



# The Providence Report

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## A message from Supervisor Smyth...

Welcome to the summer edition of the Providence Report. To supplement your beach reading, we have compiled an assortment of articles covering a wide range of topics. The gamut runs from summer programs and volunteer opportunities to ongoing initiatives and upcoming events. We hope everyone finds something of interest in this newsletter. As always, more information and updates on these and other topics can be found on my Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence.htm).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! ■

~ Linda Smyth ~



Supervisor Smyth at the Mantua Parade

## The Mandate Review

Unfunded mandates are important to Fairfax County because they compel the Board of Supervisors to divert local tax dollars to support federal and state programs rather than using tax dollars to support and expand local services and priorities. These unfunded mandates cost the county more in expenditures than revenue available to offset those costs.

Fairfax County expects to spend over \$1,193 million on federal and state mandates in FY 2006. Only \$533 million is recoverable through federal, state and user fee revenue, for an estimated net cost to the county to comply with mandates in FY 2006 of approximately \$660 million for all funds. This represents an estimated 8 % increase in county's cost to comply with federal and state mandates which has been consistently increasing over the last ten years.

**If these mandates were fully funded and General Fund funding was not required, the Fairfax County real estate tax rate could be reduced by approximately 23 cents.**

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## News to Use

The Office of Public Affairs is expanding the distribution of one of its most popular publications, "News to Use," which contains seasonal articles about programs and services in Fairfax County, such as public safety, recreation, child care and more. In order to make this publication more widely available, it is now electronically available by subscribing through the following Public Affairs Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/n2u.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/n2u.htm) or by calling 703-324-3187, TTY 711 for an alternate format. ■

## Providence Perspectives

The Providence District Supervisor's office is putting 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 Providence history. If you would like to be part of this work group, please contact the Providence District office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. Progress of this project will be posted on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/perspectives.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/perspectives.htm). ■

## Hunter House at Nottoway Park

The Nottoway Nights free concert series takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House located at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna. Built in 1890 by Scots immigrant John C. Hunter, Hunter House began as a small farmhouse and retains much of its original character while expanding into a spacious facility. Over the years the house has been the center of a working farm, and after Prohibition, a winery producing "Virginia Maid" wine. Today, Hunter House offers two rooms, a large entry hallway, screened porch and shaded lawn that can be rented as a community gathering place for receptions and garden parties.

It may be reached by taking the Beltway Exit 49 (Route 66 west) to route 243 (Nutley Street north) to a left on Courthouse Road to the park entrance on the left. More information about Hunter House is available on the following Park Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hprs/hunterhouse.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hprs/hunterhouse.htm) or by calling 703-938-8835, TTY 711. ■



View of Hunter House located at Nottoway Park.

## Our Fallen Officers

Supervisor Smyth and her staff are deeply saddened by the deaths of Officers Armel and Garbarino and keeps the Armel and Garbarino family in their thoughts and prayers. After inquiries from sympathetic residents and county employees, trust funds have been set up to support the Armel and Garbarino families.

Checks should be addressed to the Armel Family Trust Fund or to the Garbarino Family Trust Fund  
c/o: Fairfax County Federal Credit Union 4201  
Members Way, Fairfax, VA 22030. ■

## Library Happenings

### ► Grants and Funding Research Center

The Fairfax County Public Library's Grants & Funding Research Center is a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center. The library's GFRC is one of more than 240 Cooperating Collections in the U.S., and its mission is to help grant seekers find funding for free. Grant seekers include entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and private institutions.

### ► Book Discussion Kits

The Fairfax County Public Library now offers book discussion kits for both adults and children that book clubs can check out for six weeks. The plastic containers include 10 copies of the same book, as well as support materials such as book discussion questions or author information.

### ► All Fairfax Reads

Join neighbors and friends for the third annual *All Fairfax Reads*, a one book/one community project that encourages residents to read the same book at the same time. The Fairfax County Public Library launched the initiative in 2004 with Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and continued the popular initiative last year with *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Pick up a copy of the 2006 choice, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie, at your nearest library branch and attend special book discussions and events this fall.

