

The Providence Report

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Merrifield Fall festival

Saturday October 19, 2013

11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. *(Rain or Shine)*

Mosaic District

(The corner of Lee Highway and Gallows Road)

District Avenue | Fairfax, VA

NEW LOCATION AT MOSAIC! The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the 9th Annual Merrifield Festival. Come enjoy a day filled with the sights and sounds of Merrifield featuring family fun for all ages: sidewalk sale, live music, food, carnival rides, a fire truck, train, face painting, pumpkin painting, local store and restaurant vendors. Back by popular demand the county's Environmental Health booth with useful resource materials about how we can affect our community's health and safety and what residents can do to help protect their health. Kids are welcome — learn about food safety, Lyme disease, mosquitoes, bed bugs, and more! Entry to the Festival is free and will be held rain or shine.

Please Provide Association Contact Information

Many homeowner associations now have one email address for their associations that remains the same when their officers change. If you have this type of email, please send it to our office so that we can send your association information on matters of importance to Providence residents. If you prefer these notices go to the association's named officers, please provide us with updated officers' names and contact information, to include email addresses. In either case, please send the information to provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

A message from Supervisor Smyth

We are off to a wonderful start this fall with the groundbreaking for the Providence Community Center on September 7. The new facility will be located in MetroWest at the Vienna Metro Station and was proffered by the developer, Pulte Homes, as part of the rezoning approvals. The 32,000 square foot building is designed to meet LEED Silver standards with energy efficient systems, water conserving fixtures, recycled materials, a vegetated (green) roof, and native plant landscaping (see picture of exterior below).

The interior of the community center will include a full-sized gymnasium, activity and meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, and a sensory room for individuals with disabilities. The center will also serve as a polling place for the local precinct at election time. Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) is in charge of programming the use of the building. Possibilities may include after-school programs and summer camps, recreation and fitness classes, senior activities, and technology programs. NCS will seek community input before making decisions.

Last but not least, the community center will provide a new home for the Providence District Supervisor's office. With the growing needs of the Merrifield Fire Station, the Fire Department will be able to expand into my existing office space once we move from Station 30. We're all looking forward to a ribbon cutting early in 2015. Everyone is invited!

~Linda Smyth





Election Information

The Virginia General and Special Election is November 5, 2013 and polls are open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. The ballot will include elections for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, members of the House of Delegates, the unexpired term for sheriff, and a \$250 million school bond question. For more information on the school bond, visit the Fairfax County Public Schools 2013 bond referendum website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/.

Register to Vote: Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the deadline to register to vote this year is Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

You are eligible to register to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age by the upcoming general election and a resident of Virginia. You may register to vote year-round except during the 22 days prior to a general or primary election, 13 days prior to a special election, or 7 days prior to a special election called by the governor.

Online: For the first time, you may submit your registration application and update your voter registration information online. The Virginia State Board of Elections has launched an online voter registration service at www.vote.virginia.gov. The service streamlines the process and is expected to reduce registration issues for voters on Election Day.

You may register in person, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, and Thursday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax.

You may also register by mail. Applications may be printed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/forms/001englishvoterregistrationapplicationrevjuly13.pdf. Applications are available at my office as well as libraries, DMV offices, health department offices, offices of human services around the county, and a number of other locations.

PLEASE NOTE: According to law, first-time voters in Virginia who register by mail must vote in person (either on Election Day or absentee in person) unless they are students, overseas citizens or citizens with a disability or illness, or active duty members of the military or their dependents. Individuals registering by mail should submit along with their application either (1) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (2) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.

In order to complete the online application process, you will need your Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer identifier number, which is printed at the top of your DMV-issued

identification card or driver's license, your social security number and birth date. Fairfax County residents who do not have a Virginia DMV customer number or other required information may still fill out the registration application online, but will be required to print, sign and return the completed application to the Office of Elections. By mail: P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038. In person: Suite 323, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

All Fairfax County voter registration applications are subject to review and approval by the general registrar. After your application is approved, you will be mailed a voter registration card within 30 days. For additional information visit the Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregis.htm or call 703-222-0776.

