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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2011

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center

4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Topic: Living Well in the Silver Years

Presented by

**Steve Gurney, Reston for Life Committee
Patricia Rohrer, Fairfax County 's Long Term
Care Program Development Director, and
Bob Eiffert, Manager of Fairfax County's Long
Term Care Programs**



Next Federation Board Meeting

October 27, 2011 (Fourth Thursday)

7:30 p.m.

**The Packard Center
4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003**

New at the Federation Website

Environment: A summary of the Sept 2011 presentation at the Federation Membership meeting.

Human Services: A call for volunteers and the goal for 2011-2012.

Land Use: Analyses of the school bond issue, the relationship between County expenditures and amount of development, and the net revenue to the County due to the planned Tysons development.

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

The Federation has kicked off its annual review of its legislative agenda and we welcome you to add your input to this important endeavor. Items for the legislative agenda can be sent to our Legislation Committee via email to:

fedlegislationchr2012@fairfaxfederation.org

for further consideration and discussion.

Our Thursday, October 20, 2011 membership programming is focused on discussions on human services models that address the aging population of Fairfax County. We invite you to join us in this excellent presentation to be hosted by Steve Gurney, acting head of the Reston for Life Committee and the Founder/CEO of The Living Source Retirement Guide. We will also be joined by Patricia Rohrer, Fairfax County's Long Term Care Program Development Director and the Long Term Care Council Facilitator, and Bob Eiffert, Manager of Fairfax County's Long Term Care Programs. We are excited that this panel will give us an excellent view of the aging landscape in our communities and what we can do to help our elderly neighbors.

The Federation thanks George Lamb, Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board for his excellent presentation on Urban Conservation: from backyard to community at our September 22 membership meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind friends and neighbors that every year is an election year in the Commonwealth. This year residents of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth will head to the polls on November 8. Please vote. Your vote matters.

Best regards,

Tania Hossain

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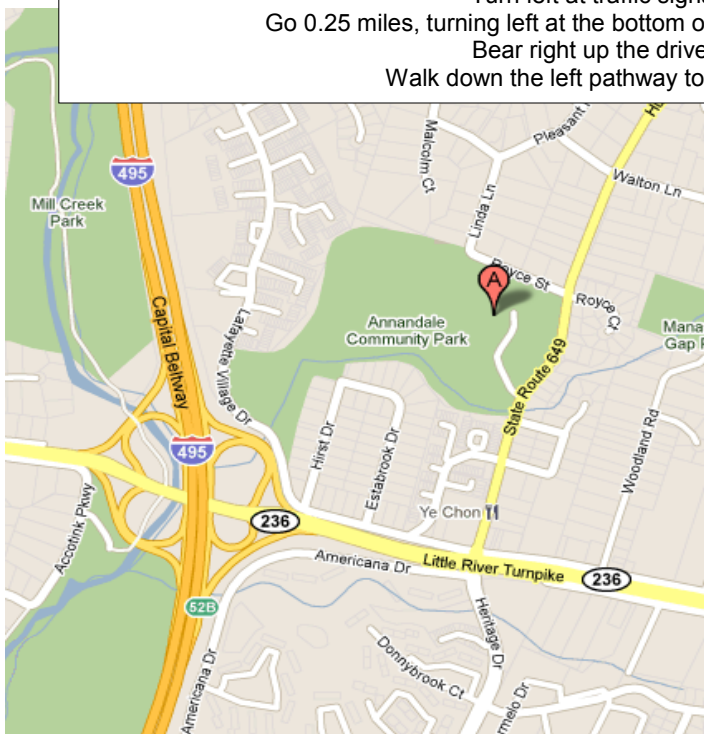
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Directions to the Packard Center

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 .



Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale VA 22003

www.fairfaxfederation.org

2011-2012 President: Tania Hossain
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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.

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)	1-Dec	24-Nov
15-Dec	Land Use presentation	1-Dec	29-Dec
2012			
19-Jan	Review of County's School Budget (meets at Gatehouse, see note below)	26-Jan	2-Feb
23-Feb	Review of County Budget	16-Feb	22-Feb
15-Mar	Public Safety presentation	22-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 1. The January 19 meeting will be held in Room 5340 of the Gatehouse Education Administrative Center, Merrifield, VA

Additional events:

25-Mar Citizen of the Year Banquet (on Sunday)

21-Jun Annual Federation Picnic (on Thursday)

Open House

The Federation's planned Open House has been canceled due to scheduling difficulties.

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, September 15, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval, 10/20/2011](#)

The September 15, 2011 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 the Packard Center, Annandale.

