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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Dranesville Dispatch. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer.

Fairfax County and Dranesville residents are reeling after a very eventful month that brought an earthquake, a hurricane and record flooding to our area. Heavy rains falling on land already saturated by the hurricane had a dramatic effect on our community: flooding homes, closing roads and bridges, downing trees and leaving tree debris in yards, trails and roads all over the district. Three weeks have passed and Beach Mill Bridge and Towlston Road Bridge remain closed, awaiting temporary replacement by Virginia Department of Transportation. Your patience is appreciated as the County and the Commonwealth continue to clean up and repair all of the damage. I am very grateful to the County's outstanding Public Safety personnel and the many VDOT employees who worked tirelessly through these natural disasters.

Fall is in the air and it is important to remember that school is now in session. **Please be aware that children are boarding buses and walking to school.** Use caution, especially when driving near schools. And remember, it is against the law to pass a school bus with flashing signals and stop sign extended.

Great progress has been made on new fire stations in Great Falls, Vienna near Wolf Trap and in the Town of Herndon. Great Falls' new station will be operational by December; the Wolf Trap Fire Station is under construction, scheduled to open next fall; and the County is finalizing the design and seeking approvals for the new Herndon station. Details can be found in this issue.

Work on the HOT Lanes project continues. A big milestone was reached with the opening of the new Lewinsville Road Bridge over the Beltway. The HOT Lanes project is now 75% complete with December 2012 targeted as its opening.

If you have any comments or suggestions on issues affecting you or your community please feel free to contact my office. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and for all the support and assistance you continue to give my staff and me.

Best wishes,
 John Foust

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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, 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.

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Beach Mill Road and Towlston Road Bridges Destroyed by Flood

Both Bridges Had Been Slated for Replacement

The Beach Mill Road Bridge over Nichols Branch and the Towlston Road Bridge over Rocky Run were both destroyed by the heavy rains and floods leading up to September 8. The Beach Mill Road Bridge, which was already in the preliminary design phase for permanent replacement, will now be first replaced by two cement box culverts until the permanent bridge can be constructed in the summer of 2012. The Towlston Road bridge will be replaced by a temporary pipe culvert. Planning for the permanent Towlston bridge was scheduled to begin soon with construction scheduled for 2012. Weather dependent, both temporary structures are scheduled for construction shortly and are to be completed by early to mid-November.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) estimates that the cost of each temporary bridge will be approximately \$300,000 and that they will seek reimbursement from FEMA for construction costs.

VDOT has been working extensively with the community and with the office of Supervisor Foust to arrive at a suitable bridge design for the permanent Beach Mill Road Bridge, including holding a public meeting this past June to



Damaged Beach Mill Road bridge, prior to demolition.

present proposed design alternatives to the Great Falls Community. Both the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have endorsed a design for the new bridge that would be one lane, have a wooden deck and be of a rustic style. The final design of the permanent bridge structure will be decided by VDOT before the end of September.

Residents may report road flooding, traffic signal outages, or debris or downed trees in roadways by contacting Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623).

Fairfax County Board Endorses Recommendations for Fair Rates for Falls Church Water Customers

The water rates charged by the City of Falls Church are a source of ongoing concern for the approximately 100,000 customers who reside or have businesses in Fairfax County and for the Board of Supervisors.

In April, shortly after the Falls Church City Council proposed to increase its retail water rates by 30% over 5 years, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Consumer Protection Commission (CPC), with support from the Department of Cable and Consumer Service, to undertake a comprehensive review of the City's water ratemaking actions.

The CPC report was discussed at the September 27 meeting of the Supervisors. After discussion, the Board voted to endorse the recommendations of the CPC and directed staff to return to the Board with recommendations on how the Board can implement them.

One of the recommendations was that the Board exercise

its authority to set the rates for water provided to Fairfax residents so that no Fairfax resident who is a customer of Falls Church Water pays more than Fairfax Water rates, unless the City can demonstrate to the County's satisfaction the need for higher rates.

Any action the Board takes will require agreement by a majority of the Supervisors and may take some time to implement. Delays may result if Falls Church City challenges the County's authority to fix the rates paid by their Fairfax County customers.

Supervisor Foust supports lowering the water rates for Fairfax County residents as soon as the Board can implement the recommendation, and believes that Fairfax Water is still committed to trying to reach a resolution with Falls Church Water, such as a merger of the systems, that would result in a final and fair resolution of the water issues.

Funding Phase II of the Dulles Rail Project

At a meeting of Dulles Rail stakeholders on July 20, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood proposed a plan to resolve the differences among the Silver Line Metro Rail stakeholders regarding the cost of Dulles Rail Phase II. Phase II takes the Metro beyond the Reston Wiehle station to the Dulles Airport and beyond. The previous cost estimate for Phase II was \$2.5 billion. That figure increased to \$3.8 billion after additional engineering refined the costs. Virtually all of the stakeholders, including the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, balked at the increased costs of the project.

