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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the May 2013 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. I hope that you are enjoying this long-awaited spring weather.

On April 30 the Board of Supervisors approved the County budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014). Please see this issue for more information about the budget process, including a discussion on the modifications to the Advertised Budget originally proposed by the County Executive on February 26.

We are very excited about the recently constructed sidewalk project on Raymond Avenue in McLean. See details about this long-awaited project in this issue. In addition, we look forward to a number of pedestrian improvement projects funded, in design or under construction throughout Dranesville.

Over the last few weeks, residents have had an opportunity to review and comment on a changed Dulles Rail Bus Service plan at several public meetings held in the area of the future metro stations. To view the proposed changes and to make comments on the revisions, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/dullesrail/ or email fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Please take some time to support one of Dranesville's local historic treasures: Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls. The mill is one of 24 historic sites in contention for \$100,000 in grant funds which could be used to complete restorations to the 200-year-old grist mill. Residents are invited to visit www.preservedmv.com/competitors/colvin-run-mill to learn about the restoration project and to place their vote for the mill. The last day for voting is May 10. Please see the enclosed article for more details.

Here in my office, we are saying goodbye to staff member, Cheryl Patten, who is relocating to Massachusetts. Cheryl has been with me since I took office in January 2008, handling parks, athletic fields, stormwater management, road maintenance, sound walls and utility issues. We will all miss Cheryl's energy and enthusiasm, and wish her well with all of her future endeavors.

It is an honor to serve you. As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to best serve the Dranesville community. Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions and concerns.

Best Wishes,
John W. Foust
Dranesville District Supervisor

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Patricia Dinkelmeyer, at (703) 356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov with your latest information.

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Board of Supervisors Approves FY 2014 Budget

On April 30, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2014 Budget. The vote followed the April 23 “Mark Up” meeting where Board members agreed on additions and subtractions to the Advertised FY 2014 Budget proposed by County Executive Ed Long on February 26. (For more details on the Advertised Budget, please view Supervisor Foust’s March 29 letter sent to Dranesville residents, summarizing the proposed FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/pdf/FY_2014_budget_letter_web_version.pdf)

FY 2014 Budget Outreach and Analysis:

Changes to the Advertised Budget made by the Board were done after extensive analysis and a public outreach effort which included three Dranesville town hall meetings and three public hearings held before the County Board.

In Dranesville, a major analysis of the County budget was conducted by the Dranesville District Budget Task Force, convened by Supervisor Foust for the fifth consecutive year. The task force, chaired this year by John Ulfelder of Great Falls and comprised of thirteen residents from across the Dranesville District, worked diligently to examine and discuss issues surrounding the budget. Over several months, the Task Force reviewed and evaluated the proposed FY2014 County budget and the community’s priorities with respect to revenues and services provided. In addition to presentations from Fairfax County Public Schools and the County Executive, the Task Force heard from staff in the Departments of Transportation, Human Services, Human Resources and the Retirement Administration. The information received helped shape the Task Force’s recommendations and conclusions. Supervisor Foust entered the report of the Task Force’s recommendations into the official Board of Supervisors’ record on April 9. The report can be viewed at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/pdf/dranesville_budget_task_force_report_fy_2014.pdf.

Approval of FY 2014 Budget

Chief among modifications to the budget proposed by the County Executive was a decrease in the proposed Real Estate Tax Rate. The FY 2014 Advertised Budget recommended a new tax rate of \$1.095 per \$100 of assessed property value (up from \$1.075 in FY 2013). Many Board members, including Supervisor Foust, were troubled with the two-cent rate increase, believing that now is not the time to raise taxes this significantly. Especially, given that the 3% average increase in real estate assessments means an additional property tax obligation for many Dranesville residents. In addition, residents are facing an increased burden from rising federal and state taxes.

On April 30, the Board lowered the proposed tax rate to \$1.085. The Board then had to balance the budget with the resulting decreased revenue of \$20.6 million. A portion of this amount was offset by increased revenue and interest projections for FY 2014 of \$8 million. The remainder was accounted for by use of \$5.7 in various reserve balances and \$6.9 million in other adjustments.

The Board agreed with the proposed Operating Transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) of \$1.72 billion, a 2% or \$33.7 million increase over the FY2013 funding level, maintaining its commitment to support the County’s excellent public schools. This increase enables FCPS to handle projected increases in school enrollment.

For details about the approved FY 2014 Budget including specifics about modifications to the proposed plan, please visit the County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>. For more information please call Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust’s office at 703-356-0551 or email Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Bipartisan Commission Presents Election Process Improvement Report to Board of Supervisors



The Fairfax County [Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission](#) presented its report including 50 election process improvement recommendations to the Board of Supervisors during its March 19 Board meeting. The recommendations address equipment and technology, resource allocation, absentee voting, election officers, precinct locations and requirements, among other issues. The Board of Supervisors created the commission in November 2012, in response to voter complaints about long lines and other issues during the November 2012 election.

The 26-member commission was co-chaired by Katherine K. Hanley, former Board chairman and former Providence District supervisor, and Stuart Mendelsohn, former Dranesville District supervisor. The [commission members](#) represented each of the nine magisterial districts, two representatives appointed at-large by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as well as representatives from communities and organizations throughout the County.

