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Membership Dinner Forum



Thursday, October 19, 2006

6:30 p.m.

"Immigration: Why Should We Care?"

A Panel Forum Dinner

JR's Stockyard Inn

8130 Watson Street, Tyson's Corner

(across International Drive from Tyson's I Shopping Center)

Reservations are Required

(see page three for details and dinner coupon)

Co-Sponsor: Fairfax Committee of 100

**Please note the October meeting will NOT be held
at the Packard Center.**



Upcoming Membership Meetings

November 16, 2006 7:30 p.m.

Adoption of Federation 2007 Legislative Program

December 14, 2006 7:30 p.m.

(Please note this is the second Thursday of the month.)

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Dana Kauffman

*Lee District Supervisor and Past Chairman of the Washington
Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

Topic: METRO

**Packard Center Main Conference Room
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale**



Federation Board Meetings

All Board meetings at the Packard Center.

October 26, 2006 7:30 p.m.

November 30, 2006 7:30 p.m.

December 21, 2006 7:30 p.m.



President's Message

On **September 19**, The Federation co-sponsored, with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, a **debate of the 11th Congressional District candidates**, including incumbent **Tom Davis, Andrew Hurst and Ferdinando Greco**. The debate was held at the Fairfax County Government Center Auditorium to a standing room crowd of over 275. Questions were taken from the audience and the candidates' answers gave a distinct separation of views. The debate will be repeatedly broadcast on Channel 10. We are pleased to have partnered with the League and thank Sherry Zachry and Anne Kanter for their valued assistance.

Our **September 21** membership meeting included a thought-provoking program on **Pandemic Flu and Emergency Preparedness** featuring Dr. Raja'a Satouri and Donna Foster from the county's health department. The question is not if, but when, we will have a pandemic flu and how badly the 18-month virus will impact the world before the vaccines can be developed and administered. Wash your hands, use good hygiene etiquette, and be prepared. Also at the meeting, membership ratified the **Zoning Ordinance Amendment** resolutions on **Fence Heights** and **Portable Storage Containers** and approved the resolution on **Parking Restrictions**.

On **October 19**, we will co-sponsor a **Forum on Immigration** with the **Fairfax County Committee of 100**. The forum will be at JR's Stockyard Inn and a dinner coupon is enclosed in this newsletter. Our own **Bill Hanks** is helping to organize this for The Federation. At the conclusion of the forum, around 9:00 p.m., we will hold a brief membership meeting to consider a **Resolution on BRAC**, the base relocation and closure commission's decision to transfer 22,000 employees to and around Fort Belvoir without providing adequate public facilities, and transportation and transit infrastructure. This resolution codifies some of The Federation's concerns, still unresolved by our political leaders since last November's membership meeting and program on the issue.

The **Board Meeting on October 26** kicks off the **2007 Legislative Program** review which will be considered and approved by the membership at the **November 16 Meeting**. Please contact **Sally Ormsby**, our Legislation Committee Chair, if you have questions or program initiatives for submission.

We will have **Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman** present a program on **METRO** at our **December 14 Membership Meeting** (the second Thursday of the month). This will be informative, in light of last week's on-going transportation legislation gridlock in Richmond.

Please check the website **www.FairfaxFederation.org** and sign up for email blasts or schedule changes including inclement weather cancellations. As always, if you would like to become more involved with or have questions about The Federation, please feel free to contact me or any other board member.

John Jennison, President

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The Bulletin, the Federation newsletter, is available online for reading or printing at your convenience. If you would like to receive notification when the latest newsletter is posted, please contact Jeffrey Parnes, webmaster, at FedWebmaster@fairfaxfederation.org. Not only will you receive *The Bulletin* days earlier than you would through the mail, you will also receive email alerts if Federation meetings are cancelled. The Federation Board would like to send an increasing number of newsletters in this manner; we will still mail *The Bulletin* to our member communities' representatives and alternates, if preferred.

Federation Treasurer Still Needed

The Federation is still looking for an individual to serve as Treasurer. If you are familiar with Quick Books, or would like to learn the software program (it is easy!), please contact John Jennison at FedPres@fairfaxfederation.org. The position takes little time. We look forward to hearing from you!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Polls are open between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb for more information.

Virginia's 400th Anniversary Events Underway

The Fairfax County Virginia 2007 Community Citizen Planning Committee encourages residents to participate in upcoming 400th Anniversary events. You can receive event schedules and other information via periodic email updates. To subscribe, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists. Look under "General News and Information", and subscribe to "Virginia 2007 - 400th Anniversary Celebration Information." For additional information, you can also contact the Office of Public Affairs at (703) 324-3187.

Inclement Weather Policy

With the potential for inclement weather, the following will be in effect: if either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting due to inclement weather, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled, although speakers may be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. We will attempt to post the cancellation on our website, www.fairfaxfederation.org. You can also call (703) 266-6872 for more information.

Precinct Election Officers Needed for November 7, 2006 Election

The Fairfax County Office of Elections is looking for precinct election officers to work at polling sites for the Tuesday, November 7, 2006 General Election. The County needs more than 3,000 citizens to serve as election officers in its 225 precincts. The greater the shortage of officers, the longer it takes to vote at the polls. If you or members of your community would be interested in working in this important capacity and would like an election officer application, or need more information, please contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at (703) 324-4735 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/.

Applicants must be registered to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia and cannot hold elective office or be the employee of an elected official. Election officers must be available to work the entire day on November 7th, beginning at 5:00 a.m., until all tallies have been completed and all voting equipment secured. Working only one-half day (split-shift) is available for those meeting all requirements (for information on split-shift work, go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/splitshift_requirements.pdf).

All officers are required to attend one training class, lasting about two hours, prior to the election. The full-day pay ranges from \$100 to \$200, depending on responsibilities.

Community Meetings on Plan to End Homelessness

The Planning Committee to End Homelessness (PCEH) has taken input received from residents attending the four regional Community Dialogues held earlier this year and developed major strategies to guide the community toward a future that prevents and ends homelessness. The PCEH is ready to report out to the community and will hold three meetings to present its vision, respond to questions, and clarify concepts. County residents are invited to attend any and/or all of the community meetings listed below. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16, 2006

*Gum Springs Community Center
8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria*

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

*Reston Community Center - Lake Anne
1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston*

Thursday, October 19, 2006

*St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Sanctuary
8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale*

The PCEH is comprised of county residents and representatives from local nonprofits, and the business and faith communities. Stacey Denny serves as the Federation Representative on the PCEH, and can be reached via email at shdenny@cox.net. For additional information on the PCEH, or on the proposed plan, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

Citizen of the Year Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations/Washington Post Citizen of the Year Award. Nomination forms are available on the Federation website: www.fairfaxfederation.org. If you know an individual whose contributions and accomplishments have benefited the residents of Fairfax County, we invite you to nominate them for this prestigious commendation. The deadline for nominations will be January 15, 2007. If you have questions, or for more information, please contact Carol Hawn, Award Selection Committee Chair, at (703) 266-6872 or via email at cahawn@att.net. The annual Awards Banquet will be held in early spring, 2007.

October Federation Dinner Forum

The Federation membership will join the Fairfax County Committee of 100 at a dinner forum on October 19, 2006. The topic will be: *"Immigration: Why Should We Care?"* The forum will be held at JR's Stockyard Inn, 8130 Watson Street, across International Drive from the Tyson's I Shopping Center.

Below is a discount coupon for use by Federation representatives who attend. **Reservations are required** and are now being taken by calling (703) 813-5577. Please note that, when you call, you will be asked whether you wish your entrée to be beef, chicken, salmon, or a vegetable plate (all which are said to be very tasty!).

