

# Stratford Landing Citizens' Association Newsletter

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## Stratford Landing to Become a Community Parking District

On March 10, 2008, the Board of Supervisors designated the entire Mount Vernon Magisterial District as a Community Parking District. The move, made at the request of the Mount Vernon Council, means big changes for Stratford Landing residents.

Community Parking Districts (CPD) prohibit parking of the following vehicles on public streets in residentially zoned areas: watercraft; motor homes; campers; trailers; vehicles with more than three axles; vehicles with a GVWR greater than 2,000 lbs.; and vehicles other than school buses that transport more than 16 passengers. Violators can be

fined up to \$40.00 and may be towed at the owner's expense.

Vehicles used by federal, state or local public agencies to provide services are exempt from the ruling. Also exempt are commercial vehicles that are discharging passengers, performing work or providing services. Other vehicles may be temporarily parked for up to 48 hours for the

purpose of loading, unloading or preparing for a trip.

For more information on the program and its exemptions, see the *Code of the County of Fairfax*, Chapter 82, Article 5B.

Restrictions will go into effective April 11, 2008. To report a violation please call the Police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

## Verizon Contractors Begin Excavation

Verizon contractors have started excavating for underground FiOs lines. The work is being conducted in public rights-of-way or in the utility easements next to or on private property.

Verizon has been granted a legal right to work in the public easement by our local government or VDOT. Verizon must get permission to do any work on private easements from the homeowner.

To perform this work, contractors must follow rigorous procedures. Before any excavation begins, you will see colored markings in your yard.

These Miss Utility markings  
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## Families Enjoy Annual Spring Fling

The slight chill in the air did not keep Stratford families away from the 2008 Spring Fling. In fact, a gentle breeze even allowed some to fly kites at the annual event.

More than 100 children, family members and pets took to Stratford Landing Park on Saturday, March 15. Attendees made their way to the park via a bike parade that began at the intersection of Camden Street and Cavendish Drive.

A special thank you goes to the event's organizers, Beth Bates and Tara Quadmann, and all those who volunteered to make this community event a success.



**Sammy Herrmann, 2, got his trike out for the bike parade. Sammy is the son of Charlie and Mary Herrmann.**

Mark your calendars. On Thursday, June 5, the Stratford Landing Civic Association will hold a Community Public Safety meeting. Master Police Officer Robbie Clift will give insight from his perspective as a crime prevention officer at Mount Vernon District Station. The meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center (police station) on Parkers Lane.

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## See You at the Pool!

Are you dreading those long, hot days of summer? Well, it's not too late to join the pool!

If you would like to become a member of the Stratford Recreation Association (SRA), contact Business Manager Arline Fay at 703-360-7652 for membership information. Or, attend the open house scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. This community event is open to members and non-members alike.

SRA Spring Cleaning dates are April 12, 13, 26 and 27 as well as May 4, 8 and 10.

## Verizon Begins Work

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indicate to the contractor where public underground utilities are buried.

You will receive a series of door hangers on your front door knob before the work begins and as the work progresses. The door hangers will contain information about the project and alert you about any steps that you might need to take.

For example, you should mark sprinkler systems or any private underground utilities once public utilities have been marked. Flags indicate that excavation crews will be in the vicinity within a few days to a week.

The name of the contractor will be provided along with a number for inquiries about the project. Verizon promises that contractors will take every reasonable precaution to minimize disruptions.

The current contractor is the Ivy H Smith Co. Their telephone number is 1-800-768-8831. You may also contact Verizon customer service at 1-888-250-9710 between 8 a.m. and 5p.m. with questions or concerns.

## Genealogical Society Upcoming Events

At its April and May meetings, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will present lectures on two interesting ways to unearth genealogical information.

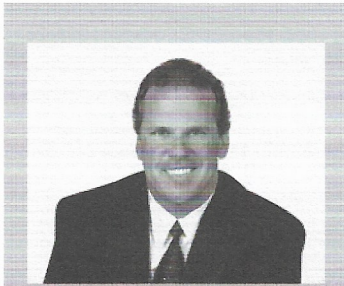
On April 15, presenter Sharon Hodges will tell participants how to utilize passport records, which can be very useful when researching foreign-born ancestors.

Then, on May 20, the Society welcomes Claire Prechtel-Kluskens, who will discuss the anatomy of a Civil War pension file. Kluskens will explain the types of documents found in typical Civil War pension files and discuss their usefulness in genealogical research.

Both meetings will be held at 1 p.m. in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. The meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information about the programs or MVGS, go to <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>. Any questions about the program should be directed to Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

Stratford Landing residents are cordially invited to join three local garden clubs as they tour my garden at 2613 Childs Lane. Please feel free to join us on May 13 at 10 a.m.; May 15 at 10 a.m.; or June 5 at 1 p.m.

If any Stratford Landing gardeners are interested in starting an annual garden tour in our own neighborhood, please contact me, Linda Brown, at 703-780-4137 or meet me in the garden!



### Tom Pleimling

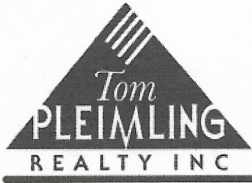
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## FCPS Seeks 2008 School Census Input

Every three years, the commonwealth of Virginia requires all school districts to conduct a census of their residents. The data is used to help determine equitable distribution of the portion of the state sales tax revenues designated to support public education programs. Fairfax County also uses the data to help forecast future school enrollment and new funding requirements.

With such vital economic and planning issues at stake, it is critical that all households respond to the census—whether or not they have school-aged children.

There are four ways to respond to the census. You can complete the census on the Internet at <http://www.fcps.edu/census>. You can also fax or mail the form, or you can call 703-752-0950 to input your information. All responses are confidential, and translation assistance is available.

Responding to the census is quick and easy to do. Each child counted in the 2008 census will bring approximately \$1,000 per year, or \$3,000 over three years, back to FCPS in state sales tax dollars. Because of this, your response is greatly appreciated.

## Road Construction Planned for GW Parkway

The National Park Services (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will begin a construction project at the Mt. Vernon Circle and adjacent parking lots on or about March 31, 2008.

The project will accomplish several goals. It will reconfigure traffic through the Mt. Vernon Circle; extend the Mt. Vernon Trail an additional one-third mile; resurface existing parking lots; add 150 parking spaces; and improve visitor access.

Although expected to run through the fall of 2008, the project is not expected to present major impacts to visitors or rush hour drivers.

Work will be conducted Mondays through Fridays. All travel lanes will remain open northbound and southbound from 5 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, the Mt. Vernon trail will remain accessible to pedestrians and bicycles during the construction period.


## North Hill Update Set

Members of the community are invited to a special meeting to discuss updates on the North Hill (Route 1 and Dart Dr.) housing plans. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Mount. Vernon Government Center.

## Part-time Nanny Available

Both of my children are going to be in elementary school starting August 2008. My nanny will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Mondays, and from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She is very reliable and experienced, and she is looking for a position during these hours. She has excellent references. Please call Frances at 703-548-0355 or 703-973-5770 for more information.



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