

# The Providence Report

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## MERRIFIELD FALL FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**11 AM to 6PM**

2920 DISTRICT AVENUE, FAIRFAX, VA

**FOOD VENDORS**

**Live Music**

**KIDS' ACTIVITIES**

**Local Crafters**

**FITNESS AREAS**

**Pet Costume**

**Contest**

[www.greatermerrifield.org](http://www.greatermerrifield.org)

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PRESENTED BY **GMBA**

**Please Provide Association Contact Information:** Many homeowner associations now have one email address for their associations that remains the same when their officers change. If you have this type of email, please send it to our office so that we can send your association information on matters of importance to Providence residents. If you prefer these notices go to the association's named officers, please provide us with updated officers' names and contact information, to include email addresses. In either case, please send the information to [provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## A Message from Supervisor Smyth

Our fall newsletter highlights the many ways that Providence residents can contribute their time and efforts to making our community a better place for all of us. From serving as an election official to driving seniors to appointments, or battling invasive vines in parks to sorting books for sales to benefit our libraries – opportunities abound for volunteering. If your time is limited, check out the list of projects for VolunteerFest on October 28 (see page 3). Even one day of service can and does make a difference.

Citizen engagement also makes an enormous difference in how we run the county. In the coming months, planning and zoning staff will be presenting initial work on major changes to Fairfax's zoning ordinance (see page 8). While the zoning ordinance may seem far removed from the average resident's daily life, it is the document that governs how neighborhoods are built and what uses are permitted in them. I urge residents and neighborhood associations to participate in the discussions and public meetings that will be held.

There will also be more meetings coming up on major transportation projects, most notably **I-66 Outside the Beltway** (see page 6). At this point, no dates have been set for the design public hearings or the community information meetings that will precede the hearings. I will send out notification of the dates as soon as they are scheduled. Because of residents' participation over the last 2½ years, VDOT has made significant changes to the project. Please be sure to attend this last round of meetings before construction begins.

~Linda Smyth



## Voting Information and Precinct Changes

The November 7, 2017 election will have on the ballot the Governor of Virginia, Attorney General of Virginia, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and Virginia House of Delegates. For a complete list of candidates, visit the county's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm). Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm and you will vote at your regular polling place with the following exceptions:

The **Merrifield** precinct has been divided. The precinct had grown to approximately 6,700 voters. In order to alleviate parking issues and shorten wait times at its polling location, Luther Jackson Middle School, the precinct was divided along Gallows Road to create a new precinct, **Gallows East**. Gallows East, with 2,400 voters, will now vote at the Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. The remaining 4,300 voters in the Merrifield precinct will continue to vote at Luther Jackson Middle School. This change will also accommodate additional growth in the area.

Additionally, the precinct boundary between the **Tyson** and **Rotonda** precincts was adjusted. This change was necessary so that only those residing in the Rotonda Condominiums neighborhood would be assigned to vote at their community center. Tyson precinct voters will continue to use the Providence Committee Meeting Room, 7921 Jones Branch Road, McLean.

To find your polling place please visit, <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> or call 703-222-0776.

**Voter ID** -- Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of **photo identification** (photo ID) when voting in person at their polling place. Accepted ID includes valid Virginia driver's license or ID card, United States passport, other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth). Also accepted are valid college or university student photo identification card (must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia) or valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo. If you don't have one of these photo IDs, or you do but it's expired, you can apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card throughout the year from any local voter registration office, even on Election Day. Once you have completed the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application in the presence of a designated Virginia Election Official, they will take your picture and have you sign a digital signature pad. Your Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will be printed and mailed to your address on file in the

Voter Registration System. All information on Voter IDs can be found at <http://elections.virginia.gov/index.php/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/>.

**Report Change of Name or Address** -- To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires you to notify your local voter registration office of any change in your name or address. This must be done before the registration books close for the next election. You can submit your notice of change of name and/or address either by mail at P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038-8061, by fax (703-324-2205), or emailed to [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov). In any case, the change notice must include your signature to be valid. Notice cannot be made by telephone or by email. After your change is processed, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card. If a new card does not arrive within a few weeks, please call 703-222-0776 to confirm that your notice was received.

**Absentee Voting** -- Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability may vote by absentee ballot either in-person prior to Election Day or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. Absentee ballot applications are available at county government centers and libraries or may be downloaded from the link at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm).

**Important Dates** -- The last day to register to vote (if not already registered at current address) is 5:00 pm in-person or 11:59 pm online, Monday, October 16. The last date to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 31. For inclusion in the election, absentee ballots must be returned by 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 7. In-person absentee voting begins Friday, September 22. The final day for in-person absentee voting is Saturday, November 4 by 5:00 pm.

The County's Office of Elections is available to respond to questions regarding the upcoming election. You may find the information you seek at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/) or by calling 703-222-0776 during regular business hours. You may also call 703-324-4700 for 24-hour recorded information.

## Seeking Election Officials

If you're interested in making a contribution to democracy, consider serving as an election official. The hours are long, the pay is low, but your contribution to democracy is enormous! If you meet the qualifications, please consider applying to serve. Election Officers are paid \$175 for their service.

**Apply to become an Election Officer:** You may apply online at [www.vote4fairfax.com/serve/](http://www.vote4fairfax.com/serve/). Please note, your information will be submitted to the local political committee for approval. If you are unable to apply online please call 703-324-4735.

**Training:** New election officers must attend a training class prior to serving at the polls. Experienced election officers are required to attend training classes when specified by the Office of Elections.



## 2017 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2017 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 28 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day.

2017 Providence VolunteerFest® projects are listed below.

**All projects will take place on Saturday, October 28 unless otherwise indicated.**

- **Food Drive** - Supervisor Smyth's office and Hunter Mill Country Day School collect for Food for Others. Nonperishable food donations may be dropped off from October 1 to 31 at Providence Community Center 3001 Vaden Drive Fairfax 9 am to 10 pm, or Hunter Mill Country Day School, 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 9 am to 6 pm weekdays only.
- **Providence Community Center** – Game Shape – youth basketball training 10 am to 12 pm. Game Shape – adult basketball fitness workout 1 to 3 pm. To sign up contact [Robert.webster@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Robert.webster@fairfaxcounty.gov).  
Pet Drive - donate items used at Fairfax County's Animal Shelter during October. For info call Robert Webster 703-865-0533.
- **Friends of Oakton Library** – 12:15 pm Dedication of Little Free Library at the Providence Community Center.
- **Oakton Community Park** – Horseback riding demonstration and riding opportunity for kids to learn from Spirit Open Equestrian Program (sponsored by Fairfax4Horses). 1:00 to 3:00 pm 2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, 22124. Weather permitting.
- **Tyson's Partnership** – Shoes4Kids donation drive to benefit Fairfax County Public School Title One Elementary Students. Drop off new athletic shoes sizes (9 toddler – 8 youth) and socks between September 5 and October 19. Info on where to drop off shoes or make a donation: [www.tysonspartnership.org/tysonscares/](http://www.tysonspartnership.org/tysonscares/) or Meghan Trossen, Director of Programs and Partnerships, at [mtrossen@tysonspartnership.org](mailto:mtrossen@tysonspartnership.org).
- **Mini Golf** – Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority host mentorship mini golf with selected Fairfax County Public School students from 9 to 11 am.
- **Neighborhood Park Projects** - Fairfax County Park Authority hosts Invasive Management Area site projects at Nottoway Park 9 am to noon. Volunteers can sign up through the IMA website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA).
- **The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club Hosts** – Clean up at Scotts Run Stream Valley Park behind Westgate Elementary School, 7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church 22043 from 9 to 11 am. For directions and/or to volunteer please contact Patricia Leslie at [patricialeighleslie@yahoo.com](mailto:patricialeighleslie@yahoo.com) or 202-316-0584.
- **James Lee Community Center** – The James Lee Community Center at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church is conducting a **Pet Drive** for items to be used at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. For info contact Jessica Esparza & William Canas 703-534-3387 (call for the list of items needed at the Shelter or give a gift card).
- **Event Promotions** – The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 James Lee Street, Falls Church, help promote VolunteerFest®. Their 20th season opens with the fast-paced comedy **Moon Over Buffalo** which runs from October 6 through October 21. For a schedule of performances see [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

Supervisor Smyth and the 2016 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2017 VolunteerFest® website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 and on the Volunteer Fairfax website at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php).

## Friends of Oakton Library Named Community Champion

Supervisor Linda Smyth named Friends of Oakton Library the 2017 Providence District Community Champion. Volunteer Fairfax and Supervisor Smyth honored the group at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Friends of Oakton Library charter members began their quest to establish a local library in the 1990's. In a historic public-private partnership with a developer, three acres were dedicated to the facility. In 2004, Fairfax County taxpayers approved a bond referendum to build the Oakton Library, which opened its doors in September 2007.

Friends of Oakton Library have never wavered from their original mission to support and enhance library resources and services, as well as foster a strong connection between the library and the local community. Every day the group comes to the library to receive, sort and box thousands of books donated to the public. And each year the volunteers manage and run book sales, which, alongside membership fees and generous donations, help enable the Oakton Library to provide excellent services to the community. Friends of Oakton Library consistently exceed expectations with their generous enthusiasm, financial support, tireless work, and personal commitment. These volunteers have created a gathering place where people can come and enjoy the library resources.

***As Supervisor Smyth says, "The Friends of Oakton Library became an active organization before there was a building or books. They started off with nothing but an idea and a piece of dirt. Literally from the ground up, the Friends built a library that has been the focal point for the Oakton community for the last 10 years."***

## Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Oakton Library!

**September 23rd** the Oakton Library, your Providence District branch, is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

To celebrate, library staff are busy planning fun, family-oriented activities including (at the time of this writing) music and dance, face-painting, creating sidewalk chalk birthday-wish art, balloons, a roving book character and a Maker Space building activity. There will be opportunities to participate in an Edible Book Gallery and to post a video of yourself reading aloud your favorite story. Rain or shine, Saturday, September 23, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Funded by the Friends of Oakton Library. Save the date, mark your calendar and watch for further information.



## 2017 LORD AND LADY FAIRFAX

Each year, Celebrate Fairfax! and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors partner to honor extraordinary community leaders and volunteers in each magisterial district. These are the Lords and Ladies Fairfax. This year our Providence District Lady Fairfax is **Sue Kovach Shuman** and Lord Fairfax is **Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner**.

Since her retirement from newspaper work, Sue has applied her "can do" spirit, writing and personal skills to volunteerism for the county.

Sue is working on Fairfax County's Neighborhood History Community Project for the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She serves as community ambassador for the Agency on Aging, helps with "Providence Perspectives," an oral history project, and is on the board of the Friends of Accotink Creek.

Recently Sue served as president of the Mantua Citizens' Association and created the "Neighbor Network," an aging-in-community initiative to support older residents.

Phil was twice elected to the Fairfax County School Board and served one year as chairman. He was also a member of both the Park Authority Board and the Environmental Quality Advisory Council.

Phil chaired the Use of Force Subcommittee under the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. He remains involved with the Commission through the "Implementation Committee."

Looking for another challenge, Phil volunteered to become Providence's representative on the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Providence is honored to recognize Sue and Phil for their many gifts to our county and thanks them for the countless hours of service they have given us.

## Take Back the Forest

Like working outdoors with friends and family? Help save trees and wildlife habitat at Nottoway Park; take back the forest! Learn how to identify and remove invasive plants and choose native species for your backyard. Students and scouts, earn community service and environmental project hours.

Workdays: *Saturday* (9 am to noon), September 30, October 14, October 28.

Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/) or call 703-324-8681 for more information and additional volunteer opportunities.

## UPDATE ON PARK FACILITIES IN TYSONS

The Tysons planning and development project is moving forward and parkland and facility planning and development is an integral element. There presently are about 90 acres of parkland in the Tysons development area. An additional 50 acres of parkland has been proffered.

The comprehensive plan provides for one athletic field per 4.5 million square feet new gross floor area (GFA). 3.5 million square feet GFA has been built since 2010. Thus, this new development, to date, generates a need for 0.70 field. Already built is one full size rectangle field, one interim youth rectangle field and one diamond/rectangle field upgrade. Athletic field development is therefore ahead of schedule. Proffered park commitments since March 2016 include the following: Meridian Athletic Field which is comprised of one new full size field, parking for 70 cars, spectator seating and is to be built and open for public use by Dec. 2018; and CARS West Landbay which is comprised of a 1/3 acre civic plaza, and 1.97 acre recreation-based park.

The continued collaboration between the Park Authority, the Board of Supervisors, and Tysons land owners and developers has proven vital to the success of planning and development of park facilities in the Tysons area.

## Plant Native to Enhance Your Backyard Habitat

Native plants provide food and habitat for native wildlife. Planting natives creates a sanctuary for a diverse network of life from bees and butterflies to birds, frogs and other animals. In addition to being naturally beautiful, natives help conserve water and soil quality and flourish without extensive use of fertilizers and pesticides. Planting a broad array of natives on your own property can increase curb appeal, while helping preserve and increase biodiversity in Northern Virginia. See below for native plant resources:

***The Guide to Native Plants for Northern Virginia***, downloadable at [www.plantnovanatives.org](http://www.plantnovanatives.org).

**Virginia Native Plant Society**, Potowmack Chapter: <http://vnps.org/potowmack/>

***Bringing Nature Home***, Douglas Tallamy: <http://bringingnaturehome.net/>.

## Tyson-Pimmit Regional Library

The newly renovated Tyson-Pimmit Regional Library will open to the public October 14, 2017, after a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 am. The temporary Tysons branch will close at 2 pm on Saturday, September 30, to allow the staff to prepare the renovated branch for the public.

### While the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is closed for renovation:

Tyson Library Friends host at 7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 137, (across from Marshall High School on Route 7)

The Quarterly Book Sale to be held September 7 through 9

Friday and Saturday there will be a \$10 per bag sale

More information: [tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com) or 703-338-3307. Proceeds benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library and related activities. VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED!!!

## The FRIENDS of Oakton Library

### FALL BOOK SALE

Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place,  
Oakton 22124

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/)  
703-242-4020

Wednesday, September 13, members pre-sale,  
2 pm to 5:30 pm

Thursday, September 14 from 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday, September 15 from 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, September 16 from 10 am to 3 pm

For more information and to join Friends of Oakton Library, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ok/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ok/).

## Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna

A local non-profit organization, promoting independent living and a caring community, the Shepherd's Center provides educational and social programs as well as friendly visitors and callers.

The Shepherd's Center also offers transportation assistance and is recruiting volunteer drivers for this service. Drivers pick up rides based on their own schedule and availability. This is a terrific way to contribute; you can have a positive impact on the lives of so many people. Share your talents and time and reap the rewards of service. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, [volunteer@scov.org](mailto:volunteer@scov.org), 703-281-0538.



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and its private partner, Express Mobility

Partners (EMP), is working to provide new and reliable travel choices, while reducing congestion, along 22.5 miles of Interstate 66 between I-495 (Capital Beltway) and University Boulevard in Gainesville. The **Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project** is a multimodal initiative that will provide two express lanes, alongside three general purpose lanes in each direction, dynamically tolled to manage demand and keep the lanes free-flowing. The project will provide expanded bus routes, 4,000 new park-and-ride spaces, convenient access to the express lanes for HOV-3 travelers and transit, and safety and operational improvements at interchanges, including smoother transitions entering and exiting I-66.

The VDOT-EMP public-private partnership will deliver more than \$3 billion in transportation infrastructure improvements for the I-66 Corridor. This includes \$2.3 billion in design and construction and a \$500 million payment by EMP in 2017 to fund additional transportation improvements in the I-66 corridor. On July 13, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Board recommended 14 projects including transit, road and bridge improvements, trails and parking facilities, to Virginia's Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for approval to be funded from the \$500 million concession payment.

VDOT and EMP are currently working on the project's overall design. Over 400 people attended information meetings held in June 2017, and more than 1,000 comments have been received. The EMP team presented several new design concepts including improved connectivity east of Sudley Road and the I-495 Interchanges. Allowing heavy (multi-axle) truck access to the express lanes also was discussed at the meetings. Recently, the region's planning board, in response to a recommendation from Fairfax County, took action to restrict heavy truck access on proposed express lane ramps at Vaden Drive in the region's long range transportation plan.

Plans include a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the physically-constrained I-66, generating interest from nearby communities and key stakeholders. The current concept plans call for the trail to be on the highway side of proposed noise walls where the trail is near homes (about five miles in intermittent sections between Route 29 in Centreville and Gallows Road). The project team is working to reduce the length of these segments as much as possible, and to identify practical and effective ways to separate the trail from the roadway.

Over the coming months, the team will continue to advance the project's design, sharing details with the public as they become available. The project team has attended more than 30 meetings with community and stakeholder groups, and is available to attend future community meetings as requested. The project's design plans will be presented at public meetings later this year.

Start-up construction activities including mobilizing construction equipment and limited work within VDOT's right of way are planned to begin later this fall. Construction is expected to be in full swing in the spring of 2018, with the express lanes scheduled to open in July 2022. For more information see [Transform66.org](http://Transform66.org).

## New Connector from I-66 to West Falls Church Metro Station

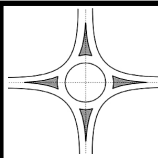
The West Falls Church Metrorail station, located adjacent to the I-66 and Route 7 interchange, does not have direct access from eastbound I-66. Currently, to get to the Metro station from eastbound I-66, motorists take the Exit 66 and merge onto already congested Route 7 toward Falls Church, turn left at the Haycock Road intersection located about 1,500 feet downstream of the exit ramp, and then turn left onto Falls Church Drive. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is proposing a new connector between the eastbound I-66 to southbound Route 7 off-ramp and the ramp that provides the connection from southbound Route 7 to eastbound I-66 and the West Falls Church Metro station.

The proposed connector will help enhance multimodal connectivity by providing a direct access path for vehicles from eastbound I-66 to the West Falls Church Metrorail Station. This project will be constructed along with the I-66 Inside the Beltway Eastbound Widening project starting in 2018 and is expected to open to traffic in late 2020. Benefits of the proposed connector ramp are as follows:

Direct connectivity for vehicles to the Metro station from eastbound I-66.

By diverting vehicles off Route 7 and Haycock Road to reach the Metro station, the operational performance of the intersections on these roadways will be improved.

The diversion will improve safety by reducing the unsafe weaving maneuvers associated with vehicles exiting eastbound I-66 and performing multiple lane changes in a short distance to turn left at Haycock Road.



## Hunter Mill Road Roundabout Update

Construction is set to begin this fall on the Hunter Mill Roundabout located at the intersection of Mystic Meadow Way and Hunter Mill Road. The roundabout is part of a traffic calming plan for Hunter Mill Road. Included in the project are drainage improvements and a sidewalk to be added from the Oakton Community Park to Lewis Knoll Drive.

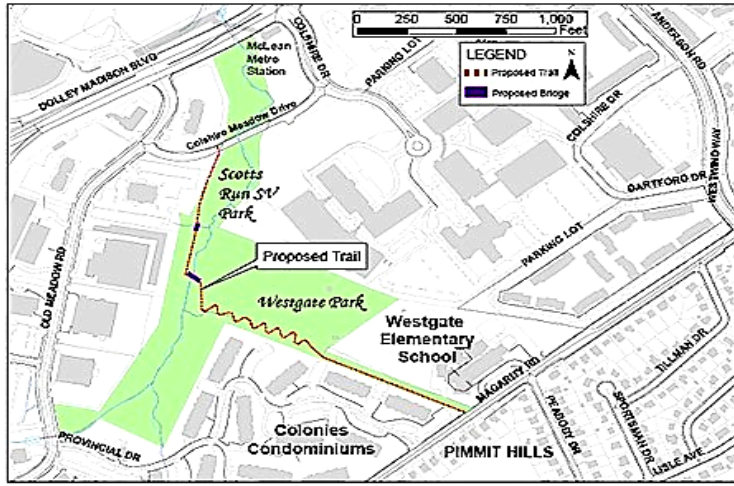
Only short duration lane closures are expected that will require flagging operations, likely during off-peak hours. One traffic lane in each direction on Hunter Mill Road and Mystic Meadow will be maintained the majority of time with no weekend work expected. Construction is expected to last about seven months.

## Scott's Run Trail

Land acquisition for the new Scott's Run Trail which will connect Magarity Road at Westgate Elementary School to Colshire Meadow Drive near the McLean Metro Station has begun. The half-mile trail will be lighted and will pass through Scott's Run Stream Valley Park and Westgate Park and include two bridges, one over Scott's Run Stream and another over a tributary. Final design is set for next spring, with construction to follow. The trail should be completed before 2020.

The Park Authority and the Department of Transportation held a public hearing on Scott's Run Trail last year. The project is part of the Transportation Priorities Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2014 to offer pedestrians better access to Metro stations.

The estimated cost is \$2,075,000, funded by Federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvements Program (CMAQ).



## New Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over I-495 in Tysons

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), is designing a bicycle and pedestrian facility that will provide connectivity across the Beltway in the vicinity of the Route 123 interchange. The Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan shows several connections across the Beltway. The proposed facility in the vicinity of the Route 123 interchange is one of these planned bicycle/pedestrian connections.

VDOT recently completed the evaluation of alternatives for this project. The selection of the preferred alternative included an extensive public outreach process. The bicycle/pedestrian facility selected for final design and construction includes an off-road shared use path along Old Meadow Road from Route 123 to the Dolley Madison Apartments and a bicycle/pedestrian bridge across the Capital Beltway adjacent to the Dolley Madison Apartments and the Encore Condominiums with a terminus at the existing shared use path along Tysons One Place within the Tysons Corner Center. Preliminary design refinements will be completed this fall and a design public hearing will be scheduled later this year.



Fairfax Connector has always been a great way for residents and visitors to move about the county, and now, a new device, **BusTracker**, will enable more efficient riding.

Using a mobile device or a computer, riders may obtain estimated arrival times at any of the 2,600 bus pick-up locations in the county. On a computer, users can go to [FairfaxConnector.com](http://FairfaxConnector.com) and click on BusTracker to find the stop ID number to enter and receive estimated arrival times.

At stops, text FFX and the posted ID number to 41411 (all this is posted on signs at the bus stops) to receive arrival times within seconds. Happy Riding!

With the I-66 Inside the Beltway program, in exchange for paying a toll, solo drivers will be able to use the interstate before the end of the year during peak hours (5:30 to 9:30 am eastbound and 3:00 to 7:00 pm westbound). Carpools and vanpools (with two or more people, until the I-66 Express Lanes outside the Beltway become operational), transit, on-duty law enforcement and first responders will not pay a toll. Commuters who choose not to drive will enjoy better and more frequent transit services, as well as other improvements that will be funded by toll revenues.

## Fairfax County Named Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community

Last spring the League of American Bicyclists recognized Fairfax County with a Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC<sup>SM</sup>) award which recognizes Fairfax County's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies. The BFC program provides a benchmark for communities to evaluate conditions and policies, while highlighting areas for improvement. The national scope of the program also promotes competition and comparison between communities.

Fairfax County joins a distinctive group of 416 communities in all 50 states which have received a bike friendly award. To learn more about the BFC program, visit [bikeleague.org/community](http://bikeleague.org/community). The updated Fairfax County Bicycle Map may be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/bikemap](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/bikemap).



## SNOW REMOVAL

With the upcoming change of seasons to colder weather, snow and ice are always a possibility. **VDOT treats and plows public roads in Fairfax County.** To report hazardous road conditions or for any questions you may have, please call **1-800-FOR-ROAD**. As a reminder VDOT will only begin to plow after 2 inches of snow have fallen. If you would like to know about road conditions in your area, call 511 or visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org). You can also find out the status of plowing in your neighborhood by visiting <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov> and entering your address.

# Land Use Updates

## Customer Information Center



Fairfax County Development Services

DCC | DPWES | DPZ | FCDOT | FCPA | FMO | HD | LDS | OCR



The County has established a help center on the first floor of the Herrity Building. For average residents and development professionals alike the alphabet soup of departments and agencies involved in the development and permitting process can quickly become confusing and overwhelming. To assist residents, the **Development Services Customer Information Center** has been established to provide a centralized location for customers to meet with Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) and Land Development Services (LDS) staff members who can help them navigate the county's land development process. For more information please see: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/pod/afxfirstportal.jpg](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/pod/afxfirstportal.jpg) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/pod/cicdirections.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/pod/cicdirections.htm).

### Graham Park Plaza Plan Amendment 2015-I-J1 (formerly Loehmanns Plaza)

In late 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment for Graham Park Plaza, formerly Loehmanns Plaza, in the Mason District. The new plan could permit the development of a mix of residential and nonresidential uses. The pending rezoning **RZ 2016-MA-022** to develop part of the plaza with residential buildings and ground floor uses had been placed on indefinite deferral. The owner of the plaza is revising the design to respond to community concerns and to ensure safe automotive and pedestrian access and circulation. It is anticipated that the rezoning will be reactivated this fall with public hearings at the Planning Commission late this year and a Board hearing in early 2018. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/grahamparkplaza/grahamparkplaza.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/grahamparkplaza/grahamparkplaza.htm).

### Modernization of Fairfax County's Zoning Ordinance: zMod process is launched

The County has initiated the process of rewriting and updating the county zoning ordinance. The current ordinance is nearly 40 years old and is showing its age. The goal of the rewrite is to make the ordinance easier to administer and easier to understand by the average citizen. The **Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project (zMod)** will make the county's zoning ordinance more agile, flexible and forward thinking. The project in its first phase will prioritize three key ordinance amendments for review: minor modifications, planned development housing districts and creating broader, more general zoning categories. zMod is also intended to support the county's strategic plan to grow and diversify the economy. For more information see: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2017/fairfax-launches-zoning-ordinance-modernization.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2017/fairfax-launches-zoning-ordinance-modernization.htm).

### Idylwood Substation Update

Dominion Virginia Power is planning to rebuild the existing substation located near the corner of Shreve Road and Holly Manor Drive. The existing facility, originally built in the late 1950's, needs to be upgraded to address capacity and reliability concerns in the region. Dominion is moving forward with their Special Exception Amendment application (SEA-2014-PR-032) and a separate *Certificate of Need* application to the State Corporation Commission. Both of these applications were triggered by the proposed introduction of a high-bus electrical line that had not been anticipated under the approved Special Exception application. Stakeholders are working to mitigate adverse impacts and safety concerns of the upgrades proposed. The Board SEA hearing has been scheduled for September 12 of this year. Residents can also sign up to receive project updates via email. [www.dom.com/about-us/news-center/electric-projects-and-initiatives/power-line-projects/idylwood-at-shreve-road-project](http://www.dom.com/about-us/news-center/electric-projects-and-initiatives/power-line-projects/idylwood-at-shreve-road-project)

### Providence District Land Use Updates

Providence District has multiple pending and recently approved zoning applications. Several other property owners expressed interest in submitting new zoning applications at the time of publication.

In Tysons, the approved **Capital One** zoning application (**FDPA/PCA 2010-PR-021-02**) will result in the development of an urban style Wegmans and **The Capital One Center**. The center will include a Main Hall with 1,500-seats, a 225 seat Black Box multipurpose space and two classrooms in addition to other meeting spaces. The center will also have an orchestra pit, a fly system, dressing rooms and state of the art, lighting, sound, and rigging systems. Operations will be managed by a professional management company. The center will be capable of hosting everything from Capital One's corporate events to publicly-accessible performing arts events, such as symphonies, local arts exhibits and school graduations and professional touring artists. It is anticipated that it will become a premier performance venue for Fairfax County performing arts groups.



## Land Use continued

To accommodate additional growth and consolidation of their operations **MITRE (RZ/FDPA 2010-PR-023)** proposes to master plan their 22 acres to permit a 30 year phased development to meet their office needs. The developer of **The Boro**, TMG Solutions Plaza (**PCA 2010-PR-022**) is quickly moving forward with construction of the mixed use redevelopment of the SAIC campus property. **CityLine** proposed **PCA/FDPA 2011-PR-011-02** will be going to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing this fall. The development located on the south side of 123 envisions the development of three high rise residential buildings, ground floor retail and interim retail uses. The interim retail buildings would be replaced in the future with the construction of two office buildings fronting 123. The approved **International Place development (RZ 2015-PR-006)**, located on the former Killmon Ford dealership site, will result in the development of a 350 to 385 unit residential building with over 100,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail uses and an urban public park. **The Old Meadow Holdings application (RZ 2015-PR-014)**, that proposes to develop a 10 story office building at the corner of Old Meadow Road and Route 123 with integrated parking and 12,000 square feet of ground floor retail, has been placed on indefinite deferral.

Two new substantial PTC zoning applications have been filed for Tysons: **The View (RZ 2017-PR-102/103)**, a nearly 7 acre area located at Spring Hill Road and Rt. 7, proposes to develop five buildings with 2.8 million square feet including options to develop approximately 19% of the site with office, 61% residential, 14% hotel, and 5% retail and public uses including a pedestrian plaza and a performing arts venue. The initial 1.3 million sq. ft. building is proposed to be 615' tall and would include a combined total of 650 residential and hotel rooms. **The Mile** rezoning located off of Jones Branch Drive proposes to replace three existing office buildings and surface parking on 38 acres with nine buildings with 2,155 to 2,970 residential units, 650,000 sq. ft. of office and 60,000 sq. ft. of retail and open space.

The **Sekas Homes RZ/FDP 2016-PR-012** application located on 26 acres off of Rt. 50, was approved to redevelop the **Kena Temple site** with 22 single family homes. The Pearson family **RZ 2016-PR- 089** application to redevelop their property on Haney Lane with 9 homes is anticipated to go to public hearings late this year. In the Oakton area the **Flint Hill Upper School** located off of Jermantown Road has a pending **Special Exception Amendment SEA 99-P-046-02** to eliminate the option to build a field house and build in its place a middle school to accommodate about 100 additional 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are currently housed at the lower school campus. This application was heard before the Planning Commission in July and will be scheduled for public hearing at the Board of Supervisors this fall.

In Merrifield, **Sekas Homes** is proposing to redevelop the Four Seasons Tennis Club with a mix of townhomes, multifamily units and childcare. The pending rezoning application (**RZ/FDPA 2016-PR-020**) and will go to public hearings in October of this year. At the former ExxonMobil campus located on Gallows Road INOVA has established the **Inova Center of Personalized Health** and has initiated retrofitting portions of the campus to accommodate the center.

At MetroWest, **Pulte** has reiterated their plan to start construction of four of the five senior living (55 and over age restricted) residential buildings. In July, **SSL Development Company, LLC** submitted a final development plan amendment application to permit the development of an assisted living facility in the fifth age restricted residential building. The application **FDPA 2003-PR-022** has been accepted by Fairfax County for review. A public hearing before the Planning Commission has not been scheduled at this time.

### Short-Term Rentals: development of new regulations

Over the summer I contacted all Civic and Homeowner Associations located in the Providence District to alert them that Fairfax County is considering the development of new zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals (such as Airbnb). This year the Virginia General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1578. This gives localities the authority to require registration of Short-Term Rentals. As a result, the Board of Supervisors directed the creation of a working group to draft zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals in the County and to establish a registry of Short-Term Rentals. In proposing Short-Term Rental regulations to the Board, the working group seeks to balance residents' interests to protect the character of their neighborhood with the interests of persons wanting to operate Short-Term Rentals within their residences. To help facilitate developing the proposed regulations for Short-Term Rentals, the county posted online a quick Short-Term Property Rental Survey to obtain community input. To monitor the progress of the working group's public outreach and to participate in future public hearings that will consider new regulation please see: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm).

### North County Site-Specific Plan nominations to be accepted in September

In June the Board of Supervisors adopted modifications to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process, formerly known as Fairfax Forward, to improve public participation in land use planning efforts. The major modification incorporates a new nomination-based review cycle, known as the Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process (SSPA) into the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program. The SSPA is designed as a four-year review cycle — the first two years will encompass the North County Supervisor districts of Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Providence, and Sully, and will commence in September of 2017; the following two years will include the South County Supervisor districts. The North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment process will commence with an open nomination period anticipated in September 2017. The nomination period will allow anyone to propose land use plan changes in the eligible areas. For more information please see: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa.htm).

If you have any land use questions, please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946.



Accessible and affordable transportation is a critical need for people with disabilities and older adults. If you are a person with disabilities or an older adult, here are some things to know to help you get to where you need to go.

**Know your options:** Review the Transportation Guide to Northern Virginia for People with Disabilities at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transportation-guide.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transportation-guide.htm), or by calling 703-324-5421 to understand your options and what works best for your schedule and budget. Learn about accessible parking, medical transit and other related topics from our Disability Services at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transportation.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transportation.htm), or by calling 703-324-5421.

**Discounts are Available:** Most public transportation systems offer discounts for people with disabilities and older adults. Go to Fairfax County Connector, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/riders/fares.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/riders/fares.htm) or call 703-339-7200, or Metro, [www.wmata.com/fares/reduced.cfm](http://www.wmata.com/fares/reduced.cfm) or call 202-962-1100.

**Accessibility is Your Right:** If you cannot board a bus or train, navigate sidewalks, cross streets safely or experience inadequate transportation service, you should contact the transportation provider.

## Recycling Updates

Fairfax County's **Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP)** is proud to report that the county achieved a 50% recycling rate in calendar 2016. This achievement is due in part to the efforts of the SWMP outreach and education team which focused on business education by offering assistance when managers are not sure how to start a recycling program. In 2016, the team visited more than 500 office buildings and 300 construction sites.

This year, the team is focused on promoting recycling in the hospitality industry. SWMP staff have already visited all of the more than 100 hotels in the county, and they are now visiting restaurants and bars. During these visits they are providing managers with copies of the new Hospitality Industry Recycling Toolkit, which can also be found online at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/recycling-hospitality-industry.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/recycling-hospitality-industry.htm).

The SWMP is also developing a program to recover container glass for use in road construction at county facilities and in other applications. The SWMP installed an industrial-scale glass crusher at the I-95 Solid Waste Complex in Lorton. This equipment is specifically designed to crush glass from food and beverage containers collected for recycling to create a material that can be used as a substitute for sand or gravel for construction projects. As the program develops, the SWMP will be reaching out to potential partners to assist them in recycling glass including surrounding jurisdictions, regional recyclables processing facilities, as well as restaurants, bars, and bottling companies.

## Multiple Occupancy

### ***Do you know about Fairfax County's zoning rules related to limitations on the occupancy of a dwelling unit?***

Sect. 2-502 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance establishes that a dwelling unit may be occupied by not more than one (1) of the following:

One family, which may consist of one (1) person OR two (2) or more persons related by blood or marriage with any number of natural children, foster children, step children or adopted children, plus no more than two (2) roomers or boarders unrelated to the family.

Two (2) single parents with not more than a total of six (6) of their dependent children.

Up to four (4) persons not related by blood or marriage.

A group residential facility.

A group housekeeping unit, which may consist of not more than ten (10) persons, which requires approval of a special permit by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A bed and breakfast, which requires approval of a special exception by the Board of Supervisors.

**A Home Occupation Permit** is required when rooms are rented by boarders in a home. To apply for that permit, please contact the Zoning Permit Review Branch at 703-222-1082.

