

# The Providence Report

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## Come Enjoy the 5th Merrifield Festival!

**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Luther Jackson Middle School  
3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church**

The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the Fifth Annual Merrifield Festival. Fun for all ages: food, carnival rides featuring Thomas the Train, balloon artistry, face painting, Police K9 and fire truck show and tell, and Environmental Health interactive information booth where kids can make their own bugs. Inova Health Source will sponsor flu shots. Entry to the Festival is free. If it rains, events will be moved indoors. ■

## A Message from Supervisor Smyth

As of July 1, the county budget for Fiscal Year 2010 went into effect. Realizing that we will still have to deal with financial challenges in the future, the Board of Supervisors has already started looking at revenue projections for the 2011 budget. Once again we will face the prospect of declining real estate values, which are the basis for the majority of our tax revenues. To begin the discussion on these budget issues, we will hold community meetings this fall throughout the county. I know that many of you attended our community dialogues in 2008 and hope that even more of our residents will participate this year. A list of the dates and locations for these meetings can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

Here in the Providence District Supervisor's office, we are committed to doing our share to reduce expenses as part of the budget cuts. Like other county offices, we have frozen salaries and not filled a staff vacancy. We have also cut back on operating costs. While we have always returned part of our office's annual budget to the General Fund, this year we will give back more than \$102,000. This amount represents a reduction of approximately 24% of the total funds allocated to our office.

If you have any suggestions or questions on the upcoming budget discussions, please contact my office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711, or email us at [provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov). ~ **Linda Smyth** ■

## Read-A-Thon



Supervisor Smyth participated in the Fairfax County Public Library's Read-a-Thon at Tysons Corner Center during National Library Week. The audience was composed of preschoolers from about one to five years of age. ■

## New Hours for the Oakton Library

**10304 Lynnhaven Place**

**Oakton, VA 22124**

Hours: Mon – Wed from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thurs – Fri from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sat from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday (Regional library branches are open from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday) ■



## 2009 Providence District VolunteerFest®



Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2009 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 24 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's County-wide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. The week long 2009 Providence VolunteerFest® projects will kick off at the Fifth Annual Merrifield Festival on October 17 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Greater Merrifield Business Association welcomes residents to the Fifth Annual Merrifield Festival. Come enjoy a day filled with the sights and sounds of Merrifield featuring family fun for all ages: food, carnival rides, Thomas the Train, face painting, Police K9 and fire truck show and tell. Flu shots will be provided by Inova Health Source. Back by popular demand is the County Environmental Health interactive booth with useful resource materials about the various environmental impacts on our community and what residents can do as caretakers of our environment. Kids are welcome - learn about food safety, Lyme disease, hands on bugs, make your own tick, and more! Entry to the Festival is free and will be held rain or shine. Outdoor events will be moved indoors in case of rain.

### All projects will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup>, unless indicated otherwise

- **Food Drive** – Supervisor Smyth's office and Food for Others. Non perishable food donations will be received from October 13 to 22 all day at Supervisor Smyth's office at 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax.
- **Used Book Sale** - Friends of the Oakton Library – Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Book sale will take place on Friday, October 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Proceeds to benefit programs at Oakton Library.
- **Easy Readers** – A program for first and second grade boys who need reading reinforcement - Oakton Library 10:30 to 11:15. Saturday October 3, 17 (the outside treasure hunt), 24, 31, and November 14. Advance registration is required to participate. For information, contact Danny Luciani or Drew Harrington at [easyreaders@gmail.com](mailto:easyreaders@gmail.com).
- **Oakton Community Park** - October 17, 10 am to noon - Historic Oakton Schoolhouse open to visitors. Demonstration with miniature horse pulling cart and pony rides, provided 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 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - Fairfax County Park Authority hosts projects at Providence District Parks including Borge St. & Nottoway. Park project details are available by calling 703-938-7532, TTY 711.
- **America's Adopt a Soldier** - James Lee Community Center 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church – kits for soldiers serving abroad will be prepared from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Event Promotions** – The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater 2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church. The September 25th, 2009-2010 season opening production of "Harvey" is a comedy by Mary Chase, for which she won a Pulitzer Prize and was made into a movie with Jimmy Stewart. Shows on Sept. 25, 26 and Oct 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30 pm & on Sept 27 and Oct 4 at 2pm.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2009 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2009 VolunteerFest® Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the Volunteer Fairfax Web site at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323) or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■

## **Park to be Named to Honor Sally Ormsby**

Sally Ormsby was a well known local park advocate and environmentalist who passed away in the fall of 2008. To honor her legacy of protecting the County's environment and parks, a portion of the Accotink Stream Valley Park between Prosperity Drive and Barkley Road that includes a stretch of the Cross County Trail will be renamed Sally Ormsby Park. A naming celebration is planned later in the fall.



