

# The Fairfax County FEDERATION

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## Federation Membership Meeting

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **The Packard Center**

4022 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Topic: Developer's Perspective on Development**  
**Peter Otteni, Vice President for Development,**  
**Boston Properties**



## Next Federation Board Meeting

**January 26, 2012 (Fourth Thursday)**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **The Packard Center**

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Annandale, VA 22003

## ***President's Message***

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to announce that the Federation is now soliciting nominations for the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year (COY) from the community. All Fairfax County residents who positively impact the lives of county residents through their volunteer work are eligible for the COY Award. As a volunteer-driven community organization, the Federation takes to heart the tireless and meaningful work that volunteers pour into their community every day. The COY Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Hotel to honor the recipient of the COY Award. Detailed information on the nomination, eligibility, process and banquet are available on our website at [www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm). If you have any questions, please feel free to email our COY Banquet Chair, Jeff Parnes, at [fedcoy2012@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedcoy2012@fairfaxfederation.org).

Our Thursday, December 15, 2011, membership programming is focused on land use discussions. We invite you to join us in this excellent presentation by Mr. Peter Otteni, Vice President of Development, Boston Properties. Since joining Boston Properties, Mr. Otteni has managed or been directly involved with over 3 million square feet of office and retail development in the greater DC Region. Mr. Otteni will discuss the developer's approach to land use, debunk some of the myths associated with development, and solicit feedback about how citizens can contribute to the development process. The evening's programming will provide an excellent opportunity to interact with a representative from the development community.

The Federation voted on its 2012 Legislative Program at our November 17, 2011 membership meeting. The Program will be distributed to local, state and federal officials by the end of December for further action in support of the Federation's legislative positions. We are very fortunate to have had so many community members work on this endeavor for the betterment of the lives of county residents. I would like to take this opportunity to profusely thank the district councils, our membership and board, and the excellent work of our Legislation Committee under the outstanding leadership of Frank Anderson.

We wish you safe and happy holidays this December as we close out another calendar year and work towards finishing the rest of the Federation's 2011-2012 year. Thank you for staying connected to the Federation via Facebook, for sharing successful endeavors and challenges of your community with others, and most importantly for contributing to the wholesomeness of the Federation as an invaluable member and partner.

Tania Hossain

## New at the Federation Website

**Education:** The 15 points of the committee's plans for the 2011-2012 academic year are now listed.

**Legislation:** The Federation's 2012 Legislative Program is now listed on the Legislation page.

## Citizen of the Year

The Federation is now soliciting nominations for the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year. Nominations will close January 31, 2012. The nomination form is posted at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYApplication.html>.

**Visit us at**

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

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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 .

### Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale VA 22003

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

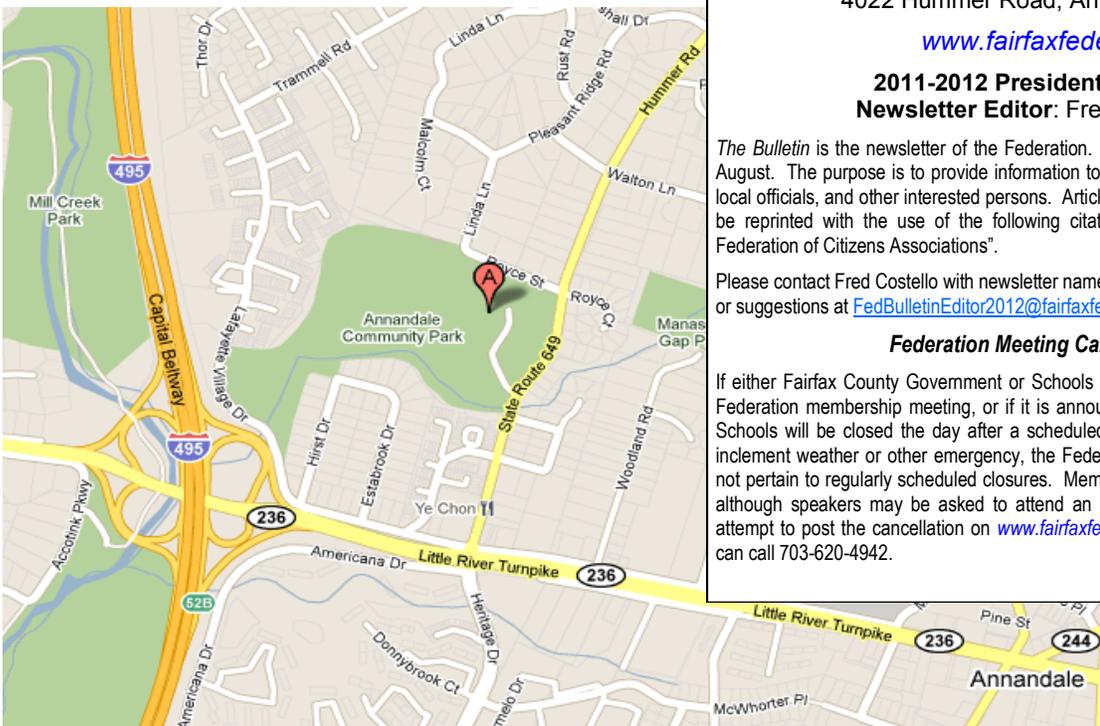
**2011-2012 President:** Tania Hossain  
**Newsletter Editor:** Frederick A. Costello

