

The Providence Report

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Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Leaders Conference

The purpose of the conference is to share information about how the county can collaborate with residents to recognize and address neighborhood concerns, interests, trends and challenges, and to provide information and resources on those issues. This conference will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.** Check-in and registration will begin at 8:30 am, (coffee and light snacks will be provided) and the opening session will start at 9:00 am. Following a brief welcome and opening remarks, attendees will break out into several classroom settings for presentations/discussions on topics such as community association best practices and neighborhood conflict resolution; neighborhood quality of life complaints (including zoning issues and unpermitted construction); Virginia Department of Transportation; Fairfax County Department of Transportation; emergency management and preparedness; community connectedness; planning and zoning; police/community engagement and successful children and youth.

This conference was held for the first time last year and was well attended and received. In addition to the presentations, information tables and booths will be available from a wide variety of agencies and topics, including the county's budget process, animal control, fire and rescue, land development services, the Office for Children, community revitalization, and hoarding.

Potholes

With springtime arriving soon, the warmer weather can result in potholes. Ice from winter months creates an expansion of the pavement. When warmer temperatures arrive and melt the ice, the roadway is weakened. If you see a pothole on a public road and wish to report it, contact VDOT by using their online work request at www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp or by phone at 1-800-FOR-ROAD.

A message from Supervisor Smyth

A year ago at this time, we had just moved to our new office at the Providence Community Center. Like any other move, it took us months to unpack all the boxes and settle into our new space. We discovered that life at the community center was very different from what we had been used to at our old location at the fire station. Not so many sirens, for one thing. Instead of fire trucks, we see people of all ages coming to the PCC for a wide range of activities. Residents also come in the evenings for meetings like our **Community Budget meeting on March 9** (see page 2). The PCC is a busy place from morning till night.

The next time you walk through the center's front door, look over to the wall on your right. You will see a large glass medallion and a certificate hanging there. While all new county facilities are expected to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver standards, the Providence Community Center has achieved gold certification for new construction. Please come by sometime soon and see this award for our "green" building.

~Linda Smyth

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.

Tax Relief Workshops for Seniors and People with Disabilities

The Providence District Supervisor's office is hosting free tax relief workshops for older adults and people with disabilities who may be eligible to receive real estate tax relief from Fairfax County. The workshops are by appointment only and take place on **Tuesday, March 14, and Thursday, March 17, 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Providence District Supervisor's Office. Please remember that our office moved and we are now located at the new Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Suite 218, Fairfax. To schedule your 30 minute appointment, call 703-560-6946 (TY 711). For eligibility requirements or to download an application go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm. You may also request an application by calling 703-222-8234, Español 703-324-3855, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. Those with hearing impairments may call TTY: 703-222-7594. You may also request an application by emailing taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you are unable to attend the workshop in Providence, you may find information about additional workshops at other locations at the above website or by calling the numbers listed above for requesting an application.

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to residents who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Returning applicants must file between January 1 and April 1. (Some exceptions may be available if applications are filed late due to a hardship that prevented the application from being filed in time. Requests for hardship waivers must be submitted in writing to the Department of Tax Administration.) Forgot to apply for 2015? Applications are still being accepted based on hardship and for first-time filers through December 31, 2016.

Providence FY 2017 Community Budget Meeting

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth, School Board Member Dalia Palchik and the Providence District Council will host a community meeting on the FY 2017 Budget on **March 9 at 7 pm at the Providence Community Center, rooms 111 and 112**. Providence District residents are encouraged to attend and learn about the challenges we continue to face in the midst of a multi-year, cyclical economic downturn.

The county is beginning a Lines of Business (LOBs) exercise (see below for more information), which is the first step in a multi-year process to shape the county's strategic direction and validate county programs and priorities. The LOBs review process will further inform the impacts of future budget decisions and allow us to be as transparent as possible with the community.

In the past eight years the county has eliminated more than 700 positions and cut more than \$300 million from the budget. Additional reductions will inevitably impact our ability to address the county's priorities. There are requests for additional funding from the Fairfax County Public Schools, and there are increasing needs for county services with more residents requiring assistance while options for helping them become more limited. Consideration has to be given to those services that the county is required by law to provide, such as health and public safety, as opposed to those services that improve our quality life but are not mandated by law.

The combination of flat revenue growth and increasing requirements for services means that the county faces a projected budget shortfall of \$85.04 million in FY 2017. Assuming funding for both critical and other priority items, the FY 2018 shortfall is projected at \$78.98 million.

The FY 2017 Advertised Budget process is as follows: February 16th, the County Executive presents the FY 2017 Advertised Budget; Budget Hearings at Government Center Auditorium on Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 7, 1:00 pm; April 19, Budget Markup; April 26, Budget Adoption.

