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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2012
(a change to Fourth Thursday)

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

**Topic: Laws and Regulations Concerning
Community Association Administration and
Governance**

**Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's
Community Association Liaison**
(see Page 8 for more information)



Next Federation Board Meeting

February 16, 2012 (a change to Third Thursday)

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

Federation Schedule Changes

There are important changes in the Federation's schedule for February and March. See Page 3.

Citizen of the Year

Nominations for the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year closed January 31, 2012.

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President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

The County's budget cycle is an excellent opportunity for the Federation to provide critical feedback to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the community. As a large stakeholder group, homeowners in Fairfax County continue to bear the brunt of funding the revenue stream for the county's budget. As the economy slowly works out of this current recession, our elected officials need to hear from as many of their constituents as possible. The Federation strives to make this budget cycle a meaningful and impactful one for our community. To that end, the Federation's Budget Committee is seeking the community's input, which you can send via email to Fed-budgetchr2012@fairfaxfederation.org. Your participation in this process is invaluable. Please join us.

We are excited about our February programming focused on Citizen Association Services. Our guest speaker at our February 23 meeting is Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's Community Association Liaison. The evening's presentation will include updates on recent state regulations and legislative initiatives that have significant impacts on HOAs and condominium associations. The Federation offers civic associations a comprehensive resource facilitated by our Citizen Association Services Committee Chair, Don Hinman. Don can be reached at FedAssociationServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org.

The Federation's Citizen of the Year Nominating Committee has been hard at work and has completed its work in selecting the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year. We will share that exciting announcement with you very shortly. Please join us on Sunday, March 25, 2012, to honor the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year at the Tysons Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Our evening will begin at 6:00 pm starting with cocktails. The program starts at 6:30 pm. Please join us for our signature event honoring an exceptional resident of Fairfax County whose volunteer work contributed to the betterment of the quality of life in our communities. I look forward to seeing you.

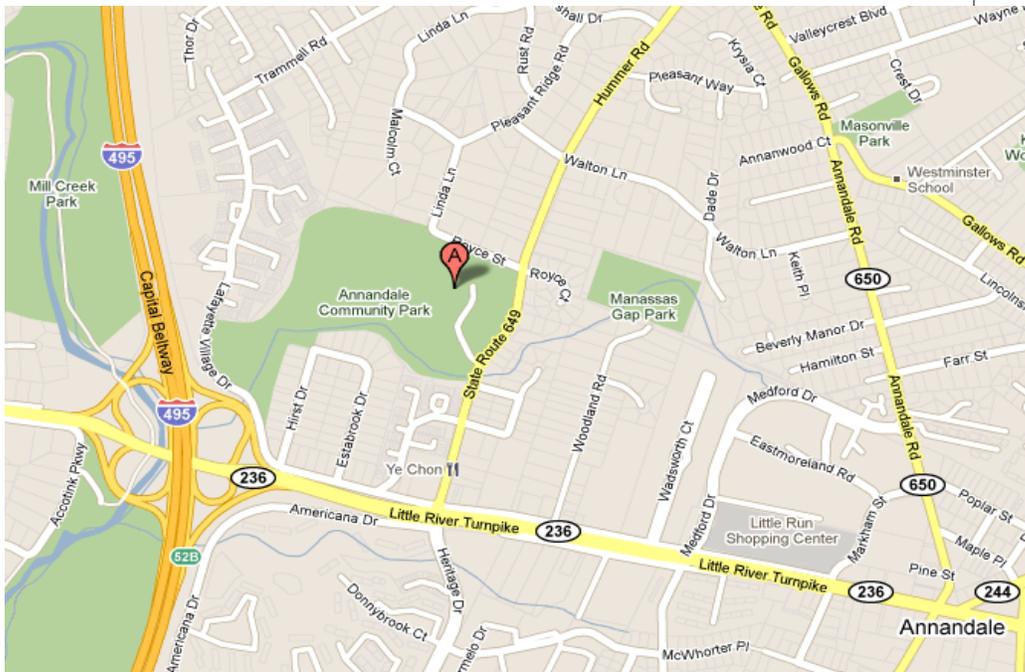
Please let us know the concerns in your community and help us build stepping stones on countywide issues. We deeply appreciate your continued support of the work of the Federation.

