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# The Providence Online

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*The Providence Online is a monthly electronic newsletter from the Office of the Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth and provides information and updates for Providence residents.*

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## Groundbreaking of the Oakton Library

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On April 8, 2006, Oakton residents, elected officials and members of the community came to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Oakton Public Library, the first public library in Providence District. The celebration included acknowledgement from Governor Kaine of this historical moment in Oakton and Providence District; a commendation issued by the Virginia General Assembly; and a proclamation issued by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Participants also enjoyed entertainment and refreshment and special visit by local author and national best seller, David Baldacci.

Supervisor Smyth thanks the Oakton Library Groundbreaking Committee for all their hard work in making the April 8, 2006, "Oakton Library Groundbreaking and Community Day," festive and memorable for Oakton residents and Providence District. The "Oakton Library Groundbreaking and Community Day" proclamation is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Oakton\\_Day\\_bm.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Oakton_Day_bm.htm).

### Some background

The new Oakton library site was acquired through a development proffer in 2000 and is located at the intersection of Hunter Mill and Chain Bridge Roads. The planning and design phase commenced in 2002 and the architectural firm of Phillips Swager Architects was selected to design the 17,000 sq. ft., \$7.6 million facility. Designed to be state-of-the-art and environmentally sound, the building will employ various LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) principles, including orienting the building to maximize energy efficiency, installing a highly efficient mechanical system and using daylight and screening to offset energy consumption. The library is scheduled to open in the fall of 2007.



*Supervisor Smyth joins in the Oakton Library Groundbreaking and Oakton Community Day celebrations held on Saturday, April 8, 2006*

## Providence District Upcoming Events

### Land Use Seminar Land Use Information on the Web

**Date: April 25, 2006**

**Time: 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

**Place: Fairhill Elementary School - Cafeteria  
3001 Chichester Lane, Fairfax**

*The Land Use Information on the Web will be hosted by the Office of the Providence District Supervisor and the Department of Information Technology, Fairfax County.*

#### Brief Overview

##### My Neighborhood

The **My Neighborhood** application lets you know what features and facilities are available in and around your neighborhood. Through it you can find information about parks, schools, libraries, fire stations, and other public facilities nearby. You can also find general information about your location such as the supervisor district you are in, your elected officials, and other location specific data.

##### Digital Map Viewer

The **Digital Map Viewer** accesses free pre-made maps of the county. These include Property, Zoning, Contour, Topographic, Chesapeake Bay Preservation and Sanitary Sewer maps. Property and Zoning maps are updated daily.

##### ICARE

The **ICARE** property assessment website provides assessed values, sales history, and physical characteristics extracted from the official real estate tax assessment records for all residential and commercial properties in Fairfax County.

##### LDS Net

The **LDS Net** provides residents access to information available on the County's Land Development System.

Users can find information for zoning applications and/or site related plans submitted to the County to perform land-disturbing activities.

##### Q&A

Please call **(703) 560-6946, TTY 711** to RSVP for this free event. The following two Land Use Seminars will be held on **May 8 and 22** at the same location.

More information and updates about this event is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Land\\_Seminar.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Land_Seminar.htm)

## Pandemic Flu Planning

Fairfax County is taking a coordinated approach to planning for pandemic flu – a global outbreak of a novel strain of influenza with efficient human-to-human transmission. County pandemic flu planners are working to produce a plan by the summer of 2006 that will supplement the county's emergency operations plan, and remain flexible as information is added or changed.

The county's effort began last fall and involves numerous county agencies, the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, the towns of Herndon and Vienna, as well as private sector groups and partner organizations. County planning initiatives are being undertaken in accordance with the emergency plans of the Virginia Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. In addition, county officials are involved with National Capital region efforts being led by the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

Deputy County Executives Rob Stalzer and Verdia Haywood co-chair the county's Pandemic Flu Executive Team. The executive team provides guidance to the county's Emergency Management Coordinating Council (the leadership team), which oversees two coordinating committee and the Critical Infrastructure and Resource Management Coordinating Committee. The county's planning efforts include representatives from approximately 30 county agencies.

The Public Health Coordinating Committee, co-chaired by Addo-Ayensu, and Raja's Satourim, M.D., also of the Fairfax County Health Department, includes eight public health work groups. These work groups are organized based on topic areas such as community and disease prevention, laboratory and surveillance, first responders and mass casualty, and essential needs.

