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**The Providence Online**  
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**2007 October Edition**

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.



**Grand Opening of the  
[Oakton Library](#)  
 September 29, 2007**



Images clockwise: Supervisor Linda Smyth welcomes county and Oakton residents to the Grand Opening of the Oakton Library (Scout and Patricia Bangs, library staff member in the background); bench dedicated to Fred Beattie (Oakton's first librarian); Boy and Girl Scouts raising the Flag; Chairman Gerry Connolly greets residents (seated left to right: Sam Clay, [Library Director](#), Ralph Tener, President – [Friends of Oakton Library](#) and Delegate Steve Shannon, 35<sup>th</sup> District and residents in the background); School Board Members Iryong Moon and Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner; Margaret Koplitz, Providence District Representative to the [Library Board](#), Supervisor Linda Smyth, Chairman Gerry Connolly (seated right to left) and Jerilyn Polson, Oakton Library Branch Manager. ■



## 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Volunteerism in Action



Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 27 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax and [National Make a Difference Day](#). The week long 2007 Providence VolunteerFest® events will start with the Merrifield Festival on October 20 at 10 a.m. at [Luther Jackson Middle School](#), and showcase **Volunteerism in Action** across Providence District.

**Saturday, October 20 Fun events for the whole family will be held at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Come out to the third annual [Merrifield Fall Festival](#) – featuring “A Taste of Merrifield,” live music, amusement rides, moon bounce, pumpkin painting, and flu shots provided by Inova Health Systems. We are also interested in identifying long time residents of the Providence District who can help with Providence District’s history project: **Providence Perspective**. Supervisor Smyth will have a table at the festival promoting this project. Admission to the Fall Festival is free and will be held rain or shine. Outdoor events will be moved indoors in case of rain.

**Saturday, October 27 – 12 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 15 – 26 at this location.
- **Book Sale** - Friends of the Oakton Library – Location The new Oakton Library  
[10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton](#) – Used Book sale will take place from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This book sale will benefit the new Oakton Community Library, which opened on September 29th 2007.
- **Child ID** – Conducted by Delegate Shannon’s Office (35th District). Location – The new Oakton Library  
[10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton](#) – Child safety and identification will take place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Computer Recycling** – [EcoStewards Alliance](#) will conduct a computer recycling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
[10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton](#) (Oakton Library parking lot). There is \$11 charge for monitors, no televisions will be accepted.
- **Fairfax4Horses** – Informational brochure on future public horseback riding facilities on county parkland available in handout rack at the new Oakton Library [10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton](#), and a representative from Fairfax4Horse will answer questions from 10a.m. – noon.
- **Mini Golf** – Greater Merrifield Business Association ([GMBA](#))/Police Department/Park Authority at 9a.m. The GMBA and the [Police Department](#) will host a mentorship round of mini golf with Fairfax County Public School students.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - [Fairfax County Park Authority](#)  
For Tyler Park call Ed Busenlehner at 703-893-2481 and for Borge Street Park call John Hopkins 703-938-7532.
- **Restore Habitat of Parkland** – Friends of Nottoway Park will be removing invasive plants and planting native species at Nottoway Park located at [9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna](#), 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Please call 703-324-8681.
- **Children’s Winter Clothing Collection** - Fairfax County Public Schools, [Providence District School Board Member Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner](#) and [Supervisor Smyth’s offices](#).  
Schools located in Providence District – Donations will be accepted from October 22 – October 29 during school hours.
- **Adopt a Soldier** - James Lee Community Center [2855-A James Lee Street, Falls Church](#) – kits for soldiers that are serving abroad will be prepared from 9 a.m. to 12 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 2007-2008 Season opens on October 12 at 7:30 p.m. with the production of **Saturday, Sunday, Monday**.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite you, friends, family and co-workers to participate in this year’s activities. More information on the 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® and [County wide VolunteerFest® events](#) are available on the following county Web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Vol\\_2007.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Vol_2007.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 or on the Volunteer Fairfax Web site at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=323) or by calling 703-246-3460, TTY 711. ■

## 2007 Bond Referendum

### School Bonds

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$365,200,000, for the purposes of providing up to \$315,200,000, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance the costs of additional capital improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system and providing up to \$50,000,000, in addition to any other available funds, to finance the cost of expanding, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping facilities for the repair and other servicing of school busses, school vehicles and other County vehicles? **YES/NO**

### Transportation Bonds

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$110,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the cost of constructing, reconstructing, and improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of necessary land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to the County pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact? **YES/NO**

Members of the [2007 Bond Referendum Citizen Committee](#) are available during the months of September and October to address community organizations concerning the transportation bond referendum question which will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot in Fairfax County.

To schedule a speaker for your organization, please complete the [speaker request form](#) online. Your request will be confirmed by the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs. If you have any problems with the online form or need additional information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711, or via email at [wwwopa@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:wwwopa@fairfaxcounty.gov).

On January 25, 2007 the School Board adopted the FY2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program that identified school facility needs for the coming five-year period. Voter authorization to issue school bonds is needed in November 2007 to provide funding for a portion of the construction, renovation, program support, and infrastructure management projects identified in the Capital Improvement Program. ▪

## Election Day is Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

The [General and Special Elections](#) will be conducted on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vote at your regular polling place. This year, the Senate of Virginia, House of Delegates, Constitutional Offices, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Directors, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and School Board are all contested, as well as transportation and school bond referendums. Please remember to vote!

### Absentee Voting

Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day, or who are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, may vote by absentee ballot. See [Am I Eligible to Vote Absentee](#). Eligible voters may vote **in-person** prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot **mailed to them**. The absentee voting schedule, including in-person locations, will be available prior to each election.

