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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Note Our Return to the Renovated Location

The Packard Center

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003
7:30 p.m.

**Topic: Reston Metro Station — An Example of
Good Re-Development Planning**

**Presented by: Robert Goudie
Member**

Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force



Next Federation Board Meeting

**February 24, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

**The Packard Center
4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003**

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

Good News ~ we are moving back to the Packard Center. We are appreciative to all the communities that have accommodated our meetings requests, especially to Supervisor Cook's office for helping with our meetings at Braddock Hall.

The County's Budget cycle is an opportunistic time for the Federation to provide critical feedback to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the community. As a large stakeholder group, homeowners in Fairfax County bear the brunt of funding the revenue stream for the county's budget. As you well know, the previous two budget cycles have been fraught with economic woes. These are the times when our elected officials need to hear from as many of their constituents as possible. The Federation's goal is to make this budget process a meaningful and impactful one. To that end, our Budget Committee is seeking the community's input which you can send via email to Fed-budgetChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org. Your participation is greatly appreciated and needed.

We are excited about our February programming focused on Land Use. Our guest at our February 17 membership meeting is Robert Goudie of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. He will be presenting the "Reston Metro Station – An Example of Good Re-Development Planning" as a case study. Please join us for this meeting on a topical issue.

On an ongoing note, the redistricting efforts being worked on by the Citizen Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors has started meeting. The next steps for the redistricting process for Fairfax County is a public hearing and then the adoption of the redistricting plan at the April 26, 2011, Board meeting.

I would like to bring your attention to the community discussions surrounding the I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility as the county considers ownership of the facility. I would highly recommend that your community engage in this county-wide discussion. More information about this effort is available on the Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/waste-to-energy.htm. We would also like to welcome your feedback on this critical discussion. Please note that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the issue on Tuesday, February 22.

Please let us know the concerns in your community and help us build stepping stones on county-wide issues. We would deeply appreciate if you would encourage your community to become a member of the Federation.

Best regards,
Tania Hossain

New on the Federation Web Site

The Federation's Legislative Program as passed at the October 21, 2010 Membership Meeting and can be reviewed at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2011App101021.pdf>

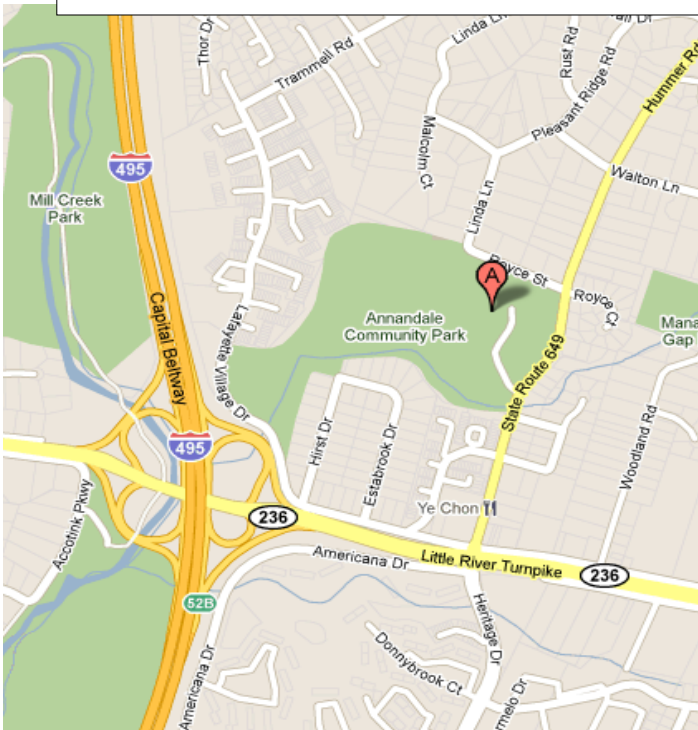
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Directions to the Packard Center

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Route 236 (Little River Turnpike, going east toward Annandale)
 go east 0.4 miles to first traffic signal
 Turn left at traffic signal onto Hummer Road.
 Go 0.25 miles, turning left at the bottom of the hill into the Packard Center driveway
 Bear right up the driveway to the parking lot.
 Walk down the left pathway to the door facing the parking lot .



