

# Bulova Byline

## The Monthly Newsletter from Chairman Sharon Bulova

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*Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova*

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Do you have questions, concerns, or ideas for the County? Contact my office now!

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Greetings,

And so, 2013 comes to an end. Already the County's "To Do" list for 2014 is filling in. It has been a really busy year. **The following are just a few of the milestones that have been covered in past issues of the Byline:**

\* Several new faces have assumed top leadership roles in Fairfax County government:

Fire & Rescue Chief Richard ("Richie") Bowers  
Police Chief Edwin (Ed) Roessler  
Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, the County's first woman Sheriff!  
Fairfax County School Superintendent Karen Garza

\* The General Assembly passed a significant transportation funding bill, HB 2313, which includes both statewide and regional/local components. Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) was reorganized in order to begin advancing transportation priorities within Northern Virginia.

\* My Evolution of Transportation took place at the Angelika Film Center in the Mosaic at Merrifield in June. [You can watch this program now.](#)

\* Fairfax Connector Bus Service was expanded to provide convenient [express bus service](#) between Tysons and Lorton, Springfield and Burke via the newly opened 495 Express Lanes.

\* The Department of Transportation conducted a [County-wide dialogue on Transportation.](#)

\* New on-line tools became available to [find trails](#), [traffic conditions](#) and [to track snow clearing efforts.](#)

\* The Board of Supervisors adopted a transportation funding plan for Tysons, to include a [Tysons Transportation Service District.](#)

\* Five new [Silver Line Metro stations](#) serving Tysons and Reston have been substantially completed. Stay tuned in early 2014 for testing to be completed and passenger service to begin.

\* The Board adopted an [agreement with VDOT to remove illegal signs](#) (including campaign signs) from their rights-of-way.

# The 2014 State of the County Address

airs  
Wednesday, January  
15 at 7:30pm on  
Channel 16.

\* A number of [major rezonings](#) were approved in Tysons. Revitalization and redevelopment projects also took root in other areas of Fairfax County, including the old [Springfield Mall](#) and the [Richmond Highway corridor](#).

\* The Washington Metropolitan area was seriously affected by [sequestration and the federal shutdown](#). Federal workers and contractors were furloughed. Fairfax County's revenue was very much affected by these actions.

\* Fairfax County participated in the 100,000 Homes Campaign to identify and help individuals who are homeless. [Volunteers visited homeless sites](#) in the wee hours of the morning during March. By being able to put faces and stories to the statistics, we hope to end homelessness in our community.

\* A delegation from Fairfax County, funded by Visit Fairfax, [received the World Police & Fire Games flag](#) at the Games in Belfast. We are next to host the Games in 2015.

\* My office helped to establish a [college student exchange program](#) with our sister city, Kecioren, in the Ankara area of Turkey. Students from Mason spent several weeks during the summer learning about the history and politics of Turkey.

\* The Chairman's office launched an exciting new Summer Concert Series, [Evenings on the Ellipse](#) during July and August at the Government Center. Wine tastings, offered by both the Winery at Bull Run and Paradise Springs Winery, contributed to the festive atmosphere of this new series.

\* [Earth Day/Arbor Day moved to a GREAT new location](#), the Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton. Sporting a new name, Springfest, it is one of the most fun and successful celebrations of the year!

\* A number of outreach efforts were conducted throughout the year which engaged the community in several policy issues:

## [Changes to our Child Care Provider ordinance](#)

[Residential Studio Units \(RSUs\)](#) which would allow small efficiency units in several zoning categories. In November, [the Board removed lower density residential zoning categories](#) from consideration.

A proposed reorganization of our library system. In response to the community's involvement, [the beta plan was rejected](#). An extensive survey of library users (and non-users) is recommended in order to consider how libraries can best serve our community.

As the door closes on 2013 I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks to our Byline readers. It is my belief that **a well-informed**

**and engaged community is a well-served community.** I appreciate your taking the time to stay up-to-date on what is happening in your Fairfax County community. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova

## 2014 Chairman's Reception



Chairman Sharon Bulova  
Cordially Invites You to Her

# CHAIRMAN'S NEW YEAR RECEPTION

January 15, 2014  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Government Center Forum  
12000 Government Center Parkway,  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

*Light fare and desserts will be served.*

Contact: Diana Trinh at  
[Diana.trinh@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Diana.trinh@fairfaxcounty.gov) or  
call (703)324.2321.

\*Donations of canned foods for local charities encouraged.