Change of Name or Address: To remain a qualified registered voter, you must notify the county's Office of Elections of any change in your name or address. For the upcoming general election, the deadline to do this is October 15 at 5:00 pm. To update your name and/or address, complete the online form at www.vote.virginia.gov, or complete a printed registration form and submit it to the Office of Elections: by mail to P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038-8061; by fax to 703-324-2205, or by email attachment to voting@fairfaxcounty.gov. Change requests must include your signature to be valid, so they cannot be made by telephone or by email. After your change is processed, you will be mailed a new voter registration card. If a new card does not arrive within 30 days, please call 703-222-0776 to confirm that your completed form was received.

Where to Vote: You must vote at your designated polling location if not voting absentee. Your precinct name and the location of your polling place is listed on your current voter registration card. The information is also available on the Virginia State Board of Elections website www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Absentee Voting: Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day, or, who are unable to go to the polls because of a qualifying reason, may vote by absentee ballot. Eligible voters may vote in person prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. Information on absentee voting, including the schedule, locations and deadlines is available on the Office of Elections website. To determine if you are eligible to vote absentee, to learn the absentee in-person voting schedule or to obtain an absentee ballot application, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

Voter ID: Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of identification (ID) at the polls and when voting absentee in person. Voters wishing to vote at the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot. They will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to the Fairfax County Electoral Board in order for their provisional ballot to be considered. Important: The law requiring photo identification at the polls that was signed in May, 2013 will not take effect until July 1, 2014. For additional information about provisional ballots and a list of the acceptable ID documents please visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov.



2013 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2013 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 26 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The week long 2013 Providence VolunteerFest® projects will kick off at the 9th Annual Merrifield Festival on October 19, 11 am to 6 pm. **NOTE NEW LOCATION—DISTRICT AVENUE in MOSAIC DISTRICT**
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All projects will take place on Saturday, October 26th, unless indicated otherwise

- **Food Drive:** Supervisor Smyth's office and the Hunter Mill Country Day School collect for Food for Others. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off from **October 1st - 31st** at Supervisor Smyth's office anytime including weekends 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax - or Hunter Mill Country Day School 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 703-281-4422, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm weekdays only.
- **Easy Readers** - A program for first and second grade boys who need reading reinforcement at Oakton Library. Prior registration is required to participate. For information or to volunteer contact Ryan Crum at easyreaders@gmail.com
- **Oakton Community Park: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm** — Weather permitting, horseback riding demonstration by Spirit Open Equestrian Program (sponsored by Fairfax4Horses).
- **Mini Golf:** Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects:** Fairfax County Park Authority hosts habitat restoration projects at three Providence District Parks. Nottoway Park 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Dunn Loring Park 9:00 am - 11:00 am, and Idylwood Park on Sunday the 27th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Participants can sign up on the Invasive Management Area calendar at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/ima-calendar.htm> or RSVP to Erin Stocksclaeder at 703-324-8681, TTY 711, or Erin.Stocksclaeder@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Soldier Care Packages:** Join Troop Treats and James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church - packages for our soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm To donate and/or volunteer go to www.trooptreats.com or call Germaine Broussard, 703-608-4609.
- **Event Promotions:** The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church. are helping to promote VolunteerFest® . Their season opens with "Little Shop of Horrors" a musical spoof of 1950's horror films and runs from October 4th-19th. For a schedule of performances see <http://www.providenceplayers.org>

Supervisor Smyth and the 2013 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2013 VolunteerFest® website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the Volunteer Fairfax website at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php> or by calling Sara Kreitzer at (703) 246-7957, TTY 711.



PRS, Inc., Celebrates 50 Years of Service

This year, PRS, Inc., celebrates their 50th anniversary of helping clients with the proper services and support to increase their independence and self-sufficiency leading to strong and fulfilling lives. PRS, Inc., (formerly Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services) was established in 1963 so individuals with mental illness, emotional and/or behavioral disorders can achieve personal wellness, recovery and community integration.

PRS now serves clients with mild intellectual disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders and substance use disorders in addition to living with mental illness and persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The ever changing scope and nature of program activities revolve around providing community-based support and skills training in housing, jobs, education, professional growth, community support, transportation, recreation, advocacy and other needs common to people recovering from mental illness. PRS continues to reach out to the underserved in critical need of support to help them learn to reconnect with their communities, become self-sufficient, productive members of society and to overcome the seemingly impenetrable barriers created by their illness.

