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**FEDERATION**  
of Citizens Associations *Established 1940*

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**Federation Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, June 20, 2013**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Annandale Community Park  
Picnic Shelter**

4022 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

Picnic, Installation of Officers

**Topic: State of the County**

**Speaker: Penny Gross, Vice-Chairman  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**



**Federation Board Meeting**

Braddock Hall  
9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA  
August 22, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

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**Federation in the News**

The Federation's position in favor of an outside auditor for the Fairfax County Public Schools was mentioned positively in a Washington Examiner editorial:

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/local-editorial-fairfax-county-public-schools-need-outside-audit/article/2529549>

**New at the Federation Website**

**Land Use:** Presentation on Fairfax Forward

***President's Message***

Greetings Federation Members and Friends:

I am honored and privileged to announce the names of the incoming 2013 - 2014 Federation Officers and the districts they live in:

President:	Rob Jackson, Dranesville
First Vice President:	Ed Wyse, Springfield
Second Vice President:	Bill Barfield, Braddock
Recording Secretary:	Linda Boone, Mason
Treasurer:	Scott Schlegel, Dranesville
Corresponding Secretary:	Fred Costello, Hunter Mill

The installation of the incoming Federation Officers will take place at our Annual Picnic on Thursday, June 20 starting at 6:30 pm. Swearing in of Officers and a short program will start at 7:30 pm. We are delighted that we will be joined by Vice-Chairman Penny Gross who will be presiding over the Installation of Officers and share with us some thoughts on the State of the County. Please join us at our annual picnic to welcome our next leadership, meet members from all across the county and to share our collective community experiences.

We have posted on our website a convenient way for you to RSVP to our Annual Picnic and Installation of Officers. Please visit <http://fairfaxfederation.org/> to send in your RSVP. All are welcome to join. This event is free and open to the public. Thank you for sharing our event with your neighbors and friends! Please join us!

I would like to thank our Land Use Committee Chairs, Fred Costello and Matt Bell for hosting an excellent and timely program focused on Fairfax Forward— county's progression on the future of Land Use and citizen participation. We were joined by the Mason and Providence District Councils at this presentation lead by Meghan Van Dam, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) and panel representing DPZ were Marianne Gardner and Jennifer Garcia. Planning Commissioner Earl Flannigan attendance added invaluable perspective to this important discussion.

I look forward to working with you and sharing some of my closing thoughts as the out-going President of the Federation in the July edition of the *Bulletin*. Have a great start to the summer and thank you for staying connected to the Federation.

Best Regards,

Tania

**Comments from President-Elect Rob Jackson**

It is a great honor to have been voted the next president of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations. The Federation is a very special organization in Fairfax County.

There are many fine political, business, social, religious, cultural, ethnic, and charitable organizations in Fairfax County. Each tries to advance the interests of its members and, to some extent, the common good, as their members see it.

The Federation seeks to fulfill a broader mission – the best interests of our member homeowner, community and neighborhood associations and the general welfare of the residents of Fairfax County. Our agenda, therefore, is generally independent from, and broader than, those of other organizations. Also, our agenda must be developed through our members, as expressed by their local associations, district councils, civic associations and representatives to the Federation. In a county as large and diverse as Fairfax County, it is not always easy to determine this agenda as good people often disagree on important issues. But through the Federation’s organizational structure; fair, robust and respectful debate; and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, we can and do reach principled consensus on policy positions. We are, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for our membership. I am honored to be your next president.

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**

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**2012-2013 President:** Tania Hossain

**Newsletter Editor:** Frederick A. Costello

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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at [FedBulletinEditor2013@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2013@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](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

**Directions to the Annandale Community Park, Picnic Shelter**

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Route 236 (Little River Turnpike, going east toward Annandale)

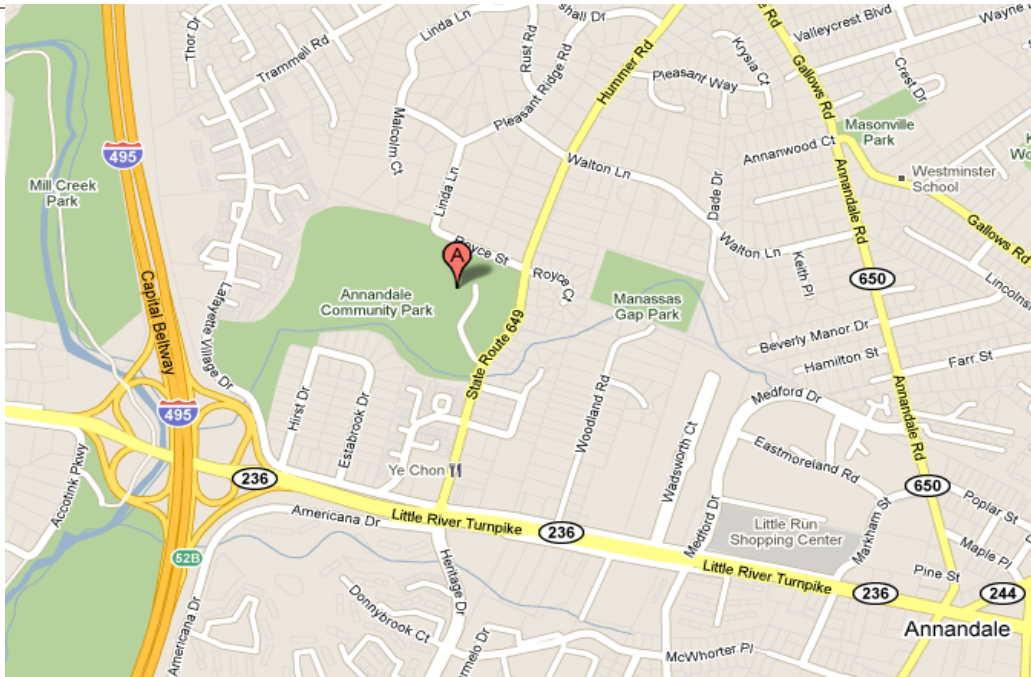
Go east 0.4 miles to first traffic signal

