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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Mason Government Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Topic: Report from Richmond

**Speakers: Senator Janet Howell (SD-32) and
Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (HD 41)**



Federation Board Meeting

FCPS Dunn Loring Center, Room 111

9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA

April 25, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

(See directions on Page 6)

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

It was a singular honor and privilege to host the Federation's signature evening at our Annual Banquet to recognize outstanding community leaders. It was my pleasure on April 7 to preside during that ceremony at which the Federation honored Commissioner Peter Murphy as the 2012 Citizen of the Year; bestowed its first ever Lifetime Achievement / Special Gratitude Award to the Honorable Kate Hanley; Citation of Merit Awards to Rose Chu and Phyllis Payne; and Special Gratitude Award to Kyle Talente. I want to thank all of our guests for making this evening a memorable one for our honorees. Please visit our gallery for event pictures that will be posted shortly on www.fairfaxfederation.org.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 starting at 7:30 pm. I am pleased to inform you that Senator Janet Howell (SD-32) and Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (HD 41) have confirmed that they will be joining us to provide us with what promises to be an enlightening Report from Richmond program. Please join us!

On behalf of the Federation, I extend a heartfelt appreciation to County Executive Ed Long and Joe Mondoro of the Department of Management and Budget for joining us at our March meeting to discuss the County's FY 2014 Proposed Budget. The Federation has a long tradition of hosting the County Executive to budget discussions. I am pleased to inform you that we look forward to a continuing dialogue with County Executive Ed Long on many matters.

I delivered the Federation's FY 2014 Budget Resolution to the Board of Supervisors at their budget public hearing on Tuesday, April 9. Thank you to the Federation board, membership and to the community for helping us with our work on the budget this year. We do our best work when we show up to work together.

Thank you for staying connected to the Federation on facebook.

Happy Spring!

Best Regards,

Tania

Keep Your Association Information Up-to-Date

Fairfax County lists approximately 2500 Community Associations (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/internet/assoc.htm>). Be sure your association keeps its contact information up to date, using <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/hoaupdate.htm>.

Federation's Resolution on County Budget

At its March Membership Meeting, the Federation voted to support the County Executive's request that the tax rate be raised to \$1.095 per \$100 of assessed value, a \$0.02 increase. The Resolution was delivered to the Board of Supervisors in writing and at a public hearing on April 10. The resolution and a video of the presentation will be available at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/>.

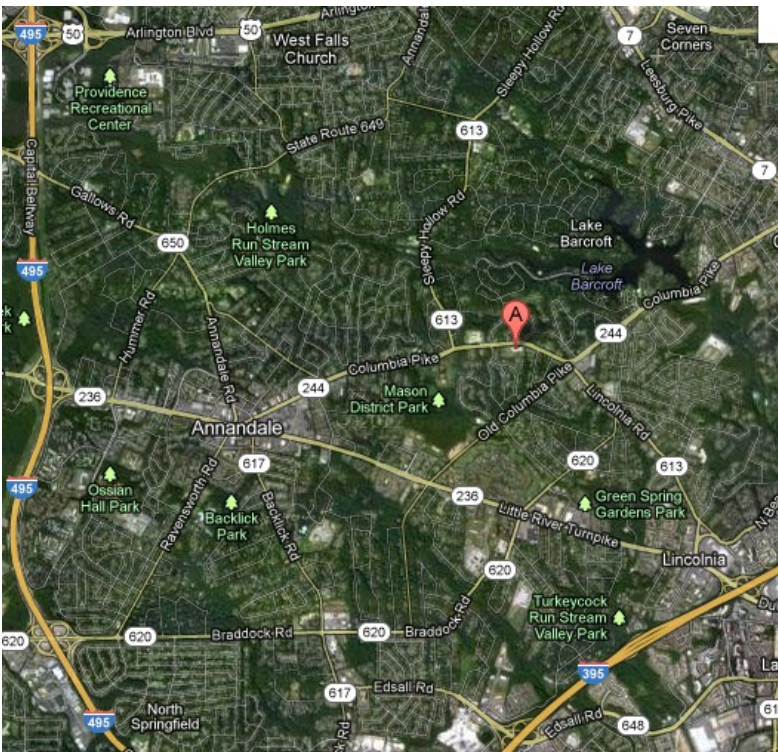
Assessments increased 3.5% on average, so the total increase would be 5.4%. If the Board of Supervisors grants the Executive's request, the new tax on a \$500,000 home, including the stormwater tax of \$0.02 per \$100, would be \$5770, as compared to \$5475 in 2012, an increase of \$295.

