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## **Bulova Byline Chairman's Monthly Report November 2009**

- On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to see for myself the impressive work of our **Fairfax County Health Department**, as they vaccinated children and pregnant women in the highest risk category for **H1N1**. A few people had shown up at 8 p.m. the night before to ensure a place in line. By 9 a.m. Saturday, the line reached all the way from the Government Center almost to the Fairfax Corner shopping center. Employees of the Health Department were aided by about 400 volunteers from our Medical Reserve Corps and EMT personnel from our Fire & Rescue Department.

The operation was *extremely* well executed, with the line moving so quickly that by 3 p.m. there was little wait. Our Government Center Conference Center area, usually the site for Board, employee and community work sessions and forums, was converted into clinic spaces, with 81 “inoculators” to treat the crowds. The cafeteria became a place for children and parents to wait a few minutes to make sure they did not experience a reaction to the shot.

The efficient operation was the result of intensive 24-7 planning, training and execution on the part of our Health Department employees, working hand-in-hand with well-trained volunteers and EMT personnel. They are truly “First Responders,” and we are fortunate to have such a professional and dedicated workforce. For the most up-to-date information on H1N1, go to the County’s website at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu).

- As a follow-up from the Board’s Retreat in June, the issue of maintenance and operation of **roads and sidewalks in Fairfax County** was discussed during our Board’s Transportation Committee meeting. Members of the Board have agreed to an examination of issues associated with increasing transportation funding and improving roadway service delivery. Most people don’t realize that the State, not the County, owns roads within Fairfax County and is responsible for malfunctioning traffic lights, filling potholes, mowing rights-of-way, clearing snow, and replacing sidewalks. The Board will be appointing a **Blue Ribbon Commission** to look into the advantages and disadvantages of Fairfax County assuming more control. I will be sure to report on progress of the work of the Commission in this Byline.

- This fall has brought some **great news on the economic front!** In September, **SAIC** announced

that it will be moving its corporate headquarters to Fairfax County. SAIC becomes the seventh Fortune 500 Company based in the county. It is the third largest corporation to relocate headquarters to Fairfax County from California within the last two years, following CSC and Hilton Hotels Corporation. In addition, Volkswagen Group of America Inc. relocated its corporate headquarters to Fairfax County from Michigan in 2008.

On Friday, October 9th, Jeff Fairfield and Lee Fifer of WARD (Western Alliance for Rail to Dulles) presented signed petitions to Fairfax County to establish the **Phase II Tax District**, which will build three Metrorail stations to serve the Reston/Herndon area. The petitions represent a decisive majority of commercial landowners in the Western Dulles Corridor. This is a major milestone for the construction of Rail to Dulles!

Next steps in the creation of the Tax District are public hearings before the Town of Herndon and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. We hope to have the Tax District in place by the beginning of 2010.

- I hope you'll join me for **my Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on November 18th: "Energizing Fairfax County – Climate Change and Energy Efficiency!"** This will be an opportunity for you to learn about what is happening in our region and in Fairfax County to conserve our energy resources. Speakers include Stuart Freudberg of the Council of Governments, Mark Gibb of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and David Molchany, Deputy County Executive for Fairfax County. Bud Thompson (Great Falls Citizen Association) and Mark Lowham (West\*Group) will share "What's going on in the Community." The location for the meeting is in the newly renovated Woodson High School in Fairfax! It's going to be a great program and I look forward to seeing you!

