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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Topic: Report from Richmond

By Delegates Mark Keam and Dave Albo,
and Senator Dave Marsden
also

Election of Federation Officers



Citizen-of-the-Year Banquet

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Sunday, May 15, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Tysons Crowne Plaza

1960 Chain Bridge Road
Mclean, VA 22102



Next Federation Board Meeting

May 26, 2011 (Fourth Thursday)

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

It is my pleasure to announce the 2010 Federation Citizen of the Year Award winner is Mollie Morison-Loeffler of Annandale, Virginia. Along with Mollie, the Federation has bestowed its Citation of Merit Award to Charlie Dane of Annandale, Virginia, and Special Gratitude Awards to Anthony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, and Bill Lecos, past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Federation, we would like the pleasure of your company at the 61st Annual Banquet of the Federation Citizen of the Year Award on Sunday, May 15 at 6 pm at the Tysons Crowne Plaza, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. More information is available on our website at www.fairfaxfederation.org.

For our May membership meeting scheduled for May 19, the Federation looks forward to presentations from the following members of the General Assembly on our Report from Richmond program: Delegates Mark Keam and Dave Albo, and Senator Dave Marsden.

The Federation thanks Latisha Elcock, our representative to the Fairfax County School Board Advanced Achievement Advisory Committee; Rob Jackson, our representative to the County's Redistricting Advisory Committee; and Mark Tipton, our representative to the County's Trails and Sidewalk Committee for their excellent presentations on various boards, authorities and commissions at our meeting last month. On behalf of the Federation, it is an honor and a privilege for the Federation to be represented on countywide advisory organizations by our outstanding representatives.

Our annual picnic and installation of officers will take place on Thursday, June 16 in the picnic area of the Packard Center. The Federation's picnic is a great outdoors event for enjoyment by everyone in the community. We will be joined by Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors who will share the state of the County with us and preside over the installation of the new officers.

On behalf of the Federation, I wanted to thank you for staying connected so that our concerns can be amplified to a bigger platform. With our collective efforts, there is no doubt that Fairfax County will continue to be one of the best places to live, play and work.

Best regards,
Tania Hossain

New on the Federation Web Site

The **Transportation** web page reports on many presentations since March 17, 2011, including a reports on Metrorail construction, funding for road improvements.

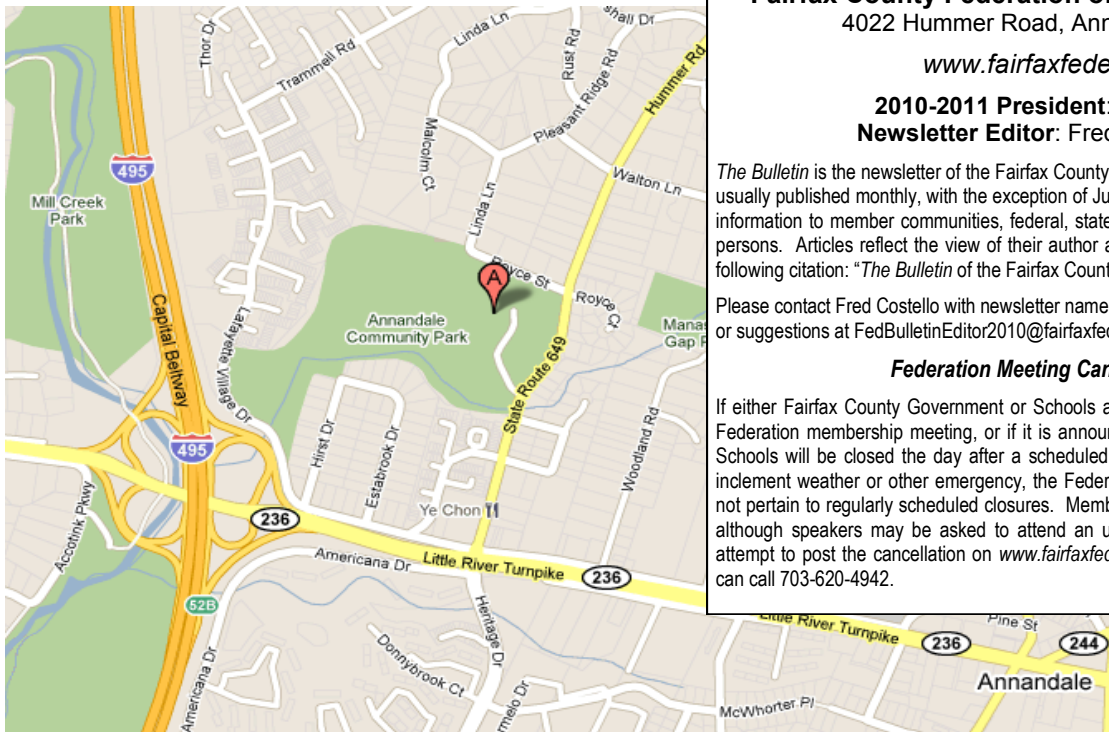
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Directions to the Packard Center