Transportation Secretary LaHood stepped in and hosted several meetings over a 30-day period in an effort to establish a common agreed-upon design and a finance plan for the Phase 2 project so that it could get back on a path to successful implementation without further delay.

His plan unveiled on July 20 calls for the Dulles Airport station to be built above ground to save several hundred million dollars and proposes to shift other costs to Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. Fairfax County has been asked to pay the cost to construct two parking garages and the Route 28 Metro station. The Board of Supervisors supports much of Secretary LaHood's plan but finds it problematic that Fairfax County is asked to pay for the Route 28 station.

Supervisor Foust and other members of the Board of Supervisors also believe that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Federal Government should provide grants or funds to help finance Phase II of the project. Negotiations among the Federal, State and Fairfax and Loudoun governments and the Airport Authority are ongoing.

Under the current funding formulas, Fairfax County pays 16.1% of the costs of Phase I and Phase II of the Dulles Rail Project and Dulles Toll road users pick up 56.2% of the costs. Fairfax County has established two special tax districts, one in Tysons Corner and one in the Herndon-Reston area that will raise \$730 million by taxing commercial properties to pay toward Fairfax County's portion of the costs. Supervisor Foust wants rail to Dulles but does not want additional costs to be financed by excessively raising tolls on the Dulles Toll Road.



I-495 HOT Lanes and Dulles Rail Updates

HOT Lanes and Dulles Rail construction activity in Tysons Corner and along the Dulles Connector and Toll Roads is continuing to have an impact on traffic in our community. The heavy volume of vehicular traffic and the considerable scope of these projects, ongoing lane shifts, changes to traffic patterns and overnight road closures on the Beltway and throughout the Dulles corridor continue to be necessary to accommodate ongoing construction.

In late September, as a result of the HOT Lanes project, a major change will occur at the interchange of I-66/I-495 when construction crews will permanently close the left exit ramp, Exit 49C, which currently serves northbound I-495 drivers to westbound I-66. After the change, motorists will use existing exit ramp 49A to go westbound on I-66, which has been widened and modified to provide for the increased traffic. The region should begin to feel some relief in early to mid-2012 as lanes are restored and ramps and bridges are completed.

Two new traffic cameras have been installed at Spring Hill Road and near Reston Parkway to help VDOT Traffic Operations monitor road incidents and facilitate appropriate responses to traffic problems caused by construction of the two projects. Motorists can view real-time traffic conditions via these cameras and others by visiting <http://trafficland.com/city/WAS2/index.html> and clicking on the intersections of interest.

New Lewinsville Road Beltway Bridge Opens Over I-495

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, State Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Barbara Comstock and other officials opened the new Lewinsville Road bridge over the Capital Beltway at a ribbon cutting ceremony held August 19 on the new bridge. The 50 year old bridge was replaced to accommodate the future, widened Beltway as part of the Capital Beltway HOT lanes Project and will be demolished later this fall.

The new two-lane bridge is the northern most span replaced on the HOT Lanes Project and includes pedestrian and bicycle friendly sidewalks and new curb and gutter to better manage stormwater runoff. These additions are possible because the new bridge is 71 feet longer and 14 feet wider than the bridge it replaces.

“This is a great accomplishment,” said Supervisor Foust. “Especially welcome are the new pedestrian facilities on the bridge. The HOT Lanes Project will extend bridge sidewalk facilities to intersections at Scotts Run, Timberly Lane and Snow Meadow Lane in the next few months. These new sidewalks, together with planned County funded sidewalk between Scotts Run and Windy Hill, and another between Snow Meadow Lane and Elsinore Avenue, will provide safe pedestrian passage along Lewinsville Road between Spring Hill Road and Route 123. Construction teams and others from the HOT Lanes Project deserve our gratitude for working with my office to address issues as they arose and for completing the project with minimal disruption to the neighboring communities.”

For more information, contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust’s office at (703) 356-0551 or by email at jane.edmondson@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Supervisor John Foust and others cut the ribbon to open the new Lewinsville Road I-495 overpass bridge.

Fairfax County Ends Fiscal Year 2011 with Available Budget Balance of \$59.25 Million

At the end of Fiscal Year 2011 (June 30), Fairfax County found itself with an available budget balance of \$59.25 million. The FY2011 revised budget, adopted by the Board of Supervisors, predicted higher expenses and lower revenues than those actually incurred. Savings were achieved mainly through operational efficiencies and closely managed staffing resources. Also lowering predicted expenses was the resolution of a lawsuit that could have impacted the County. Revenues were higher than expected primarily because of increased sales tax revenue.

