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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the October issue of the Dranesville Dispatch.

Autumn is here and school is back in session. Please remember to drive carefully and watch for students as they walk to school or wait for and board their buses. Remember also that it is the law to stop for buses loading and unloading students. Pedestrian and bicycle safety is always important, but with the increase in traffic that comes in the fall and return to school, we need to be especially vigilant and careful for our children's sake.

The derecho storm of late-July may now seem like a distant memory, but I and the other County supervisors are still addressing issues that arose during and after the storm. The County filed a report with the Federal Communications Commission on the Verizon 9-1-1 outages. Staff is looking into how to improve County communications during emergencies. On July 31, I presented a motion that was adopted by the Board and that directed County staff to address numerous issues and questions relating to the storm and its aftermath. A copy of the motion can be viewed [here](#). Staff has been working with Dominion Power to address issues such as reliability and communication. The Board expects to receive the staff's full report in October.

Election Day is November 6. This year's ballot will include a County Park Authority Bond referendum which would benefit numerous Dranesville sites, a Public Library Bond Referendum which would improve the Tysons Pimmit Library, and a Public Safety Bond referendum which would provide funding for construction of the new Herndon Fire Station. New voter identification laws are now in place in Virginia. See this issue for details on the County bond referendums and other helpful election information including voter registration and absentee voting.

In Dranesville news, the Old Chesterbrook Road bridge over Pimmit Run is now open to traffic after undergoing a major renovation project. In addition, work is underway on the rehabilitation of the Beulah Road Bridge over Wolf Trap Run while Virginia Department of Transportation has delayed the Beach Mill Road Bridge renovation project until next summer. Details on these bridge construction projects and other projects planned and underway can be found inside.

In other news, Langley and McLean High Schools started the school year with new turfed playing fields and improvements are underway at Great Falls Nike Park to create a new lighted turfed playing field.

I hope that you enjoy the upcoming autumn months. As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to best serve the Dranesville community. Please feel free to contact my office 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 Executive Assistant, Dianne Peikin, 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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Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm.

Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

Office Hours: M-W-Th-F: 9 am to 12 pm
Tuesday: 12 pm to 3 pm
Or by appointment

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November 6 General Election

How to Register, Vote and Vote Early *Election Day is November 6, but you can vote as early as September 21*

Voter Registration

In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than October 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address.

Voter Identification

New laws have been enacted to designate forms of identification voters must bring with them to the polling place. Acceptable forms are: Virginia voter identification card; valid Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Voters arriving at the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election.

Voting Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between September 21 and November 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 hours that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete list of acceptable reasons to vote

absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

Absentee Voting in Person

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323
Fairfax

September 21 - October 16:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

October 17 - November 2:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday:
October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8 (Columbus Day)

(In Dranesville)

Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Avenue
McLean

(Near Dranesville)

North County Human Services Bldg.
1850 Cameron Glen Dr.
Reston

October 17 - November 3:

Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

More Election Information

State Board of Elections

(804) 864-8901, Toll Free: (800) 552-9745

FAX: (804) 371-0194

Email: email:info@sbe.virginia.gov

Web: sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.htm

Fairfax County Board of Elections,

(703) 222-0776

FAX: (703) 324-2205

12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax

Email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

Web: fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/

(Extracted From Connection Newspaper article, "How to Register, Vote and Vote Early", August 29, by Mary Kimm. Reprinted by permission of Connection Newspapers.)

Bond Referendums on November 6 Ballot

On November 6, Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote on four individual bond questions. The referendums ask permission for Fairfax County to issue bonds to make improvements to public facilities for libraries, public safety, parks and stormwater management.

Bonds are a primary means of funding capital projects in the County. Many County agencies face the challenge of updating aging facilities, expanding existing facilities and developing new facilities. Bonds ensure that current users of capital facilities are not burdened with the full cost of improvements, and allow projects to be completed more quickly while spreading the cost of the projects over an extended period of time.

Some of the Dranesville facilities to benefit from passage of the referendums are described below.

