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**Federation Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, June 16, 2011**

**7:00 p.m. to Dusk**

**Annandale Community Park Picnic Shelter**

4022 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Topic: State of the County**

**By Sharon Bulova**

**Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**

**RSVP by June 14 at**

**<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/picnicrsvp.htm>**



**Next Federation Board Meeting**

**June 23, 2011 (Fourth Thursday)**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

**New on the Federation Web Site**

The following web pages have been updated: **Transportation**, and **Land Use**. See Page 4 for details. **The Community Associations** page has also been updated.

**Visit us at**

**[www.FairfaxFederation.org](http://www.FairfaxFederation.org)**

All email addresses will be updated as of June 16, 2011, to have 2012 instead of 2010 so that links will be to the new officers. Replace the 2012 with 2010 if emailing prior to June 16.

***President's Message***

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

With Memorial Day festivities behind us, we are officially on to our summer kick off with our Annual Picnic and Installation of Officers on June 16 to be held in the picnic area of the Packard Center 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale. This is a free event and open to all county residents. The entire community is invited to join us on this fun-filled evening. An RSVP through our website <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/picnicrsvp.htm> would be greatly appreciated. The Federation does not hold Membership meetings in July and August. We look forward to seeing you at our membership meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

At our May 19 membership meeting, the following Officers were elected to represent the Federation during the 2011-2012 year: Tania Hossain – President, Don Hinman – 1st Vice President, Joe Gibson – 2nd Vice President, Ed Wyse – Recording Secretary, Scott Schlegel – Treasurer, and Fred Costello – Corresponding Secretary. I am honored and privileged to start my second year as President and look forward to serving with an aggressive community agenda. I also happen to be the Federation's first Asian American woman President in its seventy-one years of existence.

At our May 19 membership meeting, we were joined by our State Senator Dave Marsden (37th Senate District - [www.senatordavemarsden.com](http://www.senatordavemarsden.com)) and House Delegate Mark Keam (35th House District - [www.markkeam.com](http://www.markkeam.com)) who gave us highlights and updates on the workings at the General Assembly's last session. Both were in agreement that the collegiality and camaraderie in Richmond enabled Fairfax legislators to accomplish some important work on behalf of Fairfax county residents. Unfortunately Delegate Dave Albo, who was scheduled to attend, could not because of a late scheduling conflict.

The Federation looks forward to your membership to this oldest countywide organization in our efforts to be an amplified voice in our advocacy work on common concerns to our local, state and federal officials. Hope to see you at our picnic. Please bring your friends and neighbors and say hello to the Federation. Have a great summer and see you in the fall.

Best regards,  
Tania Hossain

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### Directions to the Annandale Community Park Picnic Shelter

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  
After passing the maintenance building, bear left and continue into the parking lot.

The picnic area will be on your right as you enter the parking lot.

The park map can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/picnics/downloads/annandale.pdf>

### Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale VA 22003

[www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org)

**2010-2011 President:** Tania Hossain

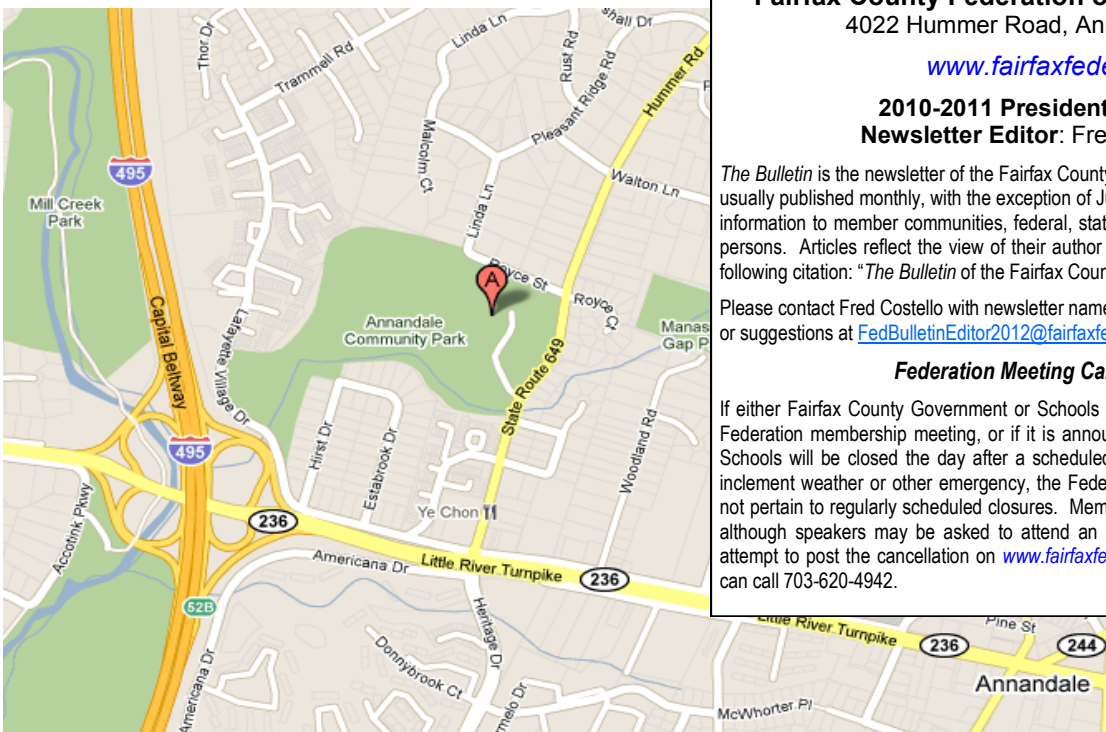
**Newsletter Editor:** Frederick A. Costello

