



The Providence Online

2006 October Edition

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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Providence Perspective

The Providence District Supervisor's office has put together a work group consisting of residents and experts to bring to life a history project entitled Providence Perspectives through words and pictures. Supervisor Smyth welcomes the participation and suggestions of anyone interested in the rich history of Providence. If you would like to offer an interview, please contact the Providence District office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. The progress of this project will be posted on the project Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/perspectives.htm. ▪



Supervisor Smyth joins members of the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, elected officials and members of the community at the unveiling of the Tinner Hill historical marker.

General and Special Elections

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Polling locations will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, for registered voters to vote in the General Election for the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

More information on this year's General and Special Elections is available on the following Upcoming Elections Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm#constitution or by calling the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ▪

Looking for a Space for your Community Meetings?

A new Fairfax County EMS training facility and community meeting room opened in the Tysons Corner area of the Providence District in April of this year. The center is located at 7921 Jones Branch Drive. This is a convenient community meeting space that can accommodate approximately 34 people with tables or up to 60 people with seating only. This space is available to community groups on evenings and weekends, by reservation only.

More information is available by calling Alexis Battista at 703-714-6516 or 703-714-9218 or Ann Holtz at 703-803-3864 during the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, for reservations or for any additional questions you may have. ▪

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following three proposed constitutional amendments will be offered to voters at the November 7, 2006 Special Election.

► **Article I – Bill of Rights: Section 15-A Marriage**

Shall Article 1 (the Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to state:

“That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status of relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage.”?

YES	NO
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► **Article IV – Legislature: Section 14. Powers of the General Assembly; Limitations.**

Shall Section 14 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia be amended by deleting the provision that prohibits the incorporation of churches, a provision that was ruled to be unconstitutional and therefore is now obsolete?

YES	NO
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► **Article X – Taxation and Finance: Section 6. Exempt Property**

Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real property taxes for real estate with new structures and improvements in conservation, redevelopment, or rehabilitation areas?

YES	NO
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More information available on the State Board of Elections Web site at www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Election_Information/ (under Candidates List & Ballot Issues)

2006 County Bond Referendum

Virginia law permits the Fairfax County government to borrow money to finance the acquisition of land, materials, and equipment to construct projects by issuing general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds obligate the county to repay investors from future tax revenue. Bond financing permits the costs of a project to be repaid over a number of years during the life of a public facility. However, before the county can incur general obligation bond debt, the voters of the county must authorize the county to borrow those funds.

► **Park Bond**

In order to cover the cost of new development or major renovation of Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) facilities, residents have an opportunity to vote on authorizing a maximum of \$25 million in general obligation bonds. The money raised would help the county continue to provide residents with the high caliber park services they have come to enjoy.

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This funding will be used for two major programs: land acquisition and park development. The land acquisition program would receive \$10 million to obtain new park land adjacent to existing parks and in areas of high deficiency. This program also encourages the most efficient use of acquisition funds through cooperation between private sector and community organizations.

Targeting current facilities in need of improvement or renovation, the park development program would use \$15 million toward bettering our athletic fields and trails and stream crossings. Of that sum, \$10 million would apply to installing synthetic turf on twelve existing grass fields. This conversion would create approximately 62 percent more playing capacity. The remaining \$5 million would be used for design and construction of 75 miles of trails and stream crossings along the Cross County Trail.

More information on the park bond can be found on the FCPA Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2006bond.htm. In addition, a list of completed projects funded by the 2004 Park Bond, and previous bonds, is available on the following FCPA Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/bondprojectstatus.pdf.

► **Public Safety Bond**

The question being presented in this bond referendum asks the voters whether the Fairfax County government should be authorized to contract a debt and issue bonds in the maximum amount of \$125 million for the purposes of providing public safety facilities. If the voters vote yes on this question, the county could borrow up to \$125 million for the following purposes:

- **Police Facilities:** The Police stations in the Fair Oaks, McLean, and Reston police districts will receive major renovation and expansion. Each of these stations is more than twenty years old, and they need to be expanded and renovated. Also, the West Ox Animal Shelter will be renovated and expanded to deal with overcrowding caused by a substantial increase in the county's pet population. An estimated \$71.1 million would be spent on these improvements.