Picture of Sally Ormsby speaking during the low impact development groundbreaking project located at the parking area shared by the Providence District Supervisor's office and the Merrifield Fire Station 30. ■



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm)

## **Friends of Nottoway Park Invasive Plant Removal**

A 2009 Providence District VolunteerFest® Project

**Workday:** Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to noon  
Saturday; rain date November 7 from 9 a.m. to noon

**Work Site:** Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna.

Take the main park entrance and turn at the first right to enter the parking lot by Field 4 (rectangular field). Go to the IMA information kiosk between Field 4 and the woods and take the first right to enter the Fitness Trail. Walk past picnic tables; continue right at the fork in the path and meet by the Invasive Management sign posted on a tree.

Please wear clothing to cover your arms and legs. Wear a hat, leather gloves and sturdy shoes. Bring bottled water and, if you have them, please bring loppers and pruners. In the event of lightning, thunder and/or heavy rain, project will be rescheduled to the above rain date. Otherwise project will continue in light rain. More information about the project is available by calling 703-324-8681, TTY 711 or by emailing [friendsofnottoway@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnottoway@gmail.com). ■

## **Oak Marr Park Upgrades Planned Ken Quincy**

Providence District Park Representative

A Master Plan Amendment (MPA) for Oak Marr Park was approved at the June 24, 2009 Park Authority Board meeting. This amendment allows for lighting of the athletic fields and mini golf area.

The 2008 Park Bond approved funds for lighting the athletic fields at Oak Marr and also for upgrading the rectangle fields to synthetic turf. With approval of the master plan amendment, these park enhancements have been added to the Park Authority work schedule for design and construction.

Currently work is scheduled to begin on the lighting design and approval in October of 2010. Construction is expected to start July of 2011 and be completed by August of 2012.

The field upgrade to synthetic turf will run concurrent with the lighting project. Design is expected to start in April 2011 with construction starting April 2012. Construction of the fields is expected to be completed by October of 2012. ■

## Transportation Matters

Providence District is the center of many regionally critical transportation projects. The following information covers major transportation projects and issues.

### Capital Beltway HOT Lanes

With a brief work stoppage at the end of June due to the rains and accompanying issues with erosion and sediment controls, this 14-mile project along Interstate 495 continues to move forward. The project is at the point where it is raising steel beams for new bridges at some locations, such as at Route 123 and Arlington Boulevard.

Since the project frequently necessitates detours and other traffic impacts, this office regularly sends out e-mail on Fridays of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) traffic alerts to all homeowner and civic associations e-mail accounts for which this office has information. If your association does not already receive this e-mail, please contact Providence District at 703-560-6946. Individuals or organizations can also register for updates at the HOT Lanes project's Web site at [www.virginiahotlanes.com/stay-informed.asp](http://www.virginiahotlanes.com/stay-informed.asp).

In addition, the project employs public affairs professionals who can provide direct assistance:

Jaime C. Brems  
VDOT GEC Public Affairs Manager  
Megaprojects I-495 HOT Lanes/Dulles Rail  
571-438-2638, TTY 711

or Chris Collins  
Director, Community and Public Affairs  
Fluor-Lane  
571-480-4651, TTY 711

### Route 29 & Gallows Road

In fall 2008, VDOT reallocated funding from the construction phase of the Route 29 and Gallows Road project, leaving the project without resources to be completed. On July 13, 2009, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to authorize use of a portion of the Commercial and Industrial Transportation Tax to fund the completion of the road widening. As a result, the project is still on schedule for a December 2010 advertisement date and construction starting in spring 2011.

