestretch" to: Homestretch, 303 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church, Va. 22046, Attn: Nan Monday.

**Sasha Bruce Youthwork** operates the District's only 24-hour, emergency shelter for teens. Send a check payable to "Sasha Bruce Youthwork" to: Sasha Bruce Youthwork, 741 Eighth St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. Attn: James Beck.

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TYSONS' CORNER —  
THEN  
← AND NOW ↓

J. LAWLER DUGGAN FOR THE WASH

# FEELING PUSHED INTO A CORNER

JULY 3,  
2016

As Tysons grows from a Va. suburb into a city, traffic and construction irk longtime locals

BY KATHERINE SHAVER

From the 15th-floor condo where she has lived for nearly four decades, Amy Tozzi can see the future of Tysons Corner, the Washington suburb that local signs now tout as “Tysons — America’s next great city.”

Just beyond a small grove of trees, low-slung office buildings soon will be torn down to make way for apartment buildings up to eight stories tall. In another direction, garden apartments are being bulldozed for new high-rises. And rising in the distance is the new 470-foot-tall corporate headquarters for Capital One, which will be the second-tallest structure in the region, behind the Washington Monument.

The building boom viewed from Tozzi’s balcony coincides with the opening two years ago of the first segment of Metro’s

Silver Line, which included five stations, four in Tysons — Spring Hill, Greensboro, Tysons and McLean. And it is only the beginning of Fairfax County’s 40-year plan to transform the traffic-clogged suburb of sterile office parks into an urban hub where tens of thousands more people will work and live while getting around on foot, bike and public transit.

But Tozzi and some of her neighbors near the McLean Metro station say county officials and developers seem so focused on

TYSONS CORNER CONTINUED ON C7

**Construction dominates the scenery at the Tysons Corner Metro station. Six new office and apartment towers have opened since the Silver Line began service.**

# In Va., animosity builds over Tysons Corner cons

TYSONS CORNER FROM C1

Tyson's future that they're giving short shrift to the people already there. Six new office and apartment towers have opened in the two years since the Silver Line began service, bringing significantly more traffic, some residents say, while massive construction projects have narrowed roads and blocked sidewalks.

"I just want to protect our residential lifestyle," said Tozzi, 77, a retired CIA employee who is pushing county officials to require more road improvements before buildings go up.

Developers, Tozzi said, "can't just come in riding roughshod. . . . We're accepting that there's going to be a new way of life. We just don't want to be overwhelmed by it."

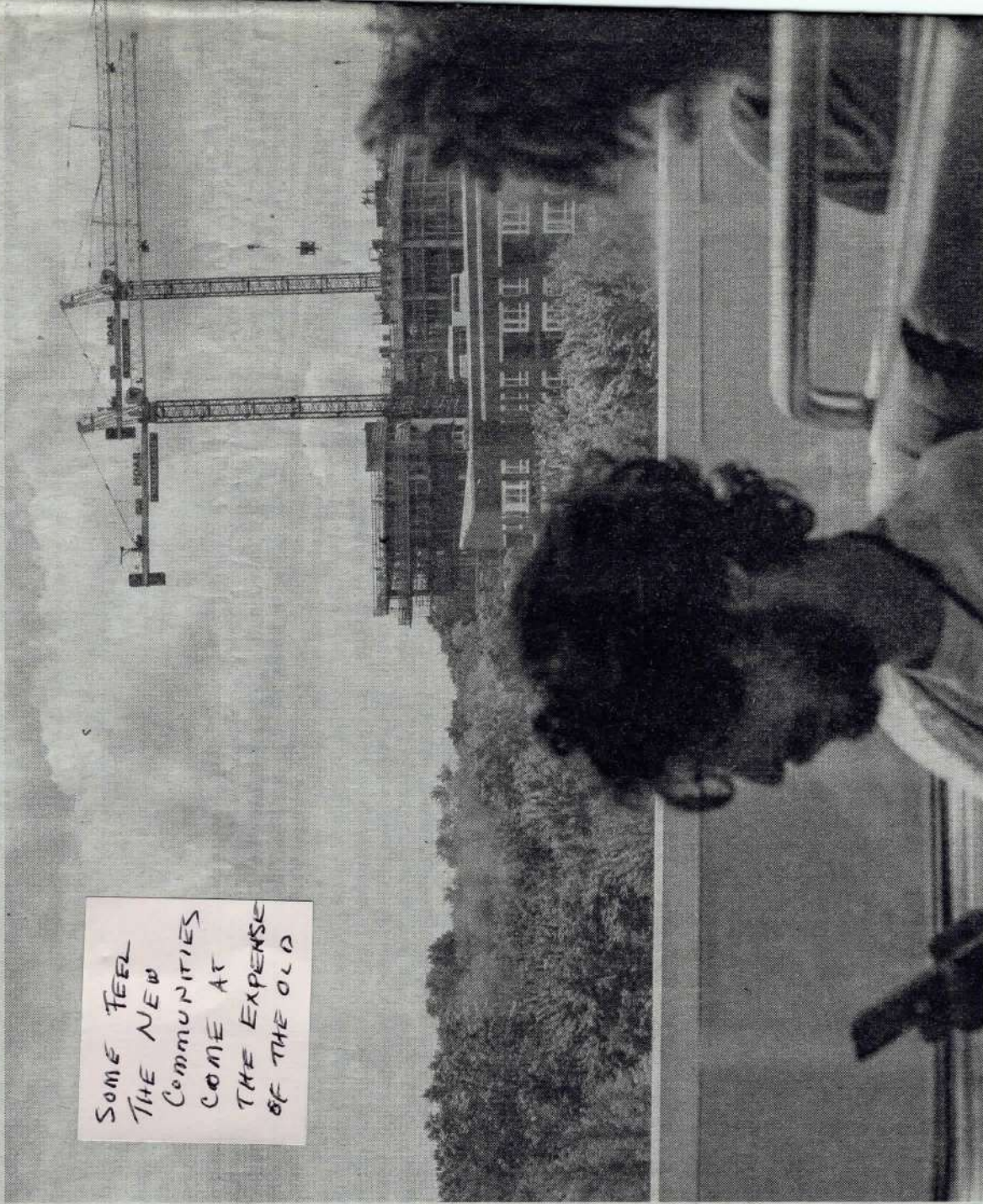
Pindar Van Arman, 42, a board member for the Colonies condo complex of about 1,000 residents, said he is excited to live within walking distance of the McLean Metro station. But he said many of the people who have moved into the new office and apartment towers continue to drive. The additional traffic, he said, is especially hard on his older neighbors, who cannot walk to Metro or who drive because Metro does not go to their doctor's offices or grocery store.

When he voices concerns, Van Arman said, county officials tell him street improvements are coming. Meanwhile, he said, his daily commute as a software engineer is 10 minutes longer — nearly an extra hour every week — than it was just a few years ago. And residents continue to wait for an elevated walkway across the Capital Beltway that would allow them to walk to Tysons Corner Center for shopping and dining.

"Our concern is these shiny new communities are getting all the attention while communities like ours are being told, 'Don't worry, things will get better,'" Van Arman said. "We can't stop development, but it seems like the decisions are all being made for people who don't live here. . . . How about some love for the people who live here and are dealing with these growing pains?"

Michael Caplin, president of Tysons Partnership, a group of business, civic and government leaders, called Tysons the largest redevelopment project in the country. He said he can appreciate that a great deal of change could be "unnerving" to longtime residents.

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PHOTOS

buildings have received initial zoning approval, but they are in different stages of planning, a county official said.

The county's Tysons growth plan covers about 2,000 acres. By 2050, it aims to double the number of jobs in the area from about 105,000 to 200,000 while increasing the number of residents five-fold, from about 19,000 now to 100,000. Most of the growth will happen within a half-mile of Metro stations.

Meanwhile, new traffic continues to funnel toward the relatively few existing roads.

"Normally, when you put in development, first you put in roads and then sewer lines and other infrastructure," Tozzi said. "This is all backwards. We're all here, and the development is coming before any new infrastructure."

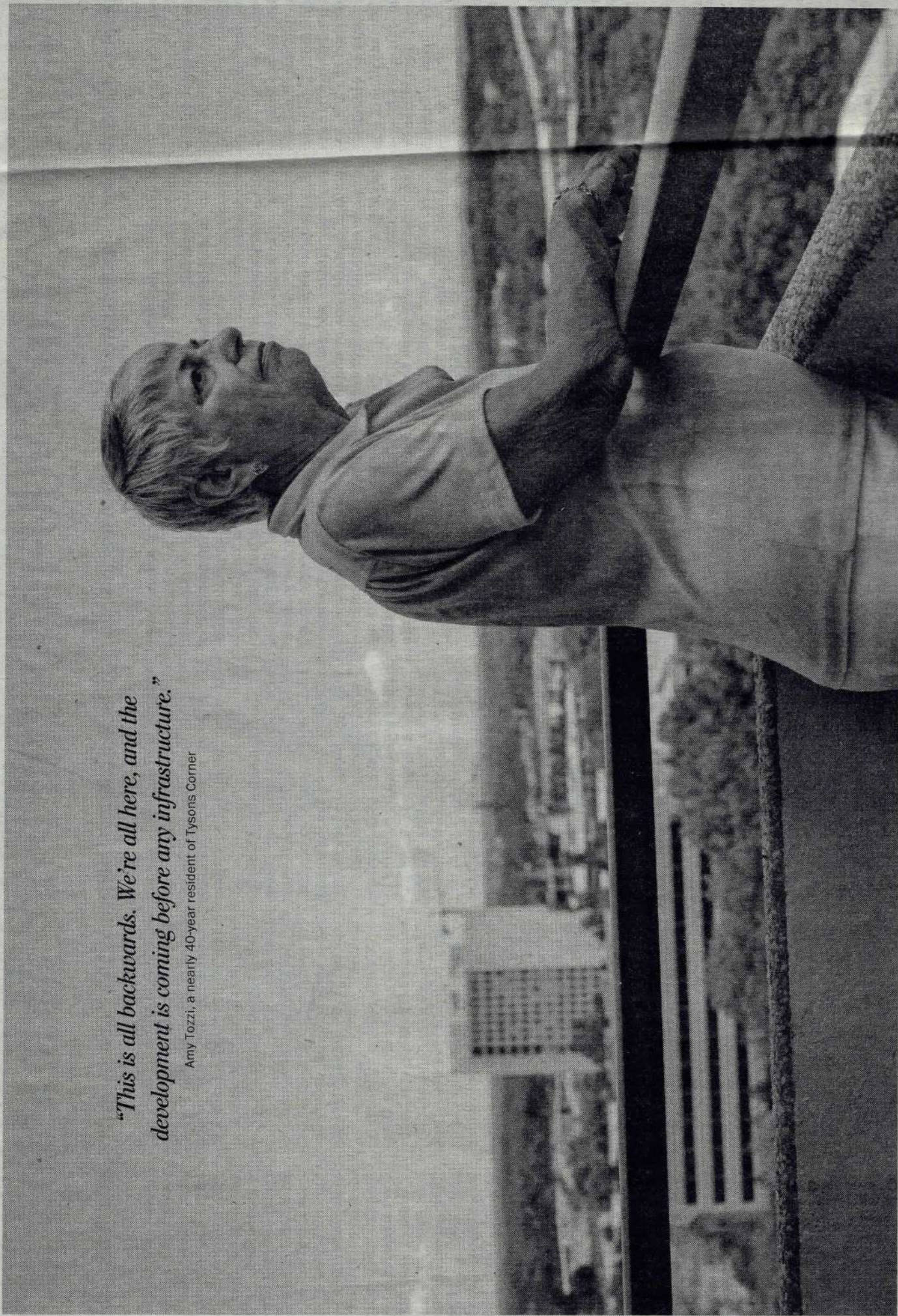
Fairfax officials say retrofitting a densely developed suburb is far more difficult than

**TOP: Longtime Tysons Corner resident Amy Tozzi feels that Fairfax County is allowing too many new high-rise buildings to be built around Metro's new Silver Line stations.**

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Amy Tozzi, a nearly 40-year resident of Tysons Corner



# LOCAL OPINIONS

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DEBATE GOES ON

STEWART SCHWARTZ WASHINGTON

## Stop saying no to development in your neighborhood

**M**illennials, empty nesters and people in between are flocking to walkable, transit-accessible neighborhoods. As they do, the debates about development have surged from Takoma to Bethesda, Alexandria to Reston, and even in areas sorely in need of revitalization, such as Seven Corners in Fairfax County.

Tired of driving and sitting in traffic, people want the convenience of being able to walk to the store, bike, take transit or simply have more time with their families. The demand for walkable, transit-oriented places is such that prices have been bid up, and finding affordable housing is a challenge. For people with lower incomes, it's a crisis.

Yet wherever infill and walkable, transit-accessible development are proposed, existing residents are either saying no to development or forcing it to be cut back so much that the region isn't producing the new housing we need.

Some of the most strident opposition comes from our wealthiest and most fortunate neighborhoods. This is the case even though these neighborhoods have benefited as their property values have soared by virtue of convenient access to Metro and all of the jobs, restaurants, grocery stores and services that transit-oriented development brings.

It is a good thing that people are passionate and actively engaged in planning decisions in our communities. We need everyone at the table, and we need to pay serious attention to good design, transportation, public spaces, affordable housing and other community benefits. We need to ensure we balance development, historic preservation, public parks and other community assets. But the intensity and hostility of the opposition are suppressing thoughtful discussion about the

benefits of transit-oriented development for the community, transportation and the environment.

Beyond the impact on housing affordability across the region, the net result of just saying no will be worse outcomes in terms of the environment, economy, fiscal health and traffic. It will push more and more growth back to the fringes of our region, leaving older neighborhoods to decline, isolating jobs far from lower-income residents and generating longer-distance commutes and yet more traffic and air pollution. That was where we were headed in the 1990s when the Coalition for Smarter Growth and its partner conservation groups began advocating a better way to grow.

In contrast to extending highways and more sprawling development, focusing development at our Metro stations and in commercial corridors in the District and its suburbs offers a way to handle regional growth while minimizing driving trips and pollution and maximizing walking, bicycling and transit trips. It reduces the loss of farms and forests and ensures better access to homes, jobs and services. Transit-oriented development has revitalized dozens of neighborhoods and is finally bringing investment back to the east side of the region.

Living close to jobs and transit offers people lower combined housing and transportation costs than living farther away. People who walk, bike and use transit to get to work are measurably healthier compared with those who sit in cars every day. Compact, mixed-use, transit-oriented development is also critical to fighting climate change, combining energy-efficient buildings with major reductions in carbon emissions from transportation.

Between 2000 and 2015, the District added

more than 100,000 people. The percentage of car-free households is growing. Rates of walking, bicycling and transit use continue to rise with the economy and tax base.

Arlington has added millions of square feet of development in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor without increasing traffic over what it was in the 1970s. At its peak, before Base Realignment and Closure made an impact and before sequestration, Arlington's two transit-oriented development corridors were generating nearly 50 percent of Arlington's property tax base on just 11 percent of the county's land. As a result, residential property tax rates remain the lowest in the region.

Metro planners recently looked at what full build-out of transit-oriented communities at all of our Metro stations would achieve. It would mean trains fully used in both directions generating greater revenue and moving Metro from needing an operating subsidy to having an annual surplus. That surplus could be reinvested in maintaining and upgrading the system. Metro planners also found transit-oriented development generates higher property values and tax revenue for localities and mitigates regional traffic.

We cannot fail in the mission to fix our Metro system. We must also meet our affordable-housing needs. This means every tool in our toolbox — beginning with approving more housing at Metro stations and in revitalized commercial corridors and more public funding and incentives to include affordable units in new development. We can't afford to reject the form of development that offers us the most sustainable way to grow.

The writer is executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth.

LOCAL OPINIONS

Tysons residents have reason to worry

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In the July 3 Metro article "Feeling pushed into a corner," the Tysons coordinator for the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization said the area will be able to absorb thousands of new residents and workers without traffic getting worse. One would like to think that proposed improvements would reduce congestion. For more than a half-century, planners have been promoting solutions to traffic congestion through mass transit and related measures. Despite these actions, we are dealing with the same problem, and it only gets worse.

Builders and developers focus on housing, employment and providing a tax base. But the public costs of development can outstrip the projected tax revenue. The county looks for the infrastructure improvements to follow, not precede, construction,

suggesting projected revenue is necessary to finance capital improvements. Good planning dictates that site improvements come first.

The larger issue is that the county is defying the limits of growth and its impact on the natural environment. Economic development has to be measured more carefully against the effects on traffic congestion, air quality, clean water and related concerns; and against a realistic assessment of local financial capacity. Job creation does not warrant overlooking such negative effects. People will follow job opportunities, and such possibilities should be aimed at parts of the country where economic development is more essential. The residents' concerns are quite understandable.

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# Some in Seven Corners express concerns about density and traffic

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But opposition from some nearby residential areas has grown. In addition to the call for less residential density, the alternative proposal calls for a former elementary school in the neighborhood to be returned to the county school system and for all 589 low-income apartments in the area to be replaced with comparable affordable housing.

It also asks for guarantees that new local roads will be built promptly to alleviate the extra traffic congestion many residents worry will come with that many new homes in an area that sits about a mile away from the East Falls Church Metro station — a distance they say is too far for many people to want to walk.

"Any change is going to affect transportation, but it's got to be done in the right way," said Denise Patton Pace, a homeowner who is among 200 resi-

dents who so far have signed an online petition launched last week to support the alternative proposals.

County planning officials are preparing to decide on the Seven Corners plan July 15.

This month, Supervisor Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason), who has championed the current plan, faced an aggressive Democratic primary challenge that was largely rooted in community opposition to the level of density proposed.

Although Gross survived that effort from neighborhood activist Jessica Swanson, she faces another challenge in the November general election from independent candidate Mollie Loefler, another neighborhood leader who has voiced concerns about the plan.

Gross, who appointed the community task force of area residents and property owners that conceived the original plan,

has shown willingness to change some elements.

She has backed away from her initial push to transform the site of the former Willston Elementary School into an office building that would house some county services.

Gross now supports putting two buildings on the site: a high-rise elementary school and an office building. The office building would house county human-services agencies helping the same populations served by the school. It also would house the nonprofit groups that operate a multicultural center inside the old Willston school building.

On Monday, Gross said that she has tried to be flexible about density but worries that developers will not see the area as a potential magnet for new restaurants or stores if there aren't enough people living a short walk from those kinds of busi-

nesses.

"In order to finance their projects, they have to have a certain density that gives them the return they need," Gross said.

She said she asked the neighborhood leaders who wanted lower density to consider ways to reduce the amount of new homes by no more than 15 percent.

"Twenty percent may make the proposal uneconomic," Gross said.

Catriona McCormack, president of the Ravenwood Citizens' Association homeowners group, said there is room to lower the density proposals; she argued that developers who weighed in on the Seven Corners plan sought the highest density levels possible in case those levels were later lowered.

"It's a business negotiation," she said.

McCormack also argued that

reducing the new homes by 20 percent would still give the area a population density close to what's in Shirlington — a high-density area of Arlington County that has become a thriving retail district.

It will be years before any aspects of the plan are implemented, but frustration around the effort appears to be growing.

John Thillmann, an urban planning consultant who led the community task force appointed by Gross, said he is worried that the Seven Corners plan will never happen. He angrily called the opposition "discouraging."

"We listened to experts and then we came up with recommendations after a year of study," Thillmann said. "These people spent six months coming up with something they pulled out of their heads. You tell me which makes more sense."

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## Fairfax supervisors' debate on Seven

7-29-15  
BY ANTONIO OLIVO

After hours of discussion and debate Tuesday that stretched toward midnight, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors had not yet voted on whether to move forward with an ambitious redevelopment plan for the traffic-choked Seven Corners area.

The plan would create three villages and add several thousand homes to the area, along with restaurants, shops and a street grid that could draw local traffic away from the confusing Seven Corners intersection.

The board argued over affordable housing and density without voting on proposed changes to county planning guidelines,

changes that would allow the redevelopment to take place.

"I do not think that there is value in deferring this any longer," said Supervisor Penelope A. Gross (D-Mason), who represents the area and was referring to a nearly three-year-long community discussion marked by intense debate.

Residents of the neighborhoods of single-family homes that surround Seven Corners have opposed some aspects of the plan, saying it would lead to increased density and worsen traffic in the area, home to the Seven Corners Shopping Center.

This month, the county's Planning Commission adopted an amended version of the original

plan in an attempt to address community concerns. Although the revised plan reduced the number of new houses and apartments by several hundred units — bringing the total closer to 5,000 — it still generated worries.

During the hearing, about 40 people lined up inside the Fairfax County Government Center to express both support and concerns about the plan.

"Density, particularly residential density, must not be so high that the accompanying people overwhelm the support-services system, particularly schools and transportation," James Kilbourne, president of the Lake Barcroft homeowners association, said to

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## Corners plan extends into the night

applause.

County officials say the plan's latest version makes several compromises in response to community concerns, including worries about school crowding that would result from adding more residents.

County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. and Schools Superintendent Karen Garza have agreed to work toward building a school on the site of a former elementary school in the area that is now home to a multicultural center serving low-income immigrants who live nearby, officials said.

The site of the former Willston Elementary School would also feature a second building that would house a day-care center, social services for school families

and the multicultural center, Gross said.

"That is going to be many years in the future, because there is no money right now," Gross said, referring to the idea of a new "urban-style school" inside a high-rise building. "But we are committed."

Gross said the overall redevelopment plan is an attempt to bring new life to an area of Fairfax that has become worn in the years since the Seven Corners Shopping Center was a regional draw in the 1950s and 1960s. She called it a road map for what the county will look like in the next 50 years.

"We need to make sure that whole area is ready for all the newcomers who are going to be

coming here," Gross said. "We need to make sure that the community that is being developed is what they would like to live in."

Urban-planning groups say the kind of walkable, transit-friendly communities envisioned for Seven Corners are needed in aging suburbs that have become homes to mostly vacant office buildings and discount stores with little commercial traffic.

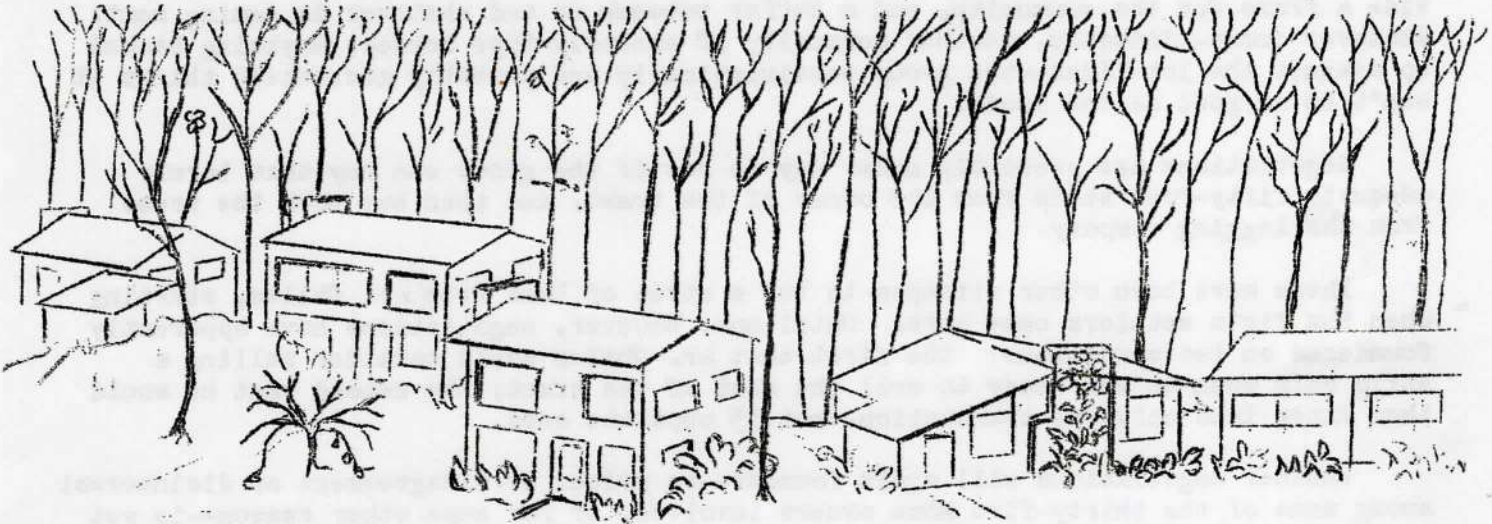
"The future of Fairfax lies in these aging commercial corridors," said Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. "It certainly can be a win-win and enhance Fairfax's competitiveness."

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# THE WOODS ARE GOING

The woods are going. The black edge of winter trees framing Holmes Run Acres on the north is now only a thin line, a temporary fifty-foot barrier between the community and the area where the loggers are working.

During the next two years the tall tulips (yellow poplar), the pines and the oaks which make up the woods will fall to the loggers' chain saws. A logging and lumber outfit from Winchester has bought the timber rights in the Chiles tract, the thousand acre stand of woods which includes the area between us and route 50 on the north, as well as some woods to the west of Gallows Road. They have two-year cutting rights, and will take all good trees 14" in diameter and above.



The fifty-foot buffer between the community and the logging operations will not stand much longer unless prompt and effective action is taken. The logging company has given the Holmes Runners who border the woods just a few weeks to see if they can buy that narrow strip of trees and honeysuckle and dogwood, bob-whites and warblers, the tangibles and intangibles that go with the woods.

It is a mistake to think, as some do, that cutting out the trees above 14" is just a thinning operation, "good for the woods." When the big trees fall, and the chain saws put them down at the rate of one every five minutes, they snap off and break some of the smaller ones as they go. Brush, branches, the heads of trees are left where they are cut. The big equipment which is used to drag out the logs knocks over more of the smaller trees, and, along a wide path, grinds down the dogwoods and underbrush and the floor of the woods. What remains are the fallen heads of trees, stumps, jagged stubs, crushed dogwoods, and a few slender wavering survivors.

Homeowners along the lower part of Holmes Run Drive, between Hemlock and the Park, claim that the cutting has already had an effect on that low area behind those houses which is part of the flood plain of Holmes Run. Run-off from deforested highlands is always greater than from wooded areas. Increased run-off added to the damming effect of fallen trees may have been responsible for the

record overflow from Holmes Run after the last hard rain, when the water baked up almost to the lot lines of some of our neighbors.

The Park Authority, which would buy the very narrow strip of flood-plain along Holmes Run and save some of the trees if it could, cannot. Even that minimal plan to save bits of natural area in the county against the devastation of "scorched earth" developers has been deadlocked by a group who apparently oppose any park plan.

Therefore if even a facade of the woods is to be saved, it must be done by Holmes Runners. About 30 embattled home owners along Holmes Run Drive and Sycamore Circle are trying to save a strip, a fifty-foot barrier which would continue to provide a frame for the community, and a Buffer between us and whatever is coming next. Whatever comes--industry, another community of monopoly-type houses, anything backed up against the lot lines--the group pessimistically and probably accurately thinks it won't be as good as the woods.

Negotiations are presently under way to see if the group can buy that barely adequate fifty-foot strip from the owner of the tract, and then buy back the trees from the logging company.

There have been other attempts to buy a strip of land from Mr. Chiles, starting when the first settlers came here. Until now, however, negotiations have apparently foundered on two conditions: the first that Mr. Chiles would consider selling a strip only when he was ready to sell the rest of the tract; the second that he would then enter into only one transaction--not 35 separate ones.

Whether negotiations will again founder--on price, or disagreement or disinterest among some of the thirty-five home owners involved, or for some other reason--is yet to be seen. But the feeling is strong that the sale of the rest of that tract is probably not far off.

Already bits of it have been sold--a few acres for the County hospital, another few for a school, and the right-of-way for the circumferential highway which will parallel the electric line on the north.

That highway through the tract will make the area more easily available for developers, and will open up some choice locations for industrial parks. And it will be close enough to our community to make us vulnerable to whatever is done there, even to the possibility of our streets carrying traffic into and out of the area by way of Holly Lane and Hemlock Drive.

It may turn out that more than thirty-five home owners may be embattled here. Indeed all of us in Holmes Run Acres are already affected, as one of the last natural areas and wildlife refuges in Northern Virginia falls.

--Dot Hammerschmidt

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# Babson Suggests Chiles Park-Land Advocates Donate Tract for Park et Lift From 1st Lady

FAIRFAX — Fairfax County Supervisor Frederick Babson yesterday proposed that Earl Chiles donate the land contained in one of the quadrants formed by the intersection of Arlington Boulevard and the Capital Beltway to the county for a park.

The suggestion was made during the public hearing on the Jefferson Master Plan, at which William Hansbarger, attorney for Chiles, disclosed that an offer of \$7 million for the southwest quadrant had been refused recently.

EARLIER in the hearing, Babson told Mrs. Mary Lou Cooper that it was impractical for the county to consider buying any of Chiles' land because the Webb-Wood tract just about three miles to the south along the Beltway.

Babson told Mrs. Cooper that she was asking for a great deal to request both areas for parks.

When making his suggestion to Hansbarger, Babson suggested that if Chiles would give the southeast or southwest quadrant to the county zoning request would probably be favorably received.

Although Hansbarger said he could not answer the proposition for Chiles, he seemed to lack enthusiasm over the proposal.

MRS. COOPER had suggested that the board "save some money like a good housewife saves from her budget" and suggested that Babson suggested that "it would take an awful lot of scrimping to buy the Chiles' tract." He then went on to suggest that it would be unnecessary because of the land's close proximity to the Webb-Wood tract.

## Fairfax's Zone Plan Set Back

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By Kenneth M. Boyd  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Fairfax County citizens worried that the burgeoning development of suburban townhouse clusters is taking away land that could be used for parks, have been given a boost by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

At a public hearing before County Supervisors on the Jefferson master plan, Roland L. Peterson, of the Holmes Run Acres Civic Association, said a letter to the First Lady from Mrs. William W. Hammerschmidt, of 7818 Holmes Run Dr., received the following reply:

"The very attraction, and appeal of suburbia—its fresh mantle of open greenery—is disappearing at an alarming rate, and I share your concern that these suburbs will be deficient in the amenities they seek to promote if positive Park action is not taken, and taken soon."

Mrs. Hammerschmidt has written Mrs. Johnson seeking support for citizens' effort to earmark the controversial Chiles tract, east of the Capital Beltway and Rte. 50, for recreational and park facilities.

Fairfax planners are eyeing the site for multi-family dwellings.

