

Spring 2006

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



*From Supervisor Dana Kauffman*

## Town Meeting March 25

### ***Trends, Turns and Bumps in the Road Ahead*** Franconia Governmental Center

**9 —10 a.m.** Browse Displays and Franconia Museum  
**10—Noon** Town Meeting

Dear Neighbor:

Our Town Meeting, *Trends, Turns and Bumps in the Road Ahead*, is a chance for you and me to discuss what we see in our future. I hope you can join us for a frank discussion about where things are going in the County and region and what we should be doing. We will use information on trends we're seeing in our County's neighborhoods as well as information from our county demographer to set the stage. Additional folks joining us for the discussion include our new transportation director (a Springfield resident!) and the director of the Area Agency on Aging, an expert on aging needs and services. They will help us assess what gives us pause and what we can embrace.

County trend information is documented in *Anticipating the Future: A Discussion of Trends in Fairfax County* available online beginning March 13 at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). Finally, I encourage you to check out Chairman Gerry Connolly's "State of the County" speech at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman).

I look forward to seeing you soon.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dana Kauffman".

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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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8350 Richmond Hwy. First Floor  
Wednesdays by appointment

## Upcoming Lee District Events

**Lee District Town Meeting**  
Saturday, March 25  
Franconia Governmental Center  
6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria  
9 a.m. to Noon

**Lee District Association of Civic Organizations— Citizen Budget Briefing**  
Wednesday, March 22  
Franconia Governmental Center  
6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria  
7:30 p.m.

## Monthly Meetings

**Lee District Association of Civic Organizations**  
4th Wednesday of the month  
(except Nov., Dec., July & Aug.)  
Franconia Governmental Center  
7:30 p.m.

**Police-Citizens Advisory Committee**  
3rd Wednesday of the month  
Franconia Governmental Center  
(Franconia Police)  
Mount Vernon Governmental Center  
(Mount Vernon Police)  
Both at 7 p.m.

**Lee District Land Use Advisory Committee**  
Monday (variable)  
call 703-971-6686 for meeting dates and agendas  
Franconia Governmental Center  
7 p.m.

## Dollars and... Sense



The draft budget that the County Executive presented to the Board of Supervisors this month reflects the realities of twenty first century life in Fairfax County. I have mixed feelings about this budget.

### What makes sense:

- A lower tax rate that keeps the County's non-school budget increase within half a percent of the rate of inflation.
- Expanded enforcement of overcrowding violations in our neighborhoods where health and safety are at risk. This team inspection approach, begun in Lee District, will help our community address a multitude of zoning, health and building safety concerns.
- Recognition of the service needs of our rapidly expanding senior citizen population.
- Requirement for developers to include transportation management plans with real incentives (financial and otherwise) for telecommuting and transit in their projects.

### What makes less sense:

- No fallback plans if the housing market goes south. The market appears to be cooling with houses remaining on the market twice as long this year as last. State tax limits force the County to rely on personal property and real estate taxes for about 75 percent of its General Fund revenue, so a shaky real estate market can have a significant impact on the County's ability to fund needed tax cuts and citizen services.
- The lack of tools to improve our traffic congestion.
- The continuing difficulty of bringing our school budget in line with County financial guidelines.

I am pleased that this budget provides realistic financial reserves to cover catastrophic events—natural or man-made. (Right

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*Dollars continued*

now, we have the lowest reserve of any of the AAA-rated jurisdictions in the country.) We have only to look at the impact of natural disasters in the last year to see the results of the unthinkable.

Call or email me with your budget concerns, ideas and suggestions (contact information on the front page of this newsletter). To testify at the upcoming public hearings, call the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151.

### FY2007 Budget Timeline

<b>April 3-5</b>	Public Hearings
<b>May 1</b>	Final Budget Approved by Board of Supervisors
<b>July 1</b>	FY2007 Budget Goes into Effect

## Fort Belvoir Expansion The Known & Unknown



The US Department of Defense has announced an expansion of Fort Belvoir with the largest net gain in jobs of any base in the country. We don't know where all these employees call home and what commute paths they will follow. Early information indicates many may already live here. We also won't know for several months where on base the commands could be located. However, it appears that at least half of the jobs are likely to go to the Engineer Proving Grounds portion of the base on the west side of I-95 in Springfield. The commander of Fort Belvoir and his supervisors have included Chairman Connolly, Supervisor Hyland and me on his advisory group. In turn, we have asked that key federal and state officials be included to ensure we get priority treatment for transportation improvements. Over the next 15 months, we will be working with the Army to get a better picture of what this means for our community's future. See Belvoir's web site for more info: [www.belvoir.army.mil/brac.asp?id](http://www.belvoir.army.mil/brac.asp?id)



Supervisor Kauffman welcoming folks to an evening of great music under the stars.