Registration and social time begins at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. The panel forum will start at 7:45 p.m. At this time, two speakers are confirmed, including David Ellis, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Relations Coordinator, and Harris Miller, an attorney specializing in immigration law. At least one additional panelist will attend.

Because this is a unique opportunity to collaborate with another countywide organization, the Federation will not hold an October membership meeting at its usual location. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Bill Hanks at (703) 385-3753 or at wwhanks@cox.net.

40% Off COUPON

Fairfax Committee of 100 Dinner Meeting "Immigration – Why Should We Care?"

Thursday, October 19, 2006, at JR's Stockyard's Inn
8130 Watson Street at Tyson's Corner
(across International Drive from Tyson's I Shopping Center)

6:30 p.m. Registration and Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner (\$40 less 40% = **\$24 with coupon**)
7:45 p.m. Panel Discussion

Reservations taken between October 1-16
703-813-5577

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Membership Meeting of September 21, 2006
DRAFT MINUTES**

(for approval at the November 16, 2006 membership meeting)

The meeting of FCFCA was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.) President John Jennison reported on the successful September 19 debate for the 11th District that the Federation co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, which featured incumbent Congressman Tom Davis, Democratic candidate Andrew Hurst, and Independent Green candidate Ferdinando Greco. He introduced two Health Department speakers, Dr. Raja'a Satouri and Donna Foster of the Medical Reserve Corps, who spoke about the county's preparations for pandemic flu.

Program

Dr. Satouri said that seasonal flu, which usually occurs in December to March, represents a "drift" from previous flus rather than a sudden "shift" to a new virus; there is some immunity in the population from vaccines and past flus, and antivirals are often effective against it. Seasonal flu does not pose a threat to the local economy and causes relatively few deaths, although she strongly encourages everyone to get their flu shots. By contrast, a pandemic flu is a new virus that causes serious illness and spreads easily between people. The avian flu (H5N1) is new and serious, but it does not spread easily between people, so in its current form, it is not pandemic flu. It is a cause for concern, however, because flu viruses mutate rapidly and it could develop the ability to spread easily. Past pandemic flus include the Spanish flu (H1N1) of 1918, with 40 million deaths; the Asian flu (H2N2) of 1957, with 2 million deaths; and the Hong Kong flu (H3N2) of 1968, with 700,000 deaths. Computer models indicate that pandemic flu is likely in the next ten years. We don't know whether it will be based on H5N1 and when it will come.

A pandemic would break out in many parts of the world at once. In each area, it would occur in two or three waves over 12 to 18 months. Each wave would last two to three months. The federal government plans to develop vaccines and antiviral drugs as soon as pandemic flu is identified anywhere in the world, but these would not be ready for the first wave; they might be ready for the second or third wave.

The county plan for pandemic flu is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/countyplan.pdf. State and federal governments will provide very little assistance because they too will be overwhelmed. Fairfax County's plans assume that up to 35 percent of the population would be affected, or 50 percent counting family members of the patients. Planning for a pandemic began in October 2005 and has included county and city agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector; it is being led by the two deputy county executives. The two thrusts of the plan are public health and critical infrastructure.

The plan aims to limit the number of deaths and illnesses, preserve essential government functions, and minimize social disruptions and economic loss. The Health Department's roles will include disease tracking and control, community disease prevention, health system coordination, mass fatality response, communications, and laboratory services. The health system will experience extreme shortages of staff, beds, morgue space, and counseling services; demand will outpace supply. One estimate is that the number of deaths in the county in six weeks would equal the normal number in six months. The avian flu attacks the

young and healthy; if this is true of the pandemic flu, the working population will be the most affected, including health care staff. Businesses can expect about 50 percent absenteeism during each wave. Encouragement of "social distancing" to avoid contagion will also have a big impact on small businesses such as restaurants.

Citizens associations can help by providing basic information now in public meetings, such as website addresses, flyers, and phone line information. They can identify neighbors with special needs in advance and check on them if a pandemic (or other emergency) occurs. During a pandemic, they can address rumors and fear, follow up on those with special needs, and encourage people to follow health advisories.