In her reply Mrs. Johnson disqualified herself from taking sides in the dispute over the 430-acre tract, but added "Surely wisdom would dictate that all alternatives be given factual and detailed public consideration before any irrevocable decision is made."

A 19-acre tract opposite the Chiles site at the intersection also drew comment. Edgar J. Brennan, chairman of the

## Shopping Center Urged At Beltway in Fairfax

A major shopping center should be developed at the Capital Beltway and Arlington Boulevard on land once considered for a new Fairfax County government center, the county's planning staff said yesterday.

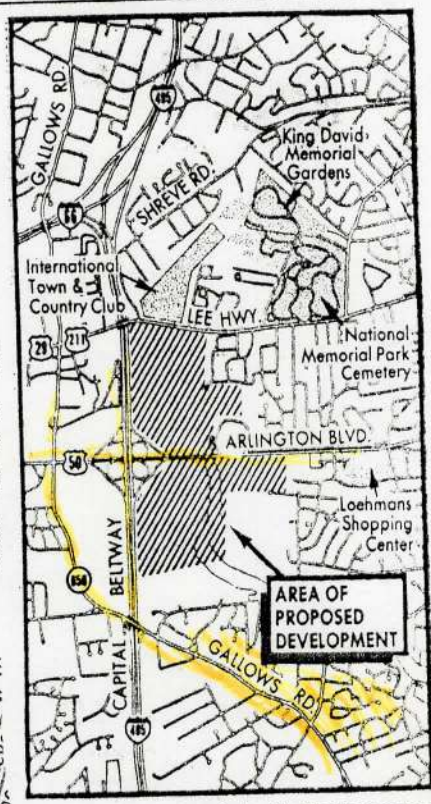
The staff's proposal is contained in a new blueprint for the 8 1/2-square-mile Jefferson planning district surrounding the city of Falls Church. A public hearing has been scheduled on the plan before the county planning commission on Sept. 9.

Because of its "excellent location," the planners said, at least 30 to 50 acres of the acre Chiles tract should be set aside for a shopping center featuring large department stores.

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By Dave Cook—The Washington Post

By Stephen J. Co  
Special to The Washington Post

Providence District in Fairfax County officials are planning to build a million square feet of office space east of the Beltway, to agree on one thing: The plan is traffic.

The agreement ends the Vienna-based Plank wants to build 192 acres just south of Western Development of Columbia featuring a large million square foot office building, on 158 acres. Western will be building a large office complex. The company is planning to build a road to handle the traffic. The company is planning to build a road to handle the traffic.

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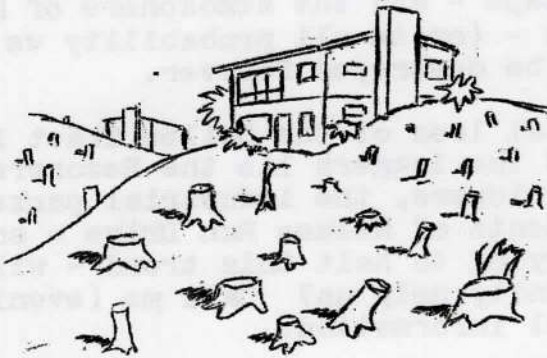
The beltway change has a "trouble spot" as supervisors are mounting development. The north was zoned for shopping last year. The northeast quadrant is being developed by Melpar Inc. density on the acres in the undeveloped area. The units should be limited to 100 per acre, and contain high-rise buildings.

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## AN INDIVIDUAL OR COMMUNITY PROBLEM? - ROBERT D. RYAN

The success or failure of the effort to save a buffer strip of woods may well affect the entire community so it is well for all the residents of Holmes Run Acres to be made aware of the facts in the case and what is at stake.

First, a chronological review of events. Shortly before Christmas, and without warning, a crew of tree-cutters, equipped with power saws appeared in the wooded area opposite the end of Hemlock Drive and started to fell trees of all sizes with what appeared to be considerable abandon. In less than two hours they had felled an estimated forty trees and damaged hundreds more. The residents of the immediate area determined that the lumber had been legally sold to the Plumly Lumber Company of Winchester, Virginia. The senior Mr. Chiles, owner of the tract stated that the land itself had not been sold.



A meeting was immediately held at 2400 Holmes Run Drive between two members of the Chiles family; a representative of the Plumly Lumber Company, Henry Lowenstern of the Civic Association, and myself in an attempt to explore the situation. At that time the Chiles brothers indicated that the Chiles family would be receptive to a bid for acquisition \* a 50 foot buffer of the land. It was subsequently determined that acquisition of the timber from the Plumly organization before it all

was cut-over would have to be handled by the residents as a separate negotiation. At two subsequent meetings by the residents of lots fronting the Chiles tract it has been determined that considerable interest exists in the acquisition of this property steps are being taken to accomplish this end.

However many difficulties lie ahead - difficulties in zoning, platting, subdividing, fund-raising, titling, and (I am sure the lawyers among us know of) many more. This is where the community as a whole may enter the picture. We may need help - in fact it is inevitable that we will need help in the acquisition of this land. In a very real fashion, residents of Holmes Run Drive facing the Chiles tract are fighting a battle for the well-being of the entire community. It is true that we have the most to gain if the buffer strip is acquired, and the most to lose if the trees are all cut and a "scorched earth" type of development (look towards Annandale on Gallows Road if you wish to see what could happen) goes in next door. Yet, I think it is realized by all that the community at large would suffer if we lost our woods. Industrial zoning is already encroaching toward us from US 50 (See last month's "Runner"). The residents of our sister community PineSpring

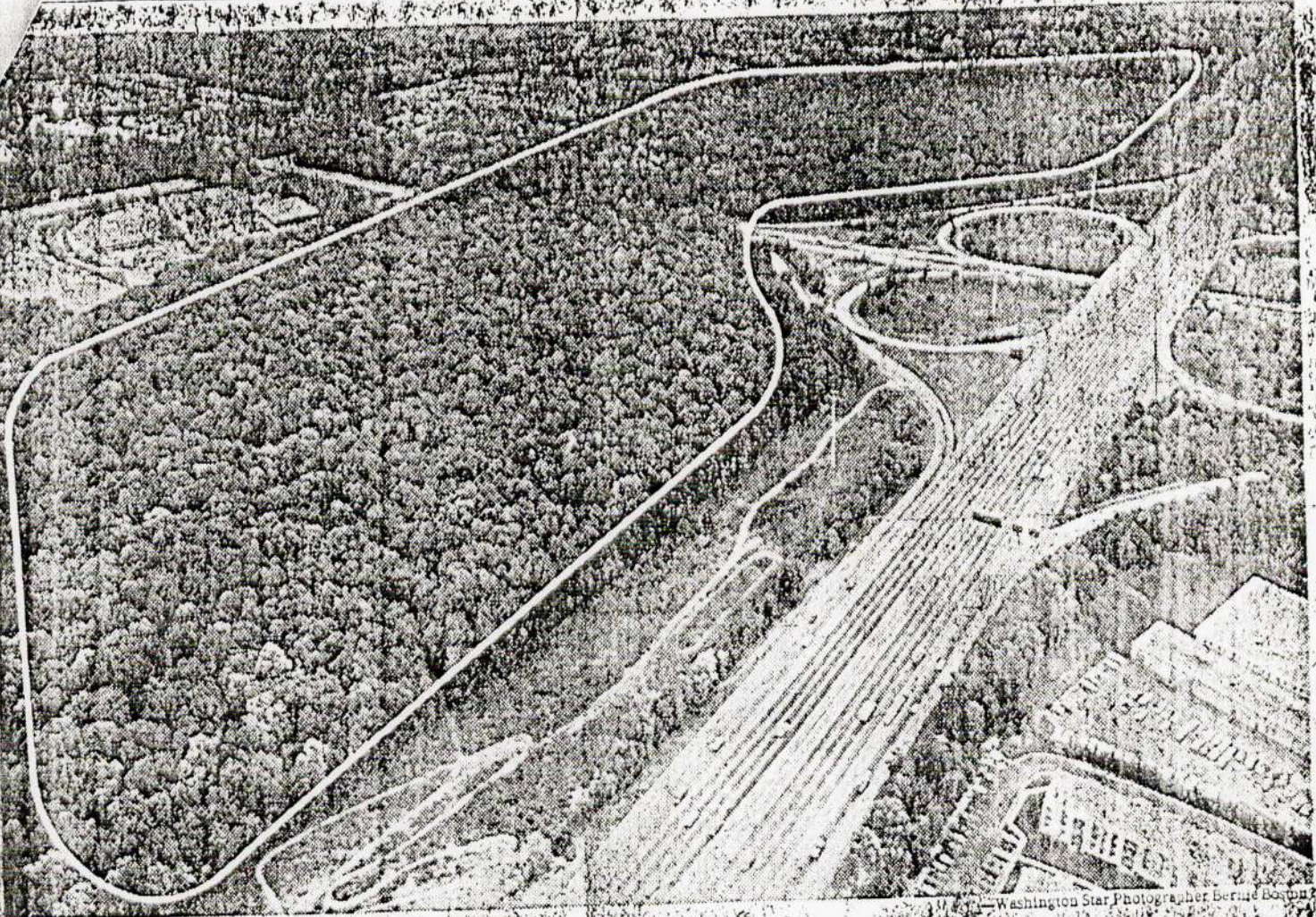
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Can the Fairfax Park Authority act? Can it acquire the land and save the natural aspect of the terrain? Unfortunately not - at least not in time, and probably not in the foreseeable future. The history of the "bond issue" is well known and needs not to be repeated here. By the time the Holmes Run Stream Valley Park is established, (if it is established) it will be a classic example of "too little and too late" (through no fault of the Park Authority - and I wish to stress that point). It is just the usual story of "no funds" when they are most needed. ~~The timber will be gone; the dozers will be turning our woods~~ into a Wheaton-like landscape - and the atmosphere of Holmes Run Acres which we cherish - (or in all probability we would not have moved here) will be destroyed forever.

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Chiles Tract



Washington Star Photographer Bernie Boston

The Chiles Estate is outlined on this photo taken looking south along the Capital Beltway with the Route 50 interchange at right.

# Chiles Tract Rezoning Fought

By Adrienne Washington  
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An organized group of Fairfax residents is preparing last-minute strategies to stop a controversial development project. Next Monday the Board of Supervisors is expected to decide on a proposal to rezone the northeast quadrant of the Chiles estate at Route 50 and the Beltway from a potential low-density commercial development. The citizens' group, which calls itself SCORE (Support and Conserve Our Residential Environment), wants the rezoning request to be denied. They say it would adversely affect nearby residential neighborhoods. Western Development Corp. proposes to build a 125-acre business complex called

Fairlake Corporate Park on the Chiles property. Included in the plans are 12 office buildings, a 500-room hotel, two restaurants, shops and a 21-acre lake doubling as a drainage facility. The citizens fear a project of this size would increase air and noise pollution, make traffic unbearable, obliterate open space and ultimately turn Holmes Run stream and nearby Lake Barcroft into mudholes. Earlier this year, SCORE successfully fought development of the southeast quadrant of the Chiles land, on which Wills and Plank wanted to build a 192-acre office building complex. Mobile Oil Co. is constructing a headquarters just across the beltway near the American Auto-

mobile Association's office building. The county staff has recommended that the supervisors deny rezoning of the northeast Chiles property because the amount of office space planned for the tract greatly exceeds the county's master plan and the transportation improvements do not meet state and county requirements. One of the major concerns SCORE members plan to present at Monday's hearing is the question of runoff from construction sites. They believe the volume of runoff generated by this and other development proposed for the area, if not controlled, will be a problem. See CHILES B.

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## "THE WOODS"

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The Chiles Tract, known to most of us simply as "the woods" or "the creek" is a small pocket of wilderness within suburbia. It is a haven for plants and small animals, including the rare and beautiful pileated woodpecker and the pink lady's slipper. It is a forested stream valley, harboring a myriad of creatures, large and small. Holmes Run Creek runs through the valley from the north, and small streams and swamps dot the entire region. The largest and most interesting of the Tract's three sections is the one lying north of Holmes Run Acres, east of the Beltway, south of Rt. 50 and west of Falls Church High School. This area consists of three main living communities: the woodland, the open field, and the aquatic. The woodland community is divided into two types -- the pine and the deciduous.

The deciduous forest consists mainly of oaks and maples, understoried by dogwood and holly. Hickory and black walnut also grow in "The Woods." Virginia pine is most prominent in the pine forest, but these are being replaced by the deciduous forest through the natural scheme of things. The plants that inhabit the forest floor are many and varied. In the more moist hollows and ravines live ground pine, polypody fern, liverworts, and many other moisture-loving ferns and mosses.

One of my favorite mosses is sphagnum moss. This beautiful green moss holds twenty times its weight in water. In the Chiles Tract I know of it in only three locales. Two of these are only 50 yards apart and are found just off the power line field bordering the beltway known as "The Horse Path." These two patches are just bathtub-sized and are bordered by pine cones, boughs and needles. In this same area are found running ground pine, ground pine, Christmas ferns and the rare and local pink lady's slipper. Haircap and pin-cushion moss thrive in the poor soil, as do reindeer moss and British soldier lichen. Partridge berry cover the ground in mat-like beds, and leaves of rattlesnake plantain sprout nearby. Wintergreen is common and the dainty ebony spleenwort -- a small type of fern -- occurs here also.

Pine trees are the dominant tree type, although there are many dogwood, sassafras and holly. Shade-tolerant sapling oaks outnumber the pine tree seedlings, showing that a climax community is nearing.

East of here, the deciduous forest thrives. Here oak and maple reign over the land, though hickory, black walnut and a few large pines sprinkle the region. Sassafras, dogwood and holly survive beneath the larger trees. In a deciduous forest, however, these small trees are less numerous than in pine clad hillsides, due to the amount of sunlight blocked out by the broadleaf trees above. Many of the same plants growing in the pine forest thrive here, but in lesser quantities. Other wildflowers include Indian pipe -- a beautiful herb with nearly translucent white leaves, stems and flowers; bloodroot -- so named because of the redish orange fluid in the roots; and Jack-in-the-pulpit. The large fibrous roots of poison ivy climb oaks, as do other large

woody vines. In the occasional forest opening grow tiger lillies. Adder's tongue, mayapple, ferns and mosses grow in the flood plain of Holmes Run. In the wet swamp-forest grow skunk cabbage and large (4 - 5 feet) ferns. The animals which frequent the woods include insects, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds. Among the more interesting insects are beetles which hiss, beetles with horns, monarch and viceroy butterflies, zebra and black swallowtails and the occasional praying mantis and luna moth. Of the reptiles the forest observer might see shy box turtles, ringneck snakes, worm snakes, green snakes, garter snakes, black rat snakes, an occasional king snake, skink, or fence swift. Spotted, two-lined, red backed, slimy and marbled salamanders, fowler's and American toads, plus chorus, spring peepers, crickets and other tree frogs make up the amphibian wildlife.

Probably the most common and obvious of the animals in "The Woods" are the birds. Our forest is well represented by birds. An occasional turkey vulture drifts over, as do many species of buteos (a large type of hawk). I saw a turkey tom back there one afternoon, which was a very impressive sight at fifteen feet. Bobwhites frequently whistle in the summer, and occasionally a woodcock is spooked from its hiding place. A common bird is the mourning dove whose cooing is often heard in the Acres. Owls, rarely seen by day, are known to inhabit the forest because of the pellets of fur and small bone bits found on the forest floor. They also have been observed flying through the trees. Unfortunately, I have not heard a whip-poor-will for quite a while. However, another goatsucker, the nighthawk, is common, flying above the woods at dusk.

Hummingbirds are quite common in the summer in the deep woods, as are woodpeckers of various species. Most magnificent of all is the large pileated woodpecker. Uncommon in other areas, this bird is often heard and seen in the Chiles Tract. Flycatchers also live in these woodlands. The loudmouths of the forest are the aggressive blue jays and crows. A commonly seen bird in fall, due to the lack of leaves on trees, is the chickadee as well as the tufted titmouse. The forest's acrobat, the nuthatch, flitters through brush and trees. Another common brush bird is the wren. Thrashers, mockingbirds and catbirds also inhabit the hillsides. Thrushes and robins commonly are seen, and on very rare occasions a bluebird may be spotted high in the trees. Many species of warblers live here too. Grackles and house sparrows frequent the region, as do cardinals and grosbeaks. The rufous-sided towhee often rustles through leaf litter in search of insects and seeds. Juncos and about a dozen species of sparrows inhabit the forest, its boundaries and the fields.

Raccoons and opossums live in abundance within the Chiles Tract, along with a myriad of small rodents. Shrews, field mice, deer mice, chipmunks, grey and fox squirrels exist in large numbers. Beneath the forest floor tunnel the moles and voles. At night bats fly through the trees. The occurrence of flying squirrels here has not been verified, though it seems very likely that they do exist among the trees. Weasels and foxes nervously prowl for food, but not in such numbers as the preceding. Deer may live in the woods and many people believe that they have seen or thought they have seen them, but I have not seen either signs or the individuals. Perhaps they roam the inner reaches, away from man and his works.

There are numerous swamps and seeps throughout the region. These are usually devoid of large vertebrate life with the exception of the spotted salamander larvae. These larvae hatch from large gelatinous masses of eggs laid by the salamanders in woodland ponds during early spring. Another common salamander of the swamp borders is the dusky salamander. An abundant woodland pond breeder is the American toad. This small amphibian lays its long strands of eggs a little later than the spotted salamander.

The largest swamp in the Chiles Tract, known to many as "The Swamp," teems with life. Newts, spotted, painted and snapping turtles crawl along the muddy bottom in search of leeches and aquatic insects. Tadpoles of several frog species feed on the algae growing beneath the pond lilies. Occasional visitors of the aquatic habitat include great blue and green herons, mallard ducks, and even the wood duck has been seen every so often. These birds come to feed on the abundant minnows and green and leopard frogs which live in this pond, and in Holmes Run Creek as well as its tributaries.

Within Holmes Run live muskrats and even a few beavers have been seen. Holmes Run is a beautiful placid stream that often overflows its banks in a heavy rain. This activity makes it important to the entire flood plain ecosystem, for it keeps the forest moist and rich with nutrients. Many of the same creatures which inhabit the ponds find refuge here also.

The last community to be discussed is the open field bordering the Beltway. Here the forest has only a toehold, while grasses and vines flourish. Frequently seen or heard animals are black racer snakes, box turtles which feed on the abundant blackberries, many types of sparrows, quail, redwing blackbirds (who live in the cattail swamp near Rt. 50), field mice, rabbits and fox. The small streams which flow through the area are shadowed by willows and frequently harbor turtles, snakes, frogs and fish, and the occasional muskrat. Here, as in the rest of the woods, opossum and raccoon tracks are abundant at water's edge where the creatures feed and drink.

It is a wonder how all this lives within the roar of Interstate 495. The entire Chiles Tract should be saved, not only as a plant and wildlife sanctuary, but as a recreational facility as well. Many know of the ice skating which takes place annually on the creek and swamp. It also is a good bird-watching and nature studies area. There are some nice but obscure trails along the creek and in the woods. Some follow Holmes Run Creek, others lead to old building foundations and other 1800's remains. Unfortunately my knowledge and interest is limited to the natural aspects of the valley. I could go on and on about this area, for it was here that my interest in nature and its habits was fed and nurtured for the last nine years. I bid those interested by what they read to experience the creek, woods and swamp firsthand.

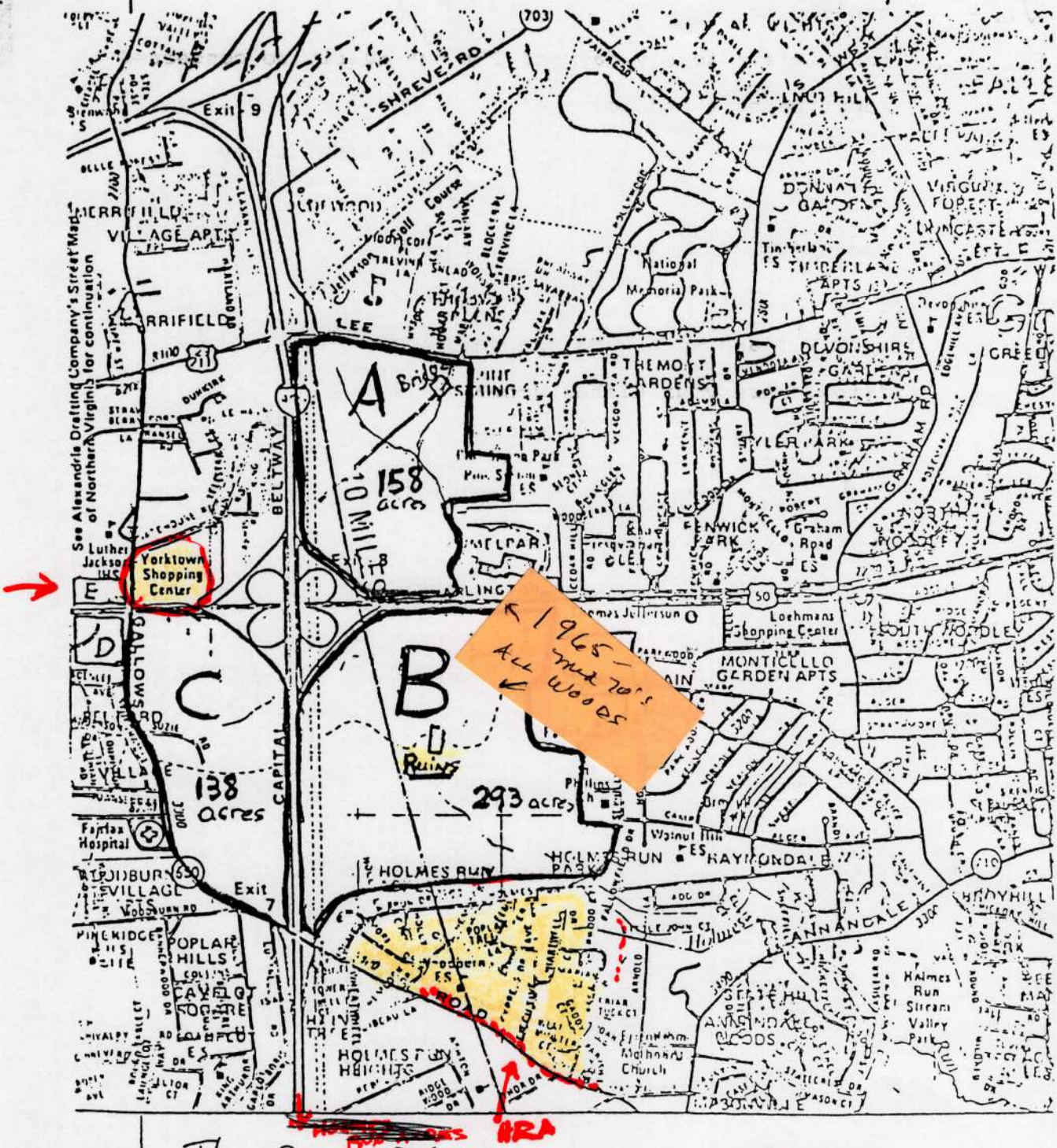
Save the Chiles Tract, for we all need some green in our lives.

Roman Dial

*"The Chiles Tract" - 621 acres,  
Still undeveloped in the mid 70's ---*

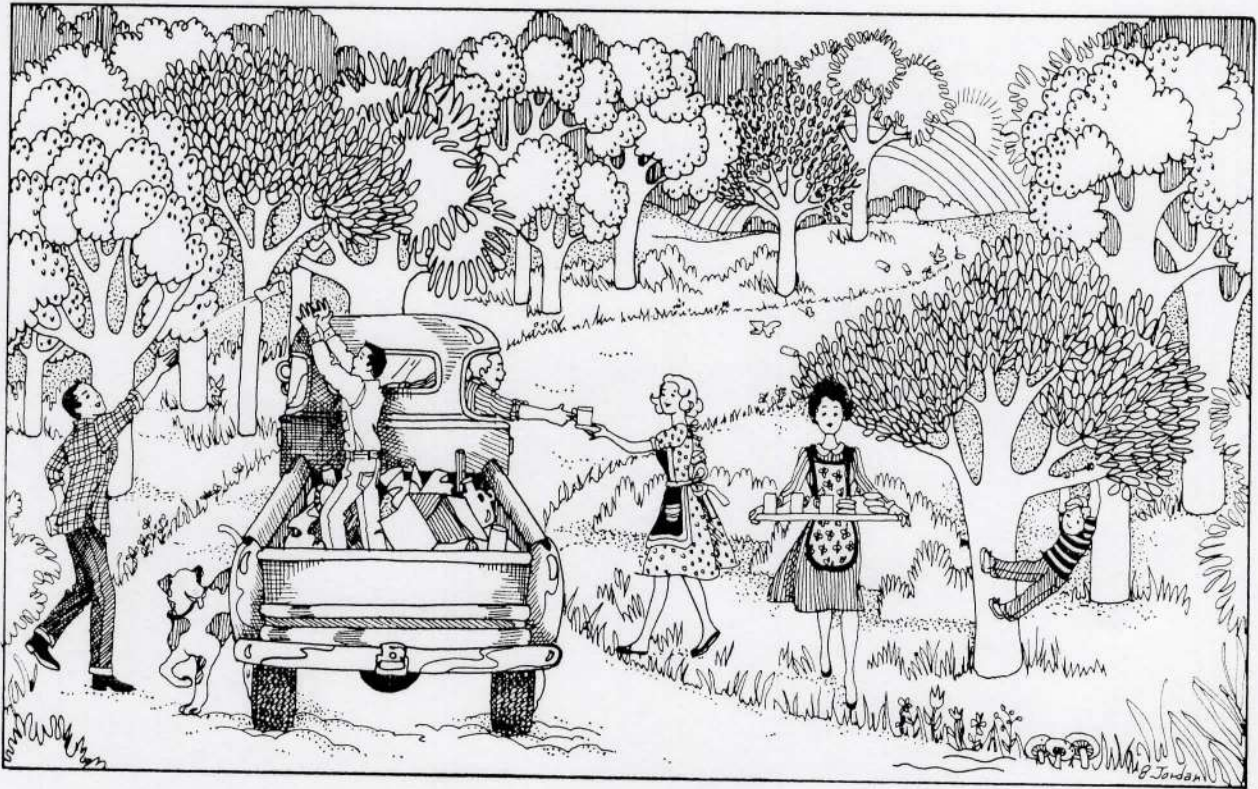
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Map #1



The Chiles Tract - a total of 621 acres  
Please refer back to this map, for it will be  
useful in understanding this report.  
Each section is labeled with a letter.

*From the paper  
HRA High School Student  
MIKE MATTHEISEN worked  
on with 3 other students*



Operation Tin Can

ANN JORDAN'S  
SKETCH OF EARLY  
HRA RESIDENTS  
ANNUAL SPRING  
CLEAN-UP PROJECT:  
PICKING UP TIN  
CANS ALONG  
FALLOW'S RD

Holmes Run - MIDDLE RUN  
 P. 1 - Intro  
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 Dublin Town  
 12-13 - Order of  
 ownership of  
 Dublin Land 1855 -  
 1932 - Chiles SR  
 1974 " SR where  
 14 - "lowlands" & middle Run 1782

15 - JOHN MOORE'S  
 residence  
 House 194 yr. old.  
 Preservation of record  
 P. 7 - Someone through Dublin  
 House important  
 enough to be marked on  
 map 1862

CAMP ALGER - 4  
 P. 1 - Colonial times - farm was  
 "CLEESH" in 1898,  
 TH WILDERNESS FARM  
 all type  
 OLD BRIDGE  
 23 - Map - Dublin House  
 24 - 25 - conclusion  
 (7 more  
 interest!!)

2011, good historical info here.

A ~~The Chiles Tract Through History.~~  
~~This report is about the families~~  
that have lived on or near the present  
day Chiles tract and the many events  
that have taken place there in the past.  
We hope to enlighten all who read this  
report about the history, even from the  
colonial days, that surrounds us <sup>all</sup> ~~in~~  
daily.

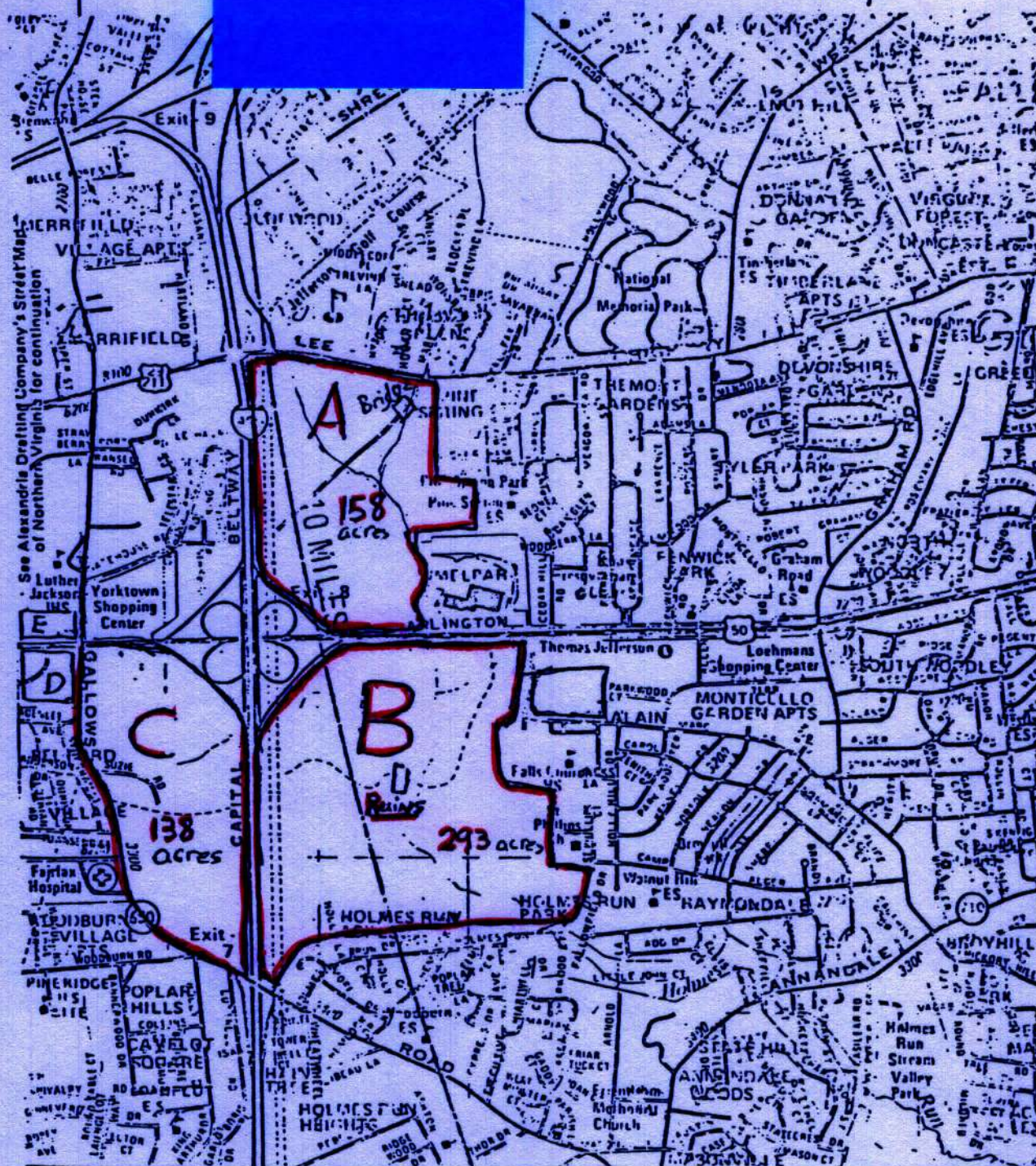
The Chiles tract is located at three  
of the four corners at the intersection  
of I-495 and Route 50. The three  
corners are: Northeast, Southwest, Southeast.  
The size in acres are 158, 138, and 293,  
respectively. The southeastern corner is  
the most important from a historical standpoint,  
as you will see later. There are two  
other sections of land on the northwestern  
and southwestern side of the intersection  
of Fuller Road and Route 50. These  
sections are 12 acres and 21 acres in  
size, respectively. Those two sections have  
little if any history.

