



# The Providence Report

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## A message from Supervisor Smyth...

In my first year as Providence Supervisor, I have met many of the residents in our district. While some of them have arrived recently in our area, others like the Thompson family (see the column to the right) have lived here for many years. Our residents come from a wide variety of backgrounds and reflect a multiplicity of interests. But one thing that they have in common is their willingness to volunteer their time to make our community a better place to live. This newsletter highlights some of the volunteer efforts going on throughout our district and identifies other projects where we need your help.

For more information, please check my Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/) or call my office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

–Linda Smyth ▪

*Supervisor Smyth accompanied by Reverend Bill Hale (left), Albert Crider, Chairman Gerry Connolly, Officer Tom Black, Captain Graham McGowan, Delegate Bob Hull (D-38<sup>th</sup>) and Nat Atapoor at the Allen Street road improvements ribbon cutting ceremony.*



## Providence District Local History – Leehigh Auto Body Shop

*Ralph Thompson, Providence District Resident*



*Above is a picture of the Thompson family with the Leehigh Auto Body Shop in the background - Picture provided by Ralph Thompson*

The Leehigh Auto Body Shop, located at 8810 Lee Highway, Fairfax, was originally built by the present owners' Father, Armistead Turner Thompson, circa 1925, as a wood-slab sided dance hall. There were a number of such places along Lee Highway during those years from Falls Church to Centreville. Some that come readily to mind are Dixie Tea Garden, Hunter's Lodge, Happy Hour and Social Circle.

This forerunner of the Leehigh Auto Body Shop ceased to operate as a dance pavilion once our Father married our Mother, Olive Mae Crouch, in the fall of 1933. During the period 1934–1938, the building was primarily used as a storage facility for fruits and vegetables to be sold at an adjacent roadside stand. This stand continued to market produce until about 1994, when Lee Highway was widened.

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## **Demonstrating Innovation: A Stormwater Retrofit at the Providence Supervisor's Office**

In our last newsletter, we wrote about a possible grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to complete a low impact development/best management practice retrofit project at the Supervisor's office called "Demonstrating Innovation: A Stormwater Retrofit at the Providence Supervisor's Office." The grant project was approved allowing the grant team to move forward with new and innovative techniques including a rain garden, a green roof, and permeable pavers. This project will begin this year and be located behind Fire Station 30 in the parking lot area.

The rain garden will be approximately 680 square feet and will have three main functions. First, the garden will collect runoff from Fire Station 30 and the surrounding impervious surfaces allowing for slower infiltration into the soil. Second, it will allow for fewer pollutants to enter the watershed which in turn will contribute to improved water quality in the area. Third, this system will decrease the quantity of water going into the sewer system and streams improving stream stability and assisting in flood control.

The rain garden, which will be located on the median, will be built by digging out the existing soil and replacing it with gravel - allowing for larger void spaces in which water can seep. The rain garden will also be equipped with outflow pipes which will help drain excess water into "Stormtech" storage pipes that will be placed under the permeable pavers next to the rain garden. This system will allow large runoff flows to be retained and then slowly dispersed into the surrounding soil while also collecting pollutants and other sediment resulting in improved water quality.

The permeable pavers will be replacing the existing pavement for parking area near the rain garden. The pavers will act similarly to the rain garden in that they will allow runoff from the surrounding impervious surfaces to be slowly infiltrated into a medium (gravel and Stormtech storage pipes) and then slowly seep into the surrounding soil. The use of Stormtech storage pipes is an important aspect of this project since they will allow for greater increase in water detention while utilizing the same amount of space. The pavers will allow the site to still be utilized as a parking area while allowing for decreased water flow into our streams and sewers.



**Design Concept for Demonstrating Innovation: A Stormwater Retrofit at the Providence Supervisor's Office**

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This project was created as a working model for Providence District citizens and Fairfax County to follow and re-create environmentally friendly designs of their own. Runoff from impervious surfaces and neighborhood yards has a major impact on water and stream quality in our district. When constructed in private yards and county maintained lands, using ideas and concepts from these projects can have a major impact on water and stream quality in our district and county. Small and steady contributions from each citizen can ultimately have an enormous positive impact on the stability of the environment.