### ► Motherread®/Fatheread®

Fairfax County Public Library Foundation, Inc. invites you to join an exciting new family literacy program. In the Motherread®/Fatheread® program, adults meet with instructors to learn how to read and discuss children's books with their kids. Children meet separately to enjoy books, games, art and role-playing. Together, parents and kids learn the important benefits of reading as a family.

### ► Wireless Access

The Fairfax County Public Library now offers free wireless access to the Internet at the following five branches: the Chantilly, Pohick, Reston, Tysons-Pimmit and Sherwood Regional Libraries.

More information on the above and other library services is available on the following library Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or by calling 703-324-3100, TTY 703-324-8365. ■

## Pandemic Flu

An influenza (flu) pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of flu disease that occurs when a new type of influenza virus appears that people have not been exposed to before or for a long time. The pandemic virus can cause serious illness because people do not have immunity to the new virus. Pandemics are different from the seasonal outbreaks of influenza that we see every year. Seasonal influenza is caused by influenza virus types to which people have already been exposed to. Its impact on society is less severe than pandemic influenza and vaccines (flu shots and nasal-spray vaccines) are available to help prevent widespread illness of seasonal flu. Influenza pandemics are different from many of the other major public health and health care threats facing our communities and prediction of its severity or occurrence is challenging.

What is important to know is that being prepared may help lower the impact of an influenza pandemic on you and your family. When a pandemic starts, everyone around the world could be at risk. Fairfax County health officials are working closely with their state and federal counterparts to develop, improve and test their preparedness plans for an influenza pandemic. Businesses, schools, universities and other faith based and community organizations are also preparing plans. However, the best laid plans can go to waste without community involvement. Here are some ways you can become involved:

- Be Prepared Using a Check List
- Stay Informed through Reliable Sources
- Stay Healthy through Preventive Treatment
- Update your Emergency Health Information
- Help and Take Care of Yourself First

In its coordinated approach to staying current on pandemic flu, Fairfax County has placed relevant information online and residents are encouraged to visit the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/) or by calling 703-324-2362, TTY 711 for more information. ■



## Fairfax County Citizen Corps

Fairfax County is home to more than one million residents and encompasses over 395 square miles. Safety is a top priority. Having properly trained volunteers who are committed to emergency preparedness and can respond when disaster threatens our communities will make the County safer for everyone. Through the Fairfax County Citizen Corps program, residents can play an active role in making their communities safer and better prepared for preventing and handling threats, crimes and disasters of all kinds. The Fairfax County Citizens Corps Council brings together community leaders and organizations to advise and help coordinate the County Citizen Corps programs. These programs include the following:

- ▶ Neighborhood Watch: brings private citizens and law enforcement personnel together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.
- ▶ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills.
- ▶ Volunteers in Police Service (VIP): provide support for the police department.
- ▶ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): offers volunteer opportunities to health professionals and citizens interested in health issues to assist with public health emergencies.
- ▶ Affiliate Organizations: include the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other first responder humanitarian agencies.
- ▶ Volunteer Fairfax: mobilizes people and resources to meet regional community needs and coordinates the many community based organizations that depend on volunteers to help build stronger, healthier communities.

More information about joining the Fairfax County Citizens Corps is available on the county Web site at [www.fairfaxcountycitizenscorps.org](http://www.fairfaxcountycitizenscorps.org) or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■



## Providence District Land Use Seminars



Supervisor Smyth talks to residents at the Providence District Land Use Seminar

Over this past spring, the Providence District Supervisor's office hosted three land use seminars to educate and inform residents on the many nuances of land use in Fairfax County. Supervisor Smyth thanks participants and county staff for making the 2006 Providence District Land Use Seminar series a successful one and invites ideas for next year's event.

More information on upcoming and ongoing events is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

## Neighborhood Concerns and County Services Brochure

Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and general welfare. These regulations are enforced by different agencies within the county. In order to help residents keep their neighborhoods vibrant, clean and enjoyable to live in, the county has published the *Neighborhood Concerns and County Services* brochure. The brochure contains useful items such as contact information for specific problems and how to ask for a speaker to come out to homeowners or civic association meetings and how to access available resources.

