

## Springfield District Report – February 2005

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### **Transportation Summit Scheduled For March 14**

Supervisor Elaine McConnell and the Transportation Advisory Committee are sponsoring a one-day Transportation Summit on Monday, March 14, 2005. The Transportation Summit will be a broad based program offering citizens an opportunity to learn about the transportation challenges facing Fairfax County and the various solutions proposed to deal with these challenges. The Summit will be held in the Board Auditorium in the Government Center from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Opening remarks by [Virginia Secretary of Transportation Whittington Clement](#) will be followed by general information on the "state of transportation" and breakout groups covering various topics including Dulles Rail, Smart Growth, and Telework. An afternoon summary session will wrap up the day's events. A light lunch will be provided for attendees. For further information or to register, contact Dianne Peikin, Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691, or email [dianne.peikin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dianne.peikin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Emergency Information Line Offers Winter Safety Messages**

The Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line is not only a source of information during times of severe weather or other types of emergencies, but it also provides year-round preparedness information for county residents. Currently featured on the emergency information line are messages on winter preparedness, fire safety tips and details on assembling an emergency preparedness kit. Residents may call 703-817-7771, TTY 711, to speak with staff during normal government business hours. During emergency events the emergency information line operates with extended hours. At other times callers can choose from a menu of recorded information or leave a message that will be returned the next business day. For more information on the Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 703-324-2935, or e-mail at [publicaffairs@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Women's Voices Forum Scheduled for April 6**

The Fairfax County Commission for Women and the Office for Women are sponsoring a forum, *Women's Voices*, on Wednesday, April 6. The forum will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The forum will be held from 9:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. and includes six topics of discussion: Domestic Violence, Affordable Housing, Senior Issues, Career Paths (non-traditional), Financial Independence and Nutrition. The forum is open to the public, free of charge, and a light lunch will be provided. For further information, to make reservations or request special accommodations, please call the Office for Women at 703-324-5730 Voice; 703-324-3959 Fax; 703-324-5706 TTY.

### **Yards, Lot Width and Fence/Wall Height Requirements Amendment Proposed**

At the request of the Board of Supervisors, staff of the Zoning Administration Division have prepared a draft [Zoning Ordinance amendment](#) that relates to a modification of certain yard requirements, an increase in fence/wall height in a front yard and a waiver of the minimum lot width requirements in residential districts. The amendment was prompted by a reaffirmation by the Supreme Court of Virginia that the variance authority granted to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is limited to those cases where strict application of the applicable regulations would deny all reasonable use of a property. The Board of Supervisors has determined that there may be benefits to allowing some limited flexibility regarding the placement of structures on a lot and lot width requirements and, as such, intend to provide that flexibility through the establishment of special permit and/or a special exception processes. A public information session will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2005 in Conference Room 4/5, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2005. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2005. Both public hearings will occur in the [Board Auditorium](#), Lobby Level, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia. For further information see the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning [Website](#).

### **Park Authority Holds Annual Meeting on Fees**

The Fairfax County Park Authority will provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on proposed fee adjustments at a Public Information and Comment Meeting set for **Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 7 p.m.** on the first floor meeting room of the Herrity Building, located at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia. The operation of many Park Authority facilities is funded through user fees. Collectively, these facilities are obligated to cover all costs of operation including all daily operating costs and some facility improvements and renovations. As one of the strategies used to ensure cost recovery, the Park Authority periodically reviews and adjusts user fees. Detailed information on the proposed fee adjustments is available for [review online](#). Persons, groups or organizations are urged to present their views. If you would like to speak at the meeting or would like more information, please call Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer for the Park Authority at 703-324-8662 or sign up via our [online feedback form](#). For persons with hearing impairments, sign language interpreter services are available upon request. Please call 703-324-8563 or 703-324-3988 TTY.

### **Additional Flu Vaccine Available**

The Fairfax County Health Department still has a very limited amount flu vaccine available for adults and children who are considered high-risk as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please call one of the following District Offices to check on the availability of the flu vaccine:

Falls Church District Office - **703-534-8343**  
Herndon-Reston District Office - **703-481-4242**  
Mount Vernon District Office - **703-704-6100**  
Springfield District Office - **703-569-1031**  
The cost of the flu shot is \$17.

The CDC guidelines for flu vaccine distribution are intended to protect vulnerable individuals who are most likely to become seriously ill or die from the flu. These guidelines were expanded as of January 10<sup>th</sup> and can be found at the Fairfax County Health Department [Website](#).

### **Boards, Authorities, and Commissions News**

Citizen advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Supervisor McConnell is seeking a representative for the [Fairfax Area Disability Services Board](#). The

Board represents persons with physical and sensory disabilities in Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. For further information on the various BACs, see the [BACs Website](#) or contact [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

**Notes & Meeting Information**

--Board of Supervisors February Meeting Dates – February 7 (see [Draft Agenda](#)), 28.

--Springfield District Council Meets February 22, 7:00 p.m. – Community Room, W. Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield. Peter Murphy, Fairfax County Planning Commission Chairperson, will be speaking.

--Springfield District Council – West (Fairfax Center Area) Meets February 16, 7:30 p.m. – Conference Room 232 in the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This meeting was rescheduled from January.

--The [Stormwater Advisory Council](#) Meets February 8, 7:00 p.m. – Conference Room 4/5 in the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

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