

# The Fairfax County FEDERATION

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## THE BULLETIN

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### Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 7:30 pm

Location: Providence Community Center

Classroom #2

3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA

**Topic: The Federation's Legislative Package  
for January 2016 Legislative Session**



### Federation Board Meeting

August 6, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Dunn Loring Center, Entrance 2

### **President's Message**

Greetings Federation Members, Neighbors and Friends:

As we move into our 75th year of serving the communities of Fairfax County, it is with deep humility that I thank everyone one of you for reelecting me your president for another term. THANK YOU –

And THANK YOU to Tania Hossain for all her time, energy, guidance, advice and above all FRIENDSHIP she has given the Federation, its members and especially me as she concentrates on her newly created business. Suffice to say I and the Federation owe Tania a great debt of gratitude for all her dedication to make sure this president stayed the course...and I/we wish her only the best of luck and safe travels as her new business takes her to the far reaches of the world....GOD SPEED TANIA !

As you are probably aware, I am joined by my fellow officers, Ed Wyse as First Vice President, Bill Barfield as Second Vice President, Curtis Anderson as Recording Secretary, Fred Costello as Corresponding Secretary, Matt Bell as Treasurer. Former Federation President Jeff Parnes has agreed to chair the Citizen of the Year Committee for us this year – thank you Jeff.

We all are really excited to start the next chapter of your Federation. For a complete list of all Board Members see: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/contactus1.htm>

Almost every committee chair agreed to be reappointed to their position. We welcome Dennis Hays as co-chair of the Library Committee with Kathy, and Patrick Smaldore as co-chair of the Public Safety Committee with Daniela.

Your Federation Board, especially the Legislative Committee, has been diligently working to update its questionnaire you'll soon see in your inbox. Please look for it and after completing it, return it to [FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLegislationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org) so the committee can achieve the "community's business" with our elected officials as we did last year. The entire Fairfax County Delegation, along with the Board of Supervisors gave extremely "high marks" and numerous "at-a-boys" to our Legislative Package last year.

Our first Membership Meeting will be held Sept 17 at 7:30pm at the Providence Community Center. Please look for more details in the next Bulletin as well as on the Federation's website: [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org).

We hope you will join the Federation in some volunteer capacity to guide and assist us in advocating on countywide issues of common concern to Fairfax County residents.

Best wishes to you and your community,

Tim Thompson, President

### New on the Federation Website

**Budget:** Federation resolution on the Lines of Business review.

**Citizen Association Services:** Negative public perceptions of associations. Homeowners Bill of Rights.

**Public Safety:** Flying drones.

**Transportation:** Upcoming meetings. Recent committee testimonies.

### The Federation in the News

**Jeff Parnes** testified at a Virginia Department of Transportation public hearing concerning I-66 outside the beltway.

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/transportation1.htm#I66OutsideBeltway>

**Jeff Parnes'** testimony on I-66 Outside the Beltway was published in The Connection Newspapers as a letter

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/jun/09/centreville-letter-editor/>

### Emergency Alerts

Fairfax County recently instituted a civil alert system to which all citizens may subscribe. Alerts are sent to email, cell phones, land lines, etc.. Subscribers can choose to what kinds of events they want to be alerted, whether emergency or not. Subscribe at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>

**Visit us at** [www.FairfaxFederation.org](http://www.FairfaxFederation.org)

See us also on Facebook: Search for "Fairfax Federation".  
Follow us on Twitter: @TheFCFCA

## Annual Picnic and June Membership Meeting



At the Federation's June Membership meeting, Board of Supervisor's Chairman Sharon Bulova installed our officers for 2015-2016 year, from left to right: Sharon Bulova; Bill Barfield, Second Vice-President; Tim Thompson, President; Matthew Bell, Treasurer; Curtis Anderson, Recording Secretary; and Ed Wyse, First Vice President. Our Corresponding Secretary, Fred Costello, was stuck in traffic due to the violent storm that preceded the picnic.



After the installation, Chairman Sharon Bulova told the attendees about significant upcoming County events.

## Library Committee Report

Library Committee chair, Kathy Kaplan, learned that best-selling hardcover books cost libraries \$0.12 to \$0.21 cents per check-out. Ebooks cost as much as \$3.40 per checkout because many ebooks can be borrowed only 25 times before the lease expires. Despite the higher cost, the library continues to invest in ebook leases. See her complete findings at <http://ffxlibraryadvocates.blogspot.com/2015/06/the-cost-of-ebooks-vs-print-books-for.html>.

The Friends of the Library, a group of volunteers -- including Kathy, remains concerned about the fate of the library. Of particular concern is the County's desire to change the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the library and the Friends. Under the existing MOU, the Friends donate a significant amount of money and effort to the library. As of the end of June, Library Trustee Michael Donovan has not said why the current MOU is insufficient or what the county's intent is with revising it. Beginning in August the chair of the MOU subcommittee will be Miriam Smolen, an attorney appointed by Supervisor Linda Smyth two months ago to be her new trustee on the Library Board.