The utility relocation phase of the project is progressing to facilitate the upcoming widening of the Gallows Road and Lee Highway intersection. Virginia Dominion Power is well over 90 percent complete with its facilities. Washington Gas, Verizon, Cox Communication, and Fairfax Water have either begun work or are in the design phase. For more details, please contact the Providence District Supervisor's office or VDOT Project Manager Arif Rahman at 703-383-2179, TTY 711.

### Vienna Metro

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and WMATA are working jointly to design and construct a staircase connecting the platform and mezzanine levels at the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail station. On June 1, 2009, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to move this project forward with no more than \$2 million in general obligation bonds authorized by the 2007 transportation bond referendum approved by County voters in November 2007.

### Dulles Rail

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project construction has started from Arlington through Tysons Corner to Reston. Station foundation work is being done at several sites. Pile driving and equipment staging are taking place along the Dulles Connector Road from Route 123, and clearing and grading is happening in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway from Reston to Tysons Corner.

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- In Tysons Corner, work is beginning on the 2,400-foot tunnel that will carry the rail line through the Route 7/Route 123 interchange from the northwest side of Route 123 to the median of Route 7 near the former Merchants Tire building and the Marshall's shopping center. Large equipment is now on site in the construction area at Route 123 and International Drive, but it is hard for drivers or pedestrians to see the intense activities taking place behind the green fence that lines Route 123.

- Also happening behind that fence is the beginning of foundation work for the Tysons Central 123 Station at the corner of Route 123 and Tysons Boulevard. The area is now the main construction headquarters.

- Along Route 7 where utility relocations are about 80 percent complete, traffic patterns are changing permanently. Lane shifts are happening between Tyco and Spring Hill roads and between West Park/Gosnell and Route 123 where the Tysons West and Tysons Central 7 stations will be built.

- Mid-block left turns all along Route 7 will be eliminated this fall. Left turns will only be allowed at signalized intersections – Gosnell/West Park, Spring Hill and Tyco roads.

- Left turns are no longer permitted in and out of the Marshall's Shopping Center.

Near Route 123 and the Dulles Connector Road, construction is beginning on the Tysons East Station at the southwest corner of Scotts Crossing Road and Route 123. Along the Connector Road east from Route 123, crews will soon begin replacing bridges across Pimmit Run and near Magarity and Idlywood Roads.

Piers to carry the rail line across the eastbound lanes of I-66 are being erected at the junction of the Connector Road and I-66.

In addition, rail construction is causing some detours for users of the W&OD Trail near the trail's 16-mile marker near Reston where crews will be building a bridge to carry the rail lines over the trail. Signs are posted to alert bikers of small shifts in the trail.

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More information on the Dulles Rail project is available on the Dulles Rail Web site at [www.dullesmetro.com/](http://www.dullesmetro.com/). To sign up for monthly project updates, alerts and/or weekly traffic advisories, please visit [www.dullesmetro.com/info/signup.cfm](http://www.dullesmetro.com/info/signup.cfm). For construction-related issues, please call the project's 24-hour HOTLINE at 877-585-6789, TTY 711. ■

## Dedication of the Merrifield Park

A projected increase of nearly 250,000 residents to urbanizing Fairfax County over the next 20 years is creating a need for non-traditional park design and recreational space.

The new 1/3-acre park was built to serve as a public gathering space and is located at 8191 Strawberry Lane in Falls Church.

Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board joined Park Authority staff at Merrifield Park on Saturday, June 20, 2009 for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony. Merrifield Park is the Park Authority's first developed public urban park.



Pictured from left to right are: Providence District Representative to the Fairfax County Park Authority Board (PAB) Ken Quincy; Kenneth Lawrence, Planning Commission; Supervisor Linda Smyth, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Providence District; PAB Chairman Bill Bouie, Hunter Mill District; Emily and Abigail Brunner; and Park Planning Branch Manager Sandy Stallman. ■

## **Adults with Disabilities Web site**

Fairfax County has launched disAbility Navigator which is a first of its kind one-stop-shop of services specifically geared toward adults with cognitive, physical or sensory disabilities in Northern Virginia. The Web site is fully accessible for those with vision, hearing and cognitive impairments and is credentialed by "Health on the Net." This seal of approval protects the privacy of the consumer and indicates that all of the information is current and reliable.

