

Bulova Byline

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On Tuesday, February 28th County Executive Tony Griffin, who is retiring in April, presented his 12th and last budget. Inside this Byline is a list of town meetings and budget forums where you can receive a briefing on the Advertised Budget, ask questions and comment. The Advertised Budget is not the final product. It is the County Executive's "first stab" at putting something on the table for the Board's and the community's consideration. The budget will be "marked up" or amended at our Board Meeting on April 24th and will reflect the feedback we will have received during the days and weeks ahead from our residents. Formal adoption will take place on May 1st.

Some basics of Fiscal Year 2013:

- The proposed Budget is based on a **Tax Rate of \$1.07**
Because of a modest (0.71%) increase in the value of residential real estate, an "average" homeowner would experience an annual increase of \$33.85 in the real estate tax bill. With this rate, a typical household would pay \$45.36 *less* in Real Estate Taxes in FY 2013 than it paid six years earlier in FY 2007.
- The Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, **all Funds = \$6.7 billion**
"All funds" includes Special Revenue Funds from the state and federal government, Enterprise Funds, i.e. Energy/Resource Recovery, Stormwater Services, Dulles Rail Special Tax Districts, etc.
- The Fiscal Year **2013 General Fund (General County services and our Transfer to the Schools) = \$3.5 billion**
The General Fund budget is financed primarily (77%) though real estate and property (car) tax revenue.
The Advertised **General Fund Budget is an increase of 4.26%** over the FY 2012 Budget.
The **School Transfer = \$1.68 billion, an increase of \$72 million or 4.5%** over FY 2012.
General Fund Direct (non-School) Budget totals \$1.28 billion and is an increase of 4.10% over FY 2012.

Details of the budget include a 2% Market Rate Adjustment for employees, but no step increases or Pay for Performance increases. Additional details of the budget can be found by going to the [County's Website](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb) and clicking on www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb. Additionally my office is happy to provide Citizen Guides of the budget. Please give my office a call at 703 324 2321 or e-mail us at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov

On March 6th, our Board advertised a tax rate of \$1.08. This provides the Board with the flexibility to adopt a tax rate one cent higher than \$1.07. On May 1st, we can adopt a tax rate that is lower than what is advertised, but not higher. The value of one penny on the tax rate is \$19.95 million. Each penny change in the tax rate equals \$44.87 on a taxpayer's bill.

Adoption of the budget is the most important thing our Board does. When we adopt a budget, we are investing in the priorities of our community. It is important that we strike a balance that is sensitive and affordable to the taxpayer, but maintains the quality of life our residents value. I look forward to hearing from you during the weeks ahead!

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



The Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness has released its [second annual snapshot of communitywide data](#). This report reflects both the incredible successes and challenges we still face in the fight against homelessness in Fairfax County.

Key Highlights

- Of the 2,982 people who were literally homeless, 714 secured permanent housing.
- The number of people in the Fairfax-Falls Church community who became homeless for the first time dropped 16% in the last year.
- Collective efforts are now focusing on the creation of 2,650 new affordable housing units.

Joint Board Retreat Brings Increased Collaboration

On February 25th, members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board met for a joint retreat at the Junior Achievement Finance Park in Fairfax. As far as anyone could recall, this was the first time our two boards have met for such a retreat. It was a great opportunity to discuss our respective goals and priorities and explore opportunities for additional collaboration.



We started the day with a welcome from the host of our retreat, Ed Grenier, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. Mr. Grenier provided a presentation about the **significance of the type of hands on learning that takes place at the [Junior Achievement Finance Park](#).** The Finance Park is a Public-Private partnership, funded and operated by Capital One, Junior Achievement, and the Fairfax County Public Schools. All eighth graders in Fairfax County spend a day at this facility learning financial literacy.

