

The Providence Report

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Document Shredding

Saturday, March 28

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth's office will host a document shredding event on Saturday, March 28, at the Unity of Fairfax Church, adjacent to the Oakton Library. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church parking lot located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

This event is intended to help residents protect their personal information by shredding sensitive paper documents. Residents may bring up to five boxes or bags of paper to be shredded on site. Staples in the paper are okay but all plastic binders and metal binder clips must be removed. This shredding event is for paper documents only; no electronic files will be accepted for destruction.

More information about this event and other county hosted recycling events is available on the county's Solid Waste Management Program Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm or by calling 703-324-5230, TTY 711. ■

A message from Supervisor Smyth

This year the most daunting challenge that our community faces is the economy and the impacts it will have on the Fairfax County budget. Every level of county services is likely to be affected in some way by the projected revenue shortfalls.

With the input from our community dialogues and the Board of Supervisors' extensive Lines of Business review, the County Executive will present his budget recommendations on February 23. To help our residents understand the proposed budget and to gather community insight, Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, our Providence School Board representative, and I will host joint meetings prior to the public hearings on the budget. The first Providence meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on **March 10 at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail**. The second will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **March 11 at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road**. Please join us for these important discussions. For more information on these meetings, see my Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence or call my office at 703-560-6948, TTY 711. ■

~ Linda Smyth ~



Board bids Chairman Connolly Farewell

At their December 2008 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors said farewell to Chairman Gerry Connolly. Congressman Connolly has been sworn to the 111th Congress and represents Virginia's 11th Congressional District previously represented by Congressman Davis. ■

School Board Report

Phillip Niedzeilski-Eichner, Providence District School Board Member

Transportation

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Transportation staff presented to the School Board on January 12th an analysis of the transportation system that identified improved operating efficiencies. The analysis also demonstrated that the bell schedule (the time assigned to each school for start and finish of school day) could be modified so that high school students start later in the morning. The following tables reflect what the transportation staff identified as one scenario that would allow for a bell schedule change with no increase in the cost of busing services.

Start Times	Current Start Schedule		Under Construction		End Times	Current End Schedule		Under Construction	
	Earliest	Latest	Earliest	Latest		Earliest	Latest	Earliest	Latest
ES	8:05	9:25	7:50	9:25	ES	2:40	4:00	2:55	4:05
MS	7:20	8:30	9:20	9:40	MS	2:10	3:20	4:10	4:30
HS	7:20	7:30	8:30	8:55	HS	2:00	2:15	3:20	3:45

The School Board recognizes that a later start time is more consistent with adolescent sleep patterns, but also recognizes that changing the bell schedule could have other impacts on students, family life, and on the larger community.

Five key points need to be understood: (1) the proposed schedule is a draft; (2) no decision has been made; (3) no vote on the change has been scheduled; (4) the School Board is just at the beginning of the process of evaluating potential impacts and no decision has been made on any programs that could be impacted, such as after-school activities and athletics; and finally (5) before making a decision, the School Board will explore how parents, staff, and community members feel about such a change. Six community dialogues are being scheduled the last week in February to invite families and community members to share their thoughts on such a change. We will also be inviting our families, community members, and employees to complete a survey that will be posted on our web site the first week of February.

Superintendent Proposes FY 2010 Budget

The Superintendent presented his proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year to the School Board on January 8th. In recognition of the severe economic times, the FY 2010 proposed operating budget totals \$2.2 billion, a reduction of 0.5% or \$10.3 million from the FY 2009 approved budget. This proposed decrease also includes absorbing an estimated 5,000 new students. As a result, the FCPS cost per-pupil would decrease by \$498 from \$13,340 in FY 2009 to the proposed cost of \$12,842 per pupil in FY 2010.

The proposed budget increases class size for general education, and the minimum class-size ratio for special education, by 0.5 students; provides no salary or cost-of-living increases for employees; reduces many programs and services; and does not include any new programs or program expansions. Total budget reductions and cost avoidances of \$157.5 million result in the elimination of 831.9 positions. These reductions will be offset by the need to hire more teachers to meet projected student enrollment growth.