This project has tremendous potential to profoundly impact our community through its educational and practical components. It has already been recognized by numerous local newspapers including the *Fairfax Chronicle*, *North County Chronicle* and the *Washington Post*. It has also received acknowledgment by State representative Delegate Jim Scott (D-53<sup>rd</sup>) and most recently, a commendation by the Virginia House of Delegates to Supervisor Smyth and Michael Aho of her staff.

The contributions from Supervisor Smyth's office and of county staff members have been invaluable to this project. The personnel for this project are as follows:

- Project Director Michael Aho / Supervisor Smyth's office
- Carl Bouchard (Director, Stormwater Planning Division, DPWES)
- Diane Hoffman (NVSWCD Administrator)
- Dr. Asad Rouhi (NVSWCD Conservation engineer)
- Ron Tuttle (Landscape architect, SPD, DPWES)
- Kathryn Moore (Design/construction engineer, MSMD, DPWES)
- Russ Smith (Watershed Resource Engineer, SPD, DPWES)
- John Palmer (Landscape architect, SPD, DPWES)
- Jim Patteson (Dep. Director, LDS, DPWES)
- Scott St. Clair (Director, MSMD, DPWES)

Along with these County representatives, members of the Council of Governments (COG) and students from George Mason University will have donated their time and effort to make this project a reality. Below is an aerial photograph of the project site:



**Information, as well as pictures, is available on the county Web site at:  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/dcr\\_grant.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/dcr_grant.htm) •**

## Sheriff's Office Community Labor Force

The Sheriff's Office is stepping up its Community Labor Force activities by launching new initiatives such as utilizing inmate labor to provide landscaping services on County owned property – one such location is the Providence District Supervisor's Office. This service, which was previously provided by outside contractors, will now be provided by the inmate labor crews. Inmate labor crews consist of well-screened non-violent offenders and are escorted by Deputies from the Sheriff's Office during their work schedule.

The Community Labor Force program provides an innovative approach to incarceration and work release programs. The inmate labor crew provides services to the county and taxpayers that include graffiti removal, cleaning blighted properties, litter pick-ups, maintaining bus stops and overall beautification of the county, while at the same time the inmates are able to develop employable skills. Program participants may earn Judicial Good Time for their services, thereby reducing the incarceration period and the cost of incarceration to the taxpayer.

Besides county property, the Community Labor Force also provides services on private properties - generally community improvement projects sponsored by a locality - with the written consent from the General District Court. The process of obtaining the written consent from the court - a Court Order - is a fairly complicated process but can be obtained with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office.

More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/sheriff](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/sheriff) ▪

*Progress at Briarwood Trace affordable housing construction – sponsored by Habitat for Humanity*



## School News

*Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, School Board Member*



*Phil Niedzielski-Eichner and Supervisor Smyth in front of the trophy stand at the Oakton Classic*

**50 Year Birthdays:** Two of Providence District's most successful schools are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Both Luther Jackson Middle School (LJMS) and Timber Lane Elementary School (TLES) have slated events during the current school year to remind the students and the community of their school's rich heritage and to attract alumni back to recall fond memories. Congratulations are also in order for LJMS Principal Carol Robinson for securing her Doctorate in Educational Instruction and to TLES Principal Anita Blain and Vice Principal Diane Connolly for recent acknowledgements as outstanding educators. Information about their celebratory activities can be secured by calling LJMS at 703-204-8100 and TLES at 703-206-5300, TTY 711.

**Milken National Educator Award:** Deborah Tyler, principal of Pine Spring Elementary School in Providence District, was selected as one of two winners of the Milken National Educator Awards in Virginia. The Milken National Educator Awards use a stringent and comprehensive selection process, such as outstanding accomplishments and long-range potential for professional and policy leadership. Tyler has been principal at Pine Spring Elementary since 2001.

**Impact of Rezoning Requests on Schools:** Based on the questions fielded from the community during a meeting regarding the Fairlee development in the vicinity of the Vienna Metro Station, Linda Smyth and I hosted a meeting for the community with school system and county staff to discuss how we assess the impact on area schools of proposed housing development rezoning requests. The meeting was held at Mosby Woods Elementary School on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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## School News

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### Administrative Center

The School Board has purchased a newly built but vacant building at 8115 Gatehouse Road in Merrifield and a site adjacent to the building on which an identical building will be constructed. Together, the two buildings will accommodate more than 1,300 employees in a two-phased consolidation. Phase I of the project will move more than 600 school system employees beginning in early 2006. The remaining employees will be moved in Phase II to be completed in 2009. Some key points worth noting:



- We will spend more money out of our operating funds simply by maintaining the status quo.
- No money will be taken from the FCPS Capital Improvement Plan, and the consolidation will have no negative financial impact on the future building or renewal of classroom space.
- The fact that the building is new, but vacant, resulted in a competitive price. We also save on design costs.
- The savings generated by the consolidation will pay for the new administrative center; an additional cost savings of approximately \$48 million will be realized that can be applied toward classroom needs.
- Savings will come from a reduction in the costs of maintaining and operating currently owned and leased facilities, the cost of staff travel, existing facility leases, and telecommunication cost avoidances.
- Many of the buildings we are vacating are 50 years old and will otherwise require substantial maintenance and renovation to continue to use them for administrative offices.
- As a result of the consolidation, FCPS employees will be able to work more efficiently and effectively at a lower cost to the taxpayers.
- This is a plan, therefore, that makes good fiscal and business sense.

I appreciate that my friend Supervisor Smyth provides me space in her newsletter to provide you with an update on Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) issues. Please contact me with any questions or concerns via email [pneichner@fcps.edu](mailto:pneichner@fcps.edu) or by calling 703-246-4783, TTY 711. I am honored to serve Providence District on the FCPS School Board. ▪

## Stormwater Needs Assessment

### Important Stormwater Information Available for Presentation

Fairfax County is working on a project with residents to enhance the current stormwater management program to improve streams, prevent flooding and erosion, and raise awareness about stormwater issues. County representatives are available to speak to organizations, associations, and groups about this project and the possible funding options to finance the improvements. Request a county representative to speak to your group by contacting Krystal Kearns, Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division, 703-342-5821, TTY 711, via email [krystal.kearns@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:krystal.kearns@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by visiting the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/needsassessment.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/needsassessment.htm). ▪

## Watershed Updates

### ***Cameron Run:***

This watershed project is progressing as scheduled thanks to the Cameron Run Watershed Advisory Committee, local citizens and Versar Inc. (the consultant working with the county). Versar has formulated creative solutions from a list of potential site problems and areas within the watershed that will be prioritized according to the severity of the problem. The end result of the proposed solutions for the watershed problems is meant to ultimately benefit the entire Cameron Run Watershed.

### ***Difficult Run:***

With the help of the consulting services of SAIC and KCI, this watershed project is gaining momentum even though it is in the beginning stages. KCI has obtained data about the health of the watershed, which will be used as a ranking system to determine the most serious problem areas. Community support will be essential for the ongoing process of identifying problems, proposing solutions and applying resolutions to the entire Difficult Run Watershed.

### ***Middle Potomac:***

This watershed is made up of numerous streams including: Bull Neck Run, Dead Run, Pimmit Run, Scotts Run and Turkey Run that drain into the Potomac River. Concerns facing the watershed include inadequate riparian buffers, impervious surfaces, channel alterations, trash dumping, flooding, invasive species, and stream habitat degradations. The watershed committee and the community have identified the areas with serious problems in the watershed and the next step for this project will be to determine solutions for these problem areas and engage the community for further input.

### ***Accotink Creek:***

Accotink Creek will be one of the next watershed projects to begin this summer. The Accotink Creek watershed basin encompasses a large section of Providence and sections of Springfield, Hunter Mill, Braddock, Mason, and Lee Districts. This watershed also impacts the town of Vienna and the City of Fairfax making this program of great significance to many county residents.

More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Watersheds.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Watersheds.htm) or [www.fairfaxcounty-watersheds.net](http://www.fairfaxcounty-watersheds.net) ■

## Comprehensive Plan Amendment Updates

### ***Area Plans Review (APR) Task Force:***

Supervisor Smyth would like to thank all of the members of the 2004-05 Providence District Area Plans Review Task Force for their time and effort. The Task Force completed its review of all the Providence District nominations outside Tysons Corner, and their recommendations have been forwarded to the Planning Commission. The recommendations of the Task Force and the Department of Planning and Zoning will be posted on the Providence District Web site. The Planning Commission will hear the Providence nominations on Thursday, April 21, 2005 and carryover on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Nominations recommended for approval will go before the Board of Supervisors in June or July.

