

The Fairfax County FEDERATION

of Citizens Associations *Established 1940*

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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7:30 pm
Braddock Hall

9002 Burke Lake Road, VA 22015

Topic: Reimagining the Woodlawn Plantation
Pam Hess

Executive Director of the Arcadia Food, Inc.

(a non-profit company focusing on sustainable and food equity)



Federation Board Meeting

February 26, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring VA 22180

2015 World Police and Fire Games

Additional information on last month's Membership presentation is available at <http://fairfax2015.com/>.

Recruiting New Members for the Federation

The more members the Federation has, the more we can accomplish. More members provide a larger base of volunteers to engage in our activities and more clout for our resolutions and letters on policy issues.

You, the delegates and officers of our current members, are the best recruiters for the Federation. There is no better salesperson than a satisfied customer who is willing to talk about and vouch for a product!

I encourage you to reach out to members of other associations with whom you interact at district councils and other venues. Tell them about the Federation and encourage them to check out our website. Tell them they may contact me. The more members we have, the more synergy we can muster to address issues of concern to homeowners and residents.

As a bonus incentive, new members who join now paying the normal annual dues will be enrolled for almost a year and a half --through June 30, 2016!

Ed Wyse, First Vice President (Membership),
Fed1stVP2015@FairfaxFederation.org

President's Message

Greetings Federation Members and Neighbors:

I'd like to first give a big "Thank You" to your Federation's Education Committee. Last week they wrote a letter to each School Board Member and the FCPS' Superintendent and gave public testimony on the School Budget to these same officials. Since then, the Federation has been receiving both written and in-person Thank You's, as well as Kudos, for the detail, thought and most meaningful suggestions the Federation has given them. GREAT JOB one and all. (See the Letter and Testimony on Page 4 of this Bulletin).

The Citizen of the Year (COY) nominating period has been extended until the end of February. Due to the COY Banquet being May 3rd, we decided to extend the nomination an additional month this year.

SO GET YOUR NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED ASAP! [On line](#) or by email to [Tania Hossain, COY Chair at](mailto:Tania.Hossain, COY Chair at).

FedCOY2015@fairfaxfederation.org

Then - Please join us May 3rd for our signature event honoring exceptional leaders whose volunteer work has contributed to the betterment of the quality of life for Fairfax County residents.

The presentation at our February Membership Meeting will be on the "Reimagining" of Woodlawn Plantation, given by Pam Hess (Executive Director of the Arcadia Food). Pam will present a vision for Woodlawn by which it will become a vibrant landmark destination for the sustainable-food movement — using food and agriculture in pursuit of social justice.

The presentation will enlighten us about the plans for the site (restaurants, an organic farm, year round farmers market) and the sustainable food movement. She will also address how this improved 129 acres and historic plantation home will improve the County's tourism business, support our veterans as well as our youth. Please join us for this meeting on this topical issue. (More information is on Page 3 of this bulletin).

Please let us know the concerns in your community and help us build connectivity to countywide issues. We would deeply appreciate if you would encourage your community to become a member of the Federation.

On behalf of the Federation's Board, we would like to say thank you for staying connected to the Federation and for your continued support.

Best regards, Tim

Citizen of the Year Nominations

You now have until February 28 to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award.

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 World Police and Fire Games	Mason Governmental Center	22-Jan	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
19-Feb	Preserving the Woodlawn Plantation	Braddock Hall	26-Feb	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
19-Mar	County & FCPS Budgets	Braddock Hall	26-Mar	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
16-Apr	Future Land Use in Fairfax County	Mason Governmental Center	23-Apr	Braddock Hall
3-May	Citizen of the Year Banquet	Crowne Plaza, Tysons	—	—
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)

Changes from the previous bulletin appear in red.

Braddock Hall is at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

Mason District Government Center is at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Dunn Loring Center is at 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring VA 22180

All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except at 5:30 pm on May 3 (Banquet) and 6:30 pm Jun 18 (the picnic).

The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is the Friday after 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	FedBudgetChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Community Outreach: Shaista Keating	
Education: Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer	FedEducationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Environment: Flint Webb	FedEnvironmentChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Finance: Ed Wyse, Ed Saperstein, Matt Bell	FedFinanceChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	FedHumanServicesChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn	FedLandUseChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Matt Bell & Bill Barfield	FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Library: Kathy Kaplan.....	
Membership: Open	FedMembershipChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne	FedPublicSafetyChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Resolutions: Open	FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org
Transportation: Karen Campblin & Jeff Parnes.....	FedTransportationChr2015@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.