Even with the larger enrollment, FCPS will have a net loss of 248.1 positions. The only position categories that will see a net increase for FY 2010 are teachers and instructional assistants. Less than 1 percent (.8%) of position reductions are school-based; 4.7 percent of position reductions are non-school based. More than 92 percent of full-time personnel are based in schools. Less than 1 percent of all FCPS-funded positions are non-school-based administrators.

Despite the budget-cutting efforts, the Superintendent requests that the county increase the annual transfer to FCPS by \$56.8 million, or 3.5%, over the FY 2009 approved, to cover increased enrollment and a portion of lost state revenue. The Governor's amended budget resulted in a net loss of approximately \$40 million for FCPS.

The School Board held public hearings on the Superintendent's proposed budget January 21st and January 27th and will approve the advertised budget on February 5th at which time a formal request will be made to the Board of Supervisors for a transfer amount to FCPS from the County's general fund. The FCPS final budget will be approved in May, after learning what revenue FCPS will receive from federal, state, and local sources. ■

Recycling News

► Electric Sundays

Fairfax County will be hosting TV and computer recycling for residents at the I-66 Transfer Station, located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, during the winter months for county residents only. There is no charge for this service. This event is limited to the collection of televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials. Residents should not bring small or large kitchen appliances, CDs, DVDs, video cassettes or stereo equipment to these events. Since privacy protection is a primary concern with computer recycling, computers accepted for recycling at the Electric Sunday recycling events will have information on the hard drives electronically-erased before the parts are recycled. If you want to remove your hard drive yourself for privacy protection, please feel free to bring the remaining equipment to the recycling event on Sunday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. More information about this and other recycling events is available on the county's Recycling Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/announce.htm#Sundays.

► Recycling Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Residents can recycle compact fluorescent light bulbs by dropping them off at the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management office located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 458. Please wrap the bulbs individually. No broken bulbs will be accepted. No fluorescent tubes will be accepted and can be recycled at the I-66 Transfer Station at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, or the I-95 Solid Waste Complex at 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton. More information on recycling fluorescent light bulbs is available on the county's Recycling Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-light.htm or by calling the Solid Waste Management office at 703-324-5068, TTY 711.

Home Depot is also accepting compact fluorescent light bulbs for recycling, free of charge. Unbroken, expired bulbs may be dropped off at the front desk of any Home Depot.

► Note for County Collection Customers

The county's contract for recycling collection that was in place for the past few years has expired. Fairfax County collection crews have begun picking up both trash and recycling effective Monday, December 29th and, as a result, the collection times will likely be different than those to which you are accustomed. Please make sure all materials for collection are at the curb by 6:00 a.m. (or placed out the night before) on your collection day to ensure collection. Materials not at the curb when the recycling truck goes by will have to be held until the next collection day.

► Trash and Recyclable Collection

Some local solid waste collection companies are using a technique called *single stream* to collect recyclables. With this method, all recyclables (except yard waste) are collected in the same compartment. This is possible because the recyclables are taken to a facility where they are separated by type. Typically, *single stream* collection of recyclables uses a rear-end packer truck for collection which is the same type of truck that is used to collect trash. *Single stream* recycling does not mean that recyclables and trash are mixed together. Mixing trash and recyclables is prohibited by county ordinance. If you see your collection company mixing trash and recyclables, please report them to the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling at 703-324-5230, TTY 711. If possible, get the name of the collection company and the truck number or license plate number. This will help in their investigation as there are fines associated with improper collection. ■



Tyson's Planning Update

The Tysons Task Force completed their deliberations in September of 2008. The Board of Supervisors forwarded the Task Force recommendations to the Planning Commission for further review, public outreach and the development of formal plan language. The Planning Commission established the Planning Commission Tysons Corner Committee on October 16, 2008. Commissioners serving on this committee have been working with county staff, the Tysons Task Force Draft Review Committee and interested county residents to develop specific recommendations for the revised Comprehensive Plan language for the Tysons Corner area.

More information about the Tysons Task Force report, Planning Commission outreach and updated schedules for future public hearings is available on the Task Force Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/.