- Last but not least – **Don't forget to vote on November 3rd!**

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

*For the very latest information on both Seasonal and H1N1 flus, as well as H1N1 vaccine availability at clinic locations, be sure to visit the County's website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu> or call the Health Department's H1N1 Call Center at: 703-267-3511 (Weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)*

*And remember these Flu Prevention steps:*

- \* **Wash your hands**
- \* **Cover coughs and sneezes with sleeve or tissue**
- \* **Stay home when sick**
- \* **Get flu shots**



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

### *New County Energy*

**Policy:** At our October 19 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved my motion to

adopt a new County Energy Policy. This new policy re-affirms the County's commitment to energy conservation and efficiency and supports the goals of the Board's Environmental Agenda and the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Initiative. The County Energy Policy provides guidance for the County's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Coordinating Committee to establish a comprehensive energy program for county operations. By developing and applying energy efficiency and conservation programs, Fairfax County will advance its environmental goals while achieving short- and long-term savings through cost avoidance.

**Clean Diesel Retrofitting Grant:** At our meeting on September 14, the Board of Supervisors accepted grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program. This grant, worth over \$1.3 million, will support advanced exhaust retrofits for 32 Fairfax County Public School buses. The EPA's new program to reduce emissions consists of two components: strengthening standards for new engines and encouraging retrofits for vehicles still on the road. The retrofit is projected to reduce nitrogen oxide

emissions from the buses by at least 65% by upgrading model year 2004 vehicles with new technology designed to meet 2010 emission standards. We need to be able to control nitrogen oxide emissions to protect our regional air quality and this grant gives us an opportunity to reduce emissions while continuing to provide a vital service.

### ***Energizing Fairfax County – Climate Change and Energy Efficiency!:***

The state of the environment we live in can have a dramatic impact on the quality of life we enjoy and our local environment is impacted by the choices we make every day. Climate change is a challenge that every level of government must address.

I would like to invite you to join me for my **Town Meeting** on energy efficiency and climate change to find out what is being done in Fairfax County.

**On November 18 at 7 p.m.** at Woodson High School (9525 Main St., Fairfax), residents will have an opportunity to hear about the latest local and regional efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Speakers will include representatives from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Fairfax County, Fairfax County Public Schools and community groups. The region and the county continue to grow, and this meeting is a chance to learn about the policy and planning decisions being made today to ensure a sustainable future.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The 150th commemoration of the Civil War is not so far away! Through partnerships with the Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County Historical Society, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Public Library System, National Park Service, local colleges and universities, and an assortment of Civil War roundtables, plans are well underway for some impressive historical displays that detail Fairfax County's role in Civil War history.

Some examples of events that are being planned are The Commonwealth of Virginia's annual signature conference in 2014 at George Mason University and a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly in 2012. Additionally, various citizen writing efforts are being coordinated through the History Commission. Events are also being organized by the various cities and towns throughout the county that highlight moments that are special to each locale, including an effort to commemorate Lincoln's Review of the Troops in Bailey's Crossroads in 2011.

As these various events get closer, I will be sure to outline more definitive details in my Bulova Byline!

## GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 REPORT

I serve as the Chair of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG.) The COG Board of Directors has approved for public comment a report by area leaders calling for a more integrated approach to regional planning to accommodate growth in our region, compete in the global economy, and combat challenges like climate change, traffic congestion, and disparities in public safety, health, and education.

This report, "Region Forward - Greater Washington 2050: COG's Vision for the National Capital Region in the Twenty-First Century," proposes a new, comprehensive vision for the National Capital Region. It is based on 19 shared regional goals and includes targets designed to measure progress toward the goals. Local governments are being asked to agree to a Compact to support these regional goals.

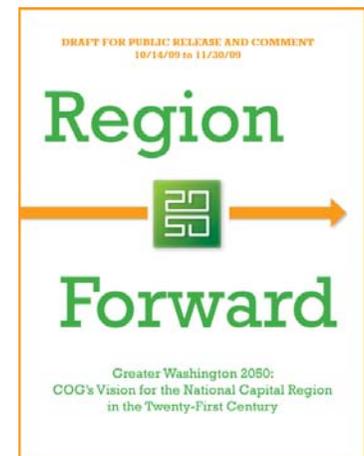
I encourage you to view the current report, available at Greater Washington 2050's website:

<http://www.greaterwashington2050.org/>. Submit your comments,

accepted through November 30, 2009, at:

<http://www.mwcog.org/gw2050/public/>. The COG Board expects to vote on the final report and recommendations in January 2010.