This brochure is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm) or by calling the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711. ■

## Save the Date

## Fall for Fairfax

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Time: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

12000 Government Center Parkway - At the Ellipse

More information about Fall for Fairfax is available on the following county Web site at [www.fallforfairfax.com/index.asp](http://www.fallforfairfax.com/index.asp) or by calling 703-324-3247, TTY 711. ■

## My Neighborhood

*My Neighborhood* is an Internet mapping and information reporting application that was demonstrated to Providence residents during the 2006 Providence District Land Use Seminar series. It lets you know what features and county facilities are available in and around your neighborhood. The information is broken down into three views that contain unique map types and reports: *General Information*, *Parks* and *Demographics*. Under the *General Information View* surfers can see roads, building footprints, parcels, parks, public facility locations, schools, supervisor district boundaries, jurisdiction boundaries and water features. The *Park View* search is a very robust tool that allows you to find parks with one or many features. In the *Demographics View* there are 45 different map types organized in 11 different demographic categories.

*My Neighborhood* is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/About\\_Providence.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/About_Providence.htm). ■



## Jamestown 2007



Set sail for discovery in 2006 and 2007! The Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to explore the lives and times of people from Virginia's past 400 years.

Step into their shoes as you listen to their music, travel their routes, learn of their survival skills and hear their stories. Their footprints will lead you to the "clues" they left behind in journals, objects and place names. More information on *Set Sail to Discover* events is available on the following Park Authority Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/Jamestown2007](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/Jamestown2007) or by calling 703-324-8702, TTY 711. ■



Health Department staff members display Fairfax County's Air Quality Program to residents at the Seventh Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop.



Supervisor Smyth, Chairman Connolly, Linda Byrne and Bud Andress (residents) at the Seventh Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop.

## Low Impact Development Design Manual: A Smyth Initiative

The Seventh Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop was a resounding success due to the support and participation of residents, county agencies and private organizations that come together every year for the workshop. This year's event generated unprecedented discussions and sharing of ideas on the future of low impact development techniques and concepts.

As a follow up, Supervisor Smyth offered a board matter at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on April 3, 2006, that called for a progress check on the much needed Low Impact Development (LID) design manual for Fairfax County. This design manual is vital in ensuring across-the-board success of the implementation of LID practices (both public and private).

More information on this Smyth initiative is available on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Board\\_updates.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Board_updates.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. To attend the Eighth Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop, please stay tuned to the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Providence/Upcoming\\_Events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Providence/Upcoming_Events.htm). ■



Participants walk (first picture) to the Low Impact Development tour site to enjoy a presentation (second picture) of the Demonstrating Innovation LID Project located at the Providence District Supervisor's office and return to a panel discussion at the Seventh Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop.

## 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is pleased to host the 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest® and the National Make a Difference Day which celebrates extraordinary deeds performed by ordinary people on America's largest day of doing good. The day's event will showcase the spirit of volunteerism throughout Providence District.

If you would like to be on the planning committee for the Providence District VolunteerFest®, please contact Supervisor Smyth's office. More information is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Upcoming\\_Events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Upcoming_Events.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■



### Save the Date

#### Merrifield Festival

Saturday, October 21, 2006

#### Providence District VolunteerFest®

Saturday, October 28, 2006

More information about these two events will be available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Upcoming\\_Events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Upcoming_Events.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

### S.A.F.E Women's Self Defense

Sexual Assault Free & Empowered (S.A.F.E.) is a free women's self defense program offered by the Fairfax County Police Department and is dedicated to empowering women with knowledge to reduce the occurrence of sexual assault crimes.

The program provides effective options by teaching women to take an active role in their own self defense and psychological well-being. More information about S.A.F.E. is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/safe\\_selfdefense.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/safe_selfdefense.htm) or by calling 703-246-7806, TTY 711. ■

## Volunteer Opportunities

**CRS:** Volunteers are an integral part of daily operations and help provide support in programs offered by the county's Community & Recreation Services (CRS). Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and may commit to short-term or long-term projects. CRS also has a special volunteer program for young people to earn school credits.

Information about volunteer opportunities offered by CRS is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/volunteer/volunteer.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/volunteer/volunteer.htm) or by calling 703-324-4-FUN, TTY 703-222-9693.

