

Mason Matters!

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A Message From Supervisor Gross

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Dear Mason District Neighbor:

Happy Spring! While federal sequestration issues dominate the national discussion, the county budget process proceeds as usual. Fairfax County Executive Edward L. Long, Jr. presented his first proposed budget on February 26, and now the Board of Supervisors will spend the next several weeks analyzing, assessing and, finally, adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 that maintains county priorities and continues needed services to the community. The Mason District Budget Town Meeting, featuring County Executive Long will be held on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Public hearings about the budget are scheduled for April 9, 10, and 11, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Fairfax. Sign up to speak by contacting the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151; TTY 703-324-3903, or on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm. Written testimony may be submitted by e-mail at clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov. Budget mark-up will be on April 23, with adoption scheduled for April 30.



More than half of the county budget is transferred to the School Board for school operations, but our schools always can use individual support from residents and businesses. Whether you volunteer in a school classroom, contribute to a fundraising drive, or participate in booster club activities, you are helping to improve the quality of education in our community, and building school spirit at the same time. Here are a couple of ways you can support one of the six local high schools – Annandale, Edison, Falls Church, Thomas Jefferson (Science and Tech), J.E.B. Stuart, and W.T. Woodson – whose boundaries include Mason District students. Annandale, Falls Church, and Stuart PTSA's are selling bags of shredded hardwood mulch for your spring gardening chores. Ordering deadlines for Falls Church and Stuart are around March 6; Annandale's mulch order deadline is March 27. Contact the high school nearest you for more information. Each high school also hosts an All-Night Graduation Party following June graduation days. The non-alcohol parties are great fun for the students, but need your support. Cash or prize donations are covered by the parent party planners. Contact information for these high schools is available on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason. Click on Mason District Handbook in the upper left corner, and scroll to the schools page.

So far this season, we've been fortunate to avoid the snows of previous winters, so normal routines and commerce can proceed uninterrupted. However, nature can be fickle, so emergency preparations for you and your family are important. For information about planning for emergencies all during the year, log-on to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you set the clocks forward on March 10.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mason District Supervisor, and I hope you will let me know whenever my staff and I can be of assistance to you. My office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and we are ready to help with any county-related matter.

LOOK FOR **MASON MATTERS!** THE TELEVISION SHOW
on Cable Channel 16
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 P.M.
EVERY FRIDAY & SUNDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
DAILY ON THE WEB AT WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/MASON

Spotlight by Starlight Summer Concerts

Mason District Park



Spotlight by Starlight is a free summer concert series presented by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Mason District Park. All performances at the Newton W. Edwards Amphitheatre at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, are on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. Performances for children on Saturday (not listed) begin at 10 a.m. Shows are cancelled in the event of rain. For rain cancellation, call 703-324-SHOW (7469). The schedule is subject to change. For a complete and updated listing, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances after May 1, 2013.

JUNE

- 2 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)
- 5 Jon Carroll Band (Pop/Rock)
- 7 Steven Bundick (Jazz)
- 9 National Concert Band (Big Band)
- 12 Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock)
- 14 Veronneau (World Jazz)
- 16 Honky Tonk Confidential (Country)
- 19 The Hall Brothers (Rock&Roll)
- 21 Tom Paxton with Robin Bullock (Folk)
- 23 The Annandale Jazz Orchestra (Jazz)
- 26 Ted Garber (Americana)
- 28 Nu-Blu (Bluegrass)
- 30 The Taters (Roots/Pop)

JULY

- 3 Ruthie & the Wranglers (Country)
- 5 Sine Qua Non (Tran/Soul)
- 7 David Peterson Oldtime Country (Country)
- 10 Alexandria Klezdet (Jazz/Jewish)
- 12 John Jorgenson Quintet (Gypsy Jazz)
- 14 The Capitol Steps (Satirical Revue)
- 17 The Grandsons (Rockabilly)
- 19 Swampcandy (Blues/Country)
- 21 David Cole and Main Street Jazz (Blues)
- 24 The Jed Duvall as Sir Paul (Paul McCartney Tribute Band)
- 26 Mary Ann Redmond (Pop/Rock)
- 28 Incendio (Latin)
- 31 Cathy Ponton King (Blues)