Paper on Dublin  
plantation / Chiles tract  
in 1976 development area  
for Falls Church High  
School class.  
Given by Ursula  
Mollhiser

Chiles tract  
rolling hills in swam

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Map #1



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Early History - Colonial  
The Chilez tract and the surrounding  
area has history that goes back to the  
colonial days.

A Major Charles Little owned the  
land which is now the Chilez tract and  
had another (at least) six-hundred acres.  
His residence, which was located on that land,  
was called "Cleesh". Cleesh even before  
Major Little was the seat of Colonel  
John Corville. There are ruins in in  
the "B" section of the Chilez tract, but it  
is not known whether or not these ruins  
are from "Cleesh".

1976 paper by  
Falls Church High School  
student (saved by  
Wanda Sullivan  
5-76)  
26 page  
research paper  
4 Falls Church HS  
students did,  
topography + maps  
The site of the ruins  
of the town

(HOW PAPERS WERE  
DONE BEFORE COMPUTERS...)

## The Dulin House

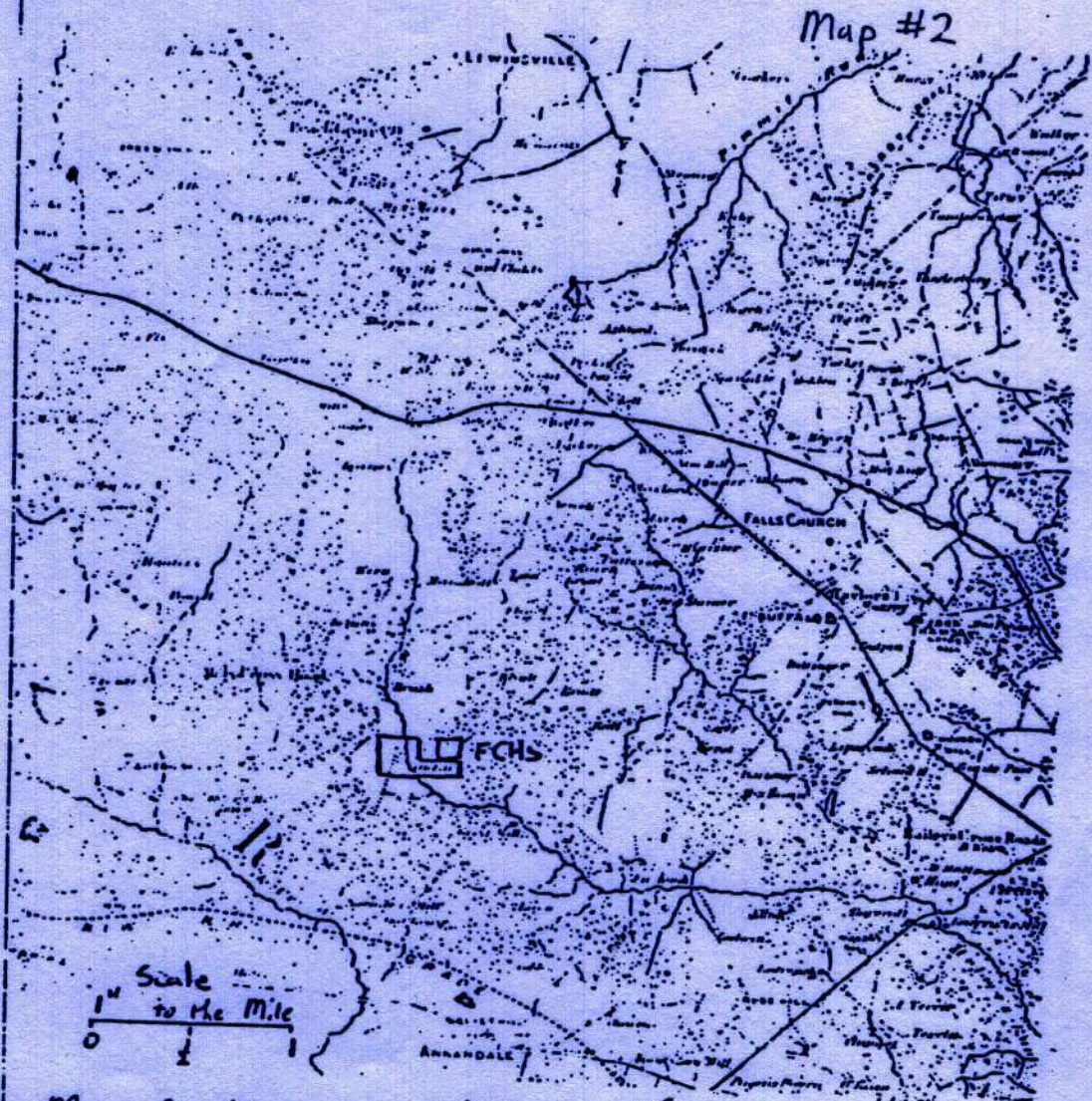
Located in the "B" section of the Chiles Tract, ruins of a few old buildings. The location of these ruins are marked and labeled in green on the map of page 2.

These ruins are of brick and stone. No walls are standing, all have fallen into the foundations. There is at least one well that still works, although the purity of the water is in doubt.

There is another structure a few hundred feet from the main foundations which is believed to <sup>have</sup> been the barn. There is not very much physical evidence to support the opinion that it was a barn, or even anything at all. What there is, looks like the corner of <sup>two</sup> early walls made of stone. This corner is at the base of a hill. The general outline of the possible remaining two walls show on the ground.

Research at libraries, the National Archives, Library of Congress-Map Division, and area historical societies, has lead us to the fact that these ruins are from a number of houses and buildings owned at one time by the a Dulin family.

We have maps from 1862 up to the 1920's showing these buildings at the same place as the foundations are now.



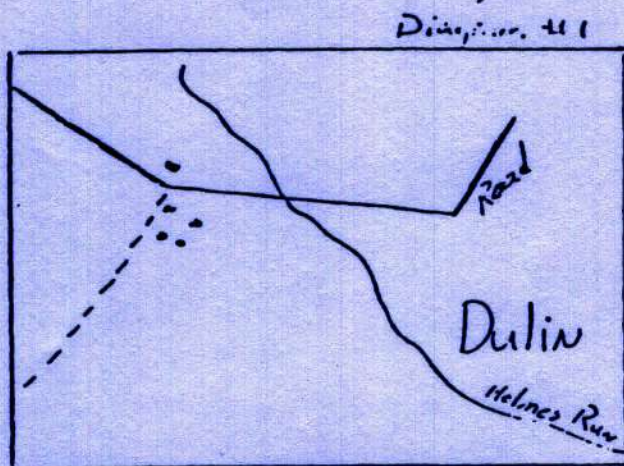
Map of N. Eastern Virginia (Surveys of Military Defences)  
AND  
Vicinity of Washington

Gen. McDowell

Arlington, January 1st 1862

Map #2 shows the location of the house in comparison to the grounds of Falls Church High School. Please see the map on

6  
page two to compare locations. The Dulin houses, all five black dots, are located in the red box on the map on page five.



Close-up of the Map on  
page 5 - Showing the five buildings

John<sup>3</sup> Dulin, in 1753, had been renting land from a Henry Fitzhugh.

During 1793, Edward<sup>3</sup> Dulin and his brother John<sup>3</sup>, owned land along the Holmes Run. The foundations (ruins) are just 75 yards of the present day Holmes Run.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Dulin Sr. died in 1782. He left 470 acres to his one of his sons, Edward<sup>3</sup> Jr. Then in 1808, Edward<sup>3</sup> Jr., still alive, left 470 acres in trust to a Charles Little. This mostly likely is the same <sup>or</sup> Charles Little, owner of "Cinch".

In 1824, John<sup>3</sup> Dulin bought land (289½ acres) in Fairfax County for \$2,340. This land had a house

on it for at least 83 years (1741).

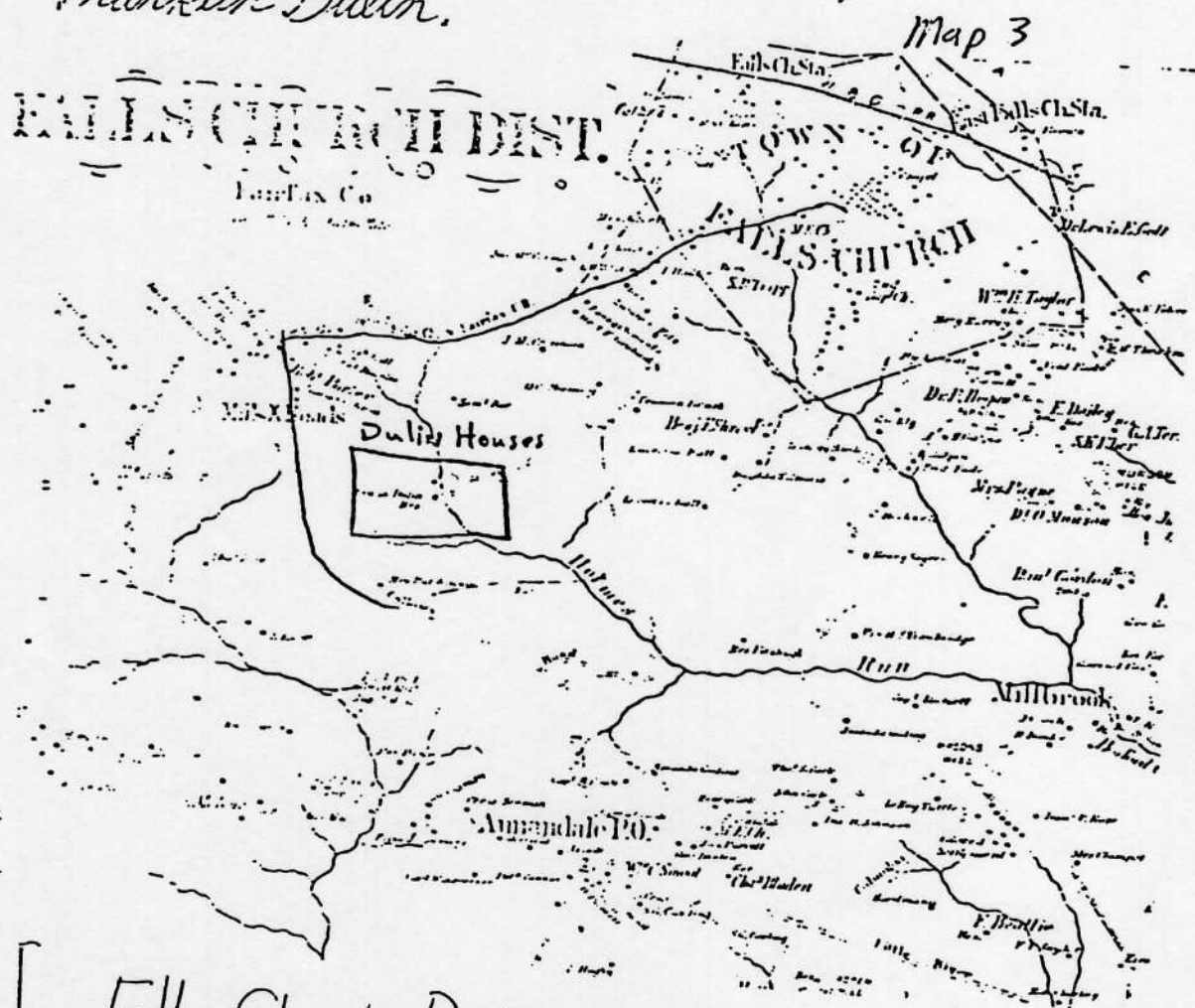
In 1855, John<sup>3</sup> died leaving 47 acres to his son William<sup>4</sup> V, and 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres to his other son, Alexander<sup>4</sup> Franklin.

The ages of the two sons in 1855 were such that they most likely <sup>owned</sup> <sup>land already</sup> owned land already. William<sup>4</sup> V. was 51 and Alex<sup>4</sup> F. was 45. Alex<sup>4</sup> also had been married for sixteen years. The meaning of this should be clear. Both men must have owned ~~the~~ their own land and which their homes were. Because they surely did not live at home, together. There has been only one area of land with the name Dulin on it. Although there are five buildings on that land, I doubt if they all lived there. But where did all these Dulin's live?

The following page contains the Dulin family tree. I have put together the tree with the help of the book, The Dulin Family in America.

The main part of the family tree that we are interested in is marked in green. This tree will help you to follow all the John<sup>3</sup>'s and William<sup>4</sup>'s. All offspring are not listed, just the males which are important to the report.

The following map was published in 1878, and can be bought at my Fairfax County Library. This map shows the Dulin houses. Besides showing only two buildings, it gives the name of the owner - Frank<sup>4</sup> Dulin. This turns out to be the shorten version of Alexander<sup>4</sup> Franklin Dulin.



Falls Church District, Fairfax County ~~1877~~ 1878

The label of "Frank Dulin," could mean either Alex<sup>4</sup> Franklin Sr. owner the house (1810?-1874) or his son Alex<sup>5</sup> Franklin Jr. (1856-1891). Which

"Frank" is it ??

Although Alex<sup>4</sup> Sr. died in 1874 (the map was published in 1878) it probably took a few years to complete. Alex<sup>4</sup> Sr.'s wife still lived at the houses, at least she did own them.

Both Alex Jr and Sr were probably known as "Frank" because of the ~~size~~<sup>long</sup> length of the first name.

Since Alex<sup>5</sup> Jr was just 22 years old in 1878, and even younger when this <sup>map</sup> was first being made, I believe that the label of "Frank Dulin" ~~refers~~ refers to Alex<sup>4</sup> Jr.

John Moore, a Fairfax County Employee, was able to research the ownership of Alexander<sup>4</sup> Franklin Dulin's inherited 289½ acre tract from his father, John<sup>3</sup> in 1855. On the next page is a table of the ownership of the 289½ acre tract prior to the acquisition by Alex<sup>4</sup> F Dulin

Note: The "289½ acre tract was not the tract on which Alex<sup>4</sup> father had resided at. This was on the 471 acre tract which Alex<sup>4</sup>'s brother got (William<sup>4</sup> V) but on the 289½ acre tract there was also a house on it.

Diagram # 3

Chronological Order of Ownership of Alex<sup>4</sup> F. Dulin's  
Inherited Land (289½ acres.)

Year	Owner
1741	Proprietors of the Northern Neck
1741	William Harle received 289½ acres of land from the Proprietors
1743	Owen Williams bought 289½ acres for four shillings from Mr. Harle. (In this deed, there <sup>was</sup> <del>was</del> mention of a house on the land)
1772	Jeremiah Williams received 289½ acres from Owen Williams. (Owen may <sup>have</sup> been Jeremiah's father, if so, Jeremiah may have inherited it)
1794	Joseph White Harrison bought 289½ acres from Jeremiah Williams
1804	Richard Harrison received 289½ acres from Joseph W. Harrison. (Joseph may <sup>have</sup> been Richard's father, if so, Richard may have inherited it)
1824	John <sup>3</sup> Dulin bought 289½ acres for \$2,390 from Richard Harrison
1855	Alexander <sup>4</sup> Franklin Dulin inherits 289½ acres from his father John <sup>3</sup> Dulin

Alexander's<sup>4</sup> brother, William<sup>4</sup> V., also inherited land, 471 acres. This tract of land (471 acres) was where his father, John<sup>3</sup>, resided at until his death in 1855.

Please notice that in 1867 William<sup>4</sup> died. He gave two acres for a church, but he gave the rest of the remaining 469 acres to his brother, Alex<sup>4</sup>. This means that Alex<sup>4</sup> now owned the land where his father & resided at.

Dublin Methodist?

The next table lists the rest of the ownership of all (?)<sup>the</sup> Dublin land up to 1976.

Diagram 4

Chronological Order of Ownership of All(?)  
Dublin Land starting 1855

Year	Owner
1855	William <sup>4</sup> V. Dublin and brother Alex <sup>4</sup> F. Dublin inherit 471 acres and 289½ respectively, from John <sup>3</sup> Dublin
1867	Fairfax Congregation inherits 2 acres from William <sup>4</sup> V. Dublin (for use as the land on which a church be built)
1867	Alex <sup>4</sup> Dublin inherits 469 acres from his brother, William <sup>4</sup> V. Dublin
1869	Caroline S. Dublin (wife of Alex <sup>4</sup> ) received a tract of land (acre?)(Presumably all 1,170 acres?) from Alex <sup>4</sup> Dublin — Alex <sup>4</sup> is still alive then
1887 <sup>est</sup> Oct 12	Mrs. & Mrs. C. L. Campbell bought 1,170 or 1,228 acres for \$23,000

Year	Ownership
Between 1904-1907	To Woodburn Improvement Corp. bought 1,311 acres from Emma F. Campbell, wife of Charles
1907	To Mr. Moore from Woodburn Improvement Corp.
1909	To Mr. Douglas from Mr. Moore - 1,171½ acres (Deed Book T-7 Pg. 154) Note the ½ acre - from that 289½ acres?
Between 1909-1924	To J. Thompson and wife and H. Seawren bought land from Mr. Douglas
1924	Earl Chiles Sr. bought <u>About</u> 1,200 acres from Julian Thompson and Herbert Seawren
1926	C. H. Galliher <u>Co.</u> bought <u>About</u> 1,200 acres from Earl Chiles Sr., for use as a Community and golf course
1926	F. S. McCandlish and T. R. Keith bought <u>About</u> 1,200 acres from C. H. Galliher - <u>list</u> listed as "Co" now, bankruptcy was the reason
✓ 1932	Earl Chiles Sr. bought <u>About</u> 1200 acres from F. S. McCandlish
Between 1932- 1974	{ Earl Chiles Sr. gave land and sold land both for the public good (roads & schools, etc) and to private business }
July 1st ✓ 1974	Earl Chiles Sr. died at 93 years old Earl Chiles Jr and John Chiles inherited about 640 acres - All that was remaining

By studying the tables, you can see there was a house on the <sup>in 1743</sup> 289½ acre tract of Alex<sup>4</sup> Dulan in 1743. Alex<sup>4</sup>, it is believed, lived in Baltimore but own land and house in Fairfax, though we are not sure.

William<sup>4</sup> V also inherited 471 acres, which had his father's house on it.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Sr. in 1782 by virtue of a Treasury Warrant, 471 to 500 acres of land.

Note: This is the fourth time a tract of 471 acres comes into the picture, a coincidence?

In 1782, Edward<sup>2</sup> Sr. died, leaving to his first son ~~John~~<sup>3</sup> William<sup>3</sup>, land that William<sup>3</sup> resided at. To his other sons, Edward<sup>3</sup> and John<sup>3</sup>, received the 471 to 500 acres of land, to be divided when they become 21. This land was described as the Lowlands of the Middle Run. (Now known as Holmes Run). That means they owned land by Holmes Run in 1782. ~~It~~ The land was described further; Near Wren's Place, Dayley, Green, Charles Patent, near Jeremiah Williams. You have heard the names, "Pate" and "Jeremiah Williams" often, look on page 11, diagram

3. In 1783, Edward<sup>3</sup> and John<sup>3</sup>, co-surveyed

this 471-500 acre tract, they had it surveyed. The survey showed Holmes' run going through the tract.

Mr. John Moore, who works for Fairfax County Government, has done much a lot of research about the land on which the Dulin ruins lie. He has greatly contributed and also contributed freely to the content of this report. It is ~~in~~ his opinion, "The ruins near Falls Church High School belonged to the 471+ acre tract of land which Edward<sup>2</sup> Dulin Sr. lived in ~~in~~ until his death in 1782." ~~He~~

How long Edward<sup>2</sup> Sr. lived in that house is unknown, and whether he was the original owner or not, Any way you look at it, that house is old, 194 years old at least.

I believe that the evidence contained in this report warrants significantly to a thorough investigation of the history and above all else, the preservation of the Dulin Ruine.

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pages!

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## Civil War 1861-1864


Not too much recorded information has been found about any big event happening on the Chiles tract, then, Dulin land. But the odds are favorable that skirmishes did take place on the land.

With the union forces retreating from the first Battle of Bull Run in Manassas in defeat, they presumably came through the area. As you can tell from looking at the map on page 5, there were a few forts in the area. Near the heading of this map, it says, "From surveillance and reconaissance."

Someone thought it important to show the Dulin Houses in 1862.

# Camp Alger


The Spanish-American War of 1898 once again awoke the sleepy town of Falls Church and the adjacent area of the C.L. Campbell farm.

President McKinley and General Graham personally selected a tract of land called "The Wildcress Farm," of Mr. C.L. Campbell, for the first site of the first military camp of the Spanish-American War. This farm in the colonial days was known as "Cleesh" and was owned by Colonel Charles Little. 

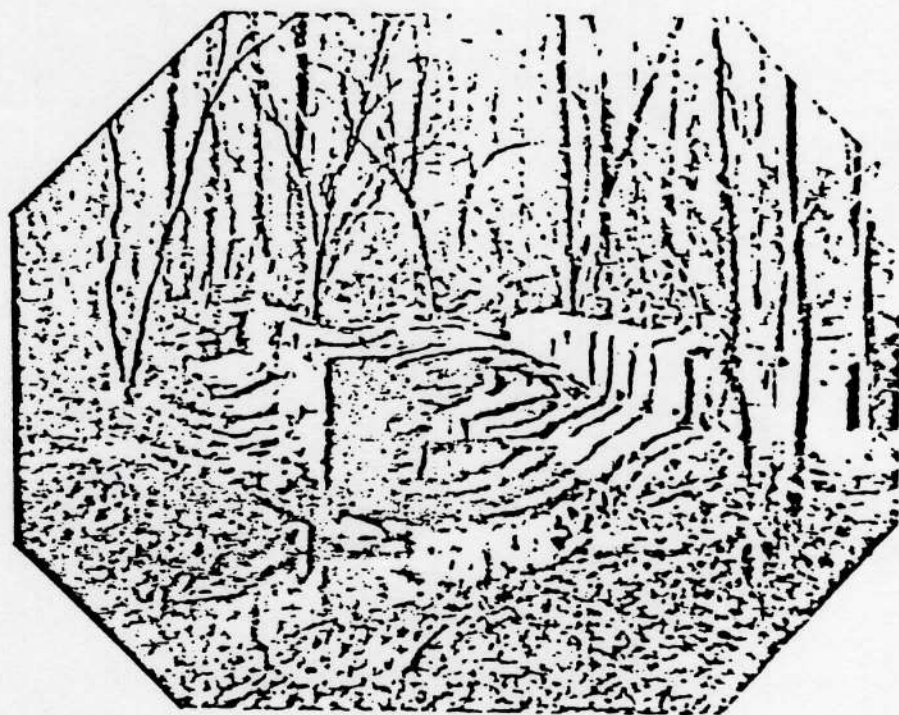
Camp Alger was established in the spring (May) 1898. ~~Since~~ The camp was occupied by the Second Army Corps under the command of Major General William Graham.

At first, there were 922 officers and 17,467 enlisted men. By August of 1898, there was a peak of 1,347 officers and 33,755 enlisted men. The camp ~~stayed~~ stayed there for two years with the amount of men declining from the peak in August 1898.

Because Camp Alger was a temporary camp, no permanent buildings ever existed.

→  It is likely that this is the same person as referred to twice before as Major Charles Little and — Charles Little.

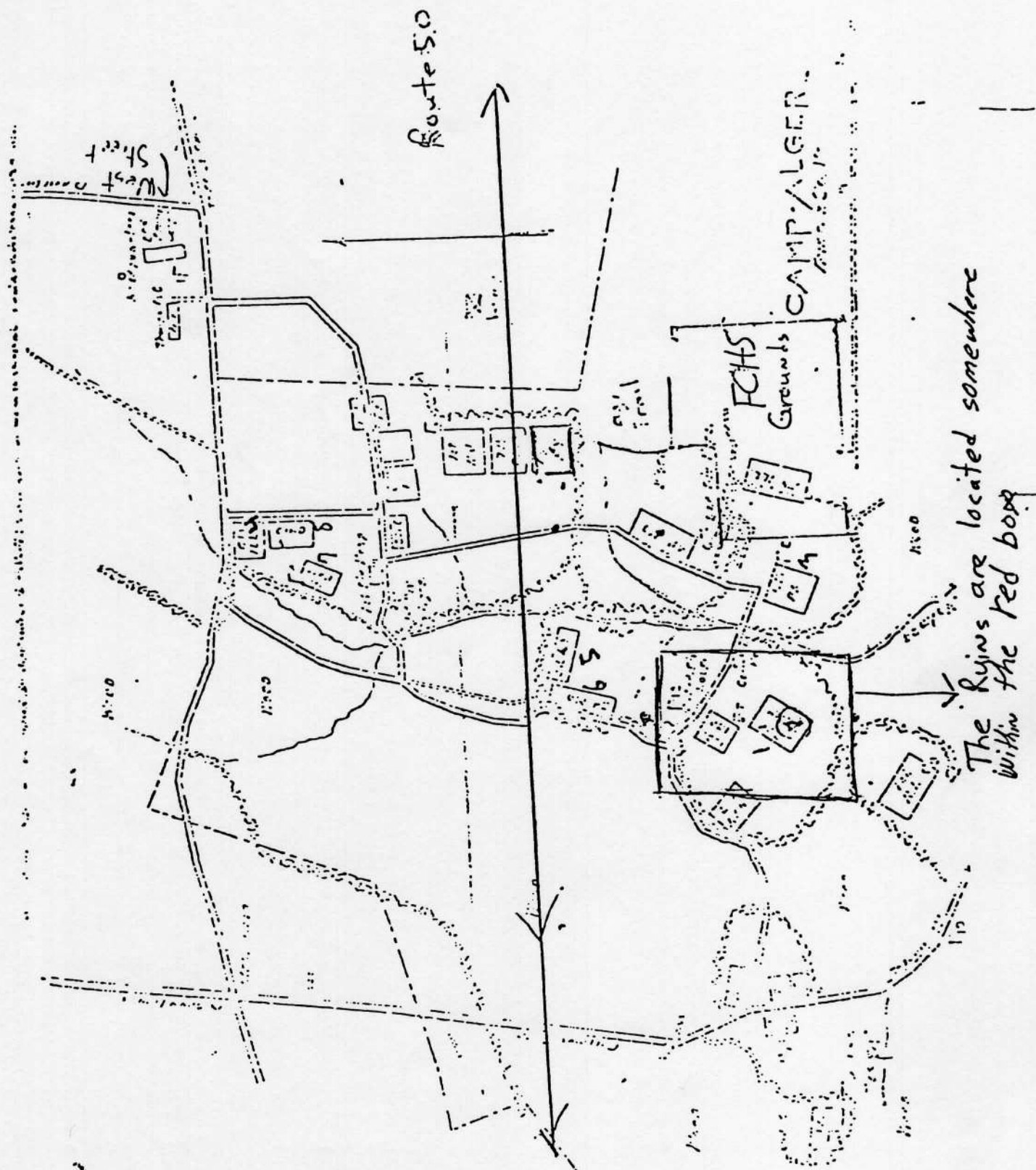
That means there are no physical remnants remaining today. There are some old road beds in the Chiles tract and at least stone bridges there to see (located in Section A - see map #1 page 2), but that is all.



Picture of Bridge in Section "A"  
Looking 1 - NE

The foundations of what was the old Campbell farmhouse still exists on the Chiles tract. These foundations are also known to form the old <sup>DOLIN</sup> houses.

Map of Camp Alger, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Map #5



## Conclusion

The present day Chile tract is full of history. Colonel (Major?) Charles Little, owning a house called "Cheesh" in the colonial days. Civil War skirmishes on a ideally located area which had Rebel and Union forces on opposite sides of the land. The establishment of Camp Russell A. Alger in 1898 (May), to train upwards of 33,000 men. Around 1926, a planned community called "Strathmore" with a golf course, as well as other recreational facilities. A nine-hole golf course was actually constructed in section A's stream valley and into Section B, but the venture fell through. The developer was slightly ahead of his time and could not sell his ideas to the public.

GOLF COURSE?

The Chile tract in a <sup>short</sup> month will be up for re-zoning. The owners ~~must~~ must sell because of high taxes. They do care about what will happen to the land, but the main thing is money.

The owners have told the County they could buy the land (Section B<sub>2</sub> which is the best part) at its currently assessed value of about \$4.5 million. The ~~Big~~ Dublin ruins which probably date back 200 years (more?) are on this section. If the B section is developed, it ~~will~~ would ruin the <sup>already poor</sup> environment, ~~drastically~~. If you do not want to see this land developed into

Providence  
see  
ch 2

a hotel, townhouses and apartments, houses, light industry, office buildings, and more retail centers (Shopping Centers), write to your Supervisor, James Scott, at 7223 Lee Highway, Falls Church, Virginia. You may also call him to express your opinion - 532-1474, Or ~~write~~ write your opinions on paper and give them to Craig Day. Please, you must express your opinions, because very soon, it will be too late.