### ***Tysons Corner Rail Related APR Nominations:***

All Tysons Corner Urban Center APR nominations have been deferred until the completion of a baseline transportation study. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is developing a scope of analysis and will soon hire an independent consultant to complete the study with anticipated completion in the fall of 2005. After the Tysons transportation study is completed, and county staff reviews it, a Tysons planning study will be initiated.

### ***Fairlee/ Metro West Out Of Turn Plan Amendment - OTPA S-02-II-V2:***

On December 6, 2004 the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved OTPA S-02-II-V2. The most significant issues that we have sought to address in the approved plan text and in other ways are the following: Metro capacity, replacement of Metro parking, school capacity, transportation and transportation demand management (TDM), environmental issues, the appropriate mix of uses and the protection of stable neighborhoods.

Pursuant to the approved OTPA, a rezoning application has recently been submitted with the county. The developer has begun scheduling public outreach meetings with neighboring communities. If any HOA or Civic Association is interested in having the developer make a presentation of the proposal, please contact the developer's representative, Jon Lindgren ([Jon.Lindgren@pulte.com](mailto:Jon.Lindgren@pulte.com)).

More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Land\\_Use.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Land_Use.htm) or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/planning](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/planning) ■

## **Transportation Update: Transportation Options for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

Most adults have spent their adult life “getting around” by driving. The number of senior drivers in the county highlights the need to have alternative transportation options to meet the needs of “getting around.” The transportation options also apply to individuals with disabilities and unable to drive themselves. Furthermore, for many non-drivers, public transportation is the only alternative to asking family, friends, or neighbors for a ride.

For seniors who are unsure of what the effects of their driving might be, the Virginia Department for the Aging and the Department of Motor Vehicle have come together to offer the **GrandDriver** program. Among the program’s initiatives are local presentations that will allow seniors to learn more about the effects of aging on driving. More information is available on the following Web site: [www.granddriver.net](http://www.granddriver.net) or by calling 1-800-552-3402, TTY 711.

**Seniors-on-the-Go:** For this program, eligible seniors must be 65 or older, be a resident of Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax, and have an annual income of \$40,000 or less for individuals or \$50,000 or less for couples. Seniors who meet the eligibility requirements may access this service after completing an application process. Eligible participants can purchase 16 taxicab coupons for \$160, valued at \$480, within a 12-month period. Participants can then make direct arrangements with one of the three approved taxicab companies to schedule a ride – the telephone numbers of the approved taxicab companies are available in the coupon booklets. There are restrictions on the distance being traveled. Individuals with disabilities are also eligible for this service. More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/seniors.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/seniors.htm) or by calling 703-324-1172, TTY 711.

**Fastran:** This service provides transportation, via bus or cab, for residents of Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church who have been certified eligible by a number of means. Through Fastran there is a dial-a-ride and critical medical care program. Dial-a-ride transports low-income residents during established hours to and from medical appointments and essential shopping needs on a pre-arranged basis. The critical medical care program transports residents who must undergo continuing dialysis, cancer treatments, or rehabilitative services on a space available basis.

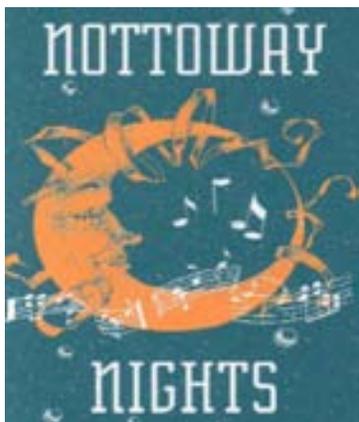


Additionally, County Human Service Agencies obtain transportation through Fastran for groups or individuals for a variety of services. The Human Services Agencies that are served by Fastran include Mental Retardation Services, Mental Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Services, Senior Centers, Senior Residences, Senior Adult Day Health Care and Community and Recreation Services. These Agencies would submit a request to Fastran on behalf of the groups or individuals. More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Fastran/General\\_Info.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Fastran/General_Info.htm) or by calling 703-324-7079, TTY 711.

In addition to the county programs, both Metrorail/Metrobus and Fairfax Connector offers public transportation options. Seniors are eligible to ride Metrobus and Metrorail at half price and must be carrying Metro Senior IDs. Applications for these IDs are available at all Fairfax County libraries. More information is available on the following Web site: [www.wmata.com/riding/senior-disabled-id.cmf](http://www.wmata.com/riding/senior-disabled-id.cmf) or by calling 202-637-7000 or 202-962-1246, TTY 711. Metro Senior IDs are also valid for half price fares on Fairfax Connector buses. ▪



## Nottoway Nights 2005



**Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.**

Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House. Supervisor Smyth thanks our many sponsors who make these free concerts possible. Furthermore, this program would not be as successful without the support of the Friends of Nottoway and the many volunteers who join the Friends to hand out programs and to orchestrate parking. Nottoway Park is located at 9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna.

