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Welcome to 2011! As I draft this letter, I am also putting the finishing touches on a State of the County address I will be giving next Thursday. It will be taped on Cable Channel 16 and I will send out the script and link in a Special Byline Report late next week.

The address will include a brief review of highlights from 2010. I will share information about items we already have on our agenda for next year: **Redistricting, elections, BRAC relocation and the FY 2012 Budget.**

Lastly, my report will list goals and initiatives that my colleagues and I consider priorities for the year ahead. I hope you will take the time to read or watch this address and I look forward to your comments and feedback!

Also scheduled for next week is my second annual Chairman's New Year Reception on Wednesday, January 12th (see the invitation on Page 2). This event is my opportunity to thank those of you who helped make 2010 a great year.

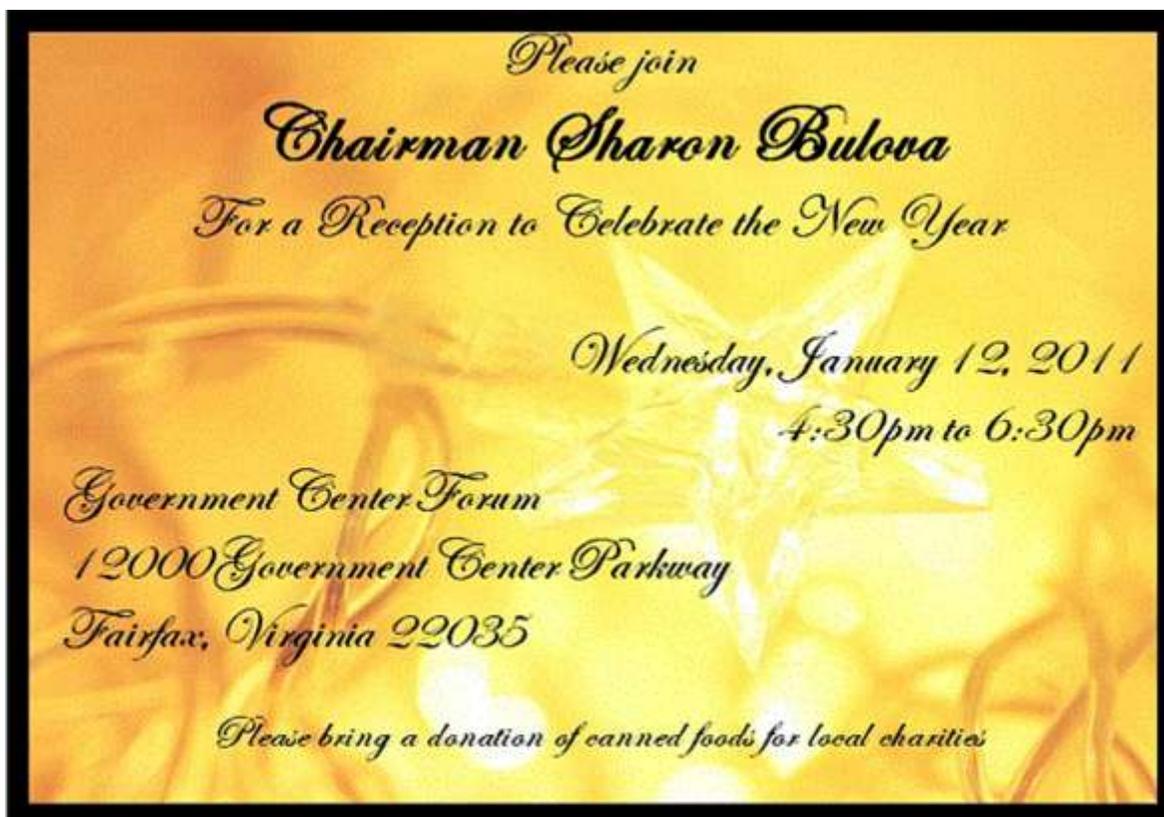
Thanks to the constructive engagement of our Fairfax County community, and the dedication, commitment and creativity of our County Workforce, we have been able to weather this fiscal downturn with the quality of life we all value intact.

I look forward to spending time with you at the Reception! Come hungry. You can expect great food, highlighting and celebrating our diversity, spirited music and warm fellowship – a great way to kick off a New Year! The reception is not funded through the County – it is my treat!

