Board Meeting Minutes | March 21, 2019 | Final

The monthly meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations opened at 7:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center. Attending were:

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**Call to Order/Welcome** – Bill Barfield 7:31 pm

**Meeting Minutes** – Recording Secretary: Approve February Board Minutes - Minutes were approved as amended by voice vote.
Administrative Topics
President – Bill Barfield:
1st VP – Matt Dunne: Membership status – Not present
    Has done some membership recruitment. Matt will not be running next year.
2nd VP – Alejandro Mattiuzzo: Not present
Treasurer – Leslie Braun: Finances report; recent dues paid; 501(c) 4 status and is
    working on getting tax exemption status with the Commonwealth.
Secretaries –
    Corresponding Secretary – Erica: no report
    Recording Secretary – Flint: Nothing to report

Old Business
Fairfax Committee of 100 query – Bill. Collin is thinking there could be committee
    under the Federation. They will consult the Fairfax Co100 Board.
Large communities joining Federation – Bill
Web pages updates - Need better head photos of officers & chairs
Other - from floor. Matt is setting up Google Docs.

New Business
Nominating Committee – Nominations from Federation members for each of the six
    elected officers are open thru May 16 at the membership meeting. Contact
    Nominations Committee Chair Tim Thompson
FedPastPres2019@fairfaxfederation.org.

District Council Reports (brief oral or written attachment)
Braddock – Mike Perel – No report
Lee - vacant
Mason – Debbie Fraser – No report
Mount Vernon – Pete Sitnik
    Mount Vernon has been pushing for undergrounding utility lines but the County
    needs to buy into it. It is a penny tax but the County would have to come up with
    funding that will be reimbursed over time. For a detailed report see Attachment 1.
Providence – Flint Webb
    Candidate forum date will be either April 10th or April 17th. A more complete
    report is included in Attachment 2.
Sully - Jeff Parnes
    The land use committee has continued to review land use issues across the line
    where there are no land use District committees. A more complete report is
    included in Attachment 3.
Springfield – Ed Wyse
    They are having their budget meeting tonight.

Committee Reports  (brief oral or written attachment)
Citizen of the Year Award & Banquet – Jeff Parnes, Tim Thompson
    See Attachment 3.
Web Page – Jeff Parnes
    See Attachment 3.
Audit – John Birch, (Scott Schlegel, Marie Gerritz)
Two out of three audit committee has resigned in mid-process. John Birch is trying to re-constitute the committee and finalize the report.

Web Page Improvement– Bill Barfield – 48 requirements are defined and will be tailored to specifically meet new web site content and ease-of-navigation needs.

GoogleDocs - Matt Dunn
Bill reports that Matt has set up a GoogleDocs site and has e-mail addressed for everyone on the Board.

UAS Drones – Gabe Goldberg – No Report

Amazon Impact– David Edelman – No report. David has been focusing on the Budget resolution.

Budget - David Edelman & Tim Thompson
The Board reviewed the 2020 Budget Resolution. The motion to recommend the resolution to the Membership for approval was approved by voice vote. Bill will do some minor editing and it should be posted to the membership tomorrow (Friday).

Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman & Sue Shuman – No report.

Education - Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer
The Governor signed the school calendar bill.

Environment - Flint Webb & Monica Billger
The Environment Report Attachment 4 was sent prior to the meeting. There were three items that were not included in the earlier version they were:
- Cell Phone Towers,
- Flood Plain Ordinance issue in Fairview Park, and
- Airport noise issues in Dulles.

Human Services - Mike Perel & Catherine Mortensen – No report.

Land Use - Karen Campblin & Karen Conchar – No report.

Library - Kathy Kaplan & Dennis Hayes – No report.

Legislation - Tim Thompson & Bill Barfield – Many favorable comments have been received about this year’s Legislative Issues; many are successfully thru both houses.

Membership - Matt Dunne & Shaista Keating – No report.

Public Safety - Patrick Smaldore, Gabe Goldberg & Dean Sherick
There are no body cameras in this year’s budget.

