



**Bulova Byline**  
**Chairman's Monthly Report**  
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- On July 31<sup>st</sup>, I received a call from Vancouver, Canada that Fairfax County had been selected to host the **World Police & Fire Games** in summer of 2015. My congratulations to Team Fairfax, headed by Police Lt. Bruce Blechl, for winning the honor of bringing this prestigious event to Fairfax. It is the largest international athletic competition after the World Olympics and will bring significant economic benefits to our county. Members of Team Fairfax will appear before the Board to be thanked for their efforts on September 14<sup>th</sup>. See inside for more information!

- Despite our difficult economic times, we have much to celebrate in Fairfax County. See inside for a list of great **community activities this fall**, and to see a photo of the Signing Ceremony with Mayor Kim Young Soon of Songpa-gu, a District located on the south-eastern part of Seoul, Korea – our **new Sister Jurisdiction**. With Fairfax County being home to a large and vibrant Asian American population I know this collaboration will enhance and build upon the Asian American presence and contributions in our community.

- On the challenging side, our County is gearing up once again to engage our residents as we prepare for the next Fiscal Year. Through a series of Budget Community Dialogues, Town Meetings and Brown Bag Lunch Discussions for our employees, we will provide information about the continuing economic decline and its effect on County revenues. We will consider strategies for closing what we are projecting to be a \$315 million revenue shortfall in FY 2011, which begins July 2010. Our situation will likely be exacerbated by reductions made to close revenue gaps on the State level. Your participation last year was invaluable and I am looking forward to working with you again as we identify ways to reduce the cost of services and programs, and identify reorganizational opportunities, while being sure to protect the quality we expect and depend upon.

- Summertime has not slowed down work on Dulles Rail, or the Beltway HOT Lanes. See inside for more on these Megaprojects, as well as information regarding the delay in planning for a 95/395 HOT Lanes Project.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

## SONGPA-GU SISTERHOOD PARTNERSHIP



On July 13, 2009 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors entered into a "Sisterhood Partnership" with the Songpa-gu District of Seoul, Korea. Songpa-gu has a population of approximately 620,000 citizens and is described as "a very beautiful city surrounded with a castle on the mountain and a river and stream presence. In 1988 Songpa-gu hosted the Seoul Olympic Games.

The Agreement was signed prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting by Mayor of Songpa-gu, Kim Young Soon and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova. Congressman Gerry Connolly attended the Signing Ceremony and presented the mayor with a U.S. Flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol. After the ceremony, the delegation from Songpa-gu was welcomed to the Board Room.

Mayor Kim initiated discussion of the Partnership in January of 2008. She was aware of the vibrant Korean-American community in Fairfax County and believed that our jurisdictions share much in common with our focus on environmental initiatives and a forward-look agenda.

Attending the ceremony was At-large School Board Member Ilryong Moon. He and Braddock School Board Member Tessie Wilson had already received and welcomed the delegation at their School Board Meeting on Thursday, July 9th. Ilryong Moon and Tessie Wilson were key in moving the Partnership to

reality. The itinerary and arrangements for the delegation were handled by Barry Biggar, Executive Director for Visit Fairfax, an organization which promotes tourism and is funded by hotel taxes.

During their visit, members of the Songpa-gu delegation visited Robinson Secondary School and George Mason University. The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority provided an orientation to the group on Friday, July 10th. On Saturday, Chairman Bulova joined the delegation as they visited Burke Centre library, where they met Eagle Scout Chris Shea as he and volunteers were building an outside Story Telling area. The delegation moved on to the Lorton Arts Foundation, had lunch and a VIP tour at Mount Vernon, then spent the evening at Wolf Trap.

Following Monday's Signing Ceremony, members of the Songpa-gu delegation visited the County's Public Safety & Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC), and then contributed to the County's economy with a shopping excursion at Tyson's Corner.

Fairfax County is very excited about the Partnership between Songpa-gu and I believe that there will be mutual benefits in the areas of economic development, and the sharing of best practices for educational, environmental, cultural and artistic exchanges.

## WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES



It's official! The World Police & Fire Games are coming to Fairfax County in 2015 - the 30th Anniversary of this international sporting event.

After beating out numerous major destinations to become a finalist, Fairfax County's "Team Fairfax" made their case before the selection committee on July 30th in Vancouver, Canada – the site of this year's Games. Team Fairfax was made up of representatives from Fairfax County's police, fire and sheriff departments, Fairfax County, Visit Fairfax, the Greater Washington Sports Alliance and others including strong support from the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"The race among the three finalists was extremely close," says Mike Graham, President of the World Police & Fire Games Federation. "The choice came down to the commitment from the Fairfax bid committee, from the governor down to local business leaders, the world-class facilities that are already in place to host the Games, as well as the passionate dedication to the WPMFG of key members of Team Fairfax."

