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Bulova Byline

The Monthly Newsletter from Chairman Sharon Bulova

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Greetings,

There was once a time when life slowed down during the summer. I'm still waiting for that to happen this year! See inside this issue of the Bulova Byline for some of the issues that are keeping us busy.

Our Board's last meeting on July 30th, included several milestones. The first was the [announcement of Fairfax County's new Police Chief, Ed Roessler](#). A veteran of over 24 years, Chief Roessler has served as deputy chief of patrol, managing crime fighting efforts across eight district stations, in addition to managing the Animal Services Division. Serving as deputy chief, he managed police emergency responses to a variety of natural disasters and tactical operational events, including coordinating with Washington D.C. on the Presidential Inauguration.



Chief Ed Roessler

Chief Roessler's appointment followed a selection process that included about 30 stakeholders within the community. We were very fortunate to have had some excellent candidates from which to choose. I know that Chief Roessler will follow in the outstanding tradition of former chiefs, especially former Chief Dave Rohrer, who is now serving as deputy county executive for



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public safety.

In partnership with Arlington County, our Board recently approved the planning and design of the **Columbia Pike Streetcar Project**, which will span five miles from Pentagon City in Arlington to the Bailey's Crossroads revitalization area in Fairfax. The approved agreement lays out how Fairfax and Arlington will share costs for this next step. Arlington will pay for 80.4% of these costs and Fairfax County will pay for the remaining 19.6%.



Columbia Pike Streetcar artist rendering.

The Streetcar will help serve the growing need for public transit along Columbia Pike and help to revitalize the Bailey's Crossroads area. The majority of the streetcar line is in Arlington. Fairfax County's three stations will be located in the Bailey's area at: Goodwin House, Jefferson Street and Skyline. It is anticipated that a mix of local, state, and federal funds will be used to finance construction of the project. More information about the Columbia Pike Streetcar Project can be found at <http://www.columbiapikeva.us/streetcar-transit/>.

A new affordable housing choice will be the subject of community outreach and discussion this fall. Our Board unanimously approved a motion to refer the subject of **Residential Studio Units** to the Planning Commission. Residential Studios are small (about 500 square feet) "mini apartments" or efficiencies. This kind of housing is beginning to appear in communities throughout the U.S. Department stores are even beginning to showcase smaller sized and compact furnishings to outfit pint-sized areas.

The units would be geared toward County residents at the lower end of the income spectrum, including students, seniors and single individuals who do not require (or want) a lot of space. The Fairfax County Planning Commission will be hosting several

community workshops and public hearings during September and October to solicit feedback and suggestions in order to focus the zoning ordinance amendment that will eventually be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, hopefully before the end of this year. These dates are as follows (all meetings take place in the Board Auditorium at the Government Center):

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 8:15pm - Workshop #1

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 8:15pm - Workshop #2

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 8:15pm - Public Hearing

This USA Today video is an interesting demonstration of how these units work: [Mini-apartments are the next big thing in U.S. Cities.](#)

Lastly, I am pleased to welcome **new FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza** to our Fairfax County family. Earlier this week I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Garza, who comes to us from Lubbock, Texas. I think she will be a great new partner as Fairfax County addresses the challenges and opportunities associated with our excellent school system. I also wish former Superintendent Jack Dale well in his retirement. I have very much appreciated Dr. Dale's dedication and commitment to our schools and to our community.

Education is Fairfax County's number one priority. Thanks to a first rate educational system we are able to attract quality jobs and maintain a safe and engaged community.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Evenings on the Ellipse Concert Series



Don't forget about the [Evenings on the Ellipse Concert Series](#) this summer! On Thursday evenings, from July 11th through August 29th, the Fairfax County Government Center's "back yard" will be alive with music, relaxation and fun (in case of inclement weather concerts will be held in the Government Center Forum). Concerts are designed for employees and nearby residents who wish to celebrate the end of the day in Wolf Trap-esque style!

These summer concert series are brought to you by members of the Board of Supervisors in partnership with our Fairfax County Park Authority. We thank our generous corporate sponsors for helping to make these good times happen.

