

# The Fairfax County FEDERATION

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### General Membership Meeting



**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

**Topic: The Fairfax County  
Fiscal Year 2010 Budget**

**Guest Speaker: Fairfax County Executive  
Anthony Griffin**



### Upcoming Membership Meetings

**April 16, 2009      7:30 p.m.**

Federation Representation on County Boards, Authorities,  
and Commissions

**May 21, 2009      7:30 p.m.**

Wrap-up Report from Richmond  
Election of Federation Officers for 2009 - 2010

**June 18, 2009      7:00 p.m.**

Federation Picnic and "State of the County"

**Guest Speaker:** The Honorable Sharon Bulova  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



### Federation Board Meetings

Packard Center Main Conference Room      7:30 p.m.

**April 23      May 28      June 25**



### **President's Message**

First and foremost, congratulations to the 2008 Fairfax County Federation Citizen of the Year honoree, Anne A. Andrews, and our two Citation of Merit recipients, Linda F. Byrne and Christine Morin. It is not too late to reserve a seat for our annual banquet on Sunday, March 15th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. We hope you can attend and participate in honoring these outstanding volunteers that have played a part in the excellent quality of life we enjoy here. A sincere thanks to our co-sponsors, The Washington Post, SAIC, and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce for assisting the Federation in this annual celebration.

Considering the enormity of the task set before them, our Budget Committee asked for a week's postponement in the scheduling of this month's board meeting so as to better prepare the Federation's position on the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2010 budget. The enclosed article details the efforts the county undertook to prepare itself and county residents for the harsh conditions of the upcoming fiscal environment. Our Budget Committee Chairs participated in the county outreach efforts mentioned in the article. They are reviewing the county budget (larger than that of several states) and will post their recommendations to the Federation's website prior to our March 19th membership meeting (check our agenda for it after March 15th). We look forward to seeing you at our March meeting; it will be a great opportunity to ask our County Executive, Tony Griffin, how specific programs might impact you, your family, and your community. We anticipate your participation in the preparation of the Federation's position on this most important of issues, in this most challenging of years.

Enjoy,

*Jeffrey Parnes, President*

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### **Federation Seeking Officer Nominations for 2009 - 2010**

The Federation is currently seeking individuals to serve as officers for the 2009 - 2010 year. The positions to be filled include: President, First Vice President (membership), Second Vice President (appointments), Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Treasurer. These positions make up about one-third of the Board, which carries out the bylaws and implementation of the policies and procedures to best achieve the organization's purpose to promote the interests of citizens associations in Fairfax County, and to further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of Fairfax County. The remaining members of the Board include the Federation's Committee Chairs and District Council Representatives. The Board meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month.

If you are interested in running for any of the above Federation Officer positions, or would like more information, including criteria for a position, or the Board in general, contact John Jennison, Nominations Committee Chair, at [jennisonjohn@aol.com](mailto:jennisonjohn@aol.com). The Federation will hold its election of officers at its May 21, 2009 membership meeting. Officers begin their one-year term on July 1, 2009.

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations  
Membership Meeting of February 19, 2009**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

*(for approval at the March 19, 2009 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 Jeff Parnes greeted those present and introduced the evening's speaker, Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth.

**Program**

Stewart Schwartz presented the "Blueprint for a Better Region," an approach to development created by the Coalition for Smarter Growth and the Piedmont Environmental Council. Stewart used a slide presentation that he did not leave with us; he reported that his presentation at the meeting was similar to (although updated and abbreviated) the Blueprint for a Better Region presentation on the Internet at <http://www.betterregion.org/>. The coalition's home page is <http://www.smartergrowth.net/> and its telephone number is 202.244.4408.

The mission of the Coalition for Smarter Growth is to ensure that transportation and development decisions accommodate growth while revitalizing communities, providing more housing and travel choices, and conserving our natural and historic areas. The coalition's effort centers on the DC region but extends to the Chesapeake Bay and the Blue Ridge because developments in one area affect neighboring areas. The blueprint offers a vision of where and how we can grow in a way that creates great places to live, work, and play. In addition to the plan, the coalition is concerned that the planning process features genuine cooperation between government, business, and residents.

Some of the major points provided in the presentation included:

Traffic growth has been caused by mismatch between housing and job locations; more mixed use development is needed

The area is lucky to have existing rail systems.