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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at [FedBulletinEditor2012@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2012@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](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.



FCFA Program Calendar 2010-2011				
Membership Meetings		Board Meetings		Newsletter Deadline
Date	Program	Date	Program	
<b>2010</b>				
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
<b>2011</b>				
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 at 7 PM, State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, Board of Supervisors Chair; Installation of Officers @ Packard Center Picnic Area	23-Jun	@ The Packard Center	27-Jun

**There are no Membership Meetings during July and August.**

### **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 .....	<a href="mailto:FedBudgetChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedBudgetChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman .....	<a href="mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedAssociationServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein and Tim Thompson	<a href="mailto:FedEducationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEducationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Environment: Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb .....	<a href="mailto:FedEnvironmentChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEnvironmentChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Human Services: Cherie Lejeune .....	<a href="mailto:FedHumanServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedHumanServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Land Use: Fred Costello .....	<a href="mailto:FedLandUseChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLandUseChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Legislation: Frank Anderson .....	<a href="mailto:FedLegislationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLegislationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Public Safety: As'ad D.P. Hess-Linckost .....	<a href="mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedPublicSafetyChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Resolutions: Bill Hanks .....	<a href="mailto:FedResolutionsChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedResolutionsChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Transportation: Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskin and Jeff Parnes ..	<a href="mailto:FedTransportationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedTransportationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>

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!

**If emailing before June 16, 2011, replace the 2012 in the foregoing email addresses with 2010.**

## Changes to the Federation Board of Directors

### **Departures**

The Federation thanks **Esther Ferington, Gail Parker, and Kahan Dhillon** for their service to the Federation as Corresponding Secretary, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and First Vice President, respectively. We hope that the three of you will still be involved with Federation activities and hope to see you at the June picnic.

### **Arrivals**

The Federation welcomes **As'ad D.P. Hess-Linckost**, Ph.D. in Psychology, as the new Public Safety Committee Chairman and to the Board of Directors of the Federation. As'ad was born and grew up in Fairfax County and currently lives in the Providence District. His professional interest lies in the effects of the environment, such as water quality, and its impact on aging and behavior. He belongs to eight professional societies, including the Society for Neuroscience.

The Federation welcomes **Margaret Thaxton** as the Federation's new representative to the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB). Margaret brings a wealth of experience in community involvement and extensive knowledge of the human services community. She currently works as the Director of Development for Transitional Housing, which provides housing and support services for the homeless. She previously worked for FACETS, a Fairfax County nonprofit that serves the needs of homeless and low-income people.

The Federation welcomes **Frank Crandall** as the Federation's new representative to the Airports Advisory Committee. Frank's professional work spanned mechanical, electric, and aerospace engineering. He also holds a degree in biology. Now retired, he is a volunteer researcher for the Smithsonian Institution. He has served on a number of Fairfax County boards and commissions, including 13 years with the Environmental Quality Action Council.

## The Passing of an Former Board Member

We regret to inform you of the death of George Smith, who served as the Transportation Chair of the Federation from the late 1980's until the early 2000's.

## The Newly Elected Federation Officers

Congratulations to those who were elected at the May 19 Membership Meeting to be officers of the Federation for Membership year 2011-2012:

President: **Tania Hossain**  
 First Vice President: **Don Hinman**  
 Second Vice President: **Joe Gibson**  
 Treasurer: **Scott Schlegel**  
 Recording Secretary: **Ed Wyse**  
 Corresponding Secretary: **Fred Costello**

You can see the biographical sketches of the new officers at: [www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Nominating/Slate2011-12.html](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Nominating/Slate2011-12.html)

## Transforming Tysons Open House

Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Spring Hill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102.