The pending Tysons/ Dulles Rail 2232 review process and Special Exception applications to formally accommodate the four Tysons Corner Rail Stations and the Wiehle Avenue Metro station is scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission on January 28th 2009. The Special Exception applications are scheduled for public hearing before the Board of Supervisors in early spring of 2009. The 2232 review is available on Department of Planning and Zoning's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/staffreports/. The Special Exception Applications staff report and public hearing information for SE 2008-PR-033, SE 2008-PR-035, SE 2008-MD-036, SE 2008-MD-034 will be available on the Land Development Services Web site at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>. ▪

Land Use Update

➤ Merrifield Redevelopment Update

Construction of the new **Dunn Loring Metro Garage** and mixed use residential and retail project is planned to be initiated the first quarter of 2009. During construction temporary replacement Metro parking will be provided off site but immediately adjacent to the Dunn Loring Metro Station (walking distance).

Site preparation for the Halstead II mixed use project just south of the Dunn Loring Metro Station located between Gallows Road and Merrilee Drive has been started. Construction of a new cross street connecting Gallows Road with Merrilee Drive that will serve the new development is planned to be initiated the first quarter of 2009. The mixed use project will be built in two phases.

Construction of a new and realigned **Eskridge Road** is scheduled to begin later this year. Eskridge Road will be raised to meet Lee Highway and Merrilee Drive creating a direct connection between the new **Merrifield Town Center** and the Dunn Loring Metro Station. Site preparation for construction of the Merrifield Town Center will begin at the same time.

➤ Vienna Metro Redevelopment Update

Construction of **Vaden Drive**, connecting Lee Highway with the Vienna Metro Station began in December of 2008. Clearing and grading associated with this public improvement and site preparation for the *MetroWest* mixed use development will continue into the spring of 2009. ▪

Oak Marr RECenter Field Improvements

The 2008 Park Bond Program, approved by Fairfax County voters in November, included funding for improvements at Oak Marr Park. The Bond improvements include lighting and conversion of two rectangle fields to synthetic turf. In addition, the Park Authority is looking at lighting the mini-golf course at Oak Marr Park. These improvements will allow Oak Marr to extend hours of service for the mini golf course and expand athletic field usage opportunities within Providence District. These improvements are consistent with recommendations made by the Providence District Athletic Field Task Force and the Fairfax County Athletic Council.

Lighting the fields and mini-golf course will require an amendment to the existing Master Plan for Oak Marr Park. The Park Authority is now beginning that process, which will seek participation from park users and residents of Providence District. Information on the Master Plan Amendment will be available in early spring of 2009. If you would like additional information on the project, or to get on the project mailing list please contact Pat Rosend at prose1@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-324-8741, TTY 711. ▪

Area Plans Review (APR) Update

Over 40 Homeowner and Civic Associations participated in this cycle of the APR process. Thanks to all the residents that served on the 2008-09 Providence District APR Task Force including the primary and alternate representatives. The APR process would not work without their commitment of time and their thoughtful evaluation of the APR nominations. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Task Force recommendations

The Providence District APR Task Force made the following recommendations:

- APR Item #08-I-1MS (Merrifield - Hilltop & Dorr) – **Retain the Adopted Plan**
- APR Item #08-I-2MS (Merrifield Garden Center) – **Retain the Adopted Plan**
- APR Item #08-I-3MS (Merrifield Village Apartments) – **Retain the Adopted Plan**
- APR Item #08-II-1V (Pan Am Shopping Center) – **Retain the Adopted Plan**
- APR Item #08-II-3V (Circle Towers) – **Approve the Staff Alternative**
(with additional descriptive language resulting in no additional density)
- APR Item #08-II-4V (Vienna Metro) – **Approve the Staff Alternative**
(with an amendment that there will be no degradation in the level of service from what is currently approved and strong encouragement of movement of residential from Building #7)

The Providence District APR nominations not subject to VDOT review are scheduled to go to public hearing before the Planning Commission in May of 2009. Nominations that are recommended for approval by the Planning Commission will go to the Board of Supervisors for Public Hearing in June/July of 2009. The nominations recommended for denial by the Planning Commission are not reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, eliminating them from any further consideration during this APR cycle. Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Public Hearings & Mark-up of nominations reviewed by VDOT will be posted on the county website.