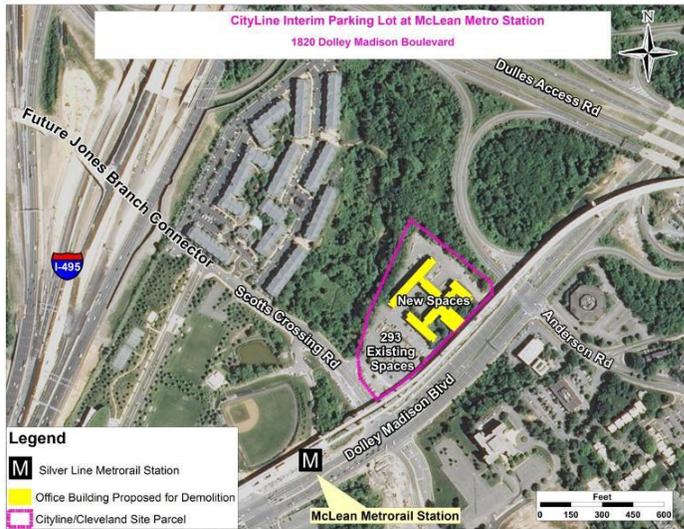
If you like music and enjoy spending time with family, co-workers and friends, you will love these concerts! And don't forget that all concerts include **FREE WINE TASTINGS** hosted by [Paradise Springs Winery](#) and [The Winery at Bull Run](#). Hope to see you there!

If you can't make the Evenings on the Ellipse Concerts, [click here](#) for a list of all performances countywide.

Tysons Interim Commuter Parking Lot

Project Highlights

- *An interim commuter parking lot will be built next to McLean Metro Station.*
- *This privately-run, pay lot will offer about 711 spaces for commuters, so they can easily access the Silver Line. This lot is a "bridge" solution to encourage ridership on the new rail line during its early years.*
- *CityLine will own, manage and operate the lot, including setting parking rates.*



For up to the next 10 years at least, Silver Line riders will be able to park their cars next to the McLean Metro Station when it opens.

This past Tuesday, the Board ratified an agreement with developer CityLine to provide an interim, commuter parking lot. Located at 1820 Dolley Madison Boulevard, this surface, pay lot will offer about 711 spaces.

As part of the agreement, the public will be able to park in this privately run lot on weekdays between 5 a.m.

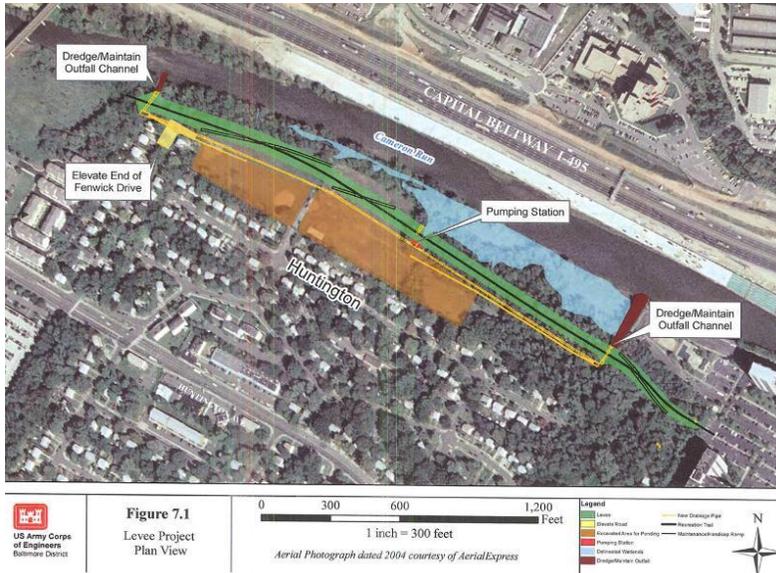
to 8 p.m. At any other time, CityLine may use the lot for other purposes. Cityline may allow weekend parking as well. Of the total number of spaces, up to 10 percent may be set aside for commuters who pay for reserved parking, and up to another 10 percent may be dedicated for car-sharing services. Like Metro's lots, the reserved commuter spaces will be open for anyone to park in after 10 a.m.



The agreement comes at **no cost to the county** because the developer will build, own, run and maintain the lot. The new lot will be built at the site of the Cleveland Building, which was part of the old West Gate office park. CityLine will tear down this three-story office and expand the existing 293-space parking lot next to the building, adding another 418 spaces.

Huntington Levee Design Contract Awarded

Many of you may recall how Fairfax County voters approved a \$30 million stormwater bond in November 2012. Funds from this bond will be used to construct a levee and pumping station to protect homes and other property in the Huntington neighborhood from flooding.



The contract for phase I of the Huntington Levee design has been awarded to ARCADIS. This phase consists of data collection, site study, and the development of conceptual design. This phase of the project design is anticipated to run through January 2014.

