



# PROVIDENCE DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

**June 2005**

## **A Citizen's Town Hall Meeting** (Please note changes)\*

**When: Thursday, June 23, 2005**

7:00 PM (Sign in)

7:30 – 9:00 PM (Program)

**Where:** Marshall High School Auditorium  
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

**Program:** Transit Station Densities: Paved with Good Intentions?

**Sponsors:** Providence District Council, Fairfax Citizens for Responsible Growth, Hunter Mill Defense League, Great Falls Citizens Association, and Southwest and Northeast Vienna Community Associations.

\*(In lieu of the usual June picnic, PDC members expressed a desire to have the opportunity to participate in the Town Hall meeting. The picnic will not be held this year.)

In response to the April 19<sup>th</sup> Citizens Town Hall Meeting, this "Town Hall" will be one in a smaller series of meetings that will address growing concerns about urban development at existing and proposed Metro stations in Fairfax County. A panel of experts will discuss transit and land use projects directly affecting communities in Vienna, Tysons, McLean, Reston and Great Falls, which could affect traffic throughout northern Fairfax County. Citizens can ask questions and share their views. Elected officials have been invited to hear your comments.

Topics to be discussed include: Would a new Metro Line through Tysons and Reston, and planned projects in Vienna and Dunn Loring, actually ease traffic? How much urban development

are we really allowing in exchange for rail? Lessons from Arlington: How would "Transit Oriented Development" work in Fairfax? As Federal decentralization changes the face of Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun Counties, are fixed rail lines the best suburban transit solution?

Please come and invite your neighbors. There will be time to speak to elected officials. Make your opinion count.

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."* –Margaret Meade  
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Providence District has an estimated population of 112,000 residents, about the same number as the City of Alexandria. There are about 225 civic and homeowner associations in the District.

The Providence District Council, a non-partisan civic organization, provides a forum for associations to express their views on major issues of common concern. In the recent past, the Council has had a number of resolutions addressing land use, the County budget, bond referenda, affordable housing, transportation, zoning violations and cut thru traffic.

Council meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are not held in July and August.

PDC publishes this Newsletter on a monthly basis. The newsletter is distributed in hard copy and / or electronically. The newsletter's purpose is to provide information on important issues in Providence District and the County that may not be readily available elsewhere. Some articles may be suitable for inclusion in your association newsletters. Suggestions are always welcome.

## **Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas Amendments**

Public Hearings for the [Proposed Amendments](#) to Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Maps:  
-- Planning Commission (June 16, 2005, 8:15 PM).  
To be placed on the speakers list call 703-324-2865.  
-- Board of Supervisors (July 11, 2005, 4:30 PM.)  
To be placed on the speakers list call 703-324-3151.  
-- Both meetings will be held at the Board Auditorium, [Fairfax County Government Center](#), 12000 Government Center Parkway.

On June 23rd, at 7:30 PM in Conference Rooms 9 & 10 at the Government Center, the Planning Commission will hold a work session on these amendments to revise the Resource Protection Area boundaries on the adopted map of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas. The Staff Report can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/cbay/staffreport.pdf> Note: The proposed declassification of the Wedderburn stream from perennial to intermittent is in this report.

Additionally, related to these map amendments, is a proposed Board Policy for the Treatment of Approved and Pending Plans of Development, which can be viewed at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/cbay/planspolicy.pdf>

## **Re-Imagining Tysons Corner**

On July 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-9:30 PM at the McLean Community Center (1234 Ingleside Ave.), Stewart Schwartz from the Coalition for Smarter Growth will moderate a panel discussion on redesigning Tysons Corner. New Urbanist Rob Goodill will review design transit oriented designs in the region. Form-based code expert Geoffrey Ferrell will discuss how to create design rules that ensure that the images a community approves will actually result in the neighborhoods they expect. Mr. Ferrell will draw on his experience with the recently completed codes for Arlington's Columbia Pike as well as his work on transit-oriented developments surrounding BART and DART stations in the San Francisco and Dallas metropolitan areas. Jeff Speck will offer his insights on re-imagining the edge city

in an interview segment that will kick off the Q&A portion of the evening.