The Comprehensive Plan is a guide used for making land use decisions for Fairfax County. The APR process is an opportunity to submit a nomination for consideration as an amendment to the Area Plans volumes of the Comprehensive Plan. More information on the Providence District APR nominations is available on the APR Web sites at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations_summaries/providence/ or by calling the Planner of the Day at 703-324-1380, TTY 711. ■

Pictured from left to right: Marianne Gardner (Dept. of Planning), Alexandria Simpson (Co-Chair of task force), Kimberly Rybold (Dept. of Planning), Franklin Blackstone (Co-Chair of task force), Meghan Van Dam (Dept. of Planning).

2009 Virginia General Assembly

The 2009 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 14. Everyday, live broadcasting of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia will begin when each body convenes, which is usually at 12:00 p.m. More information on live streaming is available on the 2009 General Assembly Web site at <http://legis.state.va.us/>. ■

The 2009 County Legislative Agenda

The 2009 Fairfax County Legislative Agenda is available to all residents on the county's Legislative Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/legislation/. Residents can also look up the progress of a specific legislation on the General Assembly's Legislative Information System Web site at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>. ■

FY 2010 Annual Budget Update

Fairfax County is facing a growing budget deficit well in excess of the initially anticipated \$400 million in the \$3.4 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2010, which begins on July 1, 2009. The Board of Supervisors is required by law to adopt a balanced budget. In face of the decline in real estate assessments and tax revenue, one of the principal measures taken by County Management and agencies has been a complete review of the county's 310 discrete Lines of Business. Every general fund or general fund-supported agency in the county has presented reduction options totaling 15 percent of general fund expenditures to the Board of Supervisors over the course of 9 meeting days last fall. Presentations included many innovative proposals for efficiency and cost-saving initiatives, reductions in levels of service, and alternative recommendations for use of other funding streams. The complete Lines of Business narratives are available on the county's Web site.

Also, through 20 Community Dialogue meetings and online and telephone forums for public questions, suggestions, and comments, the county has engaged in a more robust public input process at an earlier juncture than in any budget cycle in recent memory. As part of the Community Dialogues, participants were asked three survey questions during facilitated small group discussions. The questions were designed to gauge what residents valued in county services that enhance their quality of life; solicit specific suggestions on the development of the FY 2010 budget; and find out what residents want county and school decision makers to consider before making their final decision on the FY 2010 budget.

The community meetings and the parallel and highly visible Lines of Business process, with all associated agency presentations and documents available online, has brought an even greater amount of transparency than was already provided through the publication of all budget documents on the county's Web site. Furthermore, As part of our cost cutting efforts, the county has conducted one county-wide furlough on January 2, 2009, with offices other than fire, police and 911 taking an unpaid day off. Most county offices were closed. The county is implementing other proposed cost-cutting measures as quickly as is possible. ▪

Providence District Budget Community Meetings

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth and School Board Member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner will host two community meetings on the FY 2010 Budget. Providence residents are invited to attend and learn about the complexities of the budget as well as encouraged to make recommendations.

The first community meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on **March 10 at Falls Church High School – Little Theatre, 7521 Jaguar Trail in Falls Church.** The second will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **March 11 at Oakton High School - Library, 2900 Sutton Road in Oakton.**

More information on these community meetings is available on the Providence District Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/ or calling the Providence District Supervisor's office at 703-560-6948, TTY 711. ▪

Fairfax County's FY 2010 Budget

- ▶ **February 23, 2009:** County Executive will present the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan
- ▶ **March 9, 2009:** FY 2010 Budget, Tax Rate and FY 2009 Third Quarter Review at Board of Supervisors for advertisement
- ▶ **March 30 - April 1, 2009:** Public Hearings on FY 2010 Budget, FY 2009 Third Quarter and FY 2009 - FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program
- ▶ **April 20, 2009:** Budget Markup
- ▶ **April 27, 2009:** Budget Adoption

Additional public hearing dates may be necessary during the FY 2010 Budget cycle. Should that be the case, the additional dates have been set for April 2nd and 4th. The Citizens Guide to the Budget is available on the following Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/adopted/FY2009/PDF/Citizens_Guide.pdf.