Since first held in 1985, the World Police & Fire Games have continued to grow in terms of attendance and number of participating countries. Today, these Games are a spectacular 10-day international sporting event providing more than 10,000 active and retired police officers, firefighters, and other public safety servants from around the world the opportunity to showcase their athletic excellence in more than 60 sporting events. The proposed dates for the 2015 Games are June 26 – July 5, 2015.

"The 2015 Games in Fairfax County promise to deliver a lifetime of memories with celebrations and festivities worthy of the event's 30th anniversary, which happens to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Fairfax County Police Department," says Bruce Blechl, Executive Director of Team Fairfax, Lieutenant of the Fairfax County Police Department, and five-time WPMFG competitor. "To be able to celebrate these anniversaries along with the birthday of America on the 4th of July in the Washington, DC area will be phenomenal."

The benefits to hosting will be significant to the County. Conservative estimates expect an economic impact of \$30 – 35 million. "This is an outstanding opportunity for Fairfax County to showcase our exceptional First Responders and the world-class destination that we are" says Michael Frey, Fairfax County Supervisor for Sully District who represented the County on the bid committee.

Says Visit Fairfax President & CEO Barry Biggar, "Our region is incredibly vibrant, with colorful, lively neighborhoods that offer great cuisine and an active nightlife for those seeking fun and entertainment after a hard day of competition, first-class attractions, exceptional air access and the best of all, lodging."

Fairfax County looks forward to welcoming this exciting event in 2015!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

I'm so pleased to welcome our newest Wildlife Biologist to Fairfax County. Victoria Monroe was recently hired for this position within the Police Department. In addition to overseeing the challenges of the countywide deer management program, Monroe will be an invaluable resource to the residents of Fairfax County, as well as to animal control officers responding to incidents. As always, when you have an animal control problem to report, please call the Non-emergency police number: 703-691-2131.

## FY 2011 COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Upcoming Community Dialogues on the county's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget will be a valuable opportunity to engage our residents and employees as we consider strategies for closing what we are projecting to be a \$315 million revenue shortfall.

Community Dialogues at Kings Park, Sherwood, and George Mason libraries previously scheduled for Saturday, September 19 have been rescheduled to Saturday, November 14, from 10 am to Noon, in order to avoid conflict with the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

Please join us at one of the following community dialogues:

Tuesday, September 29: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- McLean Community Center

Wednesday, September 30: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- West Springfield High School Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 14: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- Marshall High School Cafeteria
- South County High School Cafeteria

Saturday, October 24: 10:00 am to Noon

- Centreville Regional Library
- Reston Regional Library
- John Marshall Library

Thursday, October 29: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- South Lakes High School Cafeteria
- Woodson High School Cafeteria

Saturday, November 14: 10:00 am to Noon

- Kings Park Library
- Sherwood Regional Library
- George Mason Regional Library

Additionally, employee Brown Bag Lunch Discussions are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Thursday, September 17: 10:00 am to Noon

- Government Center CR 2&3

Thursday, October 1: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- Reston Regional Library

Wednesday, October 7: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

- South County Government Center CR 221

Tuesday, October 20: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

- Government Center CR 2&3

Wednesday, October 28: 10:00 am to Noon

- Massey Building A Level CR

## PARK AUTHORITY BUDGET MEETINGS

For those of you with a thought or two about the Fairfax County Park Authority's budget, there will be three public meetings on the proposed FY 2011 budget reductions.



This is an opportunity to learn about the Park Authority's budget and fiscal restraints, as well as the chance to lend your opinion on how to best improve business practices, increase revenues, and cut costs.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 1, 2009, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitors Center. The park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria

The second meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center. The park is located at 2709 West ox Road in Herndon

The third meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Green Spring Gardens located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria

For more information about these meetings, contact the Park at 703-324-8662, or e-mail [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## STATE BUDGET CRUNCH

The economic downturn has affected government budgets at the state, local, and federal levels. Each level works together and reductions to the budget at one level can have a cascading impact.



Due to the global economic downturn, Virginia experienced a 9% decline in state General Fund revenue last year. This year, state revenues are expected to decline by more than 1.5%. The state General Fund supports the primary core government functions. We expect additional statewide budget cuts will be announced to address the \$1.5 billion shortfall; on top of the \$4 billion in reductions that have already been made. These reductions come at a difficult time because Fairfax County is projecting a shortfall of \$315 million for the coming fiscal year.