Referendum for Public Libraries to Fund Improvements to Tysons-Pimmit Library

Tysons Pimmit Regional Library is one of the most popular libraries in the County, with customers borrowing nearly 43,000 items per month. This year's Public Libraries Bond asks for \$5 million to renovate the 25,000 square-foot interior to provide more public space, upgrade building systems, add public computers and add quiet and group study areas.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten at the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Public Safety Bond Referendum to Fund New Herndon Fire Station

The Fairfax County Public Safety bond referendum asks for \$12 million to fund a new fire station for the Town of Herndon.

The existing 8,162-square-foot station, built in the 1950s, is one of the oldest in the county, and does not have an apparatus bay that is large enough for future needs. Staffing is also limited due to the current size of the station. A new station will be constructed at the existing site to maintain the same response time and maintain service as now provided for downtown Herndon. The approximately 14,500-square-foot, will include three-bays (with one bay sized to park vehicles in front of each other), as well as offer 20 underground parking spaces. It will accommodate shifts of 14. Continuous fire and rescue service will be provided to the community during construction.

Fore more information please contact Jennifer Boysko in the Supervisor Foust's Herndon office at (703) 471-5076 or email Jennifer.Boysko@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County Park Authority Bond

Voters will have the opportunity to decide on a Park Bond referendum that, if approved, would provide \$75 million for Park Capital Improvements. The Fairfax County Park Authority will receive \$63 million dollars for improvements while the remaining \$12 million dollars will go to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for improvements.

The amount of the park bond had originally been set at \$50 million. Working with Sully District Supervisor Mike Frye, Supervisor Foust was successful in getting the Board of Supervisors to increase that amount by \$25 million.

Among projects to be funded by bond money would be the expansion of Spring Hill RECenter to include a new gym and additional multipurpose rooms, and renovations to the fitness space and locker rooms. Also included is restoration of the Colvin Run Mill miller's house and improvements to the Langley Fork athletic fields.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Express Lanes Briefing on October 10

With the Express Lanes set to open in the next few months, Supervisor Foust along with VDOT and Transurban/Fluor (builders and operators of the Express Lanes) will host a community information meeting to discuss the new service and answer citizens' questions. At the briefing, residents will also have the opportunity to purchase the new EZ Pass Flex transponder, or to exchange their current EZ Pass for the Flex Pass. Carpool drivers can change a setting on the Flex Pass to indicate they are HOV-3, enabling them to drive for free.



The meeting will be:

**Wednesday, October 10
7:00 p.m.
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean**



For additional information please contact, Cheryl Patten in Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

VDOT to Remove 59 Dangerous Trees in Great Falls

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has begun to remove 59 trees that pose a safety risk to motorists in the Great Falls area of Fairfax County. Tree removal began on August 13 and is expected to be completed in October.

Each of the trees is located within VDOT right of way and is either dead or in decline with multiple defects.

Following the tragic death of a motorist July 17 when a 40-ton decayed Oak tree fell onto his car on Georgetown Pike, several residents alerted Fairfax County and VDOT to other potentially unsafe trees. A team of arborists from Fairfax County's Urban Forestry Branch spent several days inspecting trees in Great Falls, and ultimately recommended the removal of 59 trees. A VDOT arborist agreed with the recommendation.

The list includes tree type, size, exact location, and condition. The 59 trees are located on the following roads:

- River Bend Road – 25 trees
- Browns Mill Road west of Difficult Run – 15 trees
- Beach Mill Road – 7 trees
- Georgetown Pike – 6 trees
- Walker Road – 4 trees
- Utterback Store Road – 2 trees



At the time of publication all trees identified on Walker Road, Utterback Store and Georgetown Pike had been removed with removal of trees on Browns Mill Road, River Bend Road and Beach Mill Road to follow.

VDOT is also evaluating the possible removal of two large oak trees at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road.

If you have concerns about a specific tree in your neighborhood or for more information, please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703)356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Nike Park Field Improvement Project Gets Underway

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun making improvements to Great Falls Nike Park located at 1089 Utterback Store Road in Great Falls. Work includes the conversion of existing grass field #4 to a synthetic turf field, a new trail, storm drainage facilities, enhanced storm water management facilities, landscaping, and field lighting.