More information on the FY 2010 County Executive's Budget Proposal; the Lines of Business narratives; and the results of the 20 Community Dialogue meetings is available by contacting the Department of Management and Budget by email to DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov; by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711; or on the county's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/. ▪

Snow Removal Information

When the snow and ice of winter arrive, call 703-383-VDOT (8368), TTY 800-432-1843, or send an e-mail to novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov to request snow removal in Northern Virginia. VDOT dispatchers are available to take your call 24 hours a day.

More information can be found online in the VDOT Snow Removal brochure at www.virginiadot.org/about/resources/NoVa-Snow-Brochure.pdf. ▀



Accotink Watershed Management Plan Update

The October 7, 2008, Accotink Creek Introductory and Issues Scoping forum was well attended by a diverse group of residents. With their assistance, the county identified additional locations of interest in the watershed to be further studied and included in the Watershed Workbook. The Watershed Advisory Group was formed after the forum and the first group meeting was held in December with the second meeting planned in late February/early March 2009.

More information on the Accotink Creek Watershed can be found on the Plan Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/accotinkcreek.htm or by calling the Stormwater Planning Division at 703-324-5500, TTY 711. ▀

Disposal of Dead Animals

Frequently, county residents face the daunting task of disposing of a dead animal. Disposal of dead animals should be attended to promptly to avoid potential health hazards. Residents have a few options in these situations.

If the animal is dead or dying and is on a state road, residents should call VDOT at 703-383-8368, TTY 711. If the animal is found on private property, residents may refer to the chart provided on the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispatch-ab.htm#animal or by calling the county's Animal Services Division at 703-830-1100, TTY 711 for guidance on proper disposal.

The elderly or disabled who need assistance with the disposal of dead animals should call the county's Animal Control Division at 703-830-3310, TTY 711. Please note that this service is only provided on a case by case basis under special circumstances. The Animal Control Division does not routinely provide this service.

More information on domestic and wildlife animals is available on the Animal Control Division Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/ or by calling 703-830-1100, TTY 711. ▀

2009 Bike to Work Day

Join fellow cyclists and ride together to the office on Friday, May 15, for Bike to Work Day. Organized by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and Commuter Connections, this regional event is a way to celebrate the environmental and personal health benefits of commuting to work by bicycle.

There are six pit stops in Fairfax County: Tyson's, Vienna, Reston, Fairfax Corner/Government Center, Fairfax City/GMU, and Springfield. Pit stops will provide snacks and drinks, offer free bicycle tune-ups, raffles for prizes, and a chance to meet fellow riders.

More information is available by calling Charlie Strunk or Jeff Hermann at the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703 324-1100, TTY 711 or emailing the Providence District Supervisor's office at provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Information on the Bike to Work Day event is also available on the Commuter Connections Web site at www.mwcog.org/commuter2/ and on the WABA Web site at www.waba.org/about/. ▀



Home Foreclosures

Home foreclosure is a difficult situation whether you're the individual going through it or whether you're living next to a house that is vacant as a result of foreclosure. Fairfax County can help if you are a homeowner in foreclosure; a renter living in a foreclosed property; or you want to complain about vacant or foreclosed properties. Residents may fill out a vacant property report on the county's Home Foreclosure Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/vacantproperty/. The chart below identifies issues that residents may be facing. ▪