Fairfax County License Plates

This is your opportunity to have a license plate with the Fairfax County seal that you may personalize. The DMV requires that at least 350 people apply and pay the \$25.00 fee up front for the specialized plate. If enough interest is generated and the plates produced, the proceeds from the sale will support the World Police and Fire Games, which Fairfax is hosting in 2015. If there isn't sufficient interest, your application and \$25.00 fee is returned to you. Additional information on the design of the license plate, the process for submitting an application and answers for numerous frequently asked questions are available at www.fxva.com/plates/ or by calling Visit Fairfax at 703-790-0643.

Election Officials Needed

Fairfax County is in need of residents to serve as election officials. A lack of sufficient election officials slows the process and frustrates voters. To serve, you must be a registered voter of the Commonwealth of Virginia, cannot hold elected office or be employed by an elected official and must enjoy meeting people and serving the public. You must be available to work the entire day on Election Day, arriving at the designated polling place at 5:00 am on Election Day and remaining until all tallies have been completed. The Electoral Board recently increased the pay for election officers to \$175 for the day. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm> or call 703-324-4735.

Illegal Sign Removal Program

Authority was obtained from the General Assembly enabling Fairfax County to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Highways to act as the Commissioner's agent for the purpose of removing illegal signs from the public rights-of-way. As of July 1, 2013, Fairfax County began removing signs that were illegally put on or along selected roads. This includes political campaign signs, advertising signs and more. Signs will be regularly picked up every week between Tuesday and Thursday by the Sheriff's Community Labor Force based on an established schedule. The county is removing signs to assist the Virginia Department of Transportation, but VDOT is still responsible for maintaining the roads. Contact VDOT about signs that cause a safety hazard on the roads by emailing VDOT at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov or by calling 1-800-FOR-ROAD, TTY 711.

Signs will not be removed from neighborhood streets—only selected major roads across the county. Create or join a VDOT Adopt-a-Highway group to remove signs from neighborhood streets and other roads. The county program only removes signs from roads (not trash or litter) and does not address signs on private property. After the county removes a sign, it will be stored for five calendar days at the I-66 Transfer Station where it may be reclaimed. Signs will be destroyed after five days. However, VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway groups may collect signs at any time on their designated roads, and they may destroy these signs immediately. For more information about the county's sign removal program, visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/signs/signremovalprogram.htm> or call 703-324-SIGN (7446), TTY 711.

Human Services Resources and HOTLINES

Fairfax County government provides several hotlines to assist people in finding help in a crisis situation. These include **Community Services Board** (703-573-5679, TTY 703-207-7737 24 hours, 7 days/week Emergency Services) for people in crisis with a mental health, intellectual disability or alcohol or other drug emergency. Services include crisis intervention and stabilization and evaluation for referrals to crisis care facilities, emergency shelters, and hospitals; **Adult Protective Services** (703-324-7450 24 hours, TTY 703-222-9452 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, TTY 711 after hours) for suspected adult abuse, neglect or exploitation of older adults or adults with disabilities; **Child Protective Services** (703-324-7400 24 hours, TTY 703-222-9452 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, TTY 711 after hours) for suspected child abuse or neglect of children. This number also serves as a "helpline," providing resources and information to keep children safe; **Domestic and Sexual Violence Services** (703-360-7273, TTY 711) which provides 24-hour confidential emergency assistance and telephone counseling for people experiencing domestic abuse, sexual assault or for people who are victims of stalking; **Family Abuse Crisis Shelter** (703-435-4940 voice/TTY which provides 24-hour confidential emergency assistance for victims of domestic violence who are in immediate danger and in need of safe shelter; **Basic Needs/Personal Assistance** (703-222-0880, TTY 703-803-7914 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, 703-527-4077, TTY 711 after hours) for residents who need help in emergency situations, such as food, clothing, furniture, and transportation to medical appointments, rent or mortgage to prevent eviction or foreclosure, security deposit to secure permanent housing, utility payments to prevent disconnection, prescriptions, eye glasses, and other special needs. For additional information about these services please visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Government/hotlines.htm>.

The Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) is a web-based application that contains information about organizations, programs and services available to Fairfax County residents based on income qualifications. The HSRG provides detailed descriptions and eligibility criteria about the services offered by public and non-profit organizations. These services are grouped by category of service on the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hsrc/>. Just click on the photo of the type of service needed.

