



# Middleridge News

Reaching 578 Homes and Families

April 2011

## Middleridge Civic Association

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## Moments with Mary

By Mary Vander Maten, MCA President

Signs of spring: daffodils and flowering trees, warmer weather, and plans for Middleridge activities! Double check pages of this newsletter for regular community cleanups, Easter Egg Hunt and Plant Swap/Share in April, Shredding Event and Membership Meeting in May, Movie Night in June, and Tour of Homes in July. Thanks to those of you already helping out with these events, or considering volunteering for the event. Be sure to keep an eye on the website for schedules, but you have to scroll down past the great pictures and stories to get

there!

Speaking of volunteering, many, many thanks to Laura Jaumillot for so wonderfully and faithfully welcoming new residents with a basket and a smile! We have some new volunteers to welcome new neighbors, and we will post their names as soon as we finalize the committee.

We encourage all of our seniors as they complete their last year in high school. We will award Middleridge Scholarships to some special seniors at our May 5 General Membership meeting and we look

**Many thanks to Laura Jaumillot for her dedication to welcoming new neighbors!**

forward to that wonderful time.

There is one more item. . . spring means more children out playing, and neighbors crossing streets to chat with friends. Please keep

your car speed to 25MPH in our community. I have had distressed residents call and email me about people speeding dangerously. . . someone actually got hit by an aggressive driver; thankfully not seriously this time. It is not worth the extra second or two to put our families and pets in jeopardy!!

## Debi Corbatto—She lives here and helps many!

“The Washington Post Magazine” featured an article on one of our very own—Debi Corbatto! Congratulations Debi and thanks for all that you do. Debi is an athletic trainer at George Mason University.

You can read the great article that “The Washington Post Magazine” wrote about Debi at

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/first-person-singular-gmu-athletic-trainer-debi-corbatto/2011/03/01/AFPqh8VB\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/first-person-singular-gmu-athletic-trainer-debi-corbatto/2011/03/01/AFPqh8VB_story.html)

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## Middleridge Women's Club

**APRIL 19, 2011 7:30 P.M.**

**"WINE TASTING"**



**You are invited for a fun evening of socializing and tasting a variety of wines!**

**Please bring a bottle of wine (preferably \$7 or less). Have the wine in a bag and/or the label covered. We will taste and rate the wines.**

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**Hope to see you April 19<sup>th</sup>!**

*April Showers Bring May Flowers*

## Reminder—April 30 is Plant Share Day

By John Snyder, Plant Share Coordinator, Middleridge Resident

With this issue of the newsletter, we're only a few weeks away from this year's Plant Share. I don't know about your yard but the warmer weather and those frequent showers are certainly encouraging everything to grow – grass, perennials, even the weeds.

Now's the time to start looking at your planting beds to see what has survived the snow and ice of this winter and what plants have started to exceed its boundary space. Have those hostas just taken over that entry way? Is your ground cover hiding your walk to the side yard? Don't just dig up the excess and throw it away. Consider sharing it with your neighbors.

That's where the Annual Plant Share comes in. On Saturday, April 30, we will hold a plant share in front of the tennis courts off Governor Yeardley Drive. You can pot them, bag 'em or just wrap them in newspa-

per and bring them by. The cardboard lids from a copier paper box works well, too. If you'd rather pot them up but don't have any, give me a call – I'll share what I have. We'll have plastic bags available that morning to take your new additions home, if you need them.

It is not a requirement that you have plants to share to take something home. The goal is to get these plants to a new home so others may enjoy them, rather than just recycling them through composting or throwing them in the trash. It also helps our neighbors save money and allows for low-cost gardening experimentation. If the new plant doesn't work out, all you've lost is a little time and energy. If a perennial works out, you've saved yourself \$5 to \$20 per plant. In years past, we have had such things as garden vegetable plants and annual bedding plants, or vines and small trees

or ornamental grasses.

For those bringing plants, if you know the plant's common name and something about the place they grow best in, that's a plus but not a requirement. We usually have a few people in attendance that know their landscaping and native plants pretty well, and they can usually help out. We try to group the plants by the amount of sunlight they need each day – "full sun" (8 hours or more), "partial shade" (4 to 8 hours) and "heavy shade".

