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**Federation Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:30 pm**

**Mason District Government Center**  
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

**Topic: Emergency Preparedness**

**Presented by: Fairfax County Office of  
Emergency Preparedness**



**Federation Board Meeting**

December 4, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Fortune Restaurant

6249 Seven Corner Center (on Arlington Blvd, Route 50)  
Falls Church, VA 22044

***President's Message***

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

As we start looking forward to our Thanksgiving holiday, the Federation looks forward to some of its other critical work. With our legislative agenda having been presented to the Fairfax Delegation at the October meeting, the Board of Supervisors' Chairman requested a personal presentation too. This was done on October 28<sup>th</sup>, with each supervisor being handed a copy.

Our legislative agenda was well received by both elected bodies, who have, on numerous occasions, reiterated the excellent ideas and presentation of the research incorporated into the Federation's Legislative Package.

You can view the package at:

[http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/  
ResolutionLegislativeProgram2015Approved20141016.pdf](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2015Approved20141016.pdf)

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Membership who supplied several hundred responses and over 400 comments.

The November Program has been arranged by the Public Safety Committee. Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Preparedness will address Basic Emergency Preparedness by making a plan, having a kit, staying informed, and getting involved.

We invite you and your community to join us for this programming event and provide us with some feedback that will be critical in the discussion of this issue.

As I write this column, the elections are a few days off – I strongly encourage each member and every community to please exercise their right and VOTE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>. And congratulations (in advance) to all those elected by the people who spoke with their ballot. I pray that we can come close to the people of Scotland with voting percentages.

On behalf of the Federation, I wish you and your community a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday and hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Best regards, Tim

**Federation's Legislative Program**

In October the Federation presented the *Federation 2015 Legislative Program - Top Eleven Issues* to the twenty-five members of the Virginia General Assembly who represent Fairfax County, beginning with those six who were present at our October 16 Legislative Forum and continuing with e-mail transmission to all. On October 28, 2014, the package was presented orally and in printed form to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

We ask that Federation members support the eleven issues that we have identified for legislative action and coordinate with their legislators to help get legislation passed. The eleven issues were compiled from a membership-wide survey, vetted through Federation committees, and voted by the Federation Board.

The *Federation 2015 Legislative Program* is available on-line at:

[http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/  
ResolutionLegislativeProgram2015Approved20141016.pdf](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2015Approved20141016.pdf)

**Congratulations to Those Elected**

The Federation extends its congratulations to those elected on November 4. The incumbents who won were Senator Mark Warner (D) and Representative Gerry Connolly (D). The seats left vacant by retirements were won by Barbara Comstock (R), who won Representative Frank Wolf's seat, and Donald Beyer (D), who won Representative Jim Moran's seat.

All were elected by a majority, except Senator Warner, who won with a plurality.

FCFCA Calendar 2014-2015				
Membership Meeting			Board Mtg	
Date	Program	Location	Date	Location
2014				
Jul	no meeting	—	—	—
Aug	no meeting	—	14-Aug	Mason Government Center (MCR)
18-Sep	Stream Stewardship	Mason Governmental Center, Main Conference Room (MCR)	25-Sep	Braddock Hall
16-Oct	Legislative Package	Mason Governmental Center, Large Conference Room (LCR)	23-Oct	Braddock Hall
20-Nov	Emergency Preparedness	Mason Governmental Center (MCR)	—	—
11-Dec	Future of the Fairfax County Public Library (tentative)	Mason Governmental Center, Large Conference Room (LCR)	4-Dec	Fortune Restaurant, Falls Church
2015				
15-Jan	2015 Police and Fire Olympics	Mason Governmental Center	22-Jan	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
19-Feb	Future Land Use in Fairfax County	Braddock Hall	26-Feb	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
19-Mar	County & FCPS Budgets (tentative)	Braddock Hall	26-Mar	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
16-Apr	TBD	Mason Governmental Center	23-Apr	Braddock Hall
19-Apr	Citizen of the Year Banquet	TBD		
21-May	TBD	Mason Governmental Center	28-May	Braddock Hall
18-Jun	Picnic, Installation of Officers, State of Fairfax	Annandale Community Park	25-Jun	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)

Braddock Hall is at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

Mason District Government Center is at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except at 6:30 pm on Jun 18 (the picnic).