After our welcome from Mr. Grenier, each board had the chance to present their current goals, priorities, and challenges. We then had a very thorough presentation from **Tony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, and Jack Dale, Fairfax**

County Schools Superintendent, about the past and present areas of collaboration between the County and the school system. **Members of both boards were pleasantly surprised to hear about the depth and breadth of all the work that happens on a daily basis between our two staffs.**

After a break for lunch we heard from former Lee District Supervisor and current Director of College Government Affairs at Northern Virginia Community College, Dana Kaufmann. Dana was on loan to us from his Scout Leader duties in Front Royal, and we thank him for his thoughtful presentation on Workforce Development in Fairfax.



The afternoon consisted of a **robust discussion about future areas of collaboration in areas such as transportation, capital facilities, and human services.** There was general agreement that in all future planning, both boards need to take into account a holistic view of the community. To achieve this strategic planning and to strengthen existing collaboration, board members agreed to future joint meetings. This was just the beginning of what I believe will be a collaboration. The details of our discussions as well as presentation materials can be found on the [county website](#).

Fairfax County Reveals FY 2013 Budget Town Halls

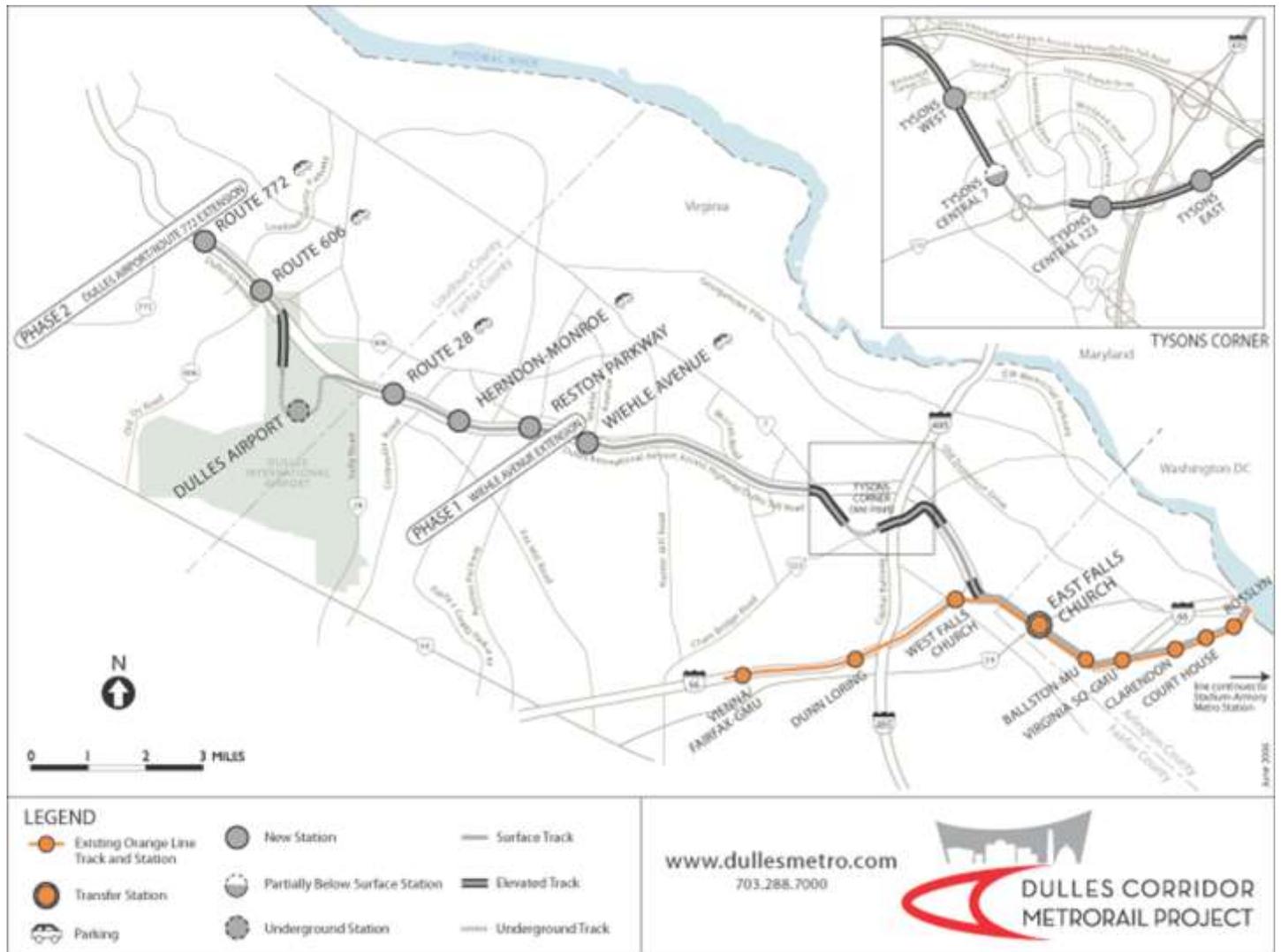
Town Hall Meeting	Location	Date & Time
Mason District Spring Town Meeting	Mason District Government Center	Wednesday, March 14 - 7:00 pm
Braddock District	Kings Park Library, Braddock Hall	Wednesday, March 14 – 7:00 pm
West Springfield	Fairfax County Government Center	Thursday, March 15 – 7:00 pm
Braddock District	Canterbury Woods Elementary – Cafeteria	Monday, March 19 – 7:30 pm
West Springfield	West Springfield Government Center	Monday, March 19- 7:00 pm
Providence District	Dunn Loring Center	Tuesday, March 20 – 7:30 pm
Sully District	Rocky Run Middle School	Thursday, March 22 – 7:00 pm
Hunter Mill Budget Meeting	Reston Community Center	Saturday March 24 – 10:00 am
Dranseville District	Ingram Council Chambers (Halls B and C) – 765 Lynn Street Herndon	Monday, March 26 – 7:00 pm
Braddock District	Robinson Elementary School	Wednesday, March 28 – 7:30 pm
Lee District	Franconia Government Center	Wednesday, March 28 – 7:30 pm
Sully District	Sully Government Center	Wednesday, March 28 – 7:00 pm
Dranesville District	Great Falls Library	Thursday, March 29 – 7:00 pm
Hunter Mill Budget Meeting	Vienna Community Center	Saturday, March 31 – 11:00 am
Dranseville District	McLean Community Center	Monday, April 2 – 7:00 pm