**VCE:** The Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) provides innovative opportunities that meet the evolving needs of residents with limited resources and continue to fulfill the needs of youths in our communities. VCE operates in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Fairfax County Department of Community & Recreation Services.

Information about volunteer opportunities offered by VCE is available on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/4H\\_Youth\\_Prog/GeneralInfo.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/4H_Youth_Prog/GeneralInfo.htm) or by calling 703-324-5369, TTY 711.

**Advisory Council:** Community, Senior and Teen Centers, Athletic Services and Therapeutic Recreation have an advisory board composed of volunteers representing the community that meets to share program ideas, and to ensure that the services being provided are meeting the needs of the community.

Information about serving on an advisory council is available on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Advisory\\_Council/Advis\\_Council.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Advisory_Council/Advis_Council.htm) or by calling the contact numbers of the various advisory councils as listed on the Web site.

**Volunteer Fairfax:** Championing the heart of volunteerism in Fairfax County for the last 30 years is the central role of Volunteer Fairfax. The organization matches the skills and interests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service and offer meaningful volunteer opportunities to county residents.

Information about Volunteer Fairfax is available on the following Web site [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■

## Transportation Demand Management: A Smyth Initiative

At the December 5, 2004 Board of Supervisor's meeting, Supervisor Smyth offered a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) board matter that called for the county to look at TDM best management practices as part of the overall package in land use development in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the board matter and tasked a working group to be formed to address this important component of the land use development process.

On February 16, 2006, Fairfax County Department of Transportation transmitted a summary report on the working group's recommendations to all Board members for review and comment. The working group provided the following nine summary recommendations to be considered as next steps in the development of a Countywide TDM Program:

1. Review in detail the potential of implementing Transportation Management Districts (TMDs) in highly congested and rapidly developing areas of the County and explore the possibility of requiring both by-right developments and those requiring rezoning or special exception approval in designated TMDs to provide specific plans for on-site TDM programs. Prepare associated Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Public Facilities Manual amendments as appropriate.
2. Examine the potential of requiring developers who wish to build office, residential, and mixed use developments to provide specific, on-site TDM programs with provisions for program resources, performance guarantees, sanctions, and corrective measures to assure program goals are achieved and integration with other sites and any active area Transportation Management Agency. The possibility of requiring approved TDM programs to remain in force in perpetuity should also be considered. Develop suggested proffer language for various components of TDM programs that can be tailored to individual circumstances.
3. Amend the Comprehensive Plan to provide an expanded definition and narrative description of a Countywide TDM program in the Transportation Policy Plan.
4. Explore and, as appropriate, implement alternative parking standards and parking incentives to support the reduction of vehicle trips, including the potential for differing parking space requirements for sites within and outside TMDs and Transit Station Areas.
5. Review the potential of requiring developers who wish to build on sites in and/or adjacent to transit facilities (rail stations, park-and-ride lots, etc.) to provide access to the station from both within and throughout the site, for both motorized and non-motorized traffic.
6. Examine the possibility of linking to a greater degree the achievement of TDM program goals, such as vehicle trip reductions, to the authorization to proceed with future planned development phases.
7. Expand outreach and marketing activities to businesses and residential developments, homeowners associations, and apartment complexes to assist in the development and implementation of TDM programs for their employees or residents.
8. Incorporate specific TDM outreach activities and marketing focused on special populations (e.g., seniors, disabled, and non-English speaking citizens).
9. Continue to encourage, enhance and expand mobility options and support services such as non-motorized modes (e.g., walking and biking), bus service, car-pools, van-pools, commuter rail, shuttle service, other public transit service, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.

The county is currently in the process of implementing the recommendations offered by the working group. Among other things, this Smyth initiative has created a dedicated bicycle coordinator position (see page 9). More information on the initiatives offered by Supervisor Smyth is available on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Board\\_updates.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Board_updates.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

## Legislative Gains in Public Policy: A Smyth Initiative

One of the key gains of the regular session of the 2006 Virginia Assembly was passage of wide-ranging legislation that substantially increases the protection of communities from the dangers posed by sex offenders. Much of this legislation was based on recommendations of the Sex Offender Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Virginia State Crime Commission to improve the "Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry" and to investigate better ways of monitoring and supervising offenders in the community. Likewise, this issue was an important 2006 legislative goal of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which, on the motion of Supervisor Smyth, included in its 2006 Legislative Program a position advocating the strengthening of laws and enhancing of resources governing the registration, sentencing, civil commitment, and oversight of sexual offenders, and expanded notice concerning offenders in the community.