In providing the recommendations, the commission noted that although there is an election every year in Virginia, voter turnout fluctuates depending on the ballot. “While planning and resource allocation should recognize the differences of each election, the voting process must accommodate all voters who wish to vote without undue delay and undue complication every year.”

For the report, comparisons were made between the 2012 presidential election year and 2008, the previous presidential election year:

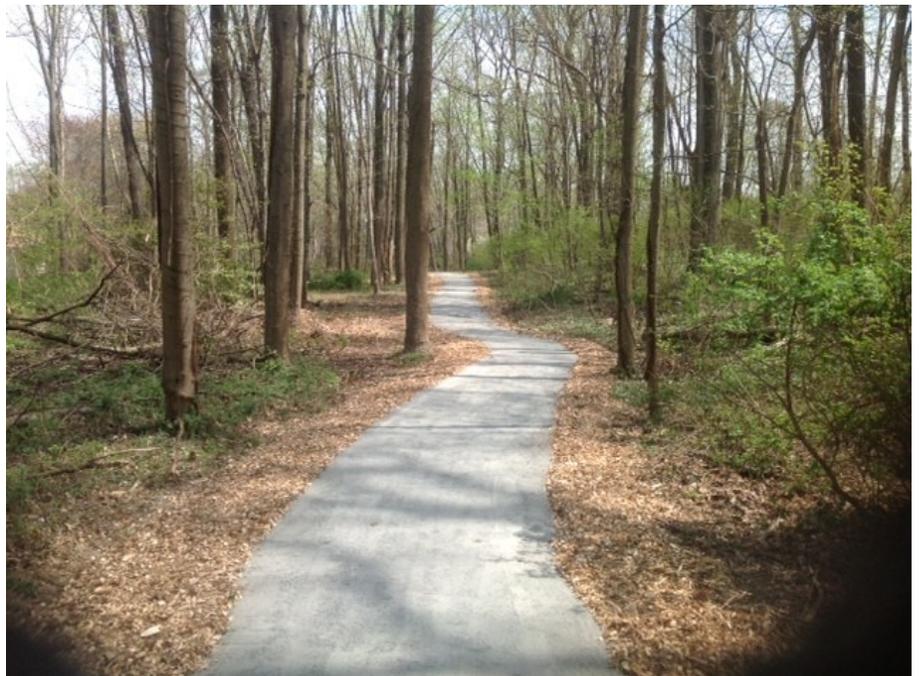
- Voter **turnout** in 2012 was 80.5 percent; **an increase from 2008** when it was 78.7 percent.
- In 2012, 92,540 (or 17.2 percent of total voters) **absentee ballot applications** were requested; a **decrease from 2008** when 107,145 (20.4 percent of total voters) absentee ballot applications were requested.

For more information view the [Final Report of the Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission](#) or visit the [Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission Web page](#).

Trail Completed Through Lemon Road Park

A dirt trail in Lemon Road Park on Idylwood Road, Falls Church, was improved with stone dust this month as part of a cooperative project done by Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

The improvements were made in conjunction with renovations to Lemon Road Elementary School, which connects to the trail on the park’s south side.



County Completes Raymond Avenue Sidewalk Near Churchill Elementary School

McLean residents in the area of Churchill Road have probably noticed the recent completion of a sidewalk on Raymond Avenue, between Churchill Road and Capitol View Drive, a popular walking route for Churchill Elementary School students. Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust initiated construction of the 5-foot wide, 350 foot long sidewalk, at the urging of Churchill parents concerned about the heavy traffic on Raymond Avenue during school arrival and dismissal hours and the lack of a safe way for their children to walk to school. Without the sidewalk, children were forced to walk on a narrow dirt path or in the street.



Photos showing walkway before and after sidewalk project.

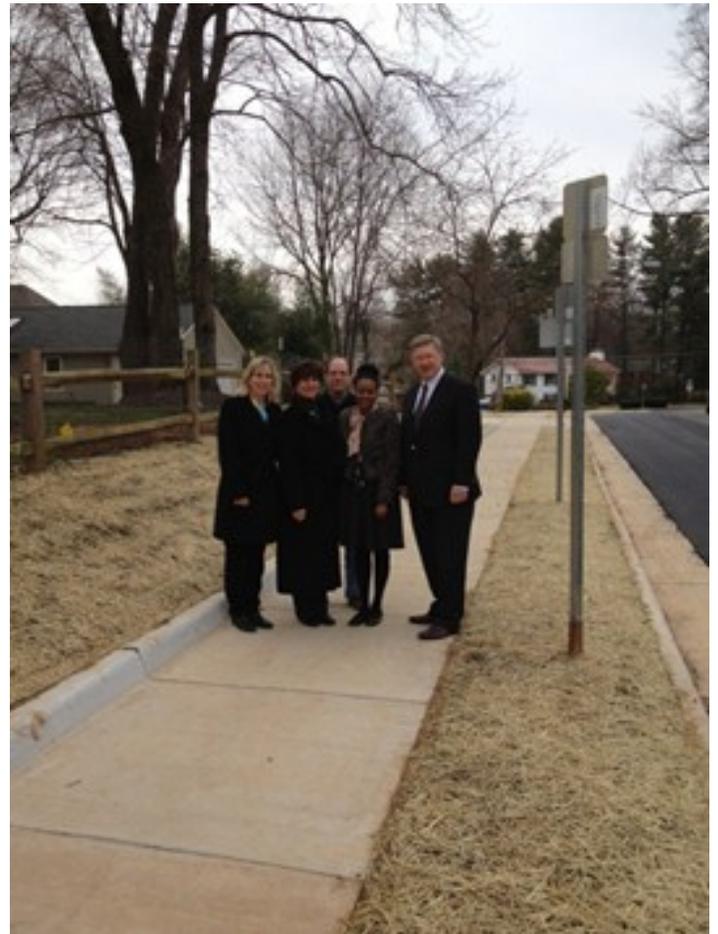
The project was first requested in April 2004 when then-PTA Churchill Elementary School Co-Chairperson, Christy Slade, sent a comprehensive package, including a petition signed by 162 residents within the Churchill school district, to Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), requesting a sidewalk. Churchill Principal Don Hutzel and Dranesville appointee to the Fairfax Sidewalks and Trails Committee, Wade Smith, pushed hard for the project. Unfortunately, the project could not be pursued at that time because of engineering, right-of-way and funding challenges.