SeniorNavigator, a resource in Virginia for health and aging, served as the lead for the project and will operate the site. More information about disAbility Navigator is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/ltccc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/ltccc) or by calling the Health Department at 703-246-2411, TTY 703-591-6435. ■

## **Meeting Space Availability**

Located at 7921 Jones Branch Drive in Tysons Corner Virginia, there is a convenient location to hold community meetings. The space can accommodate approximately 50 people with tables in a conference room style or up to 100 people with seating only. Ample parking is available on site.

The community room is available evenings and weekends, by reservation only. You may contact the Tysons location at 703-714-6516 or Ann Holtz at 703-803-3864 to schedule your meeting or for any additional questions you may have. This meeting space is for community groups only and is not available for use by corporations or other institutions. ■

## **Seniors-On-The-Go Update**

The Seniors-On-The-Go program was maintained in the final fiscal year 2010 budget. However, the cost of the taxicab coupon booklet increased from \$10 to \$20 effective July 1 to help offset the cost of the program. The coupons are still worth \$3 each and may be used with the same taxicab companies. Please continue to use your coupons as you normally would. Nothing has changed except the price of new coupon booklets. For additional information please call 703-877-5800, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/seniors.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/seniors.htm). ■

## **Consumer Central**

It seems that with the increase in financial uncertainty comes an increase in people trying to take advantage of others. The County has a very responsive Consumer Affairs Branch that can assist should you encounter difficulty in resolving a consumer complaint. You may visit their website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/consumer.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/consumer.htm) or by calling 703-222-8435, TTY 711.

In addition, the Consumer Affairs Branch has an advice inquiry feature where you may speak directly to a Consumer Affairs Investigator to discuss your consumer issues or to determine whether you have a complaint that can be handled prior to completing and submitting the required complaint forms. ■

## **FY 2011 Budget Issues and Community Dialogues**

The County Executive forecast at the Board of Supervisors retreat in June 2009, a budget shortfall of \$316 million. The revenue shortfall is likely to change as we learn more about the State's future budget cuts. As was done during the FY 2010 budget process, community involvement will be sought through a series of Community Dialogues. You will also have the opportunity to offer your suggestions on the County's Web site as well as by calling the Budget Hotline at 703-324-9400, 711 TTY. A schedule of these meetings and additional information as to the projected FY 2011 County budget is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget).

The Community Dialogues held last year were very beneficial because they provided the elected officials with information regarding quality of life priorities while protecting vital programs, ensuring public safety and maintaining high educational standards during the current budget crisis. ■

## Sharing our Environment with Wildlife

Throughout Fairfax County, you never know what you may see as you walk or drive along the public roads, in the parks or in your own neighborhood. We share our environment with a multitude of wildlife including deer, squirrels, crows, Canada geese, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, opossums, groundhogs, the occasional bat or snake, and more.

Some of our wildlife can pose a risk to your health and caution is always advised when interacting with wildlife. Some species are rabies vectors while others can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease or West Nile virus. Fairfax County monitors the presence of these public health threats and is constantly looking for novel and effective methods by which to manage these risks. There are specific laws regulating how we interact with particular species, and Fairfax County has specialists who know how to respond to questions or concerns you may have.

The following phone numbers should assist you in obtaining answers to immediate concerns or with general wildlife-related questions. You may also visit the county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/) for more information.

Animal Control Office           703-830-1100 (Option 3)  
Animal Services Division, Dispatch   703-691-2131  
Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist   703-324-0240 ■

## H1N1 Information Resources

Fairfax County provides residents with the latest information and guidance on public health directly from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Residents may access H1N1 virus prevention information on Fairfax County's Health Department Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/swineflu](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/swineflu) or by calling 703-324-7329, TTY 711.

