

VANTAGE QUARTERLY

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL VANTAGE COMMUNITY PICNIC!!

WHEN: Saturday September 10, 2016
11 am – 3 pm

WHERE: Vantage “Swirly Slide” Park

Join your friends and neighbors for this year’s community picnic sponsored by the Vantage Homeowners Association!

There will be bouncy houses, face painting and other fun things for kids at the park, and burgers, hot dogs, drinks and more for all to enjoy. Don’t miss it – we have a blast every year!

Also, if you can spare an hour, please also consider volunteering to help with set up or wrap up this year. This picnic is an all-volunteer event, and we could use your help! If you can help out, please contact Courtney Stockman at 703-338-3221 or just come by and help out! Set up is 10-11 am, and wrap up is 2:30-3:30 pm.

Vantage on the Web

Come visit us at www.vantagehoa.org to find minutes from Board meetings and sample disclosure package materials. We also post pictures from community events. Learn about what’s going on in our community, find out when the next yard sale will be, or send questions to the Board.

Vantage also has a presence on Facebook! Join your neighbors in liking Vantage at www.facebook.com/vantageresidents. It is intended as another way to share information: post about services sought or offered like babysitting or dog walking; ask how-to questions or respond with recommendations; notify neighbors of good or bad experiences with contractors; or alert neighbors to crime or suspicious activities.

Annual Meeting of the Vantage Homeowners Association

WHEN: Monday October 17, 2016
7:30 – 9 pm

WHERE: St. Mark’s Church (6744 S. Kings Hwy.)

Please join us for the Vantage Homeowners Association annual meeting. You will receive proxy letters by mail in the coming months but coming in person allows you to ask any questions of the board, make suggestions and volunteer to make our community even better (see particular vacant positions on the last page!). This year, we also anticipate a representative from Congressman Don Beyer’s office will attend and say a few words. Come with questions!

Message from Supervisor McKay

We are lucky to live in the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country. This is due in no small part to the hard-working, professional, and well-trained men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department. Their commitment to keeping us safe and making Fairfax County a great place to live, work, and play is evident at every turn. We also know our active, engaged citizens play a major role in making our community safe. Community engagement with our public safety agencies is critical to ensuring our community stays safe.

Locally, in the last year, there has been a 15.79 percent decrease in reported cases of burglary/breaking & entering, a 16.4 percent decrease in destruction/damage/vandalism of property, as well as a 30.2 percent decrease in reported cases of fraud in the Franconia Police District. And that's not all.

Alcohol-related car accidents and arrests have been steadily decreasing, as well. Alcohol-related crashes are down 46 percent in the past five years from 719 in 2010 to 346 in 2015. That is a 46 percent decrease in a very short period of time – an encouraging statistic that did not happen by accident.

The work of the Fairfax County Police Department is impressive and should be celebrated. We also know that to continue to be the best statistically, we have to ensure we have the best practices and fully resource our public safety agencies.

Vantage Fall Yard Sale!!

Saturday October 15

Rain Date October 16

In addition to the creation of the Ad Hoc Police Commission, the Board of Supervisors is also focusing on ways to help better equip our officers. As chairman of our Budget Committee, I was absolutely committed to dedicating funding to (1) hire more officers, (2) increase officer pay, (3) create a new police station and animal shelter here in South County, and (4) increase funding for mental health services. This is the only way to ensure that we continue keeping our statistics going in the right direction.

If you are interested in more statistics and trends in your own neighborhood, the police have a great online tool available at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime>.

Write In To The Vantage Quarterly!

Do you want to alert neighbors to an issue or concern that may affect them? Did you see interesting wildlife in the community? Is your child in a school play? Tell the community about it! If you have news you would like to share with the Vantage community, submit an article for a future issue to vantagevillager@yahoo.com. All submissions will be reviewed by the editors and published subject to space available and subject matter.

Election Officers Needed!

The Office of Elections is currently recruiting voters to serve as Election Officers a few days a year, including the upcoming 2016 elections. Election Officers are needed at each of the 243 precincts in Fairfax County to run the polls and assist the voters. Training has begun for the General Election November 8th and will continue through September.

[View the “Being an Election Officer” Video](#)

[Listen to the Podcast “Need for Election Officers”](#)

In order to be an Election Officer, you must:

- ✓ Be fluent in English
- ✓ Be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- ✓ Be able to fulfill the Federal I-9 employment eligibility requirements
- ✓ Attend a 3-hour training class
- ✓ Arrive at the polling place at 5:00 am and remain until all work has been completed after the polls close at 7pm
- ✓ Have basic computer skills

The Election Officer’s main priority is to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election process. A typical Election Day consists of:

- arriving one hour before polls open to set up voting equipment
- hanging up pertinent signage
- preparing the polling room for voting
- processing voters throughout the day
- assisting with operating voting equipment and
- securing voting equipment and closing down the polling place at the end of the day.

Election Officers are offered a stipend of \$175 for serving a full day. We especially encourage bilingual citizens to serve as we need language assistance in many precincts. Residency in Fairfax County is not required.

It is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in the election process or public service, and we need civic-minded individuals to help make Election Day a success!

To apply, call the office at (703) 324-4735. You can also email (elect@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit the Office of Elections website (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm>) for more information.

Election Officers are also sometimes needed to work in the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) at the Government Center. For more information visit the CAP website (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/central_absentee.htm), email CAP (centralabsentee@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call the Office of Elections at (703) 324-7739.

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Selling Your Home?

If you are planning to sell your home, you need to request a disclosure package from the Association. A written request should be mailed to the address below, including the current owners' names, street address of the property, street address to which the disclosure package should be mailed, and a check for \$50 payable to Vantage Homes Association. Please permit a minimum of two weeks to process your request.

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Vantage Needs You!

Are you looking for a way to become more involved with your community? As you can see, Vantage has several vacancies for committees that are important to making our community a vibrant and welcoming place. Let one of the Directors know if you can help out!

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