In attempts to make pedestrians safer, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) installed NO PARKING signs along Raymond Avenue near Churchill Road in March 2003. The McLean District police also positioned an officer and a cruiser at Raymond Avenue and Churchill Road, during school arrival and dismissal times. Neither action, however, replaced the need for a permanent walkway.

Churchill Elementary School parent and neighbor, Heather Bensten Schone, resurrected the project in February 2009 when she contacted Supervisor John Foust, presenting another petition with the signatures of 70 residents sharing concerns about student's pedestrian safety. In June 2009, Supervisor Foust obtained \$300,000 to fund the walkway through the County's Commercial and Industrial Tax. Residents were shown the walkway design, including curb and gutters, at a meeting in June 2011. Construction began in December of last year and was completed last month.

"This sidewalk is long-overdue and will be a great relief to the many parents whose children walk to Churchill Elementary School along Raymond Avenue," said Supervisor Foust. "I want to especially thank Principal Hutzel and Heather Bensten Schone for their determination in seeing the project through to completion."

For more information about the project, please contact Julie Ide in Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551, TTY 711 or Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.



(Left to right) Christy Slade and Julie Hohl, Churchill Elementary School parents and neighbors; Wade Smith, Dranesville Representative to the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee; Churchill Elementary School Assistant Principal Sharon Jones and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust visit the new 350-foot long sidewalk on Raymond Avenue in McLean. (Not pictured are parent and neighbor, Heather Bensten Schone and Churchill Elementary School Principal, Dan Hutzel.)

Passage of State Transportation Bill Seen as a Boost for Fairfax County *Widening of Rt. 7 Among Projects to be Funded*

On April 4, the Virginia General Assembly approved, as amended by Governor McDonnell, a new State transportation funding Plan (HB2313) with bi-partisan support. Virginia recently lost its top ranking as “number one state for doing business” because of its failure to invest in transportation. In addition to providing residents much needed relief from congestion, passage of the bill is, therefore, considered very important to restoring the vitality of economic development in the Commonwealth.

The bill marks the first infusion of significant transportation funding in Virginia since 1986, benefiting the state and Fairfax County in a number of ways. Under the plan the state will have \$840 million additional funds annually for transportation by 2018, with the spending breakdown estimated as follows:

- \$500 million for road maintenance
- \$190 million for road construction
- \$84 million for transit
- \$56 million for intercity passenger rail service
- \$10 million for priority transportation (primarily operational and financial expenses)

In addition, the plan will provide the Northern Virginia region with between \$275 and \$325 million annually, with Fairfax County estimated to receive about \$125 million in the first year. That amount includes \$38 million provided directly to the County for local projects and \$88 million coming to regional projects in the County through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA). The County population makes up more than 50% of the population of the Northern Virginia region. Over the long term, NVTA will spend an amount of funds in Fairfax County that is proportional to the amount of funds raised in Fairfax County.

Included in the new transportation revenue are funds for the long-awaited widening of Route 7 between Reston Avenue and the Dulles Toll Road. (Widening west of Reston Avenue to the Loudoun County border is already funded, with design and construction efforts well underway. Widening east of the Toll Road is an identified but longer range project.)

Funds of \$300 million will be used to reduce the projected increases to tolls on the Dulles Toll Road, required to pay for Dulles Rail. Toll Road users will directly benefit from smaller toll increases. In addition, McLean and Great Falls residents will benefit from the toll reduction as lower tolls result in less cut-through traffic through neighborhoods.

There is a large list of priority transportation projects, including Route 7 widening, eligible to receive funds under the new bill. Some projects are identified in the Council on Government’s Financially Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) project list. Others were chosen by virtue of their inclusion in the NVTA’s TransAction 2040 Plan.

Supervisor Foust, when speaking about the new plan said, “I appreciate the bi-partisan support this critical funding package received. It will bring funding to many long-needed road, transit and pedestrian improvements in the County.”



Officials from Karbala Province, Iraq Visit Fairfax County

Fairfax County has a continuing interest in cultural exchange, economic development and educational opportunities on an international stage. Over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors has entered into three partnership agreements with the city of Harbin, China, Songpa-Gu, Korea and Kecioren, Turkey. As part of this cultural exchange of information, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust recently hosted a delegation of dignitaries from the Karbala Province of Iraq.



