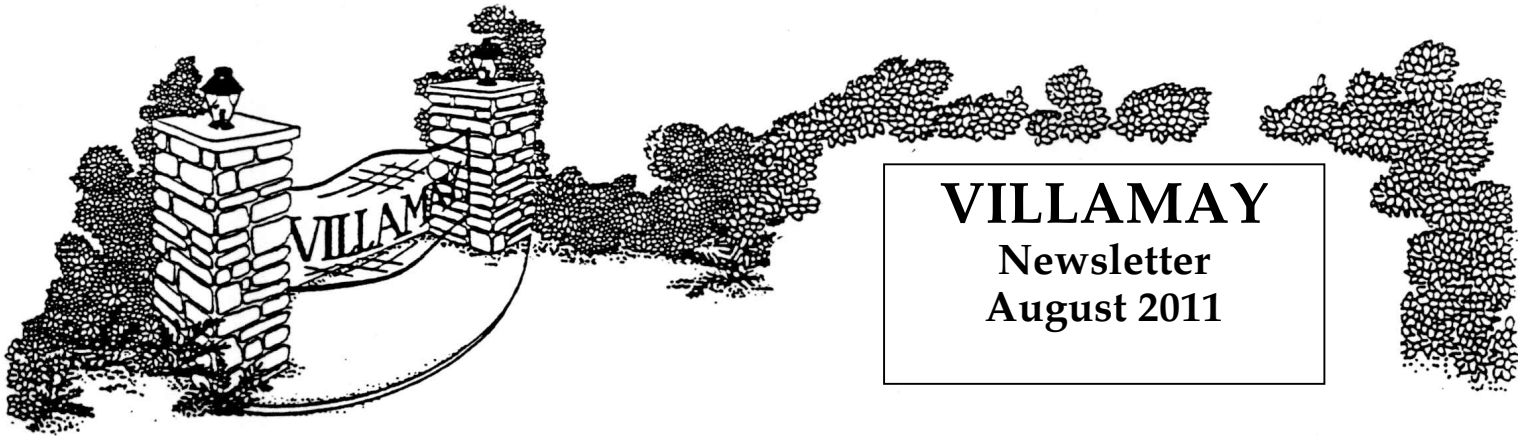

VILLAMAY
Newsletter
August 2011

President's Corner – Patti Heck

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over! Soon the children will be back in school and the days will be shorter and cooler!

I would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the new and returning members of the Villamay Board. In June, the Board hit the ground running with Covenants requests and the pending application by AT&T to build a cell tower in Lamond Park. The dedicated volunteers on the Villamay Cell Tower Committee has been busy working with Supervisor Hyland, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Planning Commission to craft the best solution to both provide better cell coverage for our neighborhood and keep the Lamond Park the way the Master Plan envisions. Villamay Cell Tower Committee updates will be sent out periodically via email, the Villamay website (Villamay.org) and by hand to those neighbors without access to email or the web. If you have any questions for the Villamay Cell Tower Committee, you can email villamaycellcommittee@gmail.com.

I would like to welcome all our new residents and invite everyone to come out support Villamay activities and meet your neighbors. Villamay is a friendly and desirable place to live and it grows stronger, more vibrant and valuable when we get to know our neighbors. So come to the activities and bring a neighbor to support Villamay!

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Board of Directors!

We are grateful to these people for volunteering their time and effort to our community:
Patti Heck, President
Chris Herndon, Vice President
Bryan Oakeley, Treasurer
Frank Fuller, Secretary
Joan Baughan, Director
Susan Wiltsie, Director
Denise Henry, Director (Social)
Vacant, Director
Trish Pacious, Past President

Thanks also to the following people for volunteering to serve as principal committee heads: **Steve Markle**, Park Liaison; **Marjorie Spires,** Welcoming New Neighbors; **Lea Ekman,** Covenants; **Denise Henry**; Social; **Jay Pacious**, Security; and **Lisa Aramony**, Communications/website.

Special thanks to our neighbors who volunteer time to represent our community interests with the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association: **Sam Wood, Charlie Dale** and **Jan Speakman and our** volunteers on the Villamay Cell Tower Committee**.**

From the Treasurer – Bryan Oakeley

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully paid your dues over the years! Burtonwood Court had 100% participation again for the year '10-'11 with Ft. Hunt Road and Valon Court a close second and third. This year we hope to again have a strong show of support. Dues not only pay for the social events, they also pay for the newsletters, new resident greetings, landscaping at the neighborhood entrance, dues to the MVCCA and many other things.

If you are not already a member, please consider joining the Villamay Community Association by filling out the short form at the end of this newsletter. Please include a $50.00 check, and deliver to **Bryan Oakeley** at 7415 Admiral Drive.

Building? Contact our Covenants Chair Lea Ekman

If you are considering making improvements to the exterior of your property, including adding fences or doing construction, please review the covenants in the back of your directory, speak with your neighbors and call Lea Ekman at 571.277.0960, or email her at lea.ekman@ferc.gov. Lea will help guide you in the required steps to take and, if necessary, contact the board of directors on your behalf. You must receive prior written approval and no work is to be started without first getting approval from the Villamay Community Association.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Labor Day Picnic – Monday, September 5 at 4:00pm
- Villamay Fall Yard Sale – Saturday, October 22, 8am-12
- Halloween Party -- Pizza and Games – Monday, October 31 at 4:30pm LaRond Court

Fourth of July

We had a new route for the Parade this year led by a really cool car (and cool neighbor, Jim Lake). The kids headed down Burtonwood to the Park entrance where they enjoyed popsicles and face painting. Thanks to all those who came out to cheer the bikes on! Many thanks to Denise Henry and the Social Committee for making these events happen.