The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is 9 AM on the Saturday following the Board 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: Curtis Anderson & Paul Davis .....	<a href="mailto:FedBudgetChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedBudgetChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman .....	<a href="mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedAssociationServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Community Outreach: Shaista Keating .....	
Education: Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer .....	<a href="mailto:FedEducationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEducationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Environment: Flint Webb .....	<a href="mailto:FedEnvironmentChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEnvironmentChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Finance: Ed Saperstein, Ed Wyse, Matt Bell .....	
Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	<a href="mailto:FedHumanServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedHumanServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Land Use: Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn .....	<a href="mailto:FedLandUseChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLandUseChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Legislation: Matt Bell & Bill Barfield .....	<a href="mailto:FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Library: Kathy Kaplan.....	
Membership: Open .....	<a href="mailto:FedMembershipChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedMembershipChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne & Gabe Goldberg.....	<a href="mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedPublicSafetyChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Resolutions: Bill Hanks .....	<a href="mailto:FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Transportation: Karen Campblin & Jeff Parnes.....	<a href="mailto:FedTransportationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org">FedTransportationChr2015@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.

### Jean Packard

Former County Board Chair and Federation President, Jean Packard passed away on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at the age of 91. She served as Fairfax County's first female Chair of the Board of Supervisors from 1972-1975 and went to serve on the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Board for over two decades. She was the first female elected to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.. She served as President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association in 1967.



"Jean was a true trailblazer for women leaders in Fairfax County. She was forward-thinking, passionate steward of the county's parks, water, and natural resources, and will be sincerely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her," said Chairman Bulova in a released statement.

Ms. Packard's aspiring and passionate legacy to our community and the environment is forever etched in Fairfax County. The Providence District Council joins the community with our deepest condolences for the Packard family and their friends. May you rest in peace.

*Thanks to Providence District Council for this obituary.*

### Economic Indicators for Fairfax County

Readers might be interested in the economic indicators for Fairfax County. The data for August can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/economic/indicat/2014/08.pdf>

Data for September has not yet been published.

### Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors

The proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Supervisors are conveniently available in video format at:

[http://video.fairfaxcounty.gov/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://video.fairfaxcounty.gov/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2)

The website includes an outline of the meeting such that clicking on a topic makes the video immediately jump to that topic.

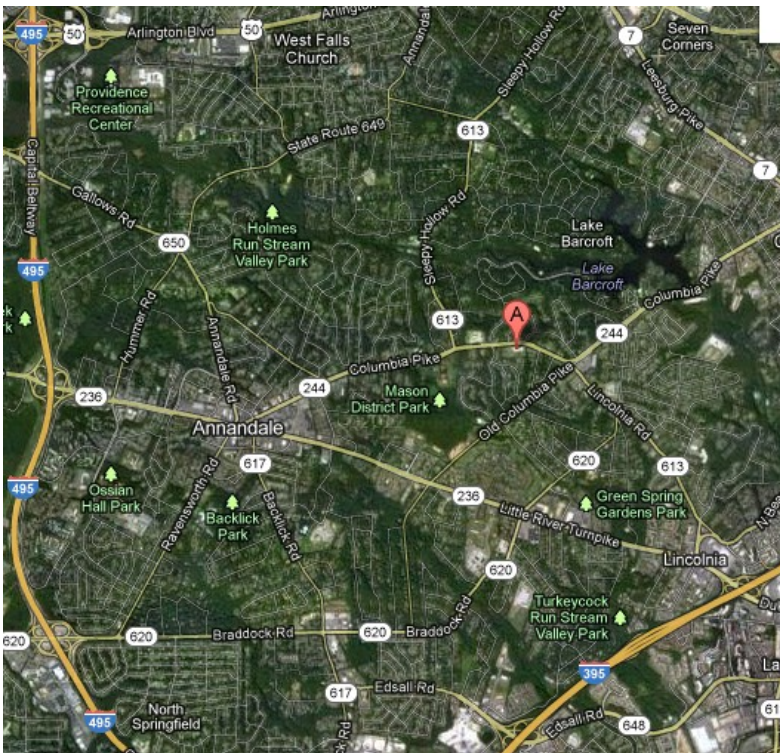
The video is the best source of the most recent information concerning the activities of the Board of Supervisors.

### The Informed Consumer

The Informed Consumer is a quarterly publication of the County's Consumer Affairs Branch that is designed to keep Fairfax County residents updated on consumer issues. Look for "The Informed Consumer" at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer>.

