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Federation Membership Picnic ⊘ ⊘ Thursday, June 21, 2007 7:00 p.m. **Packard Center Outdoor Pavilion**

(behind the Packard Center - see page six for directions to the adjacent parking lot) 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

The Federation will provide food and drinks. If you plan to attend, please rsvp to John Jennison at (703) 591-5586 or FedPres2006@FairfaxFederation.org.

In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be in the Packard Center Main Conference Room.

Guest Speaker:

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly Chairman, Fairfax County Board of **Supervisors**

Topic: "The State of the County"

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Membership Reminder

Please note the Federation membership does not meet in July and August.

The next membership meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a safe and peaceful summer!

 \otimes **Federation Board Meetings**

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All Board meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Packard Center.

June 28	July 26	August 23
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President's Message

The LAST MEETING of the 2006-07 Federation year is THURSDAY, June 21, 7:00 pm at the lower Pavilion near the Packard Center where we will have "State of the County" presentation by Chairman Gerry Connolly of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. This should be a great gathering of all members to enjoy the informal picnic get together and discuss what the county has accomplished this past year and where it is heading. If the weather fails to cooperate, we'll meet in the Packard Center.

At our May 17 meeting, the membership voted on the new executive board for 2007-08. Congratulations to Jeff Parnes who was unanimously elected President to lead the Federation for the coming year! Our meeting program was a "Report from Richmond" with State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, Delegate Dave Marsden and Delegate Tim Hugo. Please review the minutes for their informative remarks and responses to some tough questions.

On June 7, the Federation held the Emergency Preparedness Forum with a Focus on Seniors, co-sponsored with Supervisors Linda Smyth, Penny Gross, Elaine McConnell, Sharon Bulova and Chairman Connolly. The well-attended event received rave reviews from the over 130 seniors, many of whom asked when the next event by the Federation's Human Services Committee would be held. Thank you Tania Hossain and Bettina Lawton! Lunch was generously provided by Delegate Steve Shannon's law firm, Odin, Feldman & Pittleman.

The last two years have seen the Federation reflect the wide breath and depth of issues facing Fairfax County. We took the Federation on the road with the BRAC meeting in Mount Vernon, the Growth Event in Hunter Mill, the Immigration Forum in Tyson's Corner, the Emergency Preparedness Workshop in Providence, two debates in Springfield, and Issues Fairfax 2030 in Braddock. In addition, we held our home base membership meetings in Mason where we deliberated and came to thoughtful resolutions on public education, transportation, BRAC, county and school system budgets, stream reclassifications, carbon dioxide reduction, zoning, parking, and the Virginia Tech tragedy among other relevant issues. We partnered with the Fairfax County Committee of 100, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Planning Board, Council of Governments and Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations for events and programs. We were effective with our civil discussions as evidenced by the county attorney's Dillon rule review, sparked by our legislative testimony. We consistently supported the integrity of neighborhood civic and homeowner associations. We have a respected board of directors who are recognized in his or her own field as experts and professionals, and almost unanimously acted in complete nonpartisan fashion as befitting an association with our 66-year history. We are in the black and fiscally sound. I believe the State of the Federation is good.

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Membership Meeting of May 17, 2007

DRAFT MINUTES

(for review and approval at the June 21, 2007 membership meeting)

The meeting of FCFCA was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (attendance list attached to file copy). President John Jennison reviewed upcoming events. The workshop on "Emergency Preparedness: A Focus on Seniors," organized by Tania Hossain as chair of the Human Services Committee, will be held from 11 to 1 on June 7 as a brown bag lunch at the James Lee Community Center [note the change of location]. The final membership meeting of the 2006-07 year will be on June 21; it will include a "State of the County" report from Chairman Gerald Connolly and, weather permitting, will be a picnic. He also reported on the success of the Issues Fairfax: Fairfax 2030 session on the future of Fairfax County, for which he served as a panelist and breakout session discussion chair. Organizers are seeking ways to disseminate the findings and may be televising some parts of the program, most likely on Channel 16.