It's Now the Law – Don't Text and Drive

Effective July 1, texting while driving is now a primary offense. This means that you no longer have to be stopped for another, separate offense, and the penalties have increased as well. A first time offense is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$125 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$250.00. The law also increases the punishment of any person convicted of reckless driving to include a \$250 mandatory minimum fine if the person was texting at the time of the reckless driving offense. So, aside from being just plain common sense not to text while driving, you will now receive a ticket when you're caught.



Dear Providence Friends,

As you may already know, this is my last year as a representative of Providence District residents. Since 1972 I have had the honor of serving many of you on the Board of Supervisors (1972-86) and then in the Virginia House of Delegates (1992 to present). As a native Virginian, I am proud of the progress we have made together in public education, in transportation, in health care, and in human rights.

As a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, I chaired the opening ceremonies of the Vienna and Dunn Loring Metro Stations. (Can you remember life before Metro?!). I continued to work with local and state government officials to improve transportation in our area. While on the Board, I proposed the initiation of the County's School Age Child Care program (SACC), and the creation of the County's Commission on the Handicapped. I also urged the adoption of the Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance. In 1981, I encouraged my fellow Board members to rejuvenate the long-dormant Fairfax County Fair, which continues today as a celebration of our community.

My interest in expanding the availability of affordable housing in the metropolitan area is what first drew me to run for office. As a result of the efforts of many of us, localities throughout the Commonwealth now have the authority to require developers to include a variety of housing opportunities in new developments.

Prior to the election of School Board members, I was pleased that the Board of Supervisors approved my recommendation that Kate Hanley be appointed to the Fairfax County School Board. She was subsequently elected to the Board of Supervisors—to be followed by Gerry Connolly and Linda Smyth. Providence District has been well-served by these outstanding leaders.

I intend to stay active in the county where Nancy and I have raised our two daughters. I look forward to working with many of you as we continue our efforts to keep Fairfax a welcoming and affordable place for our children's children!

Jim Scott



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has launched a new countywide community outreach initiative, "Safety in Our Community." The initiative began in June when firefighters were in the community checking and installing working smoke alarms and providing seasonal fire and life safety tips for residents. Door hangers with important smoke alarm and fire and safety information were left if residents weren't home. The initiative will continue every Saturday afternoon throughout the summer, fall and spring with accompanying seasonal safety messages. To request the installation of a smoke alarm, or a visual smoke alarm for deaf and hard of hearing persons, at no cost, please call 703-246-3801, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr.



Providence's Community Champions: Since 1942, the operational volunteers, firefighters and emergency medical responders of the **Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department, Station 13**, have put their lives on the line each day to serve the residents of Fairfax County. In addition the Ladies Auxiliary and administrative support volunteers work to hold fundraising events to secure the funds necessary to acquire, operate and maintain the buildings and equipment necessary to sustain the fire department. Because of their longstanding contributions, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department was named Providence District's Community Champions during the 2013 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Prepare for Emergencies

As we enter hurricane and then snow season, residents and businesses are reminded of the need to be ready to be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days (72 hours) and longer depending on the type of emergency. It may take several days for the government and utilities to return programs and services. The June 29, 2012 Derecho, which caught everyone by surprise, certainly highlighted the need to make sure we can manage without power, phone service and even drinkable water for an extended period of time, if necessary.

Planning needs to be done before the event, whether the event is weather related or another type of emergency. Please visit the county's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/> for information about how to sign up for emergency alerts to stay informed, how to make an emergency plan and build an emergency kit for you and your family, including your pets. This kit would include such things as food, water, flashlights and batteries, medicines, etc. Don't forget to charge batteries on electronic devices in advance of possible power outages.

The county now also has an emergency information blog, which is the official Fairfax County Government Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Website. It provides information on a daily basis but really kicks into high gear in emergencies providing information such as which county facilities are open for emergency shelter, where power is available, and other critical information. Further information concerning this blog and the many formats in which it can be delivered is available at <http://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/>.