Program: Presentation by George Lamb: Conservation – From Backyard to Community

Conservation in the United States has a long and proud tradition. One hundred and seven years ago, John Muir convinced Teddy Roosevelt to go camping in the Yosemite Valley. Over three days he lobbied the President to create a national park to preserve the valley and a stand of giant redwoods. In the 1930's great dust storms that ravaged the Midwest had moved east and "blotted out the sun over the nation's capital and drove grit between the teeth of New Yorkers." Thus was born the Soil Conservation Districts that restored conservation on our farm lands. Today we live and work in very different ways than John Muir and the 1930's farmers, yet we inhabit the same lands as they did. In this talk we'll discuss what it means to be a 21st century conservationist in Fairfax County, what is being done to advance the Fairfax County environmental agenda, and how to participate in an urban conservation ethic.

George Lamb was appointed as a Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to fill the seat of the late Sally Ormsby in 2009. Over the past two years he's learned much about practical conservation and realized that very few people have the opportunity or experience to practice conservation. He spends weekends fighting invasive plants in his backyard and chasing his two daughters. He is also Vice Chair of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise them on environmental issues across the County.

Administrative Topics

Minutes: Membership minutes for May and June were approved.

Bulletin (Newsletter): Bulletin articles are due to the editor by September 29..

Treasurer's Report: There were no changes in the Treasurer's report since the August Board meeting. Treasurer's report was received and filed.

Membership: Don Hinman introduced a guest, Joe Gillme of the Midtown Condominium Association, Midtown Alexandria Station. His association is considering joining the Federation.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New and Miscellaneous Business

Audit Committee Report – Bill Hanks

The Audit Committee reported that there were no discrepancies in accounting and financial reporting. The Audit Committee report has been filed and its recommendation for a backup treasurer has been implemented

Board & Committee Reports

Association Services – Don Hinman: No report.

Budget – Charlie Hall and Carey Campbell: No report

**Education – Leonard Bumbaca, Tim Thompson and Ed Sa-
perstein:** No report

Environment – Flint Webb and Roger Diedrich:

Discussed comments to the Planning Commission on proposed Green Building standards. See Page 6.

Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune: No report.

Land Use- Fred Costello:

The County has decided to analyze three transportation alternatives associated with development along the Metrorail corridor. Previously, the County planned on only one.

Legislation – Frank Anderson and Jason Ha:

Legislative programming is to begin in September.

Membership – Don Hinman:

Don is contacting District representatives to encourage membership in the Federation. To date we have sent over 400 membership notices. We have already received dues from 19.

Public Safety – As'ad Hess-Linckost: No report

Resolutions – Bill Hanks: No report

Transportation – Jeff Parnes and Carey Campbell:

There has been no change in the report from the August Board meeting

Website – Jeff Parnes: No report.

District Council Reports

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

Braddock—Art Wells: No report

Lee—Don Hinman: No report

Mason—Keith Taggart: No report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo: No report

Providence—Flint Webb: No report.

Springfield—Mike Thompson: No report

Sully—Jeff Parnes: No report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled September 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Packard Center, Annandale.

Minutes written by Tania Hossain, Recording Secretary pro tem

October 20 Membership Meeting Presentation: Living Well in the Silver Years

The October Human Services presentation will include hot topics on the new models for the aging population of Fairfax County. Steve Gurney, acting head of the Reston for Life committee and the Founder/CEO of The Living Source Retirement Guide, (<http://www.retirement-living.com/proaging-network/>) will give an overview of their initiatives and current phased projects. We will all enjoy hearing about The Reston for Life planning committee's work, particularly their "let's get it going now" attitude. They are a 100% community initiative with strong support from Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. They are very open to learning, teaming and sharing with others. Many Fairfax communities could, can and will benefit from their extensive research and community tools to make a similar program work for them.

The Human Services presentation will also include Patricia Rohrer, Fairfax County's Long Term Care Program Development Director and the Long Term Care Council Facilitator along with Bob Eiffert, Manager of Fairfax County's Long Term Care Programs. They will give an update of current activities and, the department's plans and goals for the future. Aging in place meaning staying within your community is an important part of their work. Much of Patricia and Bob's focus is insuring that the needed resources, community partnerships and facilitators are or will be, in place. The coming big wave of Fairfax's aging population make these plans so critical. We hope that you will join us for this exciting evening's program.

Care of the Elderly

Every Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, the Fairfax Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP), along with a representative from ElderLink, will be available in the Health Sciences Library Geriatric Resource Center at the Fairfax Hospital to provide information and answer questions about caring for older adults. Enter the Blue entrance while the main entrance is closed.