2004 -

Computer Science Corporation now where Dulin House was - a small plaque is the only reminder.

Craig Day  
5/15/76 - 5/20/76  
Mike Tismaric

Dawn MacNeirin

Dan Feltz

GIVE HIM HIS HISTORY !!!?

Craig Day - 2009

4768 N 24th St

Arlington

703-522-4811

Craig D Day

703-641-2776

P.S: September 2004

Craig Day and his friends wrote this paper when they were students at Falls Church High School.

Note by Ursula Mattheisen, whose son had kept a copy of the paper by their friends.

# Reworked plan sought for Seven Corners

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

Worried about density, residents in the Seven Corners area of Northern Virginia are pushing to scale down a redevelopment plan meant to ease traffic congestion at one of the region's worst intersections while creating new businesses and as many as 6,000 homes.

In an alternative proposal submitted last week to Fairfax County officials, leaders of five homeowners associations argue that there should be about 20 percent fewer homes built when the Seven Corners plan is finished during the next several decades.

That could spell trouble for an ambitious planning effort inspired by work in Tysons Corner that seeks to rescue an aging Northern Virginia suburb that once exemplified the country's obsession with driving to the mall.

Seven Corners is currently defined by an infamously gnarled intersection where Arlington Boulevard, Leesburg Pike, Wilson Boulevard, Sleepy Hollow Road and Hillwood Avenue converge. About 110,000 vehicles a day pass through it.

County planners have envisioned a remodeled urban core, with strip malls and faded big-box stores giving way to new residences, retail spots and parks, potentially generating hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue that county officials say is sorely needed to fund schools and other services.

VIRGINIA CONTINUED ON B2

Seven Corners -  
a country cross  
roads in 1951 -  
then the area's  
first major mall  
- and now?  
Another re-make -

7-8-16

#### TAKING EXCEPTION

### Residents have a right to moderate growth in their neighborhoods

In his July 3 Local Opinions commentary, "Stop saying no to development in your neighborhood," Stewart Schwartz wrote that "existing residents are either saying no to development or forcing it to be cut back so much that the region isn't producing the new housing we need."

I am a long-term community-development planner. I and other residents of my community, which borders downtown Bethesda, are "guilty" of trying to moderate a proposed high-density increase in our area.

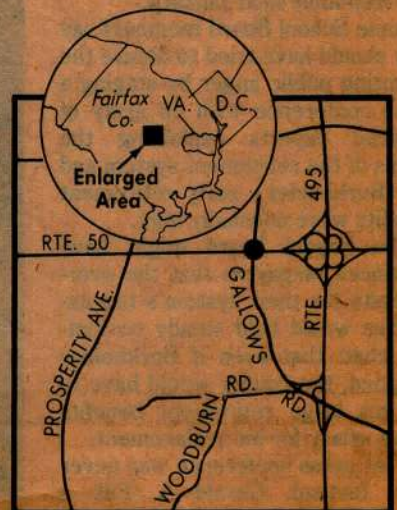
We believe that growth must consider the needs and rights of existing communities and residents who enjoy the proximity and use of downtown Bethesda while anticipating possible growth. The

issue is simple to define. Can and should growth exclude the interests and needs of current users? An example: Our East Bethesda community began as a workers community with 12 streets of residences entering Wisconsin Avenue and several along East-West Highway. County planners and commissioners are proposing that 240-foot-high buildings be zoned along Wisconsin Avenue but without substantial accommodation to the many residences that would be directly affected by such an extreme density.

We shall continue to petition for moderate growth that best serves today's residents while anticipating future needs.

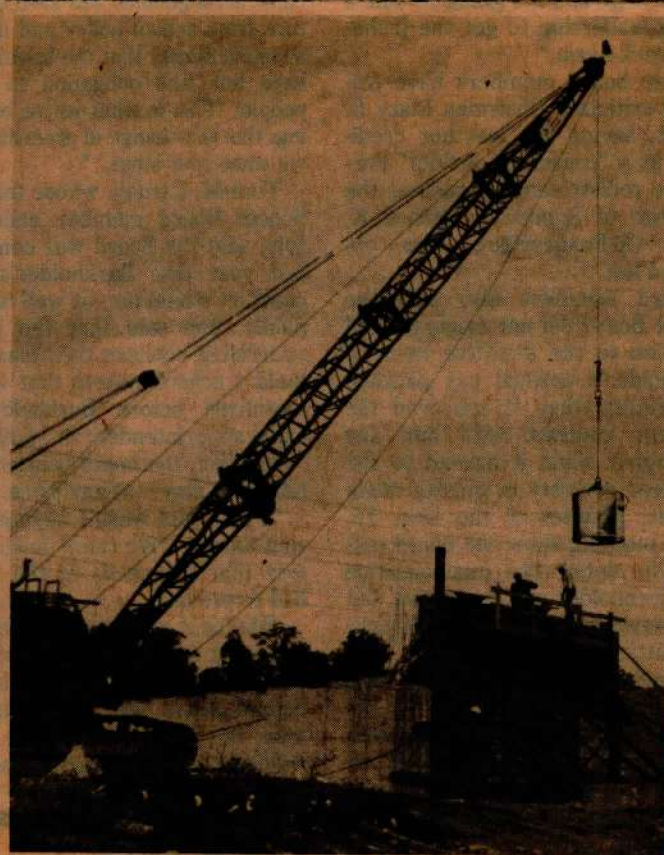
**Robert Posner, Bethesda**

## U.S. Route 50 To Pass Under Gallows Road



A major Northern Virginia road project is under way at the intersection of Rte. 50 and Gallows Road. Highway engineers are building an underpass to carry Rte. 50 beneath Gallows Road, and they are widening each road to six lanes in the area. The \$8.6 million project, begun last June, is scheduled to be completed in late 1986. The on-ramp that would normally carry eastbound Rte. 50 traffic onto the Beltway toward Alexandria has been closed during construction. Motorists are advised to detour to the Gallows Road Beltway entrance. Work will stop during morning and evening rush hours.

By Carl Kramer—The Washington Post



1981

# DISCOVER THE RUINS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

(RAIN DATE: SEPT. 19) 1981

"The Ruins"  
were where  
Providence  
Recreation Ctr.  
& Fairview Park  
are today



THE HOLMES RUN CIVIC ASSOC. IS SPONSORING  
A "DIG" FOR ALL INTERESTED KIDS AND  
GROWN-UPS AT THE SITE OF A 19TH CENTURY  
FARMHOUSE FOR SOME END OF SUMMER FUN  
AND A LITTLE INTERESTING LOCAL HISTORY.

AN INFORMAL TALK ON ARCHAEOLOGY WILL  
BE GIVEN WITH A TOUR OF THE RUINS.

THE TRIP WILL START AT 10:00 AM.,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT LURIA PARK  
(IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA). THE  
FARMHOUSE RUINS ARE A SHORT WALK FROM  
THE PARK IN THE WOODS BEHIND FALLS  
CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL. NO TRANSPORTATION IS  
NECESSARY, BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
KEEP TRACK OF THE KIDS. THE TRIP LEADER IS  
DIRK MATTHEISEN (560 3704). PLEASE CALL IF  
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT OR JUST TO  
LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE COMING.

A BAG LUNCH WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, AND  
OF COURSE, SOMETHING TO DIG WITH!

Thursday, Oct. 7, 1965

THE WASHINGTON POST

1965

**Babson Suggests Chiles  
Donate Tract for Park**

Fairfax County to request both areas for parks.  
When making his suggestion to  
Hansbarger, Babson suggested  
if Chiles would give the  
southwest quadrant  
request's on

**Park-Land Advocates  
Get Lift From 1st Lady**

By Kenneth M. Boyd





HRA GROUP  
MEETS IN  
LURIA PARK  
TO JOIN DIRK  
MATTHEISEN  
ON A "DIG"  
AT THE 19<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURY DULIN  
FARM RUINS



CROSSING  
HOLMES RUN  
STREAM  
NEAR FALLS  
CHURCH HIGH



OLD WELL SITE  
- PRIME DIGGING  
LOCATION!



DIRK TELLING US  
ABOUT SOME OF  
HIS PAST FINDS



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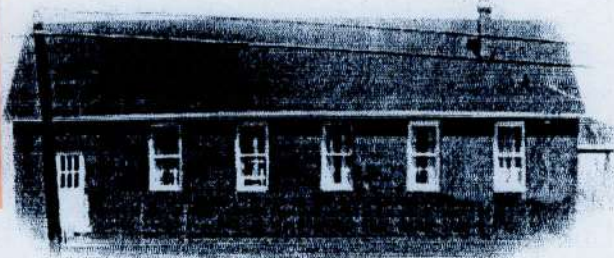


GROUP TESTS ITS  
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ANOTHER GROUP  
DEPARTS EARLY &  
MANAGES TO GET  
LOST IN 90° HEAT  
WITHIN EARSHOT  
OF THE BELTWAY...)

HOW THIN THE  
VENEER OF  
CIVILIZATION IS!

## OUR NEIGHBOR, THE GRANGE

Vivian Smith



A favorite shortcut from Holmes Run Acres to Annandale Road leads past a church on the corner of this road and Masonville Drive. If you are a relative new-comer to this area, you'd be hard-pressed to imagine that this building was once a Grange Hall and once played a part in the history of Holmes Run Acres.

And if you're a city person, or not of a certain age, you might even wonder what in the world is a "Grange?" Officially "The Patrons of Husbandry," the Grange was organized in Washington, D.C., on December 4, 1867, as "a genuine association of the people in the open country." Much more than just a social organization, it also took on political, economic, and charitable causes, uniting rural people into an involved community. It was probably the first organization in the United States to give its women members the right to vote. The Grange was very active in Fairfax County which, until World War II, was the largest dairy-producing county in the country.

In 1951, the Grange Hall on Masonville Drive was still a simple brick building. One of the two oldest Granges in Fairfax County, it received its charter from the National Grange Headquarters on January 1, 1921, as "Pioneer Grange No. 737." Fairfax County had other Granges in Great Falls, Herndon, Clifton, Falls Church, Andrews Chapel, Centreville and Mount Vernon. The Great Falls Grange, now owned and preserved by the Fairfax County Park Authority, is one of their Historic Properties available for rental.

### Q&A

Q - We hear there were some great HRA parties; where did they hold them?

A - At places like the Walnut Hill Estate lodge, the Fairfax Legion Hall, the Charter House Motor Hotel, the American Legion Chilcott Hall, the "Flame Room" above the Annandale Fire House, the Grange Hall - and, of course, Woodburn School. (Not yet at Friendship Methodist Church - Friendship was using Woodburn as a meeting place, too).

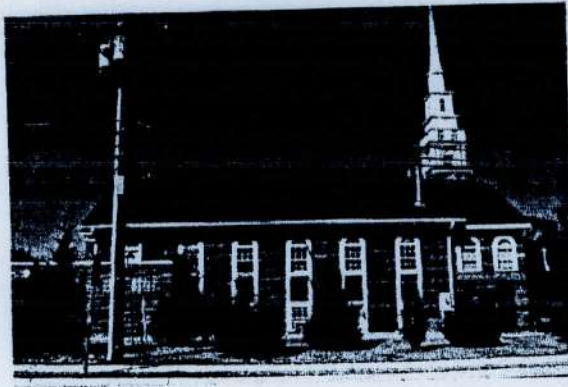
Q - What were some of the memorable performances at these parties?

A - There was a Maypole dance at one, with local leader Al Smith as the Maypole; there was John Arnold in a tutu at the Ghoulish Gaeties; there were skits - and a men's hula line and can-can dance. Mac DuBois did a REAL hula, and we even had a luau with flowers flown in from Hawaii once. Pool parties, of course, are a whole new topic.

Grange records from 1934 indicate that Pioneer Grange had 69 members, owned their Hall and "one-half acre of land valued at over \$3000, and is free from debt. We have helped the needy in our neighborhood with sewing and clothing and baskets of food and toys at Christmas. Also vegetables to boys' camp. A well has been dug and a sink placed in kitchen of

hall at a cost of \$100. We have regalia for all officers and have \$35 in our treasury." Grange parties and dances attracted people from as far away as Maryland.

How did all this involve Holmes Run Acres? Lacking a clubhouse, Acres residents rented Pioneer Grange Hall as one of the places for our first HRA Civic Association meetings, Bridge and Canasta Club gatherings, and our HRACA parties. As Grange activity lessened, the Annandale Cooperative Preschool rented the hall, and several children from the Acres began their school days there.



Pioneer Grange Hall also served as a meeting place for St. Alban's Episcopal Church before it's building was erected, as well as for a Lutheran church and for the Seventh Day Adventists. It was also a site for the Salvation Army. The first Vietnamese Catholic church in the United States made its home in the facility for a number of years, and over time the building has significantly changed in appearance. The new structure was built

around the old Grange building so that it still exists – the old within the new. Now listed in the telephone directory as both the New Generation Evangelical Church and the Korean Evangelical Church, it is still a landmark to Holmes Runners who drive by, and who will perhaps now give a second glance in tribute to the past we share.



Vivian Smith was once a Grange member in Sugar Creek Township, Ohio.

## Q&A

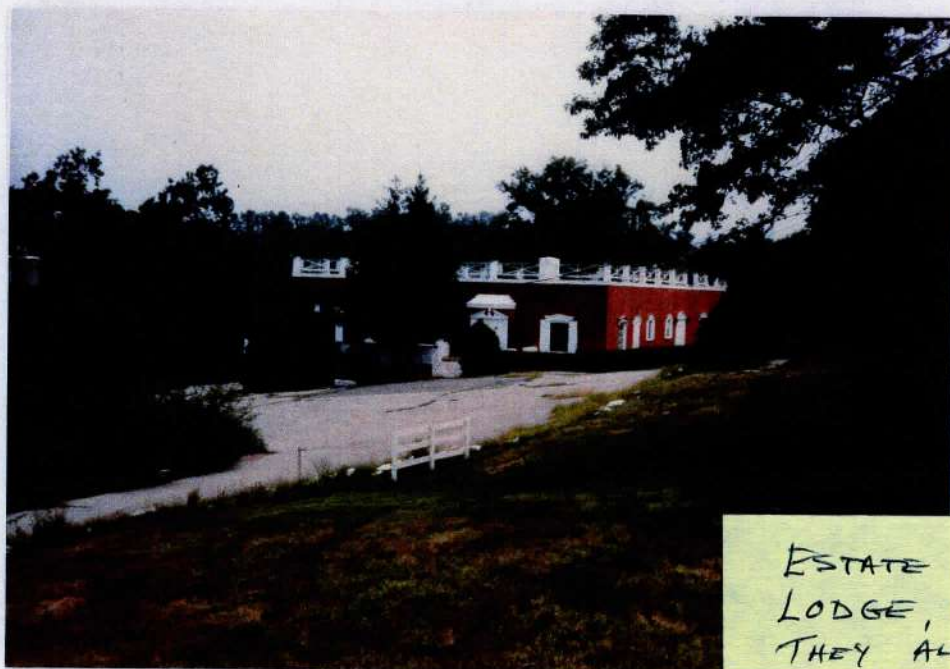
Q - The Walnut Hill Estate lodge?

A - The Walnut Hill Estate, home of the owners of D.C.'s Arnold Bus Lines, is remembered for its magnificent house, which some said was patterned after Tara in "Gone With the Wind". It sat on a high hill surrounded by beautiful old trees, with a long curving driveway, a swimming pool, a stable and a lodge. We used the lodge, located near Arnold Lane, for several of our '50s parties, and HRA children were sometimes allowed to go sledding on the hill. The estate was sold by later owner, O. Roy Chalk, operator of the pre-Metro D.C. Transit, and became the site for the Walnut Hill houses on Annandale Road.



WALNUT HILL ESTATE

CIRCA 1988



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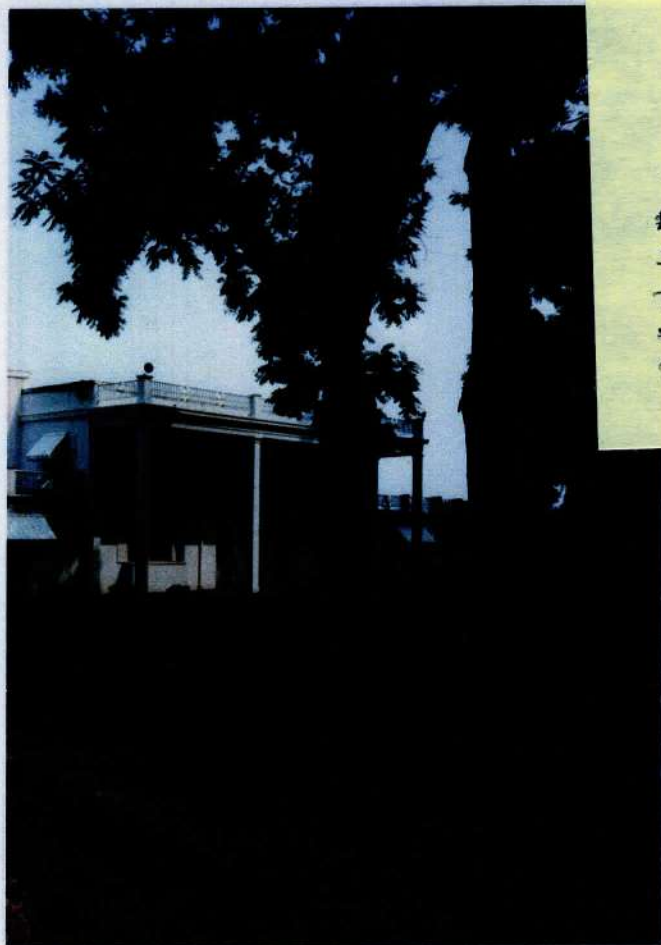


THE OLD "WALNUT HILL" - (PHOTO 1986)

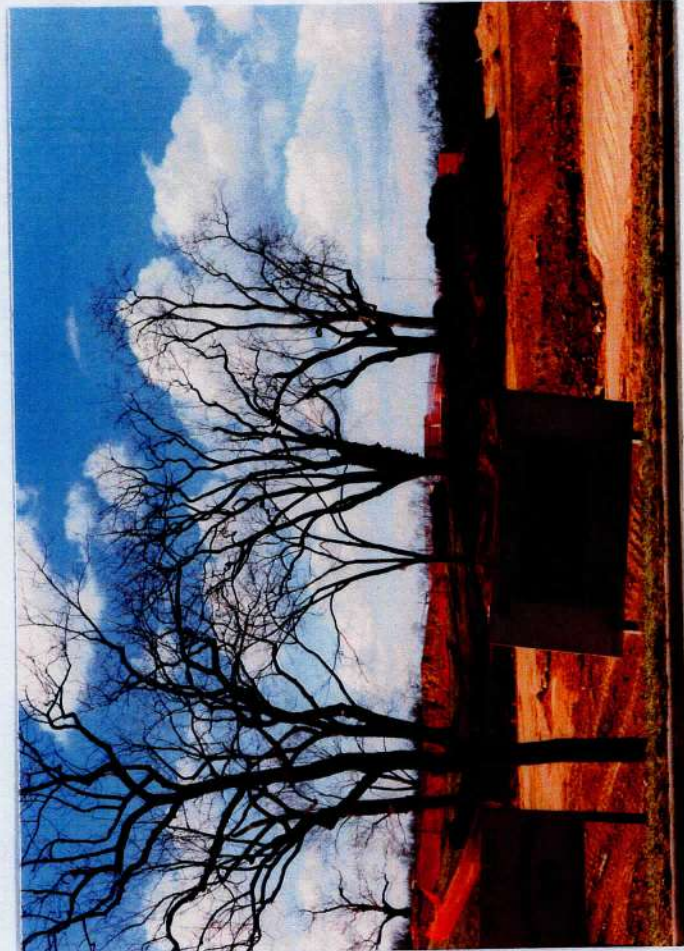
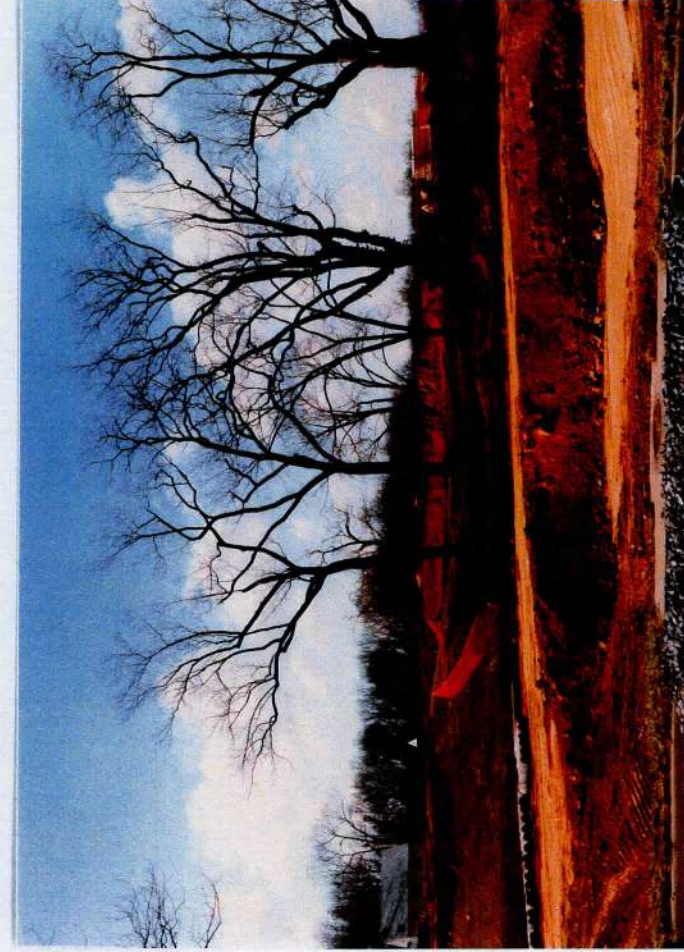
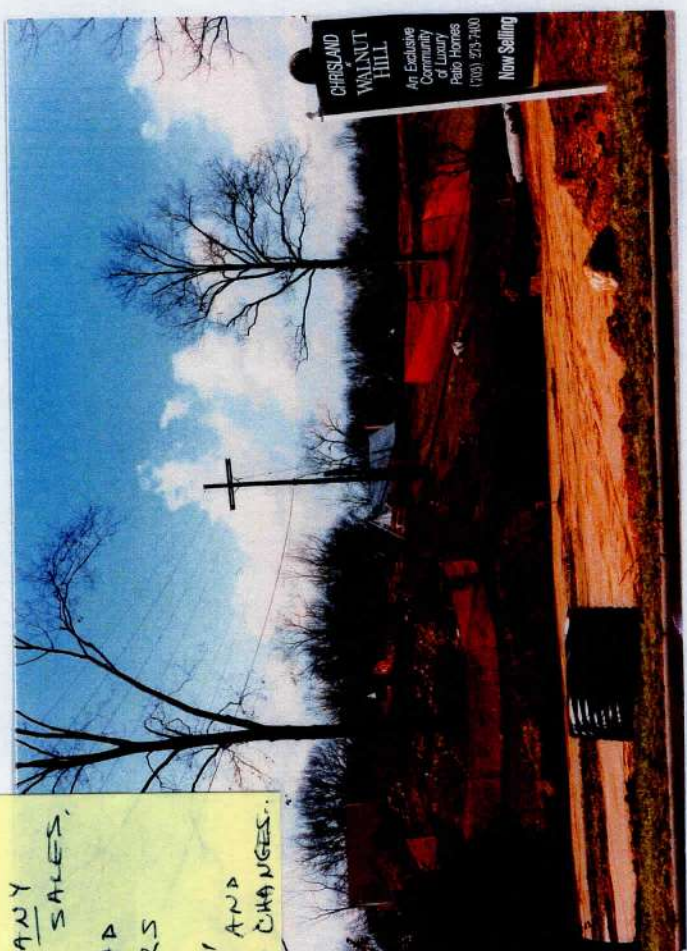
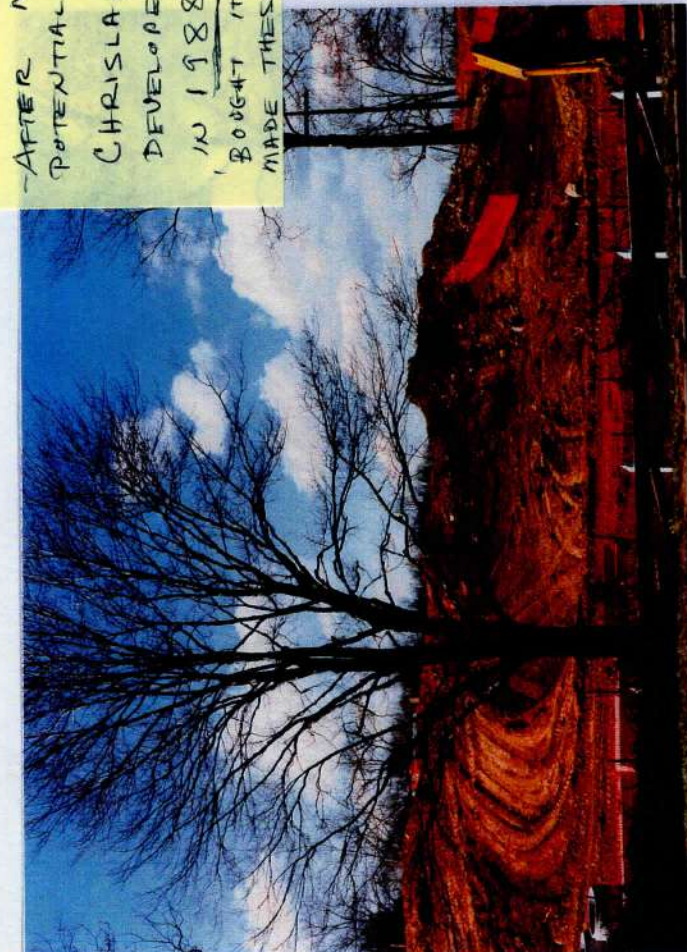
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(1986 PHOTO)



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SATURDAY, FEBRU

## Little Room For Lawns, And Not Much Need

By SUSAN STRAIGHT  
 Special to The Washington Post

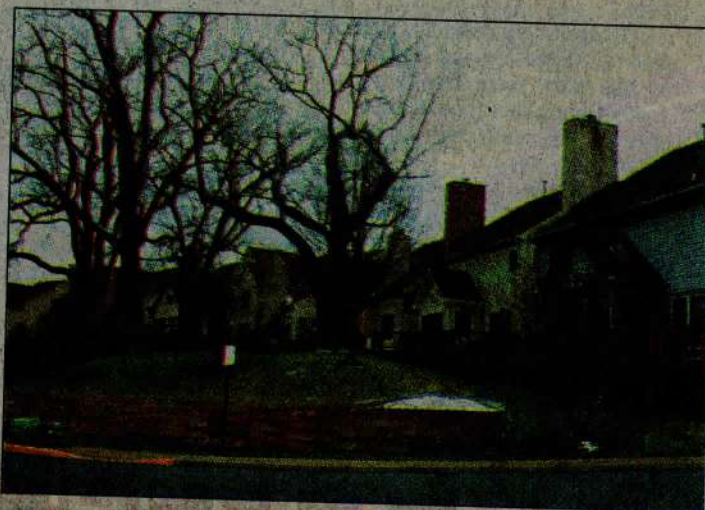
It's almost impossible to walk through Walnut Hill without being noticed.

There's a single entrance from Annandale Road into the 58-home Fairfax County community, giving it a very private, almost gated feel. The houses sit close to the sidewalk and have large front windows. In fact, people wave at strangers in Walnut Hill, a neighborhood that prides itself on big houses that stretch to the edges of their lots.

While the one-eighth-acre lots make for minimal yardwork — a draw for many — the community does not lack for green space. A large expanse of lawn stretches out at the main entrance and surrounds the community. There is a large pond at the front of the neighborhood and many beautiful old trees spread throughout.

\* The land on which the neighborhood was built in the 1980s used to be home to O. Roy Chalk, the colorful entrepreneur who owned Washington's public transit system before Metro. He used his estate, also called Walnut Hill, for lavish entertaining — the dining room sat 200, according to a 1969 Washington Post article.

That year, as his D.C. Transit System struggled financially, he listed the property for sale for \$2.25 million. Despite what the article described as "its own clover-shaped swimming pool, tennis court, putting range, a pond where duck and geese abound, a stable for 12 horses and a mile-long track for equestrian shows and workout sessions," the 30-acre property languished unsold.



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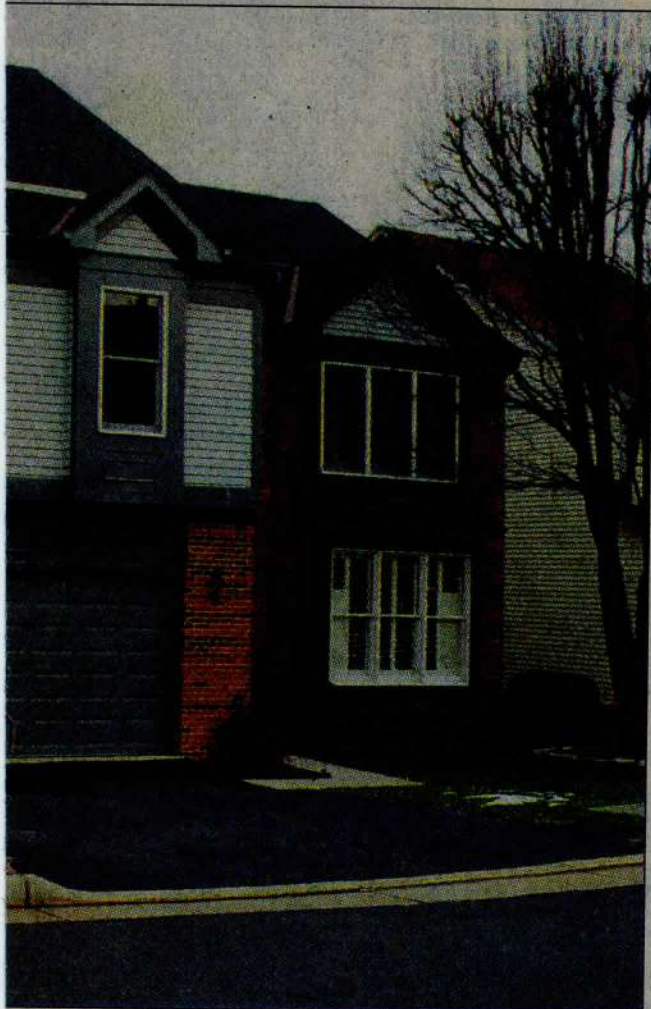
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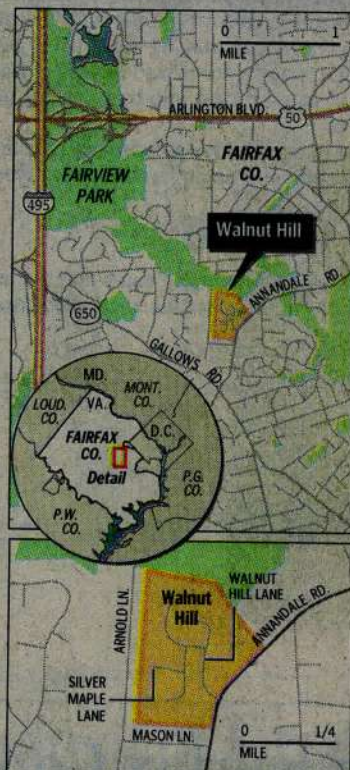


PHOTOS BY SUSAN STRAIGHT FOR THE WASHINGTON POST



At top, Valerie Mawdsley and her 18-year-old son, Justin, at their three-story, 5,000-square-foot home. Above, colors must conform with a palette approved by the homeowners association. At left, the scenery includes some of the trees that gave Walnut Hill its name.