Resolutions - Jeff Parnes

Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin
See Attachment 3.

Next Meetings
Citizen of the Year Dinner: April 7, Tysons Corner Doubletree Hotel

Membership Meeting: April 18, 2019, Fairfax Government Center, Conf. Room 7, Geo. Mason University Storm Water Management & Green Electricity Projects

Board Meeting: April 25, 2019, Dunn Loring Center

Attachments:
Attachment 1: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations Report – Peter Sitnik

- Wednesday, 27 February 2019: General Council Meeting: Previously reported.

- Wednesday, 13 March: MVCCA Board of Directors met and the topics of discussion included: The Board citing unforeseen circumstances voted to reschedule the upcoming MVCCA 50th Anniversary Gala to a yet to be determined date. The recent Virginia General Assembly passage of a funding method for Undergrounding of utilities was discussed and the Board voted to send a letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors supporting Undergrounding. Other administrative issues and procedures were also discussed.

- Upcoming MVCCA, Mount Vernon District, and Fairfax County meeting/events:
  1. March 27, next MVCCA General Council Meeting. New start time 7:00 PM.
  2. April 10, next MVCCA Board Meeting.
  3. April 24, MVCCA General Council Meeting. New start time 7:00 PM.
  4. Gala previously scheduled for May 4, 2019 is being rescheduled.

All things related to the MVCCA including: Mission, Membership, Officers, Committees, Copies of Resolutions, Committee Reports, General Information, and the Monthly Publication the MVCCA “RECORD”, can be found on our Web page: (http://www.mvcca.org/).
Attachment 2: Providence District Council Report – Flint Webb

March PDC meeting: The March PDC meeting was held on March 13. There were two presentations:

- Elizabeth Spike provided an update of the “Our Air, Your Future” program that she is setting up with several Fairfax County and DC high schools. She will be working with environmental educators, mostly AB Environmental Studies teachers to place low cost ambient monitors at each school that the students can use for research. The program should help the students understand the causes of air pollution and how it affects our health. Each school will be getting a Purple Air® particulate monitor and an Aeroqual® ozone monitor. Both monitors can be connected to the internet and data is available on-line from thousands of monitors that have been distributed world-wide.

- There was a lot of interest about the possibility of placing monitors at a number of FCPS schools to monitor the air quality our Children are being exposed to. There was particular interest in placing monitors at elementary schools that are close to major interstates such as Stenwood ES at I-66 and Gallows Road. And,

- Charlie Hall and Fran Wallingford gave a summary of what has been discussed so far in the Merrifield Site Specific Plan Amendment Task Force. The Task Force is evaluating two significant proposals for increased density on the INOVA Center for Personalized Health (ICPH) located in the former Exxon-Mobile site across from the INOVA hospital, and Fairview Park located north of route 50 and east of the Beltway. Both facilities are asking to change from office space to mixed use spaces with a substantial increase in density. For more information about the Merrifield SSPA task force see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/merrifield-subctr-study.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Providence FCPS/County Budget meeting:** Tuesday, March 26th 7-9 pm at the Providence Community Center. There will be a presentation of the Fairfax County and Public School budgets.

- **Merrifield SSPA Task Force:** On Tuesday, April 2nd, from 7-9 pm, the 11th meeting of the Merrifield Task Force will be meeting at the Providence Community Center. This will be the first of three sessions discussing Transportation Impacts of the proposed applications.

- **Merrifield SSPA Task Force:** On Tuesday, April 9th, from 7-9 pm, the 12th meeting of the Merrifield Task Force will be meeting at the Providence Community Center. This will be the second of three sessions discussing Transportation Impacts of the proposed applications.

- **April PDC Meeting:** The April PDC meeting will be held on April 10 at the Providence Community Center from 7:30-9 pm. This will be a meet the Providence Candidates event.