The project is anticipated to be completed by November 2012. The Great Falls Lacrosse Association, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Fairfax County Park Authority are working in partnership to provide funding for these improvements.

For more information about this project please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Stormwater Management Ordinance Stakeholder Meetings Scheduled

The Commonwealth of Virginia recently established new regulations relating to stormwater management. The changes require Fairfax County to prepare a Stormwater Management Ordinance. Effective July 1, 2014, the Ordinance will allow Fairfax County to take over reviews and inspections for general permits relating to stormwater runoff from construction sites.

Many processes, systems, ordinance changes and training of staff and industry, in addition to a written stormwater management ordinance, will need to be in place by the effective date. A series of meetings with stakeholders is being held to gather information that will be used in developing the new County ordinance and design and construction standards for stormwater control practices.

A kick-off meeting was held on July 24 to provide an overview of regulations, issues for discussion, a timeline and the scope of the project. A second public meeting was held on September 24. An additional meeting is planned to provide input through small group work sessions:

Wednesday, October 17
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Herrity Building
12055 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax

Identified topics for discussion at the stakeholder small group meetings are:

- Single-Family Home Exemptions
- Impacts of Infill Development
- Adequate Outfall and Detention Requirements
- Impacts on Pro Rata Share Program
- Stormwater Facilities in Residential Areas
- Restrictions on Use of Stormwater Facilities
- Stormwater Facility Inspections by Owners
- Nutrient Credit Offset Provisions

To request reasonable accommodations, call (703) 324-5033, TTY 711.

For additional information please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

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:

On September 11 the Board of Supervisor’s unanimously passed a resolution commending the Great Falls Seniors Committee for its work in establishing a Senior Center Without Walls. Currently there is no dedicated “bricks and mortar” senior facility in Great Falls. To expand opportunities for older adults within the Great Falls community, a Great Falls Senior Center Without Walls is proposed, based on the very successful Burke-West Springfield Center Without Walls established in 2009. The events of the Center will make use of existing facilities in Great Falls. Also on September 11, the Great Falls Seniors Committee held its second educational event for Seniors at the historic Dranesville Tavern.

Herndon

Dulles Area AARP and other local community groups and businesses sponsored the annual Antique Car Show in downtown Herndon, adding a new Grandparents’ focus to the event. All proceeds from the event go towards funding a scholarship for a Gerontology Nursing Student at George Mason University.

McLean

The Aging in McLean Committee met on September 11 at the McLean Community Center (MCC). One significant accomplishment of the committee is the MCC’s agreement to host a volunteer help desk for Seniors. The committee is working to recruit volunteers and to plan training for the effort.

For information on training and volunteering at the MCC for the Aging in McLean Committee, or for general information about Aging in Community, please contact Jennifer Boysko at the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 471-5076 or email Jennifer.boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Board of Supervisors Approves Bank Drive-Through Facility

The Board of Supervisors has approved a request by TD bank to allow a drive-through facility at its future bank in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center in McLean. The Special Exception was unanimously approved at the Board’s September 11 meeting.

The bank proposes to take over an existing empty tenant space in the shopping center and will use the neighboring gas station area that was recently razed, for a remote drive-through facility.

In addition to landscaping and screening, TD Bank will construct a missing sidewalk link along Old Dominion Drive and seek US Green Building Council LEED certification. As a contribution to limiting stormwater runoff in the area, the bank has also agreed to exceed storm water requirements for its project.

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

Newly Renovated Old Chesterbrook Road Bridge Opens to Traffic in Time for School Opening

McLean area residents now have access to the newly renovated bridge over Pimmit Run on Old Chesterbrook Road.

This summer McLean residents and commuters detoured around the bridge as it underwent an emergency replacement of its super structure. The renovation followed the determination by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that the bridge deck and structural steel had serious loss, deterioration and holes that require immediate action. The work was planned so that the majority of complete bridge closures occurred during the summer months when school was not in session.