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 left at the fork, instead of the right usually taken to the Packard Center, to the parking lot.

After the left fork, the parking lot will be on the left; the shelter, on the right.



FCFCA Calendar 2012-2013				
Membership Meeting			Board Mtg	
Date	Program	Location	Date	Location
2012				
Jul	no meeting	—	—	—
Aug	no meeting	—	23-Aug	Braddock Hall
20-Sep	Legislation	Kings Park Library Mtg Room	27-Sep	Braddock Hall
18-Oct	Public Safety	Mason Governmental Center	25-Oct	Braddock Hall
15-Nov	Transportation	Hidden Oaks Nature Center	—	—
13-Dec	Environment	Hidden Oaks Nature Center	6-Dec	Marco Polo Restaurant
2013				
17-Jan	School Budget (Kristen Michael)	FCPS Administrative Center	24-Jan	Braddock Hall
21-Feb	Human Services	Mason Governmental Center	28-Feb	Braddock Hall
28-Mar	County Budget	Braddock Hall	21-Mar	Mason Gov't Ctr
7-Apr	Citizen of the Year Banquet	Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner Hotel	25-Apr	FCPS Dunn Loring Center, Room 111
18-Apr	Report from Richmond	Mason Governmental Center		
16-May	Land Use including Tysons Corner Update, Election of Officers	Mason Governmental Center	23-May	Braddock Hall
20-Jun	Picnic, Installation of Officers, State of Fairfax	Annandale Community Park	22-Aug	Braddock Hall

- Braddock Hall is at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke
- Mason Governmental Center is at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
- The FCPS Dunn Loring Center is at 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring
- All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except the picnic, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

***The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is distributed one week before the Membership Meeting.  
The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* is the first day of the month of the Membership Meeting.**

### **Do you want to have an impact?**

The Federation is as strong as its voice, and the Federation's many committees make up its collective voice. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees that make up the backbone of the Federation please contact the committee chairs, listed below, using the following email addresses:

Budget: Linda Boone & Rob Jackson .....	<a href="mailto:FedBudgetChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedBudgetChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman .....	<a href="mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedAssociationServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein & Tim Thompson ..	<a href="mailto:FedEducationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEducationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Environment: Flint Webb .....	<a href="mailto:FedEnvironmentChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEnvironmentChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	<a href="mailto:FedHumanServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedHumanServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Land Use: Fred Costello & Matthew Bell.....	<a href="mailto:FedLandUseChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLandUseChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Legislation: Frank Anderson .....	<a href="mailto:FedLegislationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLegislationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Membership: Tania Hossain.....	<a href="mailto:FedMembershipChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedMembershipChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne & Melissa Smarr .....	<a href="mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedPublicSafetyChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Resolutions: Bill Hanks .....	<a href="mailto:FedResolutionsChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedResolutionsChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Transportation: Karen Campblin & Jeff Parnes.....	<a href="mailto:FedTransportationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org">FedTransportationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org</a>

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!

### **Wanted: Summer Webpage Intern**

Opening for Summer Interns to Update the Federation's Websites/Database and increase our social media presence The Fairfax Federation would like to redesign its membership database and website. If you know students with the ability to help us with this effort and who would like to volunteer as an intern over the summer months, please have them contact the Federation Webmaster. Responses by 1 July would be appreciated. You are encouraged to forward this request to those who you think are qualified and interested.

The database structure redesign would entail organizing the membership records by organization with attributes assignable to membership organizations, individual representatives of the member organizations, and financial reports of yearly membership activity.

The website structure redesign would entail refreshing our current site with the aim of organizing the data therein contained so that it is more logically presented and easily maintained.

Increasing our social media presence would involve establishing the Federation on Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as Twitter. Applicants should submit examples of their current efforts.

If you have an interest in this internship, apply! Otherwise, ask yourself if you know someone who would be a good fit and tell them about this opportunity."