- **Merrifield SSPA Task Force:** On Tuesday, April 30th, from 7-9 pm, the 13th meeting of the Merrifield Task Force will be meeting at the Providence Community Center. This will be the third of three sessions discussing Transportation Impacts of the proposed applications.
Attachment 3: Sully District – Jeff Parnes

- March:
  - Sully District Council co-sponsored with Sully Supervisor Cathy Smith and Sully School Board member Tom Wilson the 2019 Sully District Budget Town Hall.
  - Joint Sully District Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting covered:
    - Pomeroy case PCA C-637-05 follow-up discussion (in the Dranseville district)
    - Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, Gardening as an Accessory Use and Related Changes
- April
  - Sully District Council will revisit Land Use and Transportation issues at the Tri-County Junction
  - Joint Sully District Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting planned cases:
    - Hunter Mill Assisted Living Special Exception Application | HM 2018-HM-024 (in the Hunter Mill district)

COY – Jeff Parnes

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens’ Associations requests the pleasure of your company at the Sixty-Nineth Annual Awards Banquet

- 2018 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year: Catherine Ledec - [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COY](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COY)
- Citation of Merit Honorees: Alberto Figueiredo-Sangiorgio [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COM1](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COM1) and Tania Hossain [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COM2](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#COM2)
- Special Gratitude Award Recipient: John F. Ribble, III [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#SGA](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm#SGA)
- On Sunday, the seventh of April at the Tysons Corner Doubletree Hotel, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner, Virginia
- Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m, Cost $65, payable in advance, tickets will available at registration desk
- Please consider becoming a sponsor of the Citizen Of the Year Awards Banquet [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYsponsorship.html](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYsponsorship.html)
- Please click here to register and pay for the Banquet [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm)

Thanks to:

- Those who attend the COY invitation stuffing and mailing event: Tim Thompson, Don Hinman, Bill Barfield and Ed and Margaret Wyse
- Tim Thompson for picking up the COY cup from Gary Ambrose, last year’s COY, and brought it to the engravers
- Bill Barfield who picked up the invitations from the printers and brought them to the stuffing event
- Steve and Sharon Okrend for agreeing to return as photographers
Ongoing activities:

- Monitor the mailbox for RSVPs
- Monitor PayPal for RSVPs
- Update the COY attendee spreadsheet

Items yet to be accomplished:

- Mark up, printing and picking up the program
- Get the keepsakes from the engravers
- Print out name tags

Please plan on attending our premium function - RSVP tonight!

Website – Jeff Parnes

Updated pages:

- Calendar Page
- COY Page
- Budget Page
- Contacts Page

Set up new alias for Google Document testing

Transportation – Jeff Parnes

Upcoming Events:

- March 22, 2019 11:59 pm Last Day to Apply for TPB Community Leadership Institute (https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/programs/community-leadership-institute/)
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- March 26, 2019 1:30 pm Board Transportation Committee Meeting
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- March 27, 2019 7:00 pm Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study (Willow Springs Elementary School)
- March 27, 2019 7:00 pm  South Community Meeting on Final Design of Franconia-Westchester Median Refuge (Franconia Government Center)
- March 28, 2019 7:00 pm  Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study (Armstrong Elementary School)
- April 4, 2019 7:00 pm  Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study (Sangster Elementary)
Attachment 4: Environmental Report – Flint Webb

On-Going Projects and Issues:

- **Cell Phone Towers:** There has been some concern about the impacts of 5G cell towers. The Planning Commission took on the issue on March 20th and the Board of Supervisors are scheduled to take up the issue on April 9th at 2:00 pm. The Staff Reports on this issue can be found at: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/zoning%20ordinance/proposed%20amendments/wireless communicationstaffreport.pdf](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/zoning%20ordinance/proposed%20amendments/wireless communicationstaffreport.pdf) and the web page is: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/mobile-and-land-telecoms](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/mobile-and-land-telecoms).

- **Flood Plain Ordinance:** Fairview Park has requested the ability to build a high-rise residential building in a designated as a flood plain. It reminds me that the resolution supporting the Flood Plain and Chesapeake Bay Ordinances recommended to the Membership for adoption on October 11, 2018 has not been approved by the Membership.