The budget pressure the state is under affects the county on some of the most fundamental issues for Fairfax County residents: education and transportation. Local governments already dedicate significant parts of their budgets to provide quality public education. Currently, local jurisdictions throughout Virginia pay more than \$3 billion annually above the minimum set by the state-mandated Standards of Quality (SOQ) for public education. This constitutes a fifth of all spending for kindergarten through 12th grade education. K-12 education represents 35% of state General Fund spending in the current state budget.

Similar strain is expected on transportation funding. The roads in Fairfax County are owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia and are maintained by VDOT. VDOT has authority over and responsibility for how our roads are maintained. In FY 2001, the budget for VDOT's statewide 6 year transportation program was roughly \$10.4 billion dollars. Currently, it is less than \$5 billion. VDOT is required to keep the roads safe and drivable so, as a result of the shrinking budget, the limited resources are drawn away from new construction and spent on maintenance. This drastic loss of resources limits the state's ability to secure bond funding for large-scale projects and provide the matching funds required to take advantage of federal transportation funding.

Fairfax County continues to work to provide residents with the quality programs and services that they expect and will continue to partner with state government to accomplish this.

## IMPORTANT STEP TAKEN TO BRING RAIL TO DULLES

Another important step was taken on August 27 toward completing the long-awaited extension of Metrorail to Dulles, serving Tysons Corner and Fairfax County, as well as Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County and completing a transit link to the rest of the National Capital Region.

Circuit Court Judge Stanley P. Klein ruled from the bench that the proposed plan to finance up to \$400 million of the **local share** of the cost to construct Phase I of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project through the issuance of EDA Bonds to be repaid with the proceeds of the **special tax levied on commercial and industrial real estate** in the Dulles Corridor Phase I Special Improvement Tax District is completely lawful and constitutional.

At its June 18, 2007, meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized this local funding agreement with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and Loudoun County, along with a cooperative agreement with MWAA. Expenditure of funds was authorized for the construction of the Project.

Last week's action, taken in a bond validation suit brought in Fairfax County Circuit Court by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (EDA), the County, and the District, validated the proposed plan for financing this portion of the cost of Phase I of the project through EDA bonds.

Fairfax County looks forward to continuing the collaborative effort between local, state and federal governments and the private sector to bring rail to the Dulles Corridor.

## CLEARING OF MEDIAN OF DULLES AIRPORT ACCESS HIGHWAY

Drivers and residents along the Dulles Airport Access Highway are now seeing an increase in construction work from Reston to Tysons Corner. The work is being done in preparation for construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The rail line will be built in this median.

If you have any construction related emergencies, please call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789. For further information about the project, please visit our project website at [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com) or call 703-572-0506.

## **RECENT NEWS ON RAIL TO DULLES FUNDING – PHASE II**

With Phase I construction underway, including four stations in Tysons Corner on the way to Wiehle Avenue in Reston, rail to Dulles is imminent. Work on Route 7 roadway enhancements will begin later this summer and rail construction all along Route 267 will begin later this year. Preparatory work at the Route 7 / 123 interchange is underway for the Tysons Central 123 Station and tunnel portion of rail at this location. Tunnel rail construction under the interchange will begin later this year, with aerial rail construction along the Dulles Connector Road and Route 123 to begin in early 2010.

**Phase II of the Dulles Metrorail project will extend the new Silver Line all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudon County.** Phase II will be funded primarily through bonds issued in relation to revenue collected from Dulles Toll Road tolls.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has announced upcoming public hearings on proposed toll rate increases of 25 cents at the Main Toll Plaza and 25 cents at the ramps of the Dulles Toll Road to take effect in 2010. This increase has already been anticipated.

Additionally, under this proposal, in 2011 and 2012, the toll at the Main Plaza could increase by an additional 25 cents. There would not be increases at the ramp areas during those years.

Public hearings will take place on the following dates at these locations:

### Thursday, September 3: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

- McLean High School  
1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101

### Wednesday, September 9: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

- South Lakes High School  
11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191

Increases to the Dulles Toll Road tolls have long been planned in order to help fund Silver Line construction. It is my firm position, however, that any increases or adjustments in tolls beyond the initial 2010 increase be subject to annual economic analysis, and not automatically increased on a predetermined schedule.

In order to build **Metrorail stations** that will serve this western corridor, it is critical that property owners in the corridor establish a **Special Tax**

**District** to provide funding for their construction. Establishing the Phase II Tax District is vital if we are going to have stations between Tysons Corner and Dulles Airport.