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Directions to Mason District Government Center

From I-495 (the Beltway), Take the Little River Turnpike East towards Annandale exit. Follow Little River Turnpike into Downtown Annandale. Turn LEFT at the traffic light at John Marr Drive. At the next traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Columbia Pike. Follow Columbia Pike past the Mason District Park (on your right). The Mason Governmental Center is on your right, 0.5 miles past the park entrance (in the same building as the Police Station).



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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at 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 or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

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 (tentative)	27-Jun	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 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	FedBudgetChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
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Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	FedHumanServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello & Matthew Bell.....	FedLandUseChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Frank Anderson	FedLegislationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Membership: Tania Hossain.....	FedMembershipChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
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Resolutions: Bill Hanks	FedResolutionsChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Transportation: Jeff Parnes	FedTransportationChr2013@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, March 28, 2013

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 4/18/2013](#)

The March 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 Braddock Hall.

Due to other the budget-related aspects of this meeting-there were no reports from committees and district councils and only three non-budget announcements. First, Tania welcomed Daniela Cockayne as co-chair of the Public Safety Committee. Second, articles for The Bulletin (newsletter) are due March 30. Third, 133 reservations have been received to date for the Citizen of the Year banquet.

Program: 2014 Advertised Budget by County Executive Ed Long

Second Vice President Linda Boone introduced the next portion of the meeting. We were fortunate to have County Executive Ed Long join us to outline the 2014 advertised budget that he has proposed and to join in discussion to answer our questions and hear our comments. Joe Mondero of the Department of Management and Budget participated with Mr. Long. Following Mr. Long's presentation and the question and answer period, Linda thanked Ed and Joe for spending time with us and informing us on the budget situation; presented Mr. Long a Federation mug; and promised also to deliver a mug to Mr. Mondero.

Federation Budget Resolution

After a short break, Linda chaired this portion of the meeting. The board on March 21 had approved submitting the proposed Federation budget resolution to the membership at this meeting. On March 21 the board had not seen and therefore had not approved submitting the Transportation section. Also on March 21 the Board had referred the Public Safety section back to the committee for additional development and had referred the Pension section to several board members for resolution of several items. During the past week the Budget Committee published the board approved budget resolution.

Key points of the budget resolution review are summarized here. (*The recording secretary warns that these remarks are his interpretation of outcomes; the final resolution as published by the Budget Committee will be the official record.*)

- The transportation resolution was submitted and approved with some modifications.
- Those members who were to have resolved Pension section differences post-board meeting had made progress, but had made progress in resolving issues. The membership brought the resolution to a final position. It was agreed this area needs in the future a comprehensive review and a recommendation on a long range policy.
- The membership supports competitive compensation for county employees with the Board of Supervisors and County Executive to identify offsets to enable the increased compensation within the overall budget limit.
- The membership discussed and rejected a proposal by the Environmental Committee to add a stormwater resolution to the budget resolution. The proposed stormwater resolution called for considering/employing revenue bonds to finance

stormwater projects. Currently, projects must be fully funded before they can be begun; the use of bonds would enable earlier remediation of stormwater problems and would allow paying for these infrastructure projects over their lifetime. The membership agreed the concept is worth pursuing, but as a separate, standalone resolution, rather than part of the 2014 budget resolution.

- The greatest amount of discussion time was devoted to the Education section. The Education Committee contended that the Budget Committee had misinterpreted the outcome of the Board meeting regarding the education section. Consequently the Education Committee moved a substitute Education section which was accepted for further revision. The substitute document was the resolution approved by the board with two additions to address two of the new items presented in the budget committee's document. Points dealing with the FCPS operating budget presented in slide 27 of Ed Long's handout were accepted as friendly amendments. The motion to strike the resolved clause requesting an increase of \$34M in the County's transfer to FCPS was passed. After much discussion and some modification a recommendation for an independent auditor was approved. Several other motions for revisions died for lack of a second. The final resolution did not include a recommendation on the amount of the transfer to FCPS.
- In a close vote (a margin of two votes), the membership voted to recommend a real estate tax rate of \$1.095, the same rate recommended by the County Executive and advertised by the Board of Supervisors. This was a reversal of the Board's March 21 position, which was to recommend a continuation of the current real estate tax rate of \$1.075.
- The membership voted to delete the entire Concluding Resolution which was predicated on the \$1.075 rate recommendation and was, therefore, no longer relevant.