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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at FedBulletinEditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org or 703-620-4942.

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, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

FCFCA Program Calendar 2010-2011						
Month	Membership Meetings			Board Meetings		Newsletter Deadline
	Date	Program		Date	Program	
2010						
Sep	16	Back to School Issues by Schools Superintendent Dr. Dale, @ Braddock Hall		23	Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall	1-Oct
Oct	21	Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall		28	@ South County Center, Alexandria	1-Nov
Nov	18	County Bicycle Paths @ Braddock Hall			No meeting	22-Nov
Dec	16	An Urban Conservation Ethic, canceled due to snow		2	@ Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna, VA	20-Dec
2011						
Jan	20	FC Public School Budget @ FCPS Administrative Offices, 8115 Gatehouse Road		27	Canceled due to snow	24-Jan
Feb	17	Reston Metro Station - An Example of Good Re-Development Planning @ The Packard Center. Robert Goudie of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force		24	@ The Packard Center	21-Feb
Mar	17 ^b	County Budget @ The Packard Center		24 ^b	@ The Packard Center	21-Mar
Apr	14 ^c	Report from three Federation Representatives to County Boards, Authorities, and Commissions		28	@ The Packard Center	18-Apr
May	19	Report from Richmond; Election of Federation Officers		26	@ The Packard Center	23-May
Jun	16	Picnic, State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, Board of Supervisors Chair; Installation of Officers		23	@ The Packard Center	20-Jun

b. Dates of the March meetings will be interchanged if necessary to enable members to vote on final Federation budget recommendations.

c. April 14 membership meeting is the second Thursday in April due to FCPS spring break the third week.

Do you want to have an impact?

The Federation is only as strong as its voice, and the Federation's many committees make up its collective voice. If you are interested in serving one any of the ten committees that make up the backbone of the Federation please contact the committee chairs using the following email addresses:

Budget: Carey Campbell and Charles Hall	FedBudgetChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein and Tim Thompson	FedEducationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Environment: Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb	FedEnvironmentChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Human Services: Cherie Lejeune	FedHumanServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello	FedLandUseChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Frank Anderson	FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Public Safety: Gail Parker	FedPublicSafetyChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Resolutions: Bill Hanks	FedResolutionsChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org
Transportation: Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskin and Jeff Parnes ..	FedTransportationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org

The committees conduct the bulk of their business by email, and formulate positions and suggest actions for consideration by the membership at large. They also provide inputs to the Federation's legislation and budget presentations. Here's a chance to make a mark in an area of your interest. Join us in making our County a better place to live!

Re-development Planning

Robert Goudie is the Co-Chair of the Town Center Committee for the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. Its charter was to make recommendations to the Task Force on the possible redevelopment of Town Center in connection with Metro's arrival. He is one of two elected residential representatives to the Reston Town Center Association Board of Directors (the governing body for Town Center) and from that position was appointed to the Task Force

Robert united owners and citizens in developing a plan for the Metro rail station at the Reston Town Center. His subcommittee's report includes, without prejudice, one voice that dissented on transportation issues. Issues remain relative to integrating the plans for the other two stations with the Town Center plan.

Human Services

A strong volunteer force within the community is critical and vital to human resources fulfillment. Emergency management tasks for natural or man-made disasters not covered by the town/city employees duties is important. On emergencies, for example, we need to make sure the supplies are in place and any phone call tree, or emergency numbers, are updated. This may seem like old news, but it is surprising how often we aren't prepared.