If you have questions or need additional information about emergency preparedness, contact the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

Road Maintenance and Parking in Fairfax County

Generally, if a road has a route number associated with it (ex: Fairfax County Parkway – SR 286), it is maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT.) Less than 10 miles of public roadway are maintained by Fairfax County. Many private roads are maintained by businesses, apartment/condo complexes, homeowner/civic associations or residents. For assistance in determining public or private responsibility for a road, please contact the DPWES Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division at 703-934-2800, TTY 711.

Have you ever wondered about how far you need to park from a stop sign, driveway, intersection or fire hydrant; which vehicles may be parked in residential areas and how to park those vehicles, including in cul-de-sacs; how to know if a vehicle is illegally parked and where to report it? Restrictions on how and what type of vehicles may be parked on roads in Fairfax County are contained in an easy to use chart which provides the nature of the issue, a narrative of the respective issue, the agency responsible for enforcement and their contact information as well as the relevant ordinance. The chart is available on the website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking_restrictions.htm or by calling the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600.

Lee Highway & Nutley Street Intersection

Currently underway is VDOT's improvement to the Lee Highway and Nutley Street intersection. The completed project will add a second left turn along eastbound Lee Highway turning onto northbound Nutley Street. There will also be the installation of a raised concrete median along Lee Highway just east of Nutley Street. Coinciding with these installations VDOT will be upgrading the traffic signals and replacing sidewalks and curbs. If you would like to see more on this project please visit http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/lee_highway_and_nutley_street.asp or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD for more information.

I-66 Study

VDOT along with the Virginia Office of Transportation Public Private Partnerships and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation are currently working on ways to increase capacity along Interstate 66 between Route 15 in Prince William County to Interstate 495 in Fairfax County. A Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed advancing concepts that would help ease the current congestion. At this time the offices involved have issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking innovative ideas and input from individuals, firms and organizations in the private sector. Their goal is to improve Interstate 66 by adding capacity, reducing choke points and adding alternative modes of transportation. For more information or for questions/comments please visit www.i66ppta.org or call Morteza Farajian with the Office of Transportation Public Private Partnerships at 804-786-0470. To find additional information about the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement please visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66_eis.asp or call 1-800-367-7623.



With the upcoming change of seasons to colder weather, snow and ice are always a possibility. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) treats and plows all state maintained roads. To report hazardous road conditions or for any questions you may have, please call 1-800-FOR-ROAD. As a reminder VDOT will only begin to plow after 2 inches of snow has fallen. If you would like to know about road conditions in your area call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org. You can also find out the status of plowing in your neighborhood by visiting <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov> and entering your address.

Reporting a Streetlight Outage: Streetlights fail on a daily basis and we rely on citizens to report outages in order to have those lights replaced as quickly as possible. Streetlights in the Providence District are maintained by Dominion Virginia Power. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges. When reporting an outage, you will need to have the location of the pole and the pole number.

To report a streetlight outage to Dominion Virginia Power, call 1-866-DOM-HELP (366-4357), TTY 711. Dominion uses a coding system when responding to repair orders where the problem cannot be resolved on the first visit. If further work is required to correct the problem, a color-coded tag is wrapped around the light post: blue (overhead repair is required), green (underground repair is necessary) and yellow (underground cable is damaged and needs repair).

To report a streetlight outage at major interchanges or a traffic light problem, call VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (376-7623), TTY 711. For additional information regarding reporting outages, including how to locate the pole number if it's not visible on the pole itself, please go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/streetlights/light_out.htm.

Providence Land Use

Tysons Updates

For more details about the Tysons Comprehensive Plan, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/>.

On April 9, 2013 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the 30 acre Scotts Run South project. It is one of the largest Tysons development plans approved. The project will put up more than 6.6 million square feet across 17 new buildings, covering much of the old West*Gate office park near the future McLean Metro station. The majority of Scotts Run will be within a quarter mile from the McLean station, the easternmost rail stop in Tysons. CityLine Partners will build a new fire station and athletic field and help restore Scotts Run stream valley. The development will be built over time as market conditions allow. Two final development plans, which would allow construction to begin quickly were also approved by the Board of Supervisors. These plans include two residential buildings with up to 440 units located between Chain Bridge Road and Anderson Road. Also included is a 225-foot, 340,000 square foot office building on 2.94 acres associated with the MITRE office park. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/board-approves-scottsrn-south-tysons.htm>.