Best regards,
Tania Hossain

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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 .



FCFCA Calendar 2011-2012			
Date	Membership Meetings	Board Mtg	Newsletter Deadline
	Topic		
2011			
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
2012			
19-Jan	Review of County's School Budget (meets at Gatehouse, see note below)	26-Jan	2-Feb
23-Feb	Community Association Administration and Governance	16-Feb	22-Feb
22-Mar	Presentation on the County's Budget and Approval of the Budget Resolution	15-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

Additional events:

- 25-Mar Citizen of the Year Banquet (on Sunday)
- 21-Jun Annual Federation Picnic (on Thursday)

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	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 and Jason Ha.....	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, January 19, 2012

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 2/23/2012](#)

The January 2012 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 Conference Room 5055 of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Administrative Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. The attendance list is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Program

FCPS Proposed Budget for FY 2013—Kristen Michael, Director of Budget, FCPS—On January 12—one week prior to this meeting—the superintendent released the proposed budget for next year. Ms. Michael's presentation to us used the same set of slides. Our inquisitive members asked a number of questions—some quite specific—about all matter of educational and managerial decisions that are reflected in the budget. The presentation and question/answer period lasted ninety minutes. The slides of this presentation and other relevant FCPS budget documents are available at <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/budgetdocuments.shtml>. President Hossain thanked Ms. Michael for her insightful presentation and presented her a Federation mug.

Administrative Topics

The Bulletin (Newsletter): Fred Costello—Newsletter articles are due to the editor by January 27.

Minutes: Ed Wyse—The membership approved the minutes of the December 11 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel—Scott provided a handout of the financial situation and briefed line-by-line on budgeted versus actual expenses to date this fiscal year.

Membership: Don Hinman—Welcome to our newest members: Sunset Manor Civic Association, Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association, Chantilly Highland Homes Association, Groveton Virginia Civic Association, Ravenwood Park Citizens Association, and Lee Boulevard Heights Citizen Association.

Don reported that he has focused his recruiting efforts at the district level having recently visited meetings of councils in Lee, Mount Vernon, and South County. Dottie Dane made a membership appeal at the Braddock District Council. Don plans to visit the Providence District Council January 24.

Don is consolidating and updating listings from several sources of homeowner and civic associations. He also asked for feedback on the most recent version of the postcard-sized advertising card, which he distributed.

2011 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award: Chair, Jeff Parnes—The nomination period for the 2011 Citizen of the Year award is open until January 31. Make the last push in your organization to submit nominations. The nomination form on our website is short and easy to complete.

Availability of Packard Center in Future is in Doubt: President Hossain—Currently the Arts Council of Fairfax County leases the Packard Center from the Park Authority and sublets to the Federation space to store our files and to hold our twice monthly meetings. It appears the Arts Council will relocate

when its lease expires this spring. Who would then lease the Packard Center and arrangements as to how we would be able to continue using the facility are currently unknown.

Old Business — none

New and Miscellaneous Business—none

Board & Committee Reports

Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall—Tania noted that our annual Budget Position development process will start soon.

Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman—Tania reported that our legislative position on resale packets is listed as a top priority by Delegate Mark Sickles.

Education—Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—Ed Saperstein is drafting Federation testimony on the FCPS Superintendent's proposed budget. (Public hearings are scheduled January 30-31.)

Environment—Flint Webb—Roger and Flint helped draft the Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive Fairfax County that was initiated by the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth (FCSG). Other Federation board members had many comments about the various positions and the document in general; Flint sent these to Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director of FCSG. (Post meeting Flint reported that Stewart distributed a revised draft about January 13.)