- **Airport Noise Ordinance:** There is a proposal to build new housing within 60 and 65 dB noise contours for the Dulles Suburban Center in violation of County Policy. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has expressed some misgivings with the project. Additionally MWAA indicates that new noise contours will be released soon are expected to be larger than the current contours. Allowing a variance from County Policy could be a bad precedence for future development.

- **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Fairfax County Ordinance:** The C-PACE ordinance public hearing occurred on 19 March. I testified in support of the ordinance siting the June 21, 2018 resolution and requesting that they consider how C-PACE can be used by non-profit organizations such as places of worship, private schools and homeowners associations. The Board of Supervisors passed the ordinance unanimously. The draft ordinance can be found at [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2019/feb12-environmental-draft-cpace-ordinance-finance-agreement.pdf](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2019/feb12-environmental-draft-cpace-ordinance-finance-agreement.pdf).

- **Light Emitting Diode Street Lighting:** The county has released a press release about the street lighting agreement with Dominion Power: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/fairfax-county-proposes-25-million-new-energy-efficiency-projects-led-streetlights-and-electric](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/fairfax-county-proposes-25-million-new-energy-efficiency-projects-led-streetlights-and-electric). The plan is to replace all streetlights with 3K soft light fixtures over the next 10 years.

- **Active Air Permit Activity in Fairfax County**
  - **Vulcan Materials Asphalt Plant:** Vulcan Materials has requested rezoning (RZ 2017-MA-013) and a Special Exception (SE 2017-MA-009) for part of their facility in Mason District from R-2, C-8 to I-6 to add an asphalt plant to the existing concrete batch plant facility. Flint commented provided the Planning Commissioners information about the emissions from asphalt plants on April 18th and has been in conversation with the Virginia DEQ about any air construction permit application. The Rezoning and Special Exception request was approved by the Planning Commission on 14 June and approved by the Board of Supervisors on 10 July 2018. As of 20 March the applicant has not filed for an air construction permit.
  - To check the status of current air permit applications see: [https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Air/PermittingCompliance/Permitting/ActiveAir](https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Air/PermittingCompliance/Permitting/ActiveAir)
PermitApplicationListings.aspx. Some basic information about current applications in Fairfax County is given in the table below:

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<td>Inova Fairfax Medical Campus</td>
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Meetings:

- **Interfaith Pancake Breakfast w/ Delegate Mark Keam**: On March 5th, I attended the Interfaith Power and Light pancake breakfast with Mark Keam. The event was very well attended. Delegate Keam provided an update on environmental legislation. Delegate Keam was the patron of HB1456 “Distributed renewable energy; promotes establishment of solar and other renewable energy” bill. The bill failed to pass in either house but it got a lot of attention and there is hope that it will pass next year after the elections.

- **Green Breakfast**: I attended the Green Breakfast on March 9th, at Brion’s Grille. Brandy Mueller, Compliance Coordinator, Fairfax County Land Development Services discussed how to comply with County Ordinances.

- **Our Air, Your Future**: I attended the Providence District Council meeting on March 13th. Elizabeth Spike provided an update of the “Our Air, Your Future” program that she is setting up with several Fairfax County and DC high schools. She will be working with environmental educators, mostly AB Environmental Studies teachers to place low cost ambient monitors at each school that the students can use for research. The program should help the students understand the causes of air pollution and how it affects our health. Each school will be getting a Purple Air® particulate monitor and an Aeroqual® ozone monitor. Both monitors can be connected to the internet and data is available on-line from thousands of monitors that have been distributed world-wide. There was a lot of interest about the possibility of placing monitors at a number of FCPS schools to monitor the air quality our Children are being exposed to. There was particular interest in placing monitors at elementary schools that are close to major interstates such as Stenwood ES at I-66 and Gallows Road.

- **Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) Fairfax County Chapter**: Flint attended the March 18th CCL meeting. The meeting celebrated Congressman Gerry Connolly being the first Virginia representative to endorse the “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act” (HR 763). There was also a handout outlining the climate change regulations that would be “suspended” under HR 763.