Community team building is the 2011 goal. We need to create or refresh lists of individuals and resources within the community, which in turn help individuals, families, seniors, the disabled, those new to the community, those from foreign lands, and those experiencing tough times. Updating volunteer lists to handle a variety of duties from snow shoveling, leaf removal, minor home maintenance, tools loans, refreshing emergency call lists, are real needs. Cherie Lejeune, Chair, Federation Human Services at

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/humanservices1.htm> looks forward to your input on the contact/emergency information most vital to your communities.

Disaster Recovery Plan

The county's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is preparing a Disaster-Recovery Plan (see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp>)

The OEM held a focus group on Tuesday, January 18, 2010 to get input from community associations. Five people attended. The Federation was represented by 2nd VP Don Hinman (Contact info: Fed2ndVP2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

The planning focuses not on the instantaneous response but on short- and long-term responses such as: (1) re-establishing the capacity of public and private health care delivery and essential services; (2) continuity of care for affected individuals; (3) reconnection to essential services for displaced populations.

To keep up with the latest news and information about what is currently termed the "Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan", sign up for email alerts <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>. Just enter your e-mail address, go to the "Emergency Management" heading and click the "start" button for the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Initiative, then click the continue button at the bottom of the page to subscribe.

County personnel at the OEM are: Marcelo Ferreira, Community Liaison 571-350-1013 (marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov) and Amanda Phan, Emergency Planner 571-350-1010

2010 Fairfax County Citizen of Year Nomination

Purpose of the Award: The Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Award is sponsored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the Science Applications International Corporation. Each year, a selection committee of county-wide organizations meets to review nominations for the Federation's "Citizen of the Year" and Citation(s) of Merit. The winners are honored at our annual banquet, scheduled in the spring. Both the Citizen of the Year Award and the Citation(s) of Merit recognize and honor those citizens whose voluntary contributions of time and talent have resulted in major accomplishments that have enhanced the quality of life for citizens of Fairfax County.

Eligibility: Nominee must be a current resident of Fairfax County. The Citizen of the Year is recognized for voluntary acts that are not related to employment.

Criteria: Contributions and accomplishments must have county-wide rather than local significance. The nominee's achievements can be either:

1. General, such as multi-year community service with one or more organizations or activities with cumulative impact over the years of current importance or with positive implications for the future, or
2. Specific, including intense efforts as the major promoter of a single program or project completed in a finite period of time.

Alternative Nominations:

- Elected officials and full-time County or Commonwealth employees are ineligible for consideration if their contributions are related to their full-time positions.
- Persons whose contributions of time and talent resulted in major accomplishments that have enhanced the quality of life for citizens of Fairfax County, who do not meet the published eligibility standards for the Citizen of the Year consideration, may still be honored by the Federation.
- Please submit information about these nominees on the form, indicating that this is an alternative nomination.

The nomination form is available online at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>.

Nominations must be received by the Committee by 28 February 2011.

News Items

Fairfax County Budget

How the budget is developed is described in the video: "Juggling in a Struggling Economy: The FY 2012 Budget Process" which can be found at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

which is also where the budget will be posted.

Land Use Issues

The web site <http://reston2020.blogspot.com/> has many articles from well-informed citizens who are concerned about the development and re-development of Reston along the Dulles Toll Road. Citizens from other communities who are looking at re-development might profit from reviewing the articles. Robert Goudie's presentation at the February 17 Federation meeting will provide one of the good outcomes of the planning process.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Draft 1a at 2011-01-25 Approved ??, 2011

The January 2011 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:35 p.m. in the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent's Conference Room, Falls Church. The attendance list is attached to file copy of the minutes.

Program: Fairfax County Public School Budget

Kristen Michael, Director of Budget, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Superintendent Jack D. Dale has released the school system's FY 2012 Proposed Budget of \$2.2 billion with a projected enrollment of 177,416 students. The proposed budget includes an additional 258.4 positions to support changes in student demographics and projected membership growth of 2,120 students as well as market scale adjustments and step increases for employees following two years of frozen salaries. The presentation format laid out differences from last year's budget. A lively discussion ensued regarding the assumptions and reasons for proposed budget proposals.