The Friends of Accotink Creek last month documented online instances of trash along Accotink Stream, posting both photographs and geographic coordinates. (See <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150453415739839.386053.139483784838&type=http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150453415739839.386053.139483784838&type=3>).

Some of the trash is substantial, including an automobile. Flint is helping this group write its first set of bylaws.

On January 17 Flint testified at the public hearing for the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) on the 2011 Annual Report on the Environment. Flint's comments focused on the need to include climate adaptation considerations when planning construction and reviewing plans in or near flood plains, installing new stormwater management facilities, and evaluating the adequacy of water resources.

The Virginia Conservation Network will hold Conservation Lobby Day 2012 in Richmond on January 23. Roger is organizing a group that will be talking to State Senator Chap Peterson.

Human Services—Cherie Tripp Lejeune—Tania reported that the Mobile Neighbor application that Cherie is developing has been demonstrated for the Mantua Civic Association.

Land Use—Fred Costello—Fred made a presentation to the Mason District Council on January 18. He reported that residents there are greatly concerned about infill. This comment was supported by the representatives attending tonight from Braddock and Providence district councils.

Fred will call Chairman Bulova's office to inquire whether she has seen our letter and resolution on zoning, as we have had no feedback yet.

Fred cited Ms. Michael's comment that the County was surprised by the large number of students in K-3. He noted that

many County re-development plans assume low populations of children, especially in multi-family units (one child per 13 dwelling units).

Legislation—Frank Anderson—No report.

Public Safety—As'ad Hess-Linckost—No report.

Resolutions—Bill Hanks—No report.

Transportation—Carey Campbell and Jeff Parnes—No report.

Website—Jeff Parnes—Jeff was not present. A suggestion was made that the contacts page is too long and should be made easier to navigate. Joe Gibson will pass this information to Jeff.

District Council Reports

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

Braddock—Art Wells—Bill Barfield, Chair of the BDC, attended this meeting. He raised the question whether there was a role for the Federation regarding BRAC (DOD Base Realignment and Closure) issues. This generated much discussion and an intention to monitor the issues closely to determine if and what actions the Federation should take.

Lee—Don Hinman—The Lee District Supervisor's office will hold its Annual Open House, Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Following the open house, Supervisor McKay will host a meeting to review the results of the Penn Daw Special Study, whose purpose was to develop a future vision for the land area west of North Kings Highway and surrounding commercial uses comprising the 11-acre Penn Daw Plaza.

Mason—John Birch—The Mason District Council meets tonight.

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo—No report.

Providence—Flint Webb—Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's Homeowner and Community Association Liaison, will address the district council at its January 24 meeting.

Springfield—Mike Thompson—Ed Wyse reported the SDC will meet January 31.

Sully—Jeff Parnes—The Sully District Council meets tonight.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Next Meetings

Our next meetings will focus on developing the Federation's positions on the school and county budgets.

The next board meeting is on Thursday, February 16, 2012, (this time on the third Thursday of the month) 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, February 23, 2012 (this time on the fourth Thursday of the month), 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

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. The Federation currently has an opening on one committee:

Criminal Justice Advisory Board: receives and coordinates all phases of planning for the County's Criminal Justice System and to furnish its advice and recommendations to the County Executive and, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors.

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: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>. The Federation has representation on: (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, (7) Airports Advisory Committee, and (8) Engineering Standards Review Committee.

The complete list of School Board advisory committees is found at <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/advisory.htm>. The Federation has representation on (1) Advanced Academic Programs, (2) Human Relations, and (3) Students with Disabilities, as well as the Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council.

Accuracy of Toll-Road Forecasts

Terry Maynard, a member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force that is developing plans for development along the Dulles corridor, has a thorough and fascinating analysis of the forecasts that toll-road consultants make on toll-road usage.