Join the discussion of the possibilities for designing a new Tysons Corner. RSVP via e-mail: [staff@washingtonregion.net](mailto:staff@washingtonregion.net), 202-244-1105, or see [www.washingtonregion.net](http://www.washingtonregion.net) or [www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net).

## **I-495 HOT Lanes Update**

On April 28, 2005, VDOT signed a comprehensive agreement with Fluor and Transurban on the Beltway HOT Lanes. This document is posted on the PPTA web site: <http://www.virginia-dot.org/projects/ppta-defaultHOTLANESCapitalBeltway.asp>. The team is conducting the Investment Grade Traffic and Revenue Study; they anticipate completion of the study in the fall. Once the traffic and revenue study is complete, and it is agreed that the project is viable and consistent with the FEIS, including sound walls, a design/build contract will be negotiated.

The Final EIS will be submitted to FHWA for review and approval in the summer. Any proposed sound walls will be included in the FEIS. Once the FEIS is complete and signed off by FHWA, it will be posted on the VDOT web site. A record of decision is anticipated in December 2005.

## **Tysons Comprehensive Plan Announcement**

The Tysons Corner Transportation and Urban Design Coordinating Committee meeting schedule is now available online and can be accessed at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/schedule.htm>. Future meeting dates and locations will be posted on this webpage. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1380 (TTY 711, Virginia Relay), Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM.

## **Tysons 1 Rezoning**

Wilmorite Property Management, LLC, the Applicant for RZ-2004-PR-044, will brief area communities about their proposal to rezone 78.64 acres in Tysons Corner Center for mixed-use development, which may encompass 600 multi-family residential units. The meeting will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. (Check the board on the way in to find out the room.)

## **TransAction 2030**

TransAction 2030, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), is a regional transportation planning effort that is taking place now through the end of 2005. Please take a few minutes to assist in planning Northern Virginia's transportation future.

What is [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority](#) (NVTA) and what is its purpose? NVTA was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2002 and replaces the Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) of Northern Virginia. NVTA is charged with developing a regional transportation plan covering the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

As part of this charge, NVTA has authorized a work plan for updating the [Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan](#), <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/nv2020/>, which was approved by [Resolution](#) , <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/nv2020/7/>, in December 1999. TransAction 2030 is that work plan.

## **Bike to Work Day 2005 a Wet Success**

In spite of heavy rain, hundreds of area cyclists took part in the 2005 Bike to Work Day, sponsored by WABA and Commuter Connections. Most Bike to Work Day pit stops reported better than expected attendance and a few convoy leaders have said that their convoys were significantly larger than in years

past! Thanks to all of the brave souls who came out in support of WABA and better bicycling for all!

## **Message From The Providence District Supervisor**

Can it be June already? The end of school is in sight, and summer is on our doorstep. But before vacations start, we still have a few more events coming up in Providence.

At 10:00 AM on June 21<sup>st</sup> we will break ground for the rain garden in our office parking lot. The rain garden is the second part of our low impact development pilot project, which includes the green roof that was installed on our shed last month. We will also replace some of the asphalt in our parking area with permeable pavers. From beginning to end, the construction project should take about three weeks. During that time, parking onsite will be very limited.

The fourth Providence Land Use Seminar is now scheduled also for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (please note the change in date). The topics for this session will be planning for schools and parks and also tree preservation. Presentations will be made by Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the county Urban Forestry Division. Discussions in break out groups will follow the presentations. In addition, UrbanTrans will return to discuss their findings and recommendations for the Transportation Demand Management study for Vienna Metro West. The Land Use Seminars are held at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria at Fairhill Elementary School (3001 Chichester Lane).

Finally, our free summer concert series, Nottoway Nights, began this month. Join us for a variety of musical programs every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM on the lawn behind Hunter House in Nottoway Park. The concerts will run through the end of August.

