

The Providence Report

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Know Your Local Government: Become Engaged

Join a variety of county agencies to learn more about your local government, the programs and services it provides, and how **YOU** can play a critical role in shaping the future of your community. This **FREE** community development program includes an overview of Fairfax County Government as well as in-depth breakout discussions about specific programs, services, ordinances and other topics of interest to your community.

Learn about volunteer opportunities and how to become involved in processes for ongoing planning and coordination with the local government. Also develop an understanding of community resources such as transportation, public safety, land use and zoning compliance, health and human services, and more.

Saturday, October 26, 2019, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Providence Community Center (near the Vienna Metro Station), **3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031**

Child Care and transportation available, by request.

(Please contact Amy Ordonez with Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services at 703-787-4962, TTY 711.)

Online registration will begin Monday, September 16 at:
<https://tinyurl.com/providencegov>. Deadline to register is Sunday, October 20.

A Message from Supervisor Smyth

This issue of the Providence Report will be my last one. I will retire from office at the end of this year. Having served as Supervisor for 16 years and Planning Commissioner for 4, I have had the opportunity to get to know many neighborhoods and residents. Even though I will no longer have the privilege of representing you, I hope that the friendships we have built over the years will continue.

I will be saying goodbye not only to this office but also to my staff, whom many of you have come to know well. No one could have had a more dedicated staff than I have had. Although Providence is one of the busiest districts in the County, my office has had the fewest staff members. As a testament to their hard work, over the past 16 years I have been able to save more than \$1.75 million from my office funds and return that amount to the County. For all of us, that has been part of serving you.

Let me close by thanking you for your involvement in our community and your help in working to make it better for everyone. With your ongoing support, Providence will always be a great place to call home.

~Linda Smyth

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) will take place at various locations in our area from September 14 to 28. The mission of the NVSO program is to promote health, fitness and psychological well-being for senior adults by providing opportunities for participation, competition, self-improvement and fellowship through various athletic and recreational events.

The 2019 games will include more than 60 events that exercise the mind as well as the body. Games include bowling, cycling, golf, bridge, table-tennis, jigsaw puzzle and more! For a list of events and venues, please visit <https://nvso.us>. We are super excited to add that the Table Tennis games will take place on September 21 starting at 9:00 am at the Providence Community Center located at 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. If you would like to volunteer at the NVSO games, please call 703-403-5360, TTY 711 or email rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org.



Voting Information

November 5, 2019 General Election

The November 5, 2019 General Election will have on the ballot candidates for local and state representatives. Polling places will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. For a complete list of candidates, please visit fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming. Voters will also be voting for a school bond referendum. More information is available on fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/2019-school-bond-referendum. To find your polling place, please call 703-222-0776, TTY 711 or visit vote.elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation.

Register to Vote

Deadline to register to vote in the November 5 General Election is October 15 at 5:00 pm, ONLINE: 11:59 pm. You may register to vote year-round except during the 22 days prior to a General or Primary election, 13 days prior to a Special election, or 7 days prior to a Special election called by the Governor (Code of Virginia §24.2-416).

To register to vote in Virginia, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Virginia, at least 18 years old by the next General election, have had voting rights restored if convicted of a felony, and have had capacity restored by court order if declared mentally incapacitated. To determine your eligibility and to register to vote, please visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/Eligibility. For more information on How to Register to Vote, please visit the county's Voter Registration website at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/voter-registration.

Report Change of Name or Address

To remain a qualified registered voter, the law requires you to notify the Register's 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 by mail to P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038, by email to voting@fairfaxcounty.gov or by fax to 703-324-2205. The change notice must include your signature to be valid. Notice cannot be made by telephone. After your change is processed, a new Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. If a new card does not arrive within a few weeks, please call 703-222-0776, TTY 711 to confirm that your notice was received.

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 identifications. For more information, please visit elections.virginia.gov/index.php/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/index.html.

Absentee Voting

Registered voters who will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day or are unable to go to their polling place 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 fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.