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

COY banquet will be on Sunday, May 15, at the Tysons Crown Plaza, starting at 6 pm.

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 on 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!

Citizen of the Year

Mollie Morison-Loeffler will be honored as the Federation's 2010 Citizen of the Year at the Federation's annual banquet. The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at the Tysons Crowne Plaza. The banquet is co-sponsored by SAIC.

Mollie Loeffler is known throughout Fairfax County as a real "firecracker." Her energy and enthusiasm for creating community and taking action are renowned. She was selected for her leadership in re-establishing her community association, winning two \$5000 grants from the Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program for both her community and a local county park. Mollie's work then led to a bigger platform and she spearheaded the reconstituting of the long dormant Mason District Council. Under her leadership, the Mason District Council has tackled major zoning issues, such as overcrowding and littering, by creating a network of resources that include citizens associations and the county, working on solutions to common problems facing the community.

"Mollie's positive and energetic civic leadership is exemplary work of what we can accomplish when we empower ourselves to act on behalf of our communities" said Tania Hosain, Federation president.

Charlie Dane of Annandale will receive a 2010 Citation of Merit at the banquet. Dr. Dane has a long history of public service to Fairfax County. He has been associated with the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for many years, briefly serving as Chair of the Land Use Committee, and then later as First Vice President. For almost ten years, he served as Chair of the Federation's Education Committee. He served for two years as co-chair and continues to serve as a member of the Fairfax County School Board's Advisory Committee of Human Relations. He is a member of the Fairfax County Public School Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council. After attending School Board retreats, work sessions, and selected committee meetings, Dr. Dane offers ideas on educational and administrative practices to improve public education. He participates in the annual review of scholarship applications submitted to College Access Fairfax. In addition to education pursuits, Dr. Dane has served for eight years as the Braddock District representative on the Fairfax County Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation and serves as the Commission's Vice-Chair. He also participates as a member of the Braddock District Citizens Budget Committee. As a retired federal employee (Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), he is a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association and has served as Treasurer, Vice President, and currently, President, of the Annandale NARFE Chapter 1159. Dr. Dane previously served as Area Improvement Chair of his Stone Haven Civic Association, and still coordinates the association's biennial home tour event to encourage others to remodel and improve their homes and yards.

Special Gratitude Awards will be presented to Anthony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, and Bill Lecos, past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force.

Anthony H. Griffin, as Fairfax County Executive, provided Fairfax County with solid leadership, good fiscal stewardship and the ability to motivate and inspire the county workforce. He has distinguished Fairfax County as a world-class center of commerce and trade and the technology hub of the East Coast. Fairfax County is well known as a wonderful place to live, work and play and Griffin's leadership has ensured that the quality of life remains high, despite the new challenges of the 21st century. His tenure has encompassed projects both large and small that will have a significant impact on Fairfax County and the region for years to come, including: Tysons Corner Redevelopment, Dulles Rail, McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Code of Ethics Update, Lorton Land Reuse Plan and the Chesapeake Bay preservation ordinance.