For more information on any of these events, please check out my web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/) or call my office at 703-560-6946.

Sincerely,  
Linda Smyth

## **Reporting Dead Birds**

The Fairfax County Health Department asks residents to report dead birds to help with the county's ongoing surveillance and tracking of West Nile virus. Infected mosquitoes are known to spread the virus to wild birds, other animals and sometimes humans during mosquito season, which typically runs from May until October.

If anyone in Fairfax County finds a dead bird near their home or business, they now have several options to report it to the Health Department. They can call the agency's dead bird reporting line at 703-246-2300 (TTY 703-591-6435), send an e-mail to [fightthebite@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fightthebite@fairfaxcounty.gov), or visit the Health Department's improved West Nile virus and mosquito management Web page at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite).

Residents are asked to provide their name, a contact phone number, the date the bird was found, the location of the bird, and the type of bird, if known, or a description of the bird. The Health Department reminds residents to avoid handling any dead animal with bare hands and to correctly dispose of a dead bird by double-bagging it and placing it in the garbage.

## **Do Your Share to Clean the Air**

Smog season is officially here and even though the region's air quality has improved, there is still a lot to do to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's standards. Everyone has a role to play during this summer's "Air Quality Action Days." By taking several simple actions, county residents can be part of the solution and do their share for cleaner air: Limit driving (combine trips, telework); Use public transit, carpool, bike or walk; Avoid gas-powered lawn and garden equipment; Refuel cars after dusk; Keep cars well tuned, tires properly inflated and avoid engine idling; Use environmentally friendly products; Conserve electricity so power plants produce lower emissions (keep air conditioners no lower than 78 degrees); Check the Air Quality Index (AQI).

Daily air quality forecasts can be found online at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/resourceair.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/resourceair.htm),

or by calling the Air Quality Hotline at 202-962-3299 (TTY 711). When the forecast calls for a Code Red day or higher, the Office of Public Affairs will publish announcements on the county Web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov), and on cable Channel 16. Free bus rides will be offered on all Northern Virginia bus systems.

## **Selected Recent BOS Actions**

The Board of Supervisors last met on June 6<sup>th</sup>. To view past summaries or do a search, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/main.htm>

**Certificates of Recognition Presented to the 2005 Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees.** The 2005 Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for Providence District were Ms. Renata Wade and Mr. Herb Taylor.

**Tysons Corner Transportation and Urban Design Study Coordinating Committee.** Ms. Katherine K. Hanley was appointed as the Chairman of the Tysons Corner Transportation and Urban Design Study Coordinating Committee.

**2005 School Bond Referendum.** (BONDS) Discussion ensued with input from Leonard P. Wales, County Debt Manager, Department of Management and Budget, and Dean Tistadt, Assistant Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools, regarding the school bond referendums and the status of the Woodson School project. Supervisor Hyland moved that the Board concur in the recommendation of staff and adopt the Resolution requesting the Circuit Court to order a special election on November 8, 2005, regarding the issuance of Fairfax County Public School bonds totaling \$244,326,000. Supervisor Kauffman seconded the motion.

Following discussion regarding the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's (BRAC) proposal for Fort Belvoir, Supervisor Hyland amended his motion that the Board direct staff to add \$2 million to the total for the purpose of beginning the planning for a new middle school in the southeastern part of the County, and this was accepted. Following additional discussion, with input from Mr. Wales, Supervisor Hyland amended his motion to defer action on this item until the next

Board meeting on June 20, 2005, to allow staff time to seek concurrence or guidance from the School Board regarding the issues raised. This was accepted.

**C-1 – Board Decision only on an appeal by Batal Corbin, LLC, of a Proffer Interpretation for Rezoning Application RZ 1999-PR-035 (PROVIDENCE DISTRICT).** Supervisor Smyth moved to defer decision on an appeal by Batal Corbin, LLC of a proffer interpretation for Rezoning Application RZ 1999-PR-035 until June 20, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of nine.