Data in his national study show that, for 26 US toll roads with published data, the actual revenue was slightly less than 50% of the forecast revenue for each toll road for each year of the first five years of operation. Limited research suggests that there is little difference in the accuracy of traffic and revenue forecasts for existing toll roads in the long term. Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA), the company that has predicted the Dulles Toll Road revenues, accounted for half of the studied forecasts, and their results were little different from the forecasts of others.

The complete report can be found at: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/79582705/RCA-Study-Wilbur-Smith-Traffic-and-Revenue-Forecasts-012712>

Current plans call for toll-road revenue to pay for over 50% of the Dulles Rail costs plus 75% of any overruns. In the absence of overruns, real-estate taxes might cover an additional 25% of the costs if the toll revenue is only 50% of the forecast. Approximately \$1,500M would be covered by 0.4M residences, or \$3,750 per household.

I-66 Environmental Impact Statement

A Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study potential multimodal improvements that will address existing and future transportation needs in the Interstate 66 corridor from U.S. Route 15 in Prince William County to Interstate 495 in Fairfax County.

Public meetings are intended to gather additional public input to further define the transportation problems in the corridor and refine the purpose and need for the study. Meetings were held on January 31 in Manassas and on February 2 in Fairfax.

Information provided by the John Cook, the Braddock District Supervisor, via the *Braddock Beacon*.

AHOME Housing Hall of Fame

The First Annual Reception of the AHOME Housing Hall of Fame will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 5-7pm at

Atrium of Capital One Headquarters
1680 Capital One Drive
McLean, VA

Individual tickets are \$45, obtainable via check for \$45 payable to AHOME and mailed to AHOME, 8124 Viola Street, Springfield, VA 22152

This first annual HALL OF FAME Reception will honor (among others) Judi Booe, AHOME President, 1989-1993 and Federation President, 1987.

Increasing the Number of Dwelling Units in an Existing Neighborhood

The Federation passed the following resolution to limit infill development such that existing neighborhoods are protected. The resolution was sent to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The cover letter, which explains the reasoning behind the resolution, can be found at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/letters/Letter20111219RezoningfromRtoPassentoBOS.pdf>

RESOLUTION

RE-ZONING FROM R- TO P-TYPE ZONING FOR INFILL PROPERTIES

(Approved by the Federation's General Membership on December 15, 2011)

WHEREAS existing neighborhoods might consist of a majority of property owners who value the character and ambiance of their neighborhoods and therefore desire to keep the neighborhoods stable,

WHEREAS there might be a desire of a minority of property owners in a neighborhood to profit by increasing the number of dwelling units on their properties,

WHEREAS such increase in the number of dwelling units can denigrate the character and ambiance of an existing neighborhood,

WHEREAS re-zoning from R-type to P-type zones, including PDH, does not sufficiently protect the stability of existing neighborhoods,

BE IT RESOLVED that re-zoning from R to P-type zoning, including PDH, be denied for all infill projects, if not approved by the majority of neighbors, unless (1) the property can be otherwise developed to the same number of dwelling units "by right" under the current zoning; (2) the re-zoning to P-type zoning would not cause an increase in the yield of allowable dwelling units on the subject property; and (3) the resulting lot widths would be no less than 75% of the minimum lot width requirement of the current zoning.

Park Authority's Proposed Fees

The Fairfax County Park Authority would like the input of residents regarding the agency's proposed fee adjustments. County residents were encouraged to submit comments at the annual meeting, held on February 1 at the Herrity Building.

If you would like additional information regarding the proposed fee changes you may view it online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/feemeeting.htm>.

A desk copy of the fee proposal is available for review at Park Authority offices in the Herrity Building and at staffed park facilities. Comments from the community can be mailed to: Attention Public Information Office/Fee Comments, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA 22035-1118 or emailed to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov no later than February 14.

Information provided by the John Cook, the Braddock District Supervisor, via the *Braddock Beacon*.