### **Maintenance of Storm Water Facilities**

Since the summer of 2012, the Engineering Standards Review Committee (ESRC) has dealt primarily with the state's storm water management requirements. In addition, the committee has recommended that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Director have the ability to waive/modify Public Facilities Manual (PFM) requirements for the Tysons Urban District. This is needed because Tysons is expected to have unique problems requiring unforeseen solutions.

The Storm Water management issues are caused by changes in State regulations and a desire to "clean up" the PFM. All of the ESRC meetings in 2013 have dealt with these issues exclusively. None of the proposed changes affect the level of pollutant discharge to the Chesapeake Bay from Fairfax County.

The primary Federation concern was the county's proposal to take over the maintenance of existing residential Storm Water management areas currently maintained by individuals or homeowners associations. This transfer of maintenance responsibility would only affect individual homeowners and town house developments. It would not affect industrial, commercial, or dual use (commercial and residential) storm water management systems. They would continue to maintain their individual systems. This issue was brought to the attention of and discussed with the Federation Board in April. As a result of this meeting, the Federation recommended against this takeover because it would cause a tax increase to all homeowners in the county.

### **50+ Forums: Older-Adult-Friendly Community**

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the 50 and over population is expected to increase by 40 percent and the 70 and over age group by 88 percent. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, is working to continue progress toward creating a more livable community for its older residents. This summer, they are hosting forums throughout the county to hear what residents have to say.

The three focuses include (1) housing & transportation, (2) easy access to services, and (3) healthy lifestyles & community engagement.

This is your chance to share ideas on what we need to do together to become a more livable, lifelong community for our older adults.

To register for one of the seven 50+ Forums near you, please visit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=11](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=11).

To share comments and for more information, please visit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults), or call 703-324-5411, TTY 711, or Email [DFSCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Replacing the Area Plans Review Process**

The Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning has proposed changing the process for revising the Comprehensive Plan, the concept document that guides zoning. As originally proposed, the new plan, called Fairfax Forward, would greatly diminish the amount of local involvement in re-zoning of a parcel in a neighborhood. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and others voiced grave concern over the original proposal and the County listened. The most recent version, subject to change, has the same neighborhood participation as the Area Plans Review process that Fairfax Forward would replace. Because of the public outcry, the Board of Supervisors delayed the public hearing on the plan from April 30 to July 9, 2013. You can sign up to testify at this meeting using the form at: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

For more information on Fairfax Forward, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/>.

### **Residential Studios in Your Neighborhood**

The Fairfax County government's Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) is considering a change to the Zoning Ordinance that will permit "Residential Studios" in all residential areas under "Special Exception" rules. These 500 sq.ft. one-bedroom rental units would provide affordable housing for households earning less than approximately \$60,000 (i.e., 60% of the area median income). Single-family homes could be converted to multi-family Residential-Studio units. The proposed ordinance can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/residentialstudioinputmemo.pdf>.

Comments should be sent to [Donna.Pesto@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Donna.Pesto@fairfaxcounty.gov) by June 14, 2013. The hearing before the Planning Commission and that before the Board of Supervisors have not yet been scheduled.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2013

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 6/20/2013](#)

The May 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. at the Mason Governmental Center. The Federation's internal business was conducted in the half hour ending at 8 o'clock, when the program began. We were joined by members of the Mason and Providence district councils for the program. The synergy displayed by the three groups in the ensuing discussion was great.

### **Program: Fairfax Forward, a New Long-Range Land Use Planning Process**

Matt Bell of the Land Use Committee introduced our guest speaker, Meghan Van Dam, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), who presented the concept of Fairfax Forward. Also representing DPZ were Marianne Gardner and Jennifer Garcia. Other key players who participated in the meeting included Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan, representing Mount Vernon District, and Rob Jackson, our representative to Fairfax Forward.

These minutes will not provide details of the presentation and discussions, but some key points of Ms Van Dam's presentation are:

- 80% of planned development is concentrated on 10% of the land area.
- The Plan Amendment Work Program will consist of four categories: activity center studies, neighborhood studies, countywide planning studies (not currently done), and board-authorized amendments.
- Planning will focus on the 10% of area that is forecast for extensive development. Less attention will be given to suburban neighborhoods and low density residential areas where minimal development is expected.
- Fairfax Forward attempts to calculate and integrate, countywide, the impacts of plans across many functional areas of concern.
- Community involvement is considered essential; however each supervisor would organize that involvement with his or her district.
- Fairfax Forward is being implemented as a pilot with a review of its efficacy after two years.

Commissioner Flanagan recalled that the 1991 comprehensive plan was re-written because the prior planned densities were not supportable by transportation systems. He enumerated three types of plans in current use: the Area Plan Review (APR), special studies, and out-of-turn plans (board of supervisors' sponsored). He noted that while the APR has many constraints, special studies are wide open. Fairfax Forward will bring the holistic approach of special studies to overall planning.

Rob Jackson cited the need to involve two categories of the public in the review process: the "old timers" who are experienced in following land use issues and "new blood," people who will be impacted by plans but may not know it and may not have prior experience influencing county planning.