## The Season for Giving

What are you giving this holiday season? Take a look at some of the ways you can make a difference:

**Blanket Drive-** A blanket drive for refugees of the Syrian Civil War is underway in Northern Virginia. The goal of the drive is to fill a shipping container that will be delivered to Turkey, where a local relief agency will distribute to refugee families. Blankets should be new or gently used. While the drop-off period for Board offices has closed, donations can still be made on Saturday, December 7th. See a full list of drop off locations [here](#).



*Photo from Giving Tuesday: My office collected a ton of blankets!*

**George Mason Student Meal Assistance Fund-**After learning about a small but very real population of homeless college students on George Mason's campus, two Mason seniors set up a Student Meal Assistance Fund, which allows students and the community to donate to an account that provides meals to students in need. For information on donating to the fund [click here](#).

**Volunteer Opportunities-** Consider giving your time to a worthy cause this holiday season. [Click here](#) for a list of ways you can help others in the community.

## Events Planning Workshop

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, in partnership with the Workhouse Arts Foundation and Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., is hosting an [event planning workshop](#) designed to provide residents with useful information on planning successful events in Fairfax County. This event is open to all county residents and organizations.



The event will take place on Wednesday, January 8th at **5 p.m.** at the *Workhouse Arts Center* in Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, with networking and a tour. From **6-9 p.m.**, registrants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of event planning. Some topics may include:

- Basic Operations Strategy
- How to inexpensively promote your event
- Risk Management, Local Regulations and Permitting
- Crowd Management and Site Design
- Site Selection
- Resources for Event Producers
- Sustaining Event Quality through Leadership Transition

Space is limited and workshop enrollment is first come/first served. Please [register in advance](#) to reserve space.

## Fairfax Symphony Orchestra At Merrifield

### **FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Presents** **CHRISTMAS IN BLACK AND WHITE** *Created & Conducted by Luke Frazier*

Christmas in Black & White is a unique experience combining music & film! Enjoy classic black & white holiday films accompanied by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and singers from the National Broadway Chorus. Films include: *'Twas the night before Christmas*, *A Winter Straw Ride*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Adventure of the wrong Santa Claus*.

[\*\*PURCHASE TICKETS\*\*](#)

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

WHEN: December 12. Two shows: 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

WHERE: Angelika Film Center

COST: Kids under 12 Free. Adults \$15.00



## Winter Preparedness

**The first week of December is Winter Preparedness Week across Virginia.** It's the perfect time to prepare for wintry weather, and there are several ways you make sure that you and your family are better prepared.

**Here are just a few ways to stay informed:**

\* Sign up for free email and text alerts via our [emergency alert system](#).

\* Bookmark the [emergency information blog](#) and follow Fairfax County on Facebook and Twitter.

**If possible, avoid traveling in hazardous weather.** By staying off roadways during snow, freezing rain or sleet, you'll be safer and give more room to snowplows clearing the streets. Public safety officials will also have less traffic to navigate during bad weather. For more information, please see the Fairfax County Website on [Winter Preparedness](#).

**For snow removal**

**information:** [www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp)



**To see the status of plowing in your**

**neighborhood:** [novasnowplowing.virginia.gov](http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov)

**For real-time traffic updates and road conditions:** Visit [www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org), download the 511smartphone app, or follow @511northernva on Twitter.

**To report unplowed or hazardous conditions:** Email [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov) or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623).

**For general VDOT info:** Follow VDOT at [www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT), on Twitter @VDOT, or visit [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org).

## Internship Opportunities

**Office of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors**

The Fairfax County Office of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors accepts applications for unpaid interns year-round. We are looking for college-level students interested in government and politics that are enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable.

What better way to attain first-hand work experience in local government than within Virginia's largest county! Interns will assist with constituent service work such as drafting letters, answering phone calls, issue research, and other tasks as needed. Full or part-time internships with some scheduling flexibility are available. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Internship Program Director Diana Trinh, at [Diana.Trinh@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Diana.Trinh@fairfaxcounty.gov) with the subject line "Internship Application."



*Staff member Diana Trinh with Intern Extraordinaire Bridget Geiger.*

**Deadline for Spring Semester:** December 10

**Sully Historic Site Internship**

Sully Historic Site is pleased to announce their newly established **Margaret C. Peck Youth Internship Program**. This paid nine-month internship is being offered to junior level students at Herndon, Chantilly and Westfield high schools. Students who are in good standing and have an interest in history are highly encouraged to apply. From April through December 2014 participants will gain experience in museum operations, public speaking, historic object collections, event programming, and museum store and visitor center operations.

**Applications will be accepted beginning in December 2013.** Candidates must provide a completed application, written essay, and teacher recommendations by January 31, 2014 for panel review.