The purpose of the event is to **share with our neighbors**. So start checking your gardens and flower beds to see what needs thinning and don't throw them out. Save them for the Plant Share. If you have any questions about the Plant Share logistics or need more information on what goes on, don't hesitate to call me, John Snyder (703-278-0489) or send me a note at BBDHelp@aol.com. Hope to see you on Saturday, April 30 (rain date is May 7).



Share with the neighbors on Saturday, April 30.

## March Executive Board Meeting Minutes

By Tim Harazin—MCA Secretary

**Call to Order:** 7:32pm

**Members Present:** Mary Vander Maten (President), Rick Jones (Vice President), Al Obuchowski and Sandy Obuchowski (Membership Co-Chairs), Paul Armstrong (Treasurer and Webmaster), Greg Summer (neighborhood watch co-chair), Catie Morales (past president) and Tim Harazin (Secretary)

**Minutes:** from February 3, 2010

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Armstrong; total assets on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> \$17,221.42

no bill from Fairfax federation of citizens—Rick Jones will check on this

**Membership Committee:** Al and Sandy Obuchowski

410 current members (out of 578 homes)

Carol Stiller--survey of non-members--no update

**Continuing Business—Events**

scholarship committee--Sheryl Baer has agreed to chair and recruit volunteers

the application will be added to MCA website; deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>

Easter egg hunt—Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (before Palm Sunday)2:00pm

Catie has over 800 eggs and will fill them on Sat April 9<sup>th</sup>

Call Catie Morales if you want to help fill eggs (this is a service project opportunity)

neighborhood watch—Tim Hish and Greg Summer (Summer reporting)

new flashlight has been purchased

volunteers scheduled until the middle of April

trying to set up a training session for volunteers

an online calendar is being

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Middleridge Easter Egg Hunt



## Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Children 14 & Under may participate in the Egg Hunting!

Everybody can participate in the Goodies!

Hunt begins at 2:00pm

Middleridge Park

## Come & Enjoy the Fun!

**NOTE: There is NO rain date for this event!**



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As we begin to see the hints of the spring to come, we are all spending more time outdoors.

Please remember that our children and pets deserve our greatest care!

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# Do you like Movies?

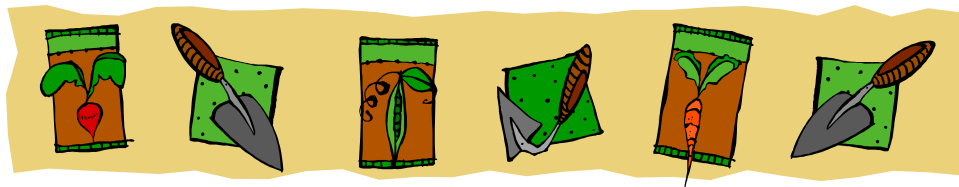
This year's Movie Night will be **June 25th**.

It's an evening of great fun so please consider being a part of it. We need some folks that would like to coordinate this event.

If you would like to chair or co-chair this fun event please contact Mary Vander Maten at **president@middleridgecivicassociation.org**

***Help us keep great things happening in Middleridge!***

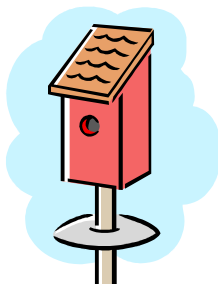
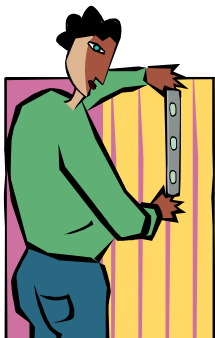
# Middleridge Tour of Homes and Gardens



When: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The Middleridge Civic Association is looking for members who would like to share either their “remodeling projects” or “green thumb” ... or maybe both with the community.

If you have a remodeling project, outside space/garden or BOTH to display, please either contact Mary Vander Maten at 703-278-9325 or Linda Martin at 703-293-9734.