The Friends have many concerns. A branch manager resigned her position in protest of treatment of two librarians. The library system now has five branch manager positions vacant. The rate of discard of low demand books has almost doubled recently. Some of the books, including valuable art books, were in very good condition. These books had not circulated for 24 months. The library budget continues to be reduced. Under the Lines of Business Review which began this summer, Youth Services (funded by the Friends), the Virginia Room, and Ac-

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## Calendar: 2015-2016

The Federation calendar, which usually occupies this location in the bulletin, is under development. As announced on Page 1 of this bulletin, the next Board meeting is August 6 and the next Membership Meeting is September 17.

## 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 .....  
 Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman .....  
 Education: Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer .....  
 Environment: Flint Webb & Monica Billger .....  
 Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson .....  
 Land Use: Fred Costello .....  
 Legislation: Matt Bell & Bill Barfield & Katherine Ward .....  
 Library: Kathy Kaplan & Dennis Hays .....  
 Membership: Shaista Keating .....  
 Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne & Patrick Smaldore .....  
 Resolutions: Charlie Dane .....  
 Transportation: Karen Campblin & Jeff Parnes .....

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[FedMembershipChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedMembershipChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org)  
[FedPublicSafetyChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org)  
[FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedResolutionsChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org)  
[FedTransportationChr2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto: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.

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cess Services (provides reading materials for the disabled) will be evaluated to see if they should continue.

Michael Rosenwald's recent article in the Washington Post about the future of the library considers the issues:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/where-are-the-books-libraries-under-fire-as-they-shift-from-print-to-digital/2015/07/07/eb265752-1525-11e5-9518-f9e0a8959f32\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/where-are-the-books-libraries-under-fire-as-they-shift-from-print-to-digital/2015/07/07/eb265752-1525-11e5-9518-f9e0a8959f32_story.html)

### **A Timely Reminder regarding Drones**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is conducting an outreach program to remind local residents, as well as tourists, that it is **ILLEGAL** to fly a drone in the Washington, D.C. area and within a 15-mile radius of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The FAA states that "... *The airspace around Washington, D.C. is more restricted than in any other part of the country. Rules put in place after the 9/11 attacks establish "national defense airspace" over the area and limit aircraft operations to those with an FAA and Transportation Security Administration authorization. Violators face stiff fines and criminal penalties.*"

What if you live outside of the 15-mile "No Drone Zone"? You can fly drones, but several rules apply. See:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/>

If you have a general question, comment, or complaint regarding a drone or any other Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), please contact the FAA via e-mail at [9-AFS-UAS-Inquiries@faa.gov](mailto:9-AFS-UAS-Inquiries@faa.gov).

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

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**2015-2016 President:** Tim Thompson

**Newsletter Editor:** Frederick A. Costello

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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](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

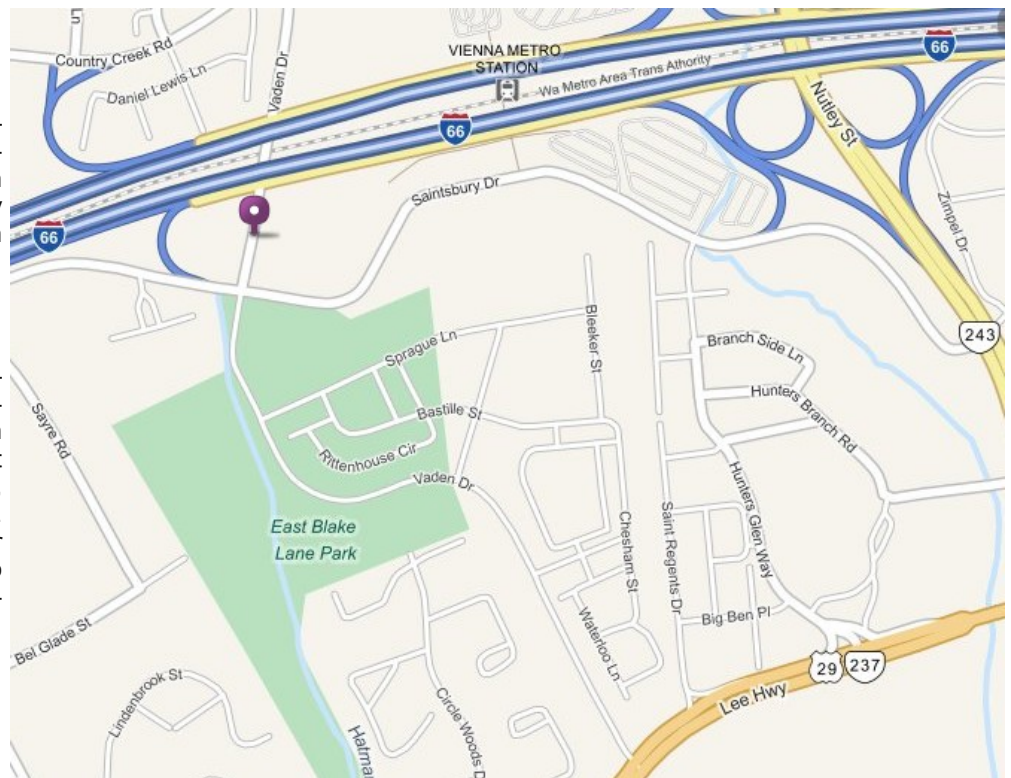
### **Prepare for Federation's Legislative Program**