AUGUST

- 2 The Toast Big Band (Big Band/Swing)
- 4 Mike Westcott (Blues)
- 7 Hangover Royale (Swing)
- 9 Caravan of Thieves (Gypsy Swing)
- 11 Sweet Leda Band (Rock/Soul)
- 14 Patty Reese Band (Blues/Roots Rock)
- 16 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)
- 18 Blue Highway (Bluegrass)
- 21 Linwood Taylor (Texas Swing/Blues)
- 23 Margot MacDonald (Indi)
- 25 Rhodes Tavern Troubadours (Roots)
- 28 Clarence Blues Man Turner (Electric Blues)
- 30 Ryan Shupe & the Rubberband (Country/Rock)



Ossian Hall

Ossian Hall Park is located at 7900 Heritage Drive in Annandale. All performances are scheduled for Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Lawn seating, or bring your own chair.

JUNE

- 1 Taiwanese Cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)
- 8 Chinese Cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)
- 15 The United States Navy "Cruisers" (Pop/Rock)
- 22 Pending Confirmation
- 29 Pending Confirmation

JULY

- 6 Pending Confirmation
- 13 Pending Confirmation
- 20 Pending Confirmation
- 27 Bolivian Cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)

AUGUST

- 3 Vietnamese cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)
- 10 Korean Cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)
- 17 Pending Confirmation
- 24 Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night (Dance/Music)
- 31 Pending Confirmation



(L-R) NARC President Dave Shafer (IN); President-Elect Penny Gross (VA); Vice President Gary Moore (KY), and Executive Directors Chairman Sean Dey (MI), pause for a photo after the NARC Board met with Obama Administration officials in the Indian Treaty Room of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

Photo courtesy of National Association of Regional Councils

95 Express Lanes Partners Offer Community Grants; 1,000 Trees

The Community Grant and 1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days programs are available to serve residents along the 95 Express Lanes corridor. Grant funds allow recipients to develop and implement projects that improve local communities. To apply for a grant, visit 95expresslanes.com/grant-program. Visit 95expresslanes.com/1000trees for information and to recommend places where you would like to see new trees. Applications will be accepted until the partners have fulfilled their pledge. For more information about these programs, call 571-419-6105.

Land Use News

Seven Corners Task Force - The Seven Corners Land Use and Transportation Task Force, formed last year after the Seven Corners Visioning Workshops, will receive reports from the Seven Corners Connectivity and Seven Corners Quality of Life Working Groups at its March meeting. These working groups have met since last September, and will present their recommendations for short-term improvements in Connectivity and Quality of Life, respectively, in the Seven Corners area. The Seven Corners Land Use and Transportation Task Force meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale.

Stormwater Projects - Two county stormwater projects will be underway this spring. At St. Michael's Catholic Church, located on Ravensworth Road, the county will retrofit and enlarge a stormwater detention basin, which serves much of downtown Annandale. This project will enhance the quality of stormwater by installing micropools (shallow, permanent pools of water), planting native vegetation, and reforestation. In Springfield, construction will begin on the Indian Run Stream Restoration Project. One of the first projects of its kind in Fairfax County, bioretention facilities will be installed within the VDOT right-of-way to remove pollutants before they enter the stream. This project also includes spot stream improvements to stabilize more than 3,000 feet of stream, increase stream habitat, and reduce the potential for further erosion. Existing stormwater facilities also will be repaired in this project.

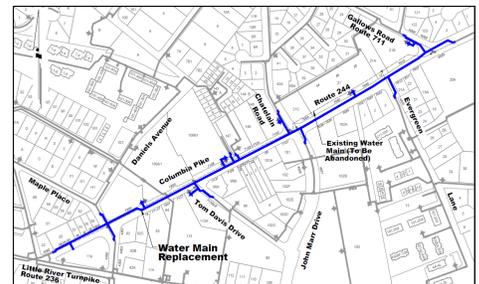
Bailey's VFD - Project staff completed the temporary Bailey's Crossroads Fire Station #10, located at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Moncure Avenue. Fire Station #10 soon will be relocating to its new location until the existing Fire Station is replaced. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2014.



