

Southern Oaks Newsletter

March 2014

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2014 Board Meetings

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October—Annual Meeting

Community Communication

Remember to visit www.sohoa.org for our contact email, information relating to the Architectural Guidelines, trim colours, McCormick paint formulas, and the calendar. If you have any questions, our email address is info@sohoa.org.

Our monthly meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We meet at South County Middle School, Room A185. Please join us.

Community Awareness

Please remember:

- Parking is limited and we ask that you park no more than two cars in front of your home. If you have more cars, please use parking in the circle.
- The Board has one vacancy. If you are interested in being involved in the community, please contact the Board at info@sohoa.org for more information.
- The speed limit down Southern Oaks Place is 25 miles per hour. Please be aware of your speed. Watch out for walkers of all types.
- Concrete repair—The Board is looking at doing some concrete work in the coming months. This work will repair our sidewalks and make walking safer.
- The Board encourages all homeowners to remain vigilant and report all suspicious vehicles of persons to the Fairfax County Police Department Non-Emergency Line at 703-691-2131. Please remember, you can do a lot to help prevent theft in Southern Oaks simply by keeping your garage door closed, doors and cars locked, and exterior lights on.

Architectural Review Board (ARB)

The Architectural Review Board is a good way to be aware of the community. We are looking for new members to join the ARB. The time commitment is not extensive.

You are expected to participate in three walk-arounds between May and September. Our current ARB members will work with you on the ARB Guidelines and help you become familiar with issues.

The next walk around will take place in May. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact your ARB at arb@sohoa.org.

Lorton Landfill and EnviroSolutions (ESI) Green Energy Park

The Lorton Landfill is operated by EnviroSolutions (ESI). ESI's current contract expires in 2018. Currently, ESI is in discussion with Fairfax County regarding an extension of the current contract. There is a great deal of discussion from interested parties in the South County area. Below is information from South Run Coalition on pros and cons to the ESI Special Exemption Amendment Application.

Here are some links for you to review.

- <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdwf/4441474.pdf>
- www.esiwaste.com/tag/green-energy-Lorton-landfill-Fairfax-county-turbines-solar/
- <http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/article/20140207/OPINION/14209689&template=fairfaxTimes>
- www.closetortonlandfill.org

What is gained as identified by South Run Coalition if the ESI plan is approved:

- \$27.7+ million in cash benefits for local community needs.
- \$13+ million investment in renewable energy technology, parks and ball fields.
- Renewable energy park — unique to the United States
- Millions in revenue shared with Fairfax County taxpayers from wind and solar electricity sales.
- Education center for renewable energy at Lorton Workhouse Arts Center.
- Rebrands Lorton/South County Area from trash-industry corridor to new technologies center of excellence.
- Parkland for public use with amenities on neighboring ESI property.
- Potomac/Occoquan River overlook/observation post

- No mixed-waste truck-transfer/recycling facility in perpetuity.

- No added truck traffic on local roads.
- No increase in landfill's height.
- No tax payer funds required.

What is lost as identified by South Run Coalition if the ESI plan is not approved:

- \$89.5 million lost in expenditures, taxes and fees after landfill closure in 2018.
- \$15.1 million lost in in-kind services/resources (dredge soils, Habitat for Humanity, etc.).
- More waste facilities in Southern Fairfax County to replace the closed landfill.
- Landfill does not go away; it merely closes and recycling activity moves across the road.

- Significant truck traffic increase on our roads to/from new waste facilities.

- No rebranding our image. Lorton/South County Area remains as Fairfax County's industrial/trash corridor.
- Increased greenhouse gases and diesel fuel consumption due to more trucks.

- \$27.7 million lost in cash for local community needs.

Important dates

If you are interested, please attend the meetings below to hear more about this effort.

- February 27 at 8:15 pm— Fairfax County Planning Commission. Meeting in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center, 1200 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.
- March 25 at —Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Same location as the FCPC.