Labor Day Picnic

The Annual Labor Day Picnic is scheduled for Monday, September 5th at the Lamond Park from 4:00 – 7:00. Look for the sandwich boards at Villamay entrances soon for more details.

Villamay Soiree

There is renewed interest in reviving the Villamay Soiree. The Soiree is a great winter event for adults to socialize with old friends and make some new ones. If there are any neighbors willing to host and share their lovely home, please contact Patti Heck at 703.768.3564.

Greetings - New Neighbors

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been officially welcomed, please call **Marjorie Spires** at 703-660-6789. Marjorie will bring you a Villamay directory, welcome packet and other information about our community. If you are aware of a new neighbor who has not been welcomed, please contact Marjorie and let her know!

Welcome New Families

When you are out and about, please make sure to say hello to our new neighbors:

Peter & Jane Daly -- Burtonwood Dr.
Woody Davis & Dori Boulden--Gatewood Dr.
Ken & Laura Sibley--Gatewood Dr.
Peter Insani -- LaRonde Ct.
Scott & Mary Johnson -- Marine Dr.
Dale & Elizabeth Conwell -- Park Terrace
Mike and Corey Thomas -- Park Terrace
William & Valerie Owenby -- Park Terrace

Neighborhood Etiquette

In order to preserve the wonderful aesthetics and property values of Villamay the Board would like to remind everyone of a few things.

There have been several complaints about pet waste left in yards and on walkways. Please be considerate of our neighbors and pick up after your pet when walking the neighborhood. In addition to being unlawful **NOT** to pick up after your dog, pet waste is unhealthy for other dogs and those of us who unknowingly step in it and track it home. Pet waste degrades slowly and is not fertilizer. Leaving pet waste only encourages other dogs to mark that spot. So PLEASE be considerate of all Villamay neighbors and pick up after your pooch!

Please watch your speed! We are still having a problem with speeding on our streets. All of our streets are experiencing a high number of speeders – some from our own neighborhood! Please watch the speed especially on the down hills!

Mondays are garbage days but please don't put your garbage cans out before 6pm on Sunday evening. Please call for special pick-ups for large or oversized items. AAA phone number is 703.818.8222. You can also visit their website www.aaatrash.com.

After a spate of break-ins, please remember to keep car doors locked and all personal items out of sight. Keep all doors and windows locked (even if your garage door is down!). Report (to the non-emergency police number) any suspicious cars, people or activity. The non-emergency phone number is 703-691-2131. Keep your eyes and ears open and don't be afraid to report something; better to be safe than sorry.

Needed: Weed Warriors

Have you noticed that exotic invasive vines (porcelain berry, oriental bittersweet, ivy, etc.) are taking over the trees along the George Washington Parkway? This summer it seems worse than ever, and the longer it continues, the more trees and habitat will be lost.

Members of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations' Environment and Recreation Committee have arranged to receive the National Park Service training to become certified WEED WARRIORS. It will be held at NPS Headquarters at Turkey Run Park, starting at 10 a.m. and running until 2 p.m. on Saturday SEPTEMBER 10TH. After training, several workdays during the fall (when it's cooler) will be scheduled to tackle a small section along the Parkway. In these days of budget cuts, it's more important than ever that we step up to volunteer--there aren't enough funds in the NPS budget to cover all of the work that is needed to maintain our national parks.

If you are interested please email Betsy Martin (betsy@folhc.org)

Neighborhood News

Do you have old computers or monitors you'd like to recycle but are not sure how to do it? Fairfax County residents can recycle television, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives, etc. – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. The Electric Sunday recycling program is a free service to Fairfax County residents. The next few Electric Sundays are:

September 25 – I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. in Lorton

October 23 – I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

November 20 -- I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

The VCA is still looking for a few good men and women. If you would like to volunteer some time and help the community, please contact Patti Heck at 703.768.3564. There are several positions that need willing hands.

If you have any news to share in our next newsletter, please call Patti Heck at 768-3564 or email it to pheck@crossroadsmedia.tv. We will make every effort to include all the latest information.

Villamay Community Association Annual Dues Notice

Please remember that your Villamay Community Association dues of $50 should be paid annually. The association's fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31.

Some of the many things your dues help provide:
Community Directory * Newsletter * Website
Neighborhood Beautification * Holiday Decorations
Sign & Curb Painting * New Neighbor Welcome Gifts
Garage Sale Ads * Labor Day Party * Halloween Party
Easter Egg Hunt * 4th of July Parade* and More

Even if you don't take advantage of any of these benefits personally, please know that your annual dues help keep Villamay the family-friendly, well maintained, and highly sought after community where people want to live. (And that may just help increase or maintain your property value!) Thank you!

Please return to: Bryan Oakeley, Treasurer
7415 Admiral Drive
703.717.0953

2011/2012 Dues payment - $50.00 made payable to: *Villamay Community Association*

Name_____

Address_____

Today's Date_____ Check Number_____