## February Executive Board Meeting Minutes

(Continued from page 3)

investigated

feed the firefighters—February 26<sup>th</sup>

thanks to Jessica for organizing this event

went well; nice article in the newsletter

neighbor helping neighbor

no requests for help; keep up communication about friends and neighbors who need help

shredding event—Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-1:00pm

this event will be held at the park entrance for paper; but also CDs, PDAs, and cell phones

free for members and \$5 for non-members

Middleridge movie night—Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (confirmed)

Carolyn Ford has offered to chair the movie night

the movie is still to be decided

tour of homes/gardens—TBD during summer (early July on a Saturday)

Mary Vander Maten will be the chair of this event; Linda Martin will help again

already have some homes; we want to get some inside tours and some outside tours

national night out—Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Catie and Steve Morales have rented an ice cream truck for the event

we may order a tent or two for this and other events

### Continuing Business—Issues

FC neighborhood enhancement Partnership Program

our project was selected! (out of 45 projects)

2 letterboard signs—  
Middlegate and Paynes Church entrances

the grant is for \$1900 (we will match this amount in funds and volunteer hours)

Tim Harazin will attend a meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> about details of the grant

we may tie the completion to the homes/gardens tour date

liability insurance—for MCA officers, volunteers and events

Nationwide was chosen—  
insurance is in their hands; we'll get it next week

patriotic banners have been lost and new ones will be purchased

speeding signs VDOT called

Mary Vander Maten will request the signs

landscaping (Mowing and Towing)

Rick Jones and Paul Armstrong will be the points of contact for issues

nominating committee (for MCA officer elections in May)

send any nominations to Al Obuchowski

entrance signs—damage from falling tree and broken branches

branches have been picked up

Rick will look into some brick damage and cracks in the cement pineapples

community service chair

a new community service chair is needed—a high school sophomore, junior or senior

the job is to help organize service opportunities and be a contact for other students

### New Business

fundraiser request on website—  
approval was given to post the following on the website

St. Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer research

discussed changing the membership form to an opt-out format for e-mail updates

make clear on next membership drive

use website to explain all options on the membership form

all night high school graduation parties

we generally fund local schools—Robinson SS, TJHSST, and Paul VI HS (\$1,200 total)

requests received from Robinson SS and TJHSST; waiting to hear from Paul VI HS

current amount in all night grad party fund \$1,194.24

add \$5.76 to make the amounts even  
motion & second—Rick and Tim; approved

**Adjournment:** at 8:51

**Place of next meeting:** April 7, 2011 at 7:30pm location—Paul Armstrong's home

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## Middleridge Civic Association General Membership Meeting

### May 5, 2011



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 ing in the community. We will also hold our annual  
 board member elections.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, please  
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## Neighborhood Watch

By Tim Hish, Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair

Our Middelridge Neighborhood Watch Program continued to be strong this past month with help from the Bayer, Mayhew, Paine, Armstrong, Vander Maten and Campbell families who continued the patrols. For those that would like to assist in patrols in the community, we're happy to announce that a training session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 7pm in the Laurel Hill Clubhouse (8380 Laurel Crest Drive down by South County High School). The training session will be given by Fairfax County Police and is specifically meant as an awareness training session for those that want to contribute to their own neighborhood watch. This particular session is open to everyone.

In addition to the tips from previous bulletins, we'd like to also make

folks aware that with the warmer temperatures, there are a few additional things to consider:

1. Remember to close and lock your windows and doors, especially the sliding glass doors, which we might open during the day or evening for a nice breeze. Having been closed for the last few months, these are the easiest to forget when we go to bed or out for the day.

2. A nice bike ride on a Saturday or Sunday is a great way to enjoy the weather, but remember to lock or store your bicycles in the evening. Bicycles left unattended at night have been prime targets for night time thefts in this neighborhood and others in the area.

3. Be mindful of the many window solicitors in the neighborhood. While many of them may be honest hard-working people, opening your door to a stranger gives them an opportunity

to look through your home and see your valuables. Asking them to give a quick quote from an outside view and then rescheduling for an appointment later gives you time to research the company and prevents prying eyes.