The renovation included replacement and extension of the existing pedestrian facilities on the north side of the bridge, a new crosswalk and improved access to the Pimmit Run streamside trail. The new bridge has a smoother transition from road to bridge surface. The project also diverted a 24-inch sewer line to allow better maintenance access.

Over the next several weeks, additional daytime lane closures may be needed to finish detail work. The entire project is expected to cost about \$1 million and be completed in November 2012.

For more information contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Board of Supervisors Approves New Restaurant

A bank site left vacant for 10 years at the intersection of Leesburg Pike and Dranesville Road will soon be converted to a Popeyes restaurant. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the project at its September 11 meeting.

In order to accommodate the 18-seat restaurant and drive-through, a new right hand turn lane into the site will be provided. The project will also include several green building elements including: reusing the existing building, providing bicycle racks and a changing room, recycling of glass paper, metal, plastic and cardboard, and using regionally sourced building material.

The application received a positive recommendation from both the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Construction is expected to begin early next year.

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

VDOT Postpones Beach Mill Road Bridge Project

Work will take place summer 2013

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will replace the Beach Mill Road bridge over Nichols Branch next summer rather than this fall so that school buses do not have to travel a six-mile detour for several months.

In early August, signs were posted at the bridge alerting motorists that the bridge would close August 13. After receiving a large number of complaints about the project's impact on school bus routes, Supervisor Foust worked closely with VDOT to negotiate the delay of the project. "We have removed those signs and postponed the project after re-thinking the impacts the detour would have on school buses," said VDOT Bridge Engineer Nicholas Roper. "If we wait until next summer we can begin the work as soon as school lets out and re-open the bridge by Labor Day."

In addition, VDOT will sequence construction on the Route 7 widening project, scheduled to begin next spring, so that crews are not working on Georgetown Pike while the bridge on Beach Mill Road is closed. "Deferring construction in the vicinity of Route 7 and Georgetown Pike until the Beach Mill project is completed will help reduce traffic impacts," Roper added. Route 7 will be widened to three lanes in each direction from Rolling Holly Drive to Reston Avenue.

Last September, the bridge over Nichols Branch was destroyed during Tropical Storm Lee. VDOT installed a temporary box culvert that opened to traffic in November. The temporary box culvert is sound and postponing the project poses no safety risks to motorists. The bridge has been scheduled to be replaced for several years.

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

For additional information please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703)356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Work Begins on Beulah Road Bridge

Road reduced to one lane through December

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) began work on August 29 to rehabilitate the structurally deficient Beulah Road bridge over Wolf Trap Run in Vienna. Crews will fill voids under bridge footings, repair existing abutments and footings, repair bearings, and mill and overlay the bridge deck and approaches.

During construction activities, Beulah Road is being reduced to a single lane, controlled by a temporary signal at the intersection of Browns Mill Road. This traffic pattern will remain in place through the project's completion in December 2012. During peak hours, drivers should consider using alternate routes.

Message signs are in place to notify drivers of the upcoming work. D.W. Miller Construction, Inc. is the contractor for this \$911,000 project.

For additional information please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703)356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Dulles Connector Road Sound Walls

VDOT conducted a public meeting on September 13, 2012, to present the revised design for the proposed sound wall project. The sound walls are being built to help mitigate noise from the Dulles Connector Road and Dulles Metro-rail. VDOT will construct sound walls on both sides of the Dulles Connector Road/Route 267 extending from Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123) to Interstate 66. The total length of the project is 3.96 miles and will cost an estimated \$35 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2013 and the walls will be built within the existing VDOT right-of-way. The project will be completed by December 2014.

Detailed information on the project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects. Drop down menu item: In Design – Dulles Connector Sound Walls.

For more information please contact Cheryl Patten in Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551 or by email at: cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

McLean Area High Schools Open School Year With New Lighted Turf Fields

This fall, for the first time, home football games at McLean and Langley high schools are being played on synthetic turf. Turfing of the high school stadium fields was made possible by collaborative efforts at each school led by the school principals and parents in cooperation with Supervisor Foust, the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and Fairfax County Public Schools.

Parent groups at both schools led fund raising efforts and raised substantial funding for these projects. Additional funding for both fields was provided by the county's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services from a high school stadium field turfing fund created by the Board of Supervisors at the request of Supervisor Foust. The McLean High School project also received funding through a public-private partnership with McLean Youth Lacrosse and from proffers obtained from a Tysons Corner development by Supervisor Foust and Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth.

There are a total of 46 public synthetic turf fields in Fairfax County. These two high school fields bring the total number of synthetic turf fields in the Dranesville magisterial district to 11, including the stadium and practice fields at Herndon High School. Construction of two additional fields with synthetic turf and lights is currently underway at the Nike field in Great Falls and at the McLean Governmental Center on Balls Hill Road. The Nike field will be available in December

2012. The "Police field" at the Governmental Center will be available when the on-going renovation and expansion of the Center is complete.

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.



McLean High School lighted turf field.



Langley High School lighted turf field.

Dranesville Photo Gallery

“National Night Out” Focuses Neighborhoods on Crime Prevention



McGruff, the crime fighting dog, talks about crime prevention with Reston Police Captain Andre Tibbs, Supervisor John Foust and Jim Allen, President of Reflections Homes Homeowners Association on National Night Out, August 7.

Reston Hospital Center



The new building, which is estimated to be completed in late fall 2013, will add 180,000 square feet of physician offices and hospital services. Pictured from left, Mark Ingrao of the Reston Chamber of Commerce, Milton Matthews, CEO of the Reston Association, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill), Jane Raymond of Reston Hospital, Supervisor John Foust (Dranesville) and Joe Ritchey break ground for the new Reston Hospital building Monday, Sept. 17. (Photo and article: Alex McViegh, reprinted by permission of Connection Newspapers)

Recognitions

Board of Supervisors Issues Proclamation in Support of “Keep the Spirit of ‘45 Alive”

Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have issued a proclamation in support of Keep the Spirit of ‘45 Alive! Keep the Spirit of ‘45 Alive! is a grassroots campaign created to encourage Americans to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II and to recognize the bravery and contributions of those who served in uniform and on the home front.

Supervisor Foust presented the Board’s proclamation to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care at an August 7 event held at the Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean.

The “Keep the Spirit Alive” campaign is a non-partisan initiative to preserve the legacy of the men and women of the Greatest Generation so that their example of bravery and self-sacrifice can help inspire a renewal of national unity in our country. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care is sponsoring the grassroots campaign in keeping with their commitment to provide end-of-life care that holds human dignity above all else.

Announcements

Celebrate MPAartfest! on Sunday October 14

The McLean Project for the Arts invites everyone to join in celebrating the 6th annual MPAartfest. The day long festival will feature over 50 juried artists, interactive art experiences for all ages, live performances, and a variety of food and beverages. The event will occur, rain or shine:

Sunday, October 14

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

McLean Central Park

Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Blvd.

McLean

*(in case of rain, the event will be held at the
McLean Community Center)*

For more information visit the MPAartfest! Website at
www.mpaart.org/artfest.php.



Salona Park Task Force Public Information Meeting Scheduled

On Thursday, October 4, the McLean community is encouraged to participate in the Salona Task Force open house featuring interactive presentations which highlight the numerous and varied suggested uses for the Salona Park land.

The Salona Task Force was created by Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax County Park Authority Board member Kevin Fay in 2011 in response to community request for greater participation in the park planning process. The mission of the Task Force is to work with the community and stakeholders to identify, evaluate and recommend alternative uses for Salona Park, located in McLean. During the course of its work over the past year, the Task Force studied several proposals for uses and activities for the new park and heard from many interested parties. During the public meeting the task force will present these ideas and solicit opinions from the community.

The public is invited to review the options proposed for Salona Park, ask questions and submit comments to the Task Force at the upcoming meeting:

Thursday, October 4

7:30 p.m.

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean

For additional information please contact Cheryl Patten, office of Supervisor Foust, (703) 356-0551 or
Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov

Herndon and South Lakes High Schools Issue a Challenge to Students to Help the Homeless

On September 7 during half-time of the Herndon-South Lakes Varsity football game, Herndon Principal William Bates and South Lakes High School Principal Kimberly Retzer, Jennifer Boysko from the office of Supervisor Foust, and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins issued a challenge. Fans were asked to come together to fight to end homelessness in our community by taking part in one of the schools' sponsored **Help the Homeless Walks**. The walks raise awareness and support to prevent and end homelessness through Reston Interfaith. Both schools have challenged their students to see who will come out with the most walkers for their respective Help the Homeless walks during Homecoming week.

By taking part in the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless program, Herndon High School and South Lakes High School will help Reston Interfaith's work by raising funds to end homelessness in our community. The funds help homeless families move out of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter into stable and permanent housing by providing support for security deposits, moving costs, and first and last month's rent. While the schools may be rivals on the field, our local students are making a huge difference together off the field with this unique challenge. Learn more at www.restoninterfaith.org.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Boysko in the Herndon office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 471-5076 or email Jennifer.Boysko@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County Seeks Feedback on Improving Communications During Emergencies

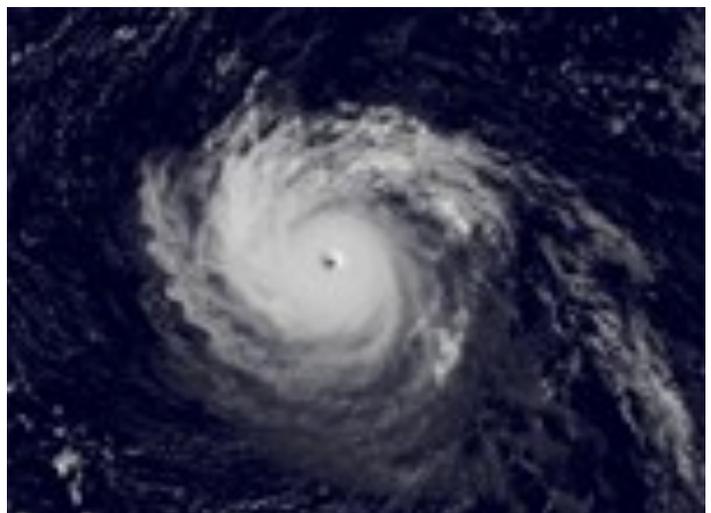
Fairfax County would like to know how it can better communicate with residents and businesses in the event of a disaster like a derecho, hurricane or terrorist attack. As part of this effort and as part of the official review of the County's response to the July 2012 derecho, the [Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management](#) is seeking feedback from both residents and businesses owners in the form of a short, online survey.

After filing a report on August 17 with the Federal Communications Commission on Verizon's 9-1-1 outages, Fairfax County officials are looking at how to improve their own communications during emergencies.

Hurricane season lasts until November 30 in the Metropolitan D.C. area, and forecasts call for five to eight hurricanes in the Atlantic this year. It's not just the Gulf Coast at risk. In 2003, Hurricane Isabel left thousands in the area without power and water for days.

This is why it's important for residents to [learn how to get information before, during and after a storm](#), as well as why County officials want to learn how to communicate more effectively in emergencies.

To take the survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairfaxemergencyinfo>.



Fairfax County Launches Countywide Dialogue on Transportation Funding

Fairfax County transportation needs over the next ten years exceed available funding from local, regional, state, federal and private sources. This gap is estimated to be around \$300 million per year. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognizes that improving transportation is a high priority since the quality of life of its residents and the county's economic health depend on an efficient transportation system.

The Board of Supervisors is seeking community feedback on ways to generate revenue to address these unfunded transportation (roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian) needs. This effort will consist of a series of community meetings in September and October 2012 at which potential revenue sources will be discussed.