More information about the proposed School Budget is available at www.fcps.edu/fs/budget, including the presentation that Superintendent Dale gave to the school board on January 6th and that Ms. Michael gave at this meeting.

President Hossain expressed the Federation's gratitude for the informative presentation and presented Ms Michael with a Federation coffee cup. Thanks also go to Tim Thompson and the Education Committee for organizing this program.

Administrative Topics

Human Services Committee: The Board will formalize the addition of Cherie Tripp Lejuene of Oakton as Chair of the Human Service Committee at the January 27 Board Meeting.

The Bulletin: Newsletter articles are due to the editor by January 24. Committee chairs and Federation representatives to other organizations are urged to share information via The Bulletin.

Minutes: The membership approved the minutes of the November 18, 2010, membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel presented the treasurer's report, which the membership voted to receive and file.

New Members: Two new associations joined the Federation: Colvin's Glen Citizens' Association and Lafayette Village Community Association, Inc.

Old Business

2010 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award: Please spread the word about the next Citizen of the Year Award. More information is available on our website at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>. SAIC will be a sponsor again this year. The Chair, Jeff Parnes, is confirming the guest speaker and the date.

New and Miscellaneous Business

Recruiting Federation Representatives—Don Hinman

Would you like to serve on a Fairfax County board or commis-

sion? The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association is looking for people to represent the Federation on the following:

Citizens Corps Council

Promote and oversee Citizen Corps programs. Provide opportunities for special skills and interests. Identify best practices and report accomplishments. Focus on public education, training and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety. Develop action plans to involve the whole community, including special needs groups. Use education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. Information at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=7011051 & <http://www.fairfaxcountycitizen corps.org/>

Community Action Advisory Board

--Advise the County Board and the Director of Family Services on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons and recommends policies that promote meaningful change. The board provides oversight for state and federal Community Service Block Grant funds. The grants along with matching funds from Fairfax County are used to support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Information at <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/caab/>.

Engineering Standards Review Committee

--Provide technical and engineering advisory services to the Board. Review input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. Meets first Thursday of the month. Information at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312.

To express your interest or ask questions, please contact Don Hinman, Federation 2nd Vice President at: fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

Please consider joining the Federation if your community association is not yet a member. Increased membership will enable us to be a stronger county-wide voice for community associations.

Check out the Federation website:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org>

Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan—2nd Vice President Don Hinman reporting

The county's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is preparing a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP). Information is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp>. The OEM held a focus group on January 18, 2011(?), to get input from community associations. Five people attended. The Federation was represented by 2nd VP Don Hinman (Fed2ndVP2010@fairfaxfederation.org) A work group session for community partners will be held February 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The planning focuses on such issues as (1) re-establishing the capacity of public and private health care delivery and essential services; (2) continuity of care for affected individuals; and (3) reconnection to essential services for displaced populations.

To keep up with the latest news and information about the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning project, sign up for email alerts <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>. Enter your e-mail address, go to the "Emergency Management" heading, and click

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the "start" button for the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Initiative, then click the continue button at the bottom of the page to subscribe.

Contact information for the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management is Marcelo Ferreira, Community Liaison 571-350-1013, e-mail marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov, and Amanda Phan, Emergency Planner 571-350-1010.

Board & Committee Reports

Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall

The committee will commence its annual review soon with Kosmo Tatalias being a key member of the committee.

Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman

The Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations and the Common Interest Community Employee Certification Standards have been approved by the governor's office and were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on January 17. A public comment forum is open through March 18. The Common Interest Community Board will hold public hearings on the proposed regulations on March 3. Information is available at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>).