Some areas near rail stations have been smartly developed (Metro Place, Arlington), while others are sorely lacking in development that offers livability.

We should rethink livable corridors, for example based along trolley tracks.

Communities ought to be planned so that people can park their cars once and walk to all daily activities from there. It would be even better if people could walk from their homes to their activities.

Communities need open spaces such as pocket parks and town centers where people can mingle.

Design charrettes should include visual preference surveys, education on New Urbanism, and traffic modeling.

Planning should consider changing demographics; that is, to recognize and respond to changing needs and desires as the population ages.

The solution is not more road capacity; the solution is demand reduction by providing options.

Questions and discussion included:

On HOT lanes: VDOT did not consider all options; the decision process was not open; the government gave

the contractor a rewarding deal—toll proceeds for 75 years.

VDOT considers Route 1 a thoroughfare; the residents want it to be a main street.

The decision to build a surface level subway through Tysons Corner was in part due to the fact that the primary objective of the responsible agency—the airports authority—is to get the subway operational to Dulles Airport as soon as possible.

Stewart is technology neutral on mass transit. His position is to select the best technology match for each situation.

Jeff encouraged the meeting participants to carry the Blueprint vision into other fora and to the general public.

**Business Meeting—Old Business**

a. The January membership minutes were amended to add one missing word and approved unanimously as amended. Ed Wyse will send the approved minutes to the Federation webmaster.

b. Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel presented the current financial status. He handed out and reviewed a balance sheet, budget overview, and list of transactions. In addition, Scott noted he will soon be issuing checks to cover approximately \$400 of pending bills.

c. Jeff announced board vacancies:

Elected positions: Recording & Corresponding secretaries

Committee Chairs: Human Services and Public Safety – we may have volunteers for Land Use and Legislation

Federation Board representative to the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB). Regarding this last position, the CAAB website is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/caab/defaultd.htm>. The CAAB advises the Board of Supervisors on the

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**Federation Meeting Cancellation Policy**

If either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting or event, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting or event due to inclement weather or other emergency, 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 make every attempt to post the cancellation on [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

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needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons and recommends policies that promote meaningful change and has oversight responsibility for federal and state Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds (about ½ million dollars annually) which are awarded to [nonprofit organizations](#) for services to low-income Fairfax County residents. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for this position or who knows of someone else who might be a suitable candidate should inform Esther Ferington, or Jeff Parnes. Carol Hawn, who has served on the Board, or Lou D'Alessandro, our departing representative, can answer any questions a prospective board member might have.

d. Update on FCPS Administrative Consolidation proposal – Charles Dane reported the history of the proposal to purchase the former Red Cross building for the FCPS. The Federation Board had supported this action. The Board of Supervisors refused to authorize and issue bonds due to insufficient projected savings and asked the school system to find more savings. The school system did and now forecasts a \$62 million dollar savings in current dollars. There would be an initial period before bond servicing expense begins; then for several years bond servicing expense would exceed savings; thereafter savings would exceed bond servicing expense. The Board of Supervisors is expected to defer action again at its February 23 meeting. Charles will meet with county staff to determine whether this procurement and bond issue would impact school construction and renovation.

e. The Federation canceled the debate between the candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors due to inclement weather, following its policy of abiding by the closing decisions of the public schools.

f. Citizen of the Year (COY) selection and banquet. Jeff announced that John Jennison, COY chair, was unable to make this meeting due to conflicting scheduling (he had to ferry his kids to various sport events). In his absence, Jeff briefed members on the banquet status. The event will be March 15 at the Fairview Park Marriott at 3111 Fairview Park Dr, Falls Church, VA 22042. The price is \$65 per person. The guest speaker will be The Honorable Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Federation's award committee selected Anne Andrews for the 2008 Citizen of the Year and Linda Byrne and Christine Morin for Citation of Merit awards. (The Federation thanks Sherry Zachry, Wade Smith, Marlene Blum, Bill Lecos and Charlie Dane for their excellent work on the committee.) The Federation will also award a special gratitude award to former Congressman Tom Davis for his service.