Some business was conducted prior to the speakers' presentation, and the rest was conducted afterward. For simplicity, all of the business of the meeting is listed in a single section following the program.

President John Jennison introduced the speakers for the "Report from Richmond": Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R) of the 34th District, Delegate Tim Hugo (R) of the 40th, and Delegate Dave Marsden (D) of the 41st. Delegate Steve Shannon (D) of the 35th was expected, but could not attend.

Program

Senator Devolites Davis began by reviewing the transportation bill, of which she was the chief Senate patron from Northern Virginia. Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads will have the ability to raise their own taxes and fees to pay for transportation improvements in their own regions, with the money raised by a region staving in that region. The money in Northern Virginia will be allocated to projects by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Under the bill, money will go to urban and secondary road upgrades and transit, with \$50 million designated for Metro and \$25 million for Virginia Railway Express (VRE) from the initial funds. Up to 3 billion dollars toward transportation and transit will also be bonded by the state. Revenues will also come from higher car registration fees and higher fines for overweight trucks and for reckless driving and driving under the influence. The bill addresses shortfalls in VDOT maintenance funding, although this will have to be readdressed in 5 to 6 years. Land-use provisions allow for transportation impact fees and provide incentives for development in urban rather than open areas.

She then reviewed her other initiatives this session. One provided for enhanced cyber security for state employees who access databases that contain private individual information and is meant to prevent them from copying or forwarding the information. Another was the photo-red legislation, permitting localities to install automatic cameras to detect red-light violators. Another was to establish an auditable verifiable paper trail for electronic voting machines via optical-scan technology; the bill provides that when any current machine at a polling site needs replacement, all the machines at the site will be replaced with opticalscan machines. She answered questions regarding accommodations for the disabled at voting places, which are already mandated by the Help America Vote Act, including the visually impaired.

Delegate Dave Marsden reported that he is less enthusiastic about the transportation bill because it had to be very convoluted, in his view, to win sufficient support. He said that Virginia has been one of three states in the country with a comprehensive statewide transportation system and he regrets the trend toward regionalization. He is also concerned about the sustainability of the funding approach. However, we needed to do something, and this does get us started. He said that members of the Northern Virginia delegation, including Senator Devolites Davis and Delegates Dave Albo, Tom Rust, and Tim Hugo, took a leadership role in forging the compromise and he also praised the fact that the bill does a lot for rail. He is pleased to be moving forward, but believes there is a lot more to be done.

He also spoke about his other initiatives. As former director of the state's Department of Juvenile Justice, he was concerned about correcting what he saw as an inequity in the juvenile justice system. In the past, a child tried as an adult but found innocent would still be tried as an adult automatically from then on; under an initiative he sponsored, the law will now require that a child be convicted after being tried as an adult, before being automatically tried as an adult after that. This change has had a significant impact nationally in the juvenile justice community. He was less successful with an effort to limit overspraying of fertilizer or pesticide pellets onto adjacent impervious surfaces by commercial lawn services, a practice which contaminates stormwater. This was defeated by lawmakers from more rural parts of the state. Often, divisions in the General Assembly are on an urban/ rural basis, rather than according to party.

He also noted that Virginia has been named the best managed state in the country by Governing magazine, the best place to do business by two magazines, and that an education magazine had determined a child born in Virginia had the best chance of success.

Senator Devolites Davis spoke briefly to the issue of the sustainability of the transportation funding, following Delegate Marsden's presentation.

Delegate Tim Hugo noted there have been substantial increases in the budget this session, in addition to transportation, in funding for elementary and secondary school education, state colleges, health care, public safety, and clean-up efforts for the Chesapeake Bay. He praised Governor Kaine, and Chairman Connolly, for supporting the transportation funding compromise, which he described as rising above partisanship and avoiding a train wreck that might have helped the Democrats in the General Assembly in the short term, given that they are not the party in power.

