

## Help Keep Falls Church Streams Clean

In urban areas like Falls Church, much of the land is covered by hard surfaces that don't allow rain water to naturally filter through the ground. So, where does rain water go when it runs off roofs, sidewalks, streets parking lots, and other hard surfaces? Water enters an underground network of pipes, collectively referred to as the storm drain system, through narrow openings at the sides of the streets known as storm drain inlets. The City of Falls Church has more than 1,000 inlets leading to 140,000 linear feet of pipe which flow directly to local streams **without treatment**.

Each storm drain inlet in the City is marked with a "No Dumping" marker to remind citizens that whatever goes into the inlet will end up in one of the two local streams (Tripps Run or Four Mile Run) and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. In the past five years, more than 2,000 tons of debris has been cleaned out of the pipes in order to improve storm drain capacity and flow.

There are many steps residents can take to help reduce the amount of pollutants, debris, and trash entering local streams through the storm drain system.

- **Clean Up After Your Dog** - Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and must not go into streams.
- **Don't Be an Oil Drip** - Fix vehicle oil leaks and NEVER dump used oil. Recycle oil at the I-66 Fairfax County



Transfer Station (4618 W. Ox Rd.) for free or check with local service stations.

- **Don't Over-Fertilize** - Read labels carefully and apply the correct amount or spread a thin layer of leaf compost on lawns. Fertilize in the fall (if at all)!
- **Reduce Chemicals** - Don't use toxic weed killers and pesticides.
- **Free of Debris** - Keep debris, including litter, cigarette butts, leaves and yard waste off the street and away from storm drains.
- **Dump No Waste** - Only rain belongs in storm drains.
- **Hire Reputable Contractors** - Paint waste, concrete truck rinse water and other construction waste should NEVER be dumped into a storm drain.

If you see a storm drain inlet in need of a marker, please note the closest street address and call the Department of Environmental Services, Engineering and Construction Division, 703-248-5080 (TTY 711).

### **Dumping into storm drains and streams is illegal!**

To report non-hazardous stream pollution or for information call the Engineering and Construction Division, 703-248-5080 (TTY 711).

To report a hazardous spill (gas, oil, chemical) call 911.

## FY11 Budget Town Hall this Saturday

City Manager Wyatt Shields will hold a town hall meeting this Saturday, April 10 to discuss his proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 (runs July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011). City residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions. The meeting gets underway at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Copies of the proposed budget and Capital Improvements Program are available on the City Web site, [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov), and at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, 120 N. Virginia Ave.

### **FY11 Budget Schedule**

- April 10:** Budget Town Hall, 10 a.m., Community Center
- April 12:** 2nd Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- April 26:** 3rd Public Hearing and FY11 Budget Adoption, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

View the complete schedule, including work sessions and meeting locations and times, at [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov).

### **E-mail Your Budget Comments**

Send general government budget suggestions to [budget@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:budget@fallschurchva.gov). Correspondence submitted to this e-mail will be reviewed by the City and considered for the FY11 Budget, and posted on the City Web site.

## Beautify Your Yard with a Free Street Tree

City residents, would you like to add value to your property with a free tree? The Neighborhood Tree Program volunteers will plant trees on Saturday, April 10. If you would like a tree planted in your yard contact the City Arborist at 703-248-5183 or [jedwards@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:jedwards@fallschurchva.gov). The tree will be planted in the City's right-of-way or within 15 feet of the street.

## Sign up for e-FOCUS

The e-FOCUS is the City's online newsletter that highlights the City's financial, environmental, transportation, economic development, public safety, and housing issues. Check it out or subscribe online at [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov).

## Recycling Extravaganza Set for April 24

Bring unwanted items to Semi-Annual Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity for the community to bring electronics (including computers, printers, scanners, TVs and more), cell phones, clothing and textiles, bicycles, printer cartridges, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and medical supplies for recycling, reuse, or donation. Residents may also bring up to three file boxes of personal documents for secure shredding, at no charge! For a complete list of acceptable items and more information, visit [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov).

## Submit Artwork to the Art Show & Sale

The 6th Annual Falls Church Art Show & Sale is scheduled for April 23-24.

**Call for entries!** City residents of all ages are invited to submit original artwork to the show (limit three submissions per person). Photography, paintings (watercolor, oil, or acrylic), and drawings (pencil or pastel) of any size will be accepted. Submissions can be framed or unframed.

All artwork may be submitted to the Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., beginning Monday, April 19 and no later than noon on Friday, April 23.

For more information, visit [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov) or call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

## Spring Cleanup April 17

Don't forget to include the City of Falls Church in your spring cleaning plans. The Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Services Council invites you to join in the fun of working together to help keep the City a beautiful community!

### **Saturday, April 17**

**10:30 a.m. – noon**

Rain or shine!

Meet at the front of the Community Center (223 Little Falls St.)

### **Free picnic lunch to follow!**

Call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711) to register.

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**APRIL 2010**

- 10 Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon
- Budget Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- 12 Yard Waste, Bundled Brush and Special Collections
- City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Housing Commission, 7 p.m.
- 14 General District Court, In Session
- Cable Access Board, 7 p.m.
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation, 7:30 p.m.
- City Council Appointments Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Federal Taxes Due
- Human Services Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:30 p.m.
- City Council Budget Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Environmental Services Council, 7:30 p.m.

## Questions or Comments?

City of Falls Church, Harry E. Wells Building  
300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046  
703-248-5003 (TTY 711)

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