Environmental Advisor, Emad Khalel Sabdi, Supervisor Foust, County staff and other members of the delegation at ceremony to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

For some time now, the Governor of Karbala Province, Mr. Amal Ad Deen Hameed, has expressed an interest in partnering with a “well-run, efficient, and transparent” local government in the United States to serve as an example for the development of its local agencies and processes as Karbala redevelops, citing land use planning and coping with large numbers of tourists as two immediate interests.

Karbala Province has a population of approximately 1 million people and covers about 1,943 square miles. It is located about 62 miles north of Baghdad. The capital of Karbala Province is Karbala, a holy city for Shi’ah Muslims. The province, particularly the capital city, is a religious tourist destination that attracts millions of visitors each year.

A delegation from Karbala visited the Government Center on March 13. In conjunction with the visit, Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Mr. Hameed executed a Memorandum of Understanding. The memorandum provides that Fairfax County and the Province of Karbala would facilitate cooperation and exchange between the two governments in a number of areas, including economy, trade, science and technology, education, and tourism and would consider taking steps necessary to enter into a Sisterhood Agreement

The delegation received a tour of the Government Center and a presentation on the workings of the County from Barbara Emerson in the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs.

No Fairfax County dollars were used for the visit or will be used for the partnership, except for incidentals such as phone and fax costs.

I-495 Express Lanes Community Grants Awarded to Dranesville Organizations

Since its inception in 2009, The Transurban/Fluor Capital Beltway Community Grant Program has awarded grants to various McLean civic and neighborhood groups as part of its community outreach effort. Transurban and Fluor companies worked in partnership with VDOT to deliver the Beltway High Occupancy Toll I-495 Express Lanes in Northern Virginia. The grant program was recently extended and will now conclude December 2013. The most recent grant cycle for March 2013, awarded:

- Friends of McLean Central Park \$2,500 towards refurbishment of the disc golf course
- Timberly South \$2,500 towards landscaping for the entrance to the subdivision

Community groups are encouraged to file for grants with the next funding cycles with application deadlines on June 30, 2013, September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013. For information on applying for a grant, visit the I-495 Express Lanes website at <https://www.495expresslanes.com/grant-program>.

For more information please contact Supervisor Foust’s Chief of Staff, Jane Edmondson at (703) 356-0551 or email Jane.Edmondson@fairfaxcounty.gov.





The Beach Mill Road bridge was washed out during Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011.



A temporary box culvert was placed in November 2011.



Rendering of the new bridge that will open by end of summer 2013.

Announcement from VDOT: Beach Mill Detour Coming for Summer Bridge Replacement

*Four weekend closures May to June;
summer detour begins June 19*

Beginning June 19, Beach Mill Road will be closed to traffic for the summer so the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) can rebuild the bridge over Nichols Branch in Fairfax County. The new bridge is expected to re-open by Labor Day.

This \$1 million project was [rescheduled from last year](#) so that work could be completed during the summer, and school buses would not have to travel the six-mile detour. Plans were underway to replace the original 1940 Beach Mill bridge when it was washed out by Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011. Under an emergency contract, crews installed a temporary double-box culvert that opened to traffic in November 2011. This summer, the temporary box culvert will be replaced with a new, timber deck structure with more adequate hydraulic capacity to withstand high water during storms. Much community input went into the small, single-span design that stays within current right-of-way and remains consistent with the community's character.

Traffic Impacts

Beach Mill Road detour begins June 19 – During construction, traffic will be detoured via Springvale Road, Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and Utterback Store Road. See a [Google map of the detour route](#).

Four weekend closures May-June – Prior to the summer-long closure, four complete weekend closures of the bridge will be scheduled to complete some utility and preliminary work. These closures will be 9 p.m. Fridays to 5 a.m. Mondays and are scheduled to start on May 11. Closures will be posted on message boards in advance and will not be scheduled over Memorial Day weekend. Drivers will use the same detour.

During all closures, private driveway and local street access on Beach Mill Road between Utterback Road and Springvale Road up to the project site will be maintained.

VDOT will coordinate the Beach Mill bridge work with the [Route 7 widening project](#) expected to begin this summer, so that crews do not impact Georgetown Pike traffic while the Beach Mill detour is in place. Route 7 will be widened to three lanes in each direction from Rolling Holly Drive to Reston Avenue.

Beach Mill Road carries about 1,700 vehicles a day over Nichols Branch.

For more information, visit the [VDOT project page](#).

Upcoming Land Use Cases in Dranesville

The following land use applications have recently been accepted by Fairfax County for review. The review process includes public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. For more information about each case, visit the new Dranesville District Land Use Cases Website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/land_use.htm. Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to applications in the monthly Dranesville Happenings publication.

TD Bank, N.A. (SE 2013-DR-001)

9901 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Proposed Special Exception to allow a drive-through, as part of an allowed bank use. The split-zoned parcel is zoned C6 and C8, and is the former Exxon Gas station. The applicant has been meeting with the Great Falls Citizens Association and adjacent property owners. Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to this application in the Dranesville Happenings.