Fairfax County and Metrorail Release Silver Line Survey



Fairfax County Silver Line Station Names Survey

Construction of the extension of **Metrorail to Dulles International Airport** through Tysons Corner is well underway. **Phase I** is more than **65 percent** complete. At this point of the **Rail to Dulles** project, Fairfax County and Metro would like to solicit your opinion on proposed names for the eight Silver Line locations in Fairfax. You can take the survey by following this link: <http://www.wmata.com/silversurvey>



Rail to Dulles Phase II Meetings Scheduled

Fairfax County will seek public comment and input on the second phase of the Rail to Dulles Metro project. Phase 2 of the Silver Line is proposed to extend Metrorail from Reston to Herndon, Dulles International Airport, and into Loudoun County. We look forward to hearing from you at the following meetings:

Monday, March 12, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

South County Government Center
Community Room 221 A/B
8530 Richmond Hwy; Alexandria, VA 22309
Transit: Fairfax Connector 171; Metrobus REX

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30

p.m.
Hutchison Elementary School Cafeteria
13209 Parcher Ave; Herndon, VA 20170
Transit: Fairfax Connector 950

Thursday, March 15, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30

p.m.
Westgate Elementary School Cafeteria
7500 Magarity Rd; Falls Church, VA 22043
Transit: Metrobus 3T

Monday, March 19, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
Conference Room 9/10
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA
Transit: Fairfax Connector 605, 621, 623

In addition, there is a **Board of Supervisors hearing on Phase 2** of the Dulles Metrorail Project:

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
Board Auditorium
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA
Transit: Fairfax Connector 605, 621, 623
Sign up to speak by calling (703) 3224-3151 or by visiting us [online](#).