In addition, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has expanded its call center operations to handle questions about the H1N1 virus. More information is available by contacting VDH via their toll-free number at 1-877-275-8343, TTY 711 or by visiting their Web site at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DiseasePrevention/H1N1/index.htm](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DiseasePrevention/H1N1/index.htm). ■

## PRS, Inc.



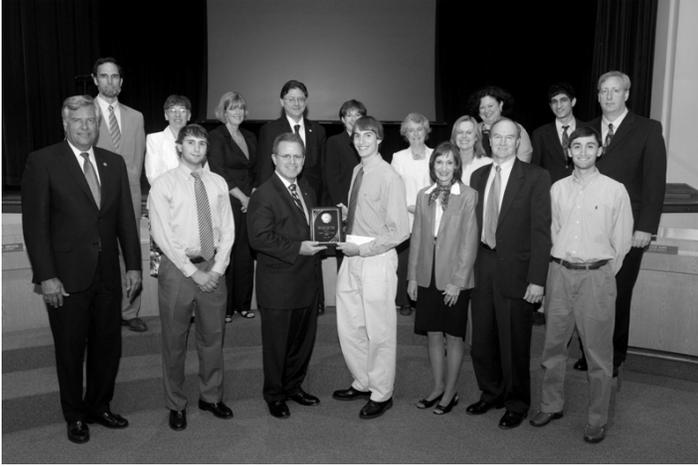
PRS, Inc., formerly Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, has opened a new location in Tysons. PRS Tysons is located at 1761 Old Meadow Road, McLean. Established in 1963, PRS, Inc., is the premier nonprofit organization in Northern Virginia providing community-based support services and training needed for men and women to recover from mental illness. ■

## Free Home Repairs for Qualified Homeowners

Since 1988, RPJ Housing, a local non-profit organization, has repaired 2,200 homes through its Rebuilding Together and Hearts and Hammers programs. Repairs are made by community volunteers at no cost to the homeowner.

Repairs include: interior and exterior painting; floor, wall and ceiling repairs; minor plumbing and electrical work; installation of ramps, grab bars and railings; and yard work. In order to qualify, you must own and live in the home to be repaired. Your income level cannot exceed \$43,050. For each additional person in the home, the income level increases by \$4,800-\$6,000. RPJ Housing is partially funded by Fairfax County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool. To apply for free home repairs, please call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606, ext 16, TTY 711. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. ■

## School Board 2009 Character Award



Phil Niedzielski-Eichner presents the School Board 2009 Character Award to Providence student Andrew Tener. Phil was joined by other members of the School Board, Superintendent Jack Dale and members of Drew's family. ■

## Volunteer Opportunities in Fairfax County

In these difficult times we often wonder what we can do to help those who find themselves in need of assistance – many of whom are experiencing this need for the first time. Fairfax County has many opportunities to accept whatever time and talent you may have to offer in a wide variety of areas. Whether you're young and just beginning to realize the rewards of giving back to your community or whether you've been doing this for many years, your assistance is more than welcome.

We also want to be mindful of the numerous food pantries located in Fairfax County, some located within the Providence District that currently are finding it hard to keep supplies on their shelves. Please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/volunteering/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/volunteering/) for a list of volunteer opportunities and consider helping in whatever way you can. ■

## Farewell and Thank You to Phil Niedzielski-Eichner

We thank Phil Niedzielski-Eichner for his exceptional service as the Providence District representative to the Fairfax County School Board for the period January 1, 2004 through June 18, 2009. Phil accepted an appointment in the Obama Administration and reluctantly had to resign his position on the School Board. While on the School Board, Phil faced the challenges of the unfunded No-Child Left Behind Act, the falling revenue and resultant budget crisis among other issues and handled these challenges with an in-depth knowledge and unparalleled professionalism. During his tenure, Phil served as Chairman of the School Board and Chair of the Budget Committee.

The election to fill the vacancy created by Phil's departure will be held during the general election on November 3. Candidates for the School Board run on a non-partisan basis. The Electoral Board lists the candidates as follows: Christopher F. DeCarlo, John N. Jennison and Patricia S. "Patty" Reed. Please visit the Fairfax County's Electoral Board's Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm) for more information on the 2009 General and Special Elections or call 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ■

## Learn What's Happening in Your Neighborhood

The County Web site offers a tool called "My Neighborhood" to assist you in learning about zoning complaints, land development, parks, demographics, police incidents, voting locations and other information pertaining to your neighborhood. The internet mapping and information application "My Neighborhood" is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/). ■

## Board, Authority, Commission and Committee Appointments

Fairfax County offers its residents many opportunities to serve the community. More information on BACs is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs). Providence District currently has the following appointments available:

Criminal Justice Advisory Board  
Fairfax Area Disability Services Board  
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council  
Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving

You may call 703-560-6946, TTY 711 for information about an appointment opportunity. ■

## Providence District APR Update

A total of seven proposed Comprehensive Plan changes were submitted for the 2008-09 Providence District North County Area Plans Review. Nearly all the applications requested allocation of additional density. After review by planning staff, the Providence District APR Task Force and the Planning Commission, one application was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for review. All other applications were withdrawn by the applicants.

