

The Fairfax County
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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Topic: The Environment



Next Federation Board Meeting

August 25, 2011 (Fourth Thursday)

7:30 p.m.

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4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

On July 1, 2011, the Federation kicked off its 71st year in service to the community and ushered in the 2011-2012 membership year. We hope you have received your membership renewal requests in the mail and we look forward to having you on board in the near future. We believe that when citizens connect and collaborate, they can choose to transform community challenges into community based solutions. We hope you will add your association's voice and vote to the Federation's position on important County issues.

In addition to the 2011-2012 Federation officers, Don Hinman (1st Vice President), Joe Gibson (2nd Vice President), Ed Wyse (Recording Secretary), Scott Schlegel (Treasurer) and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary), would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Committee Chairs:

Frank Anderson - Legislation Committee
Fred Costello - Land Use Committee
Charlie Hall and Carey Campbell - Budget Committee
Bill Hanks - Resolutions Committee
Don Hinman - Citizen Association Services Committee
As'ad Hess-Linckoust - Public Safety Committee
Cherie Tripp Lejeune - Human Services Committee
Jeff Parnes and Carey Campbell - Transportation Committee
Tim Thompson, Leonard Bumbaca and Ed Saperstein - Education Committee
Flint Webb and Roger Dietrich - Environmental Committee

In addition to the above mentioned members on the Federation's Board of Directors, we also have the invaluable District-Council Representatives whom we will announce in our September newsletter as they settle into place.

The Federation's Board of Directors looks forward to serving all citizens associations in Fairfax County by advocating on county-wide issues to local, state and federal officials. We thank you for your continued support and for staying connected with the Federation.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Best regards,

Tania Hossain

New at the Transportation Web Page

- A link to the June 8 talk by Dr. Timothy Lomax on traffic congestion.
- A link to the Safe Route to School Program — how a foot/bike bridge made a Tysons school more accessible to many previously driving.

Visit us at

www.FairfaxFederation.org

Click on "Picture Gallery" for photos of past events.

If you can identify someone who has not been identified, email FedWebmaster2012@FairfaxFederation.org

See us also on Facebook: Search for "Fairfax Federation", click on "See more results", and select "Fairfax Federation" from the list of alternatives.

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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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2011-2012 President: Tania Hossain

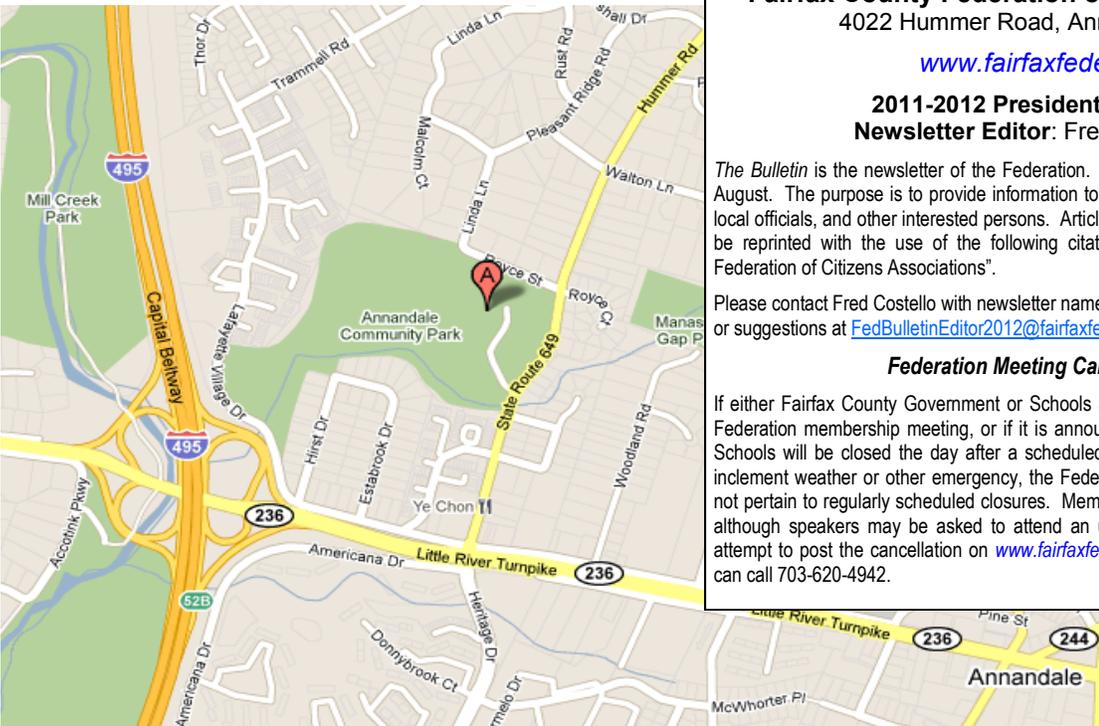
Newsletter Editor: Frederick A. Costello

The Bulletin is the newsletter of the Federation. It is usually published monthly, except in August. The purpose is to provide information to member communities, federal, state, and local officials, and other interested persons. Articles reflect the view of their author and may be reprinted with the use of the following citation: "*The Bulletin* of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations".

Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at 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 or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.



FCFCA Committee Calendar 2011-2012			
Membership Meetings		Board Mtg	Newsletter Deadline
Date	Topic		
2011			
Aug	No meeting	25-Aug	1-Sep
15-Sep	Environmental presentation	22-Sep	6-Oct
20-Oct	Human Services presentation	27-Oct	3-Nov
17-Nov	Legislative-Program presentation	1-Dec	1-Dec
15-Dec	Land Use presentation		5-Jan
2012			
19-Jan	Review of County's School Budget	26-Jan	9-Feb
23-Feb	Review of County Budget	16-Feb	1-Mar
15-Mar	Public Safety presentation	22-Mar	5-Apr
19-Apr	Association Services presentation	26-Apr	3-May
17-May	Report from Richmond	24-May	7-Jun
21-Jun	Federation Annual Picnic	28-Jun	12-Jul

All meetings are at the Packard Center starting at 7:30 pm, except the Picnic and the Board dinner on December.

Additional events:

- 8-Oct Federation Open House (on Saturday)
- 25-Mar Citizen of the Year Banquet (on Sunday)

There are no Membership Meetings during July and August.

Do you want to have an impact?

The Federation is 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	FedBudgetChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein and Tim Thompson	FedEducationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Environment: Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb	FedEnvironmentChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Human Services: Cherie Lejeune	FedHumanServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello	FedLandUseChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Frank Anderson	FedLegislationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Membership: open	FedMembershipChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Public Safety: As'ad D.P. Hess-Linckost	FedPublicSafetyChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Resolutions: Bill Hanks	FedResolutionsChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org
Transportation: Carey Campbell and Jeff Parnes	FedTransportationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org

The committees conduct the bulk of their business by email and formulate positions and suggest actions for consideration by the Board and by the Federation members. 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!

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval, 9/15/2011](#)

The June 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations began with the annual picnic. Due to inclement weather, the venue was changed from the Annandale Community Park picnic shelter to the Packard Center. The food at this potluck was delicious, the room was full of energetic people, and the sharing and comradeship was invigorating.

Approximately three dozen people participated in the picnic and meeting; attendance was not taken. Non-Federation participants included **Sharon Bulova**, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, and **George Lamb**, Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. (Your secretary apologizes if anyone else was not cited.)

This picnic meeting included none of the normal business or reports, only the two events below.

Installation of Officers

Chairman Bulova swore in the 2011-2012 officers:

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



From left: Chairman Bulova, Tania, Don, Joe, Scott, Ed, Fred

Program: The State of Fairfax County

Chairman Bulova addressed the state of the county and answered questions. These minutes do not attempt to summarize the address in detail, but rather to report key points.

The first topic was how the Board of Supervisors and the non-elected employees of the county have sought to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn of the past three years. The Board of Supervisors sought to lessen the cost of government by engaging the help of non-profit organizations to provide services and by enabling and encouraging county employees to innovate productivity increases. The board also engaged the

business community to encourage its participation in development and redevelopment projects.



The second topic was planning for the future, with the Tysons long-range development plan being the prime example. Other extensive redevelopments are coming, such as Reston, Merrifield, the Springfield Mall area, and the Richmond Highway corridor. Chairman Bulova expressed satisfaction with the plans for these areas. The county is planning future mass transit expansion along I-66, either bus rapid transit or rail.

The third topic was the county response, in association with the Federal and Commonwealth governments, to mitigate the traffic increase that will be caused by new workplaces established by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions. Plans include widening Route 1 near Fort Belvoir Main Post and expanding the county bus system to support new BRAC-created employment centers. The county is also deeply concerned about the planned opening of new military offices at the Mark Center (near I-395 and Seminary Road in the City of Alexandria but close to the boundary with Fairfax County) before transportation improvements are implemented. Connector bus service has already been expanded in South County and around the Mark Center.