Individuals can stay informed, follow cough etiquette (cover cough with arm, not hand), wash their hands, stay home when sick, get a flu shot each year, check the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website for travel health advisories, and put together a home disaster preparedness kit that would include the usual supplies as well as antifever medications, a thermometer, and comfort medications for cough and nasal congestion. A three-to-five day food and water supply will also allow healthy people exposed to the flu to stay home during the incubation period to ensure they are not coming down and spreading it.

Donna Foster of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) reminded the group that the MRC is a volunteer organization that is part of the Citizen Corps program; it includes both medical and nonmedical volunteers. The corps will help in dispensing in other types of health emergencies and perhaps in second or third wave of flu. For pandemic flu, volunteers will be needed to man the agency's information line and to check up on quarantined households by phone, recording the symptoms, making sure supplies are adequate, and so on. The corps currently has 3500 volunteers but needs many more, and hopes to have a huge volunteer pool for any eventuality, including a biological terrorist attack or other health emergency.

Business Meeting

- a. The minutes for the June 15 membership meeting were approved unanimously as written.
- b. Carol Hawn noted the next deadline for the Bulletin (newsletter) is September 29.
- c. Education committee chair Charles Dane reported on the Federation Board's support for the proposal to name the new Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) administration building in honor of Maryanne Lecos. The committee has had its first meeting of the year and its website will be updated in the next month.
- d. Steve delBianco presented a Zoning Ordinance Amendment resolution on fence and wall heights, which the Planning Commission is about to hold a hearing on. The resolution was approved 15 to 2.
- e. Steve delBianco then presented resolution on portable storage containers, which have up until now been regulated as sheds. The county is now revising its original proposal, but he asked the membership to ratify the Federation's resolution pending the readvertisement of the county proposal. The resolution was ratified 22 to 2.
- f. Steve delBianco also presented a resolution asking the county to prohibit the parking of recreational vehicles on public streets. There was a motion to table the resolution, **(see DRAFT MINUTES - continued on page 5)**

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but no second. The question was called by a vote of 25 to 4 and passed 20 to 9.

g. Bill Hanks gave a preview of the joint Federation and Committee of 100 dinner meeting at JR's restaurant next month, which will take the place of the Federation's membership meeting. Details and a discount coupon are in the previous newsletter. Follow a social time from 6:30 to 7:00, dinner is at 7:00, followed by a panel on immigration and a question and answer session.

h. Environment committee co-chair Flint Webb reported on the next Green Breakfast; Legislation committee chair Sally Ormsby is preparing the Federation's annual legislative program and encourages suggestions from the membership.

i. In District Council news, Art Wells reported from Braddock that all 13 nominations for the Area Plan Review were approved by the Board of Supervisors and a forum with George Mason is being planned. Judy Harbeck reported from Mount Vernon that committees are now working on aspects of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) impact; now that the plan is for building in the Springfield area, this may be more of a concern for Springfield and Lee, as well as Mount Vernon. Sally Ormsby reported the next Providence meeting would be the following Tuesday; a new "transit oriented development" project of more than 700 units has been proposed for the Metro site at Dunn Loring.

j. President John Jennison noted that the Citizen of the Year nomination forms are on the website.

k. Sally Ormsby proposed a resolution from the floor in support of the bonds that are on the ballot this November. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Next Membership Meeting: October 19, 2006, "Immigration: Why Should We Care?" panel forum, co-sponsored by the Fairfax Committee of 100. Note: this meeting is at JR's Restaurant at 6:30 – not at the Packard Center.

Next Board Meeting: September 28, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Resolution

Bond Referendums on Parks and Public Safety

(unanimously approved by the membership at the September 21, 2006 meeting)

Background

On November 7, 2006, voters will vote on two County bond referendums, one on Public Safety Facilities in the amount of \$125 million and the other on Parks and Park Facilities in the amount of \$25 million.