## Directions to the 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, in the same building as the Police Station, 0.5 miles past the park entrance .



### **Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**

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**2014-2015 President:** Tim Thompson

**Newsletter Editor:** Frederick A. Costello

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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at [FedBulletinEditor2014@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2014@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.



### **Re-planning Reston (Phase II)**

Two (and only two) Community Meetings were scheduled to present and discuss the County's "strawman" Comprehensive Plan text for Reston Village Centers and residential neighborhoods. The October 18 meeting did not finish; therefore, this "second" meeting is scheduled to continue on:

- Saturday, November 8, 2014 at a location to be determined. The meeting will focus on Baron Cameron retail and the Tall Oaks Village Center.

Documents from the first meeting can be found at:

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/publicmeetings-2014/09-13-2014\\_communitymtg.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/publicmeetings-2014/09-13-2014_communitymtg.htm)

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/documents.htm>

The schedule calls for publication of the staff's Recommended Comprehensive Plan Text and Staff Report by February 2015, with the hearing before the Planning Commission in April 2015 and the hearing before the Board of Supervisors in June 2015.

In general, the plan is to increase the commercial and residential densities.

Notice that the Strawman meetings and the two hearings are the only opportunities for citizens to influence the plans. You can read all comments at

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/community\\_comment.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/community_comment.htm)

### **Development without Attendant Traffic Analysis**

On the basis of traffic concerns, the Mason District Council recently objected to a proposed funeral chapel on Braddock Road ([www.annandaleblog.com](http://www.annandaleblog.com)). We have seen this same objection against many proposed parcel developments. We need traffic-system designs and analyses to show that parcel re-development can be accommodated.

### **Governance of Citizen Associations**

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 The Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch and the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute hosted a FREE HOA and Condominium Association educational seminar at the Fairfax County Government Center entitled *The 2014 Legislative Review*.

A panel of industry experts shared information about the 2014 legislative changes; how to address association board challenges such as association governance, operations and compliance; projections for topics of consideration during the 2015 General Assembly Session; and how to effectively engage with your local, state, and federal officials.

The program is available for viewing on Fairfax County Government Channel 16 on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The program can be viewed online 24/7 by Video on Demand at:

[http://fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/102014\\_cai\\_event.asx](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/102014_cai_event.asx).

### **Plans for 5,500 Acres West of the City of Fairfax**

The section of the Comprehensive Plan covering the Fairfax Center Area is being reviewed for possible revision. The review is a multi-phase planning study to examine current recommendations and existing conditions within the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. The Fairfax Center Area is west of the City of Fairfax and east of Centreville, generally between Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway (Route 50) and Lee Highway (Route 29).



The study is being conducted under Fairfax Forward, the replacement for the APR process that provides public input only at two planning meetings. The input must be in the form of specific ideas for the land use. Under Fairfax Forward, the only remaining meetings where objections may be raised is at the hearing before the Board of Supervisors (December 2, 2014). The draft of the revised plan is available at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/>

Other proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>

### **Pay Raises for County Employees**

On October 14, 2014, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Personnel and Reorganization Committee issued a report recommending that County employees be given annual raises that would average 3.6% over a 25-year working life of the employee. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan on October 28. The total raise is based on an annual increase in the cost of living of 1.5%. If the cost of living is greater, the raise would be greater by the same amount. Of the existing employees, next year 16% would get a raise of 4.0%, 32% would get a raise of 3.0%, and 14% would get a raise of 2.5%. The [data](#) was cited in the Fairfax Times.

These total raises may be compared to those in the private sector. One estimate of U.S. private-sector pay raises in 2014 was 2.8%:

<http://www.hrreporter.com/articleview/18622-employers-scaling-back-salary-increases-for-2014-survey>

An estimate for the private sector pay raises in Virginia was 2.9%:

<http://www.virginiabusiness.com/news/article/average-pay-raise-in-2014-is-expected-to-be-2.9-percent/324313>

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates pay increases of 1.4% for private industry in the Washington DC area:

<http://www.bls.gov/ro3/eciwb.htm>

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### **Proposed Resolution Concerning Route 1**

The following resolution was passed by the Federation Board at its October 23, 2014, Board Meeting in support of the continuing into Phase 2 the multi-modal analysis of transportation along Route 1. The Phase 1 report recommends continuing the study. The Membership will vote on this resolution at its November 20, 2014 meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** Dedicated Phase 2 funding from the State Legislature of \$4 million is required to apply for matching Federal funding. Without the completion of Phase 2 Multi-Modal Analysis Study, the \$2M State and County contribution funding the phase 1 study will come to naught. The phase 1 study has involved all stakeholders including citizens, elected officials, and county and state staff.