The fourth topic was Metrorail expansion to Dulles, with phase one (construction west to Wiehle Avenue in Reston) under budget and, despite weather delays, expected to be completed on schedule. The chairman described the financing and governance arrangements for phase two (construction from Wiehle Avenue to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County) and described the current controversy over rising construction cost estimates, especially the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority board's decision to build the more expensive option for the station at Dulles Airport. She thanked U.S. Secretary of Transportation LaHood for undertaking the role of facilitator to find a way to bring parties together. She had little doubt that the rail system would be built at least to the airport, saying that rail only to Wiehle Avenue is unacceptable.

Chairman Bulova saluted those who volunteer through civic associations and homeowner associations, saying that grass roots activism is an effective channel to tackle the problems that affect our residents.

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Ten Reasons to Join the Federation

1. You will belong to the only non-partisan, volunteer, and non-profit County-wide organization representing the concerns of homeowner and community associations.
2. You will be introduced to those who make decisions in Fairfax County, the region, and the state.
3. You can meet your neighboring associations and across the County.
4. You can be part of the solution to today's concerns about transportation, the environment, schools, taxes and other issues.
5. Your association's problems and solutions can be objectively evaluated relative to past experience.
6. You will be kept abreast of the issues.
7. You will be part of an organization that has more than 70 years of local, state, and regional experience and influence.
8. You will have a seat at the table. When County Supervisors ask for citizen recommendations on any subject, they ask the Federation.
9. You will be part of a large group of voters.
10. You will be represented by a great number of voters at public hearings, in written public statements, in task forces and commissions, and in the media.

We need your membership to increase the size of our voting block — the number of people we represent. An application for membership is given on the last page of this bulletin. Application can also be made by submitting the form at the Federation website; however, you will need to send a check by mail in either case.

Become a Federation Representative on Fairfax County Boards and Commissions

The Federation has representatives on many of the County boards, authorities, commissions, committees, task forces, and councils. Having filled several slots recently, the Federation currently has an opening on one 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 Joe Gibson, Federation 2nd Vice President at fed2ndvp2012@fairfaxfederation.org.

The complete list of the county's Boards, Authorities, 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.

Major Federation Events in the Next Year

Three major Federation events have been scheduled for the next year:

Federation Open House, Saturday, October 8, 2011. This will be the first open house the Federation has held in recent years. The program will provide useful information for members and prospective members.

Citizen of the Year Banquet, Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Tysons Crown Plaza. Nominations are solicited from all. The criteria and nomination form are at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYApplication.html>

Annual Picnic and Installation of the 2012-2013 Officers, Thursday, June 21, 2012. As always, a joyous time is anti-

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Chairman Bulova distributed copies of the June 2011 *Bulova Byline*, her newsletter, and encouraged people to subscribe to receive it, either by e-mail or U.S. Post.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled August 25, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Packard Center, Annandale.

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

Return this form to Membership Vice President at address shown below.

Please tell us who is submitting this form: and your email address:

Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (starts July 1, 2011)

Print this form in landscape mode and submit by mailing with a check to address shown below.
You may also complete this form on line.

Association Name:		Address		Phone/FAX (XXX.XXX.XXXX)	Date:
Position	Name				E-mail see note #2
President					
Treasurer					
1st Delegate					
2nd Delegate					
3rd Delegate					
4th Delegate					

Please indicate person and address above to send future membership renewals: **District?** **Association Type?**
Association Size/Federation Dues: **Organization's web site:** **Month new officers installed:**

- Number of votes is based on association size. Dues are based on association size and number of mailed bulletins (see chart below):
- Bulletin notices are distributed by e-mail at no cost. Mailed Bulletins are \$10 per subscription. Unless otherwise noted, email addresses provided above will be added to the Federation's email list for distribution of Federation notices
- Membership dues are from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Separate invoices may not be mailed. To determine whether your association's membership is current check with the Federation Treasurer at fedtreas2012 (a) fairfaxfederation.org

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Over 1000	\$60	3	+ \$10 per each mailed	

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Future membership renewals: 1. Submitter, 2. Association Address, 3. President, 4. Treasurer, 5. 1st Delegate, 6. 2nd Delegate, 7. 3rd Delegate, 8. 4th Delegate
District: B. Braddock, D. Dranesville, H. Hunter Mill, L. Lee, M. Mason, MtV. Mount Vernon, P. Providence, Sp. Springfield, Su. Sully
Association type: Civic, Coop, Condo, Homeowner
Association Size/Federation Dues: For example: 90/\$20