February Membership Presentation

The guest speaker for the February membership meeting will be Pam Hess, the Executive Director of the Arcadia Food, Inc., located at the historic Woodlawn Plantation in the Mount Vernon District. Arcadia Food is a non-profit focusing on sustainable agriculture and organic and locally grown food availability for all income levels. They are partnering with the Trust for Historic Preservation to re-imagine and improve Woodlawn Plantation's 129 acres. The presentation will enlighten us about the plans for the site (restaurants, an organic farm, year round farmers market) and the sustainable food movement. Pam will also address how this improved 129 acres and historic plantation home will improve the County's tourism business, support our veterans, as well as our youth. Arcadia is the brainchild of the owner of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group that has 17 restaurants and other food establishments in the Fairfax County and Metro DC area.

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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.

Gala New Year's Reception

Chairman Sharon Bulova's New Year's Reception in the Government Center on January 14, 2015, was attended by several hundred Fairfax citizens who enjoyed the BBQ buffet from Red, Hot and Blue restaurant and classic rock music from The New Dominion Band. The reception, food and band were all paid by Sharon Bulova herself.



Representing the Federation were, from left to right, Tim Thompson, President; Ed Wyse 1st Vice President; Flint Webb, Chair Environment Committee and Providence District Representative; and Bill Barfield, 2nd Vice President. Sharon Bulova is in the center.

New on the Federation Website

Home Page: Extended COY nominating data to end of Feb.
Added link to Excel file with history of FCPS budgets

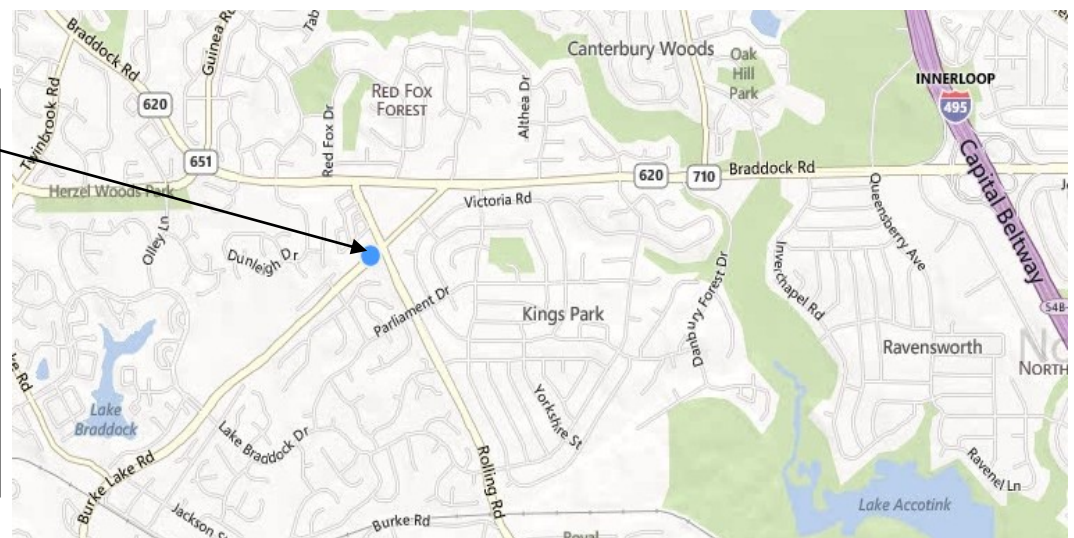
Budget : Posted Excel file with history of FCPS budgets

Environment: January committee report; Feb 19, 2015 presentation

Transportation: January transportation report; bond referendum resolution; Silver line's impacts on Tysons Corner; upcoming I-66 meetings

Directions to Braddock Hall

Take Capital Beltway to west on Braddock Road. Go 2.6 miles on Braddock to left on Burke Lake Road. Go 0.3 miles on Burke Lake, past Rolling Road. Turn right into second driveway after Rolling Road.