The Federation is developing its survey to determine the Membership's greatest concerns about issues that might be addressed at the January 2016 legislative session in Richmond.

## **Directions to the Providence Community Center**

From going east on I-66, take the VA-243 S/Nutley Street exit, Exit 62, toward Fairfax. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto Saintsbury Drive, going 0.5 miles to right on Vaden Drive.

From going west on I-66, take the VA-243 S/Nutley Street exit, Exit 62, toward Fairfax. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. After 0.4 miles, keep right at the fork in the ramp. After 0.2 miles, keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto Country Creek Road. After 0.1 miles, take the 2nd right onto Vaden Drive. Go 0.2 miles to destination.



## Membership Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2015

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 9/18/2015](#)

The June Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on June 18, 2015, by President Tim Thompson at 7:47 p.m. at the Picnic Shelter in the Mason District Park, Annandale, VA.

### Attendance

**Officers:** Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation/Country Club View Citizens Association), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), and Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget).

**District Council Representatives:** Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

**Others:** 28 people, in total, were in attendance.

### Program: Fairfax County Events

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, addressed the assembly. She highlighted important events in Fairfax County including:

1. 2015 World Police and Fire Games will be held from June 26 to July 5 throughout the county, but with a base of operations in Reston Town Center.
2. Transportation:
  - a. HB2313 provided more money for the region which will help with the widening of Route 28.
  - b. Phase 1 of the Silver Line is complete.
3. The Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission has been meeting.

She wants to focus on evaluating facilities and programs that exist or do not exist in Fairfax County.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

**Swearing in of New Officers:** Chairman Bulova swore in the new officers of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for the 2015-2016 year.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

### Next Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting: June 30, 2015.

*Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary*

### Meet the 2015 Candidates

The Sully District Council will hold its Sixth bi-annual State Legislative Candidates Night on September 21, 2015, and its Second quad-annual County and Sully Candidates Night on October 22, 2015.

### Resolutions Approved by Federation Board

The Federation's resolution on the County's lines-of-business budget review was passed at the May 28, 2015, Federation Board meeting. The final resolution urges the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) to contract for a management consultant to conduct or participate in the "lines of business reviews" and that the BOS ensure that the management consultant has sufficient access to data and information to be able to validate the findings of the "Lines of business reviews".

The complete text can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLinesofBusinessApprovedBoard20150528.pdf>

### Reston Phase II Plan

Terry Maynard, the highly regarded spokesman for Reston citizens, has serious reservations about the Phase II plan, which covers Reston's residential neighborhoods, village centers and other commercial areas. It places no limits on the density at the village centers, offers opportunities for their expansion into the existing residential areas, and continues to nibble away at open space. Citizen suggestions on these issues were rejected by the County. The County's Fairfax Forward process for land-use planning does not give the citizens much influence. Terry's full commentary can be seen at:

<http://www.reston2020.blogspot.com/2015/06/reston-2020-letter-to-board-of.html>

The text of the Phase II plan, ST09-III-UP1(B), is not yet available. The slides from the County's presentation can be seen at: [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/staff\\_documents/2014-06-07\\_handouts\\_open\\_house.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/staff_documents/2014-06-07_handouts_open_house.pdf)

### Development of I-66 inside the Beltway

At the June 30 meeting of the Federation's Executive Committee, a resolution was approved stating the Committee's position on development of I-66 inside the beltway. The key points are:

- If tolling is used, the tolls collected should be used only to reduce congestion along the corridor.
- The determination should be made within five years whether I-66 should be widened to six lanes.
- Roads that parallel I-66 should also be improved
- The Metrorail capacity of the Potomac River crossings should be increased.
- Until the Potomac crossing is resolved, Bus Rapid Transit should be used to the Pentagon, Crystal City, etc.
- A Metrorail Y connection should be considered to permit direct travel between Dulles airport to National airport and its vicinity
- The connector road from I-66 to Dulles should be included in the plans for HOT use. Current traffic to and from Dulles International Airport to be permitted to continue to use I-66 during HOT-restricted times and not be forced to pay a toll to use the road.
- The HOV transition hours east and west on I-66 should be the same.