**Testimony before the Senate Finance Transportation Subcommittee.** Chairman Connolly reported that on May 19, 2005, Senator John Chichester, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, announced the creation of the Senate's Statewide Transportation Analysis and Recommendation Task Force (START). It is a working group consisting of 10 members of the Senate and 15 citizens from across the Commonwealth that will look at transportation needs for the twenty-first century. The chief function of START will be to develop a transportation action plan. From this effort, legislative and budget proposals will be introduced in the 2006 Session. Senator Charles Hawkins, chairman of the Senate Finance Transportation Subcommittee, will coordinate the effort. On June 20, that subcommittee will meet at Northern Virginia Community College. The focus of the meeting will be local land use decisions and transportation. Chairman Connolly announced his plans to attend the June 20 meeting and moved that the Board authorize him to testify on behalf of the Board regarding the County's experiences and techniques for managing the transportation challenges and land use planning and to identify ways that the State could be of assistance in that effort. Following discussion, Supervisor Kauffman asked to amend the motion to include comments regarding the reliance on real property taxes and the issue of the proffer system and the necessity for additional flexibility to match public facilities to the pace of development, and this was accepted. Board Members were invited to share additional thoughts or comments on this subject by emailing Chairman Connolly or Susan Mittereder, Legislative Liaison. Supervisor Smyth asked to amend the motion to

include the issue of adequate public facilities, and this was accepted. The motion, as amended, carried.

**Dangerous Dog Web Page.** On March 21, 2005, the Board approved the creation of a process whereby legally identified dangerous dogs can be identified by the community on the internet so residents can take appropriate measures for their safety. The Chair reported that the Animal Services Division of the Police Department has added a section to its website that lists dangerous dogs by owner's name and address, the dog's name and breed, and the type of bite that resulted in the listing.

### **On the BOS Agenda**

The Board of Supervisors will meet at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 20, 2005. To view the agenda online, visit:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/bdagenda/DraftAgendaJun20.pdf>.

The BOS is scheduled to meet in July on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on August 1<sup>st</sup>. To obtain a meeting schedule and past agendas, visit  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/bdagenda/schedule.htm>.

### **On the Planning Commission (PC) Agenda**

The Planning Commission (PC) is scheduled to meet on the remaining dates in June: 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet in July on the following dates: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

To view other Planning Commission information, including meeting calendars and the summaries and minutes of past meetings, visit:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/planning>.

## Providence District Council Officers

Chair - Rebecca Cate.....703/698-0932  
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Secretary – Anne Pastorkovich .....202-352-5642  
Resolutions – Sally Ormsby.....703/273-2048  
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Newsletter – Denise Rodgers.....703/698-7852

### Draft PDC Minutes May 2005

The April Town Hall meeting was a success, with over 600 people in attendance. Becky Cate stated that there were costs involved for rental of the Oakton High School auditorium and printing of questionnaires. The total costs were \$414.60. There was a motion and a second for PDC to contribute one fourth of the costs, PDC's share being \$104. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Sampson, attorney for the Pulte MetroWest project, presented the current proposed development for the Fairlee and Sweeney properties, located south of the Vienna Metro Station. Since the July 2004 PDC presentation, the following changes were noted: There will now be onsite detention of stormwater in lieu of utilizing East Blake Lane Park; the number of units have dropped from 2350 to 2248; 378 units will be "age restricted"; and Larry Kauffman has been hired to be a low impact development consultant.

Further explanation of the development was offered. There will be three zoning districts. The core will be nearest the Metro zoned Planned Residential Mixed Use at a 2.25 FAR. West of the core will be Planned Development Housing, 16 units per acre – double stacked townhomes. In transition to the west and south and east will be PDH 12, townhouse developments. A small tree save is proposed in the western corner, north of Circle Woods, with a public building that would include a community recreation center with public meeting space. Negotiations are ongoing with the county as to whether Pulte will actually pay for the design and construction of this building. Retail will be located in the Town Center along Main Street. Pulte is requesting input for marketing this space

and will circulate a survey for this retail component. UrbanTrans has been hired by the County, paid for by Pulte, to perform a traffic analysis for Traffic Demand Management to access the feasibility of attaining a 47% peak hour reduction in single occupancy vehicle usage. This survey is in progress and should be completed by the end of June. Additionally, there will be approximately \$2M in school proffers.

A question and answer period followed. Mr. Sampson committed to providing the following information to PDC: Stormwater drainage maps, pre and post conditions; two copies of the UrbanTrans Traffic Study, one copy without appendices; and provide details on what is included the 37% open space calculation. Additionally, EDAW will look into moving the community building directly across Vaden Street, which could save additional quality trees north of Circle Woods.

### Member Info

Is your association missing from the member list? Join today! Contact Shirley Collamer, Karen Hunt or Denise Rodgers. Contact numbers are at the top of this page.

We are working on redesigning the membership renewal form. There will be a space on the form for the number of homes represented by your Association. Do you know that number?

Do you know what it means to be designated as the Providence District Council Representative for your association? The PDC Representative receives a copy of the newsletter and votes for the association at PDC meetings. When your association renews its annual membership, please make sure that the designated representative is not a property management company.

Speaking of the newsletter, did you know that you have the option of receiving the newsletter in a hard copy or electronic format? Please let Denise Rodgers ([des6296@yahoo.com](mailto:des6296@yahoo.com)) know if you do not need to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

If you have ideas for items that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know. In

addition, if you are interested in a particular topic for a PDC meeting, let us know what it is and we'll try to check into it!

**PDC Members:**

Blake Manor HOA  
Blake Tree Manor  
Briarwood Civic Assn.  
Cedar Crossing Community Assn.  
Cedar Forest HOA  
Circle Woods HOA  
City Park Civic Assn.  
Country Creek HOA  
Country Creek Section 7  
Courthouse Oaks HOA  
Covington Homes Assn.  
Dover Park Condominium  
Dunn Loring Gardens Civic Assn.  
Dunn Loring Improvement Assn., Inc.  
Dunn Loring Village HOA  
Dunn Loring Woods Civic Assn.  
Edgelea Woods, HOA  
Edgemore HOA  
Fairfax Farms Neighbors for Responsible Devel.  
Falls Hill Civic Assn.  
Five Oaks Estates Citizen's Assn.  
Great Oak Square HOA  
Greater Oakton Civic Assn.  
Griffins HOA  
The Heights at Penderbrook  
Hill Road Civic Assn.  
Holmes Run Acres Civic Assn.  
L & M HOA  
Lakevale Court  
Lakevale Estates Community Assn.  
Mantua Citizens' Assn.  
Marywood Oaks HOA  
McLean Commons Citizen's Assn.  
Merrifield View HOA  
Morada Ridge HOA  
Oak Manor HOA  
Oakdale Park Citizen's Assn.  
Oakden Villas HOA  
Oakton Manor Assn.  
Oakton Mill Estates HOA  
Pine Glen HOA  
Pine Ridge Civic Assn.  
Pinewood Greens HOA  
Providence Park HOA

Southwest Vienna Citizen's Assn.  
Stonehurst Homeowners Assn.  
Stonehurst IV Community Assn.  
Stonewall Manor Community Assn.  
Tysons Woods Civic Assn.  
Vienna Manor Civic Assn.  
Vienna Station HOA  
Villa D'Este Village HOA  
Virginia Center Phase II HOA  
Waterford HOA  
Williamsburg Commons HOA  
Willowmere Farms HOA

**Last Newsletter for the Summer**

As is our tradition, this is the last issue of the PDC newsletter until the September issue. While things may slow down during the summer months in Northern Virginia, don't forget to keep involved! We look forward to seeing you again in the fall and at some of the many events and meetings that take place over the summer.

*The true measure of a nation is found in the character and principles of its citizens.*  
.....Colorado Farm Bureau