Letter to the School Board re: Strategic Plan

January 26, 2015

Members of the School Board and Dr. Garza:

As you continue to engage in discussions to refine the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Long-Range Strategic Plan, the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) would like to contribute our thoughts to your efforts. We are pleased that FCPS is engaging in this type of analysis, as the Strategic Plan will help crystallize FCPS' thoughts about its biggest challenges as well as its largest ambitions. With that in mind, we suggest a focus on the schools' most important/pressing needs that includes the following priorities:

- Adjust the FCPS curriculum toward meeting the goals embodied in the Portrait of a Graduate, piloting innovative programs where appropriate. We hope the Strategic Plan will provide guidance and be adjusted accordingly regarding this project for years to come.
- Correspondingly, adjust professional development toward achieving the different methodologies needed to achieve this goal.
- Develop a strategy to procure alternative sources of funding, including an increased focus on business partnerships. Our schools engage in annual battles with both Richmond and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to increase funding for our schools. We believe the strategic plan must provide guidance on how to help ameliorate this problem.
- Improve access to high-quality early childhood education, and ensure Kindergarten readiness. Excellent public preschools may attract paying families as well as serve our low-income population. We know that addressing our children's needs as early as possible helps reduce remediation costs, may help reduce the achievement gap, improves graduation rates, and prepares our children for success.
- Attract, develop, and retain a superior workforce. This large idea requires many smaller projects in order to be realized, as strategic thinking often does. The Federation hopes FCPS will continue to place central emphasis on this issue.
- Emphasize a creative approach to solving infrastructure problems. Our capital needs have long outstripped the available funds, we hope the strategic plan will help guide us toward new solutions, such as the recent project to repurpose an existing office building for use as Bailey's Upper Elementary School.
- Accentuate our commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology into the classroom and throughout FCPS. To implement the ideas embodied in the Portrait of a Graduate will require investments in technology to customize learning experiences, extend learning outside of "traditional" school parameters, improve communication among all stakeholders within FCPS, and provide technological access for all students.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our priorities with you, and look forward to working with you as you embark upon this important project.

Sincerely,

Nancy Trainer, FCFCA Education Committee Co-Chair
Ed Saperstein, FCFCA Education Committee Co-Chair
Tim Thompson, FCFCA President

Testimony at School Budget Hearing

At the January 29, 2015, School Budget Hearing, Ed Saperstein the Co-Chair with Nancy Trainer of the Education Committee, spoke on behalf of the Education Committee of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. After he introduced himself, he said:

First, we'd like to commend Superintendent Garza for making tough decisions and coming up with a cooperative budget number.

We agree with focusing on increasing compensation for FCPS employees as compensation is crucial in trying to attract and retain a superior workforce. In continuing to develop your thoughts on salary, we recommend considering flexible compensation packages as younger employees could have different needs than employees close to retirement.

We understand that minimum and maximum class sizes are being reconsidered. We recommend flexibility to allow for exploring ways to reduce class size in the most needed courses. In this spirit we recommend trying the following pilot program in some high schools which may require a waiver or discussion with state authorities. We suggested this idea last year as well, but reiterate our support for creative approaches to dealing with high class sizes.

The pilot program is to ask some high school principals to choose one or two courses to have much larger class sizes than normal, and use the related cost savings to have reduced class sizes in some other courses. The larger classes could be taught similar to college lecture classes and, if feasible, periodically broken down into smaller groups. Teachers teaching the larger classes could get a bonus or reduced number of teaching periods, but this should be done in a way to lower the overall cost of that larger class.

Further on class size, the proposed budget has 40 extra teacher positions to help alleviate large elementary school class sizes. For transparency, we recommend that later this year FCPS states the impact of these extra positions.

FCPS is seeking to increase revenue by recruiting business partnerships. We encourage this effort and also to explore other ways to broaden the revenue base. One idea you may wish to consider, as mentioned in the Federation's 2015 Legislative package, is for the education and medical communities to partner to increase the Virginia tobacco tax and allocate the increased revenue to health care and education. The current Virginia tobacco tax per pack is much lower than the national average, and even substantially lower than our neighboring major tobacco growing states.

There appears to be better cooperation between the School Board and Board of Supervisors. We appreciate this and encourage continuing to improve cooperation as we believe this helps in providing quality education in a cost-effective manner.

Thanks for your collective service to the children in our communities.