**WHEREAS:** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit is currently undertaking the Phase 1 US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis Study which will be expected to result in a "preferred option" recommendation for mass transit along 15 miles of US Rt. 1. This study is due to be completed in January 2015.

**WHEREAS:** It is anticipated that the Phase 1 study preferred solution will be a metro compatible extension under-ground from Huntington Ave to Hybla Valley and from there Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to the Virginia Rail Express (VRE) Woodbridge station in Prince William County.

**WHEREAS:** Several previous studies regarding feasibility of mass transit have taken place over the past 25 years but none have been fully funded. This lack of funding has resulted in a waste of taxpayers' dollars and continued traffic jams on a major roadway.

**WHEREAS:** The US Rt. 1 corridor, from the Woodbridge VRE station to the Interstate 95/495 beltway interchange is a heavily traveled Federal Highway acting both as a local artery and a throughway for traffic heading north and south across the region.

**WHEREAS:** Incorporating multi-modal transportation, including mass transit, vehicular lanes, and pedestrian and bike lanes into future development plans will enhance this corridor's appeal. The benefits include:

Environment: reduce health-harming emissions and fossil fuel usage;

Transportation: reduce road traffic during peak travel times and weekend shopping which will in turn reduce the frustrations for both locals and transitory visitors;

Public Safety: reduce auto and pedestrian accidents by offering sidewalks and bike lanes dedicated to non-motorized vehicles;

Economic Development: bring higher quality of life and economic income to this an area by encouraging Transit Oriented Development (TOD) near mass transit stations as shown by numerous studies. As developers and businesses congregate around TODs they increase jobs, businesses income and State and County tax revenue; and

Improve Quality of Life: attract better shops, restaurants, housing, urban parks, etc. to TODs, which will result in

increased opportunities for citizens of all economic status to meet and enjoy life

**WHEREAS:** Federal funding is required to make mass transit a reality along the US Rt. 1 corridor from the Woodbridge VRE station to the I95/495 Beltway. This funding cannot be secured without the completion of the US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Phase 2 Analysis Study (engineering and environmental considerations).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations urges our State Legislators to fund the required \$4 million to conduct the Phase 2 Study for the US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis.

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That Governor McAuliffe encourage the State Legislative body to fund the US Rt. 1 Phase 2 Multi-Modal Analysis Study.

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** The Federation urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to work closely with our State Legislators to make the Phase 2 funding a reality.

### **Transportation Planning Board Testimony**

On October 16, 2014, Jeff Parnes, one of the Federation's Transportation Committee co-chairs, testified before the Commonwealth's Transportation Planning Board as follows:

- The Rt 28 / I66 interchange needs to be fully funded and fully functional, allowing all movements between Rt 28 and I66 - north, south, east and west - with access provided to and from the Walney/Braddock roads intersection directly to the north of the highway interchange.
- Phase 2 of the US Route 1 Multi-Model Analysis Study (Environmental and Engineering) needs to be funded. There is a dire need for Mass transit in the RT 1 corridor.
- Additional crossings of the Potomac River are desperately needed north and south of the beltway. The commonwealth has multiple north/south roads built or in its plans to the north and west of the I495 American Legion Bridge.
- WMATA, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, has developed plans for Metro capital improvements. The Momentum 2025 plan is an interim goal. The Momentum 2025 interim goal should be bypassed and the Momentum 2040 plan should be implemented, with new Potomac River crossings.

### **Fairfax County Bicycle Plan**

The transportation bond that voters favored on November 4 will raise \$77 million to spend on bicycle paths throughout the county.

A bicycle-path hearing before the Board of Supervisors was held on October 28; the Comprehensive Plan amendment was [passed](#). The following documents are available at the County website: [Staff Report](#), [Bicycle Master Plan Attachment](#), [Bicycle Network Map Attachment](#), and [Trails Plan Map Attachment](#).