At the September 13 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, after conducting a public hearing, the Board discussed the best use of the surplus funds. The Board then used the positive balance to increase employee salaries by 2 percent, commit funds to replace outdated County software, fund the Traffic Calming program and fund initial design efforts for a new public safety headquarters. The Board also approved that more than \$28 million be placed in a reserve fund to help prepare for FY2013, which the Board anticipates will be financially challenging given the current economic climate. Fairfax County employees had not received an increase in compensation since FY2008.

Sound Walls to be Installed Along Dulles Connector Road

Approximately 600 residential properties located along the Dulles Connector Road will have additional protection from increased road noise. VDOT will be constructing new sound walls along the Dulles Connector Road.

As part of the agreement for the construction of the new Dulles rail line, responsibility for the Connector Road remained with VDOT while control of the Dulles Toll Road was transferred to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA). With no state funding designated for the construction of the sound walls, VDOT was reluctant to move forward with assessment studies to identify the level of noise within the affected communities.

Supervisor Foust, Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jim Scott worked to get the sound walls approved. During the 2010 session of the General Assembly, Senator Howell and Delegate Scott obtained funding to construct sound walls along the Connector between Route 123 and Interstate 66. Meetings were then held with VDOT officials so that the sound walls could be built concurrently with the rail projects.

Numerous sound studies were conducted by VDOT to determine the location and height of the eventual sound barriers. The new modern sound walls are nothing like the older metal walls seen along some areas of the Connector Road today. These new barriers will be a concrete composite made in part with a recycled material. An example of these new walls can be seen at Hallcrest Heights, a townhouse community on Great Falls Street and Rt. 123 in McLean.

“Shortly after I took office affected residents contacted me concerned about the effect of the increased noise on their neighborhoods. It has been a true cooperative effort among elected officials, VDOT staff and neighborhood representatives that has resulted in such a comprehensive and positive plan for sound wall construction along the Connector Road. I especially want to thank Senator Howell and Delegate Scott for obtaining the necessary funding,” said Supervisor Foust.

A public meeting to discuss the proposed sound walls will be held later this year once all the data has been collected and analyzed by VDOT engineers.

Flashing Beacon Activated at Georgetown Pike and Swinks Mill Road

You may have noticed the newly installed flashing beacon signal on Georgetown Pike just east of Swinks Mill Road. Drivers heading west on Georgetown Pike will now be alerted to the possible presence of vehicles turning left onto Swinks Mill Road. This transportation improvement was made possible with funding obtained by Supervisor Foust.



Pedestrian Signals Installed at Haycock Road and Great Falls Street

Pedestrians walking to and from the West Falls Church Metro station or Haycock Elementary School may now cross Great Falls Street and Haycock Road more safely thanks to newly installed signalized pedestrian crosswalks. Also installed were new corner sidewalks including curb cuts for accessibility. Funding secured by Supervisor Foust made this improvement possible.

Tysons Corner Development News

In June 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance that opened the way for the redevelopment of Tysons Corner. The vote capped a nearly five-year process that involved dozens of meetings with stakeholders, including landowners, residents and advocacy groups.

The Tysons transformation will capitalize on the four new Metro stations with most development concentrated within a quarter mile of the stations. The new plan seeks to convert Tysons from a suburban office park to a transit oriented, pedestrian friendly, vibrant urban center that includes sidewalk cafes, ground level retail, tree-lined boulevards, public art and outdoor performances and parks.

Much has happened since the Board vote. Ten applications from developers have been officially accepted by the County and are working their way through extensive review. The first of the applications presented to the Planning Commission under the Planned Tysons Corner Urban District is the Spring Hill Station Demonstration Project of the Georgelas Group (LLC: RZ 2010-PR-014) for properties located near the future Tysons Spring Hill Metro Station.

On September 1, Supervisors Foust, Smyth and Hudgins held an informational meeting for residents to hear from the applicant and County staff on the proposed development.

The Georgelas application proposes to redevelop an area of approximately 31.5 acres currently characterized by a mix of low-level industrial uses, car dealerships, and some small office uses. The fire station site is also included, as are two existing larger office buildings proposed to remain. A total of 19 buildings (including the two to remain and a new fire station incorporated in a building) are proposed in three neighborhoods.

In June of this year, the Georgelas application, RZ 2010-PR-014, was divided into three cases. Two, RZ/FDP 2010-PR-014A and RZ 2010-PR-014B, were heard before the Planning Commission on September 8. On September 21, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the application.

After the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on September 27, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applications. The third divided case, RZ 2010-PR-014C, is not scheduled for public hearings at this time.

An overview of the application may be viewed online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/tysons-zoning-cases/georgelas.htm>. To obtain information on the other applications pending before the County, visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/>.

The congestion on Route 7 west of Tysons is a major concern to Dranesville residents and addressing this problem is a major priority for Supervisor Foust. When the Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan was originally approved, Supervisor Foust obtained Board approval to make widening Route 7 to six lanes from Tysons Corner (Dulles Toll Road) to Reston Avenue, a transportation priority. Along with Senator Janet Howell and other officials, Supervisor Foust worked to obtain funding for the project. In June of this year, VDOT announced that it allocated \$30 million for the preliminary engineering and design of the widening project. Preliminary design work is now underway.

