President's Message

Greetings Federation Members, Neighbors and Friends:

As we move into our 75th year of serving the communities of Fairfax County, it is with deep humility that I thank everyone one of you for reelecting me your president for another term.

THANK YOU

And THANK YOU to Tania Hossain for all her time, energy, guidance, advice and above all FRIENDSHIP she has given the Federation, its members and especially me as she concentrates on her newly created business. Suffice to say I and the Federation owe Tania a great debt of gratitude for all her dedication to make sure this president stayed the course…and I/we wish her only the best of luck and safe travels as her new business takes her to the far reaches of the world….GOD SPEED TANIA!

As you are probably aware, I am joined by my fellow officers, Ed Wyse as First Vice President, Bill Barfield as Second Vice President, Curtis Anderson as Recording Secretary, Fred Costello as Corresponding Secretary, Matt Bell as Treasurer. Former Federation President Jeff Parnes has agreed to chair the Citizen of the Year Committee for us this year – thank you Jeff.

We all are really excited to start the next chapter of your Federation. For a complete list of all Board Members see: http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/contactus1.htm

Almost every committee chair agreed to be reappointed to their position. We welcome Dennis Hays as co-chair of the Library Committee with Kathy, and Patrick Smaldore as co-chair of the Public Safety Committee with Daniela.

Your Federation Board, especially the Legislative Committee, has been diligently working to update its questionnaire you'll soon see in your inbox. Please look for it and after completing it, return it to FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org so the committee can achieve the “community's business” with our elected officials as we did last year. The entire Fairfax County Delegation, along with the Board of Supervisors gave extremely "high marks" and numerous "at-a-boys" to our Legislative Package last year.

Our first Membership Meeting will be held Sept 17 at 7:30pm at the Providence Community Center. Please look for more details in the next Bulletin as well as on the Federation's website: www.fairfaxfederation.org.

We hope you will join the Federation in some volunteer capacity to guide and assist us in advocating on countywide issues of common concern to Fairfax County residents.

Best wishes to you and your community,

Tim Thompson, President
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, listed below, using the following email addresses:

- **Budget**: Curtis Anderson  
  FedBudgetChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Citizen Association Services**: Don Hinman  
  FedAssociationServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Education**: Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer  
  FedEducationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Environment**: Flint Webb & Monica Billger  
  FedEnvironmentChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Human Services**: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson  
  FedHumanServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Land Use**: Fred Costello  
  FedLandUseChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Legislation**: Matt Bell & Bill Barfield & Katherine Ward  
  FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
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  FedLibraryChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
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  FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
- **Transportation**: Karen Campblin & Jeff Barnes  
  FedTransportationChr2015@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.

**Library Committee Report**

Library Committee chair, Kathy Kaplan, learned that best-selling hardcover books cost libraries $0.12 to $0.21 cents per checkout. Ebooks cost as much as $3.40 per checkout because many ebooks can be borrowed only 25 times before the lease expires. Despite the higher cost, the library continues to invest in ebook leases. See her complete findings at [http://ffxlibraryadvocates.blogspot.com/2015/06/the-cost-of-ebooks-vs-print-books-for.html](http://ffxlibraryadvocates.blogspot.com/2015/06/the-cost-of-ebooks-vs-print-books-for.html).

The Friends of the Library, a group of volunteers -- including Kathy, remains concerned about the fate of the library. Of particular concern is the County’s desire to change the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the library and the Friends. Under the existing MOU, the Friends donate a significant amount of money and effort to the library. As of the end of June, Library Trustee Michael Donovan has not said why the current MOU is insufficient or what the county’s intent is with revising it. Beginning in August the chair of the MOU subcommittee will be Miriam Smolen, an attorney appointed by Supervisor Linda Smyth two months ago to be her new trustee on the Library Board.

The Friends have many concerns. A branch manager resigned her position in protest of treatment of two librarians. The library system now has five branch manager positions vacant. The rate of discard of low demand books has almost doubled recently. Some of the books, including valuable art books, were in very good condition. These books had not circulated for 24 months. The library budget continues to be reduced. Under the Lines of Business Review which began this summer, Youth Services (funded by the Friends), the Virginia Room, and Ac-

**Calendar: 2015-2016**
The Federation calendar, which usually occupies this location in the bulletin, is under development. As announced on Page 1 of this bulletin, the next Board meeting is August 6 and the next Membership Meeting is September 17.