Other proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>

### **Proposed Resolution Concerning Cankerworms**

The following resolution was passed by the Federation Board at its October 23, 2014, Board Meeting in opposition to spraying to kill cankerworms. The Membership will vote on this resolution at its November 20, 2014 meeting.

WHEREAS, Fairfax County maintains an insecticide spraying program to reduce populations of a native insect, the Fall Cankerworm *Alsophila pometaria* (commonly referred to as "inchworm");

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2013, Fairfax County sprayed approximately 2,200 acres and 1,965 acres, respectively, in the County with a commercial application of the bacterial insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk);

WHEREAS, the County conducts spraying for the Fall Cankerworm in the early spring to minimize impacts on other species of moth and butterfly larvae,

WHEREAS, climate change is causing the emergence of moth and butterfly larvae to emerge earlier each year;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is a native moth caterpillar that has irruptions (population increases) every few years as part of its natural population dynamics; there are natural forces that keep these irruptions in check, including predatory insects and birds;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is an important food source for wildlife including migrating and breeding birds in Fairfax County; spraying occurs in spring, an especially critical period when many birds are migrating through Fairfax County or raising their young;

WHEREAS, this spraying program is lethal to all species of butterflies and moths present in their caterpillar stage in the sprayed areas (not just the Fall Cankerworm) and thus could be an important contributing factor to the declines in local butterfly and moth populations, along with the songbirds and other wildlife that depend on this caterpillar as an important food source;

WHEREAS, according to the American Bird Conservancy, National Audubon Society, North American Butterfly Association, and conservationists nationwide it is widely published that many migrating and resident songbirds, and many butterfly and moth species along the Eastern Seaboard are declining;

WHEREAS, Fairfax County does not monitor the impact of the Fall Cankerworm on tree health or mortality, thus failing to show any harm directly attributable to this native insect to the trees; the County also does not monitor the impact of the spraying on other native butterfly and moth species that are just as vulnerable to the Btk spraying as the Fall Cankerworm, nor does it monitor the indirect impacts on birds and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, continuous and repeated spraying typically results in an unnatural pesticide dependence (known as the "pesticide treadmill") and negatively impacts the overall biodiversity needed to support tree health;

WHEREAS, trees in Fairfax County are under much greater threat from non-native invasive plants such as English Ivy, Kudzu, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, and others than from the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm does not bite or sting, and poses no threat to human health or safety;

WHEREAS, Ashley Kennedy, a trained entomologist, testified at the May 22, 2014 Board of Supervisors budget hearing against the continuation of this program, having consulted with more than one dozen similarly trained entomologists from institutions around the country, all of whom agree that the significantly negative impact of this program on songbirds, butterflies (including our state butterfly, the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail), and moths does not justify the focus of this program on the killing of one native species of caterpillar, just because the inchworms may be "bothersome" to a relatively few County residents;

WHEREAS, any "nuisance" caused by the appearance of the Fall Cankerworm does not justify the costs, damage to wildlife and risks of insecticide spraying program;

WHEREAS, alternative, less destructive approaches are available to manage nuisance-related concerns, including education and community outreach on the importance of the Fall Cankerworm to our urban ecosystem and the value of a diverse mix of native tree species in resisting damage from Fall Cankerworm outbreaks, along with increased promotion of tree banding as an option for citizens who wish to control the Fall Cankerworm; only a fraction of the annual spraying cost would be needed to develop and distribute these materials to County residents;

WHEREAS, at least six community groups have committed to assisting Fairfax County in developing more balanced communications materials, including alternatives to insecticide spraying that are available for controlling the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the county staff says this program can be opted out of through their mailed postcard program, this process does not fully inform the citizens of the program and its impact. Furthermore, while the county staff may feel it is meeting its notification goal it is not. Citizens are inundated with bulk "trash" advertisements and it is most likely that these post cards are simply not recognized as an important notification from the County.

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the Fairfax County Budget for the Forest Pest Program are \$1,105,927 for FY 2015 and \$1,105,316 for FY 2014 (Revised);

Be it RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association recommends the immediate termination of the Fairfax County Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program;

Be It Further RESOLVED, the Federation recommends that a portion of the funds approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program be reallocated to citizen education and community outreach as described above, along with increased funding for the County's Tree Action Plan to increase native species diversity and otherwise improve forest health in Fairfax County.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2014

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 11/20/2014](#)

The October 2014 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:45 p.m., at Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA.