Parking at the metro stations is another major priority for Supervisor Foust, and he was successful in getting a motion passed that directed staff to locate parking areas for Tysons area commuters. In his words: "It is critical that residents in the surrounding neighborhoods such as McLean, Vienna, and Falls Church be able to access the stations." At the direction of Supervisor Foust, County staff has been investigating the possibility of interim commuter parking at the Metro stations. Several ideas are under consideration, and the County is close to reaching a deal at one location.

The financing options will be the next major focus of the Tysons planning effort. Issues include the amount of public versus private funding and funding mechanisms. Supervisor Foust is actively working with community partners and other stakeholders to develop an equitable plan for financing the critical infrastructure, estimated to cost \$1.7 billion.

New Fire Stations Coming to Dranesville

Wolf Trap Fire Station

The new Wolf Trap Fire Station is being constructed at the southeast corner of Beulah Road and Leesburg Pike in Vienna. The station will be 14,000 square feet with four bays and parking. The construction contract was awarded in May to Milestone Construction. Currently site work, footings and slab work are underway with approximately 2% of the project completed. The estimated completion date for this project is late summer or early fall 2012.



WOLFTRAP FIRE STATION
NO. 42
*Architect's rendering of future
Wolf Trap Fire Station.*

Herndon Fire Station

Fairfax County is moving forward to obtain the necessary approvals from the Town of Herndon to completely replace the current Herndon Fire Station located at the corner of Spring and Locust Streets. The existing station is one of the oldest stations in the County. The station will not be relocated because the fire station's current location provides the best emergency response time. The architectural firm of Zivic and Hurdle was awarded the design and construction administration services contract for the new fire station and is currently working on the conceptual site plan, floor plans, and elevations. The proposed 2-story station will include underground parking for 20 vehicles and upgraded facilities that will increase capacity to accommodate a staff of 14. Three bays will be sized to accommodate 4 fire trucks or other emergency vehicles, and allow the flexibility of vehicles and equipment as the need arises. Fairfax County is working very closely with the Town of Herndon and will be holding a community meeting this fall as planning for the station proceeds. Funding has been secured for design work and the fall 2012 Fairfax County Public Facilities Bond Referendum is a potential source of funding for construction. The two-year construction period is scheduled to begin spring 2013. Fire and rescue services will continue uninterrupted throughout construction through a temporary fire station to be located in the immediate area.



Existing Herndon Fire Station.

If approvals are obtained, the project is estimated to be complete in winter of 2015.

Great Falls Fire Station

Construction on the new Great Falls Fire Station on Georgetown Pike is wrapping up, with the station on schedule to become operational in late November or early December. Work will continue on the rear portion of the station (along Walker Road) until March 2012, once operations currently in that area move to the new part of the station. The new building is two stories tall, 19,000 square feet in area and has 4 fire truck bays.



*Construction is well underway at the
new Great Falls Fire Station.*

New Synthetic Turf Field Opens at Spring Hill Park

Spring Hill Park in McLean has another synthetic turf field, opening officially on October 1. The field is the result of cooperative efforts between Supervisor Foust, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority and McLean Youth Soccer.



New turf field at Spring Hill RECenter.

In February 2011 the Park Authority Board approved the scope for design and installation of synthetic turf for rectangular field #7 and related site improvements. The project is funded by the McLean Youth Association and the Board of Supervisors Mini Grant Program administered by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.

There are about 40 synthetic turf fields available in the nine magisterial districts in the County. With the addition of this field at Spring Hill, the Dranesville magisterial district has 9 of these fields:

- 3 at Spring Hill Rec Center in McLean
- 2 at Herndon High School
- 1 at Linway Terrace Park in McLean
- 1 at Lewinsville Park in McLean
- 1 at Hutchinson Middle School in Herndon
- 1 at Arrowbrook Park in Herndon (recently transferred to the Dranesville District as part of redistricting)

Supervisor Foust is continuing his efforts to increase the number of playing fields with turf in the Dranesville District. For example, the playing field adjacent to the McLean Governmental Center/Police Station on Balls Hill Road in McLean, will be turfed as a result of the renovations of the building commencing in 2012. In addition, youth sports groups in Great Falls are working with the community on a proposal to turf the field at Leo Santaballa Park. As discussed in a separate article, progress is also being made toward developing several synthetic turf fields at Langley Forks Park.

Supervisor Foust is also working with the Fairfax County School Board and community groups to install a new, synthetic turf field for McLean High School's existing stadium field. Supervisor Foust obtained \$200,000 in Tysons proffer money for this field. Discussions are underway to determine funding for the balance of the cost, including possible financial contributions from youth sports groups and the McLean High School Boosters.