The remaining APR item 08-II-4V, submitted by Clark Realty Capital, proposed to add an option to the plan text for the Vienna Metro Plan area to convert up to 700,000 sq. ft. of residential uses to office use with no increase in planned density. The application received Planning staff and Planning Commission recommendations for approval. The Providence District APR Task Force members worked with Planning staff and our Planning Commissioner to develop additional plan text to mitigate transportation impacts. The application with the task force recommended plan text was approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 13th. To obtain additional information please use the following links:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations\\_summaries/providence/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations_summaries/providence/)

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations\\_summaries/providence/4v.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations_summaries/providence/4v.htm) ■

## Redevelopment Projects Update

The developers of several approved mixed use projects in Providence District including MetroWest at the Vienna Metro Station, redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station, the DFS Long Merrifield project and the Merrifield Town Center (Mosaic at Merrifield) have indicated that they plan to move forward with construction of their respective projects.

We will share with you any updates as soon as construction schedules have been established by the developers. At this time we anticipate that construction of the public improvements for the Merrifield Town Center will be initiated late this year or early next year.

Many Providence residents have had questions about the status of the zoning approvals of these projects. First, approved zoning does not expire with the passage of time. Additionally, approved zoning legally runs with the title of the land and therefore can not be changed without legislative changes approved by the Board of Supervisors.

A proffered conditioned amendment (PCA) for the MetroWest project to convert residential development into office space would have to be submitted for review and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. (Please see APR Update article for more information). ■

## Tysons Corner Planning Update

After over three years of effort, the Tysons Task Force presented its Vision and Area Wide Recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in September 2008. The Board of Supervisors accepted the report and referred it to the Planning Commission and Planning staff for the development of detailed Comprehensive Plan text. More information is available on the Tysons Corner Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/).

At the Board's direction, the Planning Commission established a five member Tysons Committee to lead the efforts to complete the Comprehensive Plan amendment. The Planning Commission, Planning staff and consultants have been working to adapt the task force reports into the Draft Straw Man Comprehensive Plan Text. The Planning Commission subcommittee has listened to dozens of stakeholder presentations and has heard the results of public facility and transportation analyses at recent meetings. Upcoming meetings of the committee will focus on issues and topics contained in the Draft Straw Man Plan text. To inform the development of plan text the Planning Commission established the Tysons Corner Demonstration Projects Criteria. Following the criteria, county Planning staff and property owners are developing a demonstration project.

Early next year a pending comprehensive transportation study will be completed. This study will help to clarify what infrastructure improvements are needed including street grid configurations and other regional transportation improvements. Planning Commission Committee meetings presentations and handouts will be posted on their Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysonscorner.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysonscorner.htm). ■

## 2009 General and Special Elections November 3, 2009

On November 3, 2009, registered voters will go to their regular polls to elect their Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Members of the House of Delegates on November 3, 2009. There will also be a Special Election for the School Board Representative for Providence District. The Providence District School Board vacancy was created when the current representative, Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, resigned to accept a special appointment in the current Presidential Administration. In addition, there will be a bond referendum to support school construction and renovations. For more on the proposed projects, please visit the Web site below.

- ▶ **Registration:** The final date of voter registration for this election was Monday, October 5, 2009. You may register to vote at any time for future elections but would not be eligible to vote in the election on November 3, 2009.
- ▶ **Absentee Voting:** Absentee voting will be available for this election at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035 beginning September 18, 2009. A full schedule of dates and times for in-person absentee voting is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm). Applications to vote absentee by mail must be received in the Fairfax County Office of Elections no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The voted ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2009 in order to be counted.
- ▶ **Voter ID Requirement:** Legislation adopted by the 2000 Virginia General Assembly requires ID at the polls (or an Affirmation of Identity) in order to vote. Examples of forms of ID are available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm). A voter who fails to bring acceptable ID to the polls may still vote after signing, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity, 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.
- ▶ **Change of Name or Address:** To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires that you notify your local voter registration office of any change in your 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 13 days before a special election.