FY 2017 BUDGET PROCESS: Lines of Business Review

Last year, as part of the mark-up of the fiscal year FY 2016 Budget, the Board of Supervisors addressed the future budget challenges facing the county, especially in the context of needing to make sure that investments in the county could be made. These investments, anticipated to occur over multiple years, range from the workforce, to traditional capital infrastructure, to technology requirements. As part of the planning for the next several budgets, the Board endorsed the opportunity to comprehensively review the county's Lines of Business (LOBs) which are essentially an inventory of the services provided by the county. Further information about the LOBs process, copies of the Citizen's Guide for LOBs and an updated "Fairfax County Revenue Sources Guide" as well as complete LOBs documents, are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/2016-lines-of-business.htm.

Discussion by the Board and the community about the priorities of the county in the context of the LOBs inventory are then anticipated to start. This discussion will focus on both providing an understanding of what the county's LOBs are and ultimately a reaffirmation of which programs should continue and which may need to be modified. The comprehensive presentation of what the county does will be critical to help evaluate where resources need to be added to ensure that the proper investments are made. The added focus on metrics to be incorporated into this LOBs exercise will be critical to provide the Board and the community with an evaluation tool as they review what the County does to determine the effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes of our programs.

2015 Tax Information Resources

State and Local Forms: The county website provides information and links to download federal and state tax forms as well as locations where you may obtain printed forms locally. Federal and state tax forms and publications can also be downloaded at any Fairfax County library using the library's public computers and printed for 15 cents per page or saved to a flash drive free of charge. Although the IRS has stopped mailing tax packages, many individual tax forms and publications, with limited availability, are still available by US mail. To request Federal or State tax forms be mailed to you, go to the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/internet/taxforms.htm and click on the appropriate link or call 1-800-829-3676 for federal (IRS) forms or (804) 367-8031 for Virginia state forms.

Filing Taxes Electronically: The IRS website outlines the electronic filing and payment options for individuals, business and self-employed taxpayers. The Virginia Department of Taxation explains Free File/e-File and other electronic filing and payment options available at the above website by clicking on the appropriate link. You get three extra days to gather your paperwork and file your federal tax return in 2016. The deadline for filing your federal taxes this year is Monday, April 18, 2016. Washington D.C. will celebrate Emancipation Day on April 15. The day is treated as a federal holiday, so federal offices will be closed. You may also go to the above website for additional questions you may have about filing of federal and state tax.

Tax Preparation Assistance for Qualified Applicants: If you or your family earned less than \$54,000 in 2015, you may qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. With the help of dedicated and trained volunteers, low-income families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$9.5 million in refunds last tax season. To find a list of locations and hours as well as a list of the items you must bring, please go to <http://nvacash.org> or call 703-531-6290. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 60 and older. For additional information including a list of locations and hours, as well as a list of items you must bring, please go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or call 1-888-687-2277.

Providence District Council

The long and rich legacy of the Providence District Council (PDC) as a non-partisan umbrella group of homeowner and civic associations is well known through their work on Tysons to Mosaic to I-66 Corridor Coalition to the County and School Budget. PDC has demonstrated that when homeowner and civic associations work together, they can provide a much needed unified voice and make a positive impact on the quality of life for many others.

The mission of the PDC is to promote the views of member associations to federal, state, and local officials and agencies. They provide a forum for the exchange of ideas; assist in bridging the ideas of common interest into constructive actions; encourage cooperative working relationships between their members and all community stakeholder groups; keep their members well informed about pertinent issues and decisions; and take positions affecting the interests of Providence District by a majority vote at membership meetings.

PDC is a membership driven organization that welcomes member participation of civic, homeowner, condo, co-op, and tenants associations located in Providence District. Membership information is available at <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/membership>. PDC meetings are free and open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

MyFairfax for Secure Online Transactions

MyFairfax is an ongoing customer service initiative to provide residents with faster and easier access to your county information in a secure environment. Initially, you can access your personal property (car) tax, business personal property tax and real estate tax information directly through the county's new secure portal, MyFairfax. Register for an account today or login to view your information at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myfairfax/>.



Recently the county's Office of Public Affairs launched a new site – **NewsCenter** – to serve as the primary hub for community focused, relevant and actionable news and information. In the short time since its launch, NewsCenter has become one of the most viewed county webpages. Media outlets have developed news stories directly from NewsCenter content. Perhaps you found useful information on the NewsCenter during the recent blizzard of 2016. You will find links for information about weather, traffic, NewsWire conversation and Social Hub. You will also be able to search the site by subject. Please visit NewsCenter at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/ and become acquainted with this important new source of information about what's happening in Fairfax County.

Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs)

Fairfax County offers its residents many opportunities to serve the community. Citizen participation in local government is essential. Local government is the form of government closest to us in our everyday lives and the one we are most able to influence. Advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Additional information and a list of county BACs is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee ("BAC"), please contact our office at 703-560-6946 or email provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov. Please be prepared to provide a current résumé. Also, as indicated in the above link, members of some BACs must file financial disclosure statements upon appointment and annually thereafter.



Spring Book Sale at the Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton 22124

703-242-4020 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

Thursday, April 7th from 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday, April 8th from 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, April 9th from 10 am to 3 pm

March 25th is the cutoff for accepting book donations.

Donations are welcome again after April 14th.

For more information and to join Friends of Oakton Library go to
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ok/

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Renovation

The Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library closed on February 1st for approximately 18 months for renovation. A small temporary library will open sometime in March at 7700 Leesburg Pike, which is directly across Route 7 from Marshall High School.

The Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library are still welcoming book donations. They have opened a temporary office in suite 137 of 7700 Leesburg Pike during the renovation. The Tysons Friends have a donation bin outside 7700 to accept donations 24/7. The bin is located in the parking lot between the South & North lobbies.

For further information, or to arrange for large donations, please contact the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library at TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com or call 703-338-3307.

Dominion Virginia Power Services

Preparation Tips for General Outages. No one likes to be without power, but sometimes it happens. Having a game plan can make dealing with outages easier by following these tips: Make a habit of keeping mobile phones and other portable devices charged; keep a stock of matches, candles, flashlights and batteries nearby; bookmark Dominion's Website (www.dom.com) on your mobile devices so you can easily report and check the status of outages, and keep extra water and non-perishable foods on hand.

Dominion has launched a new viewer map to provide customers with more up-to-date outage information. The map offers many new features including: mobile capability; faster updates -- refreshes every 15 minutes; customizable street-level or satellite imagery, weather radar, and service territory map views; improved search options, including searching by address, intersection, and landmark; bookmarking options to save addresses and areas; and an icon to indicate when a crew has arrived on a site and is working on an outage. To view the new map go to the following sites:

www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/report-and-check-outages

<http://outagemap.dom.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/external/default.html>.

Reporting streetlight outages. Street light outages can be reported by calling Dominion at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or by email at www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-concern. When reporting an outage, consider the following:

Public Streetlights: If the light is on a public street, it's most likely a streetlight. Streetlight outages must be reported by calling us at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or use the email form.*

Residential Lights: If you pay the bill for the light, call 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or use the email form to report the outage.*

Neighborhood Lights: If you don't pay the bill for the light and it's on private property or a private street, it may be private or lighting paid for by your Homeowners Association. Please have your Homeowners Association call Dominion at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or use the email form to report the outage.*

*Pole Identifiers — When contacting Dominion to report lighting trouble, please provide as much information as possible about the pole number. These are located on the poles, generally about eye level. The complete format is alphanumeric (1 letter, 4 numbers, 2 letters, 2 numbers), i.e., N1213 AB45, although some poles may only be stenciled with the last four digits (i.e., AB45). Some people find it easiest to take a picture of the information on the pole and send that to Dominion when reporting the streetlight trouble.



Stormwater Management Contractor Training

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that flows over the ground. Land in a natural condition soaks up the water. In areas with buildings, roads and parking lots, the water flows over these impervious surfaces and into storm drains. In Fairfax County, storm drains lead to streams, not to a wastewater treatment facility. Anything that goes down a storm drain goes directly to the nearest stream, and eventually to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Stormwater Management Facilities (SWM) and Best Management Practices (BMPs) help manage the impact of stormwater runoff by reducing stormwater pollution and flooding related to stormwater runoff. To ensure that these facilities perform at optimal efficiency, they need to function at their full design capability.

In order to provide information on the county's stormwater management program, common facility maintenance issues and common remedies, Fairfax County has designed a free Stormwater Facility Maintenance Awareness Training Program for stormwater facility maintenance contractors. Contractors will receive a 'Certificate of Attendance' for completing the eight hour training session taught by subject matter experts and regulators on the operation and maintenance of stormwater management facilities within Fairfax County. Further, this training qualifies participants for 8.0 contact hours for Virginia Stormwater Management Program certification purposes.

As a public service and courtesy, a listing of all contractor attendees will be maintained on the county stormwater website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/maintenance-training.htm and will be sent to facility owners with future facility inspection reports as a reference. Information concerning upcoming training may also be found at the above website.