For information contact Cheryl Patten at Supervisor Foust's office at (703) 356-0551.

Fairfax County Auditor Reports are Now Available Online

Fairfax County is now making auditor reports available to the public on the County's website. Archived reports can be viewed on-line at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardauditor/reports.htm>.

Working under the guidance and direction of the [Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Audit Committee](#), chaired by Supervisor John Foust, the Auditor of the Board provides an independent means for determining the manner in which policies, programs and resources authorized by the Board of Supervisors are being deployed by management and whether those actions are consistent with the intent of the Board and in compliance with all appropriate statutes, ordinances and directives.

The Auditor of the Board presents reports to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis which are then presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Langley Fork Park Master Plan Revision Set to Start

The Fairfax County Park Authority has initiated a public planning process to revise the Master Plan for Langley Fork Park located at 6250 Georgetown Park in McLean, Virginia. A public information meeting will be held:

Thursday, October 13
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Franklin Sherman Elementary School Cafeteria
6633 Brawner Street
McLean

Langley Fork Park is approximately 54 acres and offers woodlands as well as several athletic fields, trails and parking. The parkland is owned by the federal government and administered through the National Park Service. In 1980 the County Park Authority developed a master plan for Langley Fork Park and has managed the park since 1981. Dranesville has seen dramatic growth since the initial master plan was drafted and the demand for active recreation fields indicate the merit of re-evaluating the master plan for Langley Fork Park.

The Park Authority's master plan process is designed to determine the best uses for a specific park and to optimize management of the site's resources. Along with planning to meet the demands for active recreation, the process will also look at the feasibility of meeting that demand, and an evaluation of natural and cultural resources on the property.

The purpose of this Public Information Meeting is to provide information about the park context, background and current site conditions as well as an explanation of the park master planning process. There will also be an opportunity for public dialogue to ask additional questions, identify community issues and concerns, and to offer suggestions for future features and activities. More information is available on the Langley Fork Park Master Plan project web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/langleyfork.htm>.

Comments will be accepted throughout the process and can be mailed to Gayle Hooper, Project Manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA 22035. E-mail comments should be sent to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The possibility of an equitable land exchange between National Park Service (NPS) and Fairfax County Park Authority is being actively pursued. The Park Authority is attempting to acquire ownership of Langley Fork Park from NPS in exchange for an equally-valued portion of land.

Virginia awarded \$5.6 Million in Transportation Grants *Trap Road Pedestrian Bridge Among Projects Receiving Funding*

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that the Federal Highway Administration awarded funds from 14 grant programs to maintain U.S. roads and bridges, improve highway safety and improve the quality of life in communities. Among the grants awarded is \$5.6 million awarded to the Commonwealth of Virginia. A portion of this money will complete the funding for the planned bike-pedestrian bridge over the Dulles Toll Road near Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna.



Rendering of future Wolf Trap Park pedestrian bridge over Dulles Toll Road.

Construction on the new pedestrian bridge is scheduled to begin in October 2011 and be completed in Fall 2012.

Improvements at Observatory Park in Great Falls Dedicated and Charles and Jacque Olin Win Elly Doyle Award

September 24 marked the dedication of improvements to the observatory dome in Observatory Park, including automating it for remote access. The observatory is the result of a partnership between the Analemma Society and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Supervisor Foust is pleased to announce that two of the founders of the Analemma Society, Charles and Jacque Olin, nominated by Park Authority representative Kevin Fay and Supervisor Foust, have been selected as the recipients of the 2011 Elly Doyle Park Service Award. This award is given annually by the Fairfax County Park Authority to individuals and groups in recognition of their outstanding service to the Fairfax County community and the Park Authority.

Residents of Great Falls for over 40 years, the Olins founded the Analemma Society in 1998 and were central to the negotiations between the Park Authority and the US Department of the Interior to transfer the former NIKE missile site to the Park Authority and to the creation of Observatory Park at Turner Farm Park. The Analemma Society sponsors astronomy programs via a remote access telescope in the observatory dome with Herndon High School and Thomas Jefferson High School as well as offers weekly Friday night star gazing sessions and other special celestial observation events.

For more information about the Analemma Society visit online www.analemma.org

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



*Dedication ceremony on
September 24.*

Fairfax County Equestrian Task Force Seeks Public Input

In response to a Board Matter introduced by Chairman Bulova in September 2010, the Equestrian Task Force was formed and charged with identifying opportunities for horses and their riders in Fairfax County. The Task Force has determined that its first action item will be to gather information from current as well as prospective members of the equestrian community. The goal of the task force is to present recommendations based on this outreach to the Board of Supervisors by March 2012. These recommendations will potentially include recommended studies, new partnerships between the equestrian community and Fairfax County, and a list of prioritized action items for the future of equestrian services.