More information on voting and elections in Fairfax County is available on the Electoral Board's Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm) or by calling 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ■

## Electric Sundays to Continue

As we reported in our Spring 2009 issue of the Providence Report, the County began hosting a series of events called "Electric Sunday" to allow residents to recycle televisions, computers and other peripheral electronics at no cost. Well, these events have been a shocking success and are going to continue! When held, the events are from 10 am until 3 pm at the I-66 Transfer Station located at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

The events are limited to the collection of televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices, including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such material but **NOT** small or large kitchen appliances, CDs, DVDs, video cassettes or stereo equipment. For more information and a schedule of these events, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling) or call 703-324-5250, TTY 711. ■



## Our Roads

Unlike the transportation systems in a number of states, in Virginia nearly all public roads are maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation. In Fairfax County, all but about 10 miles of public roads are owned and maintained by the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a result, the County lacks the authority and the funding to perform maintenance on the roads and medians that are now often found to be unkempt, unsafe, or generally in disrepair.

Because funding for VDOT falls within the purview of the Commonwealth, the officials that can assist you in addressing the matter are the governor and members of the General Assembly. Please contact your representatives in the General Assembly to express your views on the Commonwealth's transportation policy. Virginia Relay TTY 711 applies to the phone numbers listed below. ■

Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple	703-538-4097	district31@sov.state.va.us
Sen. Janet D. Howell	703-709-8283	senhowell@gmail.com
Sen. Chap Petersen	703-349-3361	info@fairfaxsenator.com
Sen. Dick L. Saslaw	703-978-0200	vasenate35@aol.com
Del. Margaret G. Vanderhye	703-448-8018	info@vanderhye.com
Del. Stephen C. Shannon	703-281-5200	delsshannon@house.virginia.gov
Del. David L. Bulova	703-310-6752	deldbulova@house.virginia.gov
Del. Bob Hull	703-573-4855	delRHull@house.state.va.us
Del. James M. Scott	703-560-8338	deljscott@aol.com

## Snow Removal Information

When the snow and ice of winter arrives later this year, call 703-383-VDOT (8368), TTY 800-432-1843, or send an e-mail to [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto: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](http://www.virginiadot.org/about/resources/NoVa-Snow-Brochure.pdf). ■



## Hunter Mill Road Walkway Project



The Hunter Mill Road Walkway Project pictured above was completed in August 2009. This project, funded with Transportation Bonds provided for the construction of approximately 500 feet of concrete sidewalk along the east side of Hunter Mill Road from Chain Bridge Road to Mystic Meadow Way. Two other projects under construction in Providence District include new sidewalks on Lido Place and Jefferson Avenue. ■

## Call Ahead! Infant and Child Car Seat Inspections

To learn more about infant and children's car seat inspections or to schedule an appointment please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/adultselderly/kinship/kinship-child-safety.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/adultselderly/kinship/kinship-child-safety.htm). ■

## 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

<b>Adult Education</b>	703-227-2200	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	703-691-2131	<b>Child care</b>	703-449-9555
<b>Consumer Affairs</b>	703-222-8435	<b>Courts</b>	703-691-7320
<b>Dept. of Motor Vehicles</b>	800-435-5137	<b>I-66 Disposal Sites</b>	703-631-1179
<b>Emergency</b>	911	<b>Fastran</b>	703-222-9764
<b>Fire/rescue (non-emergency)</b>	703-691-2131	<b>Gang Unit-Police</b>	703-246-4548
<b>Human Services</b>	703-222-0880	<b>Library, Oakton</b>	703-242-4020
<b>Park Authority</b>	703-324-8700	<b>Police (non-emergency)</b>	703-691-2131
<b>Tax Information</b>	703-222-8234	<b>Recreation Classes</b>	703-324-5550
<b>Recycling InfoLine</b>	703-324-5052	<b>School-Age Child Care Program</b>	703-449-8989
<b>School information</b>	703-246-2502	<b>Senior Citizen Information</b>	703-324-5411
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	703-246-3764	<b>Trash Pick-up (County)</b>	703-802-3322
<b>VDOT</b>	703-383-VDOT	<b>Voting Information</b>	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](http://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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