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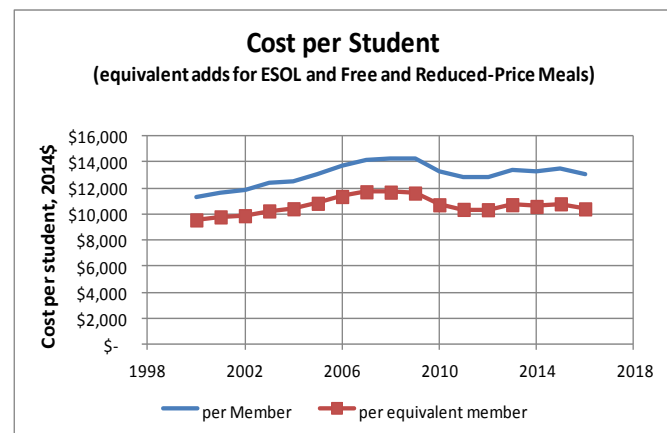
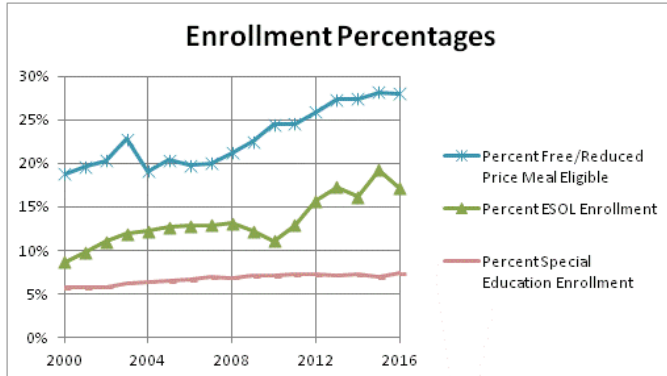
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Get the latest Federation meeting information at meetup.com.

School Budget FY2016

A new posting at the Federation website compares the FY2016 County school budget to school budgets for previous years, back to FY2000. The Excel workbook is:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Budget/141FCPSBudgets2000to2016.xlsx>

Two graphs that might be of particular interest are the FCPS demographics and the cost per student:



The large increase in the ESOL membership was due in part to an influx of students from Prince William County when that county tightened its rules on illegal immigrants. Notice that the cost per student (total operating budget divided by total enrollment) has decreased from its peak at the end of the housing bubble. It is higher than in FY2000 but not much higher per equivalent student. The number of “equivalent members” uses the teacher assignment ratio. An ESOL student is counted as 1.4 students. A student receiving free/reduced-price meals is counted as 1.5 students.

Code Compliance

Upon receiving a complaint, the Division of Code Compliance (DCC) will conduct inspections. Many code violations, especially parking violations (e.g., commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods), occur between 6 pm and 6 am — hours that the DCC does not normally work. Citizens in the Mason District have been complaining about this dilemma for months, with no resolution.

Reston Redevelopment—Phase 2

On January 29, more than 90 people attended the Reston community meeting to discuss the second draft of the Phase 2 (suburban areas) of the Reston Master Plan. Phase 2 deals with the land at and around the Village Centers. (Shopping centers in Reston are called Village Centers because the people of Reston, especially founder Robert E. Simon, wants these areas to be gathering places for the neighbors.)

At the meeting, several people expressed concern about language in the latest draft that does not constrain redevelopment of Reston’s Village Centers. Terry Maynard, speaking for the Reston Community Association, read [a prepared Reston 2020 statement](#) concerning the issue, noting that no limits on density are defined nor are Village Center boundaries prevented from expanding. Given the history of adverse consequences from imprecise planning and zoning language, Reston 2020 proposed that the plan include no language on redevelopment unless it had specific constraints.

A Redevelopment Issue at Seven Corners

The County is struggling with a decision concerning redevelopment at Seven Corners. The decision pertains to the use of the former Willston school site. The school system wants it for a school. Supervisor Gross wants it for a new government building to provide health, mental health, alcohol and drug referral services, and community services — at a cost of over \$120M. Asbestos contamination and ADA noncompliance make the existing building unusable. The Federation gets involved in zoning and redevelopment discussions only when there is a countywide issue. In this case there are three issues of countywide significance:

1. There appears to be no cost/benefit analyses of the alternatives. Such decisions should be based on facts concerning costs and benefits.
2. The \$120M or so would be raised by an Economic Development Agency bond. Such bonds were instituted so the county could give low-interest loans to private enterprises. This EDA bond would be redeemed by revenue received not by a private enterprise but by taxpayer dollars. Using an EDA bond circumvents the bond-referendum process that is required for General Obligation bonds. At present 27% of the County’s debt is funded by EDA bonds, which were never authorized by the taxpayers.
3. The decision process is unclear and should be more transparent.