Finally, the membership voted to approve the entire budget resolution.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Next Meetings

Citizen of the Year Banquet: April 7 at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Your Community, Your Call

Your Community, Your Call: Avoiding Meeting Mayhem will replay on Monday nights on Fairfax County Government Channel 16. The program is also available for viewing anytime by Video on Demand (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/your_community.asx).

Your Community, Your Call is a bi-monthly program for homeowner and condominium association directors, managers, and members. The most recent program featured Michelle L. Thompson, of Fairfax County Consumer Affairs; Brendan P. Bunn, attorney with the law firm of Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn, P.C.; and Donna Newman, Vice President of CFM Management Services.

Fairfax's Department of Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC) is one of many boards and commissions that oversee Fairfax County government activities. The Federation is one of five groups that appoints a person to the committee. Each county supervisor also appoints one. ITPAC 1) reviews planning and progress of projects performed by the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to see that they conform to industry "best practices" and 2) recommends to the County Executive and Board of Supervisors those projects that will have the biggest impact for the county and its citizens.

DIT has become the central enabler for what the county does and what its citizens see. DIT furnishes operational support to most county functions and programs, providing the ability to deliver high-quality, responsive services while facing growth in both demand and public expectations. It allows agencies providing services directly to the public to do more with less.

Overall, investments in technology have paid off. county staff positions per 1,000 residents have decreased from 13.5 in 1992 to 11.2 in 2013. Intelligent, cost-effective technology investments providing necessary improvements for courts, social services efficiency and compliance, and public safety response are well known.

This year, ITPAC recommended the following:

1. DIT-Agency Resource Reconciliation and Governance: Centralize Information Technology services with DIT, thereby reducing costs. DIT is often called upon to provide increased or enhanced IT services to allow non-DIT projects to be successful. Each agency project justification should include IT resources and the DIT budget required.
2. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Strategy: Enable county employees to provide their own IT devices (tablet, notebook computers, smartphones), thereby reducing capital expenditures (devices and land-line phones) and improving employee satisfaction. Policies are necessary to ensure that network compatibility and information security requirements are met.
3. Consolidation: Consolidate IT services between the county and the school system. The Fairfax County Unified System (FOCUS) has already shown the value of consolidating some IT services provided by both the county and the county schools.
4. Cyber Security: Plan to boost the focus (and expenditures) in cyber security. Security will be an increasingly important issue for all organizations including the county.
5. IT Staff Compensation: Maintain competitive compensation for IT personnel. As Fairfax County seeks to reduce costs, it will continue to face significant challenges in recruiting required quality talent in Northern Virginia's very competitive IT labor market. Commercial alternatives for service would be notably more costly.
6. Revenue Generation: Seek revenue by providing IT services to local governments. Fairfax County faces potential budget challenges in future years. The potential exists to generate revenue by leveraging the county's IT expertise, in conjunction with its cloud strategy, to provide services to smaller or less IT savvy local governments.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adams Walk 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
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
Ravenwood Park Community Association
Reston Citizens Association
Skyline House Unit Owners Association
Sleepy Hollow Civic Association
Stone Haven Civic Association
Stratford on the Potomac
Sunset Manor Civic Association
Tysons Manor HOA
Walnut Hill HOA
Waynwood Citizens Association
Wilburdale Civic Association

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Bi-Partisan Election Process Improvement Commission (BPEPIC) Update

Submitted by Tania Hossain, Federation Representative to the Commission

In response to citizen complaints about long lines and other concerns during the 2012 Election Day, and to improve the election process in Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors created the Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission at its November 20, 2012 meeting. The 26-member Commission comprised the Co-Chairmen, Katherine K. Hanley and Stuart Mendelsohn, and 24 members, one to represent each of the nine Supervisor election districts, two representatives appointed at-large by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, three representatives of the disability community, and one representative each from the Fairfax County Democratic and Republican Committees, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax Bar Association, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the African-American community, the Hispanic community, the Asian Pacific Islander American community, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The commission met ten times beginning on January 3, 2013 to identify both short-term and long-term solutions. Members of the public and county staff attended and observed each commission meeting. Public input was solicited by members of the commission as well as through the commission's webpage posted on the county's website. In addition, the commission kept the public updated on its work by posting workplans online, including agendas, a list of the members and a number of informational documents.