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

We all have hazardous waste products and many people don't understand the real dangers associated with the chemicals they keep under their sinks, in their pantries or in their garages. Proper safeguarding and regular disposal of household hazardous waste keeps harmful substances from entering the environment, such as cleaning products, inks and dyes, paint, products containing mercury and other potentially harmful chemicals. It also protects everyone from accidents caused by these hazardous products, especially vulnerable young children and pets. Beginning in 2016, these materials are being accepted daily at the two permanent collection facilities located at the I-66 transfer station in Fairfax and the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton. The expanded permanent program is a more cost-effective way to capture and properly dispose of hazardous waste. As a result of cost savings to be realized by this change, Fairfax County has been able to double the number of hazardous waste collection events targeted to local business from three to six in 2016. For location and hours of operation for the I-66 transfer station and I-95 landfill please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispfacilities.htm. For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste program call 703-324-5068.



Susan Bonney, Patricia Leslie, Susan Weltz, and Peg Hausman at the intersection of Jones Branch Drive and Westpark Drive in Tysons for a Sierra Club 2015 clean-up of Jones Branch Drive.

Local Group Adopts-a-Highway

Last year the Sierra Club, Great Falls Group, under the Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program adopted all of Jones Branch Drive in Tysons. This year on Earth Day, April 22, they will celebrate their first anniversary by holding another clean-up. The group holds clean-ups on Jones Branch four times a year.

The Sierra Club, Great Falls Group, has collected hub caps, plastic bags, cups, bottles, cans, cardboard, cigarette butts, styrofoam, sign pieces, food wrappers, car and construction parts, debris, and other litter. The Virginia Department of Transportation provides safety vests, trash bags, and picks up the litter collected.

Anyone who would like to volunteer and help the Earth, clean up Virginia's roadways, exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and meet like-minded folks, please contact Sierra Club volunteer Patricia Leslie at 202-316-0584.

SPRINGfest

Fairfax's Official Earth Day and Arbor Day Event

**Saturday, April 30, 2016, Workhouse Arts Center,
9601 Ox Road, Lorton VA 22079**

Clean Fairfax Council produces SpringFest in partnership with the **Fairfax County Park Authority** and the **Workhouse Arts Center** in Lorton. This year we welcome FCPA Healthy Strides Expo with workshops, vendors and activities to help us be healthier and happier. Enjoy environmental workshops, games, pony rides, face painting, rock climbing, plant sale, tree planting, community service clean up, petting zoo, and more! **This is a GREEN event — no disposable single use water bottles or styrofoam!**

Assistance Finding Services for Older Adults

Fairfax Area Resources for Caregivers of Older Adults provides a detailed list of resources and services available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/webdocs/adults/caregiver_resources.htm. You will find useful information if you are concerned your aging relative. . .

- is moving to Fairfax County and needs help.
- is having difficulty grocery shopping.
- seems to be getting more forgetful and/or confused.
- has dementia or other disability and cannot live alone.
- has been diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- is isolated and lonely.
- is unsure of their medical coverage.
- may become unable to make health-related and financial decisions.
- needs more assistance and I am having to take more time off from work.
- takes a lot of my time and I need help.
- is physically frail and falls.
- is at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- lives out of the area, and I need information on services there.

In addition to the extensive website the county provides for locating services for older adults at the above website as well as at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/OlderAdultServices, there is also a phone number staffed with information specialists that can discuss services for older adults and caregivers in the Fairfax area. The number is 703-324-7948 and can help with issues such as care management/social work; caregiver support and respite; in home care; health insurance counseling; meals on wheels; nursing homes and assisted living; recreation, transportation, adult day health care; adult protective services and more.



RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and older. In Northern Virginia, RSVP volunteers are responding to community needs in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County, and the City of Alexandria.

Individuals choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week. RSVP is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). RSVP-Northern Virginia is sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax in partnership with Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria.

RSVP volunteers bring 55+ years of skills and experience, and many of them want to explore new talents! RSVP offers a wide range of opportunities, including: mentoring children in classrooms, supporting veterans and military families, tax counseling for low-income families, working in local and national parks. Studies show that volunteering helps us to live longer, more meaningful lives. In addition to meeting friends who share the same passion for service, benefits to RSVP members include: free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional transportation reimbursement, social and recognition events and ongoing educational opportunities.

