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June 2013

Greetings,

There is a lot happening on the transportation front in June.

On the "fun" side, my office is putting the finishing touches on our upcoming event ***Evolution of Transportation*** on June 12th. This two hour program will take a look back at how our present day transportation arteries developed over the centuries, from early buffalo trails to a network of unpaved roads, street cars and commuter trains, to our present day highways and Metro system.

We are fortunate to have **Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff** lined up to share with us his insights into present day U.S. transportation policies. He will be followed by Tom Biesiadny, director of our Office of Transportation, with a close-to-home summary of Fairfax County's efforts to prioritize and initiate projects, especially in light of new transportation dollars that will result from the General Assembly's recent approval of House Bill 2313.



The evening will wrap up with a peek into our future. How will technology and societal changes affect the way we build, operate and use transportation in the decades ahead? **NBC4's Transportation Reporter Adam Tuss** will moderate a panel discussion on this subject. Panelists will include **Greater Greater Washington's David Alpert**, **Mobile Work Exchange's Josh Sawislak** and **Frank Weith of Volkswagen of America** who will show us some of the cutting edge technology VW is

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developing.

Evolution is shaping up to be a don't-miss event! If you can't attend in person, Cable Channel 16 will be broadcasting the entire program at 8 p.m. on June 19, 25 and 30. It will also be available through Video on Demand starting June 19 through my website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman. See inside this Byline for details regarding time, place and how to [R.S.V.P.](#)



While I wouldn't describe it exactly as "fun" work to reorganize the [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority \(NVTA\)](#) is pretty fascinating. In 2007 the General Assembly passed House Bill 3202, a transportation funding bill that called for the creation of a regional body to levy and collect certain fees and taxes to be used for regional projects. The delegation of taxing authority to an "unelected" board was later determined to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

With no significant source of funding, the NVTA spent the years following the Supreme Court decision addressing the allocation of federal funding for projects of a regional nature. We also updated the Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Plan, [TransAction 2040](#).

With the passage of HB 2313 in April, new transportation dollars will be available for **statewide** use (including Fairfax County). Additionally separate funding will be directed to **local and regional projects**. To address the Constitutional issue with the earlier Bill, these funds are both levied and collected by the Commonwealth. The local and regional components will flow through NVTA. Details of HB 2313 were laid out in my [Special Byline](#) in March.

Fairfax County estimates that we will be receiving about \$38 million annually under the local (30%) component of the bill. NVTA will likely be receiving approximately \$300 million annually under the regional (70%) component. The NVTA portion can only be used according to the specific criteria laid out in HB 2313 - essentially to relieve congestion, to fund projects that have a

regional benefit, and/or to increase capacity on roads and transit.



The NVTA Board consists of the Mayors and Chairs of Northern Virginia jurisdictions, members of the General Assembly, and an appointee designated by the Governor. Fairfax County, because of our size, receives 50% of the weighted vote on NVTA, essentially giving us veto power on funding decisions.

You can follow the work of the NVTA at www.thenovaauthority.org/.

Additionally, a number of opportunities for public engagement have been scheduled, including an NVTA Open House and Public Comment session at **Fairfax City Hall on June 20th beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Fairfax County is hosting our own Community Open House at **7:00 p.m. on June 26th at the Fairfax County Government Center**. These sessions will provide information and solicit feedback on the first and future projects to be undertaken with the new funding. A second NVTA public hearing will be scheduled in July prior to the NVTA Board's vote on the first round of projects.

I thank the Governor and members of the General Assembly who made this funding possible. Transportation is one of Northern Virginia's greatest challenges and it's important that we use this opportunity wisely. I welcome your comments and participation in the public outreach sessions.

See inside this Byline for other issues on our horizon.

- If you're a "Dem", don't forget to vote in the **Democratic Primary on June 11th**. Voting location is your usual home precinct. Absentee voting in person (early voting) is available until June 8th at the Fairfax County Government Center. More information about the election at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/>.
- There are lots of opportunities this summer to relax and enjoy the beautiful and fun things Fairfax County offers. See inside for some samples; including my new **Evenings on the Ellipse** summer concert series here at the Government Center beginning on July 11th with The United States Air Force Concert Band, accompanied by the Singing Sergeants. Concert evenings will include free wine tastings hosted by Fairfax County's two

wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run.
I look forward to seeing you during the weeks and months ahead!

Sincerely,

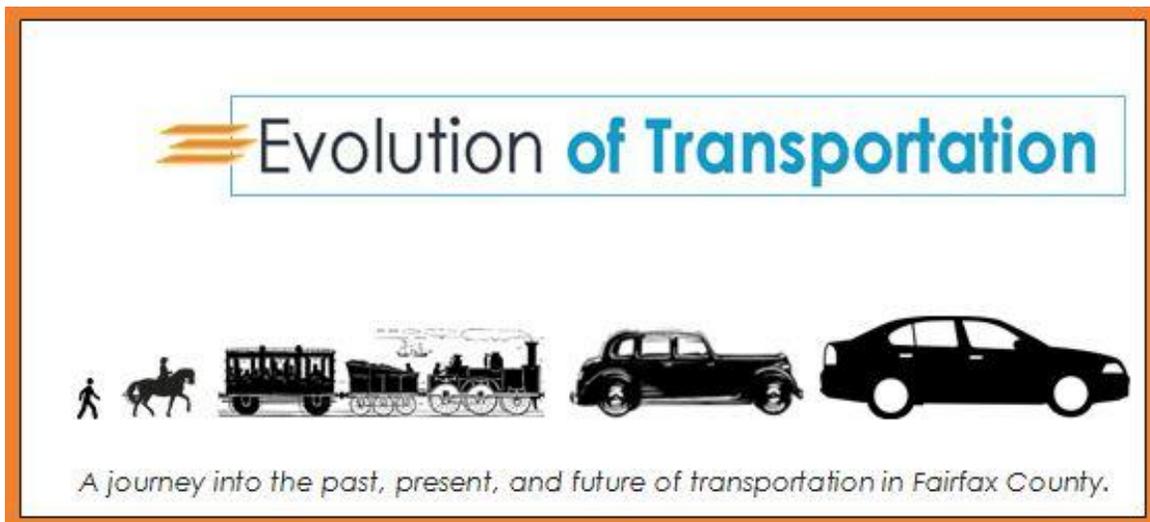


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You're invited to the Evolution of Transportation!



What: Join Fairfax County Board of Supervisors **Chairman Sharon Bulova at 7:30pm on June 12** for an exciting opportunity to learn more about transportation in our community!

From buffalo trails to roads and rails, this event will be a fun and interesting look at how Fairfax County's transportation network evolved over time and what the future holds for transportation in the region.

Speakers include: **Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff, Congressman Gerry**

Connolly, Fairfax County's Director of Transportation Tom Biesiedny and a panel discussion moderated by **Adam Tuss from NBC4** and panelists **David Alpert from Greater Greater Washington, Josh Sawislak from the Mobile Work Exchange, and Frank Weith of Volkswagen of America**. A video production titled *The History of Transportation in Fairfax County*, produced by Channel 16, will debut.

Free Admission. Free Parking. Open to all. Contact 703.324.2321 for questions and additional information.

Food, beer, and wine are available for purchase in the lobby. Enjoy them during the event!

When: 7:30pm to 9:30pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Where: [Angelika Film Center and Cafe](#)

[RSVP for Evolution of Transportation here!](#)

Democratic Party Primary Election

There will be a primary election on June 11th to select the Democratic nominees for Virginia Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and for Delegate in the 86th District (in and around Herndon, VA).

Voting Early Absentee

Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day or who may find it difficult to go to the polls because of illness, disability, travel or a long work commute may vote by absentee ballot.



You can vote in-person absentee at the Fairfax County Governmental Center. **The last day to vote absentee for the Primary is Saturday, June 8th, 2013.**

Please note: "Celebrate Fairfax!," is being held at the Fairfax County Government Center the weekend of June 7th-9th. On Saturday, June 8th, absentee voters may experience traffic congestion or delays near the Government Center. Absentee voters who wish to vote on June 8th but who do not want to attend the festival should go to the "Green Gate" for parking and

assistance. Parking for in-person absentee voters is available in front of the Government Center, located to the left of the main entrance of the building.

Voting on June 11th

You can vote at your regular polling place; they will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*For more information on the Democratic Party Primary Election, please visit the Fairfax County Office of Elections website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Celebrate Fairfax Festival



Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. will host its annual three-day "Celebrate Fairfax!" festival at the Fairfax County Government Center from June 7th-9th this year. Come be a part of this award-winning and family-friendly community celebration that includes more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters, and lots of interactive activities!

The festival will boast a number of fun attractions, including live music performances by national headliners the **B-52s**, **Spin Doctors**, and the **Summerland Tour 2013**, carnival rides, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, and Inova's trackless train ride. You won't want to miss the festival's nightly fireworks, a family favorite.

For more information on attending the festival or to learn how to participate in the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, or artist, please visit www.celebratefairfax.com or call 703-324-FAIR (3247).



Evenings on the Ellipse Concert Series



As the weather gets warmer, my office, working with the Park Authority, is gearing up for the **Evenings on the Ellipse** concert series this summer. Starting on July 11 on Thursday evenings, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center's "backyard" will be alive with music, relaxation and fun. Concerts are designed for employees and nearby residents who wish to celebrate the end of the day in Wolf Trap-esque style! If you like music and enjoy spending time with family, co-workers and friends, you will love this concert series!

If you are a fan of outdoor concerts, please know that beginning in June, summer fun happens all over the County - from [Braddock Nights](#) in Fairfax and Springfield, to [Spotlight by Starlight](#) in Annandale, [Nottaway Nights](#) in Vienna, [Lee District Nights](#) in Franconia, [Hunter Mill Melodies](#), [Mt. Vernon Nights](#), [Arts in the Parks](#) and [Starlight Cinema](#) at Trinity Centre in Centreville - there is something for everyone to enjoy! Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/> for a full complement of already scheduled performances! Concert evenings will include free wine tastings hosted by Fairfax County's two wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run.

These summer concert series are brought to you by members of the Board of Supervisors in partnership with our Fairfax County Park Authority. We thank our generous corporate sponsors for helping to make these good times happen!

Summer Art Party on the Quad



Workhouse Arts Center Presents Summer Art Party on the Quad: A Unique Community Opportunity

*Discover, interact, and have a blast at
Summer Art Party on the Quad!*

The community is invited to come together on June 22 at the Workhouse Arts Center's free Summer Art Party on the Quad! The Art Party is designed to be fun, interactive, engaging and educational for all age groups. "The Workhouse

has the perfect space-our quad at the center of the campus-for hosting large community events," says Julie Booth, Director of Community Relations at the Workhouse. "We want the community to come out on June 22 and bring this space alive! For kids AND adults we will have art projects, storytelling, music, bubble art, interactive history, artist demonstrations and tours, and a community pillow fight!"

The Workhouse Arts Center is proud to feature the [Lorton Community Action Center](#) (LCAC), a partner and the special guest for the Art Party. "We hope the community will turn out to celebrate the beginning of summer with great activities and live music, and that folks will bring non-perishable canned goods to donate to LCAC and help us reach and exceed the goal of **collecting 500 pounds of food**," says Andrea Cochrane Tracey, Development Director at LCAC.

Along with interactive, visual, and performing arts activities, the Art Party will feature The History Corner and a number of recreation, healthcare, military and other community resources. The event is being sponsored by two organizations new to the region, [Sentara Healthcare](#) and [95 Express Lanes](#), both of which are working to improve the local community.

For more information on the Workhouse visit their website at <http://www.workhousearts.org/> or visit in person at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079, (703-584-2900).

Fairfax County Recycling Rate Reaches 51%



I am pleased to announce that with the help of Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program, **the recycling rate within Fairfax County reached an unprecedented 51% for the year 2012!** More than 647,456 tons of recyclables were collected, including yard and construction/demolition debris, and total waste tonnage in the county declined by about 5%.



Our 2012 recycling rate is nearly 17% higher than the national average and reflects a 20% increase in the recycling rate of Fairfax County over the last ten years alone. We could not have reached such a high recycling rate without the help of our constituents. The Waste Management Program pledges to continue enhancing its efforts to reduce recycling in upcoming years.

*There are also document shredding and other special recycling events around the County! For more information go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>.

Civil War Driving Tour

Looking for a great family outing this summer? Take a Civil War Driving Tour of Fairfax County! You can learn more about Fairfax County's role in the Civil War and the current 150th Commemoration Program. This is a wonderful activity for families, homeschool groups, scouts, and anyone interested in local history. The driving tour has two separate routes and includes activities at each stop. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a special Fairfax County Civil War patch and/or pin. For more information, please visit the [Fairfax County History Commission website](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history).



www.VirginiaCivilWar.org

Creating a More Older Adult-Friendly Community

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the county expects the 50 and over population to increase by 40 percent and the 70 and over age group by 88 percent.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, is working to continue progress toward creating a more livable community for its

older residents. This summer, we are hosting community forums throughout the county to hear what residents have to say. Focus areas include housing & transportation; easy access to services; and healthy lifestyles & community engagement. This is your chance to share your ideas on what we need to do together to ensure the county continues to be a livable, lifelong community for its growing older population.

Once the community forums are completed, a new Fairfax 50+ Action Plan will be developed.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults to link to the registration page and find additional forums as they are scheduled. You can also register by calling 703-324-5411, TTY 711. If you cannot attend a forum and would like comment, call us or email us at DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Currently scheduled forums:

Wednesday, June 19, 7-9 p.m.

South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309

Monday, June 24, 10 a.m.-12:00 noon

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Wednesday, June 26, 4-6 p.m.

McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA 22101

Wednesday, July 10, 4-6 p.m.

Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20170

Thursday, July 11, 9-11 a.m.

Ravenworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravenworth Road, Annandale, VA 22003

Community Services Board Good Neighbor Initiative

Over the past eighteen months, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board has been engaged in the development of a Good Neighbor campaign to educate the community about their network of residential providers and their efforts to establish and maintain good relationships about group home residents, staff, and their

neighbors. Community-based residential programs are greatly needed to accommodate individuals with disabilities who are on long waitlists for community housing and who are leaving state training



centers as a result of the legal settlement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Department of Justice. With this Board of Supervisors' Housing Committee endorsed program, the CSB hopes to prevent misunderstandings, address concerns and enhance community acceptance of new homes.

The Good Neighbor Agreement has been signed by more than 20 organizations that provide community housing options for people with disabilities in our community. By signing the agreement, these organizations affirm their shared commitment and responsibility to uphold community values and standards in all of their residences.

Our CSB has developed a "Good Neighbor" presentation to help community members learn more about group homes in Fairfax County and the Good Neighbor campaign. If your citizens association, civic group, or faith organization would like a presentation, please contact Jeannie Cummins at jcumm1@fairfaxcounty.gov or at (703) 324-7006. For more information on the Good Neighbor campaign please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/about/good-neighbor.htm>.