*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](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.



FCFCA Calendar 2011-2012			
Date	Membership Meetings	Board Mtg	Newsletter Deadline
	Topic		
<b>2011</b>			
Aug	No meeting	25-Aug	25-Aug
15-Sep	Conservation: Backyard to Community (Environmental Committee)	22-Sep	29-Sep
20-Oct	Living Well in the Silver Years (Human Services Committee)	27-Oct	27-Oct
17-Nov	Federation's Legislative Program Presentation (Legislation Committee)	8-Dec	24-Nov
15-Dec	Land Use presentation	8-Dec	29-Dec
<b>2012</b>			
19-Jan	Review of County's School Budget (meets at Gatehouse, see note below)	26-Jan	2-Feb
23-Feb	Review of County Budget	16-Feb	22-Feb
15-Mar	Public Safety presentation	22-Mar	29-Mar
19-Apr	Association Services presentation	26-Apr	26-Apr
17-May	Report from Richmond	24-May	31-May
21-Jun	Federation Annual Picnic	28-Jun	5-Jul

All meetings are at the Packard Center starting at 7:30 pm, except the January 19 Membership Meeting, the June 21 Picnic, and the Board dinner on December 8. The January 19 meeting will be held in Room 5340 of the Gatehouse Education Administrative Center, Merrifield, VA

**Additional events:**

25-Mar Citizen of the Year Banquet (on Sunday)

21-Jun Annual Federation Picnic (on Thursday)

**Schedule Change**

Note that the December Board Meeting has been changed from Dec 1 to the new Dec 8 date.

**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 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 and Jason Ha.....	<a href="mailto:FedLegislationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLegislationChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Membership: open .....	<a href="mailto:FedMembershipChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org">FedMembershipChr2012@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 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 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, November 17, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 12/15/2011](#)

The November 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.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to approve the Federation's Legislative Program for 2012. This activity occurred after brief administrative, committee, and district council reports.

### Administrative Topics

**The Bulletin (Newsletter):** Newsletter articles are due to the editor by December 1.

**Minutes:** To "clear the decks" for consideration of the Legislative Package tonight, publishing the draft minutes of the October membership meeting is deferred from the November *The Bulletin* to the December *The Bulletin* and consideration for approval is deferred from tonight until the December membership meeting. (Post-meeting note: The October minutes have not yet been submitted.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Tania reported that Scott had filed the Federation's tax report on November 6th and it has been accepted by the IRS.

**Membership:** Fox Mill Estates is the Federation's newest member.

**2011 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award:** The nomination period for the 2011 Citizen of the Year award opens December 1.

### Old Business

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

### New and Miscellaneous Business

No new business was introduced at this meeting.

### Board & Committee Reports

**Budget — Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall:** No report

**Citizen Association Services — Don Hinman:** No report

**Education — Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson:** The Education Committee met November 15 with Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Kim Paddison Dockery.

**Environment — Flint Webb:** Flint and Roger had earlier testified to the Planning Commission on the Green Building Comprehensive Plan Policy Review Strawman. The Planning Commission's Environmental Committee is meeting to review and make decisions on the comments received. (Post-meeting note from Roger who attended that meeting: "They did not complete that process.")

**Human Services — Cherie Tripp Lejeune:** No report

**Land Use — Fred Costello:** The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia ruled on April 12, 2011, that lot widths cannot be reduced by the County's granting a Special Exception. Attempts to do so violate the Dillon Rule.

**Legislation — Frank Anderson:** See the 2012 Legislative Program below.

**Public Safety — As'ad Hess-Linckost:** Tania reported that Federation representatives visited the Franconia Police Station Citizens Advisory Committee meeting of November 16 to collaborate on neighborhood watch outreach.

