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I begin writing this edition of the Byline on Labor Day, which is also Day 1 of my **Walk-About Listening Tour**. The Walk-About is an opportunity to meet and chat with my constituents one-on-one, share information about County issues, and learn firsthand what people have on their minds. During the weeks and months ahead, I will be going door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout the County and look forward to meeting many of you.

One of my mottos is “*a well-served constituency is an informed and engaged community*” and engagement is something Fairfax County does especially well. During these past few years, as we have been challenged by the severe economic downturn in this country, we have benefitted greatly from the generous level of community participation in the budget process.

To prepare for **Fiscal Year 2012** (which begins in July of 2011), our Board and County staff will be building upon the successful Community Dialogue series which improved the budget process immensely. In addition to several traditional community forums regarding the upcoming budget, we are preparing **Do-it-Yourself Toolkits** which can be used for small group discussions. Material for the Discussion Sessions will be available on our website.

Any club, organization or group of interested persons can take this toolkit and hold their own discussions. These groups can then make recommendations, offer suggestions, or just give comments to us on the County’s website. This is a great way for County residents to have their views heard while the County Executive is preparing his Advertised Budget, and later as the Board of Supervisors “marks-up” (amends) the Advertised Budget and formally adopts a budget in late April. I hope you will take advantage of this and other opportunities to participate in the process of identifying savings and reorganizational efficiencies in order to keep our taxes affordable while funding essential County services and programs. Watch for the next edition of this Byline, and the County’s website, as more details unfold.

A lot is happening this fall! See inside this Byline for information about

- Completion of critical phases of the Fairfax County Parkway
- Watershed Planning Forums
- Code Compliance
- And lots more!

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Fairfax County Parkway Extension to Open this Month

This month, I will participate in the ribbon cutting at the opening of the first phase of the \$198 million expansion and extension of the Fairfax County Parkway.

The extension of the Parkway from Rolling Road to I-95 is a critical road improvement project the County has undertaken to prepare for the transfer of 13,000 Defense Department employees to Ft. Belvoir as part of 2005 recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC).

But the project will not only serve our new workers. Once completed, Fairfax County residents can take advantage of the new access point to I-95 northbound and southbound, which will help relieve congestion at other nearby on-ramps and exits.

The first phase completes a two-mile, four-lane section between Rolling Road and Fullerton Road. This portion

of the Parkway will carry more than 8,500 employees to the new headquarters of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency at the Engineer Proving Ground in Springfield as part of BRAC.

Phase two of the project involves the construction of an interchange at Rolling Road and the entrance to the Engineer Proving Ground and the extension of Boudinot Drive to provide a ramp to the Parkway southbound. Phases three and four involve the relocation of Hooes Road and Rolling Road, improvements to the Springfield Parkway interchange, and the extension of Boudinot Drive at the Fairfax County Parkway.

This project would not have been possible without the support from our delegation in the U.S. Congress, and we thank them for that and look forward to continuing our partnership on the remaining BRAC projects.



Draft Watershed Management Plan Forums Coming Up

Regular Bulova Byline readers may remember that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) has recently spent several months studying each of the 30 watersheds – the areas of land that drain to larger bodies of water such as lakes or rivers – throughout the county.

With input from the community, DPWES has evaluated the health of each watershed and developed plans to manage our streams, lakes and rivers to improve their water quality and, ultimately, the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

These draft plans are ready to be shared with the community and we would welcome your participation and input before the county implements the watershed management plans.

More information on watersheds and a complete list of Watershed Management Plan Forums can be found on our [website](#) or by calling the Stormwater Planning Division of DPWES at 703-324-5500.

There are **three Forums** planned for the month of September:

Thursday, Sept. 16 on Little Rocky Run and Johnny Moore Creek at Centreville High School

Tuesday, Sept. 21 on Accotink Creek at Fairfax High School

Thursday, Sept. 23 on Nichol Run and Pond Branch at Herndon High School





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New Department of Code Compliance Begins Work

The County’s new Department of Code Compliance (DCC) began operations on July 1, 2010. The DCC was created to consolidate the services and staff from several County departments in order to improve customer service and investigative services to our community.

This new agency combines the former Strike Team, the former Zoning Enforcement Branch, the Code Enforcement Branch, and the Blight program, and creates an improved customer call center.

Some of the codes and ordinances that will be enforced by DCC are the Zoning and Noise Ordinances, the Property Maintenance Code, portions of the Residential Fire Code, the Grass

Ordinance, the Blight Ordinance and unpermitted construction under the Building Code.

The new multi-code authority and cross trained investigators will enable code investigators to better collaborate with other disciplines to more effectively solve problems and enable them to handle cases more efficiently.

The customer call center consolidates several customer call lines and intake staff from those former agencies into one call center to better service the public.