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- **Fire and Rescue Facilities:** Projects include renovations and improvements to existing fire stations and the replacement of the Great Falls Fire Station. Also, the Fire and Rescue Training Academy will be expanded and improved to keep pace with current and future capacity requirements for fire recruit training. An estimated \$29.1 million would be spent on these improvements.
- **Other Capital Facility and Security Improvements:** These funds would be used to provide major capital improvements at existing public safety facilities and criminal justice facilities, to provide security enhancements at public safety and criminal justice facilities, or to acquire land for proposed public safety projects. Also, these funds would be used to provide for replacement of heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms, and other improvements to public safety and criminal justice facilities throughout the county. An estimated \$10.8 million would be spent on these improvements.
- **Capital Renewal:** These funds would be used for renovation of existing public safety and criminal justice facilities, including the replacement of major building systems and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life, including heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems and equipment, roofs, fire alarm systems, parking lots, and other major building systems. An estimated \$14.0 million would be spent on these improvements.

More information is available on the following 2006 Bond Referendums Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond/ or by calling the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711. ▪

PB PlaceMaking

Fairfax County selected a team led by PB PlaceMaking to assist the Tysons Land Use Task Force in its mission to coordinate community participation and recommend changes to the 1994 Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan to include four planned Metro stations.

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2006 Providence VolunteerFest® Projects

Volunteerism in Action



Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 28, in conjunction with VolunteerFest® and the *National Make a Difference Day*. The week long 2006 Providence VolunteerFest® events will kick off at the Merrifield Festival on October 21 at 10 a.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church and showcase ***Volunteerism in Action*** across Providence District.

Saturday, October 28 events will be held throughout Providence District

Food Drive - Supervisor Smyth's office/Food for Others

8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax - Food and book sale donations will be received all day from October 16 – 27 at this location.

Book Sale - Friends of the Oakton Library

2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton (Unity of Fairfax Church) - Book sale will take place from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This book sale will benefit the new Oakton Community Library, which is currently under construction next to the Unity of Fairfax Church.

Child ID – Delegate Shannon's Office (35th District)

2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton (Unity of Fairfax Church) – Child safety and identification will take place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mini Golf – Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA)/Police Department/Park Authority

The GMBA and the Police Department will host a round of mini golf with students selected from the Graham Road ES.

Park Projects - Fairfax County Park Authority

Parks located in Providence District – Projects details are available by calling 703-324-8597, TTY 711.

Nottoway Park - Friends of Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna - Project details are available by calling 703-324-8597, TTY 711.

Children's Winter Clothing Collection - Fairfax County Public Schools, Providence District School Board Member Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner and Supervisor's offices.

Schools located in Providence District – Donations will be accepted from October 16 – October 27 during school hours.

Horse Demonstration – Fairfax4Horses

2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton – Enjoy an educational and demonstrative session about horses from 11 a.m. – noon. The location is the new Oakton Community Park opposite Mystic Meadow Way.

Adopt a Soldier - James Lee Community Center

2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church – kits will be made from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Event Promotions – The Providence Players/Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs

2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church (James Lee Community Center Theater) – The Providence Players 2006-2007 Season opens on October 13 at 7:30 p.m. with the production of William Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life."

Supervisor Smyth and the 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite you, friends, family and co-workers to participate in this year's activities.

More information on the 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest® and VolunteerFest® events are available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/Vol_2006.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the VolunteerFest Web site at www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323 or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ▪

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, clerktochos@fairfaxcounty.gov

Clerk of the School Board 703-246-3646, TTY 711, pam.goddard@fcps.edu

Planning Commission 703-324-2865, TTY 711, plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov

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Adult Education	703-227-2200	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Shelter	703-830-1100	Child care	703-449-9555
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	800-435-5137	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Gang Unit-Police	703-246-4548
Human Services	703-222-0880	Office for Women	703-324-5730
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5550
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program	703-449-8989
School information	703-246-2502	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-5411
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up (County)	703-802-3322
VDOT	703-383-VDOT	Voting Information	703-222-0776

For any number listed here or elsewhere in TTY, please call 703-803-7914 TTY or the 703-222-0880 voice intake number.



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For information call our office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.