Bill Lecos, as past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force, played a central role in the citizen-based effort to replan Tysons Corner. Thanks largely to Bill's leadership, the Board of Supervisors had the opportunity to approve a visionary Comprehensive Plan amendment that enabled historic investments in Tysons' transportation infrastructure while spurring development of a new, green housing stock. Bill ensured that this re-planning effort helped business in the County and had the support of the business community. Bill has been involved in public affairs in our region for two decades, as President of the Restaurant Association, Senior Vice President of Policy at the Washington Board of Trade, and President and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. Bill played a central role building broad-based support for transportation and land use policies that would improve the quality of life for Fairfax residents.

Katharine Weymouth, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Post Media and Publisher, The Washington Post, will be the keynote speaker. The banquet is open to all. We hope many of you will come to honor these much deserving people and to hear this famous speaker. For additional awards-banquet information and to make reservations to attend, see: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2010COYWinners.htm>. Cocktails are at 6 pm. The program starts at 6:30 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval, 5/19/2011](#)

The April 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale. The attendance list is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Program: Reports by Three Federation Representatives to Countywide Committees

Don Hinman introduced the speakers.

Latisha Elcock, representative to the Fairfax County School Board Advanced Achievement Advisory Committee. Latisha explained the charges given by the school board to the committee in the last two years and how the committee performed its tasks.

Rob Jackson, representative to the County's Redistricting Advisory Committee. Rob explained the redistricting advisory committee processes over the past four months and its product. He also commented on the redistricting products of the General Assembly.

Mark Tipton, representative to the County's Trails and Sidewalk Committee. Mark described issues the committee is addressing: excessive permitting requirements for bus stop shelters, determining requirements for bicycle facilities in new developments, proposed use of volunteers to help maintain county trails, and lack of funding to maintain walkways.

All presenters answered questions from the membership. Tania and Don thanked Latisha, Rob, and Mark for their efforts as Federation representatives and presented each with a Federation mug.

Administrative Topics

Minutes: The membership approved the minutes of the March 24, 2011, membership meeting.

Bulletin (Newsletter): Newsletter articles are due to the editor by April 18.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel distributed the treasurer's report as a handout and discussed the highlights. The membership voted to accept and file the report

Membership: Don Hinman introduced a guest, Joe Gillme of the Midtown Condominium Association, Midtown Alexandria Station. His association is considering joining the Federation.

Vacancies on County Boards and Commissions: Second Vice President Don Hinman is recruiting for three Federation representatives to other organizations: Airports Advisory Committee, Community Action Advisory Board, and the Engineering Standards Review Committee. Volunteers who represent the Federation do not have to be from associations that are Federation members.

Old Business

2010 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award: (Jeff Parnes, COY Chair, was not able to attend but his written report was provided in the agenda.)

Attending the banquet supports the Federation, celebrates those we honor for their service to the community, and is an evening of good cheer and fellowship. As representatives to the Federation, we ask that you make every effort to attend.

Honorees selected: Citizen of the Year: Mollie Loeffler; Citation of Merit: Charlie Dane; and Special Gratitude Awards: Bill Lecos and Anthony H. Griffin.

Banquet location and date: Sunday, May 15, 2011, at the Tysons Crowne Plaza in Tysons Corner

Speaker: Our 1st Vice President, Kahan Dhillon, has arranged for Katharine Weymouth, CEO/Publisher of The Washington Post Media, to be our speaker. We are extremely lucky and appreciative to Kahan for his efforts.

Banquet Tasks: Jeff created a Google doc identifying all activities required for successful completion of the banquet, and he and many volunteers (we could always use more) have claimed the various tasks that they will be doing. Carol Hawn is working on the program. This past weekend Jeff sponsored a working luncheon to stuff, stamp, address, and mail the invitations. Eight Federation board and representatives (and one fiancée) participated. We still await Tony Griffin's list.

Banquet Reservations: You can make reservations two ways – online at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm> and in response to our mailed invitation. Remember that the banquet is the one event the Federation sponsors that celebrates Fairfax and involves the Federation with the movers and shakers of the County

The Federation thanks SAIC for its support of the Citizen of the Year program.