Important Dates

The last day to register to vote is 5:00 pm in-person or 11:59 pm online, Tuesday, October 15. The last date to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 29. Absentee ballots must be returned by 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 5. In-person absentee voting begins Friday, September 20 and continues through Saturday, 5:00 pm November 2. For more information, please visit the Office of Elections website at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ or call 703-222-0776, TTY 711 during regular business hours and 703-324-4700, TTY 711 for the 24-hour recorded information line.

Election Officers Needed!

Fairfax County needs Election Officers. If you're interested in making a contribution to democracy, consider serving as an Election Officer on election day. Election Officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. You may choose to accept the \$175 stipend for a full day or volunteer your time. There is a particular need for Language Election Officers in certain areas of the County who speak Korean or Vietnamese. Training begins in September and all new Election Officers must attend a training class prior to serving at a polling place. Experienced Election Officers are required to attend training classes when specified by the Office of Elections. To apply, please complete and submit the online form located at vote4fairfax.com. For more information, please visit the Office of Elections located at 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035 or call (703) 324-4735, TTY 711.



2019 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2019 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 26 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day. 2019 Providence VolunteerFest® projects are listed below.

All projects will take place on Saturday, October 26 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 :00 am to 10:00 pm -- or Hunter Mill Country Day School, 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm weekdays only.

Neighborhood & Community Services -- "Know Your Local Government: Become Engaged" from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Providence Community Center 3001 Vaden Dr. Fairfax, 22031. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/providencegov>, to register. Childcare and transportation available by making a request to Amy Ordonez of NCS at 703-787-4962, TTY 711.

Oakton Community Park -- Horseback riding opportunity for kids to learn from Spirit Open Equestrian Program which fosters healing & learning life skills through relationships with horses. 1 pm to 3 pm at Oakton Community Park, 2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, 22124. Sponsored by Fairfax4Horses. Weather permitting. **Historic Oakton School House at Oakton Community Park** will be held open for tours from 1 to 3 pm.

Mini-Golf -- Greater Merrifield Business Association (GMBA), Police Department and Park Authority will host the mentorship mini-golf for Providence Community Center School Age Child Care (SACC) children from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Neighborhood Park Projects -- Fairfax County Park Authority hosts Invasive Management Area site projects at: **Blake Lane Park** - Friends host a nature walk and an activity box of activities to enjoy as a family in the park 10 am to noon. **Nottoway Park** - 9 am to noon Sept. 14 & 28; Oct. 19 & 26. Volunteers can sign up through the IMA website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area. If you have questions call 703-324-8681.

The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club -- Adopts Jones Branch to clean up from 9 to 11 am. For directions and/or to volunteer please contact Patricia Leslie at patricialeslie@yahoo.com or 202-316-0584.

James Lee Community Center -- Calling all knitters to unite for our community with your creative skills! Join us at James Lee Community Center for a Charity Knit-In Saturday, October 26, from 10 am to 2 pm. Email caroline.hockenberry@fairfaxcounty.gov for details!

Event Promotions -- The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 James Lee Street, Falls Church, help promote VolunteerFest®. Their 22nd season opens with ***And Then There Were None*** by Agatha Christie which runs from October 4 through 19. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm; Sunday matinees, 2:00 pm. For a schedule of performances see <http://www.providenceplayers.org>.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2019 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2019 VolunteerFest® website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711 and on the Volunteer Fairfax website www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php.



Oakton Women's Club Named Community Champion

Each year the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have the honor of selecting a volunteer within their district to be recognized with the Community Champion Award. This year the Providence award goes to the Oakton Women's Club.

Established in 1976, the Oakton Women's Club is a member of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Their common goals are to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work towards world peace and understanding. The Oakton Women's Club supports local Oakton area charities and causes which enhance the lives of area residents.

The OWC's signature fundraising Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon has allowed the OWC to donate over \$100,000 since 1987 to support various local charitable projects which have positively impacted the lives of many individuals. Their current efforts have been directed towards eradicating hunger for our school age population in America by starting with one Fairfax County Public School.