Federation Testimony at the January 30, 2012 Fairfax County School Board Meeting

At the subject meeting, Ed Saperstein presented the position of the Board of the Federation on the Proposed FY 2013 FCPS School Budget. The text of his presentation was as follows:

I am Ed Saperstein. Tonight, as Co-Chair of the Education Committee, I am speaking on behalf of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations.

I'll focus on 5 points: 1) Salaries, 2) Pensions, 3) Class size experiment, 4) Largest class sizes, and 5) Honors classes.

As to #1, salaries, for FY 2013 to the extent funds are available, we support a market scale adjustment and step increase.

As to #2, pensions, there is a concern about the relationship of pensions to salaries. On the part of the pension which is controlled by Fairfax County Public Schools, we recommend that FCPS assess whether to modify the pension plan in light of employee wages and benefits using objective criteria that includes comparisons with private sector compensation.

As to #3, because of various class size pressures, as in our comments last year, we recommend considering expanded use of on-line learning technology, and also that the following experiment be tried in some high schools which might require a waiver or discussion with state authorities.

The experiment is to ask each high school principal to choose 1 or 2 courses to have much larger class sizes than normal in order to use the related cost savings to reduce class sizes in some other courses or to add an elective in the same school. These larger classes could be, for example, in rooms with portable dividers or an auditorium. Teachers teaching the larger classes could perhaps get a bonus or reduced number of teaching periods, but this should be done in a way to lower the overall cost for teaching that course.

As to #4, largest class sizes, we support allocating funds for additional teacher positions to address the largest class sizes.

As to #5, honors classes, as the School Board makes more honors classes available, we recommend that decisions on whether to actually have these honors classes and offsetting cuts, if any, be made by each school after having discussions with the local community.

Also, attached are written comments on the following additional areas: preventive maintenance, expanding FLES, fee for parenting classes, publishing a program budget, and staffing ratios for some psychologists, social workers and guidance counselors.

Thanks for your patience in these public sessions and for your collective service to the children in our communities.

Ed's written submission included the following:

1. We are pleased to see an amount allocated for preventive maintenance as this type of maintenance can be useful and in the longer term cost effective.
2. We are wary of expanding Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) to additional schools unless the cost effectiveness of the teaching models are examined, including use of on-line learning technology.
3. We recommend that FCPS remove the fee for parenting classes that help with parental involvement and encourage-

ment in their children's education including early learning. The fee inhibits lower income parents from taking these courses. We understand that the money to be raised from this fee by the Office of Families and School Partnerships is only about \$150,000.

4. We recommend that FCPS look into publishing some form of a program budget. It could be useful to have the FCPS RICE group (reports, interfaces, conversions and extensions) help in deciding how to practically accomplish this.
5. In the last couple of years, staffing ratios for psychologists, special education social workers and middle and high school guidance counselors have increased. We understand the ratios might increase again in FY 2013, since the number of students needing these services is expected to increase, unless additional positions are added. We recommend increasing the budget for these positions.

Environmental Committee Endorses "An Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive Fairfax County"

The Coalition for Smarter Growth led the writing of "An Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive Fairfax County" with input from other organizations and has asked other organizations to add their names to it. The Federation's Environmental Committee contributed to this document and has endorsed it. The agenda recommends the following actions:" :

1. Increase spending on the planning, transportation, housing and environmental staffs and hire the best in the nation in order to effectively implement competitive, and sustainable development.
2. Identify and remove obstacles to redevelopment, ensure a strong community vision up front, while speeding up the review and approval process for projects built to that vision. The county needs to accelerate planning, implementation and investment in sustainable development of the county's revitalization areas.
3. Improve standards for urban design and placemaking using form-based design codes.
4. For Tysons Corner: a) Expedite funding for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian access as the top priority so as many improvements as possible are in place by 2013; b) Reevaluate Table 7 (transportation project list) of the Tysons Corner Plan. By shifting mode share we likely will not need all of the proposed road expansion (see 5 below); c) Do not expand width of planned streets, simply because of the circulator proposal; d) Challenge VDOT's width for Route 7 and Route 123, and convert to urban boulevards with frequent and shorter crossing locations; e) Offer information updates to the community on improvements and publicize available transportation options for access to Tysons Corner.
5. Change transportation performance standards to support placemaking by ending reliance only on vehicle level of service and focusing instead on achieving higher mode share for transit, carpooling, walking and bicycling through design and robust transportation demand management strategies including urban parking ratios and standards.