You may register for a one-time, one-hour RSVP Orientation to learn about current volunteer opportunities, RSVP member benefits, and volunteer policies to be held on **Monday, March 7 at 1:30 pm at the Central Library-Arlington**. You can register for this orientation online at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ec2xsqd5ij3chk9k/a007ijg29d3p/questions>. If you are unable to attend this orientation or if you would like more information about RSVP-Northern Virginia, please contact Nadia Trznadel, RSVP Volunteer Specialist, by email at ntrznadel@volunteerfairfax.org or by phone at 703-403-5360 to make alternate arrangements.



State Council of
Higher Education for Virginia

Senior Citizens Can Enjoy Learning with Tuition Waivers

If you're a resident of Virginia and a senior 60 years or older, you may be eligible to take courses without paying tuition except for established fees for course materials, such as laboratory fees.

You qualify to take a course for academic credit free of tuition if your taxable income was not more than \$23,850 in the preceding year. You qualify to audit a course that is given for academic credit or take a noncredit course free of tuition and fees regardless of income level. No limit is placed on the number of terms, quarters or semesters in which you audit courses, but you are limited to no more than three noncredit courses in any one term, quarter or semester. There are no restrictions on the number of courses that may be taken for credit in any term, semester or quarter, or on the number of terms, semesters or quarters in which an eligible senior citizen may take courses for credit.

You must meet the appropriate admission requirements of the institution in which you wish to enroll, and you will be admitted to a course only on a space-available basis after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. Also, an institution has no special obligation to offer courses specifically to meet the needs of senior citizens or to continue to provide a particular course for a senior citizen who has registered for the course if the regular enrollment in the course is not adequate to justify the offering.

For more information, please visit the website at www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/regsSeniorCitizenTuitionWaiver.pdf from.



EASTER EGG HUNT AT NOTTOWAY PARK

On **Saturday, March 26**, the Fairfax County Park Foundation and the Friends of Nottoway will host the annual Egg Hunt and a visit with the Easter bunny for children ages 1-9.

Bring your own basket and hunt for candy and eggs filled with treats. Bring a camera for photo ops with the Easter bunny! Separate hunts and door prizes for each age group.

Walk-in registration starts at 9:30 am at the picnic shelter (cash only). Tickets are \$10 per child, with proceeds benefitting Nottoway Park improvements.

Egg Hunt Schedule: 1-2 years 10:30 am; 3-4 years 11:00 am; 5-6 years 11:30 am; 7-9 years 12:00 pm

Weather decision will be made at 8:30 am on the day of the event. Call 703-324-8566 for information and weather cancellation.

Directions: Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Beltway Exit 49 (I-66) to exit at Route 234 or Nutley Street north, turn left on Courthouse Road and the park entrance will be on the left.

TAKE BACK THE NOTTOWAY FOREST

Dig in and get involved with native habitat restoration in the Nottoway Park woodlands. Help *remove* invasive plants and *replant* native species. Earn community service and environmental project hours. Scout projects are welcome.

Workdays: *Saturdays* (9 am to noon) — March 5, March 19, April 9, April 16, April 30, May 7

More Information & Volunteer Sign Up:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/ or call 703-324-8681

NOTTOWAY NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS at 7:30 pm

**NOTTOWAY PARK
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna**



June

- 16 Chaise Lounge Band (Swing)
- 23 Seldom Scene (Bluegrass)
- 30 Black Masala (Gypsy Fusion)

July

- 7 King Teddy (Swing)
- 14 Origem Band (Brazilian Jazz)
- 21 Zydeco A-Go-Go (Zydeco)
- 28 Lena Seikaly (Jazz)

August

- 4 Robin and Linda Williams (Folk)
- 11 Lox and Vodka (Jewish/American)
- 18 The Big Boy Little Band (Blues)
- 25 Solas (Irish)

Concerts are cancelled if it is raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) after 6:00 pm for cancellation updates. Concerts are held outdoors. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. For updates and more information, please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Farmers Markets in Providence District

All eleven Fairfax County Park Authority Farmers Markets will be open the first week in May. Farmers Markets' vendors grow, raise or produce the products they sell. One of the eleven Farmers Markets run by the county is located in the Providence District at the **Oak Marr RECenter**, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton 22124, and will be open on Wednesdays beginning May 4th, from 8 am until noon. (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm)

In addition, there are a few other farmers markets located throughout Providence District:

Mosaic Central Farm Market, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax 22031, reopens Sunday, May 1, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (www.centrafarmmarkets.com/).

Smart Markets Oakton, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton 22124, is a year round market open on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm (www.facebook.com/smartmarketsoakton).

Smart Markets Tysons, 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean 22012, opens in the spring on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm (www.facebook.com/smartmarketstysons).