Planning Commission hearing: June 20, 2013

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced



St. Lukes (SEA 85-D-062-03)

7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Proposal to add a nursery school program to a previously approved Special Exception for a private school of education. The nursery school would allow a maximum of 40 three and four year old students and five employees to utilize existing classroom space. The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association and adjacent property owners.

Planning Commission hearing: July 10, 2013

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced

Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, LP (RZ/FDP 2013-DR-002, PCA-C-220)

1350 Beverly Road, McLean

Applicant proposes to add 253 multifamily units in four buildings, including 14,500 square feet of ground floor retail to the existing Ashby apartment community in the McLean Community Business Center. The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners.

Planning Commission hearing: Date to be announced

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced

Elm Street Residential, LLP (RZ/FDP 2012-DR-019)

6862 Elm Street, McLean

Proposal to rezone parcel in the Community Business Center from C-3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use (PRM). Applicant proposes to develop an existing surface parking lot with a 240 multifamily mid-rise and a separate two-story building with up to 8,720 square feet of retail. The existing office building would remain. The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners.

Planning Commission hearing: Date to be announced

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

Eight Dranesville Residents Qualify for McLean Community Center Board Election *Three Adult, Two Teen Positions Available*

Eight McLean tax district residents have qualified to run for seats on the McLean Community Center's **2013–2014 Governing Board**. The board sets policy and provides general oversight for facilities and programs of the Center, including the Robert Ames Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. The Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

Qualifying Adult Candidates:

Mark A. Behrens
Cathlin A. Bowman-Young
Kevin Dent
Dennis Findley
Jay Howell
Marshal J. Hyman
Paul Kohlenberger

Qualifying Youth Candidates:

McLean High School area:
Steven Pardo



Langley High School area:
(No petitions were submitted for the Langley High School Boundary Area.)

Residents of Dranesville Small District 1A are eligible to vote during the election. Voting for Governing Board members will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the McLean Day festival at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd. Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. The three adult candidates who receive the three-highest vote counts will serve three-year (3) terms. Youth candidates, one from the McLean High School boundary area and one from the Langley High School boundary area, serve one-year (1) terms. Youth candidates do not have to attend these schools to serve on the board.

Write-in Candidates are allowed. Write-in candidates must have at least 10 votes from residents of the Center's tax district in order to have their votes counted. For youth write-in candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Absentee ballots will be available beginning Monday, April 8. A resident may request an absentee ballot package by phone (703-790-0123, TTY: 711) or email (elections@mcleancenter.org), or may pick one up at the Center. Completed ballot packages must be received at the Center by close of business (11 p.m.) on Wednesday, May 15.

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Election and these candidates, call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: <http://bit.ly/Yfc013>.

Scotts Run South Project Approved

One of the largest Tysons redevelopment plans to date was approved by the Board of Supervisors during its April 9 meeting.

Cityline's "Scott Run South" project straddles Route 123 near the McLean Station and will add more than 6.6 million square feet of mixed use development across a 23-acre site. The project will replace much of the existing West*Gate office park.

The majority of the project will be within a quarter mile from the McLean Metro station and will consist of 17 new buildings, including office, residential, retail and a hotel. While the project will be built over many years, CityLine submitted two final development plans, which would allow construction to begin quickly. These plans include two residential buildings with up to 440 units located between Chain Bridge Road and Anderson Road. Also included is a 225-foot, 340,000 square foot office building on 2.94 acres associated with the MITRE office park. Residential buildings will attain the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's (LEED) certification while the non-residential buildings will achieve LEED Silver standards.

The plan includes five new urban parks spread across about 3.6 acres, including a playground, two basketball courts, civic space, corner plaza, and a new park area. The developer also agreed to provide a 15,000 square-foot fire station and a lighted athletic field with artificial turf.



Scotts Run will provide walkable streets with ground level retail. This drawing illustrates the view from Station Street. This is a new street that will be built between Colshire Drive and Anderson Road.

Dranesville “Aging in Community” Update

“Aging in Community” is a national movement whereby communities are exploring ways for seniors to stay in their own homes, or “age in community” and more fully enjoy their senior years. Supervisor Foust and his staff continue to work with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors in the Dranesville district and facilitate “aging in place”. Here is an update on the ongoing Aging in Community efforts in Dranesville:

Great Falls:

The Great Falls Senior Center without Walls continues to provide social interaction and learning programs for Great Falls seniors. In March, the Center was pleased to sponsor an event with independent financial advisor, Ric Edelman. The next event will be the AARP “Home Fit” Workshop on May 7 at 11:00 a.m. This workshop will help residents learn about home adjustments needed to stay in their homes as they age and to maintain a comfortable, independent and injury-free lifestyle. The Center is also looking for more volunteers to help develop and stage the monthly programs and luncheons. They have 6 committees looking for volunteers for as much or as little time as you have to offer and they welcome all ages. Please contact Joyce Trickett at joygoodshepherd@verizon.net or call 703-887-5772 for information or reservations.

Herndon

The Herndon Senior Center offers robust and interesting programming for seniors in the community. In April, The Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston sponsored a Senior Senior Prom with a jazz ensemble. There are a great variety of drop in classes and groups available for Herndon Senior Center members as well as Congregate meals. There are shopping and charter trips and discussion groups planned also. For more information, please contact the Herndon Senior Center at 703-464-6200 or fill out online at <http://herndonseniorcenter.org/>.