TTY 711 for all phone numbers		
Type of Issue	Department	Contact Info
General Information		703-324-7329
Counseling for Homeowners	Homeownership Resource Center	703-246-5087 Weekdays, 1-4 p.m. fthbhomeownership@fairfaxcounty.gov
Counseling for Renters	Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=2076
Emergency Shelter and Food	Shelters - Department of Family Services Social Services Guide Department of Systems Management for Human Services	703-222-0880 Dial 211 (4:30 p.m. to midnight)
Properties Unsafe and/or in Disrepair	Department of Planning and Zoning	http://66.179.23.21/DP1/Metroplex/FairfaxCounty/customer-service/wiz_csr.asp 703-324-1300
Tall, Uncut Grass	Public Works and Environmental Services	www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/grass_height.htm or call 703-324-1937
Mosquitoes/Standing Water	Health Department	703-246-2300 hdonsite@fairfaxcounty.gov
Rats	Health Department	703-246-2300 hdonsite@fairfaxcounty.gov
Garbage and Trash	Health Department	703-246-2300 hdonsite@fairfaxcounty.gov
Mortgage Scams or Fraud	Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=2076
Discriminatory Loans	Human Rights Commission	703-324-2953 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=39
Abandoned Pets	Animal Control	703-691-2131 (24 hours) www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=305
Crime	Police Department	Non Emergencies: 703-691-2131 Emergencies: 911

Save the Trees: Get Your Workout

Want to get a good workout and help the environment at the same time? Help save the woods by volunteering to remove invasive plants that threaten trees and wildlife habitat, and help restore woodlands with native plantings at Nottoway Park.

Get your hands in the soil, learn something new and spend time outdoors. Students and scouts, earn community service hours. Bring family and friends, make a difference and meet others who share your interests. Join Friends of Nottoway IMA (Invasive Management Area) volunteers in 2009!

Work days are on **Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon**; March 7, April 4, May 30, June 27, September 12, October 24, November 7 (rain date).

More information is available on the Fairfax County Park Authority's IMA Program Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima, by calling 703-324-8681, TTY 711 or emailing the Friends of Nottoway Park at friendsofnottoway@gmail.com. ■

Oakton Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of Oakton Library will be holding a used book sale on **Friday, March 27th** from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on **Saturday, March 28th** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Oakton Library, located at 10304 Lynnhaven Place in Oakton.

The Friends of Oakton Library facilitate and support community involvement and the library's ongoing programs as well as initiate new projects. More information is available on the Friends of Oakton Library's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ok/okfriends.htm. ■



2009 Tax Assistance at Libraries

IRS-certified volunteers are available to help taxpayers who earned up to \$42,000.00 in 2008. County library locations providing this free service are available on the Library's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events/taxes.htm. ■

Friends of Nottoway Park Honored



Friends of Nottoway Park were recognized by the Fairfax County Tree Commission for their work on the Park Authority's Invasive Management Area Program at Nottoway Park. Pictured with Supervisor Smyth from right to left: Monica McKnight, Sandee Byrne, Ken Quincy (Providence Representative to the Park Authority), Vivian Morgan-Mendez, Fernando Mendez (Project Leader of the Nottoway Park IMA Program), Penny Firth (Providence Representative to the Tree Commission), back row: Steve Smith, John Hopkins (Nottoway Park Manager), and Ed Byrne. ■

Board, Authority and Commissions

Board, Authority and Commissions (BAC) opportunities as Providence District appointees currently available include:

- Child Care Advisory Council
- Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation
- Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Economic Advisory Commission
- Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving

More information on these positions is available on the county's BAC Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs or by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■



Marshall Gets New Synthetic Turf

Marshall High School saw big changes in its athletic fields by the close of 2008. Through funding from proffer commitments and community sports groups, the school constructed two new synthetic turf fields, one on the stadium field and another next to it on the practice field, which is also lit now. Funding came in large part from Macerich via a proffer commitment and contributions from Vienna Youth Soccer and Vienna Youth Incorporated. Additional funding came from a proffer from Towers Crescent and from the Fairfax County Park Authority for lights on the practice field. Supervisor Smyth continues to seek similar opportunities for businesses, community user groups, and County stakeholders to improve the inventory of recreation spaces in Providence District.



Pictured at Marshall High School synthetic turf ribbon cutting ceremony - left to right: Richard Montano, Mark Meana, Jay Pearson (Marshall High School Principal), Supervisor Smyth, Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence District School Board member), Marshall HS community members, and representatives from Macerich. ■

Interested in your neighborhood?

My Neighborhood is an online mapping and information resource. Residents can access information on My Neighborhood to pull up relevant community information such as the nearest park, recreation center, library and many more features.