### 2005 Schedule

**June 2:** La Salle Dance Orchestra (Swing)

**June 9:** The Grandsons (Rockabilly)

**June 16:** Seldom Scene (Bluegrass)

**June 23:** Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel (Klezmer)

**June 30:** Slavic Male Chorus of Washington DC

**July 7:** Fairfax Symphony "German Band"

**July 14:** Eastern Standard Time (Ska & Reggae)

**July 21:** "Yarawi" Musical Art of the Andes

**July 28:** John McCutcheon (Folk)

**August 4:** Radio King Orchestra (Big Band)

**August 11:** Jefferson Street Strudders (Dixieland)

**August 18:** Nathan & the Zydeco

Cha Chas (Zydeco)

**August 25:** The Vienna-Falls Chorus

(Type of band/group is in parentheses)

If you or your organization would like to volunteer for Nottoway Park Free Concert Series, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

Concerts are cancelled in case of rain; decisions are made by 6:00 p.m. Please call 703-324-SHOW, TTY 711 for cancellations, directions, and general information. ▪

## Save the Date

### **Senior Tax Relief Workshops**

March 18 and April 14

Supervisor Smyth's Office

*To qualify for a Real Estate tax exemption, specific criteria must be met. Call 703-222-8234, TTY 711 for more information.*

### **Commission for Women**

#### **Voices Forum**

April 6

Government Center

### **Celebrate Fairfax**

June 10-12

Government Center

## **Sixth Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop**

### *A Focus on Low Impact Development & Stormwater Management*



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop has become a wonderful community tradition. It will be held at Luther Jackson Middle School on April 2 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We encourage you come and learn more about Low Impact Development and Stormwater Management in Fairfax County and the Metro Washington Area. See pages 2 and 3 in this newsletter for information on Low Impact Development and the practices it entails.

Participants will have the opportunity to select from several workshops offered by county agencies, as well as the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, International Dark Skies and American Lung Association. **Please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711 to register for this event.** More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Environmental\\_Workshop.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/pd/Environmental_Workshop.htm) ▪

## Health Reminders

### West Nile Virus:

Virginia has 55 different known species of mosquitoes and 30 of those species have been found in Fairfax County. Mosquitoes are an important insect pest to monitor because of their ability to transmit disease and thus affect human health. *Culex pipiens*, the common house mosquito, is commonly found in Fairfax and is known to transmit West Nile virus to humans. In the summer of 1999, the West Nile virus was responsible for sixty-two cases of encephalitis in New York City and surrounding counties, including seven deaths nationwide. In 2001, there were 66 cases and 9 deaths. In 2002, West Nile virus cases were found across the United States with a dramatic case increase nationwide of 4,156 human cases resulting in 284 deaths. Before 1999 the virus had never before been identified in the Western Hemisphere.

Fairfax health officials are asking residents to be more conscious of the need to eliminate mosquito breeding places around their homes. Health officials encourage residents to discard small pools of water that collect in rain gutters, discarded tires, tarps covering firewood, toys, pet water bowls, flower pots, bird baths, etc., which could be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Taking away or regular emptying of those potential mosquito breeding sites around the home will help limit the number of pesky mosquitoes and help reduce the mosquito population. More information is available by calling 703-246-2300, TTY 711 or on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/mosqintro.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/mosqintro.htm)

### Rabies:

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system and almost always kills animals or humans that get sick from it, unless treated. Only mammals get rabies; skunks, bats, foxes, raccoons and domestic animals such as cats and dogs are most likely to get rabies. Rabbits, squirrels, rats and mice, and pets such as gerbils and hamsters seldom get it. The rabies virus can be transmitted through a bite or saliva. The Health Department recommends that all pets should be timely vaccinated. Incidents of exposure to rabies bites should be reported to the local health department.