- **Climate Change: an alternate perspective and polity**: On March 20th, I attended the lecture at the Lewinsville Presbyterian by Patrick Michaels, Ph.D., formerly a Senior Fellow for the Cato Institute. Pat Michaels presented his thesis that the climate models are over-predicting the rate of climate change due to carbon dioxide (CO₂). He does not dispute that CO₂ causes climate change or that the buildup in CO₂ is due to human
activity, just that CO₂ does not cause as much warming as the models predict. He also thinks that humanity can adapt to the changes. The church membership was concerned about the importance of humans being stewards of the natural environment. Dr. Michaels’ response to their concern was that the cost of mitigation was not necessary.

Upcoming Events:
- **Native Seedling Sale:** Seedling packages are announced in January, go on sale in February and are available for pickup in April. This annual seedling sale by Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) makes low-cost bare-root native shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Trees and shrubs help cleanse water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, cool our climate, and clean our air, according to NVSWCD, which suggests that you consider adding native trees and shrubs to your community today! Click [here](#) for more detail. (If you purchase a seedling package and have too many, want to swap for different ones, like to get a few more, or just give away the extras, please contact Norbert for a seedling swap event.)
- **Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital: March 14-24 all over DC.** The Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital (DCEFF) describes itself as the world’s premier showcase of environmentally themed films. According to DCEFF, its mission since 1993 has been to celebrate Earth and inspire understanding and stewardship of the environment through the power of film. DCEFF advises that 100+ films are presented to audiences of more than 20,000 each March in Washington, D.C. Collaborating with over 110 partners, including museums, embassies, universities, and theaters, the Festival is described as one of the leading annual cultural events in Washington, D.C., winning the 2017 DC Mayor’s Award for Excellence in Creative Industries. [More information](#).
- **Film: From Paris to Pittsburgh:** On Friday, March 22; 6:30 – 8:30 PM (6:30 snacks, 7:00 PM film) at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Chapel, 2709 Hunter Mill Road., Oakton, VA, the Climate Action Group of (UUCF) and Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) will host the viewing of the film From Paris to Pittsburgh. From coastal cities to America’s heartland, Paris to Pittsburgh celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And, as the weather grows deadlier and more destructive, they aren’t waiting on Washington to act. To find out more e-mail lgrowe@verizon.net.
- **Wasted: the Story of Food Waste:** On Saturday, March 23rd, starting at 7 pm, the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church at 10125 Lake Haven Court, Burk, VA 22015 will be showing the Anthony Bourdain film Wasted: the Story of Food Waste. There will be a light meal of soup and bread starting at 6 pm.
- **Property Assed Clean Energy (PACE) Meeting:** On Monday, March 25th, Gerry Gurgick from Energy Target Zero will be talking about PACE at B Chord Brewing Company, 34266 Williams Gap Rd, Round Hill, VA 20141 starting at 6 pm. Gerry has been a strong advocate for residential PACE.
- **Environment Virginia Conference:** The 30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium will be held from March 26-28th in Lexington Virginia. This is usually an excellent conference with people from throughout the Commonwealth discussing new and emerging environmental issue. There is a special registration rate for non-profit organizations. For more information see [https://conferences.vmi.edu/eva/](https://conferences.vmi.edu/eva/).
- **Arlington - Workshop: Reversing Global Warming-Introduction to Drawdown:** On Wednesday March 27, from 7-9 pm the Climate Action Group of UUCF will discuss Project Drawdown. Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and
other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur, Paul Hawken. Over the course of five years of rigorous scientific research, they identified and modeled the 100 most substantive, already existing solutions for addressing global warming and revealed astounding news: It is possible not just to slow global warming but to actually reverse it by 2050!!! Workshop material is provided by the Pachamama Alliance and includes video clips of Paul Hawken. The presenter will be Lore Rosenthal, a volunteer with the Pachamama Alliance—a global community working to create a sustainable future. To RSVP contact Mary Pike at marylpva@gmail.com.