2011 – 2012 Current Membership

The Federation is honored to be joined by the growing number of citizens association and currently includes the following associations. The Federation welcomes all citizens associations in Fairfax County to join in membership in our common efforts to be an effective voice in our advocacy on behalf of residents to local, state and federal officials. To find out how the Federation can be of service to our community, please see our membership details available on our website at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm>.

Adams Walk HOA
 Chantilly Farm HOA
 Chantilly Highlands Homes Association
 Civic Association of West Springfield Village
 Colvin Glen Citizens Association
 Country Club View Civic Association
 Fox Mill Estates
 Greenbriar Civic Association
 Groveton Va Civic Association
 Hayfield Citizens Association
 Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
 Huntington Grove II HOA
 Innisfree Community Association
 Lafayette Village Community Association
 Mantua Citizens Association
 McLean Citizens Association
 McLean Hamlet Citizens Association
 Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association
 North Springfield Civic Association
 Oak Hill Citizens Association
 Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association
 Stone Haven Civic Association
 Stratford on the Potomac Sect Four Corp
 Sunset Manor Civic Association
 Truro Homes Association
 Walnut Hill HOA
 Waynewood Citizens Association

February Membership-Meeting Presentation

Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's Community Association Liaison, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 23 Federation Membership meeting. Ms. Thompson will update attendees on recent state regulations and legislative initiatives that have significant impacts on HOAs and condominium associations. A state body known as the Common Interest Community Board (CICB) has been in existence since 2008 and HOA and condominium leaders and residents can benefit from learning from Ms. Thompson about CICB regulations.

State regulations governing management firms took effect in April 2010 and new rules requiring state certification of individual managers will take effect in March 2012. Regulations that may take effect on July 1, 2012 (if approved by the governor), would require all HOA and condo boards to have in place (or to create) formal procedures for handling complaints from residents, and to submit documentation to the CICB. Association leaders in Fairfax County and throughout the state have a full plate and the presentation is offered to help those leaders get up to date on association responsibilities and issues.

Ms. Thompson will also collaborate with Don Hinman on an update of state legislation. Mr. Hinman serves as one of three community association volunteer leaders on the board of the Virginia Legislative Action Committee (VALAC) of the Community Associations Institute. He also chairs the Fairfax Federation's Citizen Association Services Committee (CASC -- <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/CitizenAssnServices.htm>) and welcomes suggestions on how the CASC website can be made more useful to community association leaders.

If you have questions about administration and governance of associations (including voluntary civic associations) that you would like to see addressed at the Feb. 23 meeting or at some future time, please contact Mr. Hinman at FedAssociationServicesChr2012@fairfaxfederation.org

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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.

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	Address		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:

Association Size/Federation Dues: _____ **Organization's web site:** _____

District? _____ **Association Type?** _____

Month new officers installed: _____

1. Number of votes is based on association size. Dues are based on association size and number of mailed bulletins (see chart below):
2. 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
3. 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

4. Mail application form and check, payable to "Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations" or simply "FCFCA", to: <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> THE FEDERATION Attention: Membership Vice President 4022 Hummer Road Annandale, VA 22003 </div>	Dues, Delegates, & Bulletins			
	# of Residences	Dues	Voting Delegates	Bulletins
	Under 100	\$20	1	+ \$10 per each mailed
	100-1000	\$40	2	+ \$10 per each mailed
	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