President’s Message

It’s September and the Federation is once again swinging into action. We have a full slate of officers for the first time in many a year, and only one committee chair vacancy so we should be ready to handle most anything that comes before us.

At our June picnic, we heard Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova present her first “State of Fairfax” speech with a promise to come back as many times as invited. We told her the invitations would always be forthcoming. The next week, our new Federation Board met to organize itself for the year, and passed a resolution in support of Congressman Connolly’s H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009. We sent a letter to our state and local elected and appointed officials, expressing the Federation Board’s support of the legislation.

As you may recall, last year we switched from mailing The Bulletin to sending it by email, and moved the submission deadline closer to the meeting date so we could be more timely in its contents. We found, however, that sending it so close to the meeting date was self-defeating in that it didn’t give our members the advance notice of the meeting that they may have needed. This year, we’ve moved the deadline back a week so that we should be able to send it earlier, and you’ll receive earlier announcements of our meetings.

As you read this newsletter and see the many areas in which the Federation is involved, I encourage you to become involved if you see a topic that interests you. Look over the many committees that the Federation sponsors - if one interests you, please contact the appropriate committee chair and express your interest. There are so many activities at the county, state and federal level, we can always use a helping hand to ensure we represent the best interests of all our citizens. We are specifically looking for a Public Safety Chair, a Environment co-chair and someone who would consider taking over one of the most important tasks of the Federation - the editor of The Bulletin. If you’re interested in any of these three positions, please send me an email so we can discuss your interests.

See you at our meeting on the 17th!

Enjoy,

Jeffrey Parnes, President
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2009 - 2010 Federation Board Meetings
Packard Center Main Conference Room
7:30 p.m.

- September 24, 2009
- October 22, 2009
- December 3, 2009
- January 29, 2010
- March 4, 2010
- April 22, 2010
- May 27, 2010
- June 24, 2010
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Please contact Carol Hawn at 703-266-6872 or cahawn@verizon.net with newsletter name and address changes, comments, or suggestions.

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 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 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 or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

Federation Membership Renewals Due

It is again time to renew your community’s membership in the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for the coming year.

If your community needs to renew for 2009 - 2010 or if your community would like to become a member of the Federation, you can complete a membership application/renewal form online at our website www.fairfaxfederation.org and simply click to send the form (followed by a check; we haven’t updated sending renewal dues via email yet). With this form, there will no longer be questions about spelling or the email address that handwritten copies tend to generate. You can also print out a membership application/renewal form from the Federation website, www.fairfaxfederation.org and mail it in with your check. For a paper copy of the application, or if you have any questions or need additional information on your community’s membership in the Federation, contact Tania Hossain, First Vice President and Membership Chair, at Fed1stVP2009@fairfaxfederation.org or 703-489-5999.

We look forward to your participation in the Federation this year. The more members we have, the stronger our collective voice, and the more effective we can be on issues impacting the residents of Fairfax County.
Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations  
Membership Meeting of June 18, 2009

DRAFT MINUTES
(for approval at the September 17, 2009 membership meeting)

The June 18 membership meeting of FCFCA was the annual Federation picnic meeting. It was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Annandale Community Park pavilion, which is on the same property as the Packard Center. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.) Following the picnic, the previously published minutes for the May membership meeting, as amended, were unanimously approved, as was the proposed 2009-10 Federation budget. President Jeff Parnes then introduced Sharon Bulova, Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who spoke on the State of the County. He noted that Delegate Vivian Watts, who represents the district that includes the park, was also in attendance.

Program

Chairman Bulova supplied a handout with her presentation. She also mentioned that her office provides a monthly e-newsletter, the Bulova Byline, similar to one that she produced as Braddock Supervisor, at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman.

She discussed the budgetary impact of the economic downturn on Fairfax County, including a drop in housing values, which affects the county's property tax revenues and thus its budget, and a significant increase in foreclosures. Foreclosures, she said, also erode nearby house values. From a county budget standpoint, there was an 8 percent decrease in projected revenue from the year before. If the budget were kept at the same levels, there would have been a shortfall of $650 million, so cuts had to be made. It will take a couple of years for the county to get back on its fiscal feet.