LAND USE UPDATES

Tysons Plan Implementation

In July of 2016 the Silver Line will have been open for two years. The Tysons Plan focuses 75 percent of future development within a half mile of the four new Silver Line Metro stations in Tysons. Private construction continues. In 2015 three major buildings were delivered including Tysons Overlook, an 11-story office building on Jones Branch Drive; and at Tysons Corner Center the VITA, a 28-story residential building with 429 units, and the Hyatt Regency Hotel were completed. Eight major construction projects are currently underway and are anticipated to be delivered within the next three years. Five multi-story residential buildings will create approximately 1,200 new units. These projects include: Elan Tysons West, Nouvelle Apartments, The Commons Building 1 and two buildings at the Tysons Garfield site. Three office buildings including a new Capital One Headquarters, 1775 Tysons Boulevard and MITRE 4 combined will create approximately 1.7M sq. ft. of new office development. We anticipate that another Transforming Tysons Open House will be held in June of this year. Residents will have an opportunity to meet with county staff and developers to learn more about proposed development activity, ongoing transportation and transit improvements, potential comprehensive plan changes, and park and public facility plans for Tysons. For more details about the plan please visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/. To review approved and pending Tysons rezoning applications, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/.

Vienna/Fairfax Metro Updates

Construction of the **MetroWest** project continues. Pulte is completing construction of five four story residential condo buildings (160 units) with underground parking and elevator service. Pulte is interested in constructing buildings 14 and 15. To that end late last year Pulte submitted a Partial Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA 2003-PR-022) proposing to delete proffer 5.b. [Timing of High Rise Construction](#). The intent of this proffer was to incentivize the construction of the office and retail component of the Metro West development that is primarily owned by Clark. Clark Realty has expressed interest in joining with Pulte in the PCA. At this moment Clark has not yet identified a time line for a submittal to the county.

Development of Thompson Property

NVR Inc. and Timber Ridge LLC. have moved forward with constructing a 16 acre, 141 unit townhouse community south of the Vienna/Fairfax GMU Metro station. The Thompson property is located at 8301 Lee Highway just west of Nutley Street, and backs up to the existing Stonehurst townhome neighborhood. It was zoned for townhomes back in the 1960's with the rest of Stonehurst.

Merrifield Updates

Mill Creek Residential, developer of **Avenir Place**, the 15-acre **mixed-use redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Metro Station**, has completed their second and final residential building. The completed 2,000 WMATA parking garage replaces the previous 1,300 surface parking spaces and provides new covered bus bays, separated kiss and ride facilities and improved pedestrian and vehicular accesses and plaza amenities. Ground floor office, and retail space is being leased and occupied. A Harris-Teeter grocery is anticipated to open in May, 2016.

Construction of the second phase of the **Mosaic District** in Merrifield is nearing completion. Mill Creek has completed construction of 252 apartment units in two multifamily buildings with 60,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space across from the movie theater. The retail space is quickly being occupied with new tenants. In March, Mill Creek plans to start construction of two new residential buildings that will contain 220 apartments and 50,000 sq. ft. of new retail space. The new retail space will be owned and managed by **Edens** as part of their **Mosaic District**.

Edens, the developer of the Mosaic District, has completed and delivered to the County proffered **community meeting space**. The meeting room is available for use by residents and local organizations. The meeting room is located in the ground floor of the Avalon Mosaic apartment building adjacent to the surface parking lot behind the Angelica Theater and next to DGS Delicatessen. If you are interested in reserving use of the space, please email NCS@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-865-0520.

Greater Hillwood Development Updates

Redevelopment of the 19 acre Hillwood Square Cooperative located on Cherry Street is progressing. The 384 unit apartment complex will be completed in the second quarter of 2016.

The 8 story, 160 room **Hampton Inn Seven Corners** hotel is still under construction. The hotel, located off of Rt. 50 (service drive) and South Street, was approved back in 1970. The hotel will have an indoor pool and will be accessed from the Route 50 service drive with no direct access to South Street. The hotel is scheduled to be open for occupancy in April, 2016.

Bozzuto LLC is building the **174 unit apartment building, with 14 attached townhomes** that will face South Street. The project, located immediately adjacent to the Hampton Inn, will have 14,000 sq. ft. of retail and service uses fronting on Rt. 50. The previous 1970's zoning

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approvals for the property could have accommodated a third thirteen story office building, similar to the two adjacent existing office buildings at R. 50, South Street and Hillwood Avenue. Bozzuto started construction last summer and expects that it will take two years to complete the project.



Fairfax Forward is Fairfax County's new Comprehensive Plan review process.