The Public Safety Facilities bond referendum includes the following proposed projects:

- Renovation and expansion of the Fair Oak police station - \$17.4 million
- Renovation and expansion of the McLean police station - \$17.9 million
- Renovation and expansion of the Reston police station - \$18.8 million
- Renovation and expansion of the West Ox Road animal

shelter - \$17 million

- New Great Falls volunteer police station - \$12 million
- Expansion of the Fire and Rescue Training Academy and new training building - \$17.1 million
- Capital facility and renewal projects - \$24.8 million

The Parks and Park Facilities bond referendum includes the following proposed projects:

- Land acquisition program - \$10 million
- Artificial turf for rectangular fields - \$10 million
- Trails and stream crossings - \$5 million

Resolution

WHEREAS, the three police stations to be renovated are at least twenty years old and have larger staffs to serve increased populations; and

WHEREAS, the animal shelter is 30 years old, the County's pet population has doubled in the past 20 years, and the shelter's air handling system needs a complete upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Great Falls fire station, more than 45 years old, needs to be enlarged and able to handle current firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Rescue Training Academy, opened 25 years ago, needs expansion for training more than 1,300 uniformed personnel, including a new multi-function training building; and

WHEREAS, several public safety, civil and criminal justice facilities need renovation, improvements, and security enhancements; and land will be acquired for the Herndon Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority currently holds 23,677 acres, or 9.3 percent of the acreage in the County, with a goal of 10 per cent, and would use bond funding to purchase new land or easements on land to help achieve the 10 percent goal; and

WHEREAS, natural turf rectangular playing fields in 12 locations would be converted to artificial turf, giving those fields an increase in playing capacity of about 62 per cent; and

WHEREAS, the County's trail system needs extension and more connections to make it more comprehensive, including Phase II of the Cross County Trail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the Federation) supports the Public Safety Facilities bond referendum in the amount of \$125 million and the Parks and Park Facilities bond referendum in the amount of \$25 million, both of which will be on the November 7, 2006, ballot.

For additional information, or to have a presentation scheduled for your community, on the bond referendums discussed in the above resolution, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond or call the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at (703) 324-3187. You can also contact Art Wells, Federation Representative on the 2006 Bond Referendum Citizens' Committee at awells4@cox.net.

All Fairfax County households will be mailed a 2006 *Bond Referendums Information for Residents* brochure explaining each bond issue and containing general information on bonds.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Draft Resolution

Army's Preferred BRAC Alternative for Fort Belvoir

(for membership consideration and approval after the October 19, 2006 Dinner Forum)

Whereas, the United States Army's preferred Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) alternative for Fort Belvoir has identified a number of "Off-Post" transportation improvements that are needed to mitigate the impacts BRAC will have on the surrounding Fairfax County transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, the preferred BRAC alternative would locate most of the new 22,000 employees and a proposed Army Museum on the Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG) to the west of I-95, thereby establishing a "Fort Belvoir No. 2" that would double the size of the Fort and extend the installation and impacts into the Springfield area; and

Whereas, the Army must immediately develop an implementation plan for "Off- Post" transportation improvements that includes working with Fairfax County government and community organizations on refining the list of necessary projects and developing funding sources and a project execution schedule; and

Whereas, the Army must consider the following additional improvements in addition to those on their list of proposed "Off-Post" Transportation Improvements:

1. Add a another VRE station for pick up and drop off of passengers north of the Lorton Station but south of the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail station.
2. Provide a flyover of I-95 to the EPG from the new VRE station site which can accommodate buses--estimated cost unknown. [Note: Depending on the location and design, the flyover of I-95 could also provide a connection to both the Metrorail and VRE stations.]
3. Improve Backlick Road entrance to the EPG with the addition of turn lanes and basic signalization (estimated cost \$5 million).
4. Improve access and ramp design to EPG as part of the Fairfax County Parkway Project to handle the increased intensity of development and the new Army Museum at the EPG. Build a full interchange to handle the various movements to and from EPG and the Fairfax County Parkway (estimated cost \$50 million).
5. Build the Fairfax County Parkway to the full 6 lanes as shown on the County's Transportation Plan. The current project provides for ROW for six lanes but with the construction of only four lanes. This will require additional transportation analysis (estimated cost \$40 million).
6. Develop a TDM program that:
 - a. Establishes a robust, centrally administered TDM program at Fort Belvoir and EPG for all agencies that includes 1) shuttle bus service for Fort Belvoir and EPG to and from the Franconia-Springfield and Huntington Metrorail stations and the Lorton VRE station.
 - b. Establishes a TDM Coordinator position to facilitate carpools, vanpools, and other TDM programs, including the use of staggered arrival and departure times over a 3-hour period, setting a goal of a specific percentage of carpools, telecommuting with local jurisdiction assistance, and easy

pedestrian and bicycle access. A slug program should also be considered.

7. Provide the EPG site with a spine road that connects the Fairfax County Parkway with Backlick Road. This must be included on development plans. The spine road should be designed with enough lanes to accommodate travel volumes both to and from the EPG site.
8. Widen Route 1 from Old Mill Road to Telegraph Road from four to six lanes. Include grade separated interchanges to access Pence Gate (estimated cost \$50 million).
9. Re-synchronize all signals along Route 1, the Fairfax County Parkway, John J. Kingman Road, and Telegraph Road (estimated cost \$0.5 million).
10. Establish an on-base shuttle bus service internally and between Fort Belvoir and the EPG.
11. Provide a Transit Transfer Center for buses at the Army Museum with parking (estimated cost \$30 million).
12. Provide bus rapid transit to and from Huntington and Franconia-Springfield Metrorail stations via Routes 1, 7100, and/or 7900 to Fort Belvoir and EPG.
13. Widen Telegraph Road from two to four lanes from Beulah Street to Hayfield Rd (estimated cost \$19 million).
14. Widen Telegraph Road from two to four lanes from Hayfield Road to South Kings Highway (estimated cost \$15 million).
15. Add a flyover of Route 1 at Belvoir Road with turn lanes providing an additional grade-separated connection to and from the North and South Posts (estimated cost \$25 million).
16. Prepare a concept plan that shows how access to and egress from the Army Museum and the EPG will function and how DOD and non-DOD traffic will be handled so that backups do not occur on the Fairfax County Parkway.
17. Add highway ITS advisory radios, cameras, and permanent VMS signs along Route 1 in the Fort Belvoir area and the Fairfax County Parkway in the EPG area at strategic points. This would provide public notification of changes to Fort Belvoir gate closures, force protection changes, and other significant events. Notice would assist in rerouting traffic in and around Fort Belvoir (estimated cost \$2.5 million).
18. Study additional access points to the EPG site from Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 7900), Backlick Road, and the Fairfax County Parkway. Fairfax County Parkway improvements are currently on hold pending completion of the EPG environmental clean-up. In addition, the builder of the road (the Army or VDOT) is now in question. The Army must develop a plan to clean up the site and to fund and construct this project. To make the EPG site work, this must be resolved now so the road can be opened in sufficient time for BRAC implementation. Because the project has been on hold, the cost estimates continue to escalate. This escalation does not include additional transportation improvements to support BRAC.
19. Fund fully and construct the 4-lane Connector Road from Route 1 to Telegraph Road prior to BRAC implementation. Only 2 lanes are currently funded.
20. Provide a park-and-ride and transit transfer center on or

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adjacent to Fort Belvoir as part of the Richmond Highway Public Transportation Initiative (estimated cost \$30 million); and

Whereas, it is obvious that the "Off-Post" transportation improvements will not be funded or in place by the target date for fully implementing any BRAC alternative for Fort Belvoir,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the Federation) urges the Governor of Virginia, the Fairfax County Congressional and Virginia legislative delegations and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to take steps immediately to delay the implementation of the BRAC decision regarding Fort Belvoir for at least two (2) years and to require that needed "Off-Post" transportation improvements be not only funded but in operation by the BRAC implementation date.