Among the pieces of enacted legislation concerning sex offenders are the following bills which address several key areas of concern highlighted by Supervisor Smyth. Most of the provisions of these bills will become effective July 1, 2006. However, some provisions have an effective date of October 1, 2006, some an effective date of January 1, 2007, and some are effective from date of passage.

► **Increased accuracy and completeness of the State's Sex Offender Registry:** HB 984 (Sherwood) and SB 559 (Stolle) expand the list of offenses to be included in the Registry, stiffen penalties for convictions for failing to register, and require the offender to be photographed every two years. These bills also establish more comprehensive procedures to be used by correctional institutions and juvenile facilities to obtain registration information from sex offenders and faster timelines for transmission of information to the State Police. They also require the State Police or Department of Corrections to physically verify registration information within the first 30 days of initial registration or change of address and semi-annually each year thereafter and require the Department of Criminal Justice Services to advise and initiate training standards for criminal justice agencies and state, local and regional employees who work with the Registry.

► **Closer monitoring of offenders re-entering society:** HB 846 (Albo) and SB 559 (Stolle) provide that for certain offenses probation must include at least 3 years of active supervision. Also, HB 1038 (Griffith) provides that persons on conditional release be subject to mandatory GPS monitoring. In addition, HB 1359 (Bell) and SB 318 (Howell) authorize the state to provide services for the monitoring and supervision of civilly committed sexually violent offenders on conditional release.

► **Mandatory minimum sentences:** HB 846 (Albo) and SB 559 (Stolle) require a mandatory minimum confinement (25 years) for certain offenses.

► **Improved civil commitment provisions:** HB 1037 (Hamilton) establishes an Office of Sexually Violent Predator Services to administer provisions relating to civil commitment. HB 1038 (Griffith) adds to the list of offenses that qualify as sexually violent offenses subject to commitment review and specifies procedures for the commitment review. The bill also provides for the use of a more sensitive assessment tool (Static-99) to identify prisoners to be forwarded to the Commitment Review Committee. SB 559 (Stolle) adds to the list of specific offenses that qualify as sexually violent offenses for the purpose of civil commitment. SB 559 also provides factors for a court to consider in deciding whether to release a person on conditional release.

► **Expanded community notification:** HB 984 (Sherwood) provides that the sex offender Website include persons convicted of all registerable sex offenses committed after July 1, 2006, including non-violent offenders. HB 1984 also requires school boards to ensure schools are registered to receive electronic notice of sex offenders within the school district. In addition to legislative improvements, the sex offender online registry itself (<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/index.htm>) has been enhanced. Visitors to the Website can pinpoint the location of convicted sex offenders, view the names, aliases, current addresses and information on the offense committed.

► **Other key elements of sex offender legislation:**

- Individuals who commit certain offenses are prohibited from working on the property of a school or day care center, subject to a Class 6 felony.(HB 846 - Albo)

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## Connecting Your Home

The communications industry is making significant technological advances that result in more choices for consumers. These new technological advances have enabled cable television and telephone companies to offer more than their traditional services. Consumers can now get cable TV, telephone and high-speed Internet from more than one provider. This "triple play" of cable TV, telephone and Internet services is provided by Comcast, Cox and Verizon and is available to Fairfax County residents. By ordering all three services from one provider residents can save money and consolidate bills.

How do residents choose between the three service providers? The Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection and the Consumer Protection Commission are helping residents answer that question. As part of the *Connecting Your Home* project, Fairfax County has produced a brochure and a television show on Channel 16 detailing the offerings of the three major providers. Furthermore, the county has also created a Web site that provides a comprehensive overview of how the "triple play" works and where to go to get more information about each provider.