ElderLink is a nonprofit organization created through a partnership between Inova Health System, the Department of Family Services Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association. This service is open to the community, our patients, visitors and staff.

For more information, call the Library's Reference Desk at 703-776-3357, the HELP offices at 703-776-6824, or the ElderLink offices at 703-324-5377.

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year nominations will be accepted starting December 1, 2011. Nominations close January 31, 2012. Think about whom to nominate. The nomination form will be posted on our website <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm> later in the fall.

Reston Development in the Dulles Corridor

The County plans to analyze the transportation systems for three development scenarios: 0.66 Gross Floor Area (GFA) residential per GFA of non-residential, a high ratio of residential to non-residential, and a third case that depends on the outcome of these first two.

Raglan Road: Open Space away from the Tysons Development Site

Citizens living on Raglan Road, which is outside of the Tysons Development area, have raised an issue that many other redevelopments may encounter: The developer wants to put the open space outside of the development area. In particular, Georgelas wants to fulfill its open-space requirements using 2.8 acres next to Raglan Road Park, which is approximately one-half of a mile from the Georgelas construction site. You can hear the testimony of Pamela Konde, President of the Greater Tysons Green Civic Association, at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc_meetings.htm
Click on the Sept 8 meeting. When the video starts, move the slider to the time of 2:43 to hear Pam Konde speak.

The Georgelas rezoning is very large and complex (30 acres and 6,000,000 square feet of redevelopment), it has been broken up into three rezoning cases:

- RZ 2010-PR-014A - 1.56 acres
- RZ 2010-PR-014B - 5.51 acres
- RZ 2010-PR-014C - 24.41 acres

Part C, the largest of the three, will not have a public hearing until late 2011 or early 2012. The following link provides a summary and additional links to the justification and submitted development plans. The development plans are a single 168 MB file: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/tysons-zoning-cases/georgelas.htm>

November 8, 2011, General Election

The 2011 General Election in Virginia will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. On election Day polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. In-person voter registration deadline is Monday, October 17 at 4:30 pm. By mail voter registration deadline need to be postmarked by October 17. Sample ballots listed by Supervisor District are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm.

Voters should keep in mind that Fairfax County has undergone a redistricting process in 2011 and information is still being updated on the State Board of Elections website at the following website: www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx. Click on the link: Registration. If the website does not respond, it is being updated. Go to http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Cidate_Information/Cidate_Lists/CidatesList.asp to determine the status.

Voters are strongly urged to contact the Fairfax County Office of the Registrar at 703-222-0776 to confirm your polling place.

Federation Testimony on County’s Green Building Policy Plan Proposal

Flint Webb, Co-chair of the Federation’s Environment Committee, delivered to the Planning Commission the following testimony.

I. Policy Plan Objectives

The policy would have a stronger basis if it were more focused. What is the goal of the policy? Is it to reduce the County’s carbon footprint? Is it to reduce water usage in the county? Is it to reduce traffic on the roads? Or is it to improve indoor air quality? All these goals and more are encompassed in the LEED® standards, but not all of these are incorporated into other third party standards. We suggest you prioritize the policy. The second paragraph, describing the parameters of an equivalent program, focuses on energy performance and does not make it clear how Staff can accept a program that focuses on water use or stormwater controls, for instance.

II. Energy and water usage data collection and performance monitoring.

Gathering data on the performance of the proposed project should be required for all the projects that get a benefit from the policy. Implementation of this could involve providing the data to a local College or University for them to analyze and incorporate in published papers and/or dissertations. Additionally the County could require a bond to require a level of performance.

III. Requirements are too vague

The standards need to give County Staff clearer guidance about what will be required to get higher Floor Area Ratio (FAR) or density. I suggest that the applicant Proffer a level of performance guaranteed by a bond that will require the applicant to validate the performance based on at least two years of data after the occupancy permit has been issued. For instance the applicant can be required to have the building certified to a certain LEED® standard, or guarantee that the stormwater runoff will be no worse than it was for the property prior to construction, or that water and/or electric utilization is less than the average for similar zoned structures in the County. This policy plan amendment should outline specific standards such as to attain the highest density in the range will require LEED® Platinum.