The Washington Post, which in prior years has donated \$1500 to sponsor this event, has not committed to doing so in 2009. We have asked The Post to consider a \$500 donation. Invitations have not yet been sent. It is urgent they be printed and mailed as soon as possible. The board will have an envelope stuffing party; volunteers would be appreciated.

g. The agenda contained an item to address the Fairfax County staff draft plan for Tyson's Corner that contains changes to recommendations in the Tyson's Corner Land Use Task Force report. Because the primarily responsible person—John Jennison—was not present, action was

deferred.

### Business Meeting—New Business

a. A motion was made and seconded to award a "Special President's Education Advocacy Award" with an intended recipient in mind. Discussion covered several topics. Is another award category necessary? What are the criteria? Should the Federation skip the process of soliciting nominations and selecting from among multiple candidates? The motion was rejected.

b. The agenda contained an item to address a proposed "Hall of Chairmen" (photographs) to be hung at the Government Center. Because John Jennison was not present, action was deferred.

c. Another representative position for which the Federation seeks a volunteer is on the Fairfax Cares board. The objective of Fairfax Cares ([www.fairfaxcares.org](http://www.fairfaxcares.org)) is to increase the capacity of our local nonprofits so they can provide short term emergency help for more people requiring basic needs assistance (food, housing, utility assistance, and short-term financial aid). Fairfax Cares employs the collective efforts of leaders across non-profit, business, faith, school, and government organizations to raise awareness of and community engagement to meet our neighbors' needs.

d. The nominating committee seeks candidates for President, First Vice President (Membership), Second Vice President (Board and Committee Participation), Treasurer, and Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. Please contact John Jennison.

e. Scott Schlegel ordered 144 mugs bearing the Federation logo. Delivery is expected February 26. He will bring some to the next meeting. Mugs may be purchased for \$5 each.

f. Charlie Dane proposed a draft letter (with two options) for the Federation to send to each member of the Board of Supervisors on the real estate tax rate. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter. Discussion compared the content of the letter to a previous resolution on the topic that the Federation had adopted and sent to the County Executive; the two have some differences. Because of the differences a suggestion to enclose the resolution was not accepted. These differences could be acceptable because the past letter and the proposed letter are to different parties at different stages of the budget process. The motion passed to send the bulleted version of letter.

### Business Meeting—Miscellaneous

Flint Webb received a certificate of recognition for his service on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, Technical Advisory Committee from 2005-2008. For a photograph, follow the link: [www.fcfa.org/committees/Environmental/MWAQCFlintWebbAward090128.JPG](http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environmental/MWAQCFlintWebbAward090128.JPG).

### Committee Reports

*Association Services* - Donald Hinman related a question he had been asked regarding reviving a civic association, specifically could the membership be exclusionary - in this case limited to resident owners? This is a legal question for which the Federation does not provide the answer. Donald also related that he had discovered an answer to the question what to do if a privately-owned storm water

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management facility appears to need maintenance. The responsible agency is the county's Maintenance & Stormwater Management Division. Upon request, that office will perform inspections and identify the responsible parties.

**Budget** - Kosmo Tatalias noted that the County Executive releases his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors (and the Federation will get a copy) on February 23. The Budget Committee has ten days to deliver its recommendations to the Board. Charlie will review the Education portion; Carey and Kosmo will review the rest. They would welcome volunteers to help.

**Education & Youth** - Charles Dane reported that the school board accepted the school superintendent's proposed budget without change (including ignoring Federation recommendations). Given the uncertainty of State and Federal funding, perhaps this was the only realistic option for the board.

**Environment** - Flint Webb reported that:

The new representative for the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, Technical Advisory Committee is Ana Prados.

The Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking to replace Sally Ormsby. The next board meeting will be February 24th in room 941 of the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway at 9:30 a.m.

Sites scheduled for near term invasive species removal are: Brentwood Park (3/7, 4/25), Laurel Hill (3/14), Hunter Meadows (3/21, 4/18), Paul Springs (3/21), Pohick Stream (3/28, 4/25) and Woodglen Lake (4/21).

The Northern Soil and Water Conservation District is doing its annual native plant seedling sale. This year the plants featured are designed to be bird friendly and include Washington Hawthorn, Elderberry, Willow Oak, Silky Dogwood, American Hazelnut, and Persimmon. The cost for 12-bare root seedlings is \$17.95. See the District's website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm)

There will be invasive plant removal at Nottoway Park on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon March 7, April 4, May 30, June 27, September 12, and October 24. For further information see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima).