More information on *Connecting Your Home* is available on the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer) or by calling 703-324-5930, TTY 711. ■

## Bicycle Coordinator: A Smyth Initiative

The Transportation Demand Management Smyth Initiative generated significant dialogue amongst bicycle advocates. While in dialogue with members of the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling it was apparent that one component of an effective TDM program includes the utilization of bicycles as an alternate mode of transportation.

On September 12, 2005, Supervisor Smyth offered the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to ensure that bicycling is not overlooked as a transportation option and that a dedicated bicycle coordinator position be added to the global TDM Plan. The bicycle coordinator is tasked with ensuring that bicycling is considered in transportation planning and helping to develop bike trail networks throughout Fairfax County.

More information on the initiatives offered by Supervisor Smyth is available on the following Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Bike\\_TDMbm.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Bike_TDMbm.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■



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The Visit Fairfax Custom Vacation Planner is available on the following Web site at [www.fxva.com/fxva/vacation-passions.html](http://www.fxva.com/fxva/vacation-passions.html) or by calling 703-550-2450, TTY 711. ■

## Community/Homeowner Association Contact Update

If your association recently held elections or changed officers, please keep us posted via our online Community/Homeowner Association Contact Update form so that Fairfax County can continue to keep your community informed. The Update form is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/hoaupdate.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/hoaupdate.htm) or by calling the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711. ■

## Legislative Gains in Public Safety

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- Persons convicted of certain offenses are prohibited from residing within 500 feet of a school or day care center, or working or volunteering on the grounds of a school or day care center. (HB 984 - Sherwood)
- It is child abuse or neglect when a parent knowingly leaves a child alone with persons convicted of certain offenses against a minor under circumstances creating substantial risk of injury. (HB 1066 - Watts)
- A person operating a family day home who knows that any of his employees or volunteers are convicted sex offenders is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (HB1589 - Gilbert) (SB 420 - Hanger)
- A person charged with aggravated sexual battery is rebuttably presumed ineligible for bail. Currently such a person is presumed ineligible when charged with a second such offense. The bill is not effective unless appropriate funding is provided. (SB 578 - McDougle)

► **Funding:** The implementation of several provisions of the sex offender legislation will require additional funding, and appropriations levels currently are under consideration in the ongoing State budget deliberations.

Additional details on the above-mentioned bills and other sex offender legislation are contained in the Fairfax County 2006 General Assembly Final Report posted at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/) under "Programs and Reports."

***Research for this article was provided by Katie Boyle and Evelyn Kiley of the county's Legislative Office. ■***

## Providence Online

Providence Online is an e-newsletter published by the Providence District Supervisor's office and is available to residents after an e-subscription is completed on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/). Alternative format is available by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

## Transit Oriented Development (TOD): A Joint Initiative

On December 5, 2005, the Board of Supervisors, at the request of Supervisors Kauffman (Lee District Supervisor) and Smyth, directed staff to provide a more refined, standardized definition or set of principles for Transit Oriented Development (TOD). These principles should provide planners the flexibility to deal with unique circumstances surrounding transit station areas.

In March 2006, the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning requested the Planning Commission to initiate the process of developing a definition and/or set of principles for TOD in Fairfax County that can be considered for incorporation into the Policy Plan volume of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments developed through this process will be brought back to the Board for authorization to advertise public hearings.

Since then, a Transit Oriented Development Committee has been formed to provide the Board with recommendations later this year. The committee will evaluate the variety of information it receives and will work toward developing recommendations to amend the Policy Plan volume of the Comprehensive Plan, which guides all development in Fairfax County. Any proposed amendments will then be examined by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, with public hearings scheduled before both bodies.

More information on the Transit Oriented Development Committee is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tod.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tod.htm) or by calling 703-324-7951, TTY 711. ■

## National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, county residents will be celebrating the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out in conjunction with the rest of the nation. The purpose of this crime and drug prevention event is to unify neighborhoods, build partnerships between the police and the community and promote crime prevention in our neighborhoods.

