Mantua PTA Alert News

May 2, 2006

MCA & Mantua PTA are co-sponsoring a meeting to review the final design plan for a proposed sidewalk from Lido to Horner Court. The sidewalk design will be on display for review and every property owner is invited to come and speak. Supervisor Smyth and Department of Public Works staff will be there to explain what has to be accomplished for installation. See you there!

Thursday, May 4, 7:30pm at Mantua Elementary School Cafeteria.

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD PROJECT - ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION

Junior Girl Scout, Laura Braun, is working on her Bronze Award. She is collecting items for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Items such as towels, washcloths, flat sheets, blankets, pillow cases, bathmats, crates, carriers, litterpans, pet toys and unopened canned or dry food are needed. There will be a box marked "Animal Shelter Collection" in the school lobby from May 1 through May 22. Please consider donating an item to this worthy cause. Thank you for your donations! - Laura Braun

KIDS CARE CLUB

RACCOON RUN – the race will take place on Saturday, May 13th – 8 am for the 1Mile Fun Run/Walk and 8:30 am for the 5K. Much thanks to our sponsors Mantua Neighborhood Realtors Anne and Sarah Harrington of Long and Foster, Glory Days Restaurant, The Christopher Companies, the Hunter Family and Burke Family Practice. All proceeds will benefit INOVA Fairfax Hospital Life With Cancer. Registration forms can be found on line at **raccoonrun.mantuapta.org**. If you need further information, you can call (703)426-2490.

KIDS CARE CLUB – Our next meeting is Thursday, May 11th from 3:30 – 4:30 in the cafeteria. We will help stuff packets for the Raccoon Run so mark your calendar so you can come help us! Questions, call Patti Taheri at (703) 280-2262 or Donna McGrath at (703)246-9232,

LOST & FOUND – Please check for any lost items your child may have left on the playground, in the gym, or out in the fields. The nice weather is upon us so many coats, sweatshirts and sweaters have made their way to the lost and found. We will donate all unclaimed items to Bailey's Elementary in early May.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.
Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution.
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Recycle your old printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and laptops.

It's good for the Environment and good for Mantua !

What? Recycling printer cartridges (laser & ink jet), cell phones, PDAs and laptops

How? Bring in your used items from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of Mantua school.

Why? If thrown away, these items will end up in landfills or will be burned. By recycling them, we can extend their useful life, saving raw materials and energy, at the same time we earn money for our school.

Electronics? I get asked lots of questions about the cell phones, PDAs and laptops. You want to know what happens to them when they get recycled. The recycler does triage to determine if the phone is good, bad or ugly. *Good: they refurbish for reuse; Bad: they sell it as parts; Ugly: it goes for processing into raw materials* . For more information about cell phones and their life cycle, check out the poster I hung where we collect the recycling.

Check Work Too! Be sure to ask at your work to see what they do with their printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs (blackberries too), and laptops after they are done with them. They may be happy to have you recycle them!

Or, if you recycle a lot of these items consistently, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (Ok, some time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call me, Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk) or send an e-mail to pollard.karen@epa.gov .