RCC Announces “Live Your Best Life” Series

This workshop series is designed to support individuals who are **thinking** about retirement, those **transitioning** into retirement, and those who have **already** retired. People in the process of transitioning from their work careers are sometimes called **Third Agers** because they have one-third of their life left to live after they retire. **The Positive Aging Coalition of Fairfax County** was organized to help ensure the wellbeing of these individuals and improve the quality of life of Northern Virginia residents. Each weekly meeting will focus on a different, stimulating topic such as

Finding Your Passion and Purpose, Choosing an Encore Career, Your Transition Life Plan, Maintaining Social Connections, and Your Boarding Pass for a First Class Retirement, just to name a few. **The specific course syllabus will be provided prior to the first class.**

Saturdays • March 17 - April 21

9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

RCC Hunters Woods

\$40 Reston/\$80 Non-Reston • *Reg.# 500123-*

For More Information • Senior Adult Program Director, Karen Brutsché • 703-476-4500



Reston Community Center
2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston VA 20191



To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-476-4500 • 800-828-1120 (TTY)



VDOT Reveals Fairfax County Parkway Updates

There were some major announcements this past month from VDOT regarding the Fairfax County Parkway. **Some \$23 million in repaving repairs will take place in 2012**, utilizing both Federal Bonus Obligation Authority (Stimulus Funds) and new Maintenance Allocations. The project limits of the repaving run from the Loudoun County line to Route 7900.



The **NEW** primary route numbers as of July 2012 are:

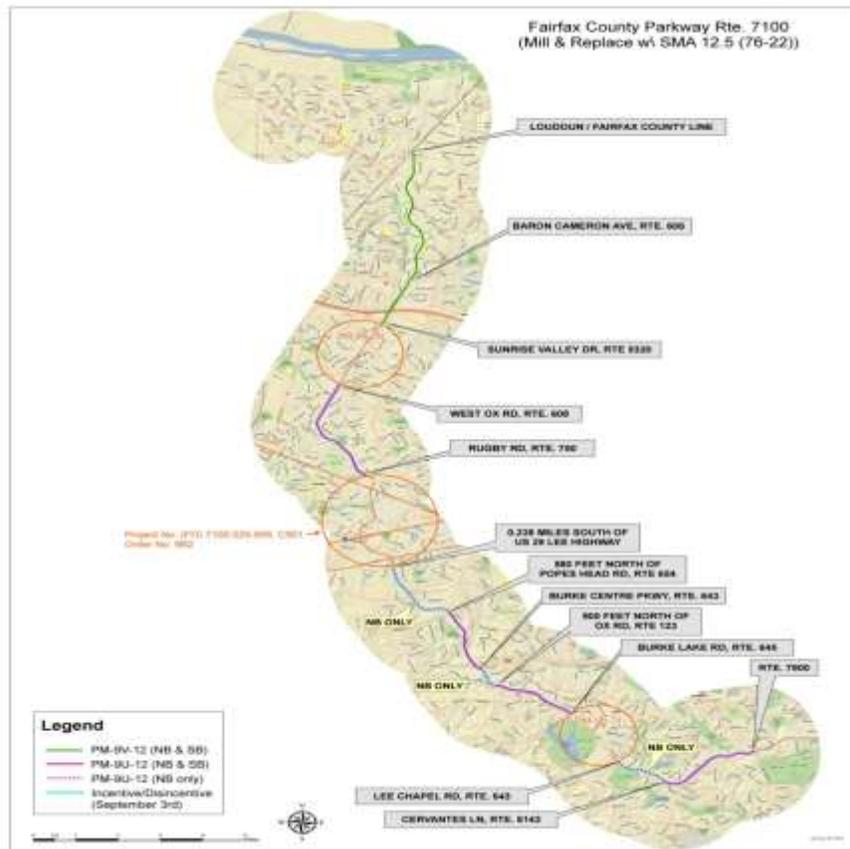
286 – (7100)

289 – (7900)

Road signs **will acknowledge** both the old and the new names for a year to give drivers a chance to get used to the change.

Most of the repaving work will be completed during the summer months- when school is out from June through September. There will be a slate of public information meetings held prior to the beginning of the maintenance work in June 2012.