### Program: Federation's 2015 Legislative Package

This year the legislative package was developed via input from a survey of residents constructed by the Legislative Committee and conducted online. Survey results were consolidated into fifteen positions. The Federation's board on October 2<sup>nd</sup> voted whether to adopt each position. Eleven positions were adopted. On October 14 the legislative package was sent via e-mail to the membership. The legislative package was presented to the legislators who attended this evening's meeting and will be delivered to the other legislators in the next few days.

The titles of the legislative positions are:

- Law for hands-free driving
- Increase in tobacco tax for schools
- School opening date
- Update LCI (Local Composite Index)
- Remove state-funding formula limit (for libraries)
- Declare libraries to be essential services
- Climate change and energy conservation
- Solid water/debris control
- Plastic-bag fee/credit
- Guidelines on \$50M funds transfer (state transportation funds)
- Redistricting laws

The Federation's 2015 Legislative Package, as presented to our legislators and the Board of Supervisors, is available at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2015Approved20141016.pdf>.

The Federation's internal working 2015 Proposed 15 Issues Package with statistics from the survey, all fifteen proposed issues, and board voting results is available at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Legislation/Federation2015LegislativeSurveySummaryandWorkingDocument201410014.pdf>.

### Legislators' Forum

Six of the twenty-five members of the General Assembly who represent Fairfax County participated in the forum. The legislators who participated were:

**Senator Chap Peterson (34th district):** City of Fairfax, Town of Vienna, surrounding areas, extending west

**Senator David Marsden (37th district):** Parts of Sully, Springfield, Braddock, & Mason Districts

**Delegate Mark Keam (35th district):** Town of Vienna, surrounding areas, extending west

**Delegate David Bulova (37th district):** City of Fairfax, surrounding areas, extending west.

**Delegate Vivian Watts (39th district):** Straddling I-95/I-395/I-495 intersection, extending south & west.

**Delegate Marcus Simon (53rd district):** City of Falls Church and surrounding areas

In addition, Legislative Aide Megan Howard represented **Delegate Scott Surovell**, 44<sup>th</sup> District, Mount Vernon area from Potomac River west to Beulah St. & Telegraph Rd., including Rt. 1 corridor.

The legislators each gave a short address about their views of the continuing 2014 General Assembly session and the upcoming 2105 session.

*Your secretary tried here to summarize the legislator's key points. I offer my apologies if I have omitted or misrepresented any points. Any error is entirely mine.*

**Senator Chap Peterson:** Will file a bill to tax plastic bags.

**Senator David Marsden:** Pushing ethics reform. An example is state employees who end a career with a high-paying political appointment and retire based on the earnings of their high three years of earnings. Explained declining economic conditions in many parts of Virginia and how that impacts the dynamics of legislative cohesion.

**Delegate Mark Keam:** Builds his legislative program in the post-election period and drafts his bills in November; he suggests we inform our members to sign up for legislators' e-mail news releases; he discussed pending budget issues due to declining revenue forecasts; in November the current session will tackle judicial appointments; in January expect more ethics reform, redistricting for Congress, and consideration of the recommendations of the Standards of Learning reform commission. He expects Medicaid expansion will be a major issue in the next election for General Assembly members.

**Delegate David Bulova:** For fair reapportionment; has great interest in HOA/Common Interest Board issues; questions whether HOA's need non-judicial takings power (although rarely exercised); asks if there should be a minimum size for HOA's; investigating disposal of digital assets upon death; improving energy efficiency (specific example how to assist homeowners to spread the cost of energy-saving capital improvements over the life of projected savings); and ban microbeads

**Delegate Vivian Watts:** Medicaid in the current budget is incredibly complex (19-pages); one reason for the extended legislative session is that it diminishes the governor's powers; reform of tax policy and Local Composite Index are important because demographics have changed since these were enacted—they no longer are fair or effective; ethics rules should apply to family members; semi-annual financial statements ought to occur prior to elections instead of in December; we need to take a long-term approach to the needs of the mental ill, especially those who also have physical limitations; will observe photo ID in actual practice to see how election officials' discretionary decisions impact citizens; transportation revenue forecast is down significantly; must repeal a 2012 law that gives the Commonwealth Transportation Commission power to allocate the first \$50M in construction funds with formula or other constraint; Common Interest Communities is outside my committee assignments but keep me informed of your views.