More information is available on the My Neighborhood Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/mydefault.aspx?fxmResolution=1024x768. ■

Upcoming Elections and Voting Reminders

The election calendar for 2009 includes the state-wide offices of the Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General as well as all members of the House of Delegates. When more than one individual of a political party seeks office, a primary election is held to elect that party's nominee for the general election in November. The date set for the 2009 primaries is Tuesday, June 9. For absentee voting deadlines for the primary election, please visit the Electoral Board Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm or by calling the General Registrar's office at 703-324-4735, TTY 711.

Residents must be registered to vote by completing and submitting a voter registration form. To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires voters to notify their local voter registration office of any change in name or address. This must be done before the registration books close for the next election. The deadline is 29 days prior to any general or primary election and 14 days before a special election.

Virginia voters are reminded that legislation adopted by the 2000 Virginia General Assembly requires them to provide identification (ID) at the polls in order to vote. A voter who fails to bring acceptable ID to the polls may still vote after signing, under oath, an affirmation of Identify, which is the voter's certification in writing that the name and address information provided to the election officials at the polling place is correct.

More information on voter registration, acceptable forms of identification and related information is available on the Electoral Board's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/vregis.htm or by calling 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

Residents can find a vast amount of information such as polling places, upcoming elections, registration status and other pertinent information on voting and elections on the Citizenship and Voting Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/citizen/. ■



10th Annual Egg Hunt at Nottoway

Join us on April 11 at 11 AM sharp for a morning of fun and egg hunting at the 10th Annual Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park. We have over 10,000 eggs, lots of candies and special prizes for children ages 1 to 9. Divided by age group, children will hunt for eggs full of treats and win special prizes. Please bring your own basket.

Come in early for walk-in registration on the day of the event starting 10 AM. Rain or shine. \$6 per child. For more information, call (703) 324-8566, TTY 711. This event is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Nottoway Park.

Nottoway Park is located at 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Directions: Take Beltway Exit 49 (Route I-66) west to exit at Route 243 or Nutley Street north. Turn left on Courthouse Road from Nutley Street and the park entrance will be on the left. ▪



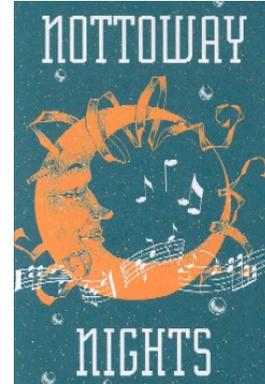
Friends of Nottoway Park hosting an egg hunt

Road Project Updates!

Residents can stay updated on VDOT road construction projects by visiting the Providence District Supervisor's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/roads.htm or by calling the office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ▪



Nottoway Nights Free Concert Series Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House. Supervisor Smyth thanks the Friends of Nottoway, the Park Authority and staff as well as the many sponsors who make these free concerts possible for residents to enjoy.

Nottoway Park is located at
9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna.

~ 2009 Schedule ~

- June 18: Mariachi Los Amigos** (Mariachi)
- June 25: Cathy Ponton King** (Blues)
- July 2: Seldom Scene** (Bluegrass)
- July 9: Hula Monsters** (Hawaiian)
- July 16: Hokum Jazz** (Vintage Jazz/Blues)
- July 23: Swing Shift** (Swing)
- July 30: Stella Mira** (Modern Rock)
- August 6: City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German"** (German)
- August 13: Hot Society Orchestra of Washington** (Big Band)
- August 20: Springfield Exit** (Country)
- August 27: Paco Diez** (Sefardic/Spanish)

(Type of band/group is in parentheses)

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help at Nottoway Nights, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain and decisions are made by 6:00 p.m. Please call 703-324-SHOW, TTY 711 for cancellations, directions and general information. More park information is available on the Fairfax County Park Authority Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/. ▪

Must-Have Phone Numbers

Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth

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	703-227-2200	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Shelter	703-691-2131	Child care	703-449-9555
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	800-435-5137	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Gang Unit-Police	703-246-4548
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	703-324-5550
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program	703-449-8989
School information	703-246-2502	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-5411
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up (County)	703-802-3322
VDOT	703-383-VDOT	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 ▪



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations will be provided upon request. For information call our office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

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