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A Timely Reminder regarding Drones
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is conducting an outreach program to remind local residents, as well as tourists, that it is **ILLEGAL** to fly a drone in the Washington, D.C. area and within a 15-mile radius of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The FAA states that “… The airspace around Washington, D.C. is more restricted than in any other part of the country. Rules put in place after the 9/11 attacks establish "national defense airspace" over the area and limit aircraft operations to those with an FAA and Transportation Security Administration authorization. Violators face stiff fines and criminal penalties.”

What if you live outside of the 15-mile “No Drone Zone”? You can fly drones, but several rules apply. See: [https://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/)

If you have a general question, comment, or complaint regarding a drone or any other Unmanned Arial System (UAS), please contact the FAA via e-mail at 9-AFS-UAS-Inquiries@faa.gov.

Prepare for Federation’s Legislative Program
The Federation is developing its survey to determine the Membership’s greatest concerns about issues that might be addressed at the January 2016 legislative session in Richmond.

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2015-2016 President: Tim Thompson
Newsletter Editor: Frederick A. Costello

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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.

Directions to the Providence Community Center

From going east on I-66, take the VA-243 S/Nutley Street exit. Exit 62, toward Fairfax. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto Saintsbury Drive, going 0.5 miles to right on Vaden Drive.

From going west on I-66, take the VA-243 S/Nutley Street exit. Exit 62, toward Fairfax. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. After 0.4 miles, keep right at the fork in the ramp. After 0.2 miles, keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto Country Creek Road. After 0.1 miles, take the 2nd right onto Vaden Drive. Go 0.2 miles to destination.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2015

DRAFT TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL ON 9/18/2015

The June Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on June 18, 2015, by President Tim Thompson at 7:47 p.m. at the Picnic Shelter in the Mason District Park, Annandale, VA.

Attendance

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin’s Glen-Colvin’s Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation/Country Club View Citizens Association), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), and Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Be Air Homeowners Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association), Tim Thompson (President/Colvin’s Glen-Colvin’s Forest Citizens Association), Evan Jones (Springfield/Membership/Civic Association of West Springfield), John Birch (Mason/Be Air Homeowners Association), Bill Barfield (Sully/Transportation/Website/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), and Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget).

Others: 28 people, in total, were in attendance.

Program: Fairfax County Events

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, addressed the assembly. She highlighted important events in Fairfax County including:

1. 2015 World Police and Fire Games will be held from June 26 to July 5 throughout the county, but with a base of operations in Reston Town Center.
2. Transportation:
   a. HB2313 provided more money for the region which will help with the widening of Route 28.
   b. Phase 1 of the Silver Line is complete.
3. The Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission has been meeting.

She wants to focus on evaluating facilities and programs that exist or do not exist in Fairfax County.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Swearing in of New Officers: Chairman Bulova swore in the new officers of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for the 2015-2016 year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting: June 30, 2015.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY FEDERATION BOARD

The Federation’s resolution on the County’s lines-of-business budget review was passed at the May 28, 2015, Federation Board meeting. The final resolution urges the County’s Board of Supervisors (BOS) to contract for a management consultant to conduct or participate in the “lines of business reviews” and that the BOS ensure that the management consultant has sufficient access to data and information to be able to validate the findings of the “Lines of business reviews”.

The complete text can be found at:
http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLinesofBusinessApprovedBoard20150528.pdf

RESTON PHASE II PLAN

Terry Maynard, the highly regarded spokesman for Reston citizens, has serious reservations about the Phase II plan, which covers Reston’s residential neighborhoods, village centers and other commercial areas. It places no limits on the density at the village centers, offers opportunities for their expansion into the existing residential areas, and continues to nibble away at open space. Citizen suggestions on these issues were rejected by the County. The County’s Fairfax Forward process for land-use planning does not give the citizens much influence. Terry’s full commentary can be seen at:

The text of the Phase II plan, ST09-III-UP1(B), is not yet available. The slides from the County’s presentation can be seen at:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/III-UP1_B.pdf

DEVELOPMENT OF I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY

At the June 30 meeting of the Federation’s Executive Committee, a resolution was approved stating the Committee’s position on development of I-66 inside the beltway. The key points are:

- If tolling is used, the tolls collected should be used only to reduce congestion along the corridor.
- The determination should be made within five years whether I-66 should be widened to six lanes.
- Roads that parallel I-66 should also be improved.
- The Metrorail capacity of the Potomac River crossings should be increased.
- Until the Potomac crossing is resolved, Bus Rapid Transit should be used to the Pentagon, Crystal City, etc.
- A Metrorail Y connection should be considered to permit direct travel between Dulles airport to National airport and its vicinity.
- The connector road from I-66 to Dulles should be included in the plans for HOT use. Current traffic to and from Dulles International Airport to be permitted to continue to use I-66 during HOT-restricted times and not be forced to pay a toll to use the road.
- The HOV transition hours east and west on I-66 should be the same.

