

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

For over 60 years The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations has served as the umbrella organization that represents the interests of community associations in Fairfax County. The Federation is strictly a non-political and non-partisan organization that prides itself in civil discourse. The Federation hosts speakers of relevant county-wide issues at its monthly meetings and takes positions on policy and legislative issues as well as the county and school budgets.

At recent membership meetings, The Federation has had Supervisor Penny Gross (Mason) speak of the **Chesapeake Bay**, Supervisor Dana Kaufman (Lee) discuss **METRO** and Chairman Gerry Connolly give a **State of the County** presentation. Additionally Senators Dick Saslaw and Jay O'Brien gave a "**Report from Richmond**" and another one is scheduled on May 17 with Delegates Steve Shannon and Vince Callahan. At the April 19 membership meeting the program will be on **Tourism, FXVA marks the spot and Jamestown 2007**.

The Federation has also partnered with other Fairfax County organizations for events. The Federation co-sponsored a meeting with the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations on **BRAC** with Supervisor Gerry Hyland (Mt. Vernon); co-sponsored an **11th Congressional Candidate Debate** with The League of Women Voters; and co-sponsored two events with the Fairfax Committee of 100, a program on **Immigration** and a debate on the **Constitutional Marriage Amendment**. This month The Federation is co-sponsoring with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) a program on Growth: "**What if...the Washington Region grew differently?**" and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill), who also serves as TPB chair, will help lead the interactive discussion at Reston. In March The Federation will co-sponsor with *The Washington Post* the annual **Citizen of the Year** award dinner banquet. In the works The Federation has a Spring program on **Emergency Preparedness** that will be primarily focused for **Senior Citizens**.

The Federation's annual positions on the county and school budgets come usually after individual presentations by the county executive Tony Griffin and Fairfax County Public School officials and elected school board members. The annual Legislative Program is given in testimony to the county Board of Supervisors and then to the Northern Virginia delegation. The Federation's positions and resolutions range from **Affordable Housing** to **Carbon Dioxide Reduction** and **Tysons Tunnel** to **Zoning Amendments**. Resolutions, newsletters, positions and the Legislative Program are available at the FairfaxFederation.org website.

Membership to the county wide Federation is open to citizens' and home owners' associations with fees and voting rights scaled to the respective size of membership. The Federation has several committees and numerous county board appointments that are open for volunteers to work on the county-wide issues facing residents.

If you have any interest in working with The Federation or questions about the programs, please feel free to contact president, John Jennison, @ (703) 591-5586 or FedPres2006 @ FairfaxFederation.org.