Survey crews began gathering essential survey data after July 1st. Crews will be performing minimally disruptive tasks such as marking utilities with flags and paint and setting large nails in specific locations for

geometric measurements.

This project will take approximately three to five years to design, with two additional years for construction. The project will be reviewed by local, state, and federal agencies. More project details and status updates can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes.huntingtonlevee.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Frying Pan Farm Park staff and the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park are hosting the 65th Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival from Thursday, August 1st to Sunday, August 4th. Admission to the fair is free, though several activities (carnival games and ride tickets) have fees. Parking is free on Thursday and Friday and costs \$7 per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday.

The 4-H Fair is full of old-fashioned country fun with carnival games, rides, animal shows, exhibits, live entertainment, and great food. A detailed schedule of the fair can be found online at <http://4hfairfax.org/schedule.php>. Call 703-437-9101 for more information or assistance.

For Saturday and Sunday, the entrance to the park will be on Monroe Street through the back entrance. Exiting will be directed to the front of the park onto West Ox Road. Police and volunteers will be standing by to help direct traffic.

The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton

Women's Equality Day Sunday, August 25, 12:30-3:30 pm

Visit the Workhouse Prison Museum (9601 Ox Rd, Lorton, VA 22079) on Women's Equality Day, Sunday, August 25, 2013 and join in the celebration of the 93rd anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote.

Women's Equality Day is jointly presented by the Workhouse Prison Museum and the Turning Point Suffrage Memorial.

Activities listed below will take place in Building W-9 and are free and open to everyone.

12:30pm--"**The Suffrage Prisoners at Occoquan**", illustrated talk by Alice Reagan, Associate Professor of History, NVCC.

1:15pm--"**The War of the Roses**", award winning student film about the conflict between Tennessee legislators opposed to suffrage (red roses) and in favor of giving women the right to vote (yellow roses). Tennessee was the last state to ratify the 19th amendment in 1920 by an extremely narrow margin.

1:30pm--Meet, talk and be photographed with costumed interpreters who portray significant figures in the fight for women's right to vote.

3:30pm--**Suffragist Songs**. Singers from the Metropolitan Academy of the Arts give voice to the music sung at the turn of the century in support of women's right to vote.

*The Workhouse Prison Museum at Lorton has just doubled its size. Use this opportunity to explore the newly enlarged space!

VAdopts: Campaign for 1,000



Earlier this week, I participated in a ceremony to designate Tuesday, July 30, as **Campaign for 1,000 Day in Fairfax County**.

Virginia Adopts: Campaign for 1,000 is an initiative launched by Governor McDonnell to match more than 1,000 children in foster care with 1,000 adoptive families.

Regional Kick Off events like the one shown in this video are designed to further promote the Campaign for 1,000 and highlight some of the children across the Commonwealth who are in need of a family. Parents and families interested in foster care adoption should attend. Each event will provide educational information for parents wishing to become adoptive parents. For more information please visit: <http://www.virginiaadopts.virginia.gov/>.



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Facets 25th Anniversary

FACETS is a well-established nonprofit organization that helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer from the effects of poverty. This year marks FACETS' 25th Anniversary-in fact, July 19, 1988 is FACETS' original date of incorporation. And in the midst of celebrating their past accomplishments, FACETS is recommitting itself to even better meet the needs of people living in poverty in Fairfax County and City.

FACETS' vision is to secure a day *when everyone in Fairfax County has access to adequate and affordable housing and nobody is homeless*. With that in mind, they developed a three year strategic plan to move us closer to truly preventing and ending homelessness in our community. While strengthening their current programs is a major focus, FACETS plans to implement three initiatives vital to helping their clients secure a brighter future. These areas include Job Placement and Career Development, Training and Life Skills and a Client Assistance Fund. By increasing employment opportunities, implementing a targeted life skills program and establishing a fund to prevent evictions and assist clients with moving into permanent housing, breaking the cycle of poverty will be within reach.

Working with their strong base of community supporters FACETS is looking forward to implementing these new initiatives and will announce their progress at their Annual Taste of Fall with FACETS event taking place on Saturday, November 16th at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. (For more information on this event or to RSVP visit www.FacetsCares.org or contact Alisha Matlock at AMatlock@FacetsCares.org or 703-352-6342.)

National Night Out



National Night Out takes place on Tuesday, August 6, 2013! America's Night Out Against Crime promotes involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Interested in participating? For more information and to register your neighborhood event, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno/>.