The Herndon Village committee met in April and will meet again in June to discuss Herndon’s aging in place program. This group is in its infancy now and welcomes all members, regardless of age, to come and assist in formulating Herndon’s plan. The group strives to support seniors, aged 55 and over, who live within the Town of Herndon. The Herndon Village will help enable our Seniors to age in place, and will strive to enrich their quality of life as well as the lives of the volunteers who help provide them with support. For more information about the Herndon Village, please contact Pat Williams at pat@gracefulcare.com or 703-904-3994.

McLean

Efforts continue in preparation for the opening of the McLean Senior Source (MSS) on May 21. Senior Source will provide McLean seniors and adults with disabilities with phone referrals to County and non-County resources on a wide range of issues, including such topics as daily living assistance, housing options, transportation options, and social connections. This pilot project was initiated by Supervisor Foust in coordination with a group of local community organizations and residents, including the McLean Chamber of Commerce, The McLean Community Center and George Mason University. In February, Fairfax County staff trained 46 volunteer attendees on key County services. The Senior Source will operate Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center.



The McLean Community: “A Village for All Ages” (MCVA) committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the structure and composition of the new Coordinating Council. The Council will consist of representatives from senior-oriented McLean organizations and constituent groups, and will recommend solutions and new programs that respond to needs identified by the McLean Senior Source users and other community members. The MCVA is dedicated to enhancing the livability for residents of all ages.

For information on Dranesville Aging in Community activities, please contact Jenny Phipps in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 471-5076 or email Jenny.Phipps@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Colvin Run Mill Campaigns for \$100K in Preservation Funding

Voting Ends on May 10

American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced on April 24 that Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, a Fairfax County landmark, has been chosen to participate in Partners in Preservation, a community-based initiative that will award \$1 million in grants to Washington, D.C. metro area historic places. As one of 24 historic places selected, Colvin Run Mill is competing to win funding to complete restorations to the 200-year-old grist mill. Residents are invited to visit www.preservedmv.com/competitors/colvin-run-mill to learn about the restoration project and to place their vote for the mill. The site with the greatest number of votes will receive \$100,000 in preservation prize money. **The campaign ends May 10, 2013.**

How It Works

Colvin Run Mill earns points when residents vote online and via mobile once a day. One vote per day is allowed – and encouraged! The contest also features a social media component. Residents can choose to link up their social media accounts to earn points by sharing posts with their friends on Facebook and Twitter, by checking in on Foursquare, and by tagging their Instagram photos with the hashtag #ColvinRunMill. The site that receives the highest number of points is guaranteed to receive grant funding. At the end of the program, a Partners in Preservation advisory committee comprised of Washington-area civic and preservation leaders will recommend how the remainder of the preservation grants will be awarded. Full details on voting terms and how to earn points for sites can be found at www.PartnersinPreservation.com.

About Partners in Preservation

Launched in 2006, Partners in Preservation is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, awards preservation grants to historic places across the country. Through this partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation and to preserve America's historic and cultural places.

Good Neighbor Agreement Promotes Positive Relationships Between Group Homes & Communities

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), the Fairfax County agency that plans, organizes and provides services for people in our community who have mental illness, substance use disorders and/or intellectual disability, is pleased to announce the launch of its Good Neighbor campaign.

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. Group residential facilities, as they are known in the County's Zoning Ordinance, are a by-right use in every residential district. Federal and state Fair Housing laws provide basic protections to people with disabilities who live in these settings. Group homes have been a part of our residential communities for decades. The Good Neighbor campaign, endorsed by the Board of Supervisors' Housing Committee, aims to help establish and maintain good relationships among group home residents (and staff) and their neighbors, to prevent misunderstandings and concerns, and to enhance community acceptance of new homes.

The CSB and more than 20 residential service and affordable housing providers throughout the County have joined together to endorse a set of commonly-held "good neighbor" best practices for group home providers, staff and community members in Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. By signing this agreement, these organizations affirm their shared commitment and responsibility to uphold community values and standards in all of their residences. Click [HERE](#) for the text of the Good Neighbor Agreement.

The CSB has developed a "Good Neighbor" presentation to help community members learn more about the group homes in Fairfax County and the Good Neighbor campaign. If your citizens association, civic group or faith community would like a presentation, please contact Jeannie Cummins at jcumml@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 324-7006.

New Herndon Fire Station Under Design

As the population of the area increases over the next 20 years, the existing Herndon Fire Station does not have the expansion capacity to accommodate projected increasing demands. In order to provide flexibility for future growth, the existing fire station, currently located at 680 Spring Street, will be demolished and a new facility constructed in its place.

The new two-story fire station will be approximately 14,500 square-feet and contain one level of underground parking. The station will be able to accommodate a shift of 14 personnel and four pieces of apparatus equipment, including an engine, two transport units, and a rescue unit, if needed in the future. In addition, the new station will provide for larger women's facilities, decontamination areas required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code, and will meet ADA requirements.

The project is currently under design. The first level of the station will house the apparatus bay, lobby, staff offices, and the kitchen and dining facilities. The second level of the building will contain the shower and locker room facilities, bunk rooms, exercise room, a small patio, and the utility and storage rooms. The building is set back a minimum of twelve feet along Spring Street in order to provide a pedestrian-friendly walkway and landscaping along the frontage. The design for site and building will use the LEED Green Building principals to minimize environmental impact. Some of the sustainable features include: vegetated roof, low flow plumbing fixtures, water efficient landscaping, energy efficient HVAC equipment, and use of regional materials and FSC Certified wood.

Funding for construction of the new station is provided by the Public Safety Bond Referendum approved by the Fairfax County voters in November of 2012. Prior to demolition, construction of a new temporary facility located at 791 Elden Street will be required.

The temporary station will be in use throughout the construction period. Construction of the temporary facility is scheduled to start fall of 2013 and demolition and construction of the new permanent facility will commence early 2014, with completion by fall of 2015.

For more information please contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Illustration of Planned Fire Station

Dranesville Photo Gallery

New Turf Field Dedicated at Great Falls Nike Park on March 2

Cooperative Effort Links New Turf Field and Flood Improvements

Players, officials and members of the community gathered on Saturday, March 2 at Great Falls Nike Park Field #4 to dedicate the new synthetic turf field and state-of-the-art lighting system which were recently installed. The \$1.4 million project was the result of a cooperative venture between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Great Falls Lacrosse, the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Athletic Council as well as the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), Stormwater Division and Land Development Services.

This was a unique cooperative effort that allowed the County to enhance stormwater controls and measures as part of the field conversion project. These enhancements will help resolve past flooding issues in the neighborhood.



Supervisor John Foust congratulating Glenn Tofil who led the field effort on behalf of Great Falls Lacrosse.



Stuff the Bus Activities Collect Food to Feed Fairfax Families

Many people continue to go hungry in our community. For many local, nonprofit food pantries, this time of year is one of the lowest points for donations. To help address this need, Fairfax County promoted "**Stuff the Bus: Feeding Fairfax**

Families," at 10 locations between January 21 and February 18.

This collaborative program, in its third year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local grocery stores and nonprofits to restock the shelves. Fastran buses were parked to collect food donations with the objective to "Stuff the Bus".

In the Dranesville District, a large group of residents, joined by Supervisor John Foust (right), volunteered at the February 16 Stuff the Bus event at McLean Giant, benefiting Share, Inc. Another event held on February 18 at the Fox Mill Giant in Herndon benefited Helping Hungry Kids.



Langley High School Turf Field Dedicated March 15



Langley High School Principal, Matt Ragone, and Supervisor John Foust holding ceremonial plaque at March 15 dedication of the school's new turf field.

McLean Citizens Association Hosts April 8 Education Forum



(Right) McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn is joined by Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Board member Janie Strauss, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and FCPS Cluster I Assistant Superintendent Marty Smith at an Education Forum, hosted by the McLean Citizens Association.

(Photos credit: Alex McVeigh, "Parents Sound Off on School Issues—McLean Citizens Association hosts education discussion at McLean High School", Connection Newspapers, April 11, 2013)

Recognitions

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Champion Diver Caroline McCleary

Congratulations to McLean High School sophomore, Caroline McCleary, for winning the 1-meter diving event at the Virginia AAA Swim and Dive State Championship held at George Mason University on February 15 and 16. Ms. McCleary had a come from behind performance to win the championship with a score of 393.65 points.

Caroline McCleary, along with her coach and other school officials, were recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at its April 9 meeting.



The Board of Supervisors recognized Caroline McCleary of McLean High School for winning the one-meter diving event at the Virginia AAA Swim and Dive Championship.

Dranesville Residents Arlan Jaska and Collin Berman, Among State Champions of First Virginia Governor's Cybersecurity Cup

Congratulations to Arlan Jaska of McLean, Anirudh Bagde of Fairfax and Collin Berman of McLean, for taking first, second and third place, respectively, at the 1st Virginia Governor's Cybersecurity Cup which took place at George Mason University on March 2. The three young men competed in the NetWars Tournament which tested them in a hands-on, interactive learning environment covering topics such as system hardening, packet analysis, digital forensics, vulnerability assessment, and other areas of Cybersecurity. Arlan and Collin attend Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Anirudh attends Chantilly Academy.

Two Dranesville Buildings Among County Facilities Recognized for 2012 Superior Appearance Awards

The Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia honored the Dolley Madison Library and the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station with their annual Superior Appearance Award. The award honors completed projects or specific efforts that improve the appearance of public spaces in Northern Virginia.

[Dolley Madison Library](#)

“The Dolley Madison Library is a very poetic addition and a delight to view from the park.”
-Community Appearance Alliance



The original 1967 library located in McLean, underwent renovations in order to meet the needs for additional space and for updates to its aging building systems. A key element in the renovation of the library was the floor-to-ceiling exterior wall, composed of a staggered pattern of vertical and horizontal wood components and large window designed to form a strong visual connection with the surrounding woodland of McLean Central Park. This “green” building also serves as an example of environmentally sustainable development and was [awarded the LEED® Gold Certification](#) from the US Green Building Council.