She noted that she is completing the remainder of former Chairman Gerry Connolly's four-year term following his election to Congress and a subsequent special election, so she has three years in her current term.

She reported that all the financial tools are in place to complete the Rail to Dulles project. The county is paying for its portion of the project using special tax districts for local businesses, the state is paying for its portion through revenues from the Dulles Toll Road, and the federal share of $900 million has finally been approved, as was the proposed 2009-10 Federation budget.

Chairman Bulova then took questions on allocation of more resources for the Richmond Highway corridor; how zoning changes will be made to go with transit-oriented development and smart growth; value of and possible future of citizens budget committees for several of the Supervisors at the district level; and

(see DRAFT MINUTES - continued on page 5)
**Community Dialogues on Budget Continue**

This fall, Community Dialogues will again be an opportunity to share input which will be a key factor in guiding the development of criteria for the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. The dialogues are sponsored by Fairfax County government and the Fairfax County Public Schools. Please note registration is required to attend a dialogue session. Following are the dates, times, and locations of the community dialogues.

- **Tuesday, September 29:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - McLean Community Center
  - 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean

- **Wednesday, September 30:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - West Springfield High School Cafeteria
  - 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield

- **Wednesday, October 14:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Marshall High School Cafeteria
  - 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
  - South County Secondary School Cafeteria
  - 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton

- **Saturday, October 24:** 10:00 a.m. to noon
  - Centreville Regional Library
  - 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville
  - Reston Regional Library
  - 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston
  - John Marshall Community Library
  - 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria

- **Thursday, October 29:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - South Lakes High School Cafeteria
  - 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston
  - Woodson High School Cafeteria
  - 9525 Main Street, Fairfax

- **Saturday, November 14:** 10:00 a.m. to noon
  - Kings Park Community Library
  - 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke
  - Sherwood Regional Library
  - 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria
  - George Mason Regional Library
  - 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

To register to attend a session or for additional information, call 703-324-2391 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget.

Special accommodations will be provided upon request by calling 703-246-2411, TTY 711. If you have questions, or for additional information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd.

**“What You Can Expect this Flu Season.”**

The Fairfax County Health Department is sponsoring a number of Town Hall Meetings to present the latest on the H1N1 and seasonal flu. This is a great opportunity for residents in your community to have their questions answered by the Fairfax County Health Director. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Below are the dates and locations of the remaining meetings:

- **Wednesday, September 16th**
  - Kings Park Library
  - 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

- **Friday, September 18th**
  - Mount Vernon Governmental Center
  - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

- **Tuesday, September 22nd**
  - North County Governmental Center
  - 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston

- **Friday, September 25th**
  - Mason District Governmental Center
  - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

- **Monday, September 28th**
  - Sully District Governmental Center
  - 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

- **Tuesday, September 29th**
  - Franconia Governmental Center
  - 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria

**The Census will be Here April 1st**

Although April 1, 2010 seems quite far away, it is not too early to begin planning for the 2010 Census, a critical biennial event for our nation. Throughout these months leading up to that date, the Bulletin will highlight the purpose of the census, its importance for Fairfax County, and the benefits of ensuring a complete count as measured by each household mailing back their census form. The Federation is asking all member communities to share in disseminating information on the upcoming census, by including materials in your community newsletter or on your website. If you would like information, please contact Carol Hawn at cahawn@verizon.net or call 703-266-6872.

**What is the Census?**

Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.

The 2010 Census will be mailed to all households in March, consisting of a short-form with 10 questions that should take 10 minutes to complete. The census will count all residents living in the United States, and will ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship, and housing tenure. The next issue of the Bulletin will discuss the importance of the Census.

**September is National Preparedness Month**

Federation Items of Interest

(DRAFT MINUTES - continued from page 3) reinstatement of a countywide citizens budget committee, as had existed in the 1990s. Federation President Jeff Parnes noted that the Federation and its budget committee would be pleased to assist in re-creating such a committee, if that were to happen.