He noted that the downstate population does not need roads; they need jobs. Their economic needs and interests are very different than those of Northern Virginia. In addition, they dislike Northern Virginia, especially Fairfax County. These are the reasons, in his view, that regionalization had to happen in order for transportation to move forward. The advantage of the regional approach is that it keeps tax dollars where they are raised. He agreed with the need for paper, verified ballots to provide certainty and confidence that the election outcomes are accurate. In addition to working on the transportation bill and on voting machine technology, he focused on district issues related

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to potholes, snow plowing delays, and other matters; he agreed with Senator Devolites Davis that the VDOT maintenance effort has been underfunded and has noticed a significant increase in complaints about these matters.

Questions from several members of the audience addressed practical issues with the use of optical scanners, which are currently used on absentee ballots in Fairfax County and have tended to be slow and hard to manage with the existing bins, causing jamming and delays. Another question concerned concerns about the safety and value of HOT lanes retrofitted into existing highways.

Business Meeting

a. The April 19 membership meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written. Scott Schlegel presented the Treasurer's Report and there was a unanimous vote to receive and file it.

b. Carol Hawn, as head of the Nominating Committee, announced that there had been a delay in putting forward candidates for vice president because of some logistics related to travel, but nominated Jeff Parnes as President, Esther Ferington as Recording Secretary, and Scott Schlegel as Treasurer. The floor was opened to additional nominations but there were none. The nominees were unanimously elected.

c. Esther Ferington presented a resolution on the Virginia Tech tragedy that had been reviewed by the Board and published in the Bulletin. The resolution was unanimously approved as written.

d. Steve DelBianco, chair of the Land Use Committee, discussed the issue of soil erosion on school property near trailers and playing fields, which Merrily Pierce had raised. Flint Webb, chair of the Environment Committee, suggested that Merrily may wish to prepare a resolution on the matter. Sally Ormsby suggested checking with the School Board members for different regions to determine whether this is a concern across the county. Tania Hossain noted that the Board of Supervisors has asked similar questions about soil erosion on school properties and that older schools may need to be retrofitted to address this issue; she felt that a Federation resolution would be a good idea to encourage the schools in pursuing this issue. President John Jennison agreed that the next step would be to check with the School Board members.

e. Charles Dane reported that, as chair of the Education and Youth Committee, he presented the one dissenting opinion at the recent School Board meeting on the budget. Several other witnesses supported changes in school hours to allow high schools to start later, higher salaries for instructors, and more computer support, especially for elementary schools. In his testimony, he pointed out that if the school system were to spend all the money now in hand it could have a 56 to 60 million dollar shortfall beginning in FY 2009; because of the limited funding available, he cautioned against enhancements that are not affordable. The Education Committee will meet May 21 with the county foreign languages coordinator to discuss a long-range vision for foreign language in the schools.

f. Carol Hawn asked that newsletter submissions be provided by June 1.

g. Tania Hossain noted the flyer for the June 7 emergency preparedness workshop for seniors was available at the meeting and encouraged all to attend.

h. When the business meeting resumed after the speakers' presentation, Jeff Parnes reported that Tania Hossain has agreed to serve as the new Federation webmaster and thanked her for this. He also reported that the latest membership letters will be out shortly.

i. Flint Webb reported for the Environment Committee that the State Implementation Plan (SIP) had received only about 15 comments. By contrast, the environmental impact statement (EIS) related to the Base Reallocation and Closing (BRAC) changes at Fort Belvoir has received over 700 comments. The SIP plan includes a rule that does not allow a coal-burning plant that is out of compliance to trade NOx credits with plants outside the region. The Mirant plant in Alexandria, to which this rule would apply, had previously petitioned to have it taken out. But when the SIP was provided for public comment, no comment was received on this matter. To take it out now would make the SIP nonresponsive and would lose federal highway funding for the state.

j. Art Wells reported the Braddock District Council had met on senior services in May and would meet on trash and recycling issues in June. The Braddock-GMU forum will be meeting soon as well.

k. Jeff Parnes reported that the Sully District Council met with VDOT and FCDOT representatives last month for an update on the Centreville Route 28 situation. This month, the meeting will be on land use and transportation.