For more information and tips, we encourage everyone to read the Weekly Information Bulletin published by the West Springfield Station and which can be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>. You can also go to the website and register for automatic notification when the latest edition comes out.

Thanks and stay safe.

We'd also like to give a special thanks to Jason Reynolds who came out during one of our last rain storms and helped clear a fallen tree from the road. Thanks for keeping our roads clear and safe!

## Community Events

Press Release from Caroline Warren with BalletNoVA Center for Dance

### **“Dance Dreams in Black & White” For BalletNova Spring Performance**

**Performance to Include Alumnae  
Mary Beth Hansohn**

*March 9, 2011, Falls Church,*

VA: BalletNova presents its Spring Performance on **Friday, April 28 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 PM** at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre (125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington, VA). Entitled “Dance Dreams in Black & White,” the performance features several dance works in both ballet and modern dance: the “Dream Scene from Don Quixote” and “A Moment to Muse” (both choreographed by Nancie

Woods); “City Thoughts” by Constance Walsh; and “Unnatural Selection” choreographed by alumnae Mary Beth Hansohn and husband James Graber.

### **Dream Scene from Don Quixote**

Originally staged for The Center Dance Company by Louisville Ballet principals Elizabeth Hartwell and Clark Reid in 1997. After tilting at the windmill, the injured Don Quixote rests on the grass and has a fantastic dream of his beloved Dulcinea.

### **A Moment to Muse**

Choreography - Nancie Woods  
Pianist: Linda Ng

A neo-classical abstract ballet for 5 female dancers accompanied by a Solo pianist.

### **Unnatural Selection**

Choreography - Mary Beth Hansohn

and James Graber

A contemporary ballet pas de deux created by BalletNova (formerly Arlington Center for Dance/Center Dance Company) alumnae Mary Beth Hansohn and husband James Graber.

### **City Thoughts – World Premiere**

Choreography - Constance Walsh  
An inventive look at a dancer's life in New York – experimenting with styles, falling in love, and a humorous look at dealing with the overwhelming pace of the New York scene.

Tickets are very affordable - \$4 - \$23, with student/senior discounts, and are available at [www.BalletNova.org](http://www.BalletNova.org) or at the BalletNova studio at 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, VA. For more information please call 703-778-3008, email [info@BalletNova.org](mailto:info@BalletNova.org), or refer to the website at [www.BalletNova.org](http://www.BalletNova.org).



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## Audubon At Home March, 2011

By Sarah Mayhew, Middleridge Resident, Virginia Master Naturalist

There is so much happening in the natural world in April! Greening of the deciduous trees, spring wildflowers bursting out of the forest floor, tree flowers bursting out above, birds calling, frogs calling, some birds migrating out of our area, as others migrate into our area. Early nesting birds are even feeding young already. Not to mention that I'm finally used to daylight savings time and can enjoy the mornings again! April is definitely the time to get out of the house and enjoy what nature has to offer us right here in Fairfax.

There are several news items I would like to pass along to you. On Sunday, March 27, I worked with several volunteers at the invasive plant removal site in Woodglen Lake Park that was first monitored for invasive plants in 2006. Over the past five years, we removed many bags of English Ivy, Japanese Honey-suckle, Multiflora Rose and other non-native alien plants that had smothered one corner of the park. On March 27, we managed to find some spots where the ivy had come back from roots, but most of that study area was *totally clear of English Ivy*. Instead, we found Spring Beauty wildflowers coming into bloom. A very local success story.

Moving to the county level, Fairfax has been certified a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). This voluntary certification shows that a number of residents, businesses and public institutions have chosen to recognize that we share our land with birds, insects

and other wildlife and resolved to treat the land in an environmentally friendly way. Seeking to certify your yard or business property as a wildlife habitat is a good way to learn about nature. Walk around your property and imagine what kinds of animals might live there. Do you provide food, such as a plant with berries? Do you provide cover and a place where they can raise their young? Do you have a water source available for animals? Do you minimize the toxic chemicals you use on your property? If so, you may already qualify for the NWF Wildlife Habitat program. If you aren't even sure what some of these terms mean (for example, cover in this context is neither a wool blanket nor backup artillery fire), it is easy to learn more from either the NWF or the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia. For more information on how you can make your property part of the Fairfax NWF Community Wildlife

**Keep cats inside during baby bird season and brake for our turtles.**

Habitat, visit the federation's website, [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org). To compare the NWF Wildlife Habitat program with the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia's similar Wildlife Sanctuary program, visit [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org) and click on "Audubon At Home."