First trout stocking of Lake Accotink Park was February 6th. A fishing license is required for participants age 16 and over.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding "Listening Forums" beginning in March. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/pr008-09.htm>.

[Reported post-meeting via these minutes] The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management will host "Electric Sunday" Recycling March 8. Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral electronics from 10 am to 3 pm at the I-66 Transfer Station at 4618 West Ox Road. See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling) or call 703-324-5250.

**Membership** - Charlie Dane reported that only one or two organizations in each district have not renewed. He is following up through the district representatives.

**Transportation** - Roger Hoskins reported that overweight trucks are an issue that will be addressed next year. Also, the Sully District Council has a copy of a presentation made to the Transportation Planning Board on use of stimulus funds. This information is on the Sully District webpage <http://www.sullydistrict.org/presentations>.

#### District Council Reports

**Braddock** - Art Wells reported on the special election for Braddock District Supervisor. A candidates' debate is scheduled for February 25 and the election will be on March 10. Candidates are: Ilyong Moon (D), John Cook (R), and Carey Campbell (I).

**Lee** - Donald Hinman reports that the Lee District Council is revising its bylaws. A current concern is possible service reductions on the subway's Yellow Line.

**Mt. Vernon** - Karen Pohorylo reported that the Mount Vernon Council is addressing the issue of hunting near Dyke Marsh. The district's gala will be held May 2.

**Sully** - Jeff Parnes reports the Sully District Council's next meeting is February 25.

**Next Membership Meeting:** March 19, 2009.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 5, 2009 [NOTE: No February Board Meeting], on county budget

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

#### Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations UPDATE

##### Fairfax County Advertised Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin will present his Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Advertised Budget Plan at the March 19th Federation Membership Meeting. After his presentation, the membership will consider a resolution to present to the Board of Supervisors expressing the Federation's observations, and recommendations, about the County Executive's plan.

The Budget Committee will circulate a draft resolution to the Federation Board for consideration at its March 12th Board meeting, and the Board-approved resolution will be available by March 16 for viewing at the Federation's web site on the Budget Committee web page, <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/budget1.htm>.

**Preparation of the Budget.** At least a year ago, the County knew that the budget would incur a deficit for FY 2010, then estimated to be \$350 Million. The projections grew larger over the succeeding months and is currently estimated to be \$650 Million.

Knowing that the FY 2010 budget will directly affect many citizens through program cuts and tax rate increases, the County has taken steps to make the budget process more transparent, and to secure community input.

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- **Early Warning.** Regular updates on the FY 2010 financial forecast and information on the current FY 2009 budget were made available to the Board of Supervisors, the School Board and residents to “identify the scope and deepening projected shortfall in FY 2010.”
- **Program Reviews.** The Board of Supervisors conducted a comprehensive Lines of Business (LOB) review of all agencies’ programs and priorities - identifying possible areas for elimination, reduction, reorganization, or alternative service delivery.
- **Public Outreach.** Nearly 1,000 county residents and employees attended 20 community dialogues and employee brown bag sessions between September and December, These meetings invited public input long before the traditional early-spring budget hearings. Employee surveys and online and telephone forums for public comment also were set up.

In addition, budget documents are available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>, and on a CD. These materials provide a numeric overview of the FY 2010 budget and an overview of the economic crisis, to put the budget in context. They also present a compendium of LOB changes, to give a running tally of, and written commentary on, specific program adjustments.

**Proposed Expenditures.** The total FY 2010 budget recommended by the County Executive is \$5.8 Billion (all funds). *General Fund* disbursements total \$3.13 Billion, a decrease of 3.7% from the FY 2009 Revised Budget Plan.

In addition to recommending tax rate increases, the County Executive had to make substantial cuts to all County agencies in order to balance his budget. The *Direct Disbursements* total \$1.192 Billion, a decrease of \$113.6 Million or 8.63% down from the FY 2009 Revised Budget.