Questions and complaints can be called into the new DCC customer call center at 703-324-1300, or online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code

Take a Tour of the County with Virtual Fairfax

Earlier this summer we launched [Virtual Fairfax](#), a 3D tour of the county that is accessible through our website. This is a really cool tool that allows residents, visitors and anyone who might be curious about the features of Fairfax County that make it unique to tour the County virtually.

Virtual Fairfax includes thousands of 3D buildings in Tysons Corner, Reston and Herndon, terrain and the latest aerial imagery of the County, and tours of historic sites and commercial areas.

The images of buildings are photorealistic, and virtual tourists can fly around the County with a click of the mouse.

Jump instantly from a 3D rendering of serene Mt. Vernon over to Tysons Corner to get a good glimpse at the diversity of the features that make Fairfax County such an interesting place.

If you’re trying to familiarize yourself with the area, try a tour! The Historic Sites Tour starts in Mt. Vernon, flies you over to Gunston Hall then Sully Historic Site. Or try a tour of the bustling Dulles Corridor.

You can also edit maps in Virtual Fairfax. Mark up and save maps with lines, shapes and text, create links to or snapshots of a specific location, or add your own building models to the Fairfax County landscape.



Virtual Fairfax

Inova Launches Wait Time App, Website

Inova recently launched a new service for area residents that allows them to see the wait times at the emergency rooms in all of Inova’s Northern Virginia locations from their computer or iPhone.

Fairfax County has a unique partnership with Inova Health Systems, which operates six campuses within the county.

This new service provides a great

advantage to County residents by taking out some of the guesswork with seeking immediate medical attention.

The iPhone app not only allows users to see the wait times at the ER, but it also finds the nearest Inova campus location and provides a map from your current location to the ER.

Download the app ([iTunes link](#)) or visit the [Inova website](#).



Voter Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

“To vote in November, you must be registered by October 12th”

Here in the Commonwealth of Virginia, it’s always election season, and this year’s federal elections on **November 2nd** are fast approaching.

If you have not already had a chance to do so, now is the time to register to vote or update your information with the Registrar’s Office.

To vote in November, you must be registered by October 12th.

Information on voter registration as well as sample ballots, absentee ballot request information, and information on polling locations [is available online](#) or you can call 703-222-0776.

Save the Date for the Oak Hill Open House in October

Historic sites in Fairfax County are a source of pride for residents, and Oak Hill is a true piece of history in our own backyard. I hope you take the time to join us at an open house on Saturday, October 16.

I originally launched this annual event with a dedicated team of community volunteers, and it has become a family festival that features one of the oldest homes in Fairfax County, Oak Hill. This year’s

program will focus on the 19th century African American communities in the area.

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook has continued the tradition of strong support of Oak Hill.

The event will take place from 12:00-5:00 p.m. and there will be off-site parking and shuttle service from the Nancy Sprague Center at 4414 Holborn Avenue.

This is a great opportunity to see the Oak Hill mansion and to be immersed in local history.

Please don’t hesitate to call my office if you have additional questions. Or you can email: christina.fullmer@fairfaxcounty.gov

Oak Hill is located at 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in Annandale.



An Update on the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

There are many reasons to be proud of Fairfax County – our great schools, our low crime rate, our high quality of life – and part of what makes this community great is how we care about one another.

Many people in the community are facing financial difficulties and some have been forced out of their homes.

I am proud to report that the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness continues to take impressive steps to improve how we help people struggling with homelessness.

To date, the Partnership has prevented or ended homelessness for over 850 individuals from more than 345 households.

The Partnership reflects the values of our community and is a joint effort between volunteers and the public and private sectors. This summer has seen increased involvement from the business sector.

Google hosted the kickoff Business Engagement event on Aug. 4 for the Partnership at their offices in Reston, and over 60 local business leaders attended. I had the privilege of addressing the audience, and it was great to see businesses of all sizes represented and to see everyone so excited about the Partnership's goals.

On August 21, Target generously sponsored Giving Back to Get People Home, an event where nearly 200 volunteers and staff from the county and local non-profit organizations assembled 462 care packages of cleaning supplies and personal items donated by Target for people in homelessness.

Homelessness is a problem that affects our entire community and it is great to see the community bringing its resources to bear on this challenge.



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Junior Achievement Finance Park to Open in Fairfax

On October 5 Junior Achievement will open Finance Park, a 20,000 square foot center at the Frost-Woodson Campus in Fairfax, Virginia designed to deliver “high-tech, high-touch educational experiences to more than 14,000 middle school students each year,” according to Junior Achievement.

Fairfax is home to one of 14 Finance Parks around the country. The six-week classroom program at FCPS schools culminates with a day at Finance Park, where students are given hands-on, practical experience in a wide variety of personal budgeting activities like housing, transportation, food, utilities, health care, investments, philanthropy, and banking.

[Visit their website](#) for more information on how Finance Park works. Major funding for Finance Park was provided by Capitol One.



