

Franklin News



Franklin Area Citizens Association



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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

FACA ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 12th at 7:30 pm

Vinson Hall 5th Floor Penthouse

Featured Speakers:

John Foust, Supervisor Dranesville District

Admiral Kathleen Martin, CEO Vinson Hall

Officer Patrick Lucas, Fairfax Police

Become a FACA Member Today!

We need your help! Support your fellow neighbors in continuing the work of the Franklin Area Citizens Association. Please join together with us as we work to represent the best interests of our unique and special community.

Please support our community and join today!

Join FACA

Annual Dues—Just \$20 a Year per Household.

Please complete this membership and mail to: FACA Treasurer, 1872 Virginia Ave. McLean, VA 22101

Kindly make checks payable to: Franklin Area Citizens Association

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Neighborhood Interests (let us know what interests you)

Trees _____

Traffic _____

Other _____

Notes from the President of the Franklin Area Citizens Association

Dear Franklin Area Friends and Neighbors:

This is to extend a warm invitation to attend the Franklin Area Citizens Association's (FACA) Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th at 7:30 pm at Vinson Hall, 5th Floor Penthouse. The featured speakers this year are the Honorable John Foust our Dranesville Supervisor. John will be speaking on current issues and is looking forward to your questions. We are also privileged to have RADM Kathleen Martin, CEO of Vinson Hall to speak on the modernization and expansion of Vinson Hall. She is also offering a mini tour for those interested at the end of our meeting. In addition, Officer Patrick Lucas, a crime prevention officer of the McLean Police District will give a briefing highlighting the importance of establishing a Neighborhood Watch to keep our neighborhood safe. Anyone wishing to join the neighborhood watch can speak to Gaby Greenwald who will be available at the meeting with the details.

Since its establishment in 1914, FACA, a voluntary organization has supported protection of residential areas, safe streets and preservation of the environment. FACA helps neighbors in a variety of issues such as planning and zoning, land use, community services, and interacting with the county government. FACA's projects are determined by its Board Members based on the needs of all neighbors. The Board is composed of volunteer neighbors and always welcomes new members.

We welcome new Board Members. Maybe that is you! If you are interested in joining the Board, please email me at president@franklinarea.org so that I can include your name on the slate of nominees. The Board meets the second Tuesday of every other odd month in Vinson Hall at 8pm. In the past year FACA has:

- ✓ Gone green by posting FACA News, community and meeting notes, and a new comprehensive FACA Neighbors Directory on the FACA website at www.franklinarea.org
- ✓ Negotiated mitigating measures with Vinson Hall regarding their planned expansion.
- ✓ Requested our Supervisor to support a legislative initiative regarding zoning enforcement reform and the establishment of a Fairfax Inspector General.
- ✓ Implemented traffic calming measures for greater traffic safety.
- ✓ Created a subsidy program to encourage the planting of trees to renew our urban forest.
- ✓ Worked to reconstitute a Neighborhood Watch with the McLean Police Station in an effort to raise safety awareness and eliminate crime.
- ✓ Funded and organized the Centennial Celebration of our neighborhood in May 2009. Please visit our website to purchase the beautiful Franklin Area Centennial stamps.

I hope you will join your neighbors at the Annual Meeting,

With best wishes,

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