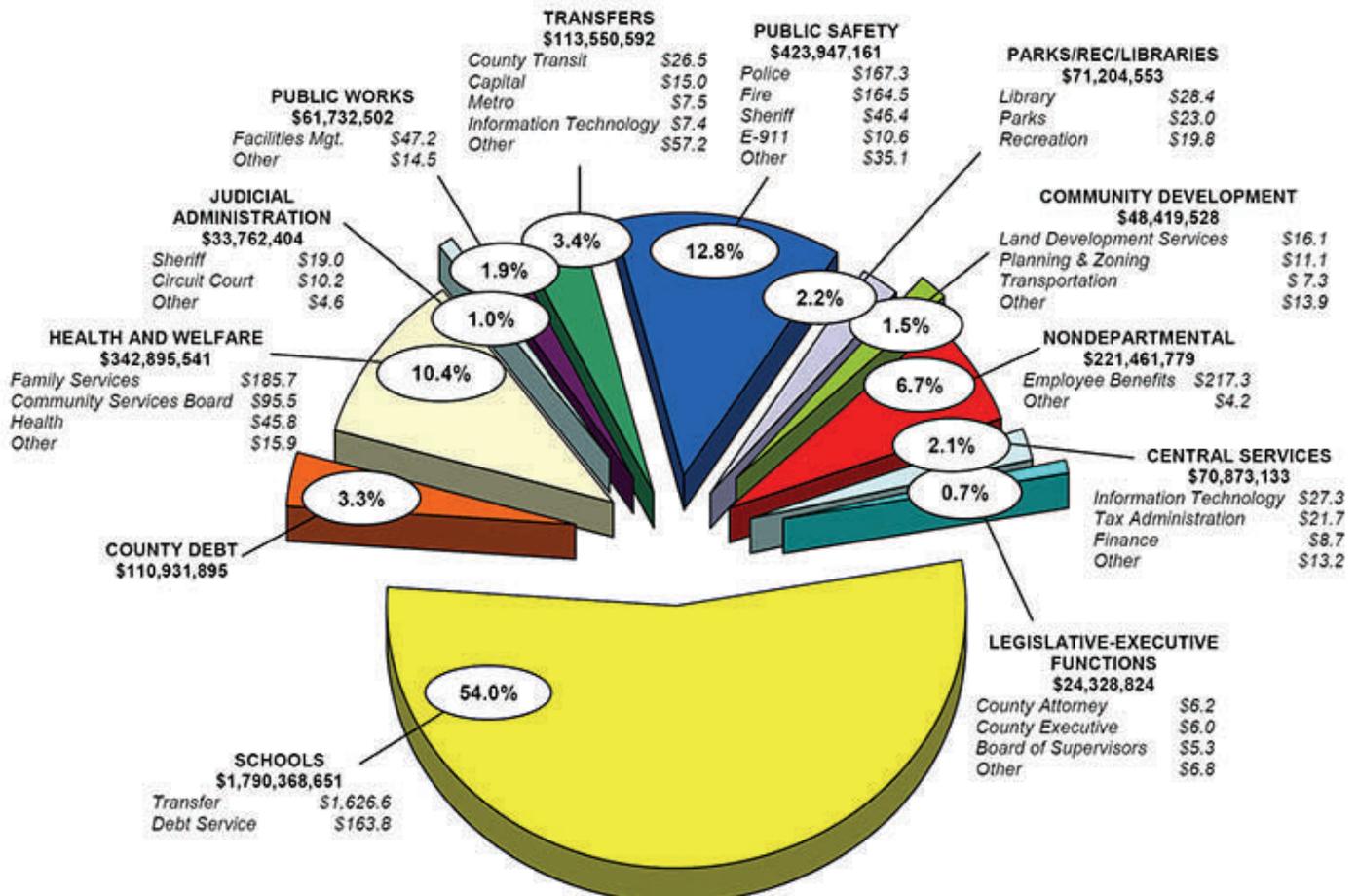
The following summarizes major expenditures and reductions in the proposed FY 2010 Budget:

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### WHERE IT GOES

**\$3,313,476,563**

(subcategories in millions)



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- No new initiatives
- Limited or no growth in County Agency budgets
- No increase in the transfer to the Schools Agency
- Spending reductions of \$106.4 Million
- Elimination of 524 regular merit positions
- Elimination of employee compensation increases and cash awards

### Overview of General Fund Disbursements

#### Changes from the FY 2009 Revised Budget

Category	Change from FY 2009 (\$Millions)	Percent Change (rounded)
Parks, Recreation, Libraries	-\$15.3	-18%
Community Development	-\$9.2	-16%
Central Services	-\$16.9	-15%
Judicial - Administrative	-\$5.0	-13%
Health and Welfare	-\$24.4	-9%
Legislative - Executive	-\$5.0	-8%
Public Works	-\$8.8	-6%
Public Safety	-\$27.7	-6%
Nondepartmental	-\$5.4	-2%
Schools	\$0	0%
County Debt Service	+\$2.2	+2%
Transfers	+\$6.0	+6%

Listings in the table above are from the largest percentage cut downwards. The average of all Direct Disbursement cuts (which includes all of the above except Schools) was 8.6%. Note that although the largest dollar cut was in Public Safety, this cut is below the average percentage cut. Health and Welfare had the second largest cut in dollars, which was near average as a percentage. These figures demonstrate that a deliberated, surgical approach was taken to proposing cuts in services, as opposed to across-the-board reductions. Although any cuts do obviously have an adverse impact on agency functions, the proposed budget does seek to avoid severely compromising agency missions.

In the Fall of 2008, the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee had several days of presentations by the County Departments, at which the Departments themselves suggested three categories of cuts they would make if they were forced to reduce their budgets: by 5%, 10%, and 15% in their Lines of Business (LOBs).

Hundreds of suggestions were made, but the County Executive did not take all the reductions suggested because of the adverse impacts. Examples of reductions not taken include closing fire and police stations, eliminating the entire Clinic Room Aide Program, closing juvenile probation houses and eliminating Crossroads Substance Abuse Programs. However, the Federation may feel that the impact of certain proposed reductions do have adverse impacts which are not justified by the savings.

A complete list of those LOB reductions which the County Executive has proposed for implementation can be found in the county publication *Citizens Guide to the Budget* for FY 2010, which is available on the County web site. The larger proposals (> \$1 Million) have been reviewed by the Federation Budget Committee, as well as some of the smaller ones which may adversely impact programs of interest to the Federation. As indicated above, the draft resolution for the Federation Membership's consideration regarding these reductions, as well as on the proposed revenue enhancements, will be available on the Federation's web site by March 16.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Parnes, Federation President, at [fedpres2008@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedpres2008@fairfaxfederation.org), or members of the Federation Budget Committee at [fedbudgetchr2008@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedbudgetchr2008@fairfaxfederation.org).

### **The Fiscal Year 2010 Fairfax County Budget**

As noted in the above update, the Fiscal Year 2010 Advertised Budget Plan will be discussed at this month's Federation membership meeting. The advertised budget, and supporting documentation, including the Capital Improvement Program for the years 2010 - 2014 and the Citizen's Guide to the Budget, is available on the county website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb). Reference copies of all budget volumes are also available at all Fairfax County Public Libraries.

The public hearings on the budget will be held March 30, March 31, April 1, and April 2, the latter date added to accommodate the tremendous number of speakers that have already signed up to testify. Hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, and begin at 7:00 p.m. on the 30th, and at 3:00 p.m. on the 31st and 1st. The start time has not been announced for the 2nd. Speakers are given three minutes to testify. To sign up to speak, call the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151.

For the first time ever, you can also provide feedback on the budget by calling 703-324-9400 or at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

## 2008 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

### Anne A. Andrews

For over three decades, Anne Andrews has raised her voice for, and our awareness of, the needs of Fairfax County's most vulnerable residents. She demonstrates an unparalleled dedication to helping others and is one of the most committed citizen leaders in the County. The passion she embodies is apparent in the expansiveness and intensity of volunteer services she has faithfully provided over these years.

Anne identifies a need and mobilizes those best able to resolve that need: human services and health care professionals, community and business leaders, public officials, and committed citizens.

This is evident through her efforts, in 1989, to make the Community Health Care Network (CHCN) a reality. Access to primary healthcare for all is a national issue. In Fairfax County, thanks to Anne's passionate advocacy, we have one of the best resources to provide accessible, quality primary health care services for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents through the CHCN. She was a key force behind pulling together community support, helping establish the CHCN that today enrolls over 20,000 residents each year through three community health care centers. Since its beginning, she has served as a stalwart member of the CHCN Community Advisory Committee.

Anne is most well-known for her tireless commitment and dedicated service, for the past 34 years, as Convener of the Route One Task Force for Human Services, providing a collaborative forum for over 40 community and government representatives and community-based organizations. The Task Force has raised awareness of issues, developed capacities to fill service gaps, and engaged wide community participation leading to a greater understanding of challenges, enhanced mental health and homeless services, and more accessible health care in the Richmond Highway area.

She also championed the establishment of the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), providing comprehensive, community-based services in areas of treatment, rehabilitation, and support for the most severely mentally ill members of our community for whom traditional clinic-based treatments have been insufficient.

She was unanimously elected to lead the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, established to develop strategies to provide enhanced services and deliver accessible health care in southeastern Fairfax County.

Anne co-revived a Citizen's Advisory Board to strengthen the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health. The Board assists in improved service delivery, advocates for expanded mental health programs, and provides citizen advice on mental health issues and policies.

Under her leadership, the first shelter for the homeless in Fairfax County was established in the Richmond Corridor. More recently, she facilitated a community tie-in to the county's hypothermia project.

Anne remains a steady and effective advocate for community-based mental health treatment and community access to health care, particularly for the most vulnerable members of our community. There are few people who take the time and energy to affect a community so greatly and as positively as Anne. Because of her outstanding contributions and persistent efforts,

Fairfax County is a healthier community, and the Federation is honored to recognize Anne Andrews as the 2008 Citizen of the Year.

## CITATIONS OF MERIT

### Linda F. Byrne

Linda Byrne is a citizen-activist in the best sense of the word. She has devoted countless hours to her community without seeking recognition in return. Just one example of her dedication is the now-opened Oakton Community Library. Linda was instrumental in obtaining land for the facility and raising funds for its construction. Without her commitment, the library would not exist today.

She has also served as the co-founder, and Vice President, of Fairfax4Horses, a nonprofit organization that promotes public equestrian facilities in Fairfax County. Linda has worked tirelessly toward the organization's goal of establishing an equestrian facility at Laurel Hill. The former Lorton Prison dairy farm would be transformed into a public facility, serving as the permanent home for the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, a nonprofit that works with at-risk children and children and adults with physical and emotional disabilities. Her expertise has been instrumental in obtaining approval for the construction of the riding ring.

She has also served as President of the Oakton Women's Club, co-founder of Options for Oakton, and a member of the Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Committee.

Linda is a dedicated, motivating, and consensus-building advocate, who cares for her community and works to make it better. Her selfless nature is an inspiration. The Federation is proud to recognize Linda's ongoing commitment to her community with a Citation of Merit.

### Christine Morin

The South County area has experienced dynamic growth; key to the area's development has been the creation of a community school. The first step in this process occurred in the fall of 2005 with the opening of the South County Secondary School. However, Christine Morin, with other community leaders, saw the need for a separate middle school in the area, and founded the South County Middle School Solutions Group.

It is her leadership in this group that has been remarkable. Christine reached out to individuals of all interests with a sense of respect and professionalism, yet with resolve. She served as a cohesive force for parents, the School Board and other elected officials, and businesses and community organizations to develop a constructive and positive solution to the issue.

She also serves as the Corresponding Secretary and Education Committee Chair for the South County Federation at a time of transition, providing new leadership and vision still rooted in the great tradition and past accomplishments of the organization.

Christine is a tireless and effective leader who has devoted her time and energy to help make the South County area a great place to live. Her role as a citizen activist, conducted with dignity and grace, is one that should be a model for others. The Federation is honored to recognize her efforts with a Citation of Merit.

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**Membership**  
**Meeting**

Thursday,  
March 19, 2009

7:30 p.m.

**The Packard Center**  
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

**Topic: Fairfax County**  
**Fiscal Year 2010**  
**Advertised Budget Plan**

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**Directions to the**

***Packard Center, located in Annandale Community Park***

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Little River Turnpike  
(Route 236 - Exit 52B);  
go east toward Annandale.

Turn left at the first stop light onto Hummer Road.

Go 200 yards to the entrance of Annandale Community Park on the left.

Keep right to the large parking lot.

Please use the left entrance into the Packard Center Building.

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