## Free Summer Concerts

Neighbors—

Come and enjoy Lee District Nights with us this summer. Our twice-weekly public concerts feature a wide variety of musical acts from jazz to big band; from classic to bluegrass; from swing to folk and classic rock 'n roll. Bring family and friends, a picnic dinner and a blanket and sit back and enjoy the show at Kingstowne Towne Center or Lee District Park. I look forward to sharing a wonderful summer of music with you.

### Kingstowne Towne Center Friday Evening Schedule

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.. In case of bad weather, call 703-324-7469 after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates.

June 2	<b>Billy Coulter</b> - American Roots and British Classic Rock with a passionate, organic sound, crunchy guitars, rich vocals, and a commanding rhythm section
June 9	<b>Mama Jama</b> - A self proclaimed "party band" that has a hybrid juju-reggae-funk sound
June 16	<b>Cravin' Dogs</b> - All-original, eclectic, rootsy, rock/pop-band that has played over 1000 shows and released seven full-length albums, one EP and two compilation retrospectives
June 23	<b>Joe "GRKMANIA" Grkman Band</b> - A polka band with the sprightly beat of Slovenian folk music and the strains of the button box accordion
June 30	<b>J.P. McDermott and Western Bop</b> - A country band with a flattop acoustic beating time like a big eighteen-wheeler comin' down the track and a mean bass fiddle
July 7	<b>Deanna Bogart</b> - A blues and boogie pianist/saxophonist who combines the energy of 1930's style boogie piano blues with contemporary blues sounds
July 14	<b>Night Hawks</b> - One of the best and hardest working blues bands around that puts on a great live show
July 21	<b>Russikye Musikanti</b> - Russian/Ukrainian music including folk songs, gypsy tunes, Cossack songs and a musical mix that demonstrates the diversity of the Eastern European region
July 28	<b>Adrienne Young &amp; Little Sadie</b> - Voted best acoustic artist for 2005 in the Nashville Scene, their bluegrass music brings contemporary style to arrangements that still draw on hoedowns and the earthy side of folk music
August 4	<b>Esencia Tropical</b> - A Salsa band that got their reputation at the South Beach Cafe in Bethesda where they performed for Salsa dance classes and other appreciative aficionados
August 11	<b>Junkyard Saints</b> - A DC/Baltimore-based seven-piece band performing its own brand of New Orleans-style party music -- blending funk, swing, Latin, R&B, and a bit o' zydeco to round out the mix
August 18	<b>Pietasters</b> - An 8 piece ska band from the DC/Maryland/Virginia area that that has a timeless sound and plays passionate music inspired by real life
August 25	<b>Art Sherrod, Jr.</b> - A jazz saxophonist with awesome talent and a smooth, musical style

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Supervisor Kauffman and friends enjoying an outdoor concert at Lee District Park Amphitheater.

### Lee District Park Wednesday Evening Schedule

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. In case of bad weather, call 703-324-7469 after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates.

June 7	Los Qutezales - A rich blend of Mexican folk music and choreography
June 14	Blue Sky 5 - An exciting swing/jazz band that will have you dancing under the stars
June 21	Kalinka Russian Dance Ensemble of Baltimore - A performance of Russian/Ukrainian music and character dances
June 28	Paul Reisler & A Thousand Questions Featuring Howard Levy - Roots/Rock music that The Washington Post says "climbs up the Blue Ridge and down to the bayou and back up the Himalayas."
July 5	Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra - Jennifer Cutting's folk-rock and electronic folk is music that is inspired by British and Celtic tradition
July 12	Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers - Original Folk/Rock with interesting, insightful lyrics
July 19	Chopteeth - 14-piece afrofunk orchestra that performs some of the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African popular music on the planet
July 26	Terpsichore - Scottish foot tapping rhythms to get you dancing
August 2	Squeeze Bayou - Traditional Cajun and zydeco dance music from Southwestern Louisiana blending many styles including country music, blues and Creole
August 9	The Chu Shan Chinese Opera Institute of Washington DC - Elements of song and dance, religious ritual, court music, acrobatics and puppetry that emphasize the historical and geographical diversity of Chinese arts
August 16	Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel Klezmer Band - a hot collaboration who play a variety of klezmer, Yiddish, Chassidic, and Israeli dance tunes as well as classical, American standards, Broadway and rock
August 23	Randy Barrett - Top shelf songwriter, award-winning vocalist, and a stellar instrumental prowess on guitar and banjo who performs award winning bluegrass music
August 30	Arte Flamenco - An exciting company of flamenco dancers, musicians and singers that captures the imagination with a combination of sound and movement