On June 4th 2013 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the redevelopment of the 21-acre Commons apartment complex. The existing site with 313 units will be replaced with up to 2,571 apartments spread across seven high-rises. Redevelopment will provide more affordable housing units than currently exist. The Board also approved the final development plan for the project's first building at the corner of Anderson Road and Colshire Meadow Drive that will be up to 15 stories with 331 apartments. In later phases of the development an athletic field for public use will be constructed. For more information, please check <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/board-approves-largest-residential-project-tysons.htm>.

A 22-floor Tysons Tower office building and an upscale 28-story residential apartment building with underground parking are under construction at Tysons Corner Center. The residential building, office tower and a 17 story hotel, and ground floor retail will connect to Tysons Corner Center regional mall via an elevated outdoor plaza. The acre and a half outdoor plaza will provide pedestrian connectivity and a venue for activities and events. The first phase of the project including walkways to Metro will open in 2014 concurrent with the opening of the new Silver Line Metrorail.

To review approved and pending Tysons rezoning applications, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/>

Merrifield Updates

The developers of three approved mixed use projects and a new residential high rise building in Merrifield are all under construction:

DFS Group, the developer of Halstead Square mixed use project located just south of the Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metro Station has leased ground floor space and new restaurants are opening.

Mill Creek Residential, developer of the 15-acre mixed-use redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station (Avenir Place) has opened the first phase of the new WMATA parking garage and the first 250 unit residential building. The second phase of the project will include 373 apartments, a Harris-Teeter grocery store and ground floor retail space. When completed the station will include a new 2,000 WMATA parking garage, replacing 1,300 surface parking spaces, and will provide new covered bus bays and kiss and ride facilities.

Hitt Construction has completed construction of a 327 unit 11 story apartment building on the site of their previous headquarters at 2704 Dorr Ave., adjacent to Prosperity Ave and easy walking distance to the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station.

Edens, the developer of the Mosaic District in Merrifield has opened more retail stores and restaurants. Subsequent phases under construction will include more retail, restaurant space and multifamily residential buildings and townhomes under construction by EYA, Avalon Mosaic and Mill Creek.

To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, go to <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>. To review pending applications using an interactive map, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/>. For resources on planning and zoning in Fairfax County, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/resources/>.



On July 9, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new approach to Comprehensive Plan review and community engagement called Fairfax Forward. The effort replaces the next Area Plans Review (APR) planning process. For more information about the Fairfax Forward planning process please use the following link <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/>.

The first comprehensive plan review under the new Fairfax Forward process will focus on the Fairfax Center planning area. Community outreach including open house meetings will be initiated in October to obtain community input about the plan. The western portions of

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Providence District, including Penderbrook, Fairfax Farms neighborhood, Fairfax Ridge and commercial areas off of Pender Drive, are included in the Fairfax Center planning area. Details about Fairfax Forward and the Fairfax Center plan review will be posted online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/projects-ongoing.htm>.

If interested you can sign up for email announcements through the Comprehensive Plan Announcements Email Subscriptions via the following link at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>

If you have any land use questions please, contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946.

Silver Line Update

Construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project — known as the Silver Line — is 96 percent complete and expected to be completed this fall. All five stations in Phase 1 are almost done. Finishing work is taking place in the stations and all along the alignment. Test trains can be seen from Falls Church to Reston during the day and at night. Phase 1 construction completion was planned for September, but a two-month delay was needed for additional testing to ensure the safety and performances of all systems and equipment.

Meanwhile, there is some good news for residents of the Tysons Corner area regarding commuter parking. Fairfax County and Cityline Partners have announced that Cityline will operate a 700-car commuter parking lot at Scotts Crossing and Route 123 adjacent to the McLean Station. The lot is part of the old West*Gate office park and is site old Cleveland Building which will be torn down.

Dominion Power's Smart Meters

Since 2009, Dominion Virginia Power has installed over 100,000 smart meters in demonstration areas including parts of Northern Virginia. Smart meters use digital technology to enable secure two-way communication between the meter and Dominion's electric distribution system. Dominion uses smart meters, communications and information technology infrastructure to promote energy conservation and environmental responsibility, and improve customer service and utility operations.