## **DELAY OF 95/395 HOT LANES PROJECT HAS BRAC/FORT BELVOIR IMPACTS**

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) is the name given to the process that the U.S. Department of Defense uses to reorganize its military installations. By September 2011, the BRAC process will reallocate a total of 19,000 to 22,000 jobs to Fort Belvoir and the Engineer Proving Ground (EPG) in Fairfax County as well as to the Mark Center in the City of Alexandria. That is a number equivalent to the number of persons working at the Pentagon.

As a result a shift in transportation trips is expected as well as more traffic along the I-95 and Richmond Highway corridors; Telegraph Road; Fairfax County Parkway; the I-95/Fairfax County Parkway interchange; and on secondary roads throughout the Springfield and Fort Belvoir areas.

While relatively little funding is available for transportation improvements, the estimated costs of unfunded BRAC-related transportation projects vary from \$458 million to \$1.4 billion, depending on the alternatives selected and the existing analysis available. For example, the cost of extending Metrorail to the Fort Belvoir / EPG area would be about \$600 million.

Unfortunately, state leaders announced in August that plans to build high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on I-95 and I-395 have been delayed in part due to the current turmoil in the financial sector that leaves obtaining funding from the bond market uncertain. Additionally Arlington and Alexandria's have design concerns about the portions of the project within their jurisdictions.

It remains important to the mobility of the region that the highway and transit infrastructure associated with this project continues to move forward, including the segment inside the Beltway. Revenue from tolls generated by the I 95/395 HOT Lanes project was not only intended to provide additional HOV and HOT lane capacity but was also expected to provide **\$195 million in operating and capital for transit in the region.**

Not building the third HOV/HOT lane inside the Beltway will have significant traffic consequences for Fairfax County. In addition to the loss of transit in

the corridor, Fairfax is concerned about the resulting congestion that will occur with the new BRAC Headquarters facility at Mark Center – which does not have a nearby Metrorail station and which has limited bus service – if the new infrastructure envisioned as part of the 95/395 HOT lanes is not completed. Additionally, Fairfax County is concerned about the increase in through-traffic diverting onto local and collector streets. It is my position that we need to keep the project moving forward while making adjustments to scope as needed to make the project financially viable.

## What's Going on in Fairfax County?

Please go to [www.fxva.com](http://www.fxva.com) for more details

### September

- September 12 – 13 **Burke Centre Fall Festival**
- September 19 – 20 **International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap**
- September 19 – 20 **Virginia Wine Festival at Bull Run Regional Park**
- September 19 – 20 **18th Century Craft Fair at Mount Vernon**

### October

- October 2 – 4 **Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour at Mount Vernon**
- October 3 **Vienna Oktoberfest**
- October 3 **Oak Hill (Annandale) Celebration Day**
- October 17 – 18 **Autumn 18th Century Market Fair at Claude Moore Colonial Farm**
- October 24 – 25 **NoVA Brewfest at Bull Run Regional Park**
- October 24 **Air & Scare Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Museum**
- October 30 – 31 **Woodlawn's Haunted History**

### November

- November 14 **China Philharmonic Orchestra at George Mason Center for the Arts**
- November 17 **GateHouse Holiday Shop at Claude Moore Colonial Farm**
- November 21 **Turkey Trot 5k Race Herndon Community Center**
- November 27 **Christmas at Mount Vernon & Mount Vernon by Candlelight Begins**

## AMTRAK VIRGINIA PRESENTS NEW NORTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE – Burke Centre Stop!

RICHMOND & WASHINGTON, D.C. - Beginning October 1, Amtrak Virginia expands daily round-trip *Northeast Regional* service between Lynchburg, Washington D.C. and points north along the Northeast Corridor with tickets now available for purchase at a reduced rate. The new passenger rail service – originating in Lynchburg for the first time – has Virginia stops in Charlottesville, Culpeper, Manassas and Alexandria, **including Virginia Railway Express connections at Burke Center** and L'Enfant Plaza. A passenger can now travel directly from Lynchburg to destinations as far north as Boston and never have to change trains.

For leisure travelers, this is a great way to visit sights in Virginia and north of Washington without facing long highway traffic delays. The new service is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Virginia as part of a three-year pilot program designed to provide more transportation options for Virginians. The pilot program also includes new service between Richmond and the Northeast Corridor, slated to begin in December 2009.

Passengers who book travel on Amtrak's *Northeast Regional* service now through December 16 may take advantage of a fare promotion which offers up to 25 percent off the lowest published coach fare on *Northeast Regional* service between Lynchburg, Washington, D.C., New York, and Boston. Sample one-way fares include \$66 between Lynchburg and New York and \$71 between Lynchburg and Boston.

Reservations are required for travel and must be made at least 14 days in advance of travel. Some restrictions apply. Tickets can be purchased at [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. For more information about rail in Virginia, visit - <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/>