The public is invited to attend an open house on current Tysons planning and implementation activities following the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan last year. Representatives from Fairfax County agencies will provide project updates and will answer questions. Rezoning applicants who have submitted plans to redevelop in line with the new vision for Tysons will also be available to present their proposals and answer questions. A list of open house participants and topics will be posted on the Tysons web site as they are confirmed See:

(<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/implementation/juneopenhouse.htm>)

This event will use the same format as the open house held last December. Presenters will be stationed at tables for one-on-one and small group discussions. There will be no formal presentations, but a brief welcome message and introduction of the presenters will begin at 7:30. The open house will run from 7 to 9 pm, and meeting attendees are invited to come and go as is convenient.

For more information on the Tysons Plan and related implementation activities, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons). For more information on the open house or to request special accommodations, contact Matt Ladd at 703-324-1380, TTY 711.

## New at the Land Use Web Page

The Land Use web page (<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/landuse1.htm>) has five new reports that pertain directly to the development along the Metrorail corridor in Reston; however, the ideas are applicable to all in-fill and re-development projects. The reports are:

- An Analysis of the Rosslyn–Ballston Metro Corridor
- Gridded Streets
- Transportation Mode Shares
- Is an Increase in the Real-Estate Tax Affordable?
- Developing with Jobs per Household Equal to 1.6

The website also now has a link in the right-hand column to all of the Fairfax County development projects.

## New at the Transportation Web Page

- May 2011 report from the Center For Transit-Oriented Development on Transit and Regional Economic Development
- Transportation Advisory Commission 16 May 2011 meeting:
  - Transportation Services Group Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Outreach
  - Countywide Transit Network Study Draft Scope Of Work Summary
- Proposed VDOT FY2012-2017 Six-Year Improvement Program Gains \$3 Billion
- Market and Fiscal Impact Analysis of the Phase 2 Metrorail Extension to Loudoun County



## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval, 6/16/2011](#)

The May 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:40 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center, Annandale.

### Meeting Opening

The Federation presented **Clark Tyler** with his permanent Citizen of the Year award along with the memory album. In his remarks, Mr. Tyler thanked the Federation for its work in the community and said that he looks forward to continued work with the Federation in the coming years.

Per the bylaws, the election of 2011-2012 Officers was held towards the beginning of the agenda. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Art Wells offered the Nominating Committee's report and presented 2011-2012 Officers slate to the Federation membership: Tania Hossain - President, Don Hinman - 1st VP, Joe Gibson - 2nd VP, Ed Wyse - Recording Secretary, Scott Schlegel - Treasurer, and Fred Costello - Corresponding Secretary. The nomination was open to the floor. No other nomination was offered and the nomination process was closed. The Federation membership unanimously approved the Nominating Committee's proposed slate. President Tania Hossain congratulated the incoming officers and thanked the Nominating Committee on its excellent work.

### Program: Report from Richmond

The report from Richmond was presented by **State Senator Dave Marsden** (D-37th District) and **Delegate Mark Keam** (D-35th District). The general agreement was that the General Assembly session addressed difficult legislative matters for the Commonwealth in a collegial manner.

Senator Marsden gave us an overview of the shortfall in transportation funding and the need for a long term funding solution, insurance coverage of the autism spectrum disorder, smaller group homes, community-based mental health care, prison reform and the closure of juvenile detention centers. Senator Marsden also impressed upon us how we are living in better times as Virginians. To illustrate that, he drew the following comparison: In 1948 with a population of about 40,000, there were 40 traffic related deaths and 20 homicides and in 2004 with a population of about one million, there were 40 traffic related deaths and 15 homicides in Fairfax County. Senator Marsden left us with a positive outlook on the inner workings of the next General Assembly and asked us to stay engaged with him, especially during the next session when the General Assembly will be working on Governor McDonnell's first budget as the next biennial budget.

Delegate Keam gave us an overview on the current redistricting process and its impact on Fairfax County residents. He recommended the Division of Legislative Services redistricting website for details on the changes in representation (<http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov/2010/>.) Delegate Keam discussed the concept of structured reform as pertains to the Commonwealth's budget and asked us to stay tuned to Governor McDonnell's first biennial budget for these structural reforms.

He informed us that May 2011 was the start of the first wave of the Silver Tsunami (baby-boomer retirements) and that we need to make sure that we are prepared in our human services delivery. He also stressed the importance of higher education and that regardless of the ebb and flow in generations on higher education, funding for higher education must remain a priority for the Commonwealth. Delegate Keam also discussed transportation funding and stressed the need for diversified revenue sources. Delegate Keam's handout has been entered into the minutes.