Their latest project is their partnership with "No Kid Hungry," and the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), to help supply breakfast to hungry children through the Second Chance Breakfast Program that has been implemented at Luther Jackson Middle School as a model for other FCPS middle schools.

The Second Chance Breakfast Program offers schools an innovative way to increase access to breakfast. It is an effective alternative breakfast service model where all students can stop by a mobile cart to choose nutritional food options that can be eaten while waiting for classes to start, or during a break in the morning. It enables breakfast to be easily incorporated into the school day, available for all students, reducing stigmas, increasing participation and enhancing instructional time.

Other recipients of OWC donations, and member volunteer hours, have been The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, Alternative House, Bethany House, The Kate Hanley House, Fairfax4Horses, The Fairfax Symphony, FISH, Stroke Comeback Center, The Virginia Autism Project as well as scholarships for deserving women attending Northern Virginia Community College.

Providence has been fortunate to have a group like the Oakton Woman's Club. Its members stand ready to help when called upon and to take action when they see community needs. Their decades of service in Providence have earned them not only this recognition as Community Champions, but also our longstanding gratitude for their many efforts past, present, and future.



2019 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 Janet Kerr-Tener and Lord Fairfax is Charlie Hall, two volunteers with long records of service to our district.

Janet's extraordinary leadership accomplishments have benefited Fairfax County for more than two decades.

Her love for her community continually touches lives of residents whether as president of the Junior League of Northern Virginia, or through her work on the Volunteer Fairfax Board, Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Committee, and the Library Foundation Board, which she chaired and is still a member.

Janet founded the Friends of Oakton Library, and she recently started the Greater Oakton Community Association to create a vision and sense of place for Oakton.

Our Lord Fairfax, Charlie Hall, is one of those people who quietly makes a big difference in his community.

Charlie's commitment to serve our district is noteworthy in his work on the Providence Athletic Fields Task Force, the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations, and as Chair of the Providence District Council. For these and many other contributions he received the Providence Citizen of the Year award.

Charlie's newest challenge has been chairing the Merrifield Suburban Center Study Task Force, where his leadership has been invaluable.

Many thanks to both Janet and Charlie for all they have done and continue to do!

Take Back the Forest

Like working outdoors with friends and family? Help save trees and wildlife habitat at Nottoway Park. Learn 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 14, September 28, October 19, and October 26..

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area or call 703-324-8681 for more information and additional volunteer opportunities.

NEW ATHLETIC FIELD OPENS IN TYSONS

The ribbon cutting for the new Quantum Field took place on June 22, 2019. The new field is tucked into the southeast corner of the Beltway-Leesburg Pike, just off Gallows Rd., at 7980 Quantum Dr. Quantum Field and the adjacent parking lot were the result of a proffer agreement between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Meridian Group. The Fairfax County Water Authority was also a key player assisting in the accommodation of nearby water mains. The field was built according to the Comprehensive Plan for Tysons and the Tysons Park System Plan to help offset the impacts from new population from Tysons' growth and development. In particular, Quantum Field was developed in conjunction with Tysons' dynamic new urban district, The Boro.

Meridian designed and constructed Quantum Field, a synthetic turf athletic field on a surface parking lot owned by Element Critical. The new field accommodates five sports and includes playing surface dimensions of 180' x 360'. It also includes black vinyl perimeter chain link fencing, concrete walkways, bleacher pads, athletic field and parking lighting, sound containing walls and landscaping.

Quantum Field represents another significant step in providing great park and recreational facilities, now and in the future, for a growing Tysons community.



The Purple Can Club:

Glass Recycling in Fairfax County

In summer 2017 the county's Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) completed construction of Northern Virginia's sole post-consumer glass container recycling facility as part of a broad suite of sustainability initiatives at the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton. The facility can process 20 tons of glass per hour into two usable products: sand and cullet (pea gravel size glass pieces).

In Northern Virginia, glass collected in curbside recycling bins is sent to recycling facilities where it currently ends up in landfills due to the lack of buyers in the local market