## WALNUT HILL



BY M.K. CANNISTRA — THE WASHINGTON POST

**BOUNDARIES:** Walnut Hill Lane off Annandale Road is the only entrance to the community. From this road, four short roads branch off; all end in cul-de-sacs.

**SCHOOLS:** Woodburn Elementary, Luther Jackson Middle and Falls Church High schools

**HOME SALES:** In the past 12 months, three houses have sold at prices from \$799,999 to \$840,000. There are no houses currently listed or under contract, according to Scott Pearson of Weichert Realtors.

**WITHIN 5 MINUTES BY CAR:** Inova Fairfax Hospital, Capital Beltway, Route 50, Loehmann's Plaza.

**WITHIN 15 MINUTES BY CAR:** Tysons Corner, Falls Church, Seven Corners, McLean, Springfield

2012-13

A proposal for a Brightview assisted-living community across Gallows Rd from the road reminded "old-times" of the past

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2008 FIGURE:

Fairfax Co. tree canopy has declined 48% since 1973...

# Treeless Towns Leave Residents Exposed

## Suburbanites Want More Preservation

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD  
Washington Post Staff Writer

3-9-08

The naked suburb.

It has houses, yards and roads, but no large trees to shade them, no oaks to catch the rain. This place may even have a woodsy name — it may, in fact, sound like a sylvan glade where elves dwell — but its real-life trees are either scrawny or nonexistent. It looks like houses on a Monopoly square.

Last week, Virginia approved a law aimed at limiting these leaf-deprived developments. It would force developers to preserve old trees as they build new neighborhoods.

But for some people — and, in an environmental sense, for all of us — it's already too late.

"It's pretty barren. You just really see the houses and the concrete," said Teresa Veno, who lives in a four-year-old section of Ashley Ridge, a neighborhood in west-



RICHARD A. LIPSKI — THE WASHINGTON POST

A sign at the site of the Oaklawn housing development refers to the few trees at right.

ern Prince William County, where she said large trees are scarce.

"My daughter's 4," Veno said, "and I'm not sure she'd recognize a squirrel if she saw one."

There is no official count of how many such suburbs have been built recently across the Washington region. But it's not

See TREES, C4, Col. 2

Fairfax Co. is trying to increase tree canopy

— Today's figure?

# Living close to trees may make you feel younger

BY DEBORAH NETBURN

Leafy, tree-lined streets aren't just good for property values; they may also be good for your health, according to a new report.

After analyzing two sets of data from Toronto, researchers report that adding just 10 trees to a single city block could improve how healthy a person feels as much as if that person made an additional \$10,000 a year or were seven years younger.

The study also found that residents of neighborhoods with higher tree density are less likely to have cardio-metabolic conditions such as hypertension, obesity and diabetes.

And it's not just that the well-to-do who live on tree-lined streets can afford a more healthful lifestyle. The researchers controlled for demographic and socioeconomic factors and found that living near trees still had an effect on health and perception of health.

"These effects are independent of how much money people make," said Marc Berman, director of the Environmental Neuroscience Laboratory at the University of Chicago, and the senior author of the paper.

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"Wealthy neighborhoods and poor neighborhoods with trees seem to have better health," he said.

The study looked at more than 30,000 residents in Toronto. The city was of particular interest because it is in Canada, a country with universal health care. Therefore, whether a person has money should not affect his or her ability to get medical attention. The researchers note that in a country that does not have universal health care, having an extra \$10,000 a year might have more of an effect on a person's health than living near trees.

Although the study found a strong correlation between health and living on a tree-lined street, the researchers still don't know why that was the case.

"Trees remove pollutants from the air, so it could be the cleaner air, or it could be that adding more trees on the street encourages people to go outside and exercise more," Berman said. "Or it could be that the environment is more beautiful, and that contributes to health."

It is also possible that healthier people choose to live in neighborhoods with more trees.

— Los Angeles Times

2014

UTC - urban tree canopy

41% tree canopy - FX Co.

Area when viewed from

above - leaves, branches etc.

Benefits: improve water quality  
conserve energy  
lower city temps  
reduce air pollution  
enhance property values  
provide wildlife habitat  
social/educational value  
and aesthetic benefits

- FX Co 30 yr. tree  
canopy goal -

funded by Environmental  
Improvement Program.

Goal: to increase canopy  
to 45% by 2037

- only 4200 acres available.

In Co.-owned properties/  
open spaces

majority will have to be  
on gov. presidential lots

40% more - need to plant 2 million (83,740 annually)  
(now planting 21,000 per yr) - 1 tree per car

2012-13

- Additional comments after Brightview proposal

Mia gave a good rundown of some specific past stands HRACA has taken on area development. Our history files have minutes, records, letters, newspaper and magazine articles detailing past development issues. Here's a bit more historical perspective as the board and community consider a stand:

BRIGHTVIEW  
ALERT!

HRACA had  
info meeting  
at Woodburn

- Attendance  
was very  
low...

Somebody commented on ListServ that she fears "opening the floodgates." Actually, we probably are the "floodgates." A friend who moved to this rural area shortly before the Acres was developed said one resident huffed, "Huh! City people. Don't even have any cows or chickens." Our houses reminded some of them of barns.

We have taken a stand against almost all inroads on our green surroundings through the years, from the Exxon station replacing the stable that was there to the first development at Gallows and Rt. 50. (Our supervisor assured us that Gallows would be widened to 4 lanes with a traffic light at the intersection of Gallows and Rt. 50 to prevent congestion).

The coming of Mobil upset us greatly and we passed petitions - though now it is almost the sole green space left along Gallows Road, which will once more be under threat when Mobil leaves.

The 600 acre "Chiles Tract" that Mia mentioned stretched from the Acres to Rt. 50. Local teenagers and our Civic Association tried tenaciously to preserve some as park land. A prestigious national magazine of the day, "The Saturday Evening Post," included this area (featuring some of those teens) in a major article, "The Rape of the Land." Dot Hammerschmidt (still an Acres resident) wrote a letter to Lady Bird Johnson - and got an answer. Lady Bird sympathized, but regretted there was nothing she could do. This land is now all developed (but dare we think that our efforts helped turn Fairview Park into a greener industrial area?)

The 30 acre Walnut Hill property was offered to Fairfax County Parks in 1958 for \$110,000, but there was no money available in what was then a very young Park Association (a year older than our Civic Association). Other considerations included doctors who wanted to keep the beautiful Tara like mansion and grounds as a club. We protested - but it might have kept more green space on Annandale Road than the 58-house "Walnut Hill" now there.

Most recently, residents battled to save Arnold Lane (backing up to Surrey) from town house development that would have taken most of the trees. We won that one - in part because of a stubborn property owner on Arnold who refused to sell, and the fact that the developer declared bankruptcy as the building boom crashed.

We are now a green oasis in the midst of a developed area. The city has come to us. The "master plan" so much talked about in the early years of the Acres faded away once the county government decided on a growth policy. The pattern was set and is increasingly difficult to stop.

Based on past experience, questions worth considering (other than the most desirable option of keeping things as they are) might be: Is the development currently proposed preferable to what might come if it is rejected? How much input would the developers allow us to influence its character and setting? What would we prefer as an alternative development to the current proposal, given that the possibility of some sort of development there is highly likely?

No easy questions. No easy answers.

- Vivian Smith, (non-voting) HISTORIAN

(See "Recurring Minutes FALL 2012 + WINTER 2013")

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CURRENT  
FUTURE  
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June 13, 2012

7418 Spring Village Drive  
Apartment # 322  
Springfield, Virginia 22150

Ms. Catherine Fort, President  
Holmes Run Acres Civic Association  
3429 Surrey Lane  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

From Don Bozarth,  
FORMER HRA RESIDENT,  
ACTIVE IN PLANNING  
(former city planner)

Dear Ms. Fort .

My wife and I lived in Holmes Run for 44 years on the corner of Sycamore Drive and Holmes Run Drive until eight years ago when we moved to the Greenspring retirement community in Springfield .

I'm writing you because of the enclosed Washington Post article about Exxon Mobil and their move to Texas .According to Sharon Bulova ,  
" Exxon Mobil is seeking a new tenant " for the 118 acre tract .

To my knowledge , Holmes Run has had only one contact with Exxon-Mobil since Mobil moved here about 30 years ago . I believe it was some time in the 1980's when I was representing the Acres on a citizens advisory committee set up by the County to review and comment on a draft Area I Plan , a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

In that draft Area I Plan , the County planning staff proposed that : (1) a shopping center ( somewhat like Yorktown ) be located in the open space on the north end of the Mobil tract adjacent to Route # 50 and (2) a large apartment development be located in the open space on the south end of the Mobil tract near the intersection of Gallows Road and the Beltway .  
See attached photo.

Wondering what the impact of these proposals would be on Mobil's site and on traffic on Gallows Road , I consulted with Dave Parker , the then president of the HRACA , and then called and arranged a meeting with Mobil officials, Dave and I .At that time , it was a standing joke that Mobil had tighter security than the Pentagon primarily

because their previous national headquarters in Manhattan had been bombed and they didn't want it to happen again .

We found their security to be very tight . They had not been aware of the County planning staff's proposal and were very much opposed to any change in their approved site development plan or any change in the Area I Plan . After the meeting , they contacted the County and the county's planning staff's proposal for their land was dropped from further consideration . In view of these developments , there seemed no need for further concern by the Acres . Exxon later acquired Mobil and this site sometime after this time.

Hopefully , any new tenant or owner of this tract will make use of the existing 1.2 million square feet of office and related space which now houses 2,100 employees. This would probably cause little or no change in existing off-site impacts .

However , if the property is sold , there's no telling what the new owner might want to do in terms of additional buildings on the site - either under existing or proposed new planning and zoning controls. They might even wish to sell off parts of the site not needed for their own use .

According to the Post , the move is expected to take place early in 2014 . A lot can happen between now and then. If the Board feels that what happens in the future on this tract of land could have some impact on the Acres and/or on access to and from the Acres , it may wish to keep an eye on newspaper articles and County planning and zoning notices about this site

Rena and I still look back on our days in the Acres with fond memories of all the great neighbors and what a great place it was to raise our children .

Hope this is helpful .

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Bozarth'.

Don Bozarth

June 2012

# Exxon Mobil to leave Va., taking 2,100 jobs with it

WP 6-7-12  
Oil giant moving  
its Fairfax County  
operations to Houston

BY ABHA BHATTARAI  
AND THOMAS HEATH

Exxon Mobil is relocating its Fairfax County operations to Houston beginning in early 2014, taking 2,100 jobs out of a region already experiencing a slowdown in hiring as employers brace for cuts in federal spending.

The Irving, Tex.-based oil giant announced Wednesday that it plans to move employees from Fairfax to a sprawling new 385-acre office complex in Houston. The decision is part of a broader consolidation by the company that includes moving workers from offices in the Houston area and Akron, Ohio, to a new campus that will accommodate 10,000 employees by the time the transfers are complete in 2015.

The loss of private-sector jobs — many of them high-paying white-collar positions — comes as Lockheed Martin and other defense and government contractors are eliminating headquarters positions in anticipation of Pentagon budget cuts.

"This is just bad timing," said Stephen Fuller, director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis. "It is a hit, and it runs counter to the long-term expectations for Fairfax and for the broader region to become a global business center."

In recent years, Fairfax County has been especially aggressive in

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its push to attract major corporations, but even the 1,200 jobs created by familiar nameplates such as Volkswagen, Hilton and Northrop Grumman are not enough to offset the latest loss.

Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R) said Wednesday that he has been speaking to Exxon officials for two years about a possible move, trying to persuade the company to stay.

"We've actually been fortunate that they have delayed their decision and we were able to keep them here for a couple years to keep that presence here," McDonnell said. "Obviously it's a lot of jobs. I'm disappointed."

The Washington area has been largely insulated from the economic downturn that ravaged other parts of the country, given its proximity to a federal government that ramped up spending to support two wars and stir a recovery. Unemployment rates in Maryland and Virginia have generally remained below the national average, helping to stabilize the local housing and retail markets.

But the region's relative good fortune may be ending now as concerns about federal deficits grow larger. The government has already scaled back or canceled many military and technology programs, and area business leaders fear worse after the presidential election, when lawmakers must again confront decisions about taxes and spending levels. Currently, automatic spending cuts called for under the sequestration process, totaling more than \$1 trillion over about a decade, are set to start in January, with half coming out of the defense budget.

The prospects are already figuring into Virginia state politics.

"This is very disconcerting," said Terence R. McAuliffe, a businessman and presumed Democratic candidate for governor. "The loss of 2,100 well-paying jobs, coupled with the fact that we are about to lose thousands more jobs with the upcoming Department of Defense cuts, makes it imperative that we diversify Virginia's economy and bring in new industries for the 21st century."

Exxon's move to Texas is part of a years-long effort by the company to consolidate its far-flung enterprises into one location. The company has been reviewing its real estate portfolio since 2010, and construction of the Houston campus began in 2011.

The company's arrival in Fairfax three decades earlier, initially as Mobil, was hailed as a watershed, proof that the county could host big corporations and not serve simply as a bedroom community for the federal workforce.

Mobil chief executive Allen E. Murray cited the expense of operating in Midtown Manhattan and the high cost of living for its employees as reasons for moving to the greener environs of Fairfax.

Real estate costs, taxes, traffic and schools all helped Mobil decide to consolidate at one Fairfax location, which became a coup for Northern Virginia.

Exxon acquired Mobil in 1998 for \$80 billion. After the merger,

EXXON CONTINUED ON A15

# Region to take a hit with departure of Exxon Mobil

the 118-acre Fairfax office was used to house the giant company's production, distribution and marketing operations.

"It makes a lot of sense," Fadel Gheit, a senior energy analyst for Oppenheimer investment bank, said of Exxon's decision to leave.

"Most of their operations are in Texas, in the heart of the energy business. There's nothing in Fairfax — no plant, no manufacturing, no physical assets. The Virginia office really should not have been

there in the first place."

Jerry Gordon, president of the Fairfax County Development Authority, said Exxon's departure, while a loss, is not the end of the world. The county today is in a far stronger position to absorb the shock than it once was.

"The impact is not the negative equivalent of when they arrived, because we now have 620,000 jobs in Fairfax," Gordon said. "It couldn't have been much more than 100,000 [jobs] back when

they came in the early 1980s."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon S. Bulova (D) said Exxon Mobil is seeking a new tenant for the campus, off Gallows Road near Route 50 in Merrifield.

"I don't expect the space to be vacant for long," she said.

The local real estate community is already abuzz. Government agencies and private companies alike have been eyeing the property, which has 1.2 million square

feet of office space.

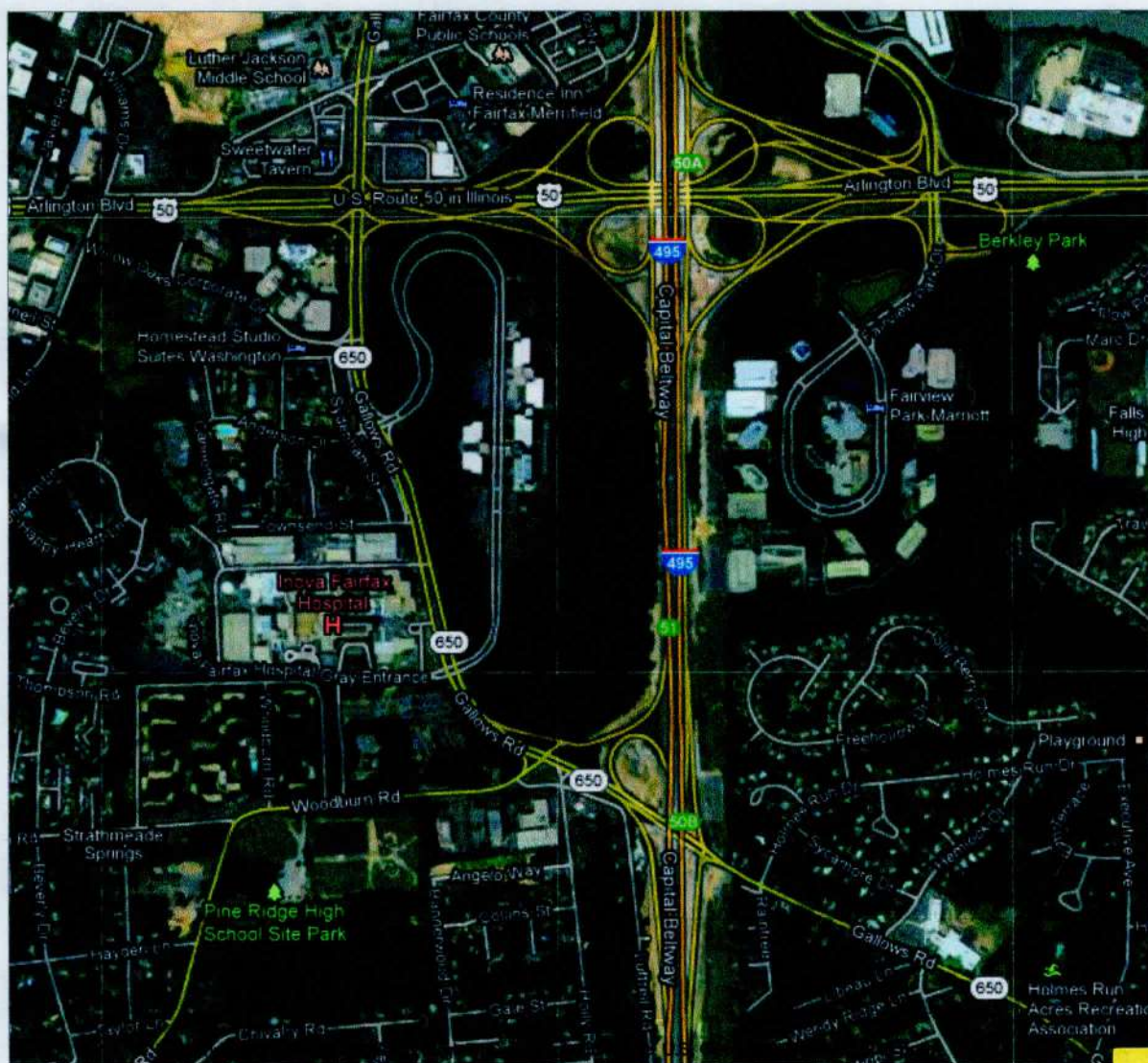
"In the long run, it may end up attracting and capturing to Fairfax a significant replacement," said George Mason's Fuller. "But in the short term, it's certainly bad timing."

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## WASHINGTON BUSINESS

## Fairfax courts Exxon Mobil's successor

OIL GIANT TO LEAVE  
177-ACRE CAMPUSWooded land generates  
key revenue for county

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL

Mobil Corp. helped put Fairfax County on the map for corporate America in 1980 when it relocated the headquarters of its domestic refining and marketing operations to a woodsy campus at the intersection of the Capital Beltway and Route 50.

Hilton Hotels, Volkswagen of America and Northrop Grumman eventually followed suit, and this year, 10 Fairfax County-based companies made the Fortune 500.

Now Fairfax County and its economic development unit are facing a new problem: what to do when the corporate pioneer — one of its chief tax benefactors — moves elsewhere.

Exxon Mobil, Mobil Corp.'s parent since 1999, has decided to relocate its Fairfax County operations, consisting of about 2,100 jobs, to Houston. Executives hope to have the campus completely vacated by the end of 2015.

Since deciding to depart, Ex-

xon Mobil and its real estate consultants have been showing local officials and interested parties around their campus and this week are formally putting the property up for sale.

Though it is bordered by the Beltway, Gallows Road and Route 50, the campus is cloaked on all sides by trees, secluding it from surrounding neighborhoods. Of the 117 acres, 92 remain in their natural state.

In the center are four connected office buildings built in two phases, one in 1979 and the other in 1989, plus a services building. Though the offices, which total 1.2 million square feet, don't feature the floor-to-ceiling glass and 360-degree views that newer buildings might, there are many features that corporate users typically appreciate. Among them: more than 60 conference rooms, nine-foot ceilings, a 736-seat cafeteria, a gym, a swimming pool and a corporate board room featuring a lustrous beach wood table.

Discretion and security were obviously priorities in constructing it. Buried underground are more than 90 percent of Exxon Mobil's 2,580 parking spaces and a quarter-mile-long service tunnel where all deliveries arrive.

Exxon Mobil and its real estate advisers from Cassidy Turley

have branded the property One Fairfax. "We think this is one of the most attractive properties not only in the Washington, D.C., area, but that there's very few things like this in the entire U.S.," said Mark J. Stachowiak, portfolio manager for global real estate and facilities at Exxon Mobil.

A range of buyers might be interested in the property, and a handful have come forward already, according to Stachowiak and Gerald L. Gordon, executive director of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. "I think you could see anything from another corporate user, or corporate users plural, to any other kinds of uses," Gordon said. "We won't really know until they get the responses."

The site has been talked about as a possible landing place for the FBI, as it fits the parameters of the agency's headquarters search. But keeping the property on the tax rolls is a priority for Gordon. It is among the most valuable properties in the county, assessed this year at \$201.3 million, which equates to a 2013 property tax bill of nearly \$2.2 million. "We don't want to lose them off the tax base," Gordon said.

If the county cannot reel in another corporate titan to take over the campus, Exxon may sell to a developer, which could set up

a battle for zoning changes. Two additional offices totaling 550,000 square feet have already been approved, but Exxon Mobil is also floating a concept that would more than double the density on the property.

Fairfax County Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence District), whose district includes the Exxon campus, said zoning changes were not ideal and would require changing the area's comprehensive plan.

"I think what people need to keep in mind is that they need to work with the site as it is, with the limited access and with the things that go with the site, as opposed to try to reinvent the site," Smyth said. "I mean, it's hard to reinvent geography."

Stachowiak said the way the campus is used will be up to its new owner. "We're not a developer. Any further development is between the new buyer, whoever that is, and the county," he said.

Attracting another major corporate user, a skill for which Gordon has gained a reputation, might lessen the likelihood of a contentious zoning proposal. "Modern corporations are comprised of people and people have different tastes," Gordon said. "Somewhere there is somebody who will like it."

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ONE YEAR AFTER  
DON BOZARTH'S  
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## 2013: REALITY CHECK IN CONSIDERING ACTION REGARDING MOBIL SALE

With a \$25 million projected budget shortfall for Fairfax County, it will be very difficult to argue for anything that will diminish taxes.

The budget for schools is more than half of the county's budget, and with increased growth and influx of more students, the County Board of Supervisors and School Board have been locked in a constant battle for funds.

One proposal for additional fund-raising has been a 4% meal tax at restaurants.

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The Washington Post

# Plan to create a hub for personalized medicine could boost Va. economy

INOVA FROM AI

with the Exxon deal, Inova is preparing to announce the largest charitable gift it has ever received, a \$10 million donation from the Peterson Family Foundation to recruit cancer specialists and support cancer care.

Inova's move could provide an economic shot in the arm for Virginia, which is suffering from a 15.2 percent reduction in federal spending since 2011, and the loss of 13,700 federal jobs.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) is looking for private-sector growth to replace the cuts and has made biotechnology a focus. The governor said that he spoke with Rex W. Tillerson, Exxon chairman and chief executive, to ensure that the sale went through. Exxon is vacating the campus this year as it relocates operations to Houston.

"We now can become the world's center of the new genomics science and how you deal with cancer research," McAuliffe said. "It's going to take Inova — and much more broadly Virginia — right to the top of this industry."

Inova has been trying to make a broader foray into personalized medicine for years, including a 2009 attempt at a \$200 million

begun talking about the potential benefits of personalized medicine.

In his State of the Union speech last month, Obama said he wanted "the country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine: one that delivers the right treatment at the right time."

Singleton said the use of translational medicine to develop treatments for cancer and other diseases could be accelerated by taking advantage of Northern Virginia's expertise in cloud computing and data analytics.

"The beauty of Northern Virginia is we're building in sort of a greenfield when it comes to this personalized medicine, genomics research," Singleton said. "But when you look at the big data and bioinformatics capacity, there are a ton of companies in Northern Virginia who are extremely sophisticated and well advanced; they've just been working on cybersecurity or weather forecasting."

Built as the headquarters for Mobil when it moved its domestic refining and marketing operations to Merrifield in 1980, the campus on Gallows Road is one of the most valuable properties in Northern Virginia, assessed by



EXXON MOBIL

Exxon Mobil's 117-acre campus in Merrifield, Va., has four office buildings. After Exxon Mobil relocates its operations to Houston, Inova intends to develop the site into a major medical research complex, emphasizing genomics and cancer treatment.



Image source: Google Earth

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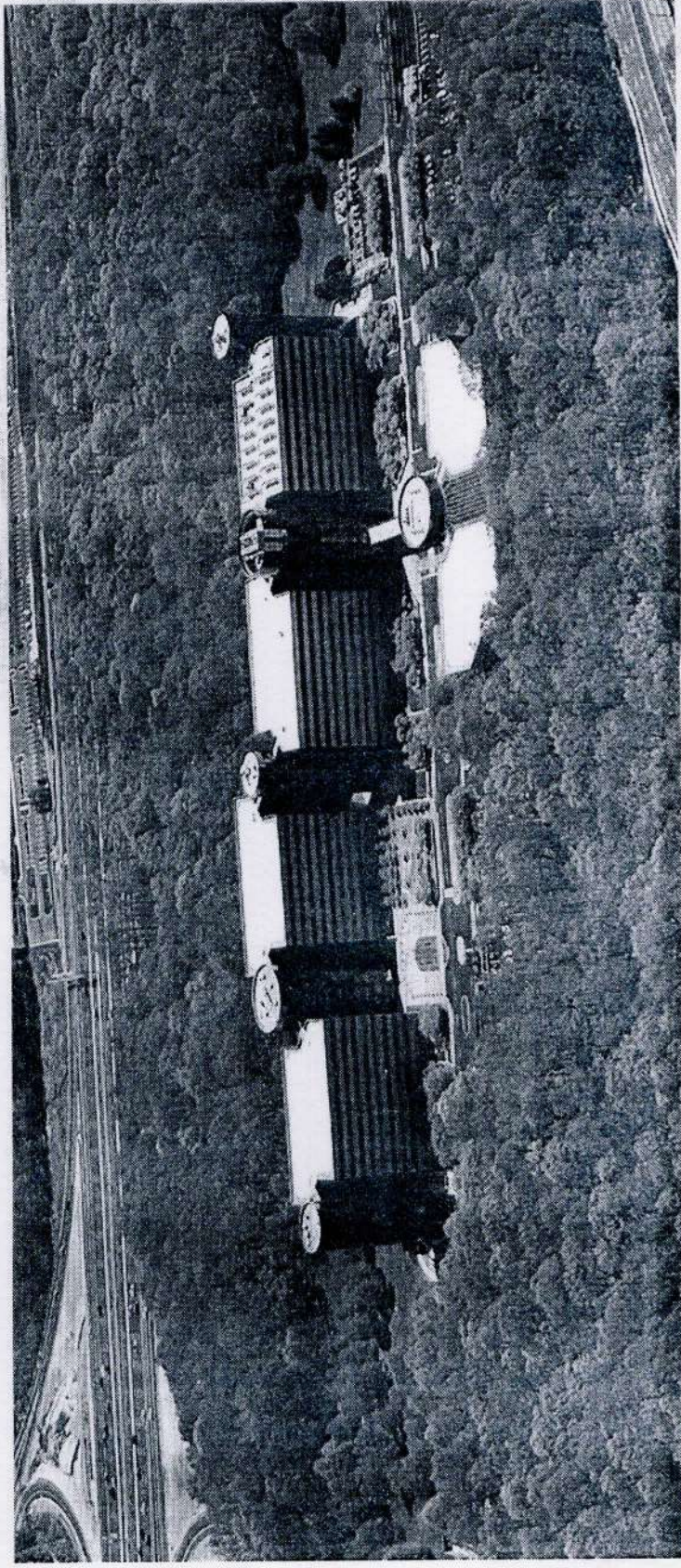
price, although Singleton said the site would be purchased with cash Inova has on hand.

Inova has major hurdles to

date about 500,000 square feet of Inova operations from elsewhere, he was not sure yet whether it would retain its exist-

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FULL PAGE NOTICE

# The future of health has a new home.



# Announcing the new Inova Center for Personalized Health.

The new Inova Center for Personalized Health is the latest example of our commitment to genomic research and personalized medicine. Soon to occupy ExxonMobil headquarters in Fairfax, Inova's new campus comprises 117 acres, four buildings, six towers, 1 million square feet of parking, and 1.3 million square feet of office space. It will be a one-of-a-kind, internationally prominent center for genomic research, personalized healthcare and associated life science commercial development.

We've set our sights no lower than becoming the world's epicenter for translational cancer research and patient care based on genomic science, as well as a magnet for the world's best biotech researchers. The work we do at the new campus will help stimulate the collaboration of high technology life science companies with world-class researchers, leading to the expansion of the life science related economic sector in Virginia and the Greater Washington region.