Themes emanating from the discussion included:

- Some older, mostly residential neighborhoods need revitalization of infrastructure (even if only replacement and not expansion) and do not want to be overlooked.
- Involving the public at all stages of planning, to include having an identifiable process by which residents may propose changes and at the final review stage.
- Having an outreach program that reaches beyond English-speaking residents and that holds meetings in places and at times that are either supported by public transportation, both at the start and conclusion of the meetings, or have transportation options, such as shuttles, available for the non-driving public.
- Supervisors asking organizations to provide representatives to task forces would result in a wider sense of public opinion than would supervisors directly selecting individuals to serve on task forces.
- Area and countywide organizations can provide valuable input. Two organizations specifically mentioned were the Fairfax County Council of Parent Teacher Associations and the FCPS Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council.
- Current plans show transit station areas only where they currently exist and are to be built on the Silver Line. Plans should also identify transit station areas where they would be beneficial in the long-range future, such as along I-66 and US Rt. 1. Otherwise, these areas may be developed for other purposes, making future transit development much more expensive or impossible.

The Federation board next week will consider the issue of whether to propose policy for the supervisors in the area of soliciting public input.

### **Administrative and Organizational Topics**

**Federation Appointments:** Linda Boone: We continue to search for a candidate to be our representative for the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

**The Bulletin** (newsletter): Fred Costello, Editor—The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is May 26.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary: The membership approved the minutes of the April 2013 membership meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Scott was not present. He had sent earlier in the day via e-mail a financial report to board members containing the transactions related to the Citizen of the Year banquet. We have not yet received the sponsor's contribution.

**Webmaster Report:** Jeff Parnes, Webmaster—Tania asked board members to continue to provide current information for the website.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New and Miscellaneous Business**

**Election of Officers for the 2013-2014 Membership Year:** Jeff Parnes, Chair of the Nominations committee announced the following nominees for officer positions.

President—Rob Jackson (incumbent First Vice President)

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First Vice President—Ed Wyse (incumbent Recording Secretary)

Second Vice President—Bill Barfield

Corresponding Secretary—Fred Costello (incumbent)

Recording Secretary—Linda Boone (incumbent Second Vice President)

Treasurer—Scott Schlegel (incumbent).

Jeff called for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. The membership voted to approve the nominated slate by unanimous vote.

The officers will be sworn in at the annual picnic meeting in June for the one-year term beginning July 1.

**Evolution of Transportation:** Tania announced the Evolution of Transportation, a two-hour journey into the past, present, and future of transportation in Fairfax County, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Angelika Film Center, 2911 District Ave, Fairfax. This event is sponsored by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. To RSVP or to obtain more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman).

**Picnic RSVP:** Jeff Parnes reported that an online RSVP is available on the Federation's web site for the June 20 picnic.

**Withdrawal of Waiver on Child Care Fees:** Charlie Dane reported that the Commonwealth of Virginia has withdrawn a waiver previously granted to Fairfax County regarding fees for child care. The result was that the fee will rise from 2.5% to 6%, which will be a hardship for lower income families. The issue was referred to the Human Services Committee. Charlie suggested our representative to the Community Action Advisory Board might also provide insight into the issue.

### **District Council Reports**

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

**Membership** – Open Floor – no report from membership

**Braddock District Council:** Art Wells—Ed Wyse reported for Art. At its last meeting, the council voted to hold future meetings on a quarterly, rather than monthly, schedule, with additional meetings to be held if required.

**Lee District Council of Civic Organizations:** Chris Soule—The last meeting focused on land use processes. The May 22 meeting will cover human services, specifically how public/private groups serve our residents.

**Mason District Council:** Roger Hoskin—no report.

**Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations:** Karen Pohorylo—no report.

**Providence District Council:** Flint Webb—The May 21 meeting will be Report from Richmond. *Flint submitted this more detailed written report on May 19 for inclusion in the minutes.*

### **G. Ray Worley, 'Mayor of Dunn Loring,' Dies – May 9**

Raised in Dunn Loring and a longtime president of the Dunn Loring Improvement Association, Ray was known to many as the "mayor of Dunn Loring." Ray also was a regular and thoughtful participant at Providence District Council meetings, and was celebrated as Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association Citizen of the Year in 2004, for his advocacy of

adult education. His Washington Post obituary [can be read here](#). For those who knew him, Ray will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ACE Foundation, c/o G. Ray Worley Scholarship Fund, [www.ace-foundation.org](http://www.ace-foundation.org), or the Columbia Foundation, Columbia Baptist Church, 103 W. Columbia St., Falls Church, VA 22046.

A [quest book at the Washington Post](#) may be signed online.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

May 21 – Legislative Delegation, Senators Dick Saslaw and Chap Peterson and Delegates Mark Keam and David Bulova. Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring

June 18 – Metro West Update

July 16 – Picnic and optional meeting. The picnic will probably be a weekend event.

August 20 – Optional meeting

September 17 – Stormwater Ordinance and/or Stream Restorations in Providence District

October 15 – Candidate meeting

November 12 – TBD (date moved to avoid Thanksgiving week)

December 10 – Holiday party (date moved away from Christmas week)

**Springfield District Council:** Ed Wyse—no report.

**Sully District Council of Citizens Associations:** Jeff Parnes—This evening's guest speaker, Megan Van Dam, addressed the last meeting on the Fairfax Forward plan. Next week the council will have Report from Richmond, two land use cases, and elections.