You can be helpful in shaping the recommendations of the Task Force by completing the on-line survey at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDRDaXIyRnh1cUVtZjhUWmhYNVFETkE6MQ>.

More information about the Equestrian Task Force is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/equestriantaskforce.htm>.

Dranesville Photo Gallery



Samantha Lee (second from right), Churchill Elementary School, with friends Noel and Caroline Jones (first from right and third from right) delivers an entry for the Dolley Madison Library Time Capsule Contest to Supervisor Foust. The contest sought essays describing life in McLean 2011 from students. Winning entries will be selected prior to October 15, the date of the installation ceremony. All winning entries then will be sealed in the time capsule behind the library building plaque, to be reopened in 2061.

Recognitions

Langley High School Student Receives National Scholastic Art and Writing Award

Artwork by Ji Hye Yang of **Langley High** has been selected by the staff of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and the Department of Education to be included in a small exhibition of national award recipients from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Only 44 works will be on display for the President's committee and 54 at the Department of Education from the nearly 500 works that received national awards. The artwork will be on display for a year.

McLean Little League 9/10 and 11/12 Girls Fast Pitch Softball Win State Championship

Congratulations to the McLean Little League's 9/10 and 11/12 girls fast pitch softball All-Stars for winning state championships for their age brackets in the state Little League tournament in southwest Virginia.



McLean High School Girls Soccer Win AAA State Championship

Congratulations to the McLean High School Girls Soccer Team for winning the Virginia Group AAA state championship. The Highlanders clinched the title on June 11th with a 3-2 victory over Frank W. Cox High School. This is the first state soccer title for the McLean women.

The McLean Girls Soccer Team, their coaches and school officials came before Supervisor Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on July 26 to be recognized for their outstanding achievement.



Langley High School Boys Lacrosse Win State Tournament

Congratulations to the Langley High School Boys Lacrosse Team on winning the Virginia High School League's state tournament and being State Lacrosse champions for the third consecutive year. The Saxons won the title in a June 11 championship game against the Chantilly Charges at Westfield High School.

Supervisor Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Langley Saxons Boys Lacrosse team, their coaches and school administrators at their July 26 meeting.



Great Falls Little League 10-11 Win State Championship

Congratulations to the Great Falls Little League age 10-11 for winning its first state championship this summer.



Riverbend Park Designated National Underground Railroad Site

The National Park Service (NPS) has notified Riverbend Park in Great Falls that the park, situated along the shores of the Potomac River, has been designated as a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. Research by local historic preservationist Debbie Robison revealed that Hugh Conn, who owned a ferry and farm on the future parkland in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, had enslaved African Americans on his land. In 1817, a 27-year-old slave named Ellick escaped from Conn family bondage twice and was not seen again by the Conns after his second flight.

Ellick's escape qualifies Riverbend for this recognition. The NPS program was established to tell the story of resistance against the institution of slavery in the United States through escape and flight.

Riverbend is the second Fairfax County Park Authority site to be placed on the list. Sully Historic Site is also listed.

"This great piece of Fairfax history celebrates liberation from slavery, and we are excited to now be able to interpret this at Riverbend," said Park Manager Marty Smith. In the future, Smith hopes that Riverbend will find funding to place a marker acknowledging the designation and to create an interpretation program about the events for the public and for county schools.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls. For more information about the park visit their website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/> or call (703) 759-9018.

Announcements

Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study Advisory Group to Present Findings at October 4 Meeting

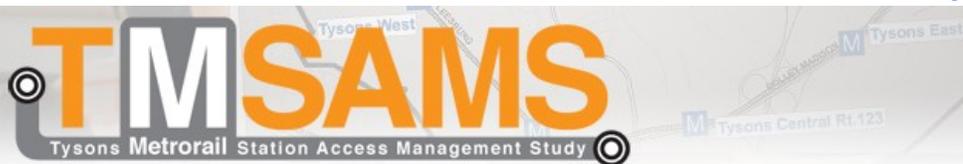
The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) Advisory Group will share the findings of the TMSAMS project at the following meeting:

Tuesday, October 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Freedom Hill Elementary School
1945 Lord Fairfax Road
Vienna, VA 22182

TMSAMS was formed and directed to collect the public's input on planned transportation improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and bus service to access the new Silver Line Metrorail Stations in Tysons Corner. The public input portion of the study included 4 public meetings, 21 stakeholder meetings, and online survey responses from almost 1,900 people. Come to the public meeting and learn what your community had to say!

For more information contact Kris Morley-Nikfar at Kris.Morley-Nikfar@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 877-5672.