FAR or Density Range (%)	LEED®	Stormwater Runoff (% of runoff over un-built native land use)	Electricity and/or Water Utilization (% of Utilization for similar zoned structures in the County)
90 – 100%	Platinum	<10%	<40%
70 – 90%	Gold	10 – 30%	40 – 50%
50 – 70%	Silver	30 – 50%	50 – 60%
30 – 50%	Bronze	50 – 70%	60 – 70%
0 – 30%	None	70 – 90%	70 – 90%

IV. Solar panels

It is important that buildings be constructed to allow for a carbon constrained future. Even if buildings do not incorporate alterna-

tive energy initially, buildings should be designed to incorporate alternative and distributive energy in the future. Specifically, the roof structures should be robust enough to not only withstand future snow loads but also solar collector loads as well. Similarly buildings should be wired so as to be able to accommodate smart energy controls. This is particularly important for Policy f.

V. County Guidelines Referenced in Policy f

Policy f referenced the County guidelines for green building certification. A link to the County Guidelines should be included in the policy. We understand that the standards are revised from time-to-time and so the guidelines can not be included into the Policy Plan amendment.

VI. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The policy to encourage vehicle charging stations should not just be applied to multi-family residential structures, but also office building and commercial parking lots. People stay a sizable fraction of the day at the office and having charging stations at large commercial shopping malls could encourage shoppers to shop longer.

VII. Existing Building Standards

If the County is going to make any significant progress in reducing the greenhouse gas footprint or improving the water quality of our streams, we will have to revised existing structures. We suggest:

Policy i. Encourage the application of the listed practices to existing buildings. Whenever a structure is under major renovation, i.e. removal of 85% of the interior, or make renovations that cost more than 50% of the cost of replacing the structure, the full objective shall apply. For renovation/remodeling at reduced levels, Green Building ratings can be pursued by demonstrating an improved performance as described in Policy h.

Electric Recycle Sunday

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. There is no charge for Fairfax County residents to participate in Electric Sunday; however, they may be required to show proof of residency. This year’s Electric Sunday events are scheduled from 10 AM until 3 PM on the following dates:

Sept. 25: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA

Oct. 23: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

Nov. 20: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

For additional information, call 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

Who Will Be on Your Ballot?

To find who will be on your November 8, 2011, ballot, go to: <https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicElections.aspx>. Click on the down arrow on Locality and select Fairfax County. Click on the down arrow on Precinct and select from the list where you vote. Click on Search. Click on November 2011 General. The names of the candidates and their web sites are listed. You can click on the web site to determine where the candidate stands on the issues. If the web-site does not respond, it is being updated. Go to http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Cidate_Information/Cidate_Lists/CidatesList.asp to determine the status. All want strong schools, many jobs, and reduced congestion, so you must look at how they want to accomplish these goals.

Accomplishment of the 2011 General Assembly

To see what the 2011 General Assembly accomplished, go to http://hodcap.state.va.us/publications/cumulative_index_2011.pdf. You can use the many indices or go to the 427th page and look at the listing that extends to the 451st page.

School Bond Referendum

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011, Fairfax County voters will be voting on the 2011 School Bond Referendum during the General Election. Because bonds impose a future obligation on taxpayers, Virginia law requires that bond issues must be approved by referendum.

The sale of municipal bonds is a form of long-term borrowing that spreads the cost of major capital improvements over the years facilities are being used. This method of financing ensures that current and future users help pay for the improvements.

The referendum total of \$252,750,000 will be used for the building and renovation of schools which are not financed through the school system's operating funds, but through bonds.

The table in the next column, with much more information about the 2011 School Bond Referendum, is available at the 2011 Bond Referendum Fact Sheet online at www.fcps.edu/news/bond/2011bondreferendumfacts.pdf or by calling the Fairfax County Public School's Communications and Community Outreach Department at 571-423-1200. The asterisk indicates that the amount reflects cost savings realized through lower than anticipated construction costs for previous bond projects.

After Leonard Forkas' presentation to the Federation Board on September 22, the Board voted to endorse the passage of the bond issue. Leonard is Chairman of the Fairfax Citizens for Better Schools.

Mason District Candidate's Debate/Forum Monday, October 17 at 7:00 pm

Join the Mason District Council and the League of Women's Voters for the Mason District Candidate Debate/Forum on Monday, October 17 as they host Mason District Supervisor candidates David Feld and Supervisor Penny Gross. The event will be held at the Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 starting at 7 pm. Networking starts at 6:30 pm. All interested citizens are invited.

WHICH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 2011 BOND?