Education—Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson

The committee met January 15 to draft testimony on the proposed FCPS budget. Public hearings are scheduled January 24-25; therefore the committee will not have the opportunity to clear its positions with the FCFCA board in advance, as the board's next meeting is January 27.

Environment—Flint Webb

Tania reported that the Mt. Vernon District has brought to the environmental committee's attention the need for standardized cell tower approval criteria. There was discussion that this topic should be handled by the land use committee. Tania will inform Flint and Roger of that suggestion.

Human Services—Cherie Tripp Lejeune (designate)—no report

Land Use—Fred Costello

In support of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, Fred computed the Gross Floor Areas around the three Reston Metrorail stations as allowed by zoning and as allowed by the current Comprehensive Plan. Fred's numbers have been spot checked by others; however they differ from the county staff's values. The county staff has been asked to help resolve the differences.

To help estimate the timing of the development, Fred developed the data for the age of existing buildings in each of the sub-areas along the areas around the stations.

Fred's analysis of the revenue benefits of commercial development show that, if the employees become residents of Fairfax County, the net revenue benefits of commercial development are offset by the net revenue losses due to residential development. (Commercial properties require less service than residential.)

The task force will be receiving reports from its various subcommittees in the near future.

Robert Goudie of the task force will speak on the Reston Metro

Station development planning at the Federation's February meeting.

Legislation—Frank Anderson

The committee will circulate a survey for next year's legislative priorities. Frank is also working on the legislative membership programming scheduled for May. Tania presented the Federation's legislative program to the Fairfax General Assembly members on January 8, 2011, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Public Safety—G. Gail Parker

Welcome to the two new members of the Public Safety Committee: Herb Smith and Gabe Goldberg. The Federation has appointed Herb Smith to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and Gabe Goldberg to the Fairfax County's Police Chief's Quarterly Round Table.

Resolutions—Bill Hanks—no report

Transportation—Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskins, and Jeff Parnes—no report

Website—Jeff Parnes

Please continue to give the webmasters Kosmo and Jeff your feedback for website updates on committee pages by emailing them at fedwebmaster2010@fairfaxfederation.org

District Council Reports

Seven supervisor districts have councils of citizens associations; Dranesville & Hunter Mill districts do not.

Braddock - Art Wells—no report

Lee—Don Hinman

Two upcoming events, both at the Franconia Government Center, are:

Supervisor Jeff McKay will host the annual Lee District Open House, January 22, 1-3 p.m.

The monthly district council meeting will be January 26. We will have an update on Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement and Code Compliance, from Rachel Perrot of the Office of Code Compliance.

We made two awards at our annual Lee District holiday banquet on December 8:

We gave county planner Meghan Van Dam our Distinguished Public Service Professional Award. Among the many ways that Meghan served our district well was her work on the Springfield Mall Redevelopment Plan, the Springfield Connectivity Study, and Area Plan Reviews for the Comprehensive Plan.

Our Citizenship Award went to Mary McCutchen for 38 years of community service, including reorganizing the Greater Wilton Woods Community Association, presiding over a Garden Club, serving on PTAs of multiple schools and the Citizen Advisory Committees of two police districts, organizing collections to help the families of soldiers serving overseas, and much more.

Mason—Keith Taggart—no report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence—(from Denise Rogers)—Providence will appoint a representative shortly.

Springfield—Mike Thompson—Ed Wyse reported the next district council meeting is scheduled for January 27. Supervisor Herry is expected to attend.

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Sully—Jeff Parnes—Sully had its annual meeting January 20.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled January 27, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

The next membership meeting is scheduled February 17, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

New Regulations for Citizen Associations

By Don Hinman: FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org

Those in citizen associations might want to:

1. Check the website of the County Consumer Affairs Branch for their latest quarterly newsletter, which is called *The Informed Consumer*: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/enewsletter/winter_2011.pdf
2. Check the following link for helpful information to HOAs and Condo Associations: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/hoa.htm>
3. Keep informed concerning important announcement from Virginia's **Common Interest Community Board (CICB)**. **For example, there is a current public-comment period concerning the CICB Ombudsman Regulations.** The period closes on 3/18/2011. A public hearing will be held in Richmond on March 3, 2011.