**Resolutions — Bill Hanks:** No report

**Transportation — Carey Campbell and Jeff Parnes:** No report

**Website — Jeff Parnes:** No report

### 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 — John Birch:** Mason District Council meets tonight.

**Mount Vernon — Karen Pohorylo:** No report

**Providence — Flint Webb:** The annual meeting and party is scheduled for December 7.

**Springfield — Mike Thompson:** No report

**Sully — Jeff Parnes**

The Sully District Council (SDC) sponsored two nights of "meet the candidates." Thirty-three of the 38 candidates running for office in districts that include portions of Sully District attended one of meetings.

At the last SDC meeting, representatives from Loudoun County's offices of Transportation and Planning made a presentation on Loudoun County development in the Dulles Rail and Routes 50/28 corridors.

The December 15 meeting of the SDC will feature presentations on I-66 Automated Traffic Management plans and the Outside the Beltway Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement from I-495 to U.S. Route 15.

### 2012 Legislative Program

Legislative Committee Chair Frank Anderson chaired this portion of the meeting. Committee chairs and the board had developed a draft legislative program over the past several months to present to the membership tonight. Of course, additions and modifications continued to be submitted up until tonight's meeting. Member representatives tonight reviewed the proposed additions and changes and decided in each case whether to accept or reject new proposals and proposed changes as submitted or to otherwise amend the original draft text. Finally, the membership approved the overall legislative program.

The Legislative Committee will now apply the agreed changes to the text and the Federation will publish and distribute its 2012 Legislative Program.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

### Next Meetings

The Annual Board Dinner is Thursday, December 8; mixer starts at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Marco Polo

Restaurant in Vienna (245 Maple Avenue, Vienna). The Board's annual traditional dinner takes advantage of Marco Polo's excellent Thursday Night Buffet. (The cost is typically \$25 per person for dinner, tax, and tips; drinks will be additional). The Federation's Annual Board Dinner is open to the public. RSVP is requested by December 5 to:

[fedpres2012@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedpres2012@fairfaxfederation.org).

The next Membership Meeting is December 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation on Land Use.

*Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary*

### **Development from a Developer's Point of View**

Critics complain that developers will do anything and everything to maximize profits. The Federation's December 15 Membership meeting will feature Mr. Peter Otteni, Vice President - Development, Boston Properties. Boston Properties is a major developer in the Reston Dulles Corridor and elsewhere in the D.C. area. As a Vice President in the Development department in Washington, DC, Pete has direct responsibility for all aspects of development projects throughout the greater DC region, including land acquisition, financing, entitlement, design, construction, and leasing. Since joining Boston Properties, Mr. Otteni has managed or been directly involved with over 3 million square feet of completed or in process office and retail development.

The evening will give folks a chance to interact with a representative from the development community. Pete will describe the developer's approach, debunk some myths, answer questions, and look for feedback about the development process.

### **The Commonwealth's Goal for Open Space**

The Federation's Legislative Program requests that the Commonwealth continue to acquire land until 20% is reserved for Open Space and Conservation. Doug Domenech, the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, verbally informed *The Bulletin* by telephone via Parker Gochenour of Domenech's office that 20% is indeed the current Commonwealth goal, counting lands owned by Federal, state, and local governments and by private owners. At present 19% has been achieved, so the Commonwealth needs 253,000 more acres to meet its goal — and the Federation's goal.

### **Reston Development in the Dulles Corridor**

On November 17, 2011, the County presented its high-residential case, Scenario 2, for development along the Metro-rail line in Reston. This new case has 1.3 new corridor jobs per new corridor household. This ratio should reduce congestion in Reston. There would be no traffic impact if the ratio of new jobs per new household were 1.6. Two months ago, the County proposed a low-residential case, Scenario 1, with a ratio of 2.5 new jobs per new household, which ratio would increase congestion (absent road improvements). The County considers Scenario 2 as having far more residential development than is practical.

A transportation analysis will be performed for the two scenarios, after which a third case will be chosen for final analysis by all County departments.

### **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 (<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm>); 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312)

Questions? Contact Joe Gibson, Federation 2nd Vice President at [fed2ndvp2012@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto: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 Council.

**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.

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

**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
- Mail application form and check, payable to "Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations" or simply "FCFCA", to:

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**Future membership renewals:** 1. Submitter, 2. Association Address, 3. President, 4. Treasurer, 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate, 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate, 7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate, 8. 4<sup>th</sup> Delegate  
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