More information is available on the Office of Election's [website](#) or by calling 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ▪

## Senior Citizens Updates

► Fairfax residents 61 years of age or older may opt for a 40 percent tuition discount for Adult Learning. The birth date must be provided at the time of registration to determine eligibility. Also, Fairfax County residents 61 years of age or older who suffer a financial hardship may apply for a full tuition waiver. The waiver may be used for one class per term; all textbook, materials, and user fees must be paid. To obtain an application for a waiver, the resident should contact a registration center. No senior waivers are allowed for ESOL, online classes, or for certain other classes as noted in the brochure. More information is available on the [Adult Community Education registration site](#) or by calling 703-658-1221, TTY 711.

► The Fairfax County Park Authority also offers 40 percent discounts for seniors age 61 or over or who will be 61 by the end of the year. This does not apply to all classes. For detailed information please call 703-222-4664, TTY 711 or visit the [Parktakes website](#) to subscribe to the Partakes magazine which contains a listing of all classes offered.

► Fairfax County has a Home Repair Program for elderly and disabled adults. The Home Repair for the Elderly Program is designed to provide minor home repairs to eligible low and moderate income elderly homeowners residing in the property, as well as accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners. Fairfax County will provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. Materials are paid for by County and Federal funds. Additional information about this program is available at on the [Program's website](#) or by calling 703-246-5154, TTY 711.

► Fairfax County is home to more than 80,000 residents aged 60 and over. The County forms partnerships with several organizations to provide a wide range of services to meet the needs of our senior residents. You may locate information on these services by visiting the [Area Agency on Aging](#) or by calling 703-324-7948, TTY 711. ▪



## Be Alert for Deer in Fall

The [Fairfax County Police Department](#) advises citizens to be extra vigilant for deer while driving during October, November and December. To avoid a dangerous and often costly collision with deer this fall, police offer the following driving tips:

- § Always wear your seat belt to reduce the possibility of injury in case of a collision.
- § Be alert for deer; drive cautiously —especially if you see a deer crossing sign. Be especially attentive at dusk and dawn during deer breeding season from mid-October to January. (Peak deer movement in the fall coincides with the time change back to standard time. This shifts rush hour into darkness hindering a driver's ability to see deer.)
- § When you spot a deer near the roadway, slow down and be ready for the animal to dart into the road. Honk your horn to try to scare the deer away. Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one deer near the roadway, be cautious for others.
- § When you see a deer on a roadway, flash your headlights from bright to dim and honk the horn to encourage it to move away from the road. Drive with lights on during overcast days and use high beams at night whenever possible. (Though headlights can confuse deer, the reflecting light from their eyes will help you to see them.) Warn drivers following you of the presence of deer by tapping on your brakes.
- § If a deer runs into the roadway, try to slow down or brake without swerving. Losing control of your car and crashing into another car or a stationary object can be more dangerous than hitting the deer.
- § If you cannot avoid hitting a deer, slow down and grasp the steering wheel firmly with both hands. Take your foot off the brake at the time of impact so the front end of your vehicle will lift up and enable the deer to go under the car, rather than over it (reducing the danger of it crashing through the windshield or windows).

If the animal is injured or killed, report the collision through the non-emergency police line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711. ▪

## Subscription to the ProvidenceOnline

To receive a copy of the e-newsletter, residents are requested to subscribe to "[ProvidenceOnline](#) – Information and Updates for Providence residents." ▪

## Computer Recycling

Residents have at least two opportunities to recycle their computers this year:

❑ **Computer Recycling** - [EcoStewards Alliance](#) will conduct a computer recycling on **Saturday, October 27** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at [10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton](#) (Oakton Library parking lot). There is \$11 charge for monitors, no televisions will be accepted.

❑ **America Recycles Day** - **Saturday, November 10** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Herndon High School, [700 Bennett Street, Herndon](#). In commemoration of America Recycles Day 2007, the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program, [Clean Fairfax Council](#) and Students Against Global Abuse have teamed with local governments and recyclers in the community to bring you the sixth annual Recycling Roadshow!

Items that will be recycled at the Recycling Roadshow are listed on the event [flyer](#) along with the costs associated with the recycling those items.

More information is available by contacting the [Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program](#) at 703-324-5230, TTY 711, or by visiting them online. ■



### [Farmer's Market at Nottoway Park](#)

**Will stay open on Wednesday Mornings from 8 a.m. to noon till the end of November!**

## [2007-2008 Flu Updates](#)

## Special Needs Registry

The Special Needs Registry allows residents with medical needs and organizations assisting those with social needs an opportunity to provide information to Fairfax County so that agencies can communicate emergency preparedness, response and recovery resources to our vulnerable, at risk and hard-to-reach residents.

The information collected will only be shared with Fairfax County agencies and partner agencies and organizations to improve their ability to serve and will not be available to the public.

► **The Medical Needs Registry** contains the names and addresses of individuals with medical needs. The medical needs registry is an emergency preparedness tool and will be used by Fairfax County officials for communicating with people with medical needs, pre-event emergency planning, and for evacuating and sheltering during actual emergencies. There is no guarantee that services will be provided, nor does registration guarantee that services will be received on a preferential basis. **Even if a resident is on the registry, they should still call 911 in case of an emergency.**

► Residents with **Social Needs** are considered to be vulnerable, at-risk, or hard to reach in the event of an emergency, but who do not meet the definition of medical needs. These residents may require targeted communication, transportation support, or sheltering in the event of an emergency.

More information is available by calling the Medical Registry Line at 703-324-9000, TTY 703-324-9001. ■



## [Must-Have Phone Numbers](#)

**Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth**

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

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

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

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.

The [2007 Providence Resource Directory](#) is also available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office. ■



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.