If your neighborhood wishes to take part in this celebration, please call 703-246-2195, TTY 711 for the Public Information Officer to locate the Fairfax County Police District Stations that serves your neighborhood. ■

# The Mandate Review

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## Federal Mandates in FY 2006

Fairfax County is required to comply with various federal mandates which cut across a number of county agencies. Examples of such mandates include Head Start program for low-income children, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). Compared to all mandated expenditures, federal mandates make up 35 percent of mandated expenditures, or about \$423 million of which approximately 33 percent is funded by the federal government, 2 percent by the state government, 26 percent by user fee/other and 39 percent by Fairfax County as depicted in figure 1. The last column in the table below is the total net FY 2006 cost of federal mandates to Fairfax County.

FY 2006 Estimated Expenditures on Federal Mandates	FY 2006 Projected Federal Revenue for Federal Mandates	FY 2006 Projected State Revenue for Federal Mandates	FY 2006 Projected User Fee/Other Revenue for Federal Mandates	FY 2006 Total Net Cost of Federal Mandates
\$422,750,961	\$139,570,466	\$8,244,534	\$110,272,819	\$164,663,142

## State Mandates in FY 2006

Fairfax County spends approximately \$771 million in support of state mandates or about 65 percent of all mandated expenditures. As depicted in figure 2, the state reimburses approximately 12 percent of those expenditures; user fee/other revenue generates support for about 24 percent ; and the county must support approximately 64 percent of the remaining state mandates at a cost of \$469 million. The last column in the table below is the total net FY 2006 cost of state mandates to Fairfax County.

FY 2006 Estimated Expenditures on State Mandates	FY 2006 Projected Federal Revenue for State Mandates	FY 2006 Projected State Revenue for State Mandates	FY 2006 Projected User Fee/Other Revenue for State Mandates	FY 2006 Total Net Cost of State Mandates
\$770,669,419	\$0	\$87,954,913	\$187,026,413	\$495,688,093

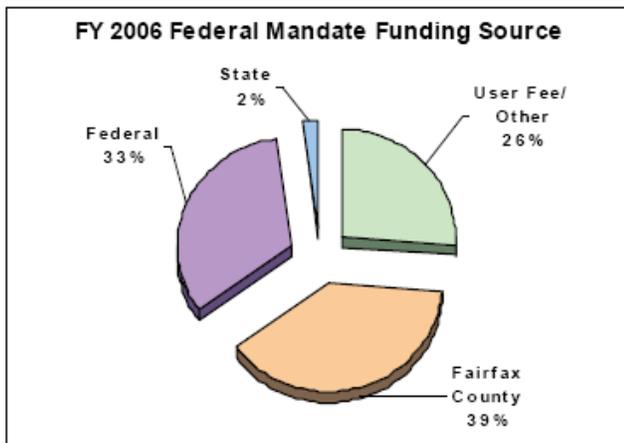


Figure 1

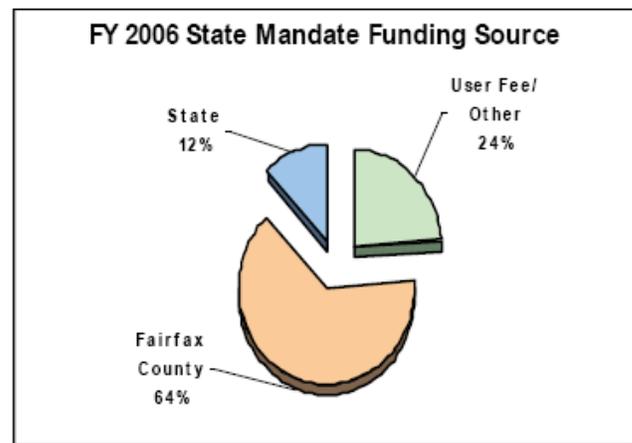


Figure 2

Figures and tables are adapted from *The Mandate Review: Volume 1, Issue 1* and is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/mandates.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/mandates.htm) or by calling Debra Dunbar, editor of *The Mandate Review* at 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

# Must-Have Phone Numbers

**Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth**

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

Adult Protective Service 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: (703) 360-7273

<b>Adult Education</b>	703-227-2200	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	703-830-3310	<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</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

*For any number listed here or elsewhere in TTY, please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711.*



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations will be provided upon request. For information call our office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

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