Dominion is now continuing their investment in smart meter technology by upgrading meters in Northern Virginia including installations in the Providence District. Customers are not billed for the meter exchanges. Residential and small commercial customers will be notified with a Dominion full-color postcard notifying of the meter upgrade. The mailing should arrive two to four weeks before the new meter will be installed. Also, a door hanger will be left to let residential customers know the meter has been exchanged. Currently, Dominion is offering an option for residential customers who do not wish to have a fully functional smart meter installed. Dominion offers a non-communicating meter option (Opt-Out). The non-communicating meters are smart meters with both the two-way communications and data storage features disabled. Please visit www.dom.com/smartmeter for additional information regarding smart meter technology.

New Merrifield Community Services Board Location

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) is the government agency that provides vital services for local residents who have challenges related to mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual disability. The CSB also operates the "Infant and Toddler Connection," a program for children from birth to age 3 who have, or are at risk for, developmental disabilities. The new CSB location is going to be at the corner of Willow Oaks and Williams Drive, just off Arlington Boulevard near Inova Fairfax Hospital. The CSB's Merrifield Center, named for the community in which it is located, is already 27 percent completed and on schedule for a fall 2014 move-in date.

CSB services are offered from over 100 sites throughout Fairfax County. The new "Merrifield Center" will house services that are now offered at facilities on Woodburn Road and on Jermantown Road and Democracy Lane. The CSB's emergency and crisis stabilization services will be located in this building as well as outpatient services and supports, intensive case management, psychiatric services, medication management, and wellness and health promotion services. The facility will include a primary health care clinic, a pharmacy (open to anyone in the community), a consumer resource center and a child care center for women receiving treatment for substance use disorder. For additional information about the "Merrifield Center" including the building design, please visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/news/2013/merrifield-center.htm>.

Most CSB services are primarily for people whose conditions seriously impact their daily functioning. Many have "co-occurring" mental health and substance use disorders. However, anyone with a related concern may contact the CSB for help in finding appropriate treatment and resources in the community. For additional information about CSB services and locations please visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/> or call CSB Entry and Referral, 703-383-8500, TTY 711.

Animal Shelter Expands Space and Focus

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has doubled its size from 15,000 to 30,000 square feet. The Shelter's mission is to dispel the negative perception of the past and create a place of joy where animals help people and people help animals. The goal is to save animals and promote responsible pet ownership. The staff wants the facility to be a gathering place for the county with opportunities for residents of all ages to volunteer for a variety of programs. For additional information and a calendar of events please visit their website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/>.



Lord and Lady Fairfax 2013

Rick and Burma Bochner were honored this year as the Providence District Lord and Lady Fairfax. The tradition of honoring the Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 as a way to recognize the accomplishments of the outstanding citizens of Fairfax County. Each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism or other special accomplishments to receive the award.

Rick and Burma meet every definition of team effort in their charity towards others. They participate in countless county committee, task force and other public meetings on a wide range of issues providing their invaluable input on virtually every issue affecting Fairfax. With his background from a career at WMATA in traffic engineering, planning and development, Rick provided vital input during his participation on Providence’s citizen task force for re-planning the Vienna Metro station area and during his service on the Road Viewers Board.

Rick and Burma are also devoted to advancing social services, the arts and the democratic system of voting. They have been longtime supporters of Arena Stage as well as Hannah House Shelter, a transitional facility for homeless women and their children. One of their major accomplishments as a team has been the development of their very successful Absentee Ballot Program, which educates college students, shut-ins and those working outside the country on the absentee voting process. They’ve continued to build on the program with the help of over 100 volunteers and have established a year-round infrastructure and candidate activities including an information clearinghouse, a central location for volunteers, integrated computer software systems, training, and an internship program.



Oakton High School has completed three new turf fields, which were funded through a partnership with school athletic boosters, youth athletic groups, the Park Authority, and developer proffers.

TAKE BACK THE FOREST

Dig in and get involved with habitat restoration in the Nottoway forest. Help TAKE BACK THE FOREST; *remove* invasive plants and *replant* native species. Students and scouts earn community service and environmental project hours. Scout projects are welcome.