The Fairfax Center Area Study is a multi-phase planning study. Phase II of the Fairfax Center Study started in November 2014. An area wide task force to review proposed plan changes in the core areas of the Fairfax

Center Plan Area was convened last summer and has continued to meet. The portions of the Providence District covered by this second phase include the land area south of Rt. 66 and north of Rt. 50 and west of the City of Fairfax. Waples Mill Road bisects this land bay and includes Fairfax Ridge Road and Pender Drive. Please use the following link to obtain more information about the new Fairfax Forward planning process: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/

For Fairfax Center Area Study updates: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxcenter/about.htm

Planning staff continue to work on editorial **updates for the Merrifield Suburban Center**. Since the adoption of the Merrifield Suburban Center plan language in 2001, several large scale development and road improvement projects envisioned in the plan have been initiated or completed. The plan editorial updates will primarily reflect these approved projects in revised maps and any corresponding text, as well as other minor editorial changes to reflect what has been approved and built. Current plan recommendations for Merrifield are not intended to change with the pending editorial updates.

New Fairfax County Noise Ordinance in effect as of Feb. 17, 2016

As many may already know, the county has a new Noise Ordinance. Due to a Virginia Supreme Court ruling we were compelled to rewrite our noise rules to comply with the court decision.

For more information or details on the new rules, visit the Department of Planning and Zoning's Noise Ordinance Amendment web pages or call 703-324-1314, TTY 711. Or use this link: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-noise-ordinance-passed/

For noise complaints, here's who to contact:

During daytime hours (Monday – Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm; Friday, 9:15 am to 4 pm), you should contact the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711.

At night, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

To enforce the law, the county may seek civil and criminal penalties against violators, as well as court orders to prohibit current and future noise. Civil penalties start at \$250, rising to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Criminal convictions would be a misdemeanor.

User Friendly Permit Process

Fairfax County will soon be providing residents more help when they try to obtain permits for improvements that they want to make to their homes or businesses. The development process is often not user friendly for new or infrequent users. Many residents and small business owners engage the permitting process only once, and the process can quickly become overwhelming. To remedy this problem, the county will be converting portions of the first floor of the Herrity Building to accommodate an information center staffed with county experts to assist and educate residents about the development and permitting process. This pilot customer information center is expected to be opened mid-year 2016. Concurrently the county is developing a 24/7 virtual information center that will mirror and complement the face to face information center in the Herrity Building.

Idylwood Substation Update

As you may already know, Dominion Virginia Power is planning to rebuild the existing substation located near the corner of Shreve Road and Holly Manor Drive. The existing facility originally built in the late 1950's will be upgraded to address capacity and reliability concerns in the region. Dominion initiated community outreach near the end of 2015 to inform residents about construction phasing. Dominion will continue their outreach through the spring of 2016. Dominion hopes to complete the substation remodel by the winter of 2018. Please feel free to contact Dominion directly if you have questions or would like more information about the project at 1-888-291-0190 or via e-mail at powerline@dom.com. Residents can also sign up to receive project updates via email at www.dom.com/corporate/what-we-do/electricity/transmission-lines-and-projects/idylwood-substation-at-shreve-road

If you have any land use questions, please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946. To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, utilize the following link: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>.

Residents can also review pending applications using an interactive map: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/.

Resources and Information about Planning & Zoning in Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/resources/.

I-66 Update

In December VDOT Commissioner Kilpatrick informed the public that it is in the best interest to move forward with a public private partnership for I-66 outside the Beltway. This means a private firm will design, finance, build, and maintain the project with oversight from the Commonwealth of Virginia. VDOT anticipates selecting the private partner by fall of 2016 and a financial agreement by spring of 2017.

VDOT has refined their plans with a Preferred Alternative design concept for I-66 outside the Beltway. In January they released a revised tier 2 environmental assessment which is available to view online at http://outside.transform66.org/meetings/asset_upload_file325_77658.pdf.

I-66 inside the Beltway design public hearings will take place March 7th, 8th and 9th. The public will be briefed on how the dynamically priced toll lanes would function and where proposed toll gantries and price signs would be located. All information materials from these meetings will be available online at <http://inside.transform66.org/default.asp>.



Troop Treats founder Germaine Broussard with Rick Peterson from Grace in Motion. Grace In Motion, located in Tysons, serviced three motorized wheelchairs which were donated by TroopTreats to the Warrior Surf Foundation, a nonprofit that works with veterans.



Capital Bikeshare is coming to Tysons! This investment will help get cars off the road, boost local economy and contribute to a healthier community. The bikeshare

system allows you to check out a bike and ride short to moderate distances from bikeshare station to bikeshare station. There will be 80 bicycles available in Tysons at 11 stations located east of Route 7, north of Route 123, and south of the Dulles Toll Road. Fairfax County Department of Transportation is working to identify and refine the exact locations for the stations in Tysons, but we're moving forward with the equipment purchase. The first phase of the system is expected to open in the fall of 2016. To learn more about Capital Bikeshare, please visit their website at www.capitalbikeshare.com.