(L-R) Susan Richmond and Barbara MutzLeck, volunteers from Knox Presbyterian Church, and Supervisor Penny Gross collected donations of food and cash to "Stuff the Bus: Feeding Fairfax Families," a county-wide initiative to restock food pantries. Donations collected at the Loehmann's Plaza Giant Food store were delivered to Falls Church Community Services Council.

Fairfax Water to Replace Columbia Pike Water Main

In the coming weeks, Fairfax Water's contractor, Casper Colosimo and Son, Inc., will be replacing an existing water main on Columbia Pike, between Gallows Road and Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Property owners in the affected area will be notified in advance of water service interruptions, lasting short periods of time, during construction. Traffic flow and access will be maintained on Columbia Pike. When the water main replacement is completed, the road will be repaved by the contractor in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation's requirements. Project completion, including road repaving, is anticipated for summer. Questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. Jerry Scott at 703-289-6351.



Coming Attractions

- The Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, will host **Dinosaur Egg Hunts** on March 24 and March 30 at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; 2 - 3 p.m.; and 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Children, ages 3-7, may participate; admission is \$6 per child. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks. For ADA accommodations, call 703-941-1065, or send an e-mail to Suzanne.Holland@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- The Friends of the **George Mason Regional Library** will hold its popular, **semi-annual book sale** on April 18, 5 - 9 p.m.; April 19, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; April 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and April 21, 12 - 5 p.m. Books for all ages, plus CDs, videos, audio books and rare books are featured. The book sale will be at the library, 7001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.
- Celebrate Earth Day at **SPRINGfest Fairfax** on April 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road in Lorton. Enjoy pony rides, a petting zoo, tree planting, a farmers market, environmental workshops, arts, games, music, and more. For more information, contact the Clean Fairfax Council at 703-324-5471, TTY 711, or visit www.springfestfairfax.org.
- The Annandale Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department, will host the **9th Annual Hospital Bed Race to benefit Special Olympics of Virginia on May 11 at 10 a.m.** along John Marr Drive. Applications to participate are available at www.annandalechamber.com. For more information, call 703-256-7232.
- The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will host a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 11**, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., and a **document shredding** event on **May 18**, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. More information about these and other recycling events are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/intro-programs.htm.
- The **31st Annual Celebrate Fairfax**, our county's largest festival, will be held June 7 - 9 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. For information, call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.org.



Community Notes

- The St. Alban's Episcopal Church Community Clothing Sale (for men, women, and children) will be held March 16, 2013, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All items 50 cents. Community groups offer free clothing vouchers for families in need. For information, contact Dee Dee Payne at 703-256-2966.
- AARP volunteers are providing free tax help to residents until April 15 at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Walk-in service is available on Mondays and Thursdays: 1- 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All returns are filed electronically. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669, or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.
- The 2013 Spring Culmore Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. For more information and to sign up, please call the Woodrow Wilson Library at 703-820-8774, ext. 4, visit www.facebook.com/culmorecleanupday, or send an e-mail to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- The ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action) is a volunteer organization serving neighbors in dire need of furniture. Please call 703-256-9513 and ACCA will pick up your donated furniture and give you a tax deductible receipt. The most needed items are mattresses/box springs (single, double, or queen size) sofas (not sleeper types), kitchen/dining room tables, and chairs, chests of drawers/dressers, coffee tables, end tables, and microwaves.
- Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of frail older adults a well-deserved break. For more information, contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577; TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/.

Mason District's Spring Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

Mason District Governmental Center, Main Community Room
6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale

Join your neighbors to talk about the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Fairfax County Budget. County Executive Edward Long will join Supervisor Gross as guest panelist and answer your questions after his presentation.

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