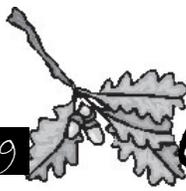


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Summer 2009



# Oak Leaves

## South Run Oaks Neighborhood News

### How to Report Complaints, Concerns and Issues

Crosspointe Chronicle – May 2009

Many issues requiring support from the Fairfax County Government can now be handled online. For example: consumer complaints, problems with sidewalks, trails or pedestrian bridges, broken vehicles, commercial vehicles, dumpsters, etc.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/complaints](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/complaints).

### My Neighborhood Website

There is a relatively new online Fairfax County application you may find interesting, called "My Neighborhood." This application may be used to view maps of an area within the county displaying various kinds of demographic information. One part of this application allows you to look up recent police activities within the area being viewed. Everything is explained on the site, at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/#top](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/#top)

### SRO Website Safety Info

Visit the SRO HOA website for great summertime safety tips. Included are general homeowner safety tips, general police contact numbers and a reminder that school is out so more children will be outside riding bikes and playing so we all need to be extra vigilant.

### Safety in the Neighborhood

While vandalism and crime in SRO remains minimal, summer is a good time for us parents to remind our kids to be respectful of others' property, including SRO HOA land, especially the swings and basketball hoops at the tot lots. Needless vandalism costs all homeowners since money for the damage is collected from residents via quarterly assessments, and diverts money from other worthwhile projects.

### Reminders!!!

#### Yard debris pick-up

is on Mondays and should not be put out until Sunday at 6pm. Regular trash pick-up is on Tuesday and Friday with recycling on Tuesday.

#### Architectural Changes

Before making an architectural change to your home, lot or landscape, pursuant to the SRO Architectural Review Board (ARB) guidelines, SRO property owners are required to submit an Architectural Change Application to the ARB. (See SRO Website for detailed information).

All applications must include a site plan (unless specifically noted) showing the location of the proposed alteration/modification and the effect it will have on adjoining homeowners. Applications that are unsigned or do not contain all requested information will be considered incomplete and returned to the homeowner without consideration.

Recently, the ARB became aware that some homeowners have either started or completed a change/improvement to their property without submitting an application. In addition, some homeowners, while submitting an application, have not enclosed all required information to allow the ARB to fully consider the proposed action.

In these cases, the homeowner's application review may be delayed, or the homeowner may be required to undo any work that has been performed if not approved by the ARB.

### SRO Board of Directors

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[www.southrunoaks.com](http://www.southrunoaks.com)

The community of South Run Oaks is Cardinal Management Group, Inc. at 4330 Prince William Parkway, Suite 201, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Some of the people home owners may need to contact:

#### Community Manager

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#### Accounting Representative

Heather Lopez  
703-565-5021

Persons interested in setting up direct debit should contact Heather Lopez. General information concerning an account balance should be directed to Heather Lopez.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, trailer T-1.

**Quarterly  
Homeowner's  
Payment is due  
July 1.**

## What's Happening in the Area

### Lorton Farmers Market

Sundays from 9:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m.  
May 3 through October 25  
Located in the VRE parking lot at 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

### South County Police Station

A new South County police station is scheduled to be constructed in the next 7-8 years. In addition, there's a chance that some police district boundaries may be reviewed.

### Fawns in Spring

White-tail deer give birth April through July, with most births occurring in June. Each spring, a doe generally produces one to three fawns and routinely leaves them alone for most of the day to search for food. There is a high population of deer in our county, so it's possible you might encounter fawns that are alone and presume their mother has abandoned them and attempt a rescue. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries strongly advises against this. The best advice would be to leave them alone and if you believe the fawn is in need of help, call the Wildlife Rescue League Hotline at 703-440-0800. Their website for more information on orphaned or injured wildlife is [www.wildliferescueleague.org](http://www.wildliferescueleague.org).

### Foster Program Saves Kittens

Unlike many animal shelters in the nation, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter has made a concerted effort to build the infrastructure to save neonatal kittens, which require bottle feeding to survive. Each year, the shelter hosts neonatal kitten and cat care classes to train new foster care providers, members of the animal rescue community and staff from local animal shelters.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster care provider for the shelter should visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/foster.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/foster.htm) for more information and to complete an application.

*"Please remember to pick up after your dogs and keep them leashed at all times when not on your property."*



## Beware of Bears; Keep your Distance

**On June 18, police received a report of the first bear sighting of the year.** Residents observed a young black bear trolling through back yards in the Clifton-area shortly after 7 a.m. According to animal control officers, it is not unusual to see black bears at this time of year and residents should not panic or feel alarmed when they see one. According to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia's bear population is healthy and growing, estimating that the population has grown by about 37% since 2001.

Bears typically avoid humans but in their search for food it is not uncommon to see them. Most often, bears will keep moving through an area once they fail in their attempts to find food. Unless the animal is sick or injured, or is deemed a threat to public safety, animal control officers do not take actions to attempt to remove bears from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natural fear of humans and, in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people.

If addressed quickly, wildlife issues caused by food attractants in yards can be resolved almost immediately. Take the following precautions to keep bears, and other wildlife, away from your home:

- Do not store household trash on porches, decks or in vehicles. Keep it secured in a garage, shed or basement if possible.
- If a bear is sighted in your neighborhood, remove birdfeeders.
- Take garbage to the curb on the morning of pickup, rather than the night before.
- Consider installing electric fencing around gardens, dumpsters and other potential wildlife food sources. Electric fencing is an inexpensive and efficient proven deterrent against bears.

## Dangerous Dogs

Fortunately there are no dangerous dogs in the 22039 zip code. Check the VA Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services website to check other zip codes or by county. [www.virginia.gov/vdacs\\_dd/public/cgi-bin/public.cgi](http://www.virginia.gov/vdacs_dd/public/cgi-bin/public.cgi).