The rationale for these points is given in the full resolution at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/testimony/InputI66InsideMultiModalStudyTier1ExecCommApproved20150630.pdf>

### **Future Growth of Fairfax County**

Anne Kanter, the Land Use Committee Chair of the League of Women Voters Fairfax Area (LWVFA), in the May 2015 issue of the newsletter, Fairfax Voter, has an informative eight-page article entitled "Where Is the Growth Going to Go in Fairfax County?" See:

[http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2015\\_5\\_Voter\\_May.pdf](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2015_5_Voter_May.pdf)

By 2025, the county will have another 100,000 people and another 45,000 housing units. These represent a 10% growth; however, only 6.6% of the land is undeveloped. Increasing current property density is necessary. Because Fairfax County was developed for the automobile, the existing densities are not sufficient to support mass transit. To minimize congestion, mass transit is necessary; therefore, new housing units must be built where Metro will provide the transportation. Employment centers and multi-unit housing must be built around the Metro stations. The Metro system is being built for the new people, not for the existing citizens.

No mass transit is self-funding, and there is little political will for more taxpayer-supported mass transit. The developer must fund the mass transit through proffers, impact fees, tax districts, etc.

The article goes on to outline the League of Women Voters' land development principles, with which almost everyone would agree. The LWVFA attempts to review proposed development; however, it has difficulty reviewing the hundreds of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. In addition, the Virginia Commonwealth roads and public facilities are exempted from the review process so some development goes unnoticed.

We add to this article the following comment: For Dulles Rail, the \$6B cost to taxpayers equals the \$6B profit in land-only values experienced by the land owners; therefore, Kanter's funding idea is economically reasonable and feasible.

### **Current Federation Members**

Federation members as of July 14, 2015, are listed below. The Federation welcomes new members Greenway Downs Citizens Association, Vantage Homes Association, and Fairfax Hills Civic Association. Invoices for membership year 2015-2016 were sent to members in May. Member associations for whom 2015-2016 membership year dues have already been received are indicated with the suffix "2016".

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#### **Braddock**

Country Club View Civic Association 2016  
Fairfax Hills Civic Association 2016  
Middleridge Civic Association  
North Springfield Civic Association 2016  
Oak Hill Citizens Association 2016  
Ravenworth-Bristow Civic Association  
Red Fox Forest Civic Association 2016  
Stone Haven Civic Association  
Truro Homes Association 2016

#### **Dranesville**

Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association 2016  
Marlborough Nantucket Community Association  
McLean Hamlet Community Association 2016  
Potomac Hills Citizens Association 2016

#### **Hunter Mill**

Colvin's Glen/Colvin's Forest Citizens' Association  
Fox Mill Estates Homes Association 2016  
Reston Citizens Association 2016  
Woodside at Holly Oak 2016

#### **Lee**

Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association 2016  
Hayfield Citizens Association  
Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association  
Vantage Homes Association 2016

#### **Mason**

Adams Walk Homeowners Association  
Annandale Acres Civic Association  
Barcroft Square Homeowners Association  
Bel Air Civic Association 2016  
Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association  
Lafayette Village Community Association 2016  
Lincolnia Hills/Heywood Glen Civic Association  
Parklawn Civic Association  
Ravenwood Park Citizens Association 2016  
Skyline House Unit Owners Association 2016  
Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association 2016  
Sunset Manor Civic Association  
Westlawn Civic Association  
Woodburn Village Condominium Owners Association 2016

#### **Mount Vernon**

Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association 2016  
Collingwood on the Potomac Citizen Association 2016  
Engleside Civic Association  
Huntington Community Association  
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association  
Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association 2016  
South County Federation (also Springfield District)\* 2016  
Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners' Association 2016  
Wayneood Citizens Association  
Wellington Civic Association 2016

#### **Providence**

Greenway Downs Citizens Association 2016  
Holmes Run Acres Civic Association 2016  
Mantua Citizens Association 2016  
Tysons Manor Homeowners Association 2016  
Walnut Hill Homeowners Association 2016

#### **Springfield**

Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc 2016  
Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association 2016  
South County Federation (also Mount Vernon District)\* 2016  
West Springfield Village, Civic Association of 2016

#### **Sully**

Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association  
Chantilly Highlands Homeowners Association 2016

\* The South County Federation is an umbrella group with 32 associations and a "non-aligned caucus" to which individuals can belong. The association members are listed at <http://southcountyfederation.com/index.php/members>.

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**Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (starts July 1, 2015)**  
 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](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm)

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**Association type:** Civic, Coop, Condo, Homeowner  
**Association Size/Federation Dues:** For example: 90/\$20