### **Board and Committee Reports**

**Budget:** Rob Jackson and Linda Boone—no report.

**Citizen Association Services:** Don Hinman—no report.

**Education:** Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—Charlie Dane reported that Ed Saperstein gave the committee's testimony on the school budget. The schedule was tight, with the draft budget being issued Thursday, the committee meeting on Saturday, and the testimony on Tuesday.

**Environment:** Flint Webb—Flint reported that the topic of the Green Breakfast last Saturday was more thermal efficient buildings. Flint submitted this more detailed written report on May 19 for inclusion in the minutes.

### **Green Breakfast – May 11**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District held their Green Breakfast meeting. The topic was Passive House Designs. Peter Henry of Peter Henry Architecture discussed new technologies for building homes that require little or no energy for heating and cooling. Mr. Henry has recently completed a home in the Tysons corner area using these principles. He discussed issues such as how to minimize heat loss by stopping infiltration and insulating foundations and other construction details that can form short circuits for thermal conduction. To supply sufficient ventilation there is a special salt bed that removes moisture and cools the air as it is brought into the house in the summer and adds moisture and heats the air that is brought into the house in the winter.

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**Carbon dioxide concentrations reach 400 parts per million for the first time in human history – May 10**

The last time so much greenhouse gas was in the air was several million years ago, when the Arctic was ice-free, savannahs spread across the Sahara desert, and sea level was up to 40 meters higher than today. To see the Guardian article see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/may/10/carbon-dioxide-highest-level-greenhouse-gas>.

**EPA Reopened the comment period for the District of Columbia Metropolitan Area's ozone attainment demonstration – May 9**

The EPA reopened the comment period for a notice published on March 20, 2013. In the March 20, 2013 notice of proposed rulemaking, EPA proposed to approve the attainment demonstration portion of the attainment plan for the Washington DC-MD-VA (Washington area) ozone nonattainment area submitted by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia as revisions to each of their State Implementation Plans (SIPs). At the request of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), EPA is reopening the comment period. For further information see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-09/html/2013-11058.htm>.

**Planning Commission's Environment Committee – May 2**

The Planning Commission's Environment Committee is reviewing electric vehicle (EV) charging station requirements. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> they heard a presentation by ECOTality which has a smart EV charging station. Currently they have 6,000 residential charging stations and nearly 3,000 publicly available stations including 50 DC fast charging stations.

**Fairfax County Public Schools Participate in School Environmental Action Showcase – April 30**

Several Fairfax County public schools were recognized for their efforts in environmental stewardship at the NoVA Outside School Environmental Action Showcase held during Earth Week at George Mason University in partnership with Agrium's Caring for the Watershed.

Lanier Middle School's Eco-Team won first place and Centreville Elementary School's Blue Team took third place in the Agrium Caring for the Watershed contest. Lanier's Eco-Team submitted a proposal to reduce runoff and erosion on school grounds by installing rain barrels and planting a sponge garden.

Ten finalists presented proposals for watershed-related projects based at their school. Students were judged on background knowledge, feasibility, and creativity of the project. Faiza Alam, special education science teacher at Lanier Middle School, noted that Eco-Team members identified the problem, collected and analyzed data, and proposed a plan to fix the issue during many after-school sessions to prepare for the competition.

Daniels Run Elementary School, Hollin Meadows Elementary School, Lemon Road Elementary School, and Stuart High School were all recognized by NoVA Outside as outstanding green schools. The schools were chosen for their presentation of ongoing work. Daniels Run students dressed as recycling bins to highlight their waste reduction efforts. Other projects included development of a vernal pool, composting, donations of food to a local food bank, creating a series of Earth Day videos with green tips for students and their families, cleaning up a

nearby park to establish an outdoor classroom, and edible food gardening.

Mount Vernon High School and McNair Elementary School were chosen by the students in attendance at the showcase to have the most inspiring projects. Mount Vernon High students are building a rain garden as part of a courtyard renovation that will include a variety of outdoor learning spaces. McNair Elementary students have been busy planting vegetables in the school garden in an effort to attract wildlife, such as wild rabbits, over the past few years.

According to Elaine Tholen, FCPS environmental educator, students from 28 Fairfax County public schools participated in the Environmental Action Showcase. More than 350 students from 40 schools across the region had the opportunity to showcase projects that reduce energy use, increase plant and animal biodiversity on school grounds, and decrease the amount of waste their schools generate. Groups presented projects and participated in activities such as robotics, renewable energy techniques, cleaning up an oil spill, and learning about animals native to Virginia forests.

NoVA Outside is an alliance of environmental educators who teach people about their natural environment and are working to develop the next generation of citizen stewards.

For more information, contact the FCPS Department of Communications and Community Outreach at 571-423-1200.