The issue was covered in a recent news article:

<http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2015/01/fairfax-county-deep-into-planning-for.html>

The Mason District Council (MDC) is advocating for a school at the site. Click on [HERE](#) at the MDC website to see MDC’s petition and the background information for the petition, which has already been signed by 530 people. The MDC website is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/masondistrictcouncil/>.

On another issue, a resident task force has been and will be meeting to decide the revitalization plan for the Sears site (Section C of the Seven Corners plan) during the month of February. The Planning Commission will hear the staff report for the final Seven Corners Revitalization Comprehensive Plan Amendment on February 26.

2016 County Budget: A 7% Tax Increase?

The Federation will be considering the County and school budgets in February and March of 2015.

According to its website, Fairfax County is facing budget shortfalls due to the tepid recovery in the residential and commercial real estate markets and increasing spending requirements. In addition, the ripple effects of federal and state budget issues continue to impact county revenue, including sales tax receipts, the Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax and hotel taxes.

Fairfax County Executive Edward L. Long is scheduled to present his multi-year FY 2016-2017 budget plan at the Feb. 17, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Karen K. Garza released her proposed FY 2016 budget plan on Jan. 8, 2015.

[Slides](#) from the November 25, 2014, joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board show that an increase in county expenditures of 4.93% is planned. (Inflation is expected to increase less than 2% and population, less than 0.7%.) The largest increase in expenditures will be for employee compensation, which will increase more than 4%. Despite a projected 3% increase in residential real-estate values, the county budget shortfall is expected to be approximately \$100M, or \$250 per household. When combined with the increase in real-estate values, this shortfall will require that residential taxes increase more than 7% — approximately the same as the residential tax increase in FY2015.

Timeline for Developing the County Budget

- January 8, 2015: FY 2016 School Board (FCPS) releases Proposed Budget
- February 5, 2015: The School Board (FCPS) adopts its FY 2016 Advertised Budget
- February 17, 2015: County Executive's FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan released
- March 3, 2015: Advertisement for FY 2016 Tax Rate and FY 2015 Third Quarter
- April 7, 2015: Effective Tax Rate Hearing, Board Auditorium, Govt. Center, 3:00 p.m.
- April 7, 2015: Public Hearing on County Budget, Board Auditorium, Govt. Center, 4:00 p.m.
- April 8, 2015: Public Hearing on County Budget, Board Auditorium, Govt. Center, 1:00 p.m.
- April 9, 2015: Public Hearing on County Budget, Board Auditorium, Govt. Center, 1:00 p.m.
- April 21, 2015: County Board Budget Mark-Up and Approval of FY 2015 Third Quarter
- April 28, 2015: County Board of Supervisors Formal Adoption of the FY 2016 Budget Plan
- May 21, 2015: School Board (FCPS) adopts its FY 2016 Approved Budget
- July 1, 2015: Beginning of FY 2016

Engaging in the Legislative Process

The most recent edition of Your Community, Your Call: Engaging in the Legislative Process is now available for your viewing pleasure! You can tune in by Video on Demand at:

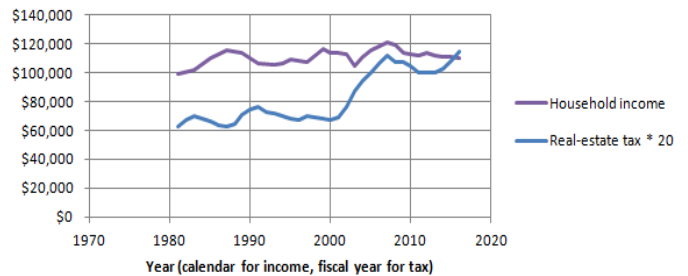
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/your_community.asx

Who decides what bills should be proposed? When does the Virginia General Assembly Legislative session meet to review proposed bills? How can volunteer leaders and members engage in the legislative process? Tune to Fairfax County Government Channel 16 on Monday at 8 pm to view Your Community, Your Call: Engaging in the Legislative Process for answers to these and many other questions.

Median Household Income

The median household income has not increased over the past several years, but real-estate taxes have.

Median Household Income and Real-Estate Taxes in 2014\$



Cigarette Tax

Virginia's cigarette tax rate is currently six times lower than the average rate of other East Coast states. Out of the USA's 50 states and DC, Virginia is ranked 50th of 51. If Virginia raised its cigarette tax to \$2.00 per pack—the East Coast average—we could raise up to \$500 million dollars in revenue for Virginia Pre-K – 12 education. (<http://fundvaschoolsnow.com/>)

If distributed in proportion to the number of students, Fairfax County would receive 14%, or \$70 million.

Improving the Audrey Moore RECenter

You are invited to participate in formation of a Friends Group for the Audrey Moore RECenter in Wakefield Park (8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, Virginia). The first meeting was held on February 5. The intent of this group is to obtain community input to help identify, encourage, and advocate for improvements to the Audrey Moore RECenter. The Center was the first RECenter in Fairfax County and is now almost 40 years old. It is appropriate to start envisioning the future of the RECenter and to encourage the Park Authority to make appropriate plans for changes and improvements toward this end. A visit to South Run, Oak Marr and Spring Hill RECenters can help you to envision the types of improvements that may be appropriate for Audrey Moore RECenter. This undertaking is at the request of and with the support and encouragement of Tony Vellucci, the Park Authority Board member for the Braddock District. Contact Tom Kennedy if you want to participate (tfkinva@aol.com).

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2015

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 2/19/2015](#)

The January 2015 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:46 p.m., at Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield, Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), Katherine Ward (Mt. Vernon/Wellington Civic Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association).

Members: Jon Clark (Annandale Acres Civic Association), Ellen Young (Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association), Karen Pohorylo (Engleside Civic Association), John Simonetti (North Springfield Civic Association), Carol Turner (Ravenwood Association), John Hanley (Reston Citizens Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association/Citizens Corps Council), Larry Clark (South County Federation), Charles Dane (Stone Haven Civic Association), and Philip Hughes (Westlawn Civic Association).

Others: Lucy Caldwell, Ned Poffenberger, Debbie Smith (Mason District Council)

Program: 2015 World Police and Fire Games

Lucy Caldwell, Public Information Officer for Fairfax County Police, discussed the upcoming 2015 World Police and Fire Games. 4,000 volunteers needed. No charge for the tickets. For more information see www.fairfax2015.com.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Citizen of the Year Award and Banquet. For information see <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>, to be held on May 3, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza at Tyson's Corner. Tania Hossain is in charge.

Library. Update of meeting with Chairman Bulova and follow-on actions. Chairman Bulova had indicated in a statement that, in response to a resolution of the Federation, she was asking for an audit of the System Gift Funds and the Friends of the Library groups. Ed Wyse reported that he made clear to the Chairman and the Auditor that the Federation had called for a comprehensive audit of the Library Administration and not of the Library Foundation or the Friends of the Library groups. Chairman Bulova acknowledged that the misinterpretation of the Federation's position occurred within Chairman Bulova's office. Subsequently, the Auditor to the Board of Supervisors has sent out a form to each of the Friends groups requesting information, and the Friends groups are upset about the form.

Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson

Chairman of Resolutions Committee. Due to the recent passing of Bill Hanks, we are in the process of looking for a new Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and a new Federation representative to AHOME.

Engineering Standards Review Committee. Jim Phelps has resigned as the Federation's appointee to the Engineering Standards Review Committee, so submit names of possible replacements to Bill Barfield.

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson presented the minutes of December 11, 2014 Membership Meeting to be approved with one amendment deleting Karen Pohorylo as a Mount Vernon District represented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Bell presented the Treasurer's report (attached) showing cash and equity of \$18,224.15. Net Income from July 1 through January 15, 2015 was \$601.23; \$860.00 in membership dues were collected. Charles Dane moved, seconded by Bill Barfield to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Approved unanimously.

Bulletin: Fred Costello needs articles the Saturday following the board meeting on January 24, 2015.

Unfinished Business: (None)

New Business:

Legislative Town Hall Meetings: Please attend the town hall meetings that are being scheduled.

District Council Reports

Dranesville and Hunter Mill Supervisory Districts have no district councils.

Braddock - Art Wells: Report attached.

Lee - Chris Soule: Ed Wyse reported that Supervisor McKay is hosting his annual open house on Saturday, 1/24, at the Franconia government center.

Mason - John Birch: Debbie Smith reported on a petition and proposed resolution concerning the use of the Willston Community Center. The Council supports its use as a school as opposed to a new community services building. Tim Thompson indicated that the resolution has been referred to both the Land Use and the Education Committees to bring to the Federation Board.

Mt. Vernon - Katherine Ward: Jerry Hyland Town Hall meeting is January 31st. Still concerned about the \$4 million for the Route 1 extension but it looks like the money will be made available.

Providence - Flint Webb: On December 16th, the Providence District Council held the annual Holiday Party. Delegate Mark Keam and Supervisor Linda Smyth. One major topic of discussion was the plans for widening I-66 and the impacts the project will have on the District.

The PDC is still in the process of revising their bylaws and articles of incorporation.

January 21st, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Providence District Council Meeting, Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027, Entrance #2, room 108. Topic: I-66 and Our Neighborhoods. Speaker: Commissioner Micah Himmel,

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Providence District Representative to the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tac/>) will provide an overview of the work of TAC and representative from VDOT will brief us on the I-66 Project.

Check the Providence District Council web site (<http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>) for details.

Springfield – Ed Wyse: No report.

Sully - Jeff Parnes: No report.

Membership Reports

Open floor: No reports

Board and Committee Reports

Budget — Curtis Anderson: No report.

Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman: No report.

Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer: Ed Saperstein reported (a) School system working on a long term strategic plan, and (b) the Superintendent released the FY2016 budget requesting just under 4% increase which more than the Board of Supervisors' guidelines, but less of a difference than has been proposed in recent years.

Environment - Flint Webb: Report attached. The Federation's Cankerworm resolution has been forwarded by Chairman Bulova to the appropriate officials. Other parts of the report can be seen at: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/environment1.htm>.

Finance - Ed Wyse: No report.

Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson: No report.

Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn: No report.

Library - Kathy Kaplan: The Auditor of the Board sent out a letter and a questionnaire to the 21 Friends of the Library groups on January 13, 2015.

On January 14, 2015, the Library Board met and from written notes sent me by a branch manager who attended, it appears the audit has generated a great deal of ill will and mistrust of the County among the Friends' groups. The various Friends' groups are individual, independent nonprofit organizations, 501 (c) 3. Two of the library trustees are on Friends' boards, Liz Clements for George Mason Regional Friends and Don Heinrichs for Sherwood Regional Friends. They both expressed frustration at the audit. There apparently is no way to intelligently complete it. Liz Clements demanded that the county has to provide more information as to why they are asking for this audit.

Some of the Friends have sought legal advice as to how to fill out the document which one Friends' president described as "incomprehensible and weird." It is clear from the document that the Auditor of the Board hasn't the foggiest idea how Friends conduct their operations.

At the meeting with Sharon Bulova it was stated that a new MOU, memorandum of understanding, will be given to the Library Board by the BOS at their joint meeting, Tuesday, January 20 at 10 am, Government Center, Room 9/10. Since the MOU is currently between each Friends' group and the Library Board, one assumes the Library Board will have to vote to approve any changes to the MOU.

Legislation - Bill Barfield and Matt Bell: No report.

Membership – Ed Wyse reported 49 members.

Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne: Cybersecurity and Phishing schemes are getting more elaborate and frequent; if it happens frequently we suggest blocking your phones. There have been incidences of thieves stealing mail from mailboxes to obtain identity information including brokerage bills .

Resolutions – VACANT: No report.

Transportation – Jeff Parnes and Karen Campblin: Jeff submitted written input via email that Ed Wyse reported: .

- Recent Resolution regarding mass transit on Rte. 1 corridor sent to elected official
- I-66 Improvements Public Information Meetings are scheduled for Jan. 26, 27, 28, and 29. More information can be found on <http://transform66.org/>
- Working with county to ensure Fairfax Connector bus routes are shown on all area maps through which each route travels

Website – Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello and Brian Graham: Jeff submitted written input via email that Ed Wyse reported: .

- The COY page is active, and now allows attachments to be uploaded as part of the application.
- In discussion with Treasurer regarding creating online reimbursement request form

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: January 22, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA 22027.

Membership Meeting: Subject to be determined, Feb. 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Minutes prepared by Curtis Anderson, Recording Secretary

Report from Mount Vernon District Council

Katherine Ward submitted the following report from the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, citing the areas of current interest:

Daycare Centers: The influx of permits to build daycare centers in or on the edge of residential neighborhoods. The primary issues are related to traffic congestion on neighborhood streets.

Conservation Easement Changes and Water Quality Issues: The owners of the Collingwood Library and Museum of Americanism, a non-profit located on 8 acres along the Potomac River, are seeking to amend their existing Special Exception Amendment (SEA) in order to subdivide the property. The changes to the SEA, if approved, would reduce the size of conservation easement that was established in perpetuity in 2000 and the use of a water quality credits in order to accommodate the subdivision of the 8 acres, permitting new residential construction on the property. A resolution opposing this amendment to the SEA went before the MVCCA General Council at the Jan meeting.

Current Federation Members

Federation members as of January 24, 2015, are listed below by district.

Current members are urged to reach out to members of other associations with which they interact at district councils and other venues. Tell them about the Federation and encourage them to check out our website. Tell them they may contact me. The more members we have, the more synergy we can muster to address issues of concern to homeowners and residents.

Ed Wyse, First Vice President (Membership),
Fed1stVP2015@FairfaxFederation.org

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
 Truro Homes Association

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
 Woodside at Holly Oak

Lee

Hayfield Citizens Association
 Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association

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)
 Parklawn Civic Association
 Ravenwood Park Citizens Association
 Skyline House Unit Owners Association
 Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association
 Sunset Manor Civic Association
 Westlawn Civic Association

Mount Vernon

Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association
 Collingwood on the Potomac Citizen Association
 Engleside Civic Association
 Huntington Community Association
 Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association
 Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association
 South County Federation (also Springfield District)
 Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners' Association
 Wayewood Citizens Association
 Wellington Civic Association

Providence

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

Springfield

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

Sully

Chantilly Highlands Homeowners Association

Report from the Library Committee

Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairman Sharon Bulova told the Federation's Tim Thompson, Bill Barfield, and Ed Wyse she would send a "clarification" letter to the BOS and others that the Federation never requested an audit of the Friends of the Library. There is no evidence that she sent the clarification letter. She also said that she herself was ordering her Board Auditor to do the audit. The Auditor stated at that meeting he would send Control Self-Assessment (CSA) forms for the Friends to fill out. At a later meeting with the Fairfax Library Advocates (FLA), Jim Shelton, the Board Auditor, said he would write the Friends that filling out the CSA forms was voluntary. The Friends have not received such a letter. The FLA's Dennis Hays reminded Mr. Shelton, who wrote back that writing the letter was beyond his "purview". He told Dennis to consult with other county officials. The deadline for them to return the CSA forms is mid February. Dennis will write a second letter to Jim Shelton asking him again to make public his statement that filling out the CSA audit forms is voluntary.

Dennis has also asked to have the County fulfill the request of the Federation for an audit of the library and the System Gift Fund (the discretionary money that comes from sale of ongoing books). Chairman Bulova refused the Federation's request for a comprehensive library-collection inventory.

The Library Board has appointed a three member committee to work on a new Memo of Understanding between the Library and the Friends of the Library.

Dennis and Kathy Kaplan went to Richmond to get the library bill, HB2066 (making libraries an essential part of the Commonwealth's provision for public education), passed by the subcommittee. We succeeded, with Delegate Mark Keam's help.

Noise Ordinance

The Feb 3, 2015, presentation on the noise ordinance can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/>

Retirement Planning

By working until you are older, you can reduce the number of years that must be supported by your 401k. For those who reach the age of 65, the life expectancy is 83. If they retire at 65, they need enough money for 18 years. If they work until 74, they need enough for 9 years -- half as much. Of course, 83 is the average life expectancy, but you can pool your assets with others via insurance (annuities) just in case you live longer.

Return this form to Membership Vice President at address shown below.

Please tell us who is submitting this form: and your email address:

Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (starts July 1, 2014)
 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:

Association Size/Federation Dues: _____ **Organization's web site:** _____ **District?** _____ **Association Type?** _____

- Month new officers installed:** _____
- 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 fedtreas2015@fairfaxfederation.org

4. Mail application form and check, payable to "Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations" or simply "FCFCA", to: <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> THE FEDERATION Attention: Membership Vice President P.O. Box 3913 Merrifield, VA 22116-3913 </div>	Dues, Delegates, & Bulletins																
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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
Association Size/Federation Dues: For example: 90/\$20