Residents of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia know our futures are interconnected. With Greater Washington 2050, we have a plan that reflects our shared goals and demonstrates the many benefits of working together more closely.



### CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2009

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office has scheduled a child safety seat inspection for Friday, November 6. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their vehicles, safety seat (and child if available). This service is provided FREE of charge to the community. No appointments are necessary. Trained deputies will ensure that the children fit securely in the safety seats and that the safety seats fit securely in the vehicle seat.

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

*1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

*Fair Oaks Hospital (parking lot across from main entrance)*

3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Virginia law requires that ALL children up to age 8 must be in a child restraint device (which includes a booster seat). The law also states that ALL rear-facing infant seats MUST be placed in the back seat of a vehicle. In the event the vehicle does not have a back seat, the rear-facing infant seat may be placed in the front passenger seat ONLY if the vehicle is either not equipped with a passenger side air bag or the passenger side airbag has been deactivated.

Many safety experts say that 80 to 90 percent of child safety seats are installed and/or used incorrectly. Ensuring that your safety seat is installed correctly will give you the peace of mind that your child is riding safely.

Partnered with the Virginia Department of Health, the Sheriff's Office is designated as a Permanent Fit Station. If residents are unable to attend the event at Fair Oaks Hospital, they can schedule an appointment by emailing

[shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov) and include a daytime phone number. All safety seat inspections, at advertised events or by appointment, are FREE and available to county residents.

## **I-495 and Route 267 Interchange Information Meeting**

**Tues., November 10, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**George Marshall High School**  
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold an open house information meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, from 7-9 p.m. at George Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and find out about proposed design modifications to ramps at the Capital Beltway interchange with the Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Airport Access Road. The proposed design change would give motorists heading to or from Washington Dulles International Airport a direct connection to/from the Dulles Access Road. Currently, motorists heading to or from the airport must merge across several lanes of the Dulles Toll Road to enter/exit the Dulles Access Road. These proposed design modifications are part of the I-495 Beltway HOT Lanes project.

Stop by anytime between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the proposed design modifications. VDOT representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Written or oral comments will be accepted at the meeting or they can be submitted by Nov. 24, 2009, to Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Comments can also be e-mailed to [Meeting\\_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Please reference "I-495/DTR Interchange" in the subject line.

View the meeting notice postcard [here](#). View the official notice [here](#).

## **NEW WOODBRIDGE – TYSONS BUS SERVICE & LUNCH TIME SHUTTLE**

- Commuters can ride free for a week in November with the launch of a new express commuter bus – equipped with wi-fi – that travels from Woodbridge to Tysons Corner. The service is sponsored by Virginia Megaprojects to help commuters during construction of the I-495 Capital Beltway HOT Lanes and Metrorail to Dulles.

The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission's (PRTC's) OmniRide express buses will make four morning trips from Woodbridge to Tysons Corner and four return evening trips. Free fares will be offered during the first week of service, starting Nov. 9. The fares for the next six months of service will be half price: \$2.40 one-way for riders paying with a SmarTrip card, or \$3 for riders paying cash.

Buses will depart the Woodbridge VRE Station between 6:10 a.m. and 8:05 a.m., with one stop at the I-95/Route 123 commuter lot. Buses will travel the I-95 HOV lanes and the beltway to Tysons Corner. Evening buses will leave Tysons Corner between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

- Starting November 23, the Fairfax Connector will provide free lunchtime bus service around Tysons Corner. Buses will run every 10 minutes between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The route will serve the two large malls and nearby employers in the business district.

- In fall 2010, the Megaprojects will sponsor first-time direct bus service from Loudoun County to Tysons Corner.

The Virginia Megaprojects, a partnership between the Virginia Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, are a series of large-scale transportation improvements to help mitigate congestion in Northern Virginia.

More information is available at [PRTCtransit.org](http://PRTCtransit.org) and [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com). Click [here](#) for the new OmniRide schedule.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Halloween is right around the corner, and this means sweets, costumes and scary adventures! Here are a few tips to keep your tots safe this holiday:

- Don't let the excitement of Halloween allow your children to ignore the normal safety precautions: Do not talk to strangers; **do not go into homes or cars of people they do not know**; and do not approach animals they do not know. Make sure children know their name, phone number and address and to provide this information to a police officer in an emergency or if they are lost.
- Younger children should have an adult with them, while older children should provide their route and when they expect to return. If possible, provide a cell phone for your children.
- Children should only visit homes that have their **porch lights on**.
- **Inspect your children's candy before they eat it.** Although food tampering is rare, it's safest to eat only those candies that are individually wrapped and not homemade, unless you know the families who have prepared the homemade treats.
- Have flashlights or glow sticks for children and/or for the accompanying adult.
- **Adults are reminded not to drink alcohol and drive.**

More information can be found here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/halloween.htm>



# Announcing Plans for Improved Fairfax Bus Services



We've received your input and suggestions and now Fairfax County is excited to present its ten-year bus service plan. Join us at a meeting to discuss improved services such as more frequent bus service and service to more places that will better meet your needs. Personnel working on the project will be available to take your comments and answer questions.

You can also learn more and comment by visiting [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm) – or call 703-324-1500, TTY 711, to leave a recorded message with your comments.

***Make sure your bus service serves you!***



## FAIRFAX COUNTY IS FINALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE 10-YEAR PLAN FOR IMPROVING FAIRFAX CONNECTOR AND METROBUS SERVICE COUNTYWIDE

***Please join us at one of the following open house meetings to learn more:***

Thursday, Oct. 15  
**6-8 p.m.**  
Vienna Town Hall  
127 Center Street South,  
Vienna

Saturday, Oct. 17\*  
**10 a.m.-noon**  
County Government Center  
12000 Government Ctr Pkwy,  
Fairfax

Wednesday, Nov. 4  
**6-8 p.m.**  
Mason District Government  
Center  
6507 Columbia Pike,  
Annandale

Thursday, Nov. 5  
**6-8 p.m.**  
Springfield Government Center  
6140 Rolling Road,  
Springfield

Monday, Nov. 9  
**6-8 p.m.**  
North County Government  
Center  
12000 Bowman Towne Dr,  
Reston

Tuesday, Nov. 10  
**6-8 p.m.**  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue,  
McLean

Monday, Nov. 16  
**6-8 p.m.**  
County Government Center  
12000 Government Ctr Pkwy,  
Fairfax

Tuesday, Nov. 17\*  
**6-8 p.m.**  
South County Center  
8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria

***Formal presentations at 7 p.m. for the evening meetings and 11 a.m. for the Saturday meeting.***

***\* Spanish speaking staff will be in attendance at the Oct. 17 and Nov. 17 meetings.***

***\* Intérpretes de español estarán disponibles en la reuniones del 17 de oct. y 17 de nov.***



To request reasonable ADA accommodations or alternative format of materials, call Katharyn Rogers at 703-877-5637, TTY 711.

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**Chairman's Town Meeting:**  
*Energizing Fairfax County – Climate Change and  
Energy Efficiency!*  
**Wed., November 18, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Woodson High School**  
9525 Main St., Fairfax

**ELECTION DAY – November 3**  
*Remember to Vote!*

On Tuesday, November 3rd, you will have an opportunity to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Attorney General and Members of the Virginia House of Delegates. There is also a school bond to support capital improvements on this year's ballot. Election Day is November 3, 2009, and polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information or to view a sample ballot with the candidates for your district, visit the Fairfax County Office of Elections website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>. The Office of Elections can also be reached by phone at 703-222-0776.