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## Are We Moving Yet? Transportation Updates

By corralling state and local funding sources, I am pushing hard to ensure viable road improvements in advance of growth by private developers and the Army at Fort Belvoir. While some projects may be years away, we need to begin the process of identifying funding early to ensure they get done. Here are a few updates for the projects underway and in planning:

**Metro Parking**—500 additional spaces for Huntington Metro (off N. Kings Hwy.). Work to be completed within 18 months.

**Springfield Interchange/Mixing Bowl** – On schedule for completion late next year. Web site: [www.springfieldinterchange.com](http://www.springfieldinterchange.com).

**Wilson Bridge/Telegraph Road Interchange** On schedule for 2011 completion. Telegraph Rd. to have interchanges at N. Kings Hwy. and Huntington to remove rush hour gridlock. Web site: [www.wilsonbridge.com](http://www.wilsonbridge.com).

**Belvoir Bypass/Woodlawn Road Replacement** – Fully funded and in environmental review. Four lane roadway running from Route One/Old Mill Road to Telegraph Rd., in area between Beulah and Old Telegraph Rd. 2008/09 opening. Web site:

[www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/active\\_proje](http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/active_proje).

**Van Dorn/Beltway** – Exit ramp work to allow “free-flow” right turn onto Van Dorn toward Franconia Rd. Summer '06 completion.

**Van Dorn/Franconia Grade Separation** – Design discussed to bring Van Dorn under Franconia. Construction on hold until State or potential County bond funding identified. Design public meetings later this year.

**Telegraph Road** – Four lanes from Hayfield to S. Kings fully funded. Design meetings next year with construction to begin late '08. Four lanes from Beulah to Hayfield – Short needed construction dollars. Working with State to fully fund with goal of construction beginning in '09.

**S. Kings/Harrison Lane** – Separate left and right turn lanes onto Harrison from S. Kings Hwy. Anticipate fall '07 construction.

**Route One** – Major pedestrian improvements funded to include walkways from Belvoir to Beltway. Transit study being sought from State. Major bus service investments ongoing.

More transportation updates are on our web site: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/ld](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/ld)

## Tax Relief Assistance Coming Soon!

For: Senior Citizens and the Disabled  
Interested in Applying for County Tax Relief

When: **March 31** from **10 a.m.—2 p.m.**  
Franconia Governmental Center  
6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria VA

Call: 703-971-6262 for more information

## Land Development Plans Under Review



Every three to five years, Fairfax County conducts an Area Plan Review (APR) and takes a look at its Comprehensive Plan (Plan). The Plan is a state-required document that county deci-

sion makers use as a guide in reviewing development proposals. The Plan specifically designates how parcels of land in an area should be—or not be—developed.

Community appointed representatives who also serve on the Lee District Land Use Advisory Committee are currently reviewing proposals to change the Plan. As of the end of February, every application to add more homes per acre to Lee District's part of the Comprehensive Plan has been rejected. The review is continuing through summer.

The Citizen's Guide to the 2005-2006 South County Area Plans Review is online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/).

Development decisions in Lee District are in the hands of neighborhood appointed representatives who serve on the Land Use Advisory Committee. For over 25 years, the Lee District Supervisor and Planning Commissioner have stood by citizen recommendations to deny, modify, or approve land use cases. For more information on this committee, call Jeff McKay in my office. For a schedule of cases coming to the committee call the Land Use Advisory Committee Line at 703-971-6686.

## Take a Look Inside for:



**Town Meeting Info  
Budget Straight Talk  
Latest Road Projects  
Fort Belvoir Update**



### Have a concern or a suggestion?

Here is a listing of the Lee District staff who are ready to help you:

Jeff McKay:	Development and land use issues, Route 1 revitalization
Linda Waller:	County budget, community outreach, Springfield revitalization
Joan Clark:	Transportation and school issues
Christina Manning:	Assessment issues, neighborhood concerns, parks
Deb Wilson:	Scheduling, special events and Franconia Museum

See inside for Lee District office contact information.

### Senior Citizen? Disabled? Need County Tax Relief?

Helpful assistance is coming soon to a location near you!  
See inside for details.

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**You're Invited!  
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