[The Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station](#)

“The Great Falls Fire Station is a great improvement on the existing building and a very positive contribution to its community.”-Community Appearance Alliance



Originally constructed in 1960, the building was in need of significant upgrades to meet updated building codes and to serve the needs of the growing community. The new two-story station, constructed on the site of the original building, was designed to reference the forms of the farmhouses, barns, and silos of the rural history of Great Falls along with the current equestrian community it serves. The result is a facility with a dynamic design and the highest quality construction, with innovative use of materials advanced technological features in the building’s infrastructure. The building was also designed to meet green building standards and was [awarded the LEED® Gold Certification](#) by the U.S. Green Building Council.

McLean Resident Bill Sudow Awarded Volunteer Fairfax's 2013 Community Champion for the Dranesville District



McLean Resident, Bill Sudow, has been selected by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust as the 2013 Volunteer Fairfax Community Champion for the Dranesville District. The award was presented to Mr. Sudow at the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards on April 18.

Mr. Sudow has been an active member of the Board of the McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC) for five years, serving as president for one year. He played a major role in bringing the McLean Utility Undergrounding project to fruition by negotiating all the required easements with the various property owners, utilities and County. He also worked with representatives of one of the property owners to design a duct bank that would be used not only for the central intersection project, but also for future utility undergrounding in McLean. Mr. Sudow was also hands on with the utilities and the County in connection with the design and construction of the project.

As an active participant in the McLean Community Center (MCC) Downtown Committee, Mr. Sudow volunteered to represent the MRC on the Committee, formed to evaluate whether it would be financially and programmatically feasible for the MCC to construct a satellite facility in downtown McLean. His real estate development knowledge and experience proved invaluable as the committee evaluated various options.

Speaking about Mr. Sudow's contributions, Supervisor Foust said, "If you want something accomplished, give the job to a busy person. No matter how busy Bill Sudow is, he is always willing to take on new projects, the more complex and difficult, the better. He has been a tireless and successful advocate for revitalization efforts in McLean."

Katherine Ho & Mayank Mahajan Win Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement

Congratulations to Katherine Ho of McLean and Mayank Mahajan of Herndon for receiving the 2012-13 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement in STEM subjects. Both are seniors at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

The Siemens Foundation awards a \$2,000 college scholarship to one male and one female student in each state who earned the greatest number of scores of 5 on Advanced Placement exams in such subjects as Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science.

Longfellow Middle School Teacher Named SBEA Middle School Teacher of the Year

Helene Safford, who teaches career and technical education at Longfellow Middle School, has been named the Southern Business Education Association (SBEA) 2012 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Safford was recognized for her outstanding contributions to business education. Principal Carole Kihm praised Safford for her ability to recognize the importance of intellectual development while individualizing instruction for her students and creating lessons that encourage higher-level thinking and questioning.

Safford was also hailed as a lifelong learner who is continually updating her skills and adding to her knowledge. Kihm praised the teacher for her strong interpersonal skills and efforts to engage in positive communications that result in productive relationships.

The SBEA is an affiliate of the National Business Education Association. Its purpose is to promote better business education in the southern region and throughout the nation. Congratulations Helene!

Announcements

Experience the Pick of the Crop with Farmers Markets

From May to November, Fairfax County's 11 farmers markets come to life with a feast for the senses. Purchase freshly picked fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, freshly baked bread and pastries, and artisan cheeses. Also available are fresh eggs, meats and other edible delights along with gardening plants of all sizes.

The Farmers Markets are supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority through the Community Horticulture office based at Green Spring Gardens. The daily operations of the markets are managed by volunteer [Market Masters](#).

All products sold are produced by vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County, and brokers or resellers are strictly prohibited. Produce you purchase at Park Authority Farmers Markets is fresh, locally-grown and consistently good.

Fairfax County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners offer Plant Clinics at most markets. Citizens can bring plant or insect samples for pest identification or disease diagnosis. Master Gardeners also help citizens by having informational displays on topics such as Container Gardening or EcoSavvy Gardening. For more information about the Markets, call 703-642-0128, TTY 703-803-3354.

2013 Market Schedule

Wednesday

***McCutcheon/Mt. Vernon:** May 1-November 27; 8:00 a.m.-Noon
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

[Details/Directions](#)

***Oak Marr:** May 1-November 13; 8:00 a.m.-Noon
Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

[Details/Directions](#)

***Wakefield:** May 1-October 30; 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Wakefield Park, 8100
Braddock Road

[Details/Directions](#)

Thursday

***Annandale:** May 2-November 7; 8 a.m.-Noon
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

[Details/Directions](#)

***Herndon:** May 2-October 31; 8 a.m.-Noon
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., By the Red Caboose

[Details/Directions](#)

Frying Pan Farm: May 2-October 31; 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Frying Pan
Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, in front of Frying Pan Country Store
SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

[Details/Directions](#)

Friday

***McLean:** May 3-November 22; 8:00 a.m.-Noon
Market closed for McLean Day

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

[Details/Directions](#)

***Kingstowne:** May 3 -October 25; 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
In the Giant parking lot, 5935 Kingstowne Towne Center

[Details/Directions](#)

Saturday

***Burke:** May 4-November 23; 8 a.m.-Noon
VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

[Details/Directions](#)

***Reston:** May 4-November 2; 8 a.m.-Noon
Market closed for Multicultural Festival
Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive

[Details/Directions](#)

Sunday

Lorton: May 5-November 3; 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. VRE parking lot,
8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

[Details/Directions](#)

* = Master Gardener Plant Clinic