April and May are prime time for adding some native plants to your yard that will benefit the specific types of wildlife you would like to observe more frequently. For example, if you really like songbirds, plant some berry-producing bushes or plant caterpillar host plants for your favorite butterfly so the adults will come to your yard to lay their eggs *and* you

will get to see the young emerge, too. That's a double-butterfly-bang for your buck. It is frustrating trying to locate native plants at most of the local garden centers. I have compiled a list of 9 plant sales hosted by local nonprofits in April and early May that will have many native plants for sale. Some of these sales include native plants grown from local seed sources, thus offering plants well adapted to our climate. The list is too long to reproduce here, so if you would like a copy, please send me an email ([sarah.mayhew@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.mayhew@yahoo.com)) and I'll reply with the list.

**SHORT NOTES: KEEP CATS INSIDE** during baby bird season – especially May and June. If you must let them out, do so later in the morning and bring them in before dinner, as birds are most actively feeding early in the morning and in the evening. A recent article in the New York Times stated that more birds are killed by cats than by wind turbines or other mechanical means. It really adds up. One study showed that so many baby Catbirds, a very common songbird related to Mockingbirds, were killed by cats that the population was not able to maintain itself.

**PLEASE BRAKE FOR TURTLES:** Box turtles will soon be emerging from hibernation. They can live to be 100 years old, and their ability to close up inside their shell has saved them from many predators. Their domed shell, however, is no match for an automobile. If you can safely stop, please place the box turtle on the far side of the road in the direction in which it was traveling. If we don't protect them, there may be no gentle box turtles in Fairfax for future generations to enjoy.



# SHEILA AND ANN HAVE DONE IT AGAIN



## ANOTHER SATISFIED CLIENT!



It was my good fortune to have the best real estate agents in the entire area represent me on the recent sale of my property at 10803 Stanhope Place, Middleridge.

Sheila Adams and Ann Witherspoon couldn't have been more professional, accessible, and just plain nice. It is no wonder that they are #1 in Middleridge.

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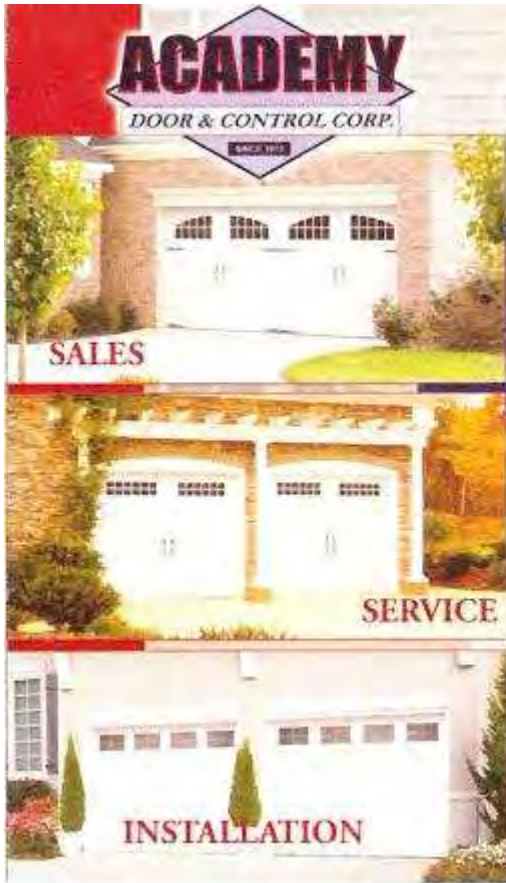
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## Enjoy Nature and Being Outside But Remember Safety

By Jessica Summer, Newsletter Editor

We worry about our children walking alone and being safe. We remind them of all that they should be cautious of when we are not with them. When it is late at night we sometimes remember safety precautions we should take for ourselves, but do we think about them during the day when we are alone?

I never want to do anything to cause alarm or upset folks in the community, however Carolyn Ford shared an article about safety on paths and our surrounding areas such as the dam, near the railroad tracks, and shopping center which I think may serve as a reminder to think about the safety of all of us.

The police advise that we should always carry our cell phones when we

are out walking. If you are interested in reading the article Carolyn shared with me you can find it at <http://burke.patch.com/articles/a-misadventure-on-a-trail-in-burke>

Enjoy the warmer weather (hopefully coming soon) and remember to think about your safety while you are out!

## Sad News—Turkey Update

By Jessica Summer, Middleridge Resident, Newsletter Editor

We had some very unlikely visitors in our neighborhood in December and January. There were many photos taken of these two feathered friends that decided to make a stop for a bit in Middleridge yards. I know that many folks stopped their cars, came outside, and enjoyed watching these two walk around and check us out. It was quite exciting!

It is with a very sad heart that I share an update with you regarding



these two turkeys. Unfortunately both were killed at different times on

our streets. They were hit by cars driving through the neighborhood.

Please be careful when driving through our streets and remember the speed limit is only 25 mph. It is always sad when we lose some of the beauty of nature that is all around us.

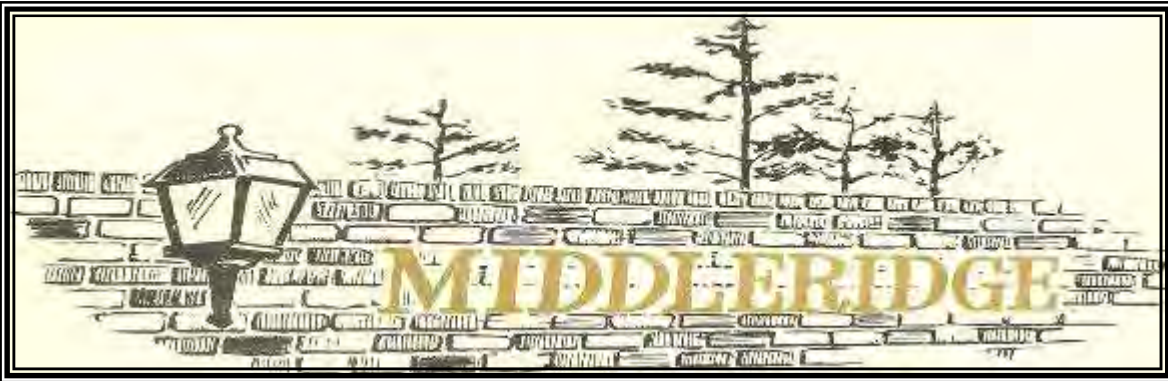
Take care and be safe!

## Spring Break is coming!!

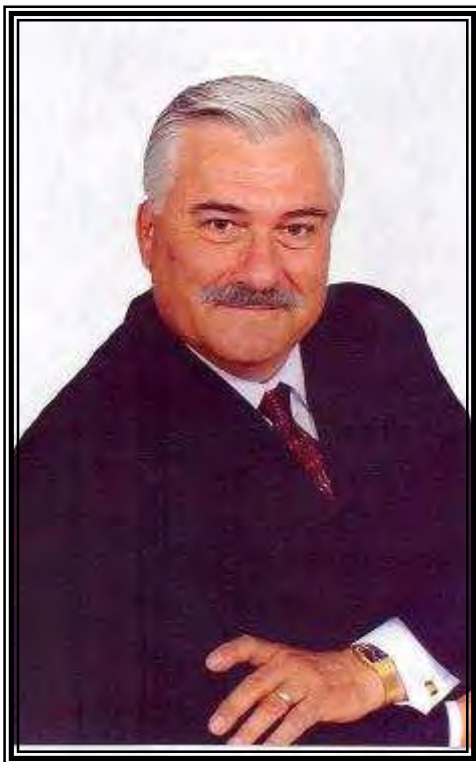
Do you have plans for a great trip, visiting family and friends, or just hanging out in Middleridge?



Share your story with the neighborhood. It is always fun and exciting to learn what is happening all around with friends and neighbors. And we often get great ideas from one another. Submit your story to Jessica Summer at [editor@middleridgecivicassociation.org](mailto:editor@middleridgecivicassociation.org) and see your story in the next newsletter!



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## News you can Crews!

By Dawn Smith

### Robinson Crew – First Place Champions

What's that sound on the water? What's that smell in the air? The Robinson Crew team must be preparing for another victory season! We always appreciate the outstanding support of our community and will be holding a spring fundraiser. The Robinson Crew Annual Plant Sale is coming so please consider purchasing one or more of our \$10 presale certificates for use at Burke Nursery and Garden Center, 9401 Burke Road, Burke on *Friday, May 6 from 10am-8pm*. 25% of all proceeds go directly to our team to help fund races and buy boats! Unlike other sports, Robinson Crew receives no funding from the school, and must raise the significant money



needed to field a highly competitive team. Contact Linda Beaver at lb37monchichi@yahoo.com, visit our website at robinsoncrew.com or see

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## Middleridge Civic Association and Fairfax Club Estates HOA

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When: Saturday, June 25



Movie will start when it is dark. Bring some drinks and chairs and enjoy an outdoor movie with your neighbors.

Popcorn will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event successful.

Please contact Mary Vander Maten at [president@middleridgecivicassociation.org](mailto:president@middleridgecivicassociation.org) if you can help.

## Spring Cleanup Big Success

By Sarah Mayhew, Middleridge Resident, Virginia Master Naturalist, Middleridge Cleanup Coordinator

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the spring 2011 clean up of our local parks, streams and lake shore was a big success. Cold temperatures did not deter the enthusiastic Girl Scouts,

neighbors and students completing service hours from showing up at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, to receive a bright orange trash bag and yellow recycle bag. Groups fanned out to pick up trash in their designated areas, returning at noon to report how much they found. The trend towards less trash continues, with plastic bottles once again the most abundant item.

We collected 12 bags of garbage. We also recycled 3 bags of clean plastic bottles and 1 bag of clean aluminum cans. The odd item found this time was an abandoned desktop computer. Electronics, such as this com-

puter with a unique "bottle drive" (see lower right corner of photo), contain toxic materials that can pollute the water and soil. Kudos to our student volunteers who carried this heavy and very muddy piece of junk out of

the stream and to our collection point. It will be safely recycled at an upcoming "Electric Sunday" event.

**Please thank our wonderful volunteers the next time you see them:**

**Neighbors and friends:** Sarah Mayhew (organizer), Court Gifford, Carolyn Ford, Vivian Klosk, Darlene Johnston, Alyse Johnston, Jim Carter, Marie Carter, Ashley Carter, Madeline Heintz, Sharon Larson, Jessie Anderson, Maryann Fox (Virginia



Master Naturalist in training); **Girl Scout Troop 4154:** Sandra Meyer, Laurel Meyer, Doris Wright, Erica Wright, Rachel Ziegler, Adelan Wermer, Amber Holmes,

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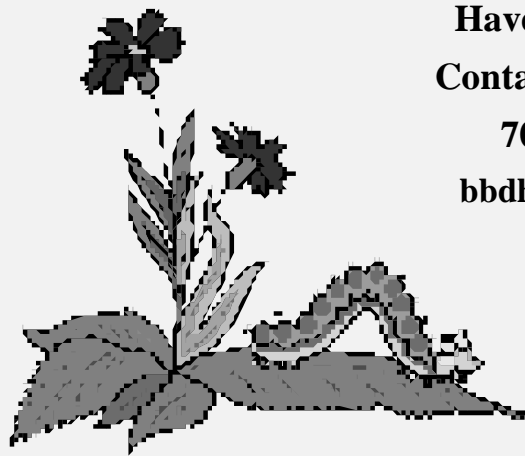
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**(Rain Date: Saturday, May 7)**

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<b>Every Month:</b>			
MCA Board Meeting: 1st Thursday of the month		Neighborhood Watch: Friday & Saturday nights	
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