

**NEXT MEETING: 7:30 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Highlights

Huntington



**Huntington
Community
Association**
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Potluck Holiday Party at This Meeting

The December 6 Huntington Community Association meeting will be our annual Potluck Holiday Dinner. Join us in the Community Center starting at 7:30 pm and bring a holiday salad, appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. Tell everyone what you are bringing on the Discussion Board so others can plan, too.

New Flood Maps Are Coming. Have You Purchased Flood Insurance?

On February 26, 2007, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved an interim flood insurance grant program and a related ordinance that established a sub-area of the existing Huntington community within the Route One Rehabilitation District as the boundaries of the area to be served by this interim Fairfax County-funded flood insurance assistance program.

The Huntington Flood Insurance Program (HFIP) was established to reimburse income-qualified residents (owner-occupants and renters) for the cost of flood insurance for a period of one year. The flood insurance is provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) will administer the program through the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The target sub-area for the HFIP includes that portion of the Huntington community that lies on the north side of Farrington Avenue, on both sides of Arlington Terrace, on both sides of Victory Drive, on both sides of Fenwick Drive, and on the north side of Huntington Avenue from 2400 through 2412 Huntington Avenue. Properties in that sub-area either experienced the June flooding or have been deemed susceptible to future flooding. If not already, these areas are expected to fall under the mandatory purchase of flood insurance as a result of the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) currently being drafted by FEMA. If you have any questions on this program or need additional information, please call Louise Milder on 703-246-5255, Derek Dubard on 703-246-5139, or Savi Singh on 703-246-5170. The application deadline for this program is December 31, 2007.

Get Grandfathered

If you purchase flood insurance now, you may qualify for "grandfathering." To recognize policyholders who have built in compliance with the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and/or remained loyal customers of the National Flood Insurance Program by maintaining continuous coverage, FEMA has "Grandfather Rules." These rules allow such policyholders to benefit in the rating for their insured building. For such a building, the insured would have the option of using the current rating criteria for that property or having the premium rate determined by using the Base Flood Elevation and/or flood zone on the FIRM (old map) in effect when the building was originally constructed (for those built in compliance) or when coverage was first obtained (for those with continuous coverage).

This results in a cost savings to the insured when the new map resulting from a map revision would result in a higher premium rate.

The conditions that must be met for an insured to be eligible to receive the rating benefit from the "Grandfather rules" after a map revision (new map) becomes effective can be found on the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm>.

REMEMBER: Winter is here. Huntington is a walker friendly community. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove snow/ice from the sidewalks around your property.

Fiber Optic is Coming To Huntington

The Association is currently working with Verizon to get residents prepared for “Fiber to the Premises” or FTTP. You may have seen ads concerning this new technology which Verizon refers to as FiOS. FiOS is the latest in fiber-optic technology. It delivers laser-generated pulses of light, riding on hair-thin strands of glass fiber, all the way to your front door. With FiOS and your computer, you will have access to blazing fast speeds. Online gaming, video chatting like its instant messaging, downloading feature films and CD-quality audio. Stay tuned for more updates as fiber optic comes to Huntington.

Environmental Health Ambassadors

The Fairfax County Health Department’s Division of Environmental Health has developed an Environmental Health Ambassadors program. These EH Ambassadors are public health officials that can come to community meetings and give brief presentations about the many public health / environmental health activities that take place in your community on a daily basis. Possible presentation topics include such things as food safety, mosquito and tick control, rodent control, air quality and much more. To schedule an Environmental Health Ambassador for your next meeting, please contact Carl I. Sivertsen, Environmental Health Outreach Coordinator at 703-246-8482 or by email at Carl.Sivertsen@fairfaxcounty.gov

HUNTINGTON DISCUSSION BOARD

Visit www.HuntingtonOnline.org to sign up for the community’s discussionboard featuring:

- Messages arranged by topics
- The ability to watch & be notified by topics
- The ability to set up issue-specific discussion space, such as the Huntington Garden Club discussion forum

SMALL ADS: You can put a small (5 lines) size ad in this newsletter for \$5.00 per month. The newsletter is on line all 12 months but only printed 4 times a year. Please specify if you want your ad in the printed version and it will go in the NEXT printed version. Newsletters are printed February, May, August and December and sometimes for special events. All newsletters are on the website. You can call 703-317-9242 if you wish to have an ad included.

Grocery Bag Organizers for Sale

Looking for an attractive & practical gift for this holiday season?

Sewn, using pretty cotton print, these bag organizers, at \$5 each add an attractive and functional splash of color in any kitchen. Available at 2208 Farrington Ave, weeknights 7:00-9:00pm or contact mcclishdonna@gmail.com.