*Submitted by Earl Flanagan,
Federation Transportation Committee Co-chair*

**Fairfax County Medical Reserve Corps
Looking for Volunteers**

Here is an opportunity to help your community during a public health emergency - the Fairfax County Health Department, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, is recruiting volunteers for the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). To date, approximately 3,000 medical and non-medical volunteers are signed up and receiving training.

The all-volunteer MRC is designed to augment the capacity of the public health system to respond to large scale events related to bioterrorism or natural, widespread epidemics. During a public health emergency, MRC volunteers would staff dispensing sites where vaccination or medication would be provided to county residents, usually at a local high school. To accomplish this, 54 teams of 232 people per team are needed.

Despite the name of the program, the majority of volunteers needed for the Medical Reserve Corps are individuals without a medical background. Especially needed are seasoned, experienced managers to fill MRC leadership positions, including incident coordinator, branch director, volunteer coordinator and unit leader. All volunteers will receive the necessary training to fulfill their responsibilities.

Representatives of the Fairfax MRC are available to present information about the program and Fairfax County's public health emergency response plans to community organizations. To request a presentation, please contact Donna Foster, MRC Coordinator, via email at donna.foster@fairfaxcounty.gov, or at (703) 246-2433. Residents wishing to volunteer for the Fairfax MRC may register online by visiting www.fairfaxmrc.org or by calling (703) 246-2433.

**Fairfax County Public Schools Adopts New
Management Strategy**

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Board has adopted a new management strategy referred to as Strategic Governance. Dr. Charles Dane, Federation Education Committee Chair, attended the work sessions by the FCPS School Board. The mission, vision, and goals have been established and can be viewed on the FCPS website, www.fcps.edu. Scroll down to "Continuing Interest" and click on Strategic Governance.

Both the School Board, the Superintendent, and his staff have been working extremely hard and thoughtfully in the development and implementation of this strategy and will continue this initial effort during the coming year.

There are two important changes that will occur as a result of this new system. The old system established specific targets, usually 10, e.g., reduce the number of trailers (these targets often changed from year to year), and the Superintendent was then held accountable for achieving or progress towards these targets.

The new Strategic Governance system establishes broad goals. Then the Superintendent and School Board agree on sub-goals and the measurements necessary to monitor the annual achievement or annual progress toward these sub-goals and, by extension, the goals. Presumably, these goals and sub-goals remain the same from year-to-year. While this is a change in the way that the School Board holds the Superintendent accountable, this aspect indirectly affects the students. However, the other changes with this new system, i.e., establishing additional goals, will directly affect some of the courses in the curriculum and the way that many courses (both those directly created to address the new goals and other courses) are taught.

*Dr. Charles Dane
Federation Education Committee Chair*

Federation Membership Renewals Due

It is not too late to renew your community's membership in the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for the coming year.

If your community still needs to renew for the 2006 - 07 year, you can print a membership application/renewal form off the Federation website, www.fairfaxfederation.org. For a paper copy of the application, or if you have questions or need additional information on your community's membership in the Federation, please contact Jeffrey Parnes, First Vice President and Membership Chairman, at (703) 904-0131 or at jparnes@cox.net.

We look forward to receiving your community's membership renewal and your participation in the collective voice of the Federation this year!

Fairfax County
FEDERATION
of Citizens Associations

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Dinner Meeting:

Thursday,
October 19th

6:30 p.m.

JR's Stockyard Inn
(Tyson's Corner)

*Please see inside for
details, reservation
information, and dinner
coupon.*

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*Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations/
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA)*

The 11th Congressional District Debate held Tuesday, September 19th

***will be replayed on Fairfax Public Access Cable Channel 10
on the following dates:***

***Friday, October 6, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.***

***Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.***

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