**Delegate Marcus Simon:** Ban microbeads; election process improvement to include redistricting, that clerk of elections should focus on facilitating voting rather than "gatekeeping", & repeal of photo ID requirement; campaign finance reform, espe-

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cially to prohibit candidates from using campaign funds for personal use; and repeal ban on same sex marriages (bill already submitted). He will seek opposition party co-sponsors for bills he will introduce.

Megan Howard for **Delegate Scott Surovell**: The future of the US Route 1 corridor is a key issue. Delegate Surovell's vision includes a 6-lane road with a transit component and corresponding focused, walkable, mixed-use development near the road. Delegate Surovell and Senator Puller will sponsor legislation to allocate \$4M to conduct the next step toward corridor improvements—a Phase 2 Study for US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis.

**Old Business:** (None)

### **New Business**

**Endorsement of the Transportation Bond Issue in the General Election:** In its October 2 meeting the Board had approved in principle endorsing a “yes” vote for the transportation bond issue on the November 4 ballot. A written version of the resolution had not yet been written and was not available in time to be published in *The Bulletin* or otherwise shared with the membership. Consequently, a 2/3's majority vote was required to bring the question to the floor at the membership meeting. On the question of consideration, the vote was for: 22; against: 0; and abstain: 6.

Ed Wyse read the resolution which had been written by Jeff Parnes, co-chair of the Transportation Committee. The bond issue authorizes the county to purchase \$100M in bonds to fund transportation spot improvements and pedestrian and bicycle projects.

*Your secretary attempted to summarize the discussion. One reviewer disputed the secretary's summary and offered an alternative. In the interest of fairness, both versions are presented.*

Version A: Discussion asked why the bond issue; the reply was that the new state funding for transportation was prioritized toward congestion relief and that if the county wanted these other types of improvements it would have to pay for them. Discussion also addressed whether the need was real and whether we should accept the county, instead of the state, paying.

Version B: The bond Issue was discussed. Why was there such an imbalance between the relatively small amount of \$16 million dedicated to FC road improvements/congestion relief and the large remaining amount allocated to bicycle paths, sidewalks, and walkways? The reply was that since most of the monies contained in the new state funding were allocated to statewide road improvement, it was expected that FC would assume the responsibility for most local infrastructural improvements. Did that not equate to double taxation, a member asked?

The resolution passed on a vote of: for: 19; against: 7; and abstain: 0. The resolution is available at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionSupport2014TransportationBondReferendumApproved20141016.pdf>

### **Administrative Topics:**

**Meeting Minutes:** The membership approved the September 2014 Membership Meeting minutes by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Bell gave a brief report on the financial statement.

**Bulletin:** Input to the November bulletin is due by Nov 1.

### **District Council Reports**

Art Wells, representative of the Braddock District Council, reported that the council received at its October meeting a police briefing on the anti-speeding campaign. The next district council meeting will receive a briefing on the renovation of the Ravensworth Shopping Center.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

### **Next Meetings**

The next Board meeting will be held on October 23, 2014, at 7:30 pm at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015;

The next Membership meeting will be held on November 20 at 7:30 pm at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 — Topic: Emergency Preparedness.

*Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary Pro Tem*

### **Current Federation Members**

The Federation welcomes its newest member, Westlawn Civic Association, representing 950 homes in the Mason District.

Federation members as of October 31, 2014, are listed below by district. “Grace Period” is affixed to associations whose membership expired June 30, 2014. The grace period extends until December 31, 2014. During this time members who have not yet renewed may continue to vote in membership meetings. These members are urged to renew using the online application at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm>.

#### **Braddock**

Country Club View Civic Association  
Middleridge Civic Association  
North Springfield Civic Association  
Oak Hill Citizens Association  
Ravensworth-Bristow Civic Association  
Red Fox Forest Civic Association  
Stone Haven Civic Association (Grace Period)  
Truro Homes Association (Grace Period)

#### **Dranesville**

Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association  
Marlborough Nantucket Community Association  
McLean Hamlet Community Association  
Potomac Hills Citizens Association

#### **Hunter Mill**

Colvin's Glen/Colvin's Forest Citizens' Association  
Fox Mill Estates Homes Association  
Reston Citizens Association  
Townes of Coppermill Property Owners Association (Grace Period)  
Woodside at Holly Oak

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## **Environmental Report**

Flint Webb, P.E., the Federation's Environment Committee Chair, reports on some key activities of the Environment committee:

The minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> Friends of Accotink Creek (FAC) Town Hall Meeting are as follows:

**International Coastal Cleanup:** The FAC 145 volunteers helped clean up the Accotink for this year's Coastal Cleanup, and collected 200 bags of trash this year. This is the second highest fall cleanup event for FAC. The Federation sponsored the cleanup at Accotink Creek and Old Lee Highway on October 11<sup>th</sup>. At that location 13 volunteers showed up and collected 31 bags of trash (not counting the tire and the carpet). That is the most volunteers and most trash at the Old Lee Highway location. In Phil Latasa's report he wrote "Our last cleanup location of the day was Old Lee Highway, where our thirteen volunteers included a contingent from the **Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations**. Thank you, Federation! Located right next to Army-Navy Country Club, the creek here is always peppered with golf balls that overshoot the driving range. We collected 240 golf balls (just a tiny percentage of the thousands to be seen) for use by the Fairfax High School golf team." For more information see:

<http://www.accotink.org/2014/InternationalCoastalCleanuppre-event2014.htm>.

**Fairfax County Park Authority:** The Park Authority will be holding a survey of the community to help prioritize funding. For more about the Parks Count program see:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkscount/>.

**Fracking:** At an October 22<sup>nd</sup> dinner, the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association discussed hydraulic fracturing. Ms. Kalisz from the American Petroleum Association focused on the air emissions associated with hydraulic fracturing in general. Ms. Irons from the Maryland Department of Environment presentation focused on the plans for regulating unconventional gas production in Maryland. There have been applications for exploratory drilling in the Manassas area.

### **Upcoming Events:**

November 15th, 9:00 to 12:00 noon: River Cleanup, 6839 Industrial Road, Springfield.

November 16th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm: Friends of Accotink Creek Town Hall Meeting, Audrey Moore RECenter. For details, see <http://www.accotink.org/>.

## **Tesla**

Virginia's automobile dealers are invoking Virginia's franchising laws against Tesla, the electric-vehicle maker. These laws prevent manufacturers from selling directly to consumers, which Tesla does. Dealerships say the state franchising laws protect consumers because automakers cannot fix prices or skimp on honoring warranties. Tesla claims that theirs is the modern way consumers purchase items — via the Internet. Tesla allows customers to view cars in stores but buy them online.

For a more extensive report on the subject, see:

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/auto-dealers-attack-tesla/article/2555515>

## **Strategic Plan for Economic Success**

The final Stakeholder Outreach input session for the subject plan was held on October 29, 2014, at Frying Pan Farm Park. Over the past year, the county has been updating Fairfax County's vision for creating an environment conducive to economic success. The County Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors' Economic Advisory Commission (EAC), the EAC's Implementation Committee, as well as other County boards, commissions, and staff have been working collaboratively to develop the draft *Strategic Plan to Facilitate the Economic Success of Fairfax County*, an update of the 2011 EAC Strategic Plan. You can find the latest information on the Plan at:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/success](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/success)

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### **Lee**

Amerleigh Homeowners Association (Grace Period)  
Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association (Grace Period)  
Hayfield Citizens Association  
Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association  
Jefferson Manor Citizens Association (Grace Period)

### **Mason**

Adams Walk Homeowners Association  
Annandale Acres Civic Association  
Barcroft Square Homeowners Association  
Bel Air Civic Association  
Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association  
Lafayette Village Community Association  
Lincolnia Hills/Heywood Glen Civic Association (also City of Alexandria)  
Lincolnia Park Civic Association (Grace Period)  
Parklawn Civic Association  
Ravenwood Park Citizens Association  
Skyline House Unit Owners Association  
Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association  
Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (Grace Period)  
Sunset Manor Civic Association  
Westlawn Civic Association

### **Mount Vernon**

Huntington Community Association  
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association (Grace Period)  
South County Federation (also Springfield District)  
Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners' Association  
Waynewood Citizens Association (Grace Period)

### **Providence**

Holmes Run Acres Civic Association  
Mantua Citizens Association  
Tysons Manor Homeowners Association  
Walnut Hill Homeowners Association

### **Springfield**

Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc  
Innisfree Community Association (Grace Period)  
Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association  
South County Federation (also Mount Vernon District)  
West Springfield Village, Civic Association of

### **Sully**

Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association (Grace Period)  
Chantilly Highlands Homeowners Association  
Virginia Run Community Association (Grace Period)

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