The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback at the meetings or in an online survey through October 12, 2012. The public meetings will include a presentation, a question-and-answer session, and an opportunity to view materials and talk to county staff.

Meetings in or near Dranesville:

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 p.m.

North County Governmental Center
12000 Bowman Towne Drive
Reston

Transit Access: Fairfax Connector routes

[RIBS 1](#), [RIBS 3](#)

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 p.m.

Chesterbrook Elementary School
1753 Kirby Road
McLean

Wednesday, October 10

7:00 p.m.

Thoreau Middle School
2505 Cedar Lane
Vienna

Transit Access: Metrobus 2T

County staff will host an online chat in the county's Ask Fairfax! forum, where the public can engage in a discussion about funding for transportation. Time and date of the Ask Fairfax! chat will be announced on the county's web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information about the Countywide Dialogue on Transportation Funding, the Ask Fairfax! chat, or to take the online survey, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/. Residents can also visit the web site to sign up for email updates or find out if new meetings have been announced.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For accommodations, call Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600, TTY 711 at least three business days prior to the meeting.

For additional meeting dates and locations please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Parent Education Program Offering Parenting Classes to County Residents

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Parenting Education Programs is enrolling families for several upcoming parenting classes. Both parents and children attend the classes although children are taught in different classrooms than parents. Classes are for Fairfax County residents; meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m.; are free; and include dinner and child care. Classes meet once a week for 12, 13, or 21 weeks depending on the curriculum.

Class topics include:

Parents with Children (Newborn to 4 years old)

Parents with Children:

African-American Focus (5 to 11 years old).

Parents with Adolescents (12 to 18 years old)

Good Touch/Bad Touch® (Pre-K to 6th grade)

For more information about a class and to enroll a family, please contact the Parenting Education Programs staff at (703)324-7459, (703)222-9759 TTY or email Tsehay.Elias@fairfaxcounty.gov.



McLean Community Forum on Drinking and Driving by Youth and Young Adult on October 9

More than 1,900 motor vehicle crashes in Fairfax County (2006-2011) involved an alcohol-impaired driver ages 15-24. Help put a dent in Fairfax County's alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes. Learn more about this problem and join the conversation by attending a community forum in October designed for adults.

Tuesday, October 9
McLean Community Center
Community Hall
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean

This event is presented by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County in collaboration with the Fairfax County Police Department, Annandale and West Potomac High Schools, and Safe Community Coalition. It is facilitated by George Mason University.

For more information call 703-938-8723 or visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.



Fairfax Bike Summit on October 27

Pedaling our way to a healthier and happier community

All are invited to join Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), George Mason University (GMU) and Fairfax County for the inaugural Fairfax Bike Summit on **Saturday, October 27** at GMU from 9AM - 2PM. [Register here for FREE \(ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com\)](http://ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com) - Attendance is limited to 200 people – so act fast!

This summit will bring together bicyclists, bicycle organizations, bike shops, and transportation professionals to discuss:

- Turning Fairfax into an even better place to live by making bicycling a major part of the transportation system
- Details about the recently-completed bicycle master plan draft that serves as our roadmap for making our streets safer for bicyclists (adding bike lanes, cycle tracks, signed bicycle routes, and connecting trails and streets that lead to major destinations)
- How other communities are being transformed from auto-centric places to more people-oriented places
- Bicycling as an alternative transportation option that provides opportunities to grow Fairfax County into a more competitive, liveable, connected, and vibrant community

You'll also get to hear from nationally-known speakers including Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists, Chris Eatough of BikeArlington, and Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. See the latest in transportation bikes and gear on display from local bike shops. Join GMU staff for a bike tour of campus bike facilities after the summit. A limited number of bicycles will be provided by The Bike Lane.

The summit will be held at The HUB at GMU in the Front-Middle Ballroom, 10423 Rivanna River Way, Fairfax, VA 22030. Display space is available for bicycle businesses and organizations. For further information, please visit fabb-bikes.org or contact us at bikesummit@fabb-bikes.org.

Sponsored by Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling, George Mason University, and Fairfax County.