Next Membership Meeting: September 17, 2009.
Next Board Meeting: June 25, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at dusk.

RESOLUTION
Metrorail and its Alternatives
(approved by the Federation Board on June 25, 2009)

Background
Congress is considering H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009, which calls for the extension of the Northern Virginia Metrorail.

Resolution
WHEREAS, Fairfax County’s quality of life and economic prosperity are seriously impacted by traffic congestion and its attendant air pollution and energy consumption;
WHEREAS, traffic congestion can be reduced by expanding Metrorail in Northern Virginia;
WHEREAS, Interstate 66, Interstate 95, the Dulles Toll Road, the Capital Beltway, and Richmond Highway are highly congested on a daily basis, soon to be exacerbated by BRAC, yet parallel potential mass-transit corridors;
WHEREAS, initial and long-term financing of transportation systems can be economically carried by the beneficiaries in proportion to their benefits;
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WHEREAS, initial and long-term financing of transportation systems can be economically carried by the beneficiaries in proportion to their benefits;
WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) supports H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federation recommends that a comprehensive analysis of multimodal transportation systems and methods that reduce the need for commuting be undertaken to identify the most cost-effective combination of methods and the associated funding.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
Fairfax County Draft Energy Policy
(recommended by the Federation Environment Committee; approved by the Federation Board on August 27, 2009 for discussion and adoption by the Federation membership at its September 17, 2009 meeting)

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Staff has drafted an energy policy statement for approval by the Board of Supervisors, and
WHEREAS, this draft policy contains only passing reference to the Cool Counties Declaration approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in July 2007, and
WHEREAS, a principle reason for adopting an energy policy would be to reduce carbon emissions, the main greenhouse gas, and

WHEREAS, a local jurisdiction such as Fairfax County has a unique role in reducing emissions through its jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation (especially non-auto), tree preservation, and waste management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations urges the Board of Supervisors to strengthen the draft energy policy by including specific references to the goals of the Cool Counties Initiative, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy also define the staff role to include the proactive development of energy and carbon emission reduction programs, thereby going beyond the current charge to coordinate among agencies, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the policy should include measures that extend beyond county government functions such as for businesses and citizens.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
Sally B. Ormsby Park
(adopted by the Federation Board on August 27, 2009 for discussion and adoption by the Federation membership at its September 17, 2009 meeting)

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority is considering naming a section of the Accotink Stream Valley in honor of the late Sally B. Ormsby, and
WHEREAS, Sally was a nature lover and Chair of Park Partners which supported funding for Fairfax County Parks, and
WHEREAS, Sally served the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) in many ways, including as President.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation hereby offers our enthusiastic support of the naming of the Sally B. Ormsby Park.

Committee Report

Land Use Committee
The Land Use Committee is working on three items of Countywide importance: (1) The County is considering assuming the responsibility for settlement ponds, in particular at the request of the Kingstowne development. (2) Some Federation member organizations estimate the development of Tysons Corner may absorb all of the County’s infrastructure and bond capacity for the next 50 years that no other development or redevelopment will be possible. (3) According to the South County Federation and a Chronicle Newspapers article, in violation of the policy of transparency, the County held closed meetings to open a new landfill in the Lorton area. Opening a new landfill would violate a 2004 Fairfax County policy. The proceedings of the closed meetings were discovered after a Freedom of Information Act request. For additional information on the latter, you can find the article at www.chroniclenewspapers.com/articles/2009/08/13/news/viewpoint/view01.txt. If you are interested in working on a possible Federation position on any of these items, or would like more information, please contact Fred Costello, Land Use Committee Chair, at FedLandUseChr2009@fairfaxfederation.org.
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Membership Meeting
Thursday,
September 17, 2009
7:30 p.m.
The Packard Center
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale
(see directions, below)
Topic: Metro

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Directions to the
Packard Center
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; ring the doorbell for entrance.

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