My office is currently looking for interns for the spring and summer semesters. We are looking for college students interested in politics or government who would like the opportunity to get first-hand experience with the business of local government in the largest county in Virginia. Check out Page 5 to find out how to apply.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Chairman Bulova to Participate in Ask Fairfax! Online Chat

On Friday (Jan. 7), I will take questions from the public in an online chat beginning at 2pm.

This installment of Ask Fairfax! will focus on the County's priorities for 2011, and will give everyone and anyone an opportunity to let me know your concerns, suggestions or to ask about what is in store for Fairfax County in 2011.

This chat will be wide open – participants are invited to ask any question about Fairfax County. You can visit the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/askfairfax/ to submit questions in advance, read transcripts of past chats and to review the question guidelines.

Chairman Bulova Discusses Major Issues Facing County on Cox Local Edition

Last month I joined Kathryn Falk on Cox Local Edition to talk about major issues facing Fairfax County in 2011. The topics included the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, transportation, and Chairman Bulova's top priorities for 2011.

The videos are airing regularly on CNN Headline News at 56 after the hour, or you can watch them at the links below.

[Episode 1: Budget Issues](#)

[Episode 2: Transportation](#)

[Episode 3: 2011 Priorities](#)



Korean Teachers Arrive In Fairfax County as Part of Cultural Exchange

Following a very successful trip by two Fairfax County English teachers to Songpa-gu, Seoul, South Korea last year, two teachers from the district have arrived in Fairfax County. This teacher exchange is part of our sisterhood partnership with Songpa-gu.

Mr. Jung-Chan Jun and Mr. In Kap Chang arrived this week and were greeted by the two high school ESOL teachers, Laura Brown of West Potomac High School and Brian Olmes of Robinson Secondary School, who traveled to Songpa-gu this summer.

The two visiting teachers will work at West Potomac and Robinson and will be hosted by generous Fairfax

County families during their month-long visit.

Laura and Brian spent time in Songpa-gu working at Posung High School, a prestigious boys high school. There, they met with teachers and students and taught them about life and school in the U.S. and learned about what it's like to be a student, and a teacher, in Korea.

Expenses associated with this Exchange do not involve County tax dollars.

On July 13, 2009 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors entered into a Sisterhood Partnership with the Songpa-gu.

The government of Songpa-gu sought out Fairfax County after researching several localities and finding many similarities with our county. The district has a population of approximately 620,000 citizens, and hosted the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988.



Chance to Honor Virginia Tech Victims, Survivors with License Plate

Here's a chance to help the survivors and family members of the tragedy at Virginia Tech in 2007.

The VTV Family Outreach Foundation was formed assist other victims of campus tragedy, secure and make safe our universities and colleges and create a legacy for those who died.

A minimum of 350 prepaid applications are required for the General Assembly to approve the plate.

Once the Foundation has received orders for 1,000 plates, it will

receive \$15 for every plate sold and renewed. DMV collects \$25 for non-personalized plates and \$35 for personalized plates.

These funds will help the Foundation in its mission to promote and advocate for the public safety and security of our universities and colleges ies.



Plates must be ordered by Jan. 10.

All questions can be directed to Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb at l.mcnabb@cox.net or 571-331-2619.

Visit <http://vtvfoundation.wsiefusion.net/license-plates.html> for detailed instructions on how to obtain a license plate application.

FCPS Homeless Liaison’s Office Appreciates Community Support

As you may have read over the holidays, youth homelessness in Fairfax County is real, and we have in place some of the best programs to address this critical issue.

Kathi Sheffel, the Fairfax County Public School’s Homeless Liaison sent over a list with “a few” of the contributions they’ve received to support homeless kids. This list was almost three pages long!

You can contact Kathi at 571-423-4332 if you have something to give. Just because the holidays are over doesn’t mean the season for giving has ended, too.

The list Kathi shared included food and clothing from churches, coats from a community organization, comforters, sheets and pillows to outfit 20 college-bound homeless students with dorm necessities from another community group,

grocery store gift cards, school supplies, coats and many, many more.



CEAN Offers Emergency Alerts for Residents, Businesses

The Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, is a service of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management.

When you sign up, you will be provided a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken, and other important information such as National Weather Service watches and warnings.



CEAN alerts may include personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or

disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. In addition, residents may also register for any or all of the additional CEAN alert categories: **severe weather 24/7; severe weather 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; severe traffic disruptions and county government closings/schedule changes.**

CEAN is used by county officials to deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones (text messaging costs may apply; check with your service provider), text pagers, satellite phones and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system.