The commission presented its report to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The report contained 50 recommendations in order to fulfill the commission's charge to consider optimal locations for precincts; analyze the size of precincts; study the various issues associated with equipment; examine polling place staffing, training and dispatch of election day officials; and review the county's by-mail and in-person absentee voting process. The final report is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/electioncommission/election-commission-report.htm. The commission was staffed by Michael Long and Erin Ward of the County Attorney's Office and by Lisa Connors of the Office of Public Affairs who provided exceptional service to the commission.

I am honored to share with you that the Federation was instrumental in providing considerable feedback to the commission on voter experience on Election Day 2012. This feedback was solicited via email, in person and during polling location site visits. My experience during these 10 weeks was an enriching one and a great honor to have served the commission as the Federation's Representative. I am appreciative to the Federation for this opportunity.

The Fairfax Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

On March 14, five members of the Federation visited the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the McConnell Building, Public Safety & Transportation Center (PSTOC), 4890 Alliance Dr., Fairfax VA. The visit was organized by the Federation's 2nd Vice President, Linda Boone; the tour was conducted superbly by Marcelo Ferreira, the Community Liaison for the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. This summary of the visit was submitted by Daniela D. Cockayne, the Federation's Co-Chair of Public Safety.

The Fairfax Emergency Operations Center is a partnership between Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. It brings multiple agencies and functions together under one roof to enhance the effectiveness of Public Safety responses during natural or man-made incidents or disasters.

The EOC uses the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system is designed to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. The EOC can activate fully or in part according to the emergency. Personnel assigned to one of the positions located in the EOC are NIMS certified; train regularly together or in smaller groups; and participate in large annual "drills."

The facility is built to endure severe weather and other calamities. It can operate on generator power for up to 90 days. In the event of a catastrophic emergency, not allowing the EOC personnel to leave the building, it is stocked with bedding, as well as food and water for all employees expected to be in the facility during such time.

The Fairfax County EOC is a state-of-the-art facility visited throughout the year by US and foreign public safety agencies, eager to emulate this model facility, its command and control system, and its operational capabilities. Fairfax County residents should feel safer, knowing that such superior capabilities are in place.

Directions to the Next Board Meeting

The FCPS Dunn Loring Administration Center is at 2334 Gallows Rd. One can approach via Gallows Road by going south from Tysons or by going north from Merrifield and the Dunn Loring Metro Station (0.9 miles beyond the Metro station). (From the W&OD Trail-Gallows Rd intersection, the destination is 0.3 miles north on Gallows Rd.)

The building sits on the northwest corner of the Gallows Rd intersection with Idylwood Rd. There is a stop light at this intersection.

Although the front of the building faces Gallows Road, participants to the FCFA April 25 board meeting should park near the rear corner of the building on the Idylwood Rd. side; this area of parking can best be accessed via Idylwood Rd. Participants will enter the building's Entrance 2, which is on the Idylwood side near the rear of the building. Inside Entrance 2, Conference Room 111 is straight ahead a short distance on the right side of the hall and is clearly numbered.

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Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (starts July 1, 2012)
 Print this form in landscape mode and submit by mailing with a check to address shown below.
 You may also complete this form on line at www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm

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

Please indicate person and address above to send future membership renewals: **District?** **Association Type?**
Association Size/Federation Dues: **Organization's web site:**
 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
 3. 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

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

THE FEDERATION
 Attention: Membership Vice President
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 Merrifield, VA 22116-3913

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# 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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District: B. Braddock, D. Dranesville, H. Hunter Mill, L. Lee, M. Mason, MTV. Mount Vernon, P. Providence, Sp. Springfield, Su. Sully
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