**FCPS Student Wins First Place for Video Entry for Environmental Reporting – April 30**

Irving Middle School seventh grade student Zachary Korff has been named the first place winner in the video category for students ages 13-15 and received special distinction for environmental reporting in the Young Reporters for the Environment USA 2013 competition, hosted by the National Wildlife Federation in the U.S. Irving Middle School is a Fairfax County public school. Korff's [video](#), which covers erosion on mountain biking trails and damage to the ecosystem at Wakefield Park, was selected by the jurors as the best overall example of environmental journalism among all entries received and earned special recognition. The video was cited for being informative, authentic, balanced, and creative by the judges. Korff's video now advances to international competition. A full list of winners is available [online](#).

Young Reporters for the Environment is a network of international youth engaged in environmental journalism. It is coordinated by the Foundation for Environmental Education and operates in more than 25 countries. For more information, contact the Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Communications and Community Outreach at 571-423-1200.

**Federation Board Meeting – April 25**

The Federation's representative on the Engineering Standards Review Committee (ESRC), Jim Phelps, requested the Federation's views on some issues that have come up in a Subcommittee dealing with the Stormwater Management Ordinance. The ESRC Subcommittee proposes three stormwater management ordinance amendments to PFM Chapter 6.

1. Allowing BMP (best management practices) facilities within single-family lots for subdivisions of greater than three lots,

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2. County maintenance of facilities in single-family and town-house areas, and
3. Phase-in of county maintenance of facilities that are in HOA outlots and individual lots.

The Environment Committee was notified and the recommendation to Mr. Phelps was:

1. Because of the condition of the streams, the County will probably be required to mandate BMP measures in out lots, as the holder of the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) permit.
2. The issue of maintenance of stormwater management facilities is a difficult problem. The MS4 permit requires the County to be responsible for maintenance of stormwater management facilities and overseeing maintenance of BMP measures. The question is how do they ensure proper maintenance of the stormwater control measures:
  - Does the County perform the maintenance? Then the companion question is how do you fund this either through increased property taxes or by charging the HOA or homeowner?
  - Is the HOA or homeowner responsible for the maintenance and the County simply oversees the maintenance by periodic inspections of all the thousands of stormwater control measures? This would mean that the HOA or homeowner would be financially responsible for the maintenance but there would still be an increase in the property tax to cover the increased number of inspectors that would be required.
  - Is there another approach that may be less expensive where the County certifies private sector professional stormwater control inspectors and requires HOAs and/or homeowners to contract for the maintenance and inspection by the certified inspectors and then spot check the inspectors, possibly as part of a review of the certification? This would shift the costs entirely onto the HOA or homeowner either directly through the contract with the professional inspector or indirectly through professional certification fees.
3. With regards to the phase in of outlot/homeowners, it is likely that upcoming Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulations such as the recently vacated Accotink Creek TMDL will likely require a phase in of additional stormwater controls, but to the extent that the county gets ahead of the TMDLs it would behoove them to implement controls on new construction sooner rather than later.
4. The board concluded that it could not take a position tonight; further study would be required. First Vice President Jackson, the Land Use and Environmental committees, and our ESRC representative Jim Phelps will study the issue and present a recommended position to the board at its May meeting.

#### *New Study Calculates the Value of Urban Trees – April 15*

A new study of the value of urban trees was published in the journal Environmental Pollution. A press release about the article was published on May 6th. The abstract states that "data from 28 cities and 6 states were used to determine the average carbon density per unit of tree cover. These data were applied to statewide urban tree cover measurements to determine total urban forest carbon storage and annual sequestration by state and nationally. The article can be found at [http://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/jrnl/2013/nrs\\_2013\\_nowak\\_001.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/jrnl/2013/nrs_2013_nowak_001.pdf).

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Now – May 29. Invasive species management. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/IMA-calendar.htm>.

May 18 – Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston, VA 20191. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm>.

May 18 – Friends of Accotink Creek post cleanup celebration. Hidden Oaks Nature Center 3:00 to 5:30 pm. RSVP on the Friends of Accotink Creek web site <http://www.accotink.org/>.

May 20 – Monthly Meeting of Friends of Accotink Creek. 7 pm Audrey Moore Rec Center, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003. See <http://www.accotink.org/>.

May 29 – EPA will meet with the Mantua Citizens' Association about shutting down remediation work related to the Pickett Road tank farm oil spill. 7:30 p.m. at Mantua Elementary School.

June 1 – Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Messiah Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm>.

June 8 – Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel. 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm>.

**Human Services:** Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson—Tania reported that the committee continues planning to provide mental first aid training.

**Land Use:** Fred Costello & Matt Bell—Matt arranged and chaired this evening's program. Fred reported that at its last meeting the Reston Task Force tackled traffic analysis but made minimal headway.

**Legislation:** Frank Anderson—no report.

**Membership:** Tania Hossain—Tania welcomed Amberleigh Homeowners Association and its delegate, Jody Benitz. Charlie Dane noted that membership has increased to 39 associations and thanked Tania for leading that effort.

**Public Safety:** Daniela Cockayne & Melissa Smarr—Tania reported that Daniela is working on the Federation's collaboration with the police's Franconia District Station for a quick-time crime alert application.

