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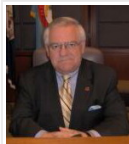
### CONGRATS

to the winners of 2014 Annie Awards, presented by the Annandale Blog to the best local places selected by blog readers in an open-ended survey. Best restaurant: Silverado Best bar: Cue Club Best coffee shop: Beanatics Best gym: Pro Maxx Fitness Best gift shop: AnnSandra and Collector's World

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

## Planning Commissioner Pete Murphy is 2012 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations has selected Planning Commissioner Peter "Pete" Murphy as the 2012 Citizen of the Year.



Murphy

Murphy will be honored at the annual awards banquet sponsored by the federation and Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) on April 7 at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Murphy has been chairman of the Fairfax County Planning Commission for over 20 years and has hosted the Planning Commission's "Roundtable" television program for the past 10 years.

"He has led the Planning Commission with fairness, professionalism, and a sense of humor while presiding over hundreds of public hearings involving the future of land use in Fairfax County," the federation states. A resident of Burke, Murphy has contributed over 30 years of dedicated public service to the Planning Commission, Celebrate Fairfax Inc., the Fairfax County Telecommunications Task Force, the Fairfax County VRE Station Study Task Force, and many other organizations.

"Commissioner Murphy's leadership has shaped Fairfax County into a national example for quality of life through citizen involvement in planning decisions," said Federation President Tania Hossain.

The federation will also award two 2012 Citations of Merit: Rose Chu of Bailey's Crossroads will be honored for her tireless outreach to the Asian American community on a range of issues, including public health, voter registration, voter education, and small business opportunities. Phyllis Payne of Mantua will be recognized for her passionate work to increase awareness of teen sleep needs and the need for later school start times.

In addition, Kyle Talente will be presented with a Special Gratitude Award for his leadership in the improvement of the Richmond Highway corridor.

Finally, the federation will recognize the Kate Hanley as its first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement/Special Gratitude Award. Hanley has served as chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for three terms, from 1995 to 2003, during a period of explosive growth and transformation. "Her devotion to public service has made her a champion of the Tysons redevelopment, expansion of human services and homeless prevention, access to the arts, electoral reform education, and health care issues," the federation states.

Annandale Blog readers are encouraged to come to the Citizen of the Year Banquet and join Annandale Blog editor Ellie Ashford, recipient

### WILSON LIBRARY CLOSES

The temporary location of the Woodrow Wilson Library, in an office building on Leesburg Pike, will close 5 p.m. on Jan. 17 so staff can prepare for the move back to the library's permanent site at 6101 Knowlwood Drive, Falls Church. The newly renovated library will reopen March 21.

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- Jan. 2 - Wild Animals Puppet Show, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 11 a.m.-noon. Ages 3-8. \$5. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 3 - Open House, Kings Park Library 10:30-3 p.m. puppet show at 10:30, face painting at 11, sing-along at 1.
- Jan. 3 - Nature by Touch, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3 p.m. Ages 4-9. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 3 - Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 5-6 p.m. Ages 4 and up. \$6. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 4 - Free concert, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Columbia Pike, Annandale, 4 p.m. Retired Army Band Sergeant Major Chuck Siepp on trumpet and U.S. Army Band pianist Joel Ayau, both on the Shenandoah Conservatory faculty. Multimedia tribute to veterans and the military.
- Jan. 6 - Mason Police District Citizen

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Posted by Ellie Ashford at 10:00 AM

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of a 2011 Citation of Merit, and Blog Advertising Director Mollie Loeffler, the 2010 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year, at the Mason District table. You can sign up on the federation website.

- Advisory Committee Meeting, "Crimes/Scams Against the Elderly," Mason Government Center, 7-9 p.m. Public invited.
- Jan. 7 - Special Working Group on the Sears Site, Mason Government Center, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Jan. 10 - Family Fun: Desert Dreams, Green Spring Gardens, 1-2 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$6. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Jan. 11 - Consider Carnations, Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 1-3 p.m. \$32. Ages 13 and up. Register online or call 703-324-3988.
- Jan. 11 - Winter Lecture: Beautiful Winter Gardens, Green Spring Gardens, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Ages 18 and up. \$10. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Jan. 14 - Introduction to Special Education, FCPS Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Room 105, 10 a.m.-noon. Register online or call 703-204-3941.
- Jan. 15 - Learn about the Children's Science Center to open in 2019 in the Dulles area, presentation at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Gardening Lecture: Elements of Design, Spring Gardens, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 18 and up. \$36. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Jan. 17 - Squirrel Appreciation Day, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3 p.m. Ages 4 and up. \$5. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 18 - Hot Cocoa Party, Green Spring Gardens, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$16.
- Jan. 20 - Special Working Group on the Sears Site, Mason Government Center, 7-9 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - Control Screens so They Don't Control Your Family, free presentation by the FCPS Parent Resource Center, at Woodson High School, 7-9 p.m. Register online or call 703-204-3941.
- Jan. 24 - Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$15. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 25 - Caricature: The Wicked Art, Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 1-3 p.m. \$32. Ages 13 and up. Register online or call 703-324-3988.
- Jan. 25 - Winter Lecture: Truth on Plant Hardiness, Green Spring Gardens, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$10. Ages 18 and up. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Jan. 25 - Australia Day Celebration, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3:30 p.m. Ages 2 and up. \$7. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 29 - Dino Puppet Show and Activities, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-8. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 30 - Who-oo's at the Campfire? Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Jan. 31 - Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight, Day Celebration, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 6-7 p.m. Ages 3 and up. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Feb. 1 - Tea with Tempo: Meet John Philip Sousa, Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 1-3:30 p.m. \$38, \$15 for the program only. Ages 13 and up. Register online or call 703-324-3988.
- Feb. 1 - Groundhog Day Celebration, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3 p.m. Ages 3-11. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Feb. 5 - Special Working Group on the Sears Site, Mason Government Center, 7-9 p.m.

- Feb. 14 - Chocolate and Tea Tasting Party, Green Spring Gardens, 10 a.m.-noon. \$27. Ages 18 and up. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Feb. 15 - Winter Lecture: Winning Against Weeds, Green Spring Gardens, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$10. Ages 18 and up. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Feb. 16 - Animal Valentines, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 2-3:15 p.m. Ages 4 and up. \$7. Register online or call 703-222-4664.

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Join the conversation. The Annandale VA blog covers redevelopment plans for Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, and Seven Corners; transportation; schools; parks; businesses; land use; restaurants; crime; real estate; community activities; and politics (with a progressive viewpoint). Comments are welcome.

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