A draft of the proposed **CICB Ombudsman Regulations** have been approved by the Governor and have been posted for public comment. (See: <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/viewstage.cfm?stageid=5362&display=documents>.)

An important aspect of the proposed regulations are the requirements regarding the **Association Complaint Process**, through which citizens can file complaints against HOAs and Condo Associations. These regulations will likely take effect in Spring 2011, after which **associations will have 90 days within which to adopt written complaint procedures** that comply with the regulations. If a process is in place, then the Office of the Ombudsman will not accept any complaint from a homeowner unless a **final adverse decision** has been issued by an association. If no written complaint procedures are adopted, the Office of the Ombudsman will continue to review **all** complaints against an association.

Residents living in HOAs and Condo Associations are strongly encouraged to review the proposed regulations so that your Association will be prepared to comply once the regulations are effective.

The CICB general website is: <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/>

Become a Federation Representative on Fairfax County Boards and Commissions

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association has representatives on many of the County boards, commissions, committees, task forces, and councils. Currently, the Federation needs representatives for the following:

Citizens Corps Council, which promotes and oversees Citizen Corps programs, focuses on public education, training and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety; uses education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. It develops action plans to involve the whole community, including special needs groups and identifies best practices and reports accomplishments. See <http://www.fairfaxcountycitizenscorps.org/> and http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=7011051

Community Action Advisory Board, which advises the County Board and the Director of Family Services on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons, recommends policies that promote meaningful change, provides oversight for state and federal Community Service Block Grant funds which support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process. See <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/caab/> or http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23341

Engineering Standards Review Committee, which provides technical and engineering advisory services to the Board, reviews input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312

Airports Advisory Committee, which advises the Board on all airport and aircraft operations affecting Fairfax County, examines the feasibility of establishing a countywide aircraft noise complaint center. See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23354

To express your interest in representing the Federation, or to ask questions, please contact Don Hinman, Federation 2nd Vice President at fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

The complete list of the **County's Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Commissions** (BACs) is found at the following website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>. The Federation has representation on eight of these. Besides the above-listed BACs four others with vacancies are: (1) Criminal Justice Advisory Board, (2) Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group, (3) Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee and (4) Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

The complete list of **School Board advisory committees** is found at the following website: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/advisory.htm>. The Federation has representation on three of these (Advanced Academic Programs, Human Relations, and Students with Disabilities), as well as the Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Committee: <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/bcac/index.htm>

Federation State Legislative Update

By Frank Anderson, Legislative Chair, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations (202) 270-9657
FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org

I have updated your Legislative Agenda, which can be viewed from our website at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/legislation1.htm>. I have also been tracking bills in the General Assembly that are pertinent to our legislative issues.

As you know, we have a list of legislative priorities at the Federation. In order to be able to best represent your interests, I would like to hear from you about the most important issues we should focus on in 2011. I will be distributing a very brief survey to ask you for your input. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I have compiled a brief summary of some of the legislation I've been following. This list is by no means comprehensive.

HB 1402 (Rosalyn Dance, D-63) would introduce "no excuses" in person absentee voting. This is something the Federation supports. This bill was recently tabled in a subcommittee.

HB 1413 (Jim Scott, D-53) would "convert the rate of taxation on motor fuels from cents per gallon to a percentage rate." This bill is one of the only realistic transportation funding solutions. The current flat rate hasn't changed since the 1980s, and loses its purchasing power with rising fuel costs. An increased fuel tax was also one of the recommendations of the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board.

A recent addition to our legislative agenda under Public Safety was the support for a study of the health and safety effects of synthetic drugs. One such substance, synthetic marijuana, has received so much legislative attention that there are no fewer than five House bills and four Senate bills to make it illegal (HB 1423, 1427, 1434, 1473 and 1481; SB 745, 746, 748 and 749).

Another legislative item supported by the Federation is a change in the public school calendar. HB 1433, introduced by Del. Thomas "Tag" Greason (R-32), would eliminate the "Kings Dominion rule" which prohibits schools from opening before Labor Day. HB 1433 would give local school districts the ability to set their own schedules. Similarly, HB 1483, introduced by Del. William Cleveland (R-17), would permit schools to open before Labor Day if the jurisdiction is surrounded by other divisions who are doing the same.

HB 1437 by Mark Cole (R-88) has to do with the business, professional and occupational license tax (BPOL). It "allows localities to decide whether to impose the BPOL tax on a business's gross receipts or its Virginia taxable income." The position of the Federation is "that any state or local legislation that might eliminate exemptions to the BPOL tax does not remove the current exemptions for non-profit organizations." It is unclear whether this legislation would affect those exemptions.

The Federation has commended Delegate Glen Oder (R-94) and Senator Mamie Locke (D-02). They are patrons of companion bills that fulfill one of the Federation's Citizen Interests: to cap car title loan interest rates at 36%. (HB 1441 and SB 751)

There are two very similar constitutional amendments in

the House that would change the laws for restoration of rights. HJ 543, introduced by Charniele Herring (D-46) and HJ 497, by Rosalyn Dance (D-63), would authorize the General Assembly to create an alternative process for restoration of rights for ex-felons who have completed the terms of their sentences. This is also supported by the Federation.

Please copy the following and email me your priorities:

Legislative Agenda Survey

Please place a check mark next to the three priorities that are most important to you (choose up to three):

- ◇ Conservation – Open space land conservation
- ◇ Education – Funding of state and federal mandates for K-12 education
- ◇ Energy – Energy conservation, including renewable and distributive energy
- ◇ Governance – Reversal of the Dillon Rule; consistency & conformity in regional planning
- ◇ Infrastructure – Funding of critical local education and transportation infrastructure needs
- ◇ Land Use – Protection of local land use authority
- ◇ Tax Structure – Modernization of state and local tax structures
- ◇ Taxation Authority – Equal taxing authority for counties, cities and towns
- ◇ Other:

Fairfax County's FY 2012 Budget Hearings

On Tuesday, February 22, 2011, the County Executive will present the FY 2012 Advertised Budget. Public hearings will be held at the Fairfax County Governmental Center, Supervisor's Board Room, 12000 Governmental Center Parkway, according to the schedule:

Budget Hearings

Tuesday, March 29, begins at 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 30, begins at 3:00 pm
 Thursday, March 31, begins at 3:00 pm

Budget Actions

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Budget Mark-up
 Tuesday, April 26, 2011, Budget Adoption

Additional information regarding the FY 2012 budget process is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/. The Chairman's State of the County address is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/news/state-of-the-county-2010.htm.

Issues Concerning Tysons Infrastructure Plan

The infrastructure and who pays for it remain major, unresolved issues in the development of Tysons. The status should alert citizens of other areas facing new development. Infrastructure and land use are integrally tied.

The Current Tyson's Development Plan

On June 22, 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed a Tysons Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the County's land use planning document that:

- ◇ Permits unlimited density within ¼ mile of the four new Metro stations scheduled to come on line in Tysons Corner in 2013 (density refers to the gross floor area of buildings within a given land area);
- ◇ Increases the allowable densities in other parts of Tysons Corner;
- ◇ Anticipates a 71% increase in jobs in Tysons (from 113,000 to 193,000) by 2050, with most of the increase by 2030;
- ◇ Anticipates more than a 500% increase in residents (from 18,500 to 103,000) by 2050, with most of the residential (and housing) increase after 2030; and
- ◇ To support this growth, calls for construction of the necessary infrastructure -- amenities (parks, playing fields, library, etc.); services (schools, police and fire services, buses, water and sewer); and transportation improvements