### Administrative Topics

**Minutes:** The membership approved the minutes of the April 21, 2011, membership meeting. Tania Hossain is serving as Recording Secretary Pro Temp for this meeting.

**Bulletin (Newsletter):** Newsletter articles are due to the editor by May 23.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel submitted the treasurer's report by e-mail and reports that the Federation is in the black in net income for the current year. This is the first time in five years that the Citizen of the Year Banquet has provided some income for the Federation. A motion to receive and file the report was made, seconded, and adopted/approved unanimously.

### Old Business

**2010 Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet:** Jeff Parnes, COY Chair, reported that the 2010 COY event was successful in terms of recognizing many dedicated leaders who volunteer in the community and in the increase in the number of guests. We had an excellent guest speaker in Katharine Weymouth, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Post Media and Publisher. We should give more time to the planning of COY and advanced execution. Jeff has already started in that direction. We have to continue to make this a signature event for the Federation. 2010 COY Banquet financial results: Total Income \$8,395.00; Total Expense: \$6,493.00; Net Income gain of \$1,902.00. Many thanks again for the co-sponsorship of SAIC.

### New and Miscellaneous Business

**Federation Annual Picnic:** The Federation's Annual Picnic and Installation of Officers will be on Thursday, June 16. The Federation held its election at the May 19 membership meeting.

**Policies and Procedures:** Bill Hanks circulated the Policy and Procedures cover sheet for Board adoption at its May 26 meeting. Working documents were circulated in advance of the meeting.

### Board & Committee Reports

No Board or Committee reports were given.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

### Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is the picnic scheduled June 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled May 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Packard Center, Annandale.

*Minutes written by Tania Hossain, Recording Secretary Pro Tem*

### **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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312)

Questions? Contact Don Hinman, Federation 2nd Vice President at [fed2ndvp2012@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fed2ndvp2012@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. In addition to the Engineering Standards Review Committee, the Federation has representation on seven others: (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](#) 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](#) in Alexandria. For more information on BRAC, visit the Fairfax County website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/brac/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/brac/)

On May 26, 2011, the U.S. House of Representatives voted, as part of the 2012 Defense authorization bill, to delay the move of thousands of government employees to the Mark Center in Alexandria. The legislation includes a cap on parking at the newly completed Mark Center in an attempt by Rep. Jim Moran to force the Department of Defense to pay for traffic abatement (new exit ramps on I-395, for example). The Senate is expected to take up the bill late this summer.

### **Community Association Issues**

The following is a list of community association issues and problems identified during the monthly meeting of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations (LDACO) held on May 25, 2011.

These topics may be addressed by future meetings or workshops organized by LDACO and/or the Federation, or by other educational initiatives undertaken by the CASC. If citizens have additional issues they would like to see addressed, they should contact CASC chair Don Hinman at [FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

Issues for civic associations and issues of general interest.

1. Insurance needs of civic associations (i.e., what if someone is hurt at a community event?) Insurance needs of officers of civic associations.
2. Pros and cons of incorporation for a civic association. Does incorporation have an impact on civic association liability?
3. Lake management issues for communities with lakes, eg, legal liability for injury or death, checking water quality, cleaning and maintenance, sediment and dredging, stocking with fish, etc.
4. Dealing with language barriers. Should CAs do outreach in other languages? Is there a downside? How to communicate if people have limited literacy in their own language, as well as limited or no literacy in English?

Issues for HOAs and Condo Associations

1. Techniques for improving HOA assessment collection
2. Amending covenants – pros and cons; how to do it. What are elements of good covenants?
3. Understanding situations where HOAs have only limited rights to restrict, e.g. satellite dishes.
4. How to recruit new board members
5. Resale disclosure packets. What should be in the packet? Questions to ask a manager that handles the packets. Does website availability of HOA/Condo governing documents have an impact on the disclosure packet preparation?

### **Sun-Wise and Sun-Safe**

EPA encourages residents to:ce the Slip, Slop, Slap and

- Wrap sun-safety tips:
- Slip on a shirt, preferably with sleeves;
- Slop on SPF 15+ sunscreen generously;
- Slap on a hat; and
- Wrap on sunglasses.

EPA's SunWise program ([www.epa.gov/sunwise](http://www.epa.gov/sunwise)) also recommends that families seek shade during the sun's peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Checking the UV Index to plan outdoor activities is also key for identifying times that pose the greatest risk for overexposure to the sun.

In the U.S., skin cancer affects more than two million people each year, outnumbering the cases of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers combined. Melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, is the most common cancer among young adults ages 25 to 29.