## Coming to the Inova Center for Personalized Health:

- **Inova Comprehensive Cancer and Research Institute** – The country's first comprehensive cancer center primarily devoted to developing the application of genomic science to individualize lifesaving therapies and prevention strategies for patients and their families.
- **Global Center for Genomic Science and Bioinformatics Research** – A leading center of nationally recognized biotech researchers focused on genomic science and bioinformatics.
- **Inova Clinic** – An elite medical group providing sophisticated consultation services in all major clinical specialties to patients from around the globe on genomics science and personalized health.
- **Life Sciences Commercialization Center** – A global commercialization hub for companies creating products for discovery, prevention, longevity and health, powered by genomic medicine.
- **Inova Personalized Medicine Education Center** – A next generation of medical education based on individualized health sciences, prevention and population health.

Genomics research and treatment have moved past theory into everyday practice at Inova.

Soon, we'll have the room we need to become a world leader in genomic science and personalized medicine.

# Inova site will focus on cancer, genomics

Va. hospital chain plans  
major research complex  
at Exxon Mobil campus

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL

Northern Virginia's largest hospital system will announce Monday that it plans to acquire Exxon Mobil's 117-acre campus in Merrifield to create a complex dedicated to what many view as a potential remedy for Northern Virginia's sagging economy: genomics and personalized medicine.

Inova would use the property's four office buildings, in a wooded area near the Capital Beltway, to house a long-planned cancer center and a new research hub that would combine a medical school with laboratories and Inova's high-profile Translational Medicine Institute.

J. Knox Singleton, Inova's chief executive, said the hospital also wants to establish a cutting-edge facility aimed at drawing patients from around the country, akin to the prestigious Mayo Clinic.

Singleton said Inova wanted to form a campus capable of attracting the best genomics researchers in the United States and create "hundreds of millions of dollars of economic impact."

"If you really want to attract world-class doctors and create global visibility, it sort of starts with having visibility and primacy of location in the Washington area, and we think this is probably one of the premier locations on the East Coast," he said.

Acquiring the campus is the first step in a lengthy process to put all the pieces in place. Singleton anticipates spending years wooing donors and assembling the team. But the project is off to a good start. On Monday, along

INOVA CONTINUED ON A11

HRA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2001 - What will HRA be like in 2051?

Holmes Run Acres 50 Years From Now?

Perhaps it will have vanished, replaced by yet another shopping center or some huge condominium colony But I really don't think so.

It is possible that many people who have spent important parts of their lives here will have wanted to come back. So maybe our zoning limitations will have been adjusted, and in 50 years there could be two houses on each lot. Since vehicular traffic will be even more impossible than it is now, Woodburn School will have become The Woodburn Shopping Center Holmes Run Acres residents, who are very bright and very well educated, will be able to work in their homes and shop nearby There will be buses serving every street, and automobile traffic in the Acres will be minimal.

That should be fortunate as traffic on the highways will have worsened a lot by then. Maybe all automobiles will be the same size (small), and their travel on the roads will be controlled by some kind of magnetic force which will cause all cars to travel at the same speed and to maintain a safe distance from each other

Unfortunately, the Holmes Run Acres Civic Association will still be requesting a traffic light at the intersection of Hemlock Drive and Gallows Road.

- Unidentified Foreseer

WHAT DO YOU THINK HRA WILL BE  
LIKE IN 2051? OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY --

*HRA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2001 - What will HRA be like in 2051?*

### Predictions for year 2050

- 1 The beltway will be a smart road. Once cars are on the entrance way, the road will manage the car's speed and braking. Drivers need not pay attention. The road will steer. The GPS system will know their destination, and also manage the car's leaving the road. However, local roads will continue to conventional.
2. They'll be many more people working at home or in nearby small "virtual" offices. Most meetings will be conducted over the future internet. So much smaller commutes.
3. Woodburn school will have been converted into a large McGruder's, which will feature many exotic fruits genetically designed.
4. There will still not be a stoplight at the intersection of Holmes Run Driver and Gallows Road. □

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BIG CONTROVERSY IN  
THE 60's:  
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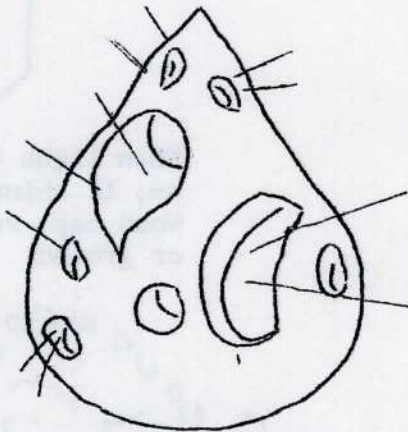
## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GLOW?

How does your garden glow...at night? You are the proud possessor of a lovely landscaped yard and a warm and welcoming home that after sundown every night acquires all the visual appeal of the Black Hole of Calcutta? But you don't like a street light shining in your bedroom windows all night. You like the country-like atmosphere of Holmes Run Acres. You believe bright lights are unattractive but that soft lights enhance beauty. And you're weary of the polls taken the past twelve years about the desirability of street lights...and would like some action?

By now you probably have been part of a discussion group headed by Jim Freehof, Chairman of the Civic Association's Outdoor Lighting project. As is usually true when Holmes Runners have a community problem to solve... the ideas projected are worthy of thought and promotions. You're Where The Action Is!

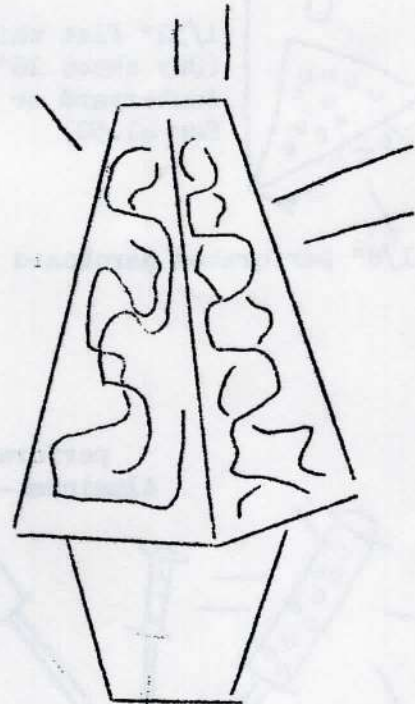
Now that spring is here officially, many of us are ready to get down to planning seriously about "beautifying" our yards and houses. We hereby present some ideas. If accepted and you find some that will give you inspiration...good! If not...well that's one of the nice things about Holmes Run Acres. We'll still like you and your yard anyway!

The artists and do-it-yourselfers will make easy and pleasant work of a project. They won't need advice and help, probably. All the rest of us "betweeners" and/or unimaginative all-thumbers....HELP! We'll start with the pretties first...then tell you how you can use a low-voltage setup to get the effect!



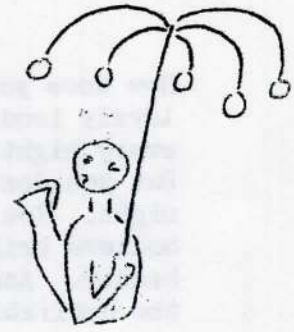
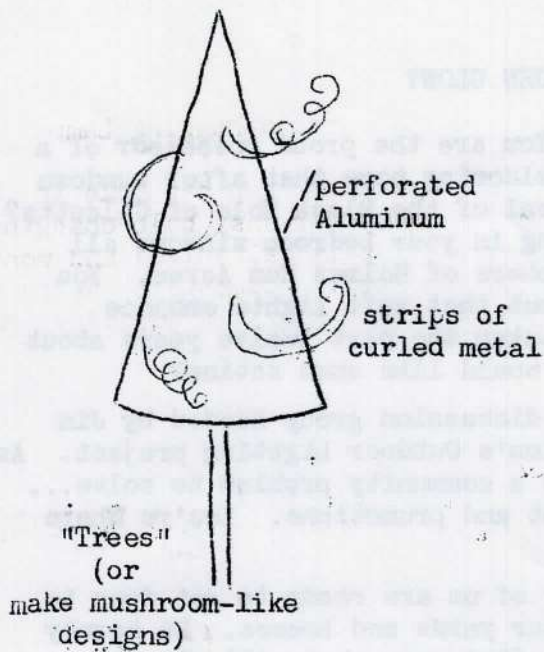
Pinch Pottery

(Florence Strickler has instructions for this -- Will loan)

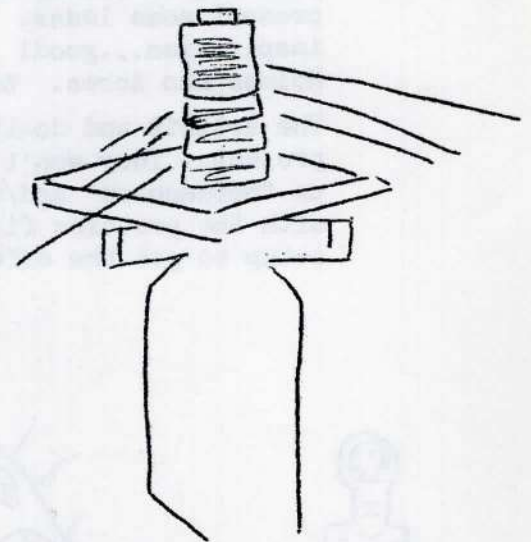
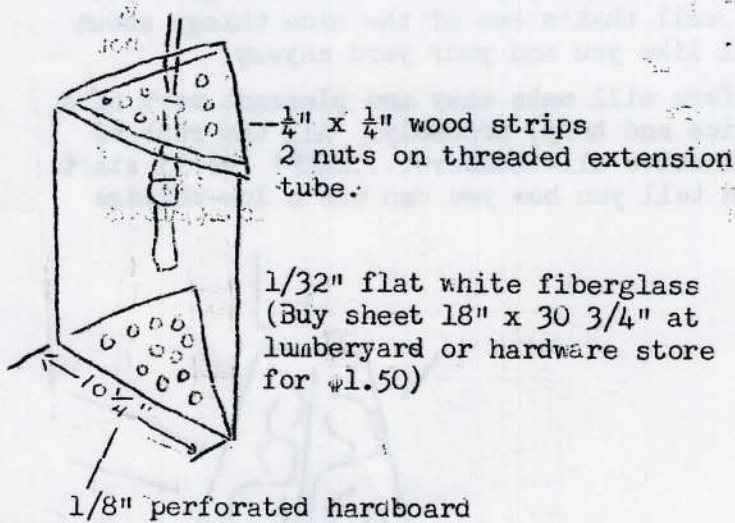


Design on welded shade was done with a cutting torch. Material is wrought iron.

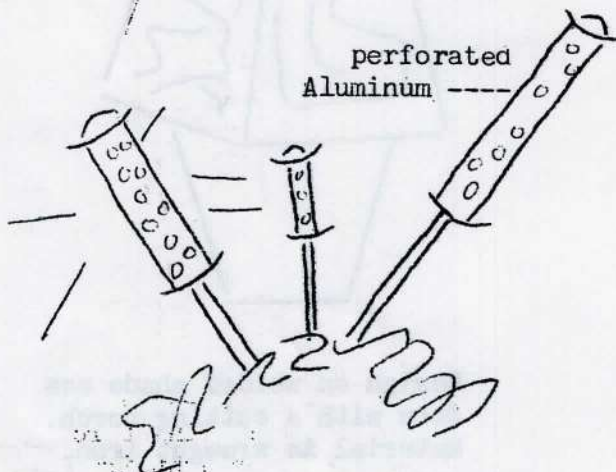
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JIM FREEHOF, CHAIRMAN OF HOLMES RUN ACRES  
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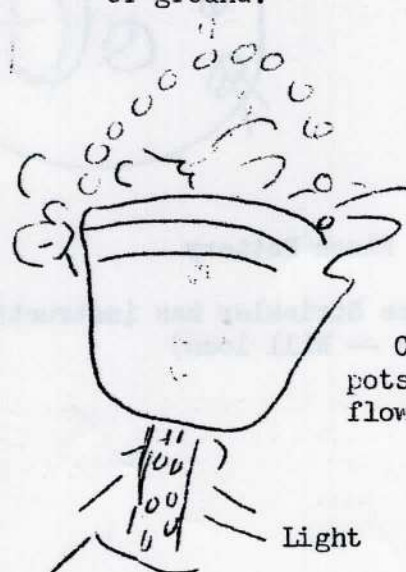
Large-scale hangings (metal, ceramic or wood) on house, backstops, or treets... shine arc-light on it...or go to a garden store (botique! in Georgetown or Alexandria) or nursery.



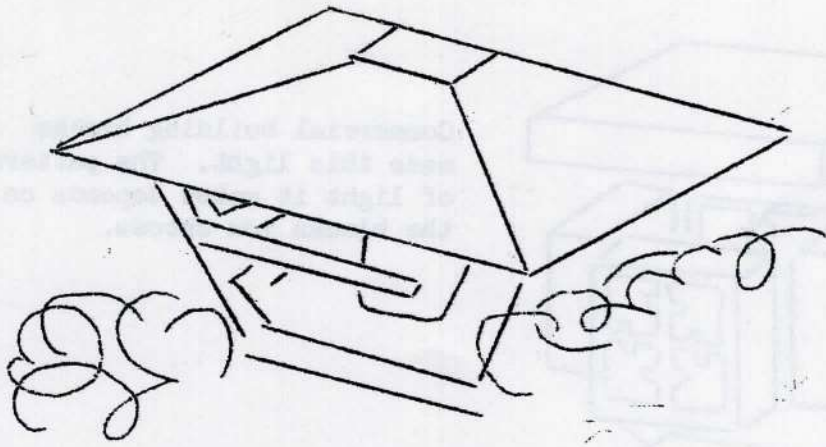
When light (in flue tile) is on, it shines up against flat wood cap, reflects across steps or ground.



All "heights" tubes in ground.  
(Could also be square-shaped and use plastic, colored glass or fiberglass shades.)

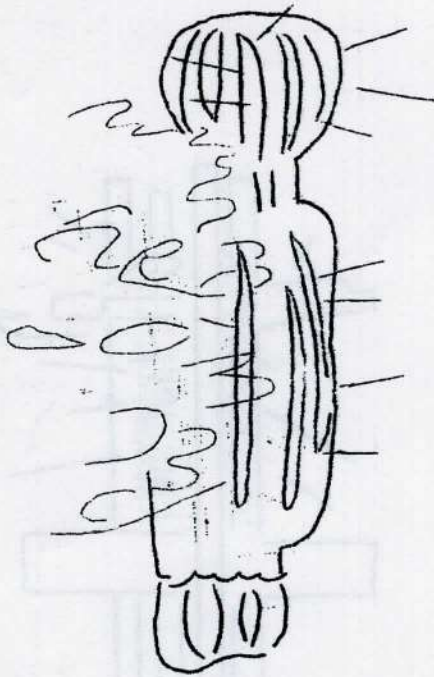


Colorful ceramic pots -- fill with flowers or plants



### Ground-hugging Lamp

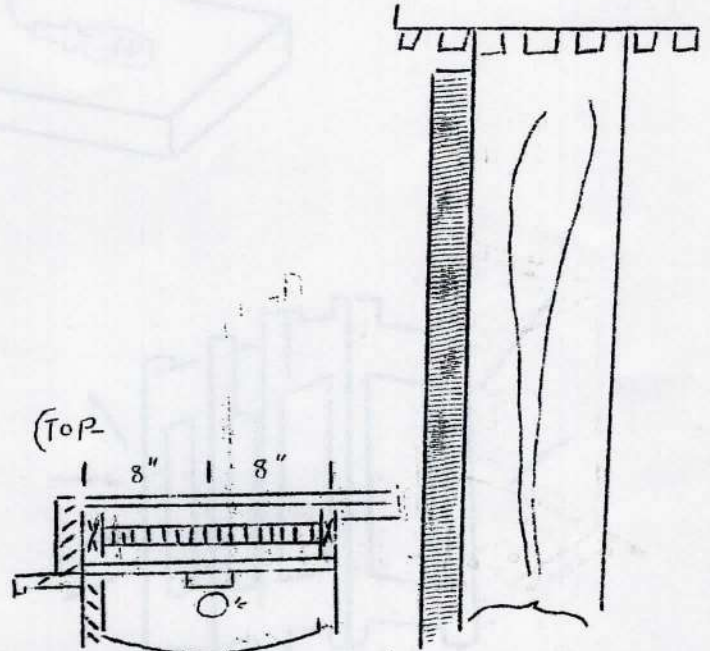
Welded lamp has hole in its top for easy bulb changing. Top is galvanized and won't rust; bottom part has rusted to a handsome burnished red.



Made of fire-glazed clay, this lamp looks the same as it did years ago when first crafted.

### Lights Inside

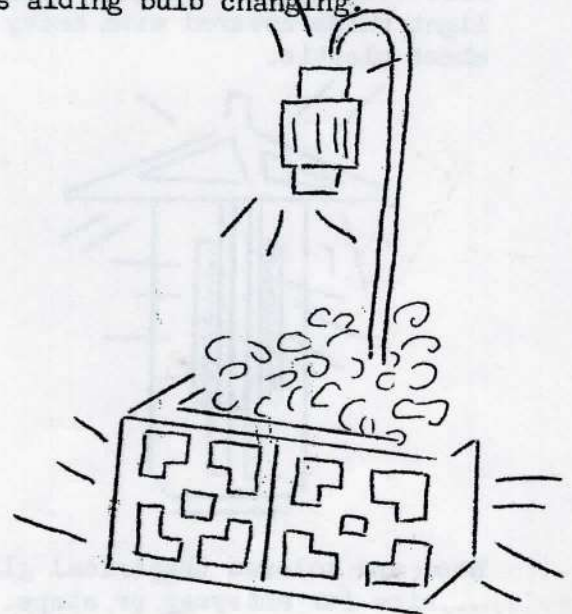
Commercial blocks with 41-inch high fixture (choose your own at electrical company or make one) attaches to a spike base.

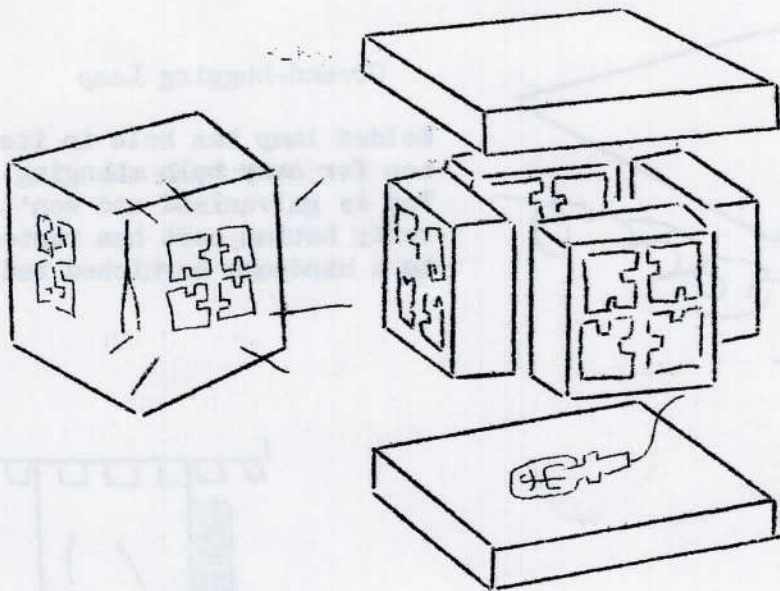


Cut from 2" x 6" runs from deck to soffit.

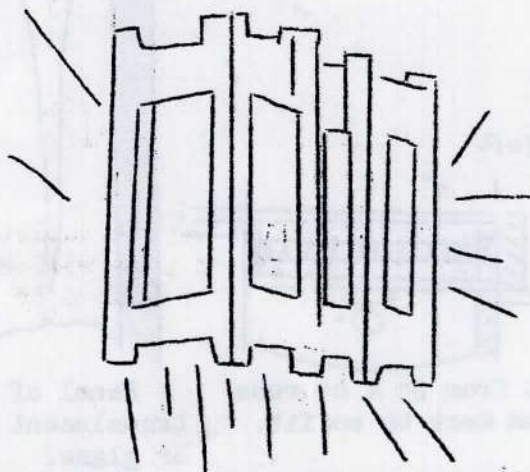
Panel of translucent plastic or glass.

Plastic is bowed, snapped into grooves in frames aiding bulb changing.

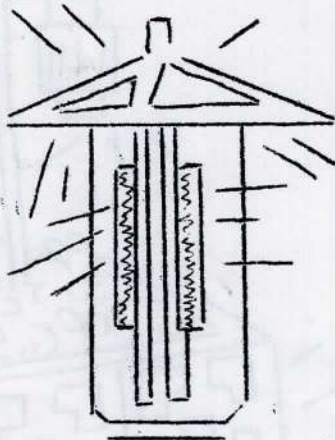




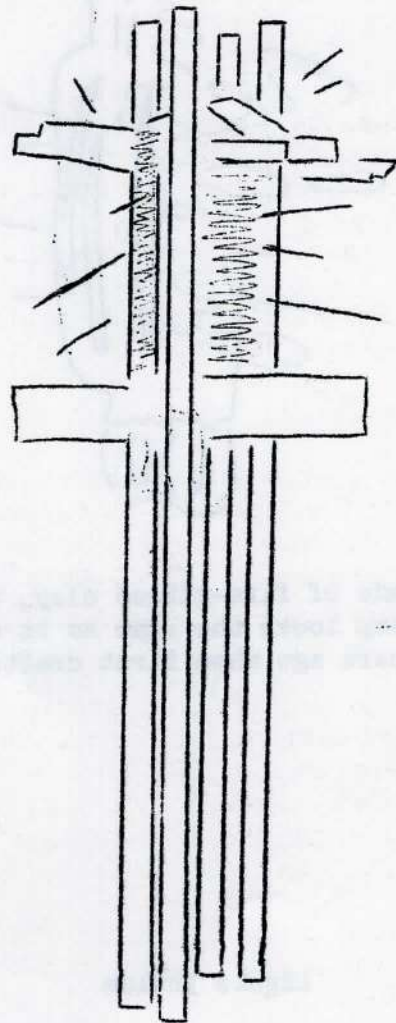
Commercial building blocks made this light. The pattern of light it makes depends on the blocks you choose.



Wood...to match siding of house...  
light bulbs covered with heavy  
sheet plastic.



Wood and colored theatrical glass  
...nice for entryway or steps.



Light "tower" of metal and  
wood serves both walk and  
drive.

### LOW VOLTAGE:

Low voltage outdoor lighting is safe and cheaper than other conventional systems. It is a system which uses a transformer to step down normal house power of 115-120 volts to 12 volts on one or more lighting circuits. That 12 volts is the same non-hazardous voltage used to run children's electric trains. Manufacturers claim several advantages for it over conventional lighting methods. For one thing, the voltage is low enough that it is safe for anyone to install; that the voltage is low enough that portable, outdoor systems can be installed outside without the use of protective underground conduits...although other permanent installations also can be buried with a minimum of fuss.

With a portable outdoor system the homeowner can vary his lighting setup as often as the spirit moves him.

The initial outlay for a typical system...including transformer, five fixtures and 100 feet of wiring...runs about \$80.00.

If you want to know more about low voltage lighting, consult your local garden supply store, electrical goods retailer or department store. It is not difficult to "do-it-yourself." The following instructions the writer had tucked away in a file marked "Garden." They were taken from a magazine article. You may want to go to the library for same or hire or consult with an electrician, or some good neighbor!

An installation consists of two parts. First you connect a 12-volt outlet in any location that's convenient. Second, you run the low-voltage wiring out from the transformer to low-voltage light fixtures you have bought or made.

It's best to choose a transformer of about 100-watt capacity for your garden and patio...so you can run 6 to 10 lights (depending on size) from it. If you have a large lot, you may want to have a second garden transformer on the front side of the house, perhaps smaller for two or three lights. Avoid using doorbell transformers; most of them are made only for intermittent use.

Try to install each transformer at some central location so two or more short cords can run from it to your lights, rather than one lengthy cord (there is more line-loss of current at 12 volts than at 120 volts). With the two-wire No. 12 cord generally used on low voltage garden lighting, a run should not exceed 100 feet. If it needs to be longer, use heavier cord.

You can install a transformer several ways. The simplest is to obtain one with a weatherproof case and plug-in cord, and just plug to a convenient outlet on the patio, house interior, or in the garage...as if it were a lamp.

If the outlet you choose is not controlled by a switch inside the house, you can use a transformer with a built-in switch. But this means that you will have to step outdoors to turn the lights on and off at the transformer, so it is usually better to rewire that outlet for a switch indoors. If you are not familiar with house wiring, have an electrician do this small job. He may run 1206volt wiring back indoors to a switch. Or, he may place a low voltage switching relay at the outlet, and run door-bell wiring back to a switch.

There's still another answer to an unswitched outlet: automatic switching. You can buy l-v garden light transformers today with built-in timers that automatically turn the garden lights on and off at any desired hour each evening. Or you can include a photo-electric switch at the outlet that will turn the lights on at sundown and off at dawn. With either, the efficient l-v lights use so little current that the expense of their being on for some extra hours is negligible.

If there is a convenient "dry" location inside the house, you can wire in a low-cost transformer (about \$15.00 for 100 watt size). This usually requires a wiring permit; a weatherproof garden transformer with plug-in cord does not.

When you first install a 100-watt transformer, it may produce a noticeable hum. After a few weeks, it "wears in" and the hum disappears or greatly diminishes.

#### The Low Voltage Wiring:

The 12-volt cables running from the transformer to your garden lights are usually a "zipcord" type, similar in appearance to the cord for an electric toaster, only slightly heavier (two #12 wires) and with more weather-proof insulation.

You can simply bury these cords in the ground (in fact, it's best, as they are then protected from the sun). Place them 6 inches deep where possible, and try to run them alongside walks, fences, planter-bed edgings, and water lines, so you will not dig them up when cultivating.

Where a cord needs to cross a lawn, simply cut a slit-type trench, wedging it open with your shovel. Push the wire down into it and then tamp the turf back in place.

As shown in the drawing, you can connect your garden lights along the main cords (some fixtures simply snap on), or you can run stub lines to different fixtures. The latter is preferable when you wish to install a fixture up on a fence or above an entryway, because you do not need to run the stub line further to other lights and it can be a small cord, even the #18 zipcord used on table lamps. You can hide this cord quite easily along wood and masonry joints, and along moldings.

For a fixture in a tree, just staple a cord up the back side of the trunk. Attach it loosely to allow for the tree's growth.

You can connect a stub line to a main cord with soldered joints, or screw-on or crimp-on connectors. With the latter two, coat the finished connections with any rubber seam compound....not for shock protection, but to prevent fertilizers and the like from corroding the connections.

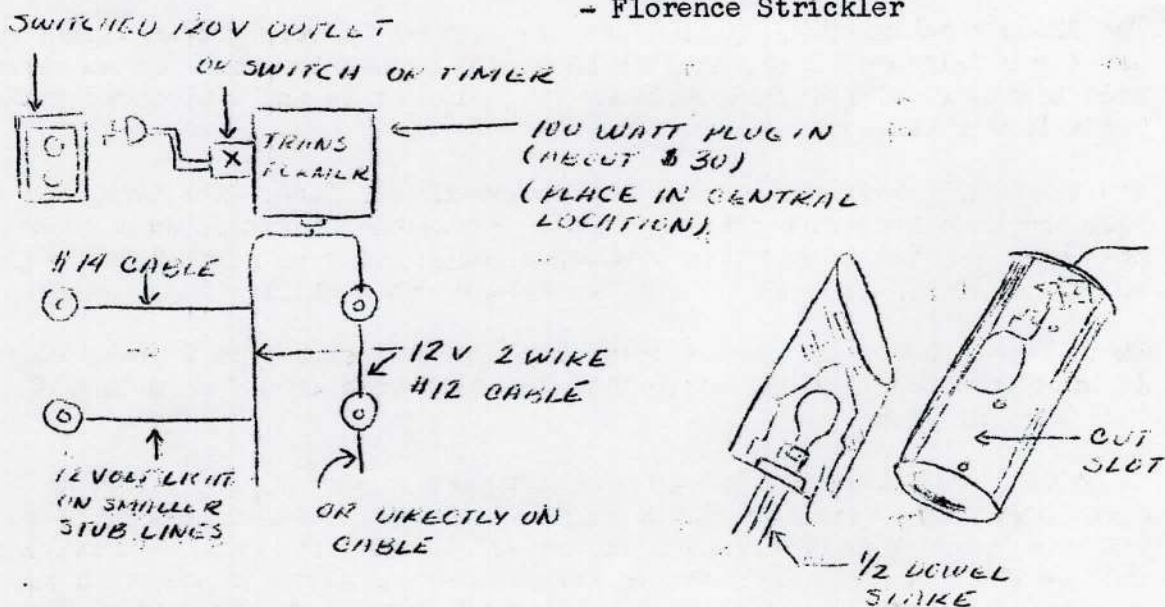
When you stake a light fixture in the ground (rather than attaching it to a wall or other structure) bury at least a foot of slack cord alongside it to provide for future adjustments of the fixture as the plantings around it grow.

### Your Own Fixtures:

Making your own light fixtures from some wood, masonry, ceramic or metal item on hand is quite simple with one of the l-v sockets shown in the photographs. Experiment with the light at night and then attach it permanently with screws, bolts or epoxy glue.

Very adaptable for l-v fixtures are the small aluminum cans in which some brands of beer are sold today. Those rustproof cans can be used to add small lights in dark corners of the garden to supplement your other lights.

- Florence Strickler



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM FOR  
1-V GARDEN LIGHTING

LIGHTS FROM BEVERAGE CANS

1 Feb. 1971

To: President, HRACA

From: Chairman, Lighting Committee

Subject: Interim Report on Lighting Survey

Response:

To date 61% (216/352) of Holmes Run Acres residents have responded to the lighting questionnaire. A 75-80% response is anticipated when collection is completed on Gallows Road, Sycamore Drive, Little John, Gaddy and Marian Courts and lower Holmes Run Drive.

Street Lights:

Of this number, 25% (54/216) favor county mercury vapor lights, while only 9% (20/216) would favor a private street lighting system.

Private Lights:

24.5% (53/216) of residents indicated willingness to cooperate on an acres wide private lighting plan. Surprisingly, 17.5% (37/216) felt that no more lighting of any sort is needed in the Acres. The remaining 24% either did not respond to this question or indicated that they would "do their own thing".

Crime & Accidents:

12% (26/216) of homes responding indicated incidents of crime, generally vandalism and theft of car parts. 2% (5/216) reported auto accidents, 2 of which lack of lighting could be considered a factor.

Relative Concern:

49% of the responses indicated relative unconcern to the threat of crime and vandalism in HRA. 37.5% indicated greater concern, 31.5% serious and 6.5% extreme. 10.5% stated no concern at all.