More information is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/rabies1.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/rabies1.htm) or call the Health Department at 703-246-2300, TTY 711 and animal control at 703-830-3310, TTY 711 for animal exposures or bites. ▪

## Virginia Association of Counties

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is governed by a board of directors made up of local government officials. Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly serves as the organization's President. VACo's legislative steering committees monitor state and national legislative activities for changes affecting local governments and recommend an annual legislative program, which is adopted at the annual conference.

VACo was formed during a meeting on September 12, 1930 when the boards of six southwest counties - Montgomery, Roanoke, Smyth, Pulaski, Giles and Craig - proclaimed the need for a joint action. This call for a joint action was conceived in the depths of the Great Depression, "when acting separately meant failing alone" and "for the purpose of improving county government and promoting the general welfare of the people."

VACo's mission continues today as the dynamic organization serving as a voice of the people in the General Assembly; supporter of county officials as they navigate through the intricacies of governing; and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia.

At their January 10, 2005 Board of Supervisor's meeting, Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth was nominated by the Board to serve on the VACo Board of Directors representing Region 8 – which includes Fairfax County. During the Board of Director's meeting on February 3, 2005, Supervisor Smyth was voted to serve as a member of the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors.

More information is available on the Web at: [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org) or by writing to the following address: Virginia Association of Counties, 1001 East Broad Street, Suite LL20, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or by calling 804-788-6652, TTY 711 or via fax 804-788-0083. ▪



## Opt Out of Unwanted Newspaper, Publication Deliveries

The distribution of unwanted literature such as coupons, advertisements, community newspapers, and political brochures, etc., is deemed a private nuisance, not a public nuisance, which is why Fairfax County does not have any enforcement authority. However, there are actions you may take as an individual or in conjunction with your civic or homeowners association. You may start by calling the organization distributing the literature and ask to be put on their "Do Not Deliver List." You may also decide to pursue legal recourse by contacting your legal counsel to learn more about your options.

To opt out of the following publications you may contact

*The Fairfax Times* at 703-777-1111, ext 1365 and *The Examiner Washington* at 1-800-531-1223. ■

### Providence District Local History – Leehigh Auto Body Shop

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In 1938, Mr. Robert L. Larrick rented the old dance hall as an automobile repair garage that performed engine repair, brake work, etc. This continued until Mr. Larrick was drafted into military service for World War II, sometime around 1942 or 1943. The building sat for a short while and then was rented to Mr. William L. Ervin, as an auto body repair shop, for the next thirty years or about 1973. It was during this time that the building evolved from a wood slab structure to a cinder block walled facility, with concrete floor, indoor plumbing, forced-air heat and other modern amenities.

The next seventeen years or so saw four or five different tenants. Ralph, Spencer and Gordon Thompson have owned and operated the Leehigh Auto Body shop from the end of that period until the present, as RSG Associates, Limited Partnership and Leehigh-Five Corporation, respectively. ■

*A view of the Leehigh Auto Body Shop as it currently sits along Lee Highway in Fairfax*



### Recycling News

Are you aware that Fairfax County has a new e-newsletter about recycling and waste reduction? It provides information and ideas that you can try at home to help reduce negative impacts on our environment. It also provides information about upcoming events in Fairfax County such as recycling events for computers, bicycles, cell phones, eyeglasses, "peanuts" and the foam we always seem to have in abundance when we receive packages in the mail. Electronic subscription to the e-newsletter is available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists)

Fairfax County has also instituted a fluorescent lamp recycling program for county operated facilities. The Fluorescent Lamp Management Program was started in September 2004 with the goal of recycling approximately 20,000 lamps out of the county's waste management system for an anticipated savings of \$30,000 in hazardous waste disposal fees each year. Fluorescent lamps contain small quantities of mercury which may create potential adverse health effects if released into the environment. By recycling these lamps, the mercury is removed and recovered for reuse while the balance of the materials are either recycled or disposed of according to federal and state environmental regulations. Supervisor Smyth has inquired as to the feasibility of expanding this initiative to Fairfax County Public School facilities as well as to the private industry.

More information on recycling ideas and resources are available on the county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/recyclingtrash.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/recyclingtrash.htm)

Information on free mulch for your gardening needs this season is available on the following county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispmulch.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispmulch.htm) ■

# Must-Have Phone Numbers

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<b>Adult Education</b>	703-227-2200	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	703-830-3310	<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
<p><i>For any number listed here or elsewhere in TTY, please call 703-803-7914 TTY or 703-222-0880 voice.</i></p>			

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