**Resolutions:** Bill Hanks—no report.

**Transportation:** Jeff Parnes—no report.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

#### Next Meetings

Board meetings: May 23 & June 27 (*now canceled*), 7:30 p.m., at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Membership meeting: Annual picnic and Installation of the 2013 -2014 officers, June 20, 6:30 p.m., Annandale Community Park Picnic Shelter, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale.

Evolution of Transportation (the Federation is a sponsor): June 12, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Angelika Film Center, 2911 District Ave, Fairfax.

*Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary*



## **Human Services Committee Report**

Submitted by Cherie Lejeune

May 18th marked a special Human Services Council meeting attended by Chairman Bulova who honored the 25th year anniversary of the committee. The keynote speaker was The Honorable William Hazel, Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources. A slideshow representing the Human Services Department in VA and accomplishments can be found on slideshare: <http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/reshaping-public-and-private-health-services-delivery-system>.

Healthier Fairfax has finished phase one on research regarding Lifestyles. Next phase will be part of a larger grant offered by the CDC but we were told that, due to sequestration, this grant is on hold indefinitely. I attended the summary meeting last week and recommended that we should first inventory all the current community programs and the organizations sponsoring existing programs that could support all the initiatives that were the final ones selected: obesity (nutrition for children), smoking cessation and exercise. I made a comment to inventory all community programs that already address these selections. This recommendation was well received by Sarah White and the other county health stakeholders who agreed that spending more money on the same programs made no sense. Discussion about wider public engagement for healthier lifestyles has been added to the next agenda.

The ribbon cutting for McLean's Senior Source telephone service was May 15. The program, offered by a group called McLean Community: A Village for All Ages, which I took part in during all its phases,, will offer non-emergency information on health, entertainment, education, housing, recreation, transportation, and opportunities for community involvement and social interaction. Starting May 21, the program will begin offering services from Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the lobby of the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. The program has trained 43 volunteers so far, and yes, I took the training to understand how it will work. Reston for a Lifetime also wants to do a similar phone service.

Some of you will remember my Mobile Neighbor concept. To review it was taking existing HOA phone directories and putting them on the Internet for easy retrieval in times of an emergency or similar. Well, as they say you wait long enough, someone will make your solution come to life. Software developers have come up with Nextdoor and it is blazing across the US and getting many participants and it is very popular with many police departments for Neighborhood Watches. It is an easy program that allows a community to communicate within its neighborhood; nobody but those who live legitimately in the boundaries can participate in the information exchange. I have reached out to three Supervisors: John Foust, Cathy Hudgins and Stephen Frey and will contact the remainder after this holiday weekend to demonstrate the value of this type of digital tool. I look forward to sharing more at the next Federation meeting which by that time the 3 neighborhoods in Fairfax will have launched the app and will be up and running for some initial feedback. I already launched it in my neighborhood and as I gather the emails of my neighbors to invite, they are joining, and we will be learning together. I am also introducing the digital tool to some seniors in buildings that I work and volunteer in. If you want more information sooner about it, please contact me.

## **2012-2013 Federation Members**

The Federation is honored to be joined by associations throughout Fairfax County. We will continue to add our members to this list as associations join. The Federation welcomes all citizens associations in Fairfax County to join in membership in our collective effort to be an effective voice on behalf of residents to local, state, and federal officials. For your convenience, our membership application is located on the last page of this newsletter and online at our website:

[www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm).

Thank you for your consideration.

Current members are:

Adams Walk HOA  
 Amberleigh HOA  
 Barcroft Square HOA  
 Bel Air Civic Association  
 Chantilly Highlands Homes Association  
 Civic Association of West Springfield Village  
 Colvin Glen Citizens Association  
 County Club View Civic Association  
 Glen Haven Farms HOA  
 Groveton Civic Association  
 Hillbrook Tall Oaks Civic Association  
 Holmes Run Acres Civic Association  
 Huntington Grove II HOA  
 Huntington Community Association  
 Innisfree Community Association  
 Jefferson Manor Citizens Association  
 Lafayette Village Community Association  
 Mantua Citizens Association  
 McLean Citizens Association  
 Middle Run Estates HOA  
 Middleridge Civic Association  
 Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association  
 North Springfield Civic Association  
 Oak Hill Citizens Association  
 Oakwood Estates at Manderley  
 Parklawn Civic Association  
 Pimmit Hills Citizens Association  
 Ravensworth-Bristow Civic Association  
 Ravenwood Park Community Association  
 Reston Citizens Association  
 Skyline House Unit Owners Association  
 Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association  
 Stone Haven Civic Association  
 Stratford on the Potomac  
 Sunset Manor Civic Association  
 Townes of Coopermill Property Owners Association  
 Tysons Manor HOA  
 Walnut Hill HOA  
 Waynewood Citizens Association

## **Keep Your Association Information Up-to-Date**

Fairfax County lists approximately 2500 Community Associations. Be sure your association keeps its contact information up to date via [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/houpdate.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/houpdate.htm).