> ---- smithdaveviv@cox.net wrote:

> > A few notes on the history of lighting in the Acres: In the 1960's, it was a big issue. The county would provide street lights if residents requested them. One half of the Acres voted to have street lights, the other half decided to go the "artsy" way, with individuals encouraged to do their own creative yard lighting. The May 1968 "Holmes Runner" carried a lengthy feature (mimeographed, of course, with stylus-drawn illustrations) giving numerous lighting ideas. However, since many people never got around to implementing the ideas, that's why one half of the Acres is darker than the other side. People frequently ask about this difference - that's the answer! - Vivian Smith, neighborhood historian  
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**Subject:** RE: [hralistserv]History of lighting in HRA & Landscape lighting recommendations?

Vivian- is there any way to get the May 1968 feature scanned? As the neighborhoods turn over, the new people might want to implement these original lighting designs.

I had no idea this was out there- thanks for your input!!!

Amanda Ulmen  
7603 Westminister

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> To: cmorton9@cox.net; hkfuller@juno.com; smithdaveviv@cox.net

> Subject: Re: [hralistserv]History of lighting in HRA & Landscape lighting recommendations?

> CC: pgillis@cox.net; hralistserv@googlegroups.com, solarelectrics@msn.com

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I was president of the Civic Association when the power company started installing on our streets those "Buchenwald-type" street lights, designed for roads with 55 mph speed limit. We had seen what nice residential street lights then were being installed in the new town of Reston and--to no avail--tried to negotiate with the power company and the county for something better than the "cobra-heads" mounted high on the poles. It was too late to save the part of the Acres that now has those awful glary one-size-fits-all lights, but the rest of the neighborhood pleaded not to have them.

We came up with a number of lighting suggestions that the home owners could install on their own and a few people did. That was printed in the Holmes Runner. It costs virtually nothing to maintain an exterior CFL-equipped light all night and the lamp lasts at least five years. My neighbor Ruth has such a light. We have one over our door. There are other on our court. The spill-over effect is pleasant and sufficient for as much light as is needed on the street. I would be awfully disappointed if my neighbors on Hartwell decided that those highway lights are suitable and nice for our small neighborhood.

Also, it's nice not to have the harsh street lighting from on high compete through our large windows with our thoughtfully installed interior lights, or have to draw some kind of a black-out blinds so we could sleep. The leaves on the trees protect us only in the summer.

I hope those 1968 troubles do not surface again, even if the neighborhood has turned over. Please.

Arvydas Barzdukas, AIA  
Hartwell Court

**From:** Laura Wright <lwright@cal.org>  
**Subject:** [hralistserv] Improving safety and architectural interest  
**Date:** October 6, 2013 8:28:51 PM EDT  
**To:** "hralistserv@googlegroups.com" <hralistserv@googlegroups.com>

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Dear neighbors,

I know there has been a great deal of concern about the safety of our community lately. Last summer I attended the discussion with our neighborhood watch liaison and one of the things he said is that our neighborhood is quite dark and that we should keep our lights on at night. Vivian Smith explained that many years ago part of our neighborhood voted not to have street lights (Hartwell/ Surrey Lane and cul de sacs)... the idea was that instead of opting for street lights that residents would install their own "artsy" post light. Given how dark our neighborhood is, that got me thinking... I wonder how many homes in the non-street lit area have post lights now? Our family drove around the neighborhood one evening and counted approximately 20 out of the 100 + houses on this side of the neighborhood. (I realize some people may have alternate options such as flood lights on their homes; we did not count these).

The reason I'm writing is to start a discussion about the idea of post lights. I think it could be a proactive idea to improve safety while beautifying our neighborhood and contributing to its historical mission and character. I hope that it would make a difference in the light in the neighborhood and be a nice fulfillment of the original HRA idea.

Since my husband and I had the post light in our yard re-wired last year, I wanted to share a little bit about the process which is relatively simple. It requires digging a trench from the front of your house to the location where you would like to have the light installed. If you have the wiring installed in conduit, the trench doesn't need to be as deep (we think it was 12"). The electrician then sets the post and wires it up. Jim did the trenching himself and then Tony Noppo, an electrician, did the rest of the work. The project only took a few

days (1 day of trenching plus 1 day of electrical work).

Also, in our survey of existing lights, I wanted to share a light option that is relatively inexpensive and in keeping with HRA architecture-- it is one that looks like a full moon/ globe (see here for an acrylic globe version: <http://www.bellacor.com/productdetail/sunset-lighting-f9150-31-outdoor-builders-one-light-black-outdoor-post-fixture-with-white-acr-816919.htm> . The post is additional: <http://www.bellacor.com/productdetail/acclaim-lighting-95-320bk-matte-black-direct-burial-post-755114.htm>) . There are several of these amidst the mix of existing post lights now if you want to take a look (our neighbors have one on Little John Court if you want to drive by). It emits a very nice soft glow, but still illuminates the immediate area. Of course, if you are interested in installing a post light, you can browse the many modern fixtures available and decide on one that suits your fancy, too. There are fixtures out there to suit every budget. The one above is just an example of something that is economical and could fit with our style of houses.

Anyway, I just wanted to start the discussion to see if others are interested. Wouldn't it be great to have a neighborhood project from our generation of owners that others could look back on to admire (like the building of Luria Park)? Chime in if you have thoughts or if you have other thoughts and ideas.

Best,  
Laura Wright  
7528 Little John Court

p.s. please note that this is not a board-sponsored idea and I have not talked to them about it-- I think that this should be the decision of every home owner since it involves your own personal budget. If there is wide-spread interest, I think this is something that could be supported by community efforts (e.g., a community service opportunity to help people dig trenches, trying to work out a discount for bulk electrical work, bulk supplies, etc.)...but I just wanted to get a sense of general interest with this e-mail.

**From:** Laura Wright <lwright@cal.org>  
**Subject:** [hralistserv] post lights follow up  
**Date:** October 9, 2013 9:18:16 PM EDT  
**To:** "hralistserv@googlegroups.com" <hralistserv@googlegroups.com>

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Hi, all,

As a follow up to my earlier message about installing post lights, I've heard back from a handful of people (some replied just to me). Most people focused on the security benefits as opposed to the architectural aspect. There is a general sense that increasing the amount of light could make homes safer and in turn, the neighborhood would also feel a bit safer for people walking in the evening.

There were a couple of people who thought that this could be a neighborhood effort-- either to "light up the Acres" (a more eclectic approach to increasing the overall lighting people have)-- or to get a discount on materials and labor (more focused on post lights), but I don't know that there's enough interest to suggest that we have enough momentum.

There have been some helpful suggestions. I think most of these have been mentioned before, but here are the suggestions:

- add motion detector lights. These seem to be the most cost effective solution to increasing light around our houses and they are what the police recommend as a crime deterrent.
- post lights can also have motion detectors to minimize the energy needed to keep them lit at night
- consider landscaping lights as a way to light up a yard in a minimalistic sort of way
- keep your porch light, side light, etc on at night

As an aside, it sounded like a few people might consider post lights, but would want a different kind of fixture. Sites like Bellacor and Lamps Plus have great search options-- you can look for a fixture in many styles (contemporary,

mission, traditional) and different finishes (chrome, nickel, antique brass, etc). It only takes a few minutes and the search engine will find numerous options for you to choose from. Their options can be quite expensive, though.

Best,  
Laura Wright  
Little John Ct.

p.s. and, if by chance, you are wondering about street lights, Fairfax County does not install them by request any more. There is an online process for petitioning for street lights, but that process is not

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To post to this group, send email to [holmesrunacres@googlegroups.com](mailto:holmesrunacres@googlegroups.com).  
Visit this group at <http://groups.google.com/group/holmesrunacres>.

Comments on Listserv about lighting included:

A concern about artificial light affecting migrating birds; there are fixtures designed to block light from going skyward.

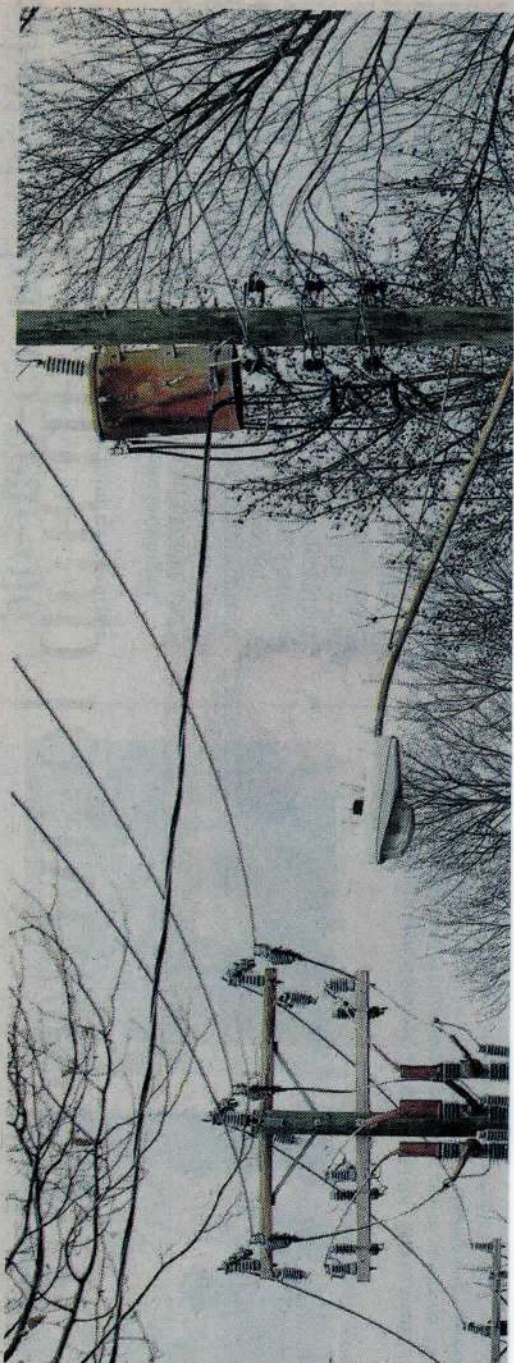
A suggestion to explore solar lights, and have a campaign called "Light Up the Acres."

A reference to Amazon.com, where for less than \$20, a device can be secured to make a pole light come on at sundown for 3 hours, then switch to a motion detector light.

Two people said they prefer no lights, they like it dark (though one said he would not object to motion detectors).

I don't know how many personal responses Laura got, or what they said (though we mentioned that when the copper thieves took most of the pole wires near us, our pole was spared, and we think it was perhaps because we have motion detector lights in the driveway.)

*Theresa Smith*



# Japan Own Power

## SAFEN ALININIMOC

### Recipe for homemade dog food

**Animal Doctor**

MICHAEL W. FOX

**Dear readers:**

Many people who read this column have

swamped me with requests for my

home-prepared

dog food recipe, mostly because they do not have access to it on my Web site, [www.drfoxvet.com](http://www.drfoxvet.com).

#### HOMEMADE DOG FOOD

1 pound lean hamburger, ground lamb or mutton, one whole chicken or half a small turkey (all raw)

2 cups uncooked whole-grain brown rice (or barley, quinoa, amaranth, rolled oats or pasta noodles) or 4 cups chopped organic potatoes  
Pinch of salt

1 tablespoon vegetable oil (or flaxseed oil\* or safflower oil)

1 tablespoon organic butter

1 tablespoon wheat germ

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

1 teaspoon brewer's yeast

1 tablespoon calcium citrate, lactate or human-grade bone meal

\*If you're using flaxseed oil, add it after the cooked food has cooled to room temperature.

Combine the above ingredients. Add enough water to cover the mixture. Simmer, stir and add more water as needed until cooked.

Debone the chicken parts but do not feed your dog the cooked bones because they can splinter and cause internal injury. While

the stew is still very hot, mix in a cup of raw, grated carrots, broccoli, cabbage, collard greens, sweet potatoes or yams. You can also add a cup of blueberries or chopped apple.

The recipe should be thick enough to be molded into patties — you can add oat bran, rice or buckwheat flour to help thicken the mixture. When it's cooled, add 2 tablespoons organic plain yogurt or kefir, 1 teaspoon spirulina, 1 teaspoon powdered ginger and 1 teaspoon powdered turmeric.

For a 30-pound dog, serve one cup of this recipe twice daily. Freeze the rest. You can even serve the patties frozen so your dog can gnaw on them in hot

screen time. But do we really

my daughter seems to be nine without this distraction. And I'd like to keep it that way for just a little longer.

I know we can't postpone the inevitable forever. Our daughter may eventually need one of these devices for school, or beg until we can't take it anymore. But I like to think we can

nourish her imagination and encourage her to live in the present for just a little longer. And so we had the awkward conversation and returned the

Kindle. It was uncomfortable and confusing, but right for our family. After all, those Angry Birds will probably still be peeved a few years from now — when we're ready to enter the 21st century as a family.

A version of this essay first appeared on The Post's On Parenting blog.

perpetually focused on their fingertips. And you can add me to that group. While I try to resist, I get sucked in way more often than I should. I know how easy it is to center your life on a screen and lose sight of everything around you. The reality is that if I'm looking down, I'm not paying attention to the people in front of me. Or taking in the first blooms of spring. Or being inspired by an elderly couple staring into each other's eyes.

#### It sets us up for a constant battle.

While we allow our daughter to watch television, we do try to limit it. Yet even those efforts bring on complaints and aggravated eye rolls. I can only imagine the battles we'd have trying to disconnect her from the Kindle. Yes, we could set limits on her screen time. But do we really

# Dominion's 10-year project to bury about 1,000 miles of overhead lines in the county

BY GREGG MACDONALD  
The Fairfax County Times

Elevated power lines for some Dominion Virginia Power customers in Fairfax County might be moved underground soon. Dominion says it plans to bury about 1,000 miles of overhead cables in Northern Virginia during the next 10 years, beginning this year.

About 1 million Dominion customers were affected by the 2012 derecho storm, a weather event uncommon to this area, said Alan Bradshaw, underground program director for Dominion.

"We want to mitigate any future damage from major storm events," Bradshaw said of Dominion's Strategic Underground program.

A goal of the program is putting underground 4,000 miles of elevated Virginia "tap lines" that branch off main power trunks to serve small communities and single-family homes.

Bradshaw said about one-third of Dominion's 58,000 miles of power distribution lines in Virginia are underground, leaving about 39,000 miles of the lines elevated and subject to major storms, fallen trees and ice accumulation.

"It would cost upwards of \$83 billion to [put] underground all the remaining lines," Bradshaw said. "That's a cost of about \$27,000 per customer. That's not feasible, so instead of the 'all or nothing' approach, we decided to go after the most vulnerable lines, the 20 percent that have had the most calls for service over the last 10 years."

Bradshaw said some of the more vulnerable elevated tap lines extend up to two miles off a main power hub to sustain only a few homes — or just one home. Some lines wind over private property and thick suburban forested areas, where they



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Over the next decade, many elevated power lines in Fairfax County will be buried, officials at Dominion Virginia Power said. The move should help reduce service calls because overhead lines are vulnerable in major storms and other bad weather.

*"One of the lines we have targeted for undergrounding has had 23 calls for service over the last 10 years. By addressing 20 percent of the most vulnerable lines, we believe we can actually reduce our overall service calls by 50 percent."*

Alan Bradshaw, underground program director

that go to Bruce Lane, Terrace Drive and Brenda Lane."

Anderson said that residents on those

can't always be evaluated properly from Dominion's routine air patrols.

"One of the lines we have targeted for undergrounding has had 23 calls for service over the last 10 years," he said. "By addressing 20 percent of the most vulnerable lines, we believe we can actually reduce our overall number of service calls by 50 percent."

The cost to accomplish this will be about \$2 billion, Bradshaw said.

All Dominion customers eventually will foot the cost with a "rider" increase added to their power bills.

"The increase should be less than \$1 per month for the typical Dominion customer," said Le Ha Anderson, manager of media relations for Dominion. "And there will be no increase until September [this year]."

One Fairfax County area that has been targeted for an underground move is Annandale's Columbia Pines neighborhood.

"We've been out there and we will [put lines] underground there," Bradshaw said. "Dominion services about 35 customers there with three tap lines

streets soon will receive letters from Dominion asking for property easements to allow for the underground move. "An easement just allows us to be there," she said. "We do not take property or own it." Bradshaw added that no open trenching will be performed during the switch to underground lines, to limit disruption to private property.

Dominion did not disclose which additional Fairfax County neighborhoods could be targeted for underground lines in the near future, or give an estimated timeline as to when construction could begin. But feasibility letters will be sent to neighborhoods under consideration.

"Please understand that during this feasibility phase, we are simply gathering information," said a letter sent to Columbia Pines residents. "No work will be initiated on your property without your consent. If this project is determined to go forward, a Dominion representative will contact you regarding the need for an easement that may be necessary prior to placing our equipment underground."

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SEPT. 1954



On September 15 the Fairfax County Supervisors passed an ordinance compelling dog owners to have their pets innoculated annually against rabies. Carrying a provision for fines of from \$5.00 to \$300.00 or 30 days in jail, the new law takes effect on October 4.

What does this mean to you? Well, if your dog strays from home and is taken to the dog pound after that date, in order to redeem him you must not only pay for his board at the pound, but, if you cannot supply evidence that your animal has had a rabies innoculation, you must arrange that he be given one AT THE POUND before you can reclaim him. You also may be fined for not previously having had the dog innoculated. If, additionally, your pooch does not have a county dog license, you could be subject to a fine for that negligence also and required to buy one at once.

The new ordinance incorporates in it the provision of the old dog licensing law which requires every dog residing in Fairfax County more than two weeks to be licensed. House guest's pets are just as liable as the dogs of permanent residents after a fortnight. And they must be bailed out of the pound under the same rules as for other dogs.

Dog registrations for 1955 begin November 1. A license will be refused owners unable to show evidence that their pet has received his rabies innoculation. Puppies are temporarily exempted until they are four months old, when they are old enough to receive the hydrophobia shots. After January 1, 1955, owners of un-innoculated, untagged dogs risk double fines, plus payment for license, innoculation and board at the pound. Dogs left at the pound for more than five days are destroyed.

Dog licenses cost \$1 for males, \$3 for females and \$1 for unsexed animals. Rabies innoculations at the county clinics are \$1.00; private veterinarians charge \$1.50 - \$3.00 or so for rabies shots.

#### "Progress is Our Most Important Product"

Last month the Executive Committee of the HRACA passed a resolution urging prompt, favorable action on the then pending rabies ordinance. To my best recollection this is the first action on a county-wide matter ever taken by our Civic Association. Members of the Committee, even those unable to attend the meeting, unanimously favored this stand.

Candidly, President Wright's telegram to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors didn't, in itself, produce the favorable vote in the face of stubborn opposition. But his action, in conjunction with the work of individual members of our community, who persuaded private citizens and civic leaders in other localities to write or phone Board members and to ask other associations to do likewise, helped turn the tide on the once "doomed" law. In other words, Holmes Run Acres was for the first time part of a successful cooperative endeavor benefiting not only our area but also the whole county. And I, for one, say HOORAY!

ANOTHER  
MAJOR ISSUE:  
DOGS!!  
(AND IN 2008,  
IF YOU THINK THIS  
ISSUE IS RESOLVED,  
YOU AREN'T READING  
HRA LISTSERV)

OCT. 1966

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing mainly in behalf of the Girl Scouts - but should include all the good-hearted volunteers, who collect for UGF, etc., the hard-working (if at times inconvenient knocks of) salesmen, the fun-loving or exercising bicyclist or walker, the deliverymen and especially mailmen and newsboys.

THE PROBLEM IS DOGS!!! They scare the girls and their leaders when delivering the Runner. To the girls some dogs seem as firespraying dragons would to us. We have been instructed to skip the house of the barking dog, but if this dog also keeps one from delivering to the immediate neighbors -- is it fair?

Surely you can hear your dog barking, investigate, call him in, and let the deliverer get the job done. Any dog who runs into the street barking at a stroller or bike rider should be kept penned. If you are unaware of your dog's actions - where he spends his time, you are not a good master or neighbor! YOU know your wonderful pet wouldn't hurt anyone, but this isn't really so. Any dog with teeth, is capable of taking a good bite. Woodburn School has a great deal of trouble with wandering dogs, so much so that the pound now has frequent check-ups in this area. Our former dog was a school lover whenever he disappeared. Another aspect to beware of is the rightfully indignant folks, who have their trash cans upset and their lawns strewn with trash and/or dog refuse.

There are many hard-working neighbors getting the Runner to us -- do we all realize this is a time consuming, volunteer project, that doesn't always "hit the streets" on a schedule, due to Johnny's measles or....? This is part of the community's charm, so we can't give you a special day to be looking for the little Brownie or Girl Scout. Be a good neighbor every day!

Strict enforcement of the county law could be demanded by the many involved if the present conditions continue, then no one will be able to have an unpenned dog. If this message is offensive to you, you are probably one of the guilty ones. It's a case of -- even your best friend hating to tell you, but ----. Please Cooperate!

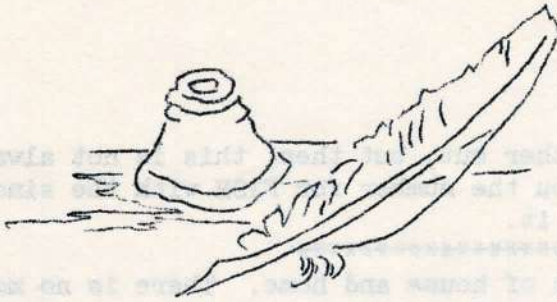
Mary Theile

ANNUAL CLEARING HOUSE

Chances are if you've lost your pet he's still in the Acres area, or if you've found a stray he belongs somewhere nearby. Last year we tried having a central phone number to call to report lost or found pets, and it worked out quite well. If a problem of this nature arises, please call Sylvia Baptista, 560-3646, who will keep a record of the lost and founds and try to reunite them with their owners.

No Strong Leads Yet

FEB. 1971



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written to present my views as a relative newcomer to Holmes Run Acres. When first looking for a home in this area, it appeared to be an ideal setting; however, after having moved here, it proved to be otherwise. I refer, specifically, to the increasing population of man's best friend, our beloved dogs. My definition of an ideal setting also includes a peaceful environment, which is the one attribute this area is farthest from achieving. It seems that many of our residents who own dogs are unwilling to accept the responsibility of caring for these animals.

I will just briefly mention, no matter how ludicrous the effort seems, that Fairfax County does require that dogs be leashed at all times, or else be limited to the confines of the dog owner's property. While I am the first to admit that a dog requires a certain amount of freedom for exercise and recreation, I also believe that it is completely unnecessary to put a dog out early in the morning and then not bring it in again until late at night, if at all. This results in dogs running around in packs, which is, at best, a potentially dangerous situation. Of course, there are others who keep their dogs confined to their property, either by having sufficient fencing or tying the dog up with some length of rope or chain. While this prevents the dog from running around the neighborhood, it usually results in the exercising of his vocal chords all day, and, many times, all night long. If one dog begins to bark, this usually results in the other dogs in the neighborhood joining to form a never-ending chorus. Then there are those who let their dogs out early in the morning and then wait for the dog to bark for awhile before they let it back in, which has resulted in many an hour of lost sleep for my family and, I'm sure, many others.

If everyone who owns such a dog would make a concerted effort to place some controls on their dogs activities, this area may yet become a peaceful place to live.

HRA resident.

OUT OF THE DOG HOUSE

Yesterday morning at 8:00 a.m. the dog warden (catcher) appeared at my front door. It seems that he had been in the neighborhood to pick up a large black dog accused of biting a child, and, while driving down the street, he spotted a small black dog with a piece of bread in its mouth, running off into my back yard.

Now I will be the first to admit that Cindy sometimes gets loose and runs through the neighborhood, but yesterday morning Cindy spent sacked out at the foot of my bed. I tried to explain this to Mr. Henderson, the dog warden, but he insisted that the dog he saw was my dog, especially since it ran into my yard.

We had some "words." I told him that Cindy has a mother, a father, and two children who resemble her in this neighborhood, and that many dogs use our yard as a run-through, but he was not satisfied. He stormed off threatening to return, although he did not.

In next month's RUNNER there will be an article describing the leash law in Fairfax County and the authority of the dog warden to enforce this law. I can't really believe that this sort of intimidation is what citizens have in mind when they call the warden to pick up stray dogs. And while I do not feel that small dogs may run loose while big dogs must be kept leashed, I have seen the dog warden ignore big dogs to go chasing after the little ones.

Therefore, I have a suggestion to offer, which I call "Alternatives to Calling the Dog Catcher." The Civic Association could compile a list of dog owners in the Acres, names and telephone numbers, along with a description of their dog (breed, color, size, distinguishing marks, collar, tags, etc.) and distribute this list to everyone in the Acres.

Then, if you see a dog running loose in your yard, rather than call the warden you could compare the dog to the list and call the owner directly. You could tell him that his dog is in your yard and you felt you should tell him before you have to call the pound, so that he can come and get his dog.

This list could serve another purpose. If a house dog should get loose, he could be identified by a neighbor before he runs away.

A list of this type could be compiled easily with the help of the block hostesses and the cooperation of resident dog owners. Keep in mind that this is for the protection of the dog owner, not to harass him. HRA residents are becoming extremely agitated about loose dogs roaming the streets, and are calling the warden frequently. I know that I, as a dog owner, would certainly appreciate it if someone would let me know that my dog was in his yard before he calls the pound.

Before the subject of the dog list is brought up at the next Civic Association meeting I would like to hear from you, by phone or by mail. What do you think of the idea? Do you think it might work?

Rosie Weintraub

APR '72

## YOUR DOG AND THE LAW

The Fairfax County Code requires that your dog be:

- a-Inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.
- b-Be licensed annually.

It is AGAINST THE LAW for you to:

- a-Keep a dog which is known to be vicious unless you take adequate precautions to protect people and animals from him.
- b-Keep any dog over six months of age which has not been inoculated against rabies and licensed by the County.
- c-Let your dog run loose off your property.
- d-Leave the dog in the custody of any person, such as a small child, who is unable to control him.

The following is part of the text of the Fairfax Code, Chap.2 article II:

Sec. 2-8 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED-- It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any dog to run at large in the county. A dog shall be deemed to run at large while roaming, running or self-hunting off the property of its' owner or custodian and not under its' owners immediate control.

It shall be the duty of the dog warden to seize and impound any dog found off the property of its owner when such dog is not under the immediate control. Any person who permits his dog to run at large, whether such person be the owner or custodian shall be liable to fine.

Sec. 2-10 Any dog so seized and impounded and not rabid or suspected of being rabid may be redeemed by the owner at anytime within 5 days after impoundment upon:

- a-payment of \$5.00 fee
- b-payment of \$2.00 per day boarding fee
- c-purchase of a license tag if unlicensed; and
- d-presentation of a certificate from a licensed vet pursuant to the requirements of Sec. 2-11

If your dog bites any person you must:

- a-Notify police
  - b-Confine the dog for ten days for rabies observation.
- (this may be done at the County Animal Shelter, a licensed veterinary hospital, or at your home.) If done at your home, the dog must be chained or kept in an enclosure where he cannot bite again.

If you are bitten by a dog:

- a- Notify police
- b- Make every attempt to identify the dog.
- c- If dog cannot be identified or has not been inoculated you may need to undergo rabies inoculation.

APR. 1972

# Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:

After reading Mia Gardiner's letter last month about loose dogs in the Acres, I decided it was high time I stop grumbling to myself and become more vocal. My quarrel is not only with dogs tearing up the yard, but with cats stalking squirrels and birds.

Pets are great companions for their owners, but can be miserable for neighbors who don't have the same affection for them. Dogs race through our yard destroying flowers and the grass we are trying desperately to grow. Cats keep us up 'til all hours with their crying and occasional fights. Frankly, I think all pets should be kept at home.

Rosie Weintraub's suggestion for listing all dog owners and descriptions of dogs is certainly a step in the right direction. If such a list could be kept current, it might just work. At least it's worth a try. }

Laurie Kent

APR. '72

If your dog is bitten by any animal which may have rabies, your dog must:

- a- Be destroyed immediately or
- b- Be impounded for 6 months ( If your dog has been inoculated against rabies, he will be inoculated again and confined for only 30 days.)

Here are the telephone numbers to have for further questions and for help with any dog problems:

**THE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

Is operated by the Fairfax County Animal Welfare League at 3613 Jermentown Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

The telephone number is 691-2364

**THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

Is available for emergency twenty-four hour pick-up of stray, lost or wounded animals. Call 938-6655.

**THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE**

May be reached on 691-2131.

**THE DOG WARDEN'S OFFICE**

May be reached on 691-2412.

**REMEMBER.....IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR DOGS TO RUN FREE IN THE COUNTY. THIS RESTRICTION PROTECTS YOU AND PROTECTS YOUR PET BY HELPING TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, POISONING, AND THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.**

Mia Gardiner

SEP. 1978

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PET REGISTRATION

Kind of pet: (dog, cat, bird, snake, whatever) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate weight \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate height \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length \_\_\_\_\_

Long or short hair \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Any distinguishing features \_\_\_\_\_

Describe collar, if any was worn \_\_\_\_\_

License No. or I.D. tag of any kind \_\_\_\_\_

Vet's name, address, phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of friend or neighbor who might be willing to care for animal if you  
are not at home \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose picture of animal if possible, or send one at later date. Help  
keep the file up to date by notifying me if you gain or lose a member of  
your pet population.

If you would like your animal taken to your vet in case of an injury when you  
are not available and are willing to accept financial responsibility for emer-  
gency treatment based on your vet's judgment, sign here. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to: Marion-Gray Kraft  
7526 Friar Tuck Court  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
Phone: 560-5429

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## THE PET REGISTRY

The Pet Registry has now been in operation for four years. For newcomers to Holmes Run, it should be explained that the Registry exists to help reunite lost pets with their owners by acting as a local clearing house providing a number to call to report a pet lost or found or an animal in trouble.

This edition of The Runner includes a self-explanatory form to be filled out and returned, and a heartfelt plea to please do so! It's a pain to fill out and return a form, but a greater pain to lose your pet and know busy Gallows Road is about 60 seconds away for a running dog. The sooner you get him back the safer he is! It takes intense detective work to find out who owns "what" when "what" is three streets over and one street up and no one up there has ever seen him before. NO ONE THINKS THEIR OWN PARTICULAR PET WILL EVER GET LOST! Believe me they do! The Fairfax animal shelter stays full of my-dogs-who-are-never-allowed-out-of-the-house. They get lost when they follow walkers, children, other dogs or they go courting. Some panic from firecrackers or thunder and run off in a panic or get grazed by a car and do the same thing. When it snows, they can't track their way home though they've wandered off over usually familiar ground. We have had three this year lost when owners were away, and dogs were being taken care of by friends--some change in routine or lapse in security gave the dogs a chance to go out and explore and get lost. One took advantage of his sitter to chew a picket out of the fence--Ruth Jones found that one confused and shivering and took him, through rush hour traffic, to Blue Cross to be boarded while we traced the owner. Ruth's house is a few yards from Gallows Road. With a listing in the registry or tags that dog would have been taken home immediately.