Workdays: *Saturdays* (9 AM-Noon)—September 21, October 26 *Wednesdays* (2-5 PM)—October 9 and 16, Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Rd, Vienna

More Information & Volunteer Sign Up: call 703-324-8681 or see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/>



Ribbon Cutting at Sally’s Rain “Garden Party,” July 20, 2013:

Inspired by the memory of Sally Ormsby, and with generous contributions from the Sally B. Ormsby Memorial Fund, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and the Fairfax County Park Authority designed and installed a rain garden at the Packard Center. Merrifield Garden Center, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, and Earth Sangha.

BEWARE Buying Second Hand Products

Consignments and Thrift stores often sell second hand products. Customers should be aware that some items may have been recalled. The Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch has sent information to all Consignment and Thrift Stores located in Fairfax County advising that selling recalled products, even used and second-hand items, violates the Federal Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. This mailing included a Reseller Guide to Selling Safer Products and a Consumer Protection Commission sign. Businesses are required to post this sign in accordance with Fairfax County Consumer Protection Ordinance, Chapter 10, Section 10-10-1. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) laws and regulations apply to anyone who sells or distributes consumer products. This includes thrift stores, consignment stores, charities, and individuals holding yard sales and flea markets. Resellers should check the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov to determine if the product has been recalled. CPSC provides a checklist for consumers at <http://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/THRIFT-STORE-SAFETY-CHECKLIST/>. Consumers or businesses may also call 800-638-2772 to get information or report unsafe products at <https://www.saferproducts.gov/CPSRMSPublic/Incidents/ReportIncident.aspx>.



Fall 2013 Update from Providence School Board Member Patricia Reed

On September 3rd, we welcomed our students to a new school year filled with unlimited possibilities for growth and success. Our enrollment is at an all-time high, so please remember that as you're driving through the county. School buses are sharing the roads and more students are walking to and from schools -- let's all be safe!

New Superintendent: Our new Superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza, officially started with FCPS on July 1st. She's devoted her time to meeting our staff, learning about our school system, and getting to know our communities and stakeholders. Dr. Garza is committed to building strong working relationships with our community members and to working in partnership with you for our students' education. She wants to meet as many of you as possible and has agreed to be our keynote speaker for the third FCPS *Education Summit* on **Saturday September 28, 2013 8:30 a.m. in Edison High School**. Dr. Garza will share her plans for FCPS and will join her leadership team in an open dialogue with you. Bring your questions and your suggestions – we want to hear them!

Student health and well-being: Several initiatives are addressing our students' health and well-being. I'll briefly highlight a few but encourage you to visit my School Board webpage www.fcps.edu/schlbld/members/providence.shtml for more details and for other good news about our Providence Schools.

On September 12, we celebrate the opening of Marshall High School's Statesmen Café - a pilot kitchen program that features freshly prepared foods. The new kitchen equipment enables staff to provide a large café style bar featuring salads, soups, and a deli sandwich bar.

In October, I will participate in the International Walk to School Day. Organized by the Partnership for a Walkable America, Walk to School Day in the USA began in 1997 as a one-day event aimed at building awareness for the need for walkable communities. Please join me and your school community in this event on October 9th.

Earlier this year, the School Board voted to approve a consulting services contract award to Children's National Medical Center to assist the Board with the goal of establishing high school start times at 8 a.m. or later. The consultants started work in March 2013 and continue to gather input from stakeholders—including athletic groups. We await their report to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

Letters to soldiers: We will be collecting student letters to soldiers—as we do every year—as part of the Providence District Troop Treats project on National Make a Difference Day.

Committee Assignments: In addition to my ongoing Board work, I am Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, Federal Legislative Liaison, and Board liaison to the Advanced Academics Program Advisory Committee. I am also one of three School Board members that sits on the joint Infrastructure Financing Committee with the Board of Supervisors. We have already begun to lay the groundwork for development of the FY2015 budget; we anticipate revenue shortfalls as well as increasing building capacity and condition challenges. Soon, we will receive the results of the state efficiency review. I am hopeful that this assessment will yield significant money-saving recommendations.

Remember to contact me at Patricia.Reed1@fcps.edu with questions, suggestions, opinions -- or invitations to school and community events. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of our Providence District schools and community.

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Must-Have Phone Numbers

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 Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711
 Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400
 Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 703-360-7273

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Control	703-691-2131	Child Care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Zoning Violations	703-324-1300
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-802-3322
VDOT	800-383-8368	Voting Information	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.

Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm ▪

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