New and Miscellaneous Business

Nominations for Federation Officers for 2011-2012—Tania

Those who wish to nominate themselves or others for officer positions (president, 1st & 2nd vice presidents, treasurer, and corresponding and recording secretaries) should send nominations to Jeff Parnes. The nominating committee includes Jeff Parnes (chair by virtue of his position as Immediate Past President), Past President John Jennison, Charlie Dane, and Art Wells; there is one vacancy to be filled.

Policies and Procedures

At its next meeting, the Federation's board will consider adopting a revised set of policies and procedures that a special committee chaired by Bill Hanks has drafted.

Board & Committee Reports

Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall

While the county's budget will not be officially adopted until April 26, the Board of Supervisors has agreed upon a markup that sets a residential tax rate of \$1.07. The county executive had proposed \$1.09 and the Federation had proposed \$1.075. A "revenue neutral" rate would be \$1.065. The Board of Supervisors vote to approve the markup budget passed 7-3. Committee members shared some of the intricacies and nuances of the money flow between the Commonwealth, the county, and the public schools and how the Board of Supervisors addressed the issue of full-day kindergarten for all elementary schools.

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Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman—no report

Education—Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson

The next committee meeting is April 16. On May 2 the school board conducts a budget work session

Environment—Flint Webb

Upcoming events:

- National Sustainable Design Exposition, open to the public April 16-17, National Mall (<http://www.epa.gov/P3/expo/>)
- Fairfax Committee of 100 dinner meeting, Cleaning Up the Chesapeake Bay—Do We Really Mean It This Time?, April 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m. registration and socializing, Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave W, Vienna, VA. RSVP to Bill Hanks at wwhanks@cox.net
- Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Quarterly Roundtable—Managing Natural Areas in Urban/Urbanizing Areas, May 5, 2011, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., 5300 Wellington Drive, Suite 100, Gainesville, VA (http://treesvirginia.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50&Itemid=61)
- Clean Air Partners Annual Meeting and Awards, May 18, 2011, 05:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m., Event Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol St, SE, Washington, DC 20003 (http://www.mwcog.org/environment/meetings/detail.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=115&EVENT_ID=7337&MONTH_CHOICE=5&DAY_CHOICE=18&YEAR_CHOICE=2011)

Human Services—Cherie Tripp Lejeune

Cherie intends for her committee to establish requirements for an application for associations that would identify members with special needs to be considered during emergency situations and would identify members with special talents and equipment that could help in emergency situations. The framework for this application would be a community directory supplemented with the emergency information.

Land Use—Fred Costello

(Fred submitted this written report for publication in the agenda but it was inadvertently omitted; in the meeting it was decided that it would be published in the minutes.)

Other than reviewing the County's Community Development Agency budget, we have been working on the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. The Task Force's Vision Committee, on which Fred Costello serves, issued its final report, giving the planning principles for Reston. The principles are not concerned with how to plan but what to plan. For example, it calls for a minimum of 20% open space and 45% tree cover. The beautifully illustrated report is available at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/vision_sub_committee/vision_committee_report_march_2011.pdf.

The work of the Reston Task Force is now concentrated in the Steering Sub-Committee.

Legislation—Frank Anderson—no report

Public Safety—G. Gail Parker

Gabe Goldberg reported that he is awaiting a decision on his request for a Federation representative seat on the (Police)

Chief's Advisory Committee.

Resolutions—Bill Hanks—no report

Transportation — Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskins, and Jeff Parnes

(The co-chairs were not able to attend; the agenda states that Jeff's written report would be provided in the minutes.)

Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services: There have been no further Board of Supervisors actions in response to the study evaluating Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services in Fairfax County.

Transportation Committee web site updates. The committee's page (<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/transportation1.htm>) has links (to):

- Capital Beltway HOT Lanes and the Dulles Corridor Metrorail projects. On 7 April 2011, Transurban, Fluor and Virginia Megaprojects/VDOT/VDRPT hosted a forum to report on progress. The Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance was the sponsor of this event which featured a greeting by Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova, and construction updates on both projects. VDRPT Director Thelma Drake briefed attendees on incentives and tools available to help Tysons employer/employees cope with construction-related and future traffic conditions. Virginia Megaprojects Communications Director Steve Titunik provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Management Plan. For those keeping score: Beltway HOT Lanes are now 65% complete and looking to open in late 2012 and the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Phase I is 33% complete and on track to open in 2013.
- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) decision on 6 April to locate of the proposed Dulles Airport Rail station under the parking lot in front of the mail terminal. This location is estimated to cost \$600 million more than a proposal that would bring the rail above ground in front of the north parking garage. The MWAA staff presented a technical analysis of alternative airport rail alignments. The MWAA heard a brief on the Financial Impact of Alternative Airport Alignments. The MWAA heard from Mame Reiley, Chair, Dulles Corridor Committee, advocating the current underground alignment. The MWAA Board then voted for the underground alignment. Illustrations of the proposed alternatives are in their decision press release. Reaction to the decision by elected officials was uniformly negative. Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton wrote expressing the Commonwealth's disappointment with MWAA's decision to advance the tunnel alignment indicating that the decision could add \$250 to \$300 million to the overall project cost. Tenth District Congressman Wolf reported that "This is bad decision. MWAA had a chance to cut more than \$600 million from the project and chose not to. I am disappointed and share the concerns of state and the local partners. Everything possible needs to be done to keep costs down on this project." Fairfax County Board Chairman Bulova indicated that the county expects MWAA to cover the expected cost increase for the underground alignment for the Dulles Station.

At its 5 April 2011 meeting the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) was briefed on these topics; links to the documents are on the web site (<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/transportation1.htm>):

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- Secondary Streets and Completing Functions by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. County staff furnished excerpts from 2009 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code regarding road widths and emergency vehicle access.
- The status of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) traffic amelioration efforts

Website—Jeff Parnes

(This report was not given during the meeting but is distributed via these minutes.)

The online forms on the web site are working; please feel free to use them for:

- Membership renewal: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm>
- COY Dinner RSVP: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm>

Providence District Council posted a new bulletin.

Budget and Transportation Committee pages are updated.

COY pages are updated.

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 — no report

Mason—Keith Taggart—no report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence—Flint Webb

The next meeting of the Providence District Council is April 26 with a report from legislators.

Springfield—Mike Thompson — no report

Sully—Jeff Parnes

The following information was not given in meeting but was disseminated by Jeff through these minutes.

The Sully District Council March 23 meeting received reports from:

- County office of Management and Budget on FY 2012 budget
- Sully representative on Fairfax County Redistricting committee

These land use cases were addressed:

- INOVA Hospital
- About the Distributed Antenna System concept

Topics of future meetings are:

- April – Fairfax County Housing and Community Development Agency
- May – Report from Richmond, all eight State Senators and Delegates representing Sully have been invited, responses received from three as of now
- June – State of Sully by Sully Supervisor Mike Frey

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is May 19, 2011, when we will hear from our Commonwealth representatives during our Re-

port from Richmond evening. Board members will meet on April 28, 2011. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale.

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

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. Having filled several slots recently, the Federation needs a representative on only one more committee:

Engineering Standards Review Committee, which provides technical and engineering advisory services to the Board and reviews input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. See:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312

Questions? 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 BACs with vacancies listed above, the 7 others are: (1) Citizen Corps Council (2) Criminal Justice Advisory Board, (3) Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group, (4) Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee, (5) Trails and Sidewalks Committee, (6) Community Action Advisory Board, and (7) Airports Advisory Committee.

The complete list of School Board advisory committees is found at <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/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.

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) is the process the U.S. Department of Defense uses to reorganize its military installations to adapt to changing circumstances. The 2005 BRAC law will result in the transfer of 14,000 to 19,000 Department of Defense jobs to [Fort Belvoir](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/belvoir) by Sept. 15, 2011.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision regarding the BRAC moves to Fort Belvoir was released in 2007. According to the Record of Decision, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency will bring 8,500 employees to the Engineer Proving Ground. Relocations of Army leased space and the new DeWitt Medical Center will bring approximately 5,500 employees to the main post of Fort Belvoir. An additional 6,400 jobs associated with BRAC 133, including Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) are to be located at the [Mark Center](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/belvoir) in Alexandria.

More information on BRAC, please visit the Fairfax County website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/brac/

Don't Flush Unused Medications



Don't flush unused medicines. Why? Because they can end up in our rivers and streams. To help protect our environment, throw unused, unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medicines in the trash. Don't flush medicines — except when specifically instructed by the label. To learn more about drugs in our water, please visit the Fairfax County's Chemical and Drugs in the Water page www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/chemicals_drugs_water.htm. The section on "Why is there a concern" states, "For instance, the U.S. Geological Survey has found 'intersex' fish in the Potomac. These are male fish with female eggs in their sex organs."

If this doesn't worry you enough, try an Internet search on Estrogen in drinking water.

Tysons Metro Station Access

The Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study led by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation is anticipated to be completed in July 2011.

There were three goals for this study:

1. To inform the public on transportation improvements in Fairfax County Department of Transportation studies regarding pedestrian, bicycle and bus service improvements that will enhance access and egress (coming and going) to four new Silver Line Metrorail Stations being constructed in Tysons Corner.
2. This study will allow the public to evaluate and comment on those recommendations.
3. This study will identify areas where additional planning and analysis is needed as well as develop a prioritization of recommended pedestrian, bicycle and bus service improvements.

This study was the result of the 2008 Wiehle Avenue/Reston Parkway Station Access Management Plan that identified necessary transportation improvements to enhance multimodal access to and from the future Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Metrorail Stations. For more information on the TMSAMS, please visit their website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tmsams/.

Fairfax County Private Sector Energy Task Force

John Jennison, the Federation's representative to the County's Energy Efficiency Task Force, provided a brief review of its activities. Early in 2011, Chairman Sharon Bulova established the task force comprised of representatives of the residential and business communities, institutional representatives such as George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, INOVA, and utilities operating in Fairfax County. The task force is to establish a clear, practical and supportable policy recommendation for energy efficiency, sustainability and "green" technologies in the county.

To date the Task Force has met three times. The initial February 24 meeting reviewed energy usage in local and global communities and the basics of regional energy efficiency. The Task Force created the Mission statement to "[i]dentify opportunities to develop a transformational vision, supported by achievable strategies that will define the steps our community can take to position itself as a leader in the area of energy efficiency, sustainability, and 'green' technology."

The second meeting, March 31, covered the County's current Energy Initiative Modernization policy, regional initiatives by Arlington, Loudoun and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, private utility initiatives, available technologies and pertinent legislation.

On April 28 we had a panel discussion on energy efficiency breakthrough concepts, including the legislative and regulatory framework of Distributed Energy and the necessary financial return for utilities and developer investment. We discussed encouraging behavioral changes of residents and children by other states (as done in Kentucky), and the payoff of combining technologies for energy efficiency. We learned that our area has the most to gain from geo-thermal technologies usage, as opposed to solar panels or wind turbines.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 26 at the government center and is open to the public. My mantra as a representative of the Federation is always the same: to protect the integrity of neighborhoods and schools, increase green space and recreation for residents, and encourage economic vitality, all to maintain and improve our quality of life and amenities for now and the future in Fairfax county. As always, feel free to contact John at JennisonJohn@aol.com with questions. Information on the task force is located at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/energytaskforce.htm>

News Items

Reston Re-Development

The ratio of jobs to households has become the major topic of concern in the development of the Metrorail corridor in Reston. Theoretically, a ratio of 1.6 minimizes traffic. A recent report on this issue is available at the Reston 2020 blog spot: <http://reston2020.blogspot.com/2011/04/developing-with-jobs-per-household.html>

Candidates for May 2011 Federation Election

At the May 19 Membership meeting, the new Federation officers will be elected. The following people have been nominated. The candidates have offered brief biographies for our consideration.

President:: Tania Hossain

Tania has lived in Fairfax County since 1992 and has tremendously enjoyed all that the county has to offer. She serves as the current President of the Federation. She served on various countywide organizations advocating for a better quality of life for county residents. Tania looks forward to serving her second term at the next President of the Federation. She will continue to work to take the Federation back into the community; engage residents on countywide common concerns; and create networks to share solutions to common concerns. Tania is deeply grateful to the Federation Board for its work on behalf of the community and to its membership for providing a steady guide on the work of the Federation.

First Vice President: Don Hinman

Don has been a resident of Fairfax County for 10 years, and also lived here in his youth. He attended intermediate school and high school in Fairfax County (Fort Hunt High School, '69) For the past 9 years he has resided in Lee District and served as President of his HOA, Huntington Grove. He is the Lee District representative to the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, and holds two other Federation offices -- Second Vice President and Chair of the Citizen Association Services Committee. Don also serves as a Northern Virginia representative on the board of the Virginia Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute (VALAC-CAI). He has two grown children and four grandchildren. He works full time and enjoys camping, hiking, and bicycling.

Second Vice President:: Joe Gibson

A resident of the Dranesville District of Fairfax County for 25 years, Joe serves on the Board of the McLean Citizens Association and as the MCA Representative to the Federation. For 2008 and 2009, he worked as a staff assistant to Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust, where his duties on land-use matters included staff work on revising the Comprehensive Plan for the Dranesville District and the Tysons Land Use Task Force. A Harvard lawyer, Joe retired from the Federal Government in January 2006, where he had served as a litigation attorney, then an ethics counselor. While his son was in public school, Joe was active with the Boy Scouts, his son's Civil War reenacting unit, and McLean Little League.

Treasurer: Scott Schlegel

Scott has been a resident of McLean and Fairfax County for over 30 years. He has served as the Federation's Treasurer for the past 4 years and looks forward to continuing in this role. He has also served as Vice President of the McLean Hamlet Community Association and other MHCA Board positions. As the parent of two young children, he is also active in McLean Little League and McLean Youth Soccer.

Recording Secretary: Ed Wyse

Ed has served the Federation as Recording Secretary since mid-2009. Since 2005 he also served as the Secretary of the Civic Association of West Springfield Village. His wife and he have

resided in Fairfax County continuously since 1980, except for a three-year overseas assignment. He is a retired Army officer and former management consultant and enterprise architect. He has a B.S. in History and Political Science, an M.S. in Business Administration, an M.S. in Computer Information Systems and has certifications in Knowledge Management and as a Project Management Professional. In 2010 he completed Fairfax County's Neighborhood College.

Corresponding Secretary: Fred Costello

Fred has served the Federation as Land Use Chair since 2009 and as Federation Bulletin editor since July 2010. Since 2009 he also served as the representative of the Fox Mill Estates Homeowners Association to the Federation. He and his family have resided in Fairfax County continuously since 1975. He is a retired aerospace engineer and rocket scientist, having had his own consulting-engineering business from 1977 to retirement in 2008. He completed Fairfax County's Land Use College program in preparation for his appointment by the County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, which is helping the County modify the Comprehensive Plan for the re-development of Reston.

Attention HOAs and Condominium Associations: Free May 24 Seminar

Reserve Studies: Understanding Them and Funding Them

Critical to the financial health of associations is knowing how much to allocate to reserves each year, and budgeting to meet that goal. Failing to adequately fund reserves is one of most serious financial mistakes that associations can make. At this seminar, geared toward community association residents and board members, experts will guide attendees through the reserve process, what should be included, how it should be funded and how to gain support from the entire community. The seminar takes place at the Fairfax County Government Center, in conference rooms 2-3. The Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and the program runs from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. You are encouraged to register in advance at www.caidc.org, the website of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (WMCCAI). Click on "Events Calendar" and then click on the May 24 seminar announcement.

Do you have issues relating to the governance of your HOA, Condominium Association, or Citizens Association that you would like the Federation to address? Please contact Don Hinman, Chair of the Fairfax Federation's Citizen Association Services Committee, at:

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