McLean: Creating a Supportive Community For All Ages

Community Forum Oct. 15

Supervisor John Foust is hosting a community forum, “McLean: Creating a Supportive Community for All Ages” to begin a dialogue with McLean area residents on the issues of aging and accessibility in the community. Event details:

Saturday, Oct. 15

Registration 12:30 p.m. Event 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Capital One Bank Headquarters

1680 Capital One Drive

McLean

Whether aging in McLean or living with a disability, many residents and their caregivers are finding that staying in their home is a challenge due to accessibility and logistical issues. Supervisor Foust and The Reverend Gerald Hopkins, Chairman of the Fairfax County Long Term Coordinating Care Council, invite the public to join them to learn about innovative practices used by other neighborhoods in Fairfax County to address these issues. “We need to identify what can be done to ensure that older residents and those with disabilities are able to enjoy safe, productive and fulfilling lives in our community for as long as possible,” Supervisor Foust said. Attendees will have the opportunity through discussion in small facilitated groups to provide input on future planning efforts, to identify the challenges and to help craft a vision for McLean residents as the population ages. Advanced registration is strongly suggested.

Sponsors for the forum are: AARP, Capital One Bank, Fairfax Long Term Coordinating Care Council, the McLean Community Center, and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

To register visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/mcleanlivablecommunity.htm or call 703- 288-5426. Questions from the press should be directed to Jennifer Boysko at 703-471-5076.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination based on disability in all County programs, services, and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information please call 703-288-5426 (Voice) or TTY711. Requests for reasonable ADA accommodations should be made 7 working days in advance of the event to provide sufficient time to make necessary arrangements.

SHARE Food Donation Shelves are Stripped Bare! Please Help!

SHARE, an organization that provides food to members of our community in need, is in need of donations to its food pantry.

Food items can be dropped off during food room hours (Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 9:30 until 12 noon) or in the after-hours bin. Both are located on the side of McLean Baptist Church (1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean).

Items that are completely depleted:

- peanut butter
- grape or strawberry jelly or jam
- white sugar
- coffee
- black tea
- mayonnaise
- cooking oil
- chunky chicken soups (only)
- 100% juice
- bars of soap
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent
- tuna fish
- cereal

Please donate and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. SHARE thanks you for your generous support helping those in need in our community.

For more information send an email to info@shareofmclean.org or call (703) 284-2179.



McLean Project for the Arts Presents MPAartfest

Everyone is invited to a day of art, music, food and fun at **McLean Project for the Arts Artfest 2011**. The event which celebrates its fifth year will present a one-day juried fine art and craft show and sale featuring the work of more than 40 local and regional visual artists!

MPAartfest includes activities to captivate art-lovers of all ages. Take a stroll along the Children's ArtWalk, watch as budding artists create their own masterpiece at Innovation Station, or participate in the "en plein air" live model drawing demonstration. Or simply relax in the beautiful park and enjoy the live performances on the Gazebo stage while sampling some of the delicious food and beverages available.



Sunday, October 2 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

McLean Central Park

Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard
McLean

(Rain location: McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean)

Parking is free and easy with shuttles running to and from MPArtfest all day long. Patrons can board shuttle buses at two parking lots located at:

- 6862 Elm Street
- Cardinal Bank, 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd.

For more information visit www.mpaart.org/artfest.

McLean Remembers the Civil War

To commemorate the participation of McLean and Great Falls in the American Civil War, residents are invited to attend a day of live demonstration, lore and remembrance:



Saturday, October 22 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Drive
McLean

Attendees will be enlightened by a battery of notable Civil War speakers including **Honorary Event Chairman, Keynote Speaker, historian and award-winning broadcaster, Roger Mudd.**

- Living History Encampment
- Re-enactors
- Medical Unit
- Yankee Schoolmarm
- Locally-owned Memorabilia
- Period Music
- Cartographic, Photographic and Biographic Displays

Festivities will include:

This event is being presented by McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia, Inc.

For more information contact Carole Herrick at (703) 356-8223 or Paul Mason Kohlenberger at 703-980-0885 or by email at paulkohl@msn.com.



You Can Shape the Future of Bicycle Advocacy in the Washington, DC Region!

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is pleased to announce its **Regional Call to Action Summit** on November 3 in Arlington. At the Call to Action Summit, WABA will be presenting a five-year plan of regional and local priorities for bicycling in the Washington Region. The summit will include presentations on the Metro's long-term bicycle and pedestrian plans, health planning and bicycles, a panel discussion on the economics of the bicycle industry and much more.

WABA has three ways to get your input on the regional bike plan:

1. Attend a Local Stakeholder's Meeting:

We will be holding short, two hour meetings in the six local jurisdictions that WABA serves in order to gather your ideas and give you--the region's local bicyclists--a chance to provide input for the regional plan. We ask attendees to please download and complete the Pre-Meeting Planning Sheet prior to the meeting at <http://www.waba.org/events/documents/2011-pre-meeting-planning-sheet.pdf>.

October 17 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Patrick Henry Library
101 Maple Avenue East
Vienna

For more information and to RSVP visit

http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/451/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=70021

2. Can't make the local meeting? Submit your opinions by email:

Complete the PDF planning sheet at <http://www.waba.org/events/documents/2011-pre-meeting-planning-sheet.pdf>. Please submit your input by email to advocacy@waba.org by October 21.