The rationale for these points is given in the full resolution at:

MEET THE 2015 CANDIDATES

The Sully District Council will hold its Sixth bi-annual State Legislative Candidates Night on September 21, 2015, and its Second quad-annual County and Sully Candidates Night on October 22, 2015.
Future Growth of Fairfax County

Anne Kanter, the Land Use Committee Chair of the League of Women Voters Fairfax Area (LWVFA), in the May 2015 issue of the newsletter, Fairfax Voter, has an informative eight-page article entitled “Where Is the Growth Going to Go in Fairfax County?” See: http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2015_5_Voter_May.pdf

By 2025, the county will have another 100,000 people and another 45,000 housing units. These represent a 10% growth; however, only 6.6% of the land is undeveloped. Increasing current property density is necessary. Because Fairfax County was developed for the automobile, the existing densities are not sufficient to support mass transit. To minimize congestion, mass transit is necessary; therefore, new housing units must be built where Metro will provide the transportation. Employment centers and multi-unit housing must be built around the Metro stations. The Metro system is being built for the new people, not for the existing citizens.

No mass transit is self-funding, and there is little political will for more taxpayer-supported mass transit. The developer must fund the mass transit through proffers, impact fees, tax districts, etc.

The article goes on to outline the League of Women Voters’ land development principles, with which almost everyone would agree. The LWVFA attempts to review proposed development; however, it has difficulty reviewing the hundreds of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. In addition, the Virginia Commonwealth roads and public facilities are exempted from the review process so some development goes unnoticed.

We add to this article the following comment: For Dulles Rail, the $6B cost to taxpayers equals the $6B profit in land-only values experienced by the land owners; therefore, Kanter’s funding idea is economically reasonable and feasible.

Current Federation Members

Federation members as of July 14, 2015, are listed below. The Federation welcomes new members Greenway Downs Citizens Association, Vantage Homes Association, and Fairfax Hills Civic Association. Invoices for membership year 2015-2016 were sent to members in May. Member associations for whom 2015-2016 membership year dues have already been received are indicated with the suffix “2016”.

Ed Wyse, First Vice President (Membership), Fed1stVP2015@FairfaxFederation.org

Braddock
Country Club View Civic Association 2016
Fairfax Hills Civic Association 2016
Middlelidge Civic Association
North Springfield Civic Association 2016
Oak Hill Citizens Association 2016
Ravensworth-Bristow Civic Association
Red Fox Forest Civic Association 2016
Stone Haven Civic Association
Truro Homes Association 2016

Dranesville
Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association 2016
Marlborough Nantucket Community Association
McLean Hamlet Community Association 2016
Potomac Hills Citizens Association 2016

Hunter Mill
Colvin’s Glen/Colvin’s Forest Citizens’ Association
Fox Mill Estates Homes Association 2016
Reston Citizens Association 2016
Woodside at Holly Oak 2016

Lee
Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association 2016
Hayfield Citizens Association
Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association
Vantage Homes Association 2016

Mason
Adams Walk Homeowners Association
Annandale Acres Civic Association
Barcroft Square Homeowners Association
Bel Air Civic Association 2016
Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association
Lafayette Village Community Association 2016
Lincolnia Hills/Heywood Glen Civic Association
Parklawn Civic Association
Ravenwood Park Citizens Association 2016
Skyline House Unit Owners Association 2016
Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association 2016
Sunset Manor Civic Association
Westlawn Civic Association
Woodburn Village Condominium Owners Association 2016

Mount Vernon
Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association 2016
Collingwood on the Potomac Citizen Association 2016
Engleside Civic Association
Huntington Community Association
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association
Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association 2016
South County Federation (also Springfield District)* 2016
Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners’ Association 2016
Waynewood Citizens Association
Wellington Civic Association 2016

Providence
Greenway Downs Citizens Association 2016
Holmes Run Acres Civic Association 2016
Mantua Citizens Association 2016
Tysons Manor Homeowners Association 2016
Walnut Hill Homeowners Association 2016

Springfield
Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc  2016
Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association 2016
South County Federation (also Mount Vernon District)* 2016
West Springfield Village, Civic Association of 2016

Sully
Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association
Chantilly Highlands Homeowners Association 2016

* The South County Federation is an umbrella group with 32 associations and a “non-aligned caucus” to which individuals can belong. The association members are listed at http://southcountyfederation.com/index.php/members.
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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 fedtreas2015@fairfaxfederation.org

4. Mail application form and check, payable to “Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations” or simply “FCFCA”, to:

THE FEDERATION
Attention: Membership Vice President
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