Not all of the new residents in Tysons will work in Tysons. Some will need to commute by car to jobs outside of Tysons, while others who work in Tysons will need to commute by car from outside of Tysons. The County projects that each new residential unit in Tysons will have, on average, 2.1 residents, and that each residential unit will have, on average, only 1.6 workers in Tysons. Thus, the expected 80,000 new jobs in Tysons will outnumber the 64,380 (=84,500/2.1 residences * 1.6 worker per residence) new employees residing in Tysons by 24%. Therefore, it can be expected that the redevelopment of Tysons will increase traffic in and out of Tysons and thereby increase traffic congestion.

The Infrastructure Plan

The estimated cost of the required Tysons infrastructure (i.e., the overall cost for the amenities, services and transportation improvements identified above and required under the Tysons Corner Urban Center Comprehensive Plan) has not yet been publicly disclosed. The County did estimate the cost for required transportation enhancements -- \$1.6 Billion or approximately \$39,800 per each new Tysons residence (=1.6B/(84500/2.1)).

This estimate includes the cost of the following transportation projects:

- ◇ Improvements to major roads such as Routes 123 and Route 7 and the Dulles Toll Road to handle both through traffic and traffic to and from Tysons;
- ◇ The grid of streets within Tysons to provide access to new development;
- ◇ Bus transit services within Tysons; and
- ◇ Neighborhood road and transit access improvements.

No cost estimates have been generated since adoption of the Plan for other aspects of the infrastructure: parks and playing fields; bike paths; schools; library; police, emergency and fire

services; and water and sewer lines. An earlier County staff estimate had the capital costs, not counting land acquisition costs and/or facility rental fees, at \$1.8 Million for a 1700 sq. ft. library in Tysons and between \$11 and 12 Million for a rescue and fire station to serve the Tysons area.

Neither the timing of the development of the infrastructure relative to the development of the buildings nor the infrastructure cost allocation between developers and County residents has been specified. The County has proposed that the developer pay 42% of the transportation infrastructure cost, which is well below the 75% paid by the developers along Route 28. County staff has said that, if the developers pay more than 42%, development will not be profitable enough for them to develop. County staff has proposed that taxpayers pay 100% of the cost for transit services, neighborhood and access improvements, and 66% of the costs for improvements to the major roads that run into and through Tysons (Routes 7 and 123 and the Dulles Toll Road.)

Although commercial development results in a net increase in tax revenue, the residential development to house the new workers offsets this net increase. County history shows that the combined effect of commercial and residential development is an increase in residential taxes. Taxes and fees other than real-estate taxes can be instituted, but these taxes are ultimately paid by the residential taxpayer.

Because developers are already submitting requests for zoning changes in accordance with the Development Plan, settling who pays the cost of the infrastructure is an urgent need.

*Reported by Frederick A. Costello
Bulletin Editor*

Property Maintenance in Your Community

The Mason District Council (MDC) is gearing up for the upcoming MDC Roundtable Discussion on Property Maintenance. In the survey among area neighborhood leaders, this ranked NUMBER ONE as an issue of concern.

Mark your calendars for March 3rd at 7:30pm at the Mason District Station.

MDC expects have county representatives s at the meeting in addition to area community leaders speaking on this subject. A clean, up-kept community may not affect HOAs as such, but it attracts nice neighbors and keeps property values up - something that benefits everyone.

MDC is looking to share ideas on the following:

- How do you handle property maintenance issues in your community? (e.g., someone letting their property go into disrepair, junk in the yard, carport junk, trash, cars on yard, etc.)
- Do you have a procedure to deal with the neighbor who is not keeping their property?
- Does your neighborhood have issues with incomplete construction going on for so long it creates an eyesore?
- Do you have any useful information you can share it with other communities who need help.

Please email Mollie at parklawncivic@verizon.net if you would be available to speak on this subject matter.