I. At President John Jennison's request, Art Wells reported on the 2007 convention of the American Military Engineers, which included a BRAC track. He has shared charts from the BRAC presentation which gave a good overview of the money (needs and available funds) and the status of the projects.

<u>Next Membership Meeting</u>: June 21, 2007, "State of the County" with Chairman Gerald Connolly; picnic

Next Board Meeting: May 24, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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As Fairfax County continues to evolve, in no small part as being geographic neighbor to the capital of the free world, her residents continually encounter the challenge of change and the unsettling nature that comes with it. The Federation, as comprised of the people, faces the same evolution. We must continue to represent all of the people and not fall under the control of a few with personal agendas. We must continue to be nonpartisan, relevant and respected to maintain our earned legacy as "The Citizens' Voice in Fairfax County." I hope I have helped in this regard during the last two years and I thank you for the opportunity and privilege of presiding over such a fine organization.

John Jenníson, Presídent

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Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Treasurer's Report through June 5, 2007

The checking account, the only asset owned by the Federation, has a current balance of \$8,654.92, with prior year obligations yet to be submitted for payment estimated at \$3,500. Total income and expenses for the fiscal year are \$15,037.82 and \$14,398.00 respectively resulting in a Net Income of \$639.82. Total income for the year is in line with budgeted estimates, however total expenses are \$2,276.92 greater than expected due primarily to the higher costs associated with the Citizen of the Year (COY) banquet. Even with the higher expenses, the Federation was able generate sufficient revenue, through membership dues and banquet fees, to cover all its current obligations.

Current Federation membership for fiscal year 2006-2007, as detailed below, is down slightly from the previous year. A concerted effort to increase membership is underway and will continue through the summer months.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Federation Membership:

Westlawn Civic Assn. Canterbury Woods Civic Assn. Bonnie Brae Civic Assn. Mount Zephyr Citizens Assn. Sleepy Hollow Citizens Assn. Winston Knolls Civic Assn. Waterford Homeowners Assn. Rutherford Civic Assn. Tiburon IV Community Assn. Stone Haven Civic Assn. South County Federation Greenbriar Civic Assn. Collingwood Citizens Assn. Adams Walk Homeowners Assn. Middleridge Civic Assn. Reston Citizens Assn. Broyhill Crest Civic Assn. Huntington Community Assn., Inc. Huntington Grove II HOA Clermont Woods Civic Assn. McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc. Copper Creek HOA Stonewall Manor Community Assn. Truro Homes Assn. Bel Air Civic Assn. North Springfield Civic Assn. Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Assn. Civic Assn. of West Springfield Village

Scott Schlegel, Treasurer

Federation Education Committee Summary of Activities in 2006-2007

Our Committee meets five times during the year, in alternating months beginning in September. The Committee reviews and revises documents by e-mail, including testimony to the FCPS. At the opening meeting we usually identify two or three school programs to consider in more depth as well as the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) budget. This year, because we knew that it could be a tight budget year resulting from an expected lower fund transfer from the county, we focused more time on the budget. The Committee received a very informative program on the foreign language program, especially the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) from Dr. Paula Patrick, Foreign Language Coordinator.

The Committee also monitored the implementation of the new Strategic Governance School Board policy, and considered the Capital Improvement Plan and the possible sale of FCPS land to Fairfax City for about \$4M, but noted no reason to testify on either issue. The Committee continues to be interested in the change in start times for high school students.

The Committee has representatives from Braddock, Mason, Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Mount Vernon, and Providence Districts.