Capacity Enhancement

(Additions and other modifications)

*Fairfax Villa Elementary School	\$ 3,129,294
*Greenbriar East Elementary School	\$ 3,889,687
*Union Mill Elementary School	\$ 3,419,715
*Modular Relocations	\$ 3,250,000
Capacity Enhancement Subtotal:	\$ 13,688,696

Renovation

Elementary School Renovation

Canterbury Woods (Construction)	\$ 14,894,268
*Clermont (Planning & Construction)	\$ 13,608,872
*Sunrise Valley (Planning & Construction)	\$ 16,215,447
*Garfield (Planning & Construction)	\$ 14,158,593
*Terra Centre (Planning & Construction)	\$ 16,614,596
*Westgate (Planning & Construction)	\$ 14,221,431
*Terraset (Planning)	\$ 1,053,799
*Haycock (Planning)	\$ 960,703
*Woodlawn (Planning)	\$ 1,189,450
*Forestville (Planning)	\$ 1,165,000
North Springfield (Planning)	\$ 899,000
Springfield Estates (Planning)	\$ 723,444
Keene Mill (Planning)	\$ 908,010
Bucknell (Planning)	\$ 1,131,776

Elementary School Renovation Subtotal: \$ 97,744,389

Middle School Renovation

Sandburg (Construction)	\$ 44,293,958
*Thoreau (Planning)	\$ 2,175,000

Middle School Renovation Subtotal: \$ 46,468,958

High School Renovation

Thomas Jefferson (Construction)	\$ 84,625,065
*Langley (Planning)	\$ 5,650,000
West Springfield (Planning)	\$ 5,950,000

High School Renovation Subtotal: \$ 96,225,065

Infrastructure Management

Technology Upgrades	\$ 4,000,000
Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades	\$ 2,500,000
Roof Replacement	\$ 6,500,000
Athletic Infrastructure	\$ 2,500,000
HVAC Replacement	\$ 7,500,000
Security Enhancements	\$ 1,050,000
Asphalt Paving	\$ 2,125,000

Infrastructure Management Subtotal: \$ 26,175,000

Project Subtotal \$ 280,302,107

***Prior Bond Savings \$ (29,052,107)**

Bond Cost \$ 1,500,000

REFERENDUM TOTAL \$ 252,750,000

Increased Teacher Workload

The Education Committee held its September meeting to discuss teacher-related issues with Michael Hairston, President of the Fairfax Education Association. Topics included increased teacher workload and development of revised teacher evaluation.

The State Department of Education has developed a revised framework for teacher evaluations, and Michael Hairston was involved in the development of this framework, which includes a requirement for 40% of the evaluation to be based on student academic progress. This measurement does not have to be based solely on SOL test scores.

Now, a local Fairfax Committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and community members is following the framework and preparing the specific evaluation measures.

The Federation's Education Committee will continue to follow the work of this group.

Teachers have always accepted participation in PTA meetings, back-to-school nights, a few hours of special tutoring sessions, and some time grading of tests as expected work hours beyond the contractual 40-hour work week. However, several important and valuable changes in educational practices in Fairfax County Public Schools have added to this extra workload. The emphasis on every student achieving their potential has been supported by (1) time spent in professional learning committees to utilize the strengths of individual teachers, (2) development and implementation of individual special education plans, (3) extra focus on providing gifted students challenging course materials/projects, (4) extra remedial time which has been identified from more specialized tests available on E-cart, and (5) additional time for thoughtful development of the new expanded report cards for elementary school students. In general, these initiatives are supported by the Federation's Education Committee, but we also discussed how to offset this extra workload. Of course, the same E-cart resource that has contributed to the workload has also alleviated some work through the provision of curriculum support materials and sample tests. While teachers need the time after early closings on Monday, adding extra work preparation time for the teacher could require either an increase in contract days, additional teachers, or a reduction in class time. Another way, albeit also requiring additional resources, to alleviate this added workload would be through some reduction in class size. Now, while class size per se is not always correlated to higher achievement, it does impose additional workload when the focus is on each individual student. Another way of reducing the workload would be judicious and more focused use of training requirements. Also, the school board is now considering installation of in-school surveillance cameras that would not only make schools safer, but free up principal and staff time both in staffing high activity areas and in obtaining information on who did what and when. FCPS will be surveying parents on the use of such cameras.

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. Having filled several slots recently, the Federation currently has an opening on one committee:

Engineering Standards Review Committee, which provides technical and engineering advisory services to the Board and reviews input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. See: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312

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 the following website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>. The Federation has representation on eight of these. In addition to the Engineering Standards Review Committee, the Federation has representation on seven others: (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, and (7) Airports Advisory Committee.

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

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Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (starts July 1, 2011)

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Association Name:		Address		Phone/FAX (XXX.XXX.XXXX)	Date:
Position	Name				E-mail see note #2
President					
Treasurer					
1st Delegate					
2nd Delegate					
3rd Delegate					
4th Delegate					

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

THE FEDERATION
Attention: Membership Vice President
4022 Hummer Road
Annandale, VA 22003

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