Bike to Work Day will take place on **Friday, May 20th**. Come join over 10,000 metro area bikers for a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. To get additional information please visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

To find the most convenient bicycle route, contact the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's bicycle program staff at 703-877-5600, TTY 711 or email bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Hunter Mill Road Roundabout

Progress is being made on the Hunter Mill roundabout at Mystic Meadow Way. Land acquisition was completed in December of 2015. Currently utility relocations are taking place and will continue into the spring/summer of 2016. In late 2016 the bid for construction will be advertised and subsequently awarded. Construction should begin in early 2017 with the project being completed by mid/late 2017.

2016 Annual Native Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale makes low-cost bare-root native shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Two packages are offered: The shrub and small tree package featuring 10 seedlings for \$16.95. And the tree package which includes 6 seedlings sells for \$11.95. To see images and names of this year's plant assortment and to find order forms visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by **Wednesday, April 20**, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt with a map to the pickup site at the Packard Center in Annandale. Orders may be picked up on **Friday, April 29, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**, or **Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am to noon**.

Document Shredding Event in Providence

Saturday, June 25, 8:00 am to noon, Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna 22182.

The annual shredding event in Providence is scheduled for June 25, from 8:00 am to noon. We recommend you arrive early because while the event is scheduled until noon, there are a limited number of trucks available. Once the trucks are filled, the event must end. Residents may bring up to 5 medium size packing boxes per vehicle of residential documents of a sensitive nature to be shredded. Please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm, or call 703-324-5230, TTY 711, for a list of prohibited items, procedures for the event and other 2016 shredding events in the county.



Spring Update from Providence School Board Member Dalia Palchik

I am delighted and honored to serve as your new representative on the Fairfax County School Board. I was born in Argentina, and moved to Providence District with my family when I was six years old. I'm a proud graduate of Mantua E.S., Frost M.S. and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

I hold a B.A. in Anthropology and French from Tufts University and am pursuing my M.Ed. in World Language Instruction. I have taught Spanish, English, and French to students from Kindergarten to post-college, worked as a communications and media director in international development, and served as a community health educator and medical interpreter.

My priorities for this year include community partnerships, digital learning, and a whole-child approach to education.

On the weekends, you can catch me on the Shenandoah trails, gardening in Eakin Park, or cooking with family and friends.

Budget:

I began my term this January with the yearly budget process. Since then, I have worked with my colleagues on both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors to help ensure that our schools are well managed and continue to receive the funding necessary to invest in our students and in our county's future, especially since the state has continually reduced its funding for K-12 education.

Whether or not we have children in school, funding education is one of the most important and effective investments we can make and helps keep our county from facing larger costs down the line.

With that in mind, the budget cycle continues this spring. On April 5th, the School Board will present the budget to the Board of Supervisors, who will then hold public hearings on the county budget from April 5-7th.

The county will determine the budget package and the tax rate on April 19th. Finally, the School Board will hold budget work sessions on May 2nd and 19th, with public hearings on May 17th. I hope you are able to join us and to engage in this important yearly process.

Celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, & Health Sciences!

The 2nd annual STEM-H Expo hosted by FCPS Academies and NOVA SySTEMic Solutions will take place on Saturday, April 9th 2016 at NVCC's Annandale Campus. We are thrilled to invite students, parents, and community members to learn more about these exciting fields through exhibitors, demonstrations, and breakout sessions. For more information, to sponsor or to volunteer: www.fcps.edu/ChantillyAcademy/stem/stem.html

FCPS Honors and Foundation for FCPS

FCPS Honors is a ceremony recognizing the greatest achievements in education each year. The 2016 event will be held on **June 8th** at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. For more information or to support our schools: fcpsfoundation.org

Office Hours

I would love to meet you! Please drop by one of my monthly office hours the **first Saturday** of the month from **10 am-noon** at **Panera** in the **Mosaic District**. This school year, the dates are March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th and June 4th. I am also available by appointment most days of the week. Please feel free to reach out:

Email: dapalchik@fcps.edu **Phone:** 571-279-4017 **Twitter:** @DaliaPalchik

Important Dates

Spring Break - Monday, March 21th through Friday, March 25th

Student Holidays - Monday, March 28th and Friday, April 22nd

Last Day of School - Thursday, June 23rd

Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
 3001 Vaden Drive
 Fairfax, VA 22031

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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	703-658-1201	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	800-367-7623	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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