The Critical Infrastructure and Resource Management Coordinating Committee, chaired by Doug Bass, coordinator of Emergency Management, and Merni Fitzgerald, director of the Office of Public affairs, will address critical infrastructure such as public works, transportation, schools, information technology, human resources and utilities as well as private sector critical infrastructure and pandemic flu planning.

Information about the Pandemic Flu outreach effort is available on the Health Department's Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/).

## Fairfax ReLeaf

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With a goal of planting 2,006 trees on community and public property in 2006, trees, guards, stakes and tips on tree planting will be provided free of charge through a partnership with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, Fairfax ReLeaf, the Fairfax County Tree Commission and other donating organizations. The trees will be available after April 21 through the end of May, and then again in late September for a fall planting.

To order trees, contact Fairfax ReLeaf at 703-324-1409, TTY 711, or [trees@fairfaxreleaf.org](mailto:trees@fairfaxreleaf.org) with the number and types of trees needed. Be sure to select the [types of trees](#) that are suited to the area where they will be planted. When you place your order, information about picking up the trees will be provided. Trees are not available for planting on private property.

## America's Anniversary Gardens

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The Fairfax County Virginia 2007 Community Citizen Planning Committee invites you to join in the celebration of our country's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary by planting an American flag in your yard. Beginning this spring and into 2007, patriotically colored red, white and blue flowers will bloom across Virginia to commemorate the settlement of Jamestown in 1607.

A publication detailing the plants selected, suggested planting designs and planting care instructions is available through partner organizations including the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Local Beautification Committees and Green Industry Partners.

More garden information is available on the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners website at [www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/](http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/).

## Earth Day Arbor Day Celebrations

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Earth Day Arbor Day is being held at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College on **Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Each Day/Arbor Day is sponsored by Fairfax Recycling, Clean Fairfax Council, Northern Virginia Community College, and Fairfax County.

The festivities will include a special appearance by Jack Hanna, a petting zoo, learning safari, reptiles/amphibians in our backyard, computer recycling, cell phone recycling, eye glass recycling, rechargeable batteries, tree recycle, wall climbing demonstration and exhibits, arbor day tree plantings, games, food, and much more.

## Farmer's Market at Nottoway Park

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Every week, spring through fall, Nottoway Park bustles with farmers, residents and visitors of our communities. Part of the parking area springs alive with the abundant sights, sounds, smells and colors of an open air produce market. **The 2006 season opens on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Farmer's markets are supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority. More information is available on the following park Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm) or by calling the Park Authority at 703-324-8702, TTY 711. ▪

## MetroWest Rezoning Application

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The MetroWest Rezoning Application was approved by the Planning Commission on March 15 and by the Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2006. More information on this application is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Land\\_Use.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Land_Use.htm) or by calling Supervisor Smyth's Office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

## 703-FAIRFAX

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The county information line has changed from 703-324-3185 to 703-FAIRFAX to make it easier for Fairfax County residents to find the information they need. The county information line, staffed by the Office of Public Affairs, provides general county information from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. County information is also available during non-business hours on the 24-hour automated information line, 703-324-INFO and on the [county's Web site](#).

# Must-Have Phone Numbers

**Providence Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth**

Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711

## General Fairfax County Information 703-FAIRFAX

Adult Protective Service 703-324-7450 ■ Child Protective Services 703-324-7400  
 Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 ■ Rape Crisis Hotline: (703) 360-7273

## Other Numbers

Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments 703-324-4891, TTY 711  
 Board of Zoning Appeals 703-324-1280, TTY 711  
 Clerk to the Board of Supervisors 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, [clerktofos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktofos@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
 Clerk of the School Board 703-246-3646, TTY 711, [pam.goddard@fcps.edu](mailto:pam.goddard@fcps.edu)  
 Planning Commission 703-324-2865, TTY 711, [plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov)

<b>Adult Education</b>	703-227-2200	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	703-830-1100	<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 (DMV)</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>Office for Women</b>	703-324-5730
<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
<b>For any number listed here or elsewhere in TTY, please call 703-803-7914 TTY or the 703-222-0880 voice intake number.</b>			



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