- **Air & Waste Management Association Guinness Brewery Tour and Chapter meeting (with optional tasting):** On Sunday March 31st from 6:30 to about 7:45 the Baltimore Washington Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) will touring the Guinness Brewery at 5001 Washington Blvd, Halethorpe, MD 21227. If you are interested in attending contact Flint Webb at C.Flint.Webb@Leidos.com.

- **Leesburg - Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown Workshop:** On Sunday, April 7th from 2-4:30 pm (program starts at 2:30 pm) at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun at 20460 Gleedsville Road., Leesburg, VA the UUC of Loudoun, Green Team will be hosting a Project Drawdown Workshop. Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur, Paul Hawken. Over the course of five years of rigorous scientific research, they identified and modeled the 100 most substantive, already existing solutions for addressing global warming and revealed astounding news: It is possible not just to slow global warming but to actually reverse it by 2050!!! Workshop material is provided by the Pachamama Alliance and includes video clips of Paul Hawken. The presenter will be Lore Rosenthal, a volunteer with the Pachamama Alliance—a global community working to create a sustainable future. RSVP is required due to limited space. Click here to RSVP. For additional information contact Natalie Pien at natcpien1@gmail.com.

- **Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on 5G Cell Towers:** Tuesday, April 9th, 2 pm. For more information see: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/mobile-and-land-telecoms.

- **Dyke Marsh and Shoreline Trash Cleanup:** Saturday, April 13th, 9 am-Noon at Belle Haven Park or Dyke Marsh Haul Road entrance, Alexandria, VA. Help clean up Dyke Marsh and the Potomac River shoreline.

- **Let Us Be Heroes:** April 13, 6 pm, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) Chapel in the Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road., Oakton, VA. How much difference can one person make? A lot it seems! *Let us be Heroes* explores the impact of our food and lifestyle choices on our health, our home planet, and our values by sharing inspiring stories from athletes, food and fashion entrepreneurs, a public speaker, and an ocean warrior fighting to protect people, planet, and animals. (Program will start with potluck plant based dinner at 6 PM, doors opening at 5:45 PM.) RSVP

- **Film and Discussion: Straws:** On April 15th, from 6:30-9 pm (film starts at 7 pm) at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA the Sierra Club/Great Falls Group will be showing the movie “Straws”. *Straws* is a powerful documentary about plastic straws and other forms of plastic pollution that inundate our waterways and oceans. The film illustrates how individuals, groups, and businesses around the globe are reducing plastic straw use through education, collaboration, policy development, and utilization of non-plastic alternatives. With colorful opening animation narrated by Oscar winner Tim Robbins, *Straws* is entertaining as well as educational. RSVP.
- **Raptor Rapture**: On Saturday, April 20th from 10 am to noon at Bell Haven Park, Alexandria, the Friends of Dyke Marsh will be holding a Raptor Rapture event.

- **Student Environmental Action Showcase 2019**: On April 23rd, all day there will be a Student Environmental Action Showcase (SEAS) on the George Mason Center of the arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, VA. This is a regional event welcoming students from Alexandria City, Arlington County, Fairfax City/County, Falls Church City, Loudoun County, and Prince William County schools. SEAS brings these students together to amplify youth voice in environmental problem-solving. Student presenters, green/eco teams, and classroom groups share their projects reducing waste, conserving energy, improving water quality, and preserving natural habitat in their schoolyards and communities. Each year we host as many as 500 student participants from 40 area schools. Click here for more information provided by NoVA Outside.

- **Climate Change and Public Opinion**: April 24th starting at 7 pm at Old Town Hall, City of Fairfax, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, VA. Dr. Edward Maibach will present an overview of the findings from public opinion polls regarding climate change conducted over the past decade. Recently, there has been a sharp increase in the public’s understanding of and concern about climate change; and there are high levels of support for a range of climate change policies. Dr. Maibach’s research focuses on public understanding of climate change and clean energy; the psychology underlying public engagement; and cultivating TV weathercasters, health professionals, and climate scientists as effective climate educators.