Additional members, even from those districts already represented are welcome. If interested, please contact the Education Committee Chair.

Members of the Committee represent the Federation on the FCPS School Board Advisory Committees on Human Relations (HRAC) and Students with Disabilities (ACSD) and on the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council. Committee members also participate on the Fairfax County Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving and College Scholarship Programs in Fairfax County. The HRAC endeavored to identify activities and practices that should be expanded or initiated to reach and support parents who are not engaged in school activities and policies, or may not understand how to help their children integrate into school culture. The Federation representative on the ACSD co-chaired that committee's effort to review training effectiveness, and supported the ABA and PBS models, and recommended that funding be continued for the pilot study of TBC model.

At our November meeting the Committee met with two members of the School Board to obtain an early idea of the likely budget situation. In January, we reviewed the just-released Superintendent's budget and developed questions to ask Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko at the Federation's January membership meeting. In March, we assessed the county's budget and its proposed transfer of funds to FCPS, which was less than expected. The Education Committee developed a position on education funding for the Federation's resolution on the County's budget. This was largely adopted by the Federation, and resulted in recommending that the county's proposed 3.5% increase in its transfer to FCPS be increased to 4.1%, but less than the 4.6% requested by FCPS.

While this might have been accepted, there were late unanticipated county expenses, and the transfer increase was only 3.5%. Subsequently, our Committee developed written and verbal testimony on the proposed FCPS budget (see the Committee's page on Federation's website), and this testimony noted the possible shortfall of \$56M in the fiscal year (FY) 2009 budget because of the significant reduction in anticipated carryover from FY 2008. Thus, the Committee recommended that the School Board significantly reduce many of the originally proposed enhancements, including some of the additional all-day kindergartens. However, the School Board adopted the FY 2008 budget essentially as originally proposed. The Education Committee remains concerned that, if revenues continue to be flat, the FCPS FY09 budget will need to include major program reductions and/or eliminations.

> Dr. Charles Dane, Chair Federation Education Committee

Virginia's 400th Anniversary at Folklife Festival on the National Mall, Washington, DC

June 27 - July 1 and July 4 - 8, 2007

Spotlighting Virginia for the first time, the 41st annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival explores Virginia's roots. "The Roots of Virginia Culture" marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in what is now the United States. The program includes more than 300 performers to explain, demonstrate, and celebrate cultural traditions from three cultures. For additional information, visit *www.Americas400thAnniversary.com*.

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Legislative Committee Summary Report

The Legislative Committee operates as a Board committee of the whole. The Board reviewed and determined proposed revisions and updating of the Federation's 2006 Legislative Program for submission to the membership for approval. At its November 2006 meeting, the membership approved the proposed program with some modifications. The Federation President presented the approved 2007 Legislative Program to the Board of Supervisors at its public hearing in Mid-December and to the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly at its public hearing on the first Saturday of January. During the legislative session, the Federation tells our delegation of the Federation's positions as it considers bills on related topics.

Of note is the failure of the General Assembly to enact resolution of any of the Federation's priorities, which address conservation (tree preservation), education (full funding of state and federal mandates), governance (reversal of the strict interpretation of the Dillon Rule), infrastructure (transportation and education funding), land use (local authority), tax structure (modernization of state and local tax structure), and taxation authority (equal authority for counties, cities and towns).

> Sally Ormsby, Chair Federation Legislative Committee

The Federation and AHOME: A Summary

The Federation's "AHOME" Membership

The Federation has been an institutional member of Affordable Housing Opportunity Means Everyone (AHOME) since its founding in 1985 to serve Fairfax County, and later expanded to serve the Northern Virginia Region. I was appointed the Federation representative to the AHOME Board in 1993 by then-Federation President Gerry Connolly and continue in that capacity today.