3. Attend the Regional Call to Action Summit:

November 3 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Waterview Conference Center
1919 N Lynn Street
Arlington

[Google Map Link](#) (create bicycle directions!)

Metro Accessible via the Rosslyn Station on the Blue & Orange Lines

Bike Accessible via the Mount Vernon Trail, Custis Trail & the Key Bridge

For more information and to RSVP for the November 3 Call to Action Summit visit <http://www.waba.org/events/summit.php>.



Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed



There is currently an urgent need for drivers for the Meals on Wheels program in the McLean/Tysons area.

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels during lunch hours Monday through Friday. Volunteers are asked to drive a route close to where they live or work.

Sign up to volunteer once a week, once a month, or as a substitute. To apply, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm> and complete the online application, or call Fairfax County Volunteer Solutions at (703) 324-7406.

Volunteer Fairfax's VolunteerFest is Saturday, October 22

Join Volunteer Fairfax at **VolunteerFest® Saturday, October 22** for its 17th annual Fairfax area day of service. VolunteerFest® is a region-wide day of community service held in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day. VolunteerFest® mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own.

Who can participate: Anyone! If you are a first time volunteer or a pro, we want you!

Dranesville Project Locations:

Alabama Drive Park
Belvedere Park
Bryn Mawr Park
Falstaff Park
Haley Smith Park
Herndon Centennial Golf Course
Lands and Waters – Chesterbrook Elementary School

Time Period: Projects generally begin in the morning and usually last for two to four hours.

Number of Volunteers: Projects have a minimum of 5 volunteers, but many can accommodate up to 100 slots so everyone can participate.

Age Range: Each nonprofit determines its own minimum age, but Volunteer Fairfax makes sure to include family-appropriate activities as well.

Don't miss this opportunity to serve! For more information or to register visit: www.volunteerfairfax.org.



Helpful Information

Free Sheriff's Children's ID Program Comes to Dranesville

The Fairfax County Sheriff's office is currently providing parents and caregivers with a free ID card for children at scheduled events around the County. Supervisor John Foust is sponsoring two of these events in Dranesville:



Private First Class Emily Fary uses inkless technology to create a set of fingerprints for a photo identification card.

Saturday, October 1, 11 am to 2 pm
Community Room
McLean Governmental Center
1437 Balls Hill Road
McLean

Saturday, October 15, 10 am to 1 pm
Public Safety Day
Town of Herndon, Town Hall
730 Elden Street
Herndon

The laminated card being dispensed is about the size of a driver's license and includes a photo, thumbprints and other vital information for authorities to use in case a child goes missing. The ID process takes less than four minutes and uses clean, inkless technology. The Sheriff's Office recommends that parents tuck away the card for safekeeping and have it updated with a new photo once a year.

A 90-second YouTube video shows how simple it is to get your child's photo and fingerprints on a card, just in case you need it. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZKI-CQ5aGs>.

For more information contact Captain Stacey A. Kincaid at 703-246-3673 or by email at Stacey.Kincaid@FairfaxCounty.gov.

County Residents May Dispose of Electronic Devices this Fall

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. **There is No Charge for Fairfax County residents** to participate in Electric Sunday; however, they may be required to show proof of residency. This year's Electric Sunday events are scheduled monthly through November.

(All events are held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm):

Oct. 23: [I-66 Transfer Station](#), 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

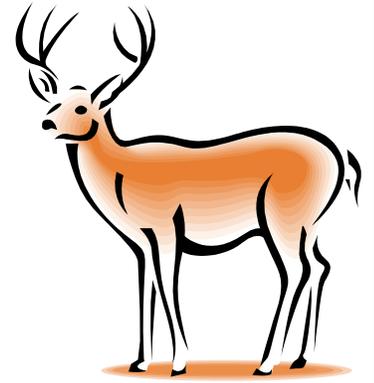
Nov. 20: [I-66 Transfer Station](#), 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

For additional information, please contact us at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.



Deer Management Program to Start in September

The 2011-2012 Fairfax County Deer Management Program will run from September 2011 through March 2012. The Deer Management Program utilizes all three population control methods currently permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries – archery, managed hunts and sharpshooting. The sharpshooting and managed hunts will be conducted at selected park sites throughout the county.



Last year's program recorded a harvest of 815 deer, the largest on record since the deer management program began in January 1998. Sharpshooting operations conducted at 15 parks yielded 226 deer. Managed hunts were conducted at four parks with a yield of 137 deer. The Archery program was conducted at 11 parks with a yield of 452 deer.

More information about the Fairfax County Deer Management Program is available on the Fairfax County website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/deer-management.htm.

Information about our native wildlife and wildlife management is available on the Fairfax County website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife.