

Springfield District Report – March 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.

Supervisor McConnell To Hold Town Meeting To Discuss FY2006 Advertised Budget

County Executive Anthony Griffin has released the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County. If you have questions or simply would like more information about the Budget Plan, here's your chance to learn about the County's budget priorities. Please join Supervisor McConnell, County Executive Anthony Griffin and Chief Financial Officer Ed Long in a Town Meeting to discuss the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan on March 16th, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in conference rooms 2/3. For further information, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

County Executive Presents Budget To Board of Supervisors

In presenting the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors on February 28, County Executive Anthony H. Griffin noted "the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan represents our collective commitment to preserve the high quality of life and exceptional services that residents have come to expect, while recognizing the essential challenge of weighing these services against taxpayers' ability to pay for them." With real estate assessments increasing an average of 23 percent, the County Executive is proposing a 10 cent reduction in the real estate tax rate for FY 2006, from \$1.13 to \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed value. In addition, he states that the availability of sufficient FY 2006 revenue has also enabled the County to begin to address some very important long-term issues that will have an impact for generations to come. Chief among these are a dedicated funding stream

for stormwater improvements as well as construction funding for the new Public Safety Transportation and Operations Center (PSTOC) to be built on West Ox Road.

The Board of Supervisors will be considering these recommendations and others and the public will have an opportunity to comment. The Budget calendar is as follows:

February 28 – The County Executive presents the [Fiscal Year 2006 Advertised Budget Plan](#)

April 4, 5 and 6 – Public Hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Plan, Fiscal Year 2005 Third Quarter Review, and the Fiscal Year 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Program (with future years to 2015). Go to the [Clerk to the Board](#) web site to register to speak at one of the public hearings. You can also [email](#) Clerk's office to seek further information on the public hearings.

April 18 – The Board of Supervisors takes action on the Fiscal Year 2005 Third Quarter Review. In addition, the Board of Supervisors also marks up the Fiscal Year 2006 proposed budget.

April 25 – The Board of Supervisors adopts the Fiscal Year 2006 Adopted Budget Plan, Tax Levy, and Appropriation Ordinance.

July 1 – The beginning of Fiscal Year 2006

The county executive's presentation will air on cable Channel 16 on the following schedule:

---Friday, March 4, at 9 p.m.

---Sunday, March 6, at 9 p.m.

It will also air as part of the Board of Supervisors meeting replays on Tuesday, March 1, beginning at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m. The presentation will also be available as video-on-demand on the county Web site at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dtcs/channel16/vstream.htm throughout the month of March.

For further information about the Budget, visit the web page <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>.

Emergency Ambulance Service Billing Begins April 1

Last year the Board of Supervisors voted to begin charging Fairfax County residents a fee to use the county's ambulances. On April 1 the new billing service will begin. The Fire and Rescue Department states that no out-of-pocket expenses will be incurred for county residents if co-payment is required and all department members have been trained to protect residents' privacy. The County has contracted with a reputable billing company who will address all billing and insurance questions. If you are not satisfied with this service, you may contact the Fire and Rescue Department Patient Advocate. Please inform anyone who you think may need to know about this new service. For more information you can call 703-246-2266; TTY 711 or you can go to the County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire. Supervisor Elaine McConnell's Office will also be happy to answer any questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 703-451-8873 or 703-324-2500.

Subscribe To The Chairman's Report

Chairman Gerry Connolly has an Electronic Newsletter, emailed out periodically. If you wish to subscribe to his newsletter, please go to

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/chair/chairmans_report.htm.

Public Input Wanted For Fairfax County Transportation Plan

Fairfax County has begun the process of a comprehensive review of the Transportation Plan to update policies guiding long-term system improvements. The Department of Transportation is soliciting public input to update and review the Plan. Several public meetings are scheduled

in March at locations across the county. For more information on the Transportation Plan Update, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-1100, TTY 703-324-1102. For the specific dates and locations of the meetings or for more information, visit the County's Transportation Plan Update [Web pages](#).

Cub Run And Bull Run Community Watershed Forum

As part of the County's watershed initiative, a community watershed forum is being held to discuss the health, safety and quality of the Cub Run and Bull Run watersheds and learn about the latest innovative tools to solve watershed problems. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the watershed planning process. The Forum will be held on March 19 at the Westfield High School in Chantilly from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To ensure space please register by Wednesday, March 16th. A light lunch will be provided and there is no fee to attend. Kids are invited to the forum to experience the Enviroscape, a watershed Model provided by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conversation District. To register please contact Bill Barrack at 703-642-5500 or email at cubrun-admin@virginia.edu. To learn more, visit the project website at www.fairfaxcounty-watersheds.net.

Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Corporation

Founded in 2004, the Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Corporation (FCCVC) is responsible for promoting tourism to Fairfax County. The Corporation has recently released pamphlets and brochures with Fairfax County's landmarks and attractions. Come pick up your brochure at either one of our Springfield District offices at 6140 Rolling Road or at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 233. To learn more about what FCCVC and Fairfax County has to offer go to www.visitfairfax.org, or visit the Fairfax County Visitors Center at 8180-A Silverbrook Road, Lorton VA.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Performs March 19

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will conduct a concert on March 19 at 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall. Adam Ebert, clarinet, and Marion Baker, cello, will perform Beethoven, Copland, Tchaikovsky and Strauss. To purchase tickets call Barbara Serage at 703-218-6500. For more information call the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra at 703-827-0600 and ask for Qing (Ching).

Notes & Meeting Information

--Board of Supervisors March Meeting Dates – March 7, 21

--Springfield District Council Meets Monday, March 7, 7:30 P.M. – Community Room, W. Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield. Congressman Tom Davis, Guest Speaker.

--The Stormwater Advisory Council Meets Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 P.M. – Rooms 106/107 Herrity Building

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