**To report a possible violation:**

**Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance**  
**12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035**  
**Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711**  
**Web: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code)**



In partnership with Fairfax County, **Volunteer Fairfax** is calling upon representatives from nonprofits, houses of worship, homeowner and civic associations, private industry, PTA's and community-based organizations in the Providence District to safeguard our community and support disaster recovery efforts by joining a Community Resiliency Group. Come together to learn about community resiliency through an educational Seminar on Thursday, November 2 from 6 to 8:30 pm and corresponding hands on Tabletop Exercise on Tuesday, November 14 from 6 to 8:30 pm.

No organization is too small to answer the call. In both an emergency and on a day to day basis, it's about a sense of community; through this initiative we strive to promote and strengthen a sense of community across all of Providence. Together we can build a more resilient community! Admission is FREE! Dinner is included!

For more information contact Paul Anderson at 703-246-3553 or [emergency@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:emergency@volunteerfairfax.org). Register at [providencesiliency.eventbrite.com](http://providencesiliency.eventbrite.com).



## Fall Update from Providence School Board Member Dalia Palchik

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a great summer, and I'd like to share some major updates from our public schools—our new superintendent, the FY 2018 budget, and Kids in Need.

### New Superintendent

We are so pleased that Dr. Scott Brabrand just began his first full school year with FCPS as superintendent!

“Dr. Brabrand returns to FCPS after spending five years as Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools, where he oversaw increases in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) pass rates in math and reading and in the graduation rate, particularly for economically disadvantaged students and for Black students. During his tenure, Lynchburg City Schools saw its funding transfer increase for five consecutive years after five previous years of flat or declining transfers. This year, he was named Region V Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents.

Dr. Brabrand began his career in FCPS as a social studies teacher in 1994, a career changer who was inspired by doing volunteer work in the schools. Under his leadership as principal of Fairfax High School starting in 2005, the school saw the achievement gap for Hispanic students in English and math SOL tests eliminated. In 2009, Brabrand was promoted to Cluster Assistant Superintendent. Under his guidance, four of the cluster's six Title 1 schools that were in state sanction for reading and math had those sanctions lifted, and the remaining two schools posted gains in reading and math on SOL tests. Brabrand developed a cluster strategic plan to increase student academic achievement in every school and site based on the implementation of professional learning communities, and was charged with overseeing the priority schools initiative, designed to increase academic achievement in 30 lower-performing schools.

Dr. Brabrand is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He earned a master's degree in education from George Washington University, and an education specialist certification from Virginia Tech. He has taught courses on public school law at Virginia Tech and George Mason University, and on instructional issues in K-12 education at the University of Virginia.”

Dr. Brabrand is also fluent in Spanish, which I am especially pleased about as nearly one out of four of our students speak Spanish at home! For additional information on Dr. Brabrand, please visit: [www.fcps.edu/staff/scott-brabrand](http://www.fcps.edu/staff/scott-brabrand).

### Adopted 2018 Budget

At its May 25, 2017 meeting, the Fairfax County School Board adopted the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) FY 2018 Approved Budget of \$2.8 billion that includes reductions of more than \$50 million that were necessary to fund required expenditure increases and address employee compensation which is a priority in FCPS' Strategic Plan. The budget includes \$44.0 million for an average step increase of 2.5 percent for all eligible employees, an additional \$26.6 million as part of a multi-year plan to enhance teacher salaries and make them more competitive, and \$0.4 million for parent liaison compensation. The budget also includes \$2.0 million to implement a new Classroom Instructional Support pay scale for instructional assistants, public health assistants and public health training assistants and a new Schedule H for food service workers and bus drivers and attendants. [www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/FY2018](http://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/FY2018)

### Kids in Need

The Kids in Need fund was created in 2015 to help fill the gaps for over 53,000 FCPS students who live below the poverty line. It is part of Collect for Kids, a county-wide effort to provide all FCPS students in need with school supplies and back packs. For more information, or to get involved with the Foundation for FCPS, please visit: [www.FCPSFoundation.org](http://www.FCPSFoundation.org).

### Stay in touch!

I appreciate your continued partnership and support of our community's public schools. Meeting with community groups and with residents is a priority of mine, and I would love to hear from you or to speak at a community or HOA meeting. I also hold regular office hours throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out for more information or to hear about my upcoming office hours at

[Dalia.Palchik@fcps.edu](mailto:Dalia.Palchik@fcps.edu) or 571-423-1084 (office). Thank you!

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## Must-Have Phone Numbers

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 Adult Protective Services: 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>	703-658-1201	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Control</b>	703-691-2131	<b>Child Care</b>	703-324-8100
<b>Consumer Affairs</b>	703-222-8435	<b>Circuit Courts</b>	703-691-7320
<b>Dept. of Motor Vehicles</b>	804-497-7100	<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>Zoning Violations</b>	703-324-1300
<b>Human Services</b>	703-222-0880	<b>Library, Oakton</b>	703-242-4020
<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>	703-324-5514
<b>Recycling InfoLine</b>	703-324-5052	<b>School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)</b>	703-449-8989
<b>School Board</b>	571-423-1075	<b>Senior Citizen Information</b>	703-324-7948
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	703-246-3764	<b>Trash Pick-up</b>	703-802-3322
<b>VDOT</b>	800-367-7623	<b>Voting Information</b>	703-222-0776

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



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