Brief "ADU" History

A county government effort to require affordable dwelling units (ADUs) in housing construction projects was first attempted in the early 1980s. The Virginia Supreme Court struck down the requirement as a "taking" without appropriate compensation. In 1989, authorizing legislation - drafted by AHOME and sponsored by AHOME Board Member Robert T. Andrews (R-McLean) - allowed Fairfax County to require 12.5% ADUs if authorizing a 20% density bonus. A 1993 amendment - sponsored by AHOME Board Member James M. Scott (D-Merrifield) - expanded the ADU authorization statewide. Thus a land parcel zoned for 100 housing units could contain 120 if the site plan included 15 ADUs - providing five extra market rate units with no land cost as a compensatory bonus for a developer. (No more "takings" law suits were ever filed.)

Fairfax's 1991 implementing ADU Ordinance (drafted by AHOME) covered construction projects of 50 units or more, allowed volunteer participation for smaller developments, and exempted buildings with elevators. "Temporarily" delayed was any coverage of tall housing with its higher cost of construction (usually steel and concrete framing), elevators, and zoning mandated parking spaces costing the same as for market rate units. The "temporary" exclusion has lasted 18 years.

Hi-Rise Task Force

By 2004, Fairfax County was approaching "build out" for the availability of WIDE acreage for horizontal construction of housing projects of 50+ units. Most new projects were now to be TALL - with elevators. AHOME's Board established a Hi-Rise Committee to again explore how ADUs might be required

in projects with elevators. Word of its research triggered a Board of Supervisors (BoS) incentive to establish a Fairfax County Hi-Rise Task Force. It absorbed the AHOME Committee and added selected County staff members and representatives of the building community.

The Task Force's recommendation to establish 12% ADUs as a requirement in future hi-rise housing projects was accepted by the BoS as POLICY in February 2006. The Hi-Rise Task Force was asked to continue meeting and propose implementation details that would be enforceable but avoid "takings" law suit challenges. After more than 20 additional meetings over 14 months, its "consensus" recommendations (some vaguely worded) were presented to the BoS Housing Committee on April 23, 2007. County Staff was instructed to prepare and propose necessary implementing Ordinance changes.

The last time County staff was BoS-instructed to prepare ADU ordinance changes, the AHOME Board found the initial language "under-effective." Two "AHOME AMENDMENTS" (as they came to be known) were offered for consideration by the Planning Commission and BoS. Representatives of AHOME Board Member institutions (Federation, Chamber, League, etc.) and many others testified at hearings in support of the AHOME AMENDMENTS. Ultimately, both were unanimously adopted. A reprise pattern for implementation of the newest BoS-requested ADU Ordinance language changes may be anticipated.

Do Density Bonuses Increase or Decrease Traffic Congestion?

Greater density INCREASES traffic in the immediate vicinity of an increased density site and provides more affordable housing close to employment

Greater density DECREASES long commutes by workers who now can only afford to live 2-3 hours away from their jobs. The former leads to challenges by nearby (NIMBY) opponents; the latter leads to endorsements by transportation congestion solution advocates.

Lively testimony can be anticipated at forthcoming ADU Ordinance Amendment hearings!

William W. Hanks Federation Representative to AHOME Board web site: www.nova-ahome.org

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Please contact Carol Hawn at 703-266-6872 or *cahawn@att.net* with name and address changes, comments, or suggestions.

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 may not be rescheduled. We will attempt to post the cancellation on *www.fairfaxfederation.org* or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

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<u>Federation Membership</u> <u>Picnic and Meeting</u>

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Thursday, June 21, 2007

7:00 p.m.

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Topic: "State of the County"

Guest Speaker:

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Directions to the

Packard Center <u>Pavilion</u>, located in Annandale Community Park

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Little River Turnpike (Route 236 - Exit 52B); go east toward Annandale.

Turn left at the first stop light onto Hummer Road.

Go 200 yards to the entrance of Annandale Community Park, on the left.

Take second "left" (after the maintenance facility); park in large lower lot. The pavilion can be seen from that parking lot. *Signs will be posted.*

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