Thanks to a network of concerned and caring neighbors, the Registry continues to have a very high success rate for our own animals and many who have wandered in. Holmes Run youngsters have been an invaluable help, many times calling on their own initiative to report a found animal or one in trouble. It is always gratifying that so many of you have sheltered and cared for animals while their owners are being traced. One young man whose dog strayed in from a long distance away said when he recovered him here "This must be some neighborhood you live in - I wish ours was like this!"

A typical and heartwarming response to a problem occurred a couple of weeks ago. Early in the morning Nicole Murad and Jackie Cannon arrived breathless at my door, having run all the way down from Gallows, to tell me a dog had just been hit by a car up there. Within five minutes Betty Floyd and Felicia Parlier, who witnessed the accident, called with offers to help. A young unidentified man took the dog to the veterinarian and because of everyone's prompt reporting we were able to authorize care and trace the owner. The dog is now recovering at home.

PET REGISTRY  
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Many long-suffering neighbors get calls at inconvenient hours "Is your black lab at home?" (The poor Preston Smiths--the poor Coopers!) "Is your Irish setter at home?" (Poor Ruth Jones!) "Do you know who owns a \_\_\_\_\_?" Everyone has been unfailingly polite and helpful, dog owners, cat owners and non-owners alike. Thank you all. Too many to name them all but over and over the Old Faithfuls, Betty Floyd, who needs a permanent holding pen for the ones she constantly rescues from Gallows Road traffic, Dot Almassy, Sue Barton, Ann Jordan, the Schrades, Bob Geitgey, the MacDonalds, the Oneys, the Valosios, Michelle Hiller, the Longs, the Purvises, Wayne Durlow (the mailman), the Post and Star and Journal carriers all get called for "spot" checks of their areas.

Please give your pet a Christmas gift, a gift of love, perhaps a gift of life. Put proper I.D. on him/her. Register him/her with the enclosed form. If you don't have a picture, send in the form now--don't wait to get one.

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#### ATTENTION DOG OWNERS! IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION.

There is a new and serious threat to your dog's health that can be guarded against by vaccination. The vaccine is highly, though not totally, effective.

Canine parvovirus infection is a highly contagious disease of dogs caused by a virus that attacks the intestinal tract, white blood cells, and in some cases the heart muscle. Canine parvovirus is very similar to the parvovirus which causes feline enteritis (feline distemper, feline panleukopenia). Although these viruses are similar, each is species specific. The feline virus does not cause disease in dogs nor does the canine virus affect cats. The feline disease has been present for over thirty years, however, the canine disease has only been recognized since 1978. Recently, the disease has become prevalent in the United States.

The virus primarily attacks the more rapidly dividing cells in the intestinal tract and bone marrow (where new red and white blood cells are made). The clinical signs are related to these effects and include severe depression, fever, and sudden onset of severe vomiting and diarrhea (sometimes bloody). The clinical signs are more severe and the mortality rate is significantly higher in dogs under 6 months of age. In young puppies under 10 weeks of age, the disease is often fatal. Older dogs may also contract the disease but the clinical course may be milder unless concurrent stresses, such as intestinal parasitism are present. The virus is usually spread by direct dog-to-dog contact; however, the virus can be carried on clothing or shoes to a susceptible dog. The

virus is carried by the feces so avoid having your unvaccinated dog walked or exercised in areas where other dogs have been present. Signs may appear 3-5 days after exposure to the virus. Unfortunately, parvoviruses are very stable and can persist in the environment for a year or more. One part Clorox mixed with 30 parts water is an effective disinfectant.

There is no specific drug to treat parvovirus infections so that prevention through vaccination is the best way to protect your dog from the disease. Initially, two injections 2-3 weeks apart are required, and immunity is present about 1 week after the second injection. Then it is thought that only a yearly booster is needed for adequate protection, although dogs with high risk of exposure probably should be revaccinated in 3 to 6 months. Kennels, shows, trials, and other situations in which your dog would be exposed to large groups of dogs should be avoided until vaccination is complete.

If your dog should experience any of the clinical signs described in this article, see your veterinarian immediately as rapid dehydration, electrolyte depletion, and blood loss could result, causing shock and death. Local veterinarians are seeing many cases of parvovirus.

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#### WANT ADS

To place a want ad (non-commercial only), call Vicki Donnelly, 698-0686

**FOR SALE:** Two 600-13 (converts to A78 13) Dunlop Poly Whitewall snow tires, not mounted. Fits Datsun B-210 and other such cars. Like new. Less than 1,000 miles on them. Best offer. Call Larry Rosenberg, 560-9525

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Anyone interested in writing a Food/Recipes column for the Runner, or anything else, please contact Carol Sizemore, 560-6622

**FOR SALE:** New electric lawnmower with cord  
25-foot aluminum extension ladder

\$100 for both. Call Dorothy Patch, 560-4773.

IMPORTANT WARNING - PLEASE READ

RABID RACCOON FOUND IN ACRES!

Editor's note: The following article was published in the October issue of the Runner. It is being reprinted because of its pertinence to the community. Earlier this month, a rabid raccoon was found in an Acres home (it entered through the fireplace) and at least two known episodes of children seeing raccoons on the street in daylight (an indication of a sick raccoon) have been reported. Please read or reread the article and follow the appropriate safety precautions.

Rabies has been confirmed in a Raccoon captured in Camelot subdivision October 8th. This is the closest confirmed case to Holmes Run Acres so far. A check with Fairfax County Epidemiology Control verified this report. There is no cause for panic, but certainly the existence of Rabies in an area this close demands vigilance and immediate precautions. Area veterinarians concur in their advice to be sure that Rabies vaccinations of both cats and dogs are up to date. In past occurrences of Rabies, more cats than dogs have been found to be secondarily affected animals, so it is extremely important that your cat as well as your dog be inoculated. Do not procrastinate! Check with your own veterinarian about his position on booster shots. According to the Fairfax County Health Department, the State Health Department considers the three years Rabies inoculation adequate, but some veterinarians are recommending annual boosters - particularly for dogs and cats young enough to have had time for only one three-year inoculation so far.

All children should be repeatedly cautioned not to approach any animal who appears to be sick or acting in an unusual fashion. Neither should they investigate dead animals (e.g. attempt to salvage the tail from a dead raccoon or undertake taxidermy at this time). If bitten by any animal so that there is a break in the skin, the bite should be examined and reported through your own doctor.

Raccoons are not usually on the ground in HRA in full daylight; a raccoon on the ground in the light of day is to be avoided and reported to the Animal Warden. Do not allow yourself to be approached by any animal that is usually unapproachable (raccoon, possum, skunk). Approaching humans closely is not normal behavior. The Raccoons in Holmes Run Acres have been living in close proximity to people for years, so they frequently do not run away from the sight of a person when they are caught robbing the garbage can. Do not assume that the animal is rabid, but do not approach it, and do not allow it to advance. Retreat is by far the best policy. This is a time for caution and precaution---get those inoculations up to date and take a little extra time to explain the dangers to the children. Rabies among wild animals will run its course over a period of time and we can go on to bigger and better anxieties.

Marion-Gray Kraft

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**From:** Susi Mattheisen <susimattheisen@gmail.com> **Date:** Monday, January 5, 2015 9:05 AM**To:** neighbor <c.haney@juno.com>, Holmes Run Acres  
<hralistserv@googlegroups.com> **Subject:** Re: [hralistserv] Freddie the jay**Size:** 18 KB

I guess I should fess up and admit that I too have been feeding Freddie and warming his bird bath. I first met him (or her) in the fall when I was sweeping up some dead leaves in a pile. Freddie was intrigued, and would toss up the leaves at my feet while I kept sweeping them up. He then tried stuffing small sticks into the holes of my shoes. As others have mentioned, he seems to really enjoy the company of people, with great curiosity, and has accompanied me on yard chores, pulling up yellow stalks of grass while I'm mulching the bushes. He also seems very polite, and will graciously accept your offerings, but will put down what he doesn't like, which is how I learned he doesn't like raisins. One day I was inside telling my somewhat skeptical brother Mike about Freddie when I noticed a blue jay watching up from the tree near the window. The bird then flew around the house, and we heard a tap, tap, tap near the side door several times, and when I opened the door, there was Freddie waiting for us and hopped on my arm. Well, I could go on. My hope is that in the spring Freddie will migrate back home, back to where the person who raised him, and knock on his door after this great adventure. Now that I know he's so well fed though I'll probably reduce his almonds. Susi on Surrey

On Sun, Jan 4, 2015 at 3:34 PM, neighbor &lt;c.haney@juno.com&gt; wrote:

Freddy, so named by Dave Smith, or Blue Jake, as we named him, is **not a normal bluejay**. This jay flies up and lands unannounced on my arm, shoulder, or head when I am outside. I don't necessarily have feed on my person, so the jay is not being lured. This jay has jumped on David's shoe and taken a short ride as David walked around. This jay "helps" us when we are doing work in the yard. It hangs around right by our side when we are planting, raking, or doing other outside chores. This jay has ridden on my arm or shoulder while I walk around. This jay has ventured into the house. This jay has hopped on the car and I think the jay wanted to go for a ride. Neither of us has had the jay poop on us. Most birds do so with reckless abandon. This sounds crazy, but we think the jay is attracted to blue clothing. The jay comes to us more often when we are wearing blue. So Ann, your theory about the jay only liking men is not the case. The jay seems to like my earrings, so I wonder if the jay is female and wanting to add some bling to her repertoire! I hope the jay isn't successful in getting one of these nuggets. Fun bird or not, this bird has limits around here! Again, no normal undomesticated bluejay would even consider having this kind of human contact. The food of choice at our house is peanuts in the hull. If we take them out of the hull. the iav doesn't

go for them. Weird. Occasionally, the jay will come to our window ledge and look in to see what we are doing. If I am sitting in a chair by the window, the jay will fly up, land on the ledge, and watch me reading. I think the jay wants us to come out and play! Again, weird. We have other bluejays in our yard, too. They do not interact with this jay at all, other than an occasional squawk session. I think the other bluejays are telling this jay to "straighten up and fly right". But this jay will have none of it! The other bluejays will not come to us when we have peanuts. And the other bluejays definitely quickly fly off when you enter their space. So this jay has been domesticated by someone who trained it very well. Thank you for adding this little piece of spice to our lives here in HRA.

-- Cindy & David, at the curve of Surrey Lane

On Sunday, January 4, 2015 2:47:25 PM UTC-5, Paul Gillis wrote:

How do we know it's the same jay?

On 1/4/2015 2:32 PM, L. Keith Gardiner wrote:

I just discovered that "Freddie" the Bluejay is more wide ranging than we might have guessed. When I was at Bob Stilling's yesterday (the lawnmower repairman on Arnold Lane), Freddie swooped down and landed on Bob's shoulder. He apparently visits at dinner time about twice a week. Bob feeds him slivered almonds.

Keith Gardiner

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2015 - The Dog Leash question continues on & on

**From:** Robert LeBourdais <roblebourdais@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [hralistserv] Dog in park today off leash  
**Date:** February 24, 2015 11:42 13 PM EST  
**To:** hralistserv@googlegroups.com  
**Cc:** darkegraphics@gmail.com, covertjanice@gmail.com

Stan and Jim - you guys know me and how much I love dogs - we can talk about this forever, but the bottom line is it's illegal and it's not really up to us to decide whether a dog/owner can be trusted to simultaneously play with and control their animal as well as guard the park entrances. In my opinion it's not possible to see everything while exercising a dog or dogs in a public space like Luria Park. And the argument that nobody follows all of our laws - well, that's absolutely true but I think the difference here is that this is directly impacting other people, while playing poker at home, jaywalking, seat belts, even driving over the speed limit is usually not affecting or infringing on anyone else. I'm not directly talking about you guys of course, as I've never had a real problem in the park (even with Daisy who gets a bit crazy on leash! I can let her off leash in other places to play with dogs but I am afraid to at Luria Park - just too many ways people/animals can suddenly appear )

Like I said I am a dog lover and in a perfect world there would at least be an allotted hour or two on the weekends for off leash dog playtime in Luria, like we tried years ago. That didn't fly too well with some of the folks in the Acres so it was stopped, even though at an early hour there was nobody else in the park. But in retrospect those people were right, and it's probably a lawsuit waiting to happen. What if a dog accidentally knocks a kid off of a bike and he gets injured? Pretty sure you can count on a legal nightmare as the owner (and this coming from a pitbull owner - If my dog did it I would probably do time .) )

On Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 2:41 12 PM UTC-5, jjga...@gmail.com wrote:

Well said Stan. I would add, that if dog owners who had a dog off-leash should ALWAYS be mindful and respectful from a distance to all the entrances to the Park (and there is a vantage point for that to occur) for any dog/owner that one is unfamiliar with. When that occurs, that owner would

then immediately leash their dog It boils down to mindfulness and consideration

And while we are on the subject of not breaking ANY laws, I would imagine everyone reading doesn't

- break the speed limit,
- drive after drinking ANY alcohol, as Virginia has a zero tolerance policy (even if it's from one HRA home to another),
- drive with their seat belt unfastened,
- throw cigarette butts out their car window, or stamp-out in public as that is littering;
- play poker at home for money;
- pee outside under any circumstances,
- jaywalk

Ironically, if ALL Virginians (individuals and businesses) followed EVERY law on the books for two years without one single infraction (therefore no fines, penalties, or fees get issued), the State might 1) become insolvent and require Federal assistance because of the loss of revenue; and/or 2) cause taxes to increase to make up for the revenue shortfall, along with the loss of hundreds of jobs

Jim

On Sat, Feb 21, 2015 at 12:22 PM, Stan Darke <[darkeg...@gmail.com](mailto:darkeg...@gmail.com)> wrote:

It is too bad when dog owners don't know their dog well enough to understand if they can be off leash or not. I love to see dogs running around and playing off leash Unfortunately, many dogs are either not trained enough or of a breed that should not be off leash. Most Hounds, for example, can get so distracted by a running animal, that no matter how well trained they are, they become blind and deaf to commands All they see is that prey. It's instinctive. My Rhodesian Ridgeback is fairly obedient (although he doesn't like all dogs) but cannot be trusted off leash. I think the rule of thumb should be that if your dog will not come back to you when called 100% of the time, with no exceptions, you shouldn't have your dog off leash when there are other people or dogs in

the area. Or else you are asking for a nightmare scenario. It's not fair to your dog, other dogs, or anybody else who might not like dogs running up to them. Don't ruin it for the people who have dogs that will respond to their commands

Stan

On Sat, Feb 21, 2015 at 11.54 AM, Janice Covert <[covert...@gmail.com](mailto:covert...@gmail.com)> wrote:

As the owner of 2 small dogs I now avoid the park when there are dogs running off leash. It is usually larger dogs who are off leash and they could easily harm or kill my Cavaliers. A dog that was on a retractable leash (these should be outlawed since they give no control) grabbed one of my dogs by the head. And the owner was still attached to the leash. I feel that the park is too dangerous for my dogs and encourage folks who want their dogs to run to take them to a dog park and let everyone enjoy our neighborhood park in safety. And there are neighbors who are afraid of dogs who avoid the park when dogs are running off leash. Arledge is an exception - totally focussed on tennis ball retrieval and obedient to Perry.

Janice Covert

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-Stan Darke

DOG CONTROVERSY IN JUNE 2016

ACCORDING TO HRA LIST-SERV:

DISPOSING OF "DOGGIE BAGS"

IN OTHER PEOPLES' TRASH CANS---

# suggestions, remarks, & comments

from HRACA membership forms!

Here, unadorned and without comment, are quotes taken from membership forms submitted in this year's civic association drive. All deserve your careful attention; some will no doubt merit study and perhaps action by the HRACA board.

1. Include bus schedules and routing in the Directory.
2. "Slow - Children" signs at Gallows Road & Holmes Run Drive.
3. Use extra and left over building material to build climbing apparatus in totland.
4. Integration.
5. Landscape the pool area. (on 2 forms).
6. Street lights (indicated on 7 forms).
7. Too much money for Little League; fence and hedge totland near creek for safety; more than one general HRACA meeting a year; gravel walk through park for children going to school (noted on one other form also).
8. Keep pets at home; keep up outside paint, lawns.
9. HRACA buy 4 to 6 power edgers for use on front lawns, circles, out-dusacs; write county for better trash removal, especially debris littering curbs; ask board of supervisors to clear HRA of log cuttings etc from past lumbering operation now clogging Holmes Run.
10. Improve park; open Little League to all boys eligible - have additional teams clear out woods in vicinity of tennis courts.
11. Speed-reducing dip or bump at top of Executive Avenue.
12. Another beer party; (and on another form:) excursion boat trip, street dances, social dances.
13. What about bowling league? Is the HRACA responsible for money put in last year which we have not received? (Call Don Bozarth on this--Ed.)
14. Press for improvement of Gallows Road, (and another adds:) and check zoning re dog and bird house business.
15. Ice skating rink and (on two other forms) softball and touch football teams for adults.

Activities suggested for HRA residents included these: foreign cooking, rug hooking, guitar lessons, bowling lessons, folk music and singing, furniture arranging, and an investment club.

**Historian:** (Vivian Smith) Beth Ann Grove lived in HRA and did an index of the Runners from 1983-1999. Many of the issues in past Runners are still active issues. The board discussed the idea of continuing the index with the help of volunteers.

**Providence District Council:** (Nancy Spielberg, Ann Johnson) No report from the scheduled meeting. Ann got a letter about a new master plan for Fairfax County. There will be two public hearings at the Government Center to present the plan—information about the meetings can be found on the Fairfax County website.

**Holmes Runner:** (Mary Beth Gardiner/Haleh Peterson, absent) The Runner is out. The whimsical cover—Cirque du Surrey—was done by one of our resident artists, Ann Jordan.

**Website:** (Mary David, absent/Erik Ulmen, absent/Jay Liwanag) No report.

**Old Business:** Speeding is still a concern in HRA. Members of the listserv made several suggestions to slow cars speeding through HRA. The board discussed what new efforts could be made to address speeding. Edith brought a sample of a laminated sign she made displaying a heart and the words "Please drive safely we (heart) HRA." The signs would be distributed to all residents of HRA with the request to display them in their yards on February 14—Valentine's Day. They could be re-used from time to time to remind drivers to slow down.

- Janet made a motion for the board to approve a yard sign that encourages careful driving in the HRA neighborhood as an effort to address the speeding problem. Jay seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Nancy made a motion for the board to authorize funding for production of 300 yard signs in support of our speed abatement campaign up to a sum of \$200. John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Andrew Teeters, Brightview Assisted Living representative, sent Peggy and Scott information via the listserv about an upcoming public hearing at the Fairfax County Government Center February 21 at 7:30 p.m. to review the company's request for a special exception to build a facility on Gallows Rd across from the swimming pool. Information about the meeting will be posted to the listserv so HRA residents may attend the meeting.
- Andrew also responded to Scott's and the board's concerns about Brightview's efforts to preserve trees.
- John received fliers from Sarah Karush re instructions for safely using the pedestrian crossing in front of Woodburn Elementary School. John made a motion to distribute to every household a flier with information about the flashing crosswalk beacon in front of Woodburn School on Gallows Rd. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Frank Spielberg updated the board on his efforts to get a cover to camouflage the back of the Express Lane sign in front of Woodburn Elementary School. He met with Kevin Ginnerty of Transurban—owners of the sign—on January 23. All the work on the sign is being done by a Transurban subcontractor, Midasco. Mr. Ginnerty agreed to approach Midasco to prepare, at no cost, a design as well as a cost estimate for fabrication and erection of a back cover on the sign. Frank was told to expect this information within a week's time, but there has been no response yet. Once Frank receives word he will present the information to the board.
- Two board positions are open. Erik can appoint someone to fill out the term—June 2013. Board members will seek volunteers for the board.

**New Business:** Scott said in the past a spring clean-up was done the week before the Yard Sale. He would like to re-introduce this practice and add the information to the flier announcing the Yard Sale.

Norm made a motion to adjourn, Nancy seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Daley, Secretary

Next board meeting: March 6, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. The host will be Janet Schreiber, 3405 Surrey Lane.

JAN/FEB 1986

Holmes Run Acres Civic Association  
P.O. Box 481, Merrifield, Virginia 22116

Mrs. Margaret P. Keel, Principal  
Woodburn Elementary School  
3401 Hemlock Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22042

26 December 85

Dear Mrs. Keel:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize where we believe the sidewalk issue rests and what agreements have been achieved.

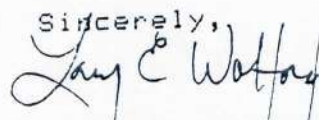
We believe that all the parties which met on the 10th of this month and completed the walk-through of those portions of the properties on Hemlock Drive, Holmes Run Drive, and Sycamore Drive - which the Holmes Run Acres Association (HRACA) agreed would be made available to children from Woodburn Elementary School as unobstructed walkways - are in agreement that the HRACA has met its obligation. Children can now walk these routes entirely on the front lawns of the affected properties, the residents have given their permission for the children to use these walkways, and the residents have also agreed to attempt to keep these areas clear of obstructions (We note that roots of two small bushes still need to be removed to avoid tripping accidents but that these roots in no way impede immediate use of the walkways.) HRACA affirms that it will contact new residents to inform them of this agreement and that it will monitor the walkways to ensure that they remain free of new obstructions.

Having accomplished our part of the agreement, we believe that the school system should now delete the proposal to build sidewalks on these routes in our community. Our understanding is that HRACA will receive a letter in March 1986, at the time of the annual sidewalk planning review, affirming that the sidewalks have been deleted and that, in fact, the sidewalks will not appear in the next listing of those to be built with school system money.

We understand that Woodburn School and the parents of children walking on the affected routes through the Acres now need to work together to ensure that the children actually use the walkways we have cleared for them. This clearly is a separate issue, however, and in no way should affect the conclusion that an agreement on walkways has been successfully entered into by HRACA and the school system, that HRACA has fulfilled its part of the agreement, and that we are now entitled to have the threat of sidewalks removed

cc:  
Kate Hanley  
Randy McKnight  
Kenneth P. Cohen  
James L. Scott  
A.R. Thompson  
William J. Shadle  
Gordon E. Lawrence

Sincerely,



Larry E. Wolford, President  
HRACA

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I think the Chicanes are interesting. I think it would work and is a good solution, especially if the neighborhood is planned to use them from the start. I think the biggest practical challenges to this happening are impacts to street parking, and difficulty in persuading the county to undertake the cost of the project without concrete evidence of excessive fast traffic or risk. I assume this would be more expensive and difficult to make happen than the infamous gallows road red light which is still not there despite repeated attempts

On Jan 27, 2013, at 12:46 PM, Nasreen and Aaron Watts <[thewatts7707@gmail.com](mailto:thewatts7707@gmail.com)> wrote:

<image.jpeg>I'm chiming in very late but I want to express how strongly I feel about traffic-calming in HRA.

Aaron and I have lived here for almost four months and needless to say, we see multiple people barreling down HRD every day. I agree with those who think speeding is due to our wide-roads, lack of sidewalks and in the case of HRD, a straight-shot through the neighborhood but it's no excuse to drive so fast in a residential area. I hate to say it, but it's only a matter of time someone, someone's property or some creature gets hurt.

WIDE  
ROADS -  
NO SIDEWALKS  
invite  
speeding?

I strongly agree with Sarah's point about installing traffic-calming devices such as chicanes. They are s-shaped curves categorized as horizontal deflectors and are less cumbersome than speed-humps. Cities such as San Francisco and Austin use these to slow vehicular traffic and enhance the pedestrian experience with expanded curb areas. Chicanes also have minimal impact on emergency response vehicles compared to vertical deflectors such as speed humps. Furthermore to Sarah's point, they can be landscaped! A traffic-calming device

CHICANES -  
as a possibility?

with beautification! Sounds awesome.

I mocked up a couple photos with some facts as an attachment. :)

Just my two cents, but I'm curious to know how everyone else feels.

Thanks,  
Nasreen

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Nasreen Qureshi and Aaron Watts  
703.850.3168 or 703.635.9679

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**Date:** Sunday, January 27, 2013 1:48 PM

**From:** Danius Barzdukas <danius@cox.net>

**To:**

**Cc:** Holmes Run Acres Listserv <hralistserv@googlegroups.com>

**Subject:** Re: [hralistserv] Traffic-calming chicanes, RE Caution for animals and people crossing

ON THE  
LIGHTER  
SIDE ✓

I think the easiest solution to this problem is to outlaw pedestrians and bicycles in our neighborhood. They are such a nuisance. People should be forced to use cars. If people need to walk their dogs, or kids want to play, they should get in a car and go elsewhere. I used to think pedestrians were people too, but not anymore. They just get in the way too much. Also, walking has no economic utility. If more people use cars we can spend more money on infrastructure projects and energy resources, so people get richer. This is a good thing. The neighborhood watch should start issuing warnings to these people.

Danius Barzdukas  
Little John Court

On Jan 27, 2013, at 1:06 PM, Robert Lorentz wrote:

I am curious if there has ever been such an incident, and if so about how long ago?

4 months isn't a very large "sample size," I have walked these roads very frequently for the also-small duration of about 5-6 years, and have seen many fast cars but never had any scary experiences or close calls

HAVE  
THERE  
BEEN  
ACCIDENTS?

This reminds me of the sidewalk discussion; new (new could be 10 years!) arrivals in the neighborhood bring it up fresh, while old hands like Arvydas have been seeing the discussion happen for

many years -

~~people crossing~~

Hi,

LOVES THE  
WIDE STREETS —  
"CALMING"

I would very much be opposed to having our streets narrowed for any reason

One of the reasons that attracted me our area and ultimately, buy a home here in the Arces - is that the streets are WIDE !

Wide streets make our area very calming, relaxing, and a pleasure to come home to.

It would be a terrible disappointment if the tranquility of our neighborhood was changed

If there is a problem of drivers speeding throughout our neighborhood - the problem is the human being behind the wheel of the vehicle, not the street.

Bob Ramdhanie  
3317 Hemlock Drive

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**Date:** Monday, January 28, 2013 3:35 PM  
**From:** Arvydas Barzdukas <barzdukas@bbaoffice.com>  
**To:** corrole@aol.com, hralistserv@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [hralistserv] Calming the traffic

FROM AN  
"OLD-TIMER" - THE NEED  
TO CO-EXIST WITH  
CARS...

Item One: I have walked our streets since October, 1963, (almost half of a century; how time flies when you are having fun) and have not had any trouble with cars. Neither have our three children, who grew up in HRA. I walk facing the traffic and wave to every car coming my way. Some drivers waive back, but not many. They are concentrating on their driving. Very few are really speeding, but it's hard to judge the speed precisely. We, walkers, need to understand that we have to coexist with cars.

Item Two: Our streets are not wide, certainly not wide enough for chicanes. Those devices on both sides of the street would leave no room for driving on the street, making the streets one-way at best. Placing them only on one side would eliminate parking in front of one's house and for guests on the side with no chicanes. Also, that would be a huge problem for snow removal and trash pick-up. As it is, it's hard to get around a trash pick-up truck, but those guys wave you around and cooperate nicely. Parked cars are "chicanes" enough. I wish the County would enforce parking facing in the wrong direction, but we can live with a few who insist on driving on the wrong side of the street. (That's the "official" violation for such parking--you have to drive on the left to park that way.)

Item Three: I agree. People, behind the wheel and otherwise, is nothing but trouble, however, please, if everyone who walks were forcefully removed from our streets by our Neighborhood Watch, where would we put them? Plus, dogs! I think that would be big trouble.

Arvydas  
Hartwell Court

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [corrole@aol.com](mailto:corrole@aol.com)

**To:** [hralistserv@googlegroups.com](mailto:hralistserv@googlegroups.com)

**Sent:** Sunday, January 27, 2013 8.10 PM

**Subject:** Fwd: [hralistserv] Traffic-calming chicanes, RE Caution for animals and

NOV/DEC 1984

Ed. note - This letter was sent to the 40 residents who responded to the flier that was sent out. It is now being published in The Runner so all HRACA members may benefit from the information

November 1984

Dear Holmes Runners,

The response to the recently circulated flyer concerning tree services indicated a large number of you are interested. Consequently members of the Civic Association have contacted a number of tree service companies who operate in this area and who have been recommended by Holmes Runners as being reliable, efficient and having reasonable prices.

We asked each for an estimate on removing the same set of three trees. All were approximately 50 to 60 ft. high, two were near a house (as close as five or six feet) and one was approximately 20 feet away. Two were also close to gardens and fences. Also there were limbs to be trimmed on three other trees. The wood was to be cut in fireplace lengths and stacked in a nearby location. The estimates ranged from \$750 to \$1170.

The three companies with the lowest estimates were:

1. Vic's Tree Service: Estimate \$750  
Telephone: 893-9294
2. Northern Virginia Tree Experts: Estimate \$910  
Telephone: 560-4229
3. Davey Tree Expert Service: Estimate \$910  
Telephone: 471-4018

We suggest you use these estimates and the sample given above as a rough comparison to your needs and situation. We have found that comparing tree work jobs is difficult because of the number of variables involved: Such things as height and thickness of trees, their location (e.g., closeness to houses, gardens, fences, etc.) and the number of limbs to be cut. Other factors that may affect pricing are: (1) number of contiguous lots being worked on at the same general time by a company, (2) scheduling at the convenience of the company, and (3) scheduling during January and February. We have included a map of the area showing lot locations of neighbors who indicated interest in having work done for use with (1) above.

All companies claimed licensing and damage insurance. Some indicated they would consider short-term installment payments. They would also split wood at additional cost (approximately \$175 for example above), and they may shave your cost if they take the wood. They all perform other types of services on trees other than cutting and trimming.

The Holmes Run Acres Civic Association have no other interest or responsibility in this matter than that of bringing to your attention companies who have been recommended by your neighbors and who have given the lowest estimates of those contacted for the same job.

Executive Board  
Holmes Run Acres Civic Association

FLYER  
ABOUT  
TREE SERVICES  
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ESTIMATES BELOW