Businesses can register for CEAN, too. The service allows a business contact to add up to five employees to CEAN. Although the individual who registers is the main contact, all registered employees will receive CEAN messages. Networking multiple employees to CEAN is intended to foster businesses’ internal communication and emergency response programs.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, visit the Fairfax County Web page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. For additional information on the CEAN, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

To register for CEAN as a business, click on “register as a business.”

Frying Pan Farm Park to Celebrate 50th Birthday Jan. 29



For 50 years, Frying Pan Farm has provided a welcome refuge from the surrounding suburbia through a unique blend of natural, agrarian, historical, recreational, educational, and equestrian cultures.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is marking the half-century milestone with a birthday party on Saturday, **January 29, 2011, from noon to 3 p.m.** in the park's visitor center. **Admission to the event is free.**

Activities will include wagon rides, children's party games, hot cocoa, birthday cake, a preview of 2011 events, and s'mores at an outdoor warming fire. Visitors are encouraged to help the park meet its goal of adding 50 new members to the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park, the park's advocacy group. Public interest and support will ensure that the legacy of community recreation, preservation, and education at Frying Pan Farm Park continues for another 50 years.

Internship Opportunities in Chairman Bulova's Office

The Chairman's Office is currently accepting applications for unpaid **spring and summer internships.**

We are looking for college students interested in politics or government who would like the opportunity to get first-hand experience with the business of local government in the largest county in Virginia. Intern duties will include constituent

service work such as drafting letters and answering phone calls, issue research, and other tasks as needs arise.

Applicants should be interested in the work of local government, and should be enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable. Full or part-time internships and we are willing to support students seeking course

credit for their time. Interested candidates should send resumes and cover letters to Mark.Thomas@fairfaxcounty.gov or **fax to 703-324-3955.** For all faxes and emails related to this internship opportunity, please use the subject line "Internship Application".

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Announces College Scholarship Opportunity

Are you currently or will you be enrolled in a Virginia college or university? Are you pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice? If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, then you are eligible to apply for a college scholarship from the Virginia Sheriff's Institute (VSI) Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available to both full- and part-time students.

As part of the application process, Fairfax County Sheriff Stan Barry must submit a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant. To obtain a letter of recommendation, please contact Lieutenant Sonny Cachuela at shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-246-3251.

For more information on the VSI Scholarship Program or to

download the application, go to <http://vasheriffsinstitute.org/scholarship/>

Founded in 1981, the Virginia Sheriff's Institute is a non-profit professional and educational organization. Sheriff Barry is a member of the VSI and participates in the scholarship fundraising efforts.

In case of inclement weather...

As many county residents will recall, we received a record amount of snow in early 2010, and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the services available to you in case we experience another harsh winter.

Most of the roads in Fairfax County are state roads and are plowed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). After the storms last year, your elected representatives at the state and local levels met with the local VDOT administrators and a more robust snow response plan is in place this year.

If you have concerns about plowing in your neighborhood, the Northern Virginia District Office of VDOT can be contacted at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or by email at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors works closely with VDOT to insure that our constituents are well served, so please feel free to contact my office or the offices of my colleagues and we will follow up with VDOT on your concerns.

Make sure you know how to contact your **utility providers** in the event of a service disruption. **Dominion Virginia Power (1-866-366-4357 for outages) and NOVEC (703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500 for outages) are the power providers in the county.** A complete list of utility providers and their contact information is available through the county's website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/utilitycompanies.htm>.

One of the best ways to be prepared for winter weather is to **subscribe to the county's Community Emergency Alert Network**, which delivers messages about crises, emergencies, traffic delays and weather events. Subscribers can receive CEAN messages via email, phone, pager, or other wireless device. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/> to register for this service.

We recognize that heavy snowfall can make it challenging for residents to access medical services. **Residents with high-risk health conditions are strongly encouraged to sign up with the County's Special Needs Registry** (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/> or (703) 324-9000). The information in the registry will be used by county agencies to improve their ability to serve participants in the event of an emergency. In the event of an emergency all residents, whether or not they are on the Special Needs Registry, should call 9-1-1.

Residents are also encouraged to prepare for winter weather by **winterizing their homes, preparing an emergency supply kit, avoiding unnecessary travel and allowing extra time for travel during inclement weather.** For tips on these topics and others related to winter weather preparedness, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/winter/>.