

# OWC NEWSLETTER

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## Renew 1998!

### Membership

Dear Members:

Because of reduced costs in 1997, we elected to forgo dues for 1997. Many Assns and individuals already paid their 1997 dues. We applied all such payments to membership fees for 1998.

Membership runs on a calendar year basis. We will accept 1998 fees at any time and ask that they be paid by Dec. 31, 1997.

**Contributions** beyond our Membership Fees have been and are appreciated. We are totally a volunteer organization and volunteers are not paid for their efforts. Please consider adding a contribution to assist in our overall collective efforts. Thank you.

Bill Cole

## OWC General Membership Meeting - November 20th

By Al Akers

The Occoquan Watershed Coalition General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Clifton Community Hall in Clifton.

This will be a significant meeting. We will elect new and renew terms of some directors and consider a change to the By-laws. Presentations will be made by Jim Chesley, Mayor of the Town of Clifton and Chairman of



the Springfield District Council, on "Applying Brakes to Traffic Growth", and by Jerry Sims and Capt Mike Bice from the Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries on "Deer and Deer

Management in Fairfax County." There will be an opportunity for questions.

We have invited Delegate Jay O'Brien, Chairman Kate Hanley, Supervisor Elaine McConnell, Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn, and County Executive Bob O'Neil.

Be certain your Association is represented. We need and want your input on these important issues.

Thursday, Nov 20th  
7:30 PM  
Clifton Community Hall

## Deer Management Survey

By Al Akers/Bill Cole

The tragic incident of the 49 year-old woman who died recently after her automobile collided with a Deer in the McLean area makes this meeting timely and of concern to us all. This matter was also discussed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) in their Board Meeting on Monday, October 27, 1997. After some discussion the BOS directed the County Staff to review the various findings and proposals relating to deer management and recommend appropriate actions to the Board within 30 days.

The speakers listed below, have experience with deer management and are knowledgeable about programs elsewhere in Virginia and in the United States. Overpopulation of deer is not just a Fairfax County problem, it is a Regional and National issue with approximately 500,000 vehicular/deer accidents yearly in the U.S.

Rick Busch, Assistant Director of Wildlife Division, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries

Jerry Sims, Wildlife Biologist Manager, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries

Captain Mike Bice, Law Enforcement Div., Dept. of

Game & Inland Fisheries Included with this Newsletter is a Deer Management Survey. This survey was developed from surveys previously used by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Services from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA and from the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Our objective is to obtain and collect experiences with deer from our membership in this region of the Springfield

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District. There is no quick fix or simple solution that will resolve deer-human conflicts. We appreciate that there are differing opinions on what should be done or whether we should simply do nothing. We further understand that there has been a contentious debate over how to curb or control the ever-growing population of deer. However, after compiling your responses we should have a better understanding of the overall membership's feelings and preferences regarding deer management alternatives that can or should be used in this area.

Your opinions and input are important. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it. Your comments and opinions will be included in a summary report that will be presented at the OWC General Membership Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Please complete enclosed survey and  
Return it by mail by November 14th**

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