### **Smithsonian Request for Volunteers**

**The Event:** The Smithsonian Institution is in need of volunteers to help run a precedent-setting compost and recycling program for the Smithsonian's Folklife Festival June 26 – 30 and July 3 – 7, 2013. The Smithsonian is committed to sustainability and setting an example of environmental responsibility. The Folklife Festival attracts more than 1 million visitors a year as one of the premier events on our National Mall (<http://www.festival.si.edu/>). Greening this festival, with the initiation of our composting program, promises to be the largest public event on the National Mall to date to demonstrate such eco-friendly practices.

**Activity Description:** Volunteers will be asked to tend Resource Recovery stations positioned at 12 points within the Festival grounds. Volunteers will be asked to guide the public in placing their recyclables and compostable trash into the proper containers. Material categories will be Landfill, Recycling, and Compostable Organics. Volunteers will be provided with information to convey to the public about the Smithsonian's recycling/composting effort and why it is important for all of our futures. Volunteers will also need to pull bags when full and replace liners at these stations. The recovery stations will have chairs and tents to provide shade and comfort to volunteers.

The success of this recycling/composting initiative, as the largest and most publicly visible to date, is crucial as an example for all future public events on the National Mall and elsewhere. As the first attempt at such a scale for the Festival, it is critical that the initiative succeed. The Smithsonian has added recycling to the festival and initiated composting in many of the Museum's restaurants, so adding composting at the Festival would be tremendous step towards achieving a more sustainable Smithsonian Institution.

**Dates, Times and Number of Volunteers:** The Festival schedule times for which we need volunteers are as follows and as many as 22 people per shift will be needed:

- Weekdays: June 26, 27, 28, July 3, 4 and 5. Shifts from 10am -5:30 and 5:30-9:00pm.
- Weekends: June 29, 30, and July 6 and 7\*\* Shifts from 10am -5:30 pm and then 5:30-9:00 pm.

\*\* (On July 7 no night shift is required, shifts from 10am -5:30 pm)

Meal vouchers are provided for each volunteer per day shift.

**Special Instructions:** We ask that you please wear closed toed shoes, hats and sunscreen is strongly recommended, public parking is available at the owner's expense but Metro transportation is recommended.

**To sign up,** please fill out our online application at:

<http://www.festival.si.edu/about/volunteers.aspx> or contact the people listed below. When you register through the online application be sure to sign up to volunteer for "Recycling" and note that you want to help with the composting effort.

#### **Contact info:**

Becky Squire, Volunteer Coordinator for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, [squire@si.edu](mailto:squire@si.edu) or (202)633-7477. Or contact: Dr. Eric Hollinger, Supervisory Archaeologist, [hollinger@si.edu](mailto:hollinger@si.edu) or 202-633-0872.

### **Evolution of Transportation**

You're invited to the Evolution of Transportation: Presented by Chairman Sharon Bulova at the Angelika Film Center on Wednesday, June 12 starting at 7:30 pm

From buffalo trails to roads and rails, this event will be a fun and interesting look at how Fairfax County's transportation network evolved over time and what the future holds for transportation in the region.

#### *EVENT AGENDA*

#### **PAST**

Video Screening: A History of Transportation in Fairfax County

#### **PRESENT**

Honorable Gerry Connolly  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Tom Biesiadny, Director  
Fairfax County Department of Transportation

#### **FUTURE**

Panel Discussion:

Adam Tuss (Moderator), Transportation Reporter, NBC4  
David Alpert, Greater Greater Washington  
Josh Sawislak, Mobile Work Exchange  
Frank Weith, Volkswagen of America

Audience Question and Answer Period

Free Admission. Free Parking. Open to all. Food, beer, and wine are available for purchase in the lobby. Enjoy them during the event!

#### **To RSVP or for more information**

Please contact the Chairman's Office at 703.324.4932 or via email at [chairmanemail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairmanemail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **WANTED: Someone interested in Criminal Justice Issues**

The Federation is seeking a representative to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB). If you, or anyone who is active in the community, is interested in serving as the Federation's appointee to the CJAB, please send an email to Linda Boone indicating your interest and any other information about your community experience. Please also send a resume or CV to [Fed2ndVP2013@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:Fed2ndVP2013@fairfaxfederation.org).

This position works with the police and sheriff's offices as well as the courts bringing the community perspective to law enforcement activities. The time commitment for this position can be, as a minimum, to attend monthly meetings of the CJAB and make a short report of CJAB activities to the Federation during the year. If you wish to be more involved you can be as active as you want. This is an exciting appointment and you will learn much about issues related to the criminal justice system in the county and commonwealth. Hope you will be joining us to serve on the CJAB.

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- Number of votes is based on association size. Dues are based on association size and number of mailed bulletins (see chart below):
- 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
- Membership dues are from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Separate invoices may not be mailed. To determine whether your association's membership is current check with the Federation Treasurer at [fedtreas2013\(a\)fairfaxfederation.org](http://fedtreas2013(a)fairfaxfederation.org)
- Mail application form and check, payable to "Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations" or simply "FCFCA", to:  

**THE FEDERATION**  
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Dues, Delegates, & Bulletins

# of Residences	Dues	Voting Delegates	Bulletins (emailed) One per delegate
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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**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  
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