In other major Fairfax County Parkway news, the CTB voted on converting the Parkway to a primary route.



Vienna MetroWest Project Publicizes Bus Bay Relocation

Starting February 27, 2012, the South Side bus bays at the **Vienna Metro Station will be closing for approximately six months** in order to rebuild the bus bays. The reconstruction of the bus bays is part of the **MetroWest development project** currently under construction south of the Vienna Metro Station. With the closure of the bus bays, the pickup locations for **all Fairfax Connector routes** (including routes 462/3/6, 621/2/3, 630/1/2, 640/1/2 and 650/1/2) are moving to the north side of the Vienna Metro Station. Fairfax Connector

buses will still drop passengers off on the south side of the station at a temporary drop off location. Connector buses will pick up passengers from four temporary bus bays on **Virginia Center Boulevard** and from one bus bay inside of the north bus loop.

FCDOT is committed to doing everything possible to inform passengers of the changes ahead of time in order to minimize the impacts of the temporary bus bay relocation and maintain the overall ridership on the Connector system

VDOT Addresses Delays along I-495 SOUTH at I-66 WEST



VDOT is addressing delays that have occurred along I-495 south at I-66 west due to recent traffic pattern changes. In an effort to ease congestion, VDOT will restore Exit 49, I-495 south to I-66 west from one ramp lane to two lanes. A fifth lane along I-66 west will also be opened to provide more travel capacity.

Crews will modify I-66 west in this area by reducing lane widths, removing the shoulders

for a short section and shifting traffic near the Dunn Loring Metrorail Station. Motorists are encouraged to use caution as this new traffic pattern will be in place until fall 2012.

To make these changes, **multiple lanes on I-66 west and Exit 49, I-495 south to I-66 west will be closed overnight with detours in place.** This interchange reconstruction is part of the 495 Express Lanes Project. The project is on scheduled to be completed in late 2012.

Frying Pan Farm Park Introduces Farmers Table

The **Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park** are excited to announce that fresh local produce, baked goods, eggs, honey, and meat will now be available at Frying Pan Farm Park this winter. The "Farmers Table" will be open from **2:30-6:30 pm inside the Visitor Center each Thursday from February 23rd to April 26th.**

A different free activity will be offered each Thursday, ranging from **wagon rides, warming fires, live music, blacksmith demos, baby farm animals, and arts and crafts.**

You can check the "Event" tab at www.fryingpanpark.org for a list of vendors as well as the weekly activity.

Fairfax County Releases New Volunteer Opportunities

Fairfax County’s **Annandale Adult Day Health Care**, 7200 Columbia Pk., Annandale, Va., needs a volunteer who is a licensed beautician once or twice per month to wash, cut, curl and style participants’ hair. The **McLean Adult Day Health Care Center**, 1609 Great Falls St McLean, Va., needs a volunteer assistant who speaks Spanish. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Fairfax County needs **Meals on Wheels** drivers in the Franconia, Vienna and Chantilly areas. Group Meals on Wheels coordinators are needed in Chantilly and Fairfax. **Medical appointment drivers** are needed in Falls Church. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Animal Shelter Publicizes 2nd Annual Foster Parent Month

Are you interested in helping save lives of puppies, kittens, turtles and an assortment of other animals housed at the **Fairfax County Animal Shelter**?



The Shelter will host a special orientation session for citizens interested in learning more about the organization’s

animal foster care program.

The orientation session will be **March 6, 2012 at 7 – 9 p.m. at the shelter located at 4500 West Ox Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030**. It is part of the shelter’s 2nd annual “Become a Foster Parent Month.”

Each year, the shelter places between **300 and 400 animals into foster care**. The majority of these animals are kittens and cats during the busy summer season; however, the shelter has a high need for foster care providers who can offer short-term care for dogs and puppies as well as for kittens under 4 weeks of age who need to be bottle fed.

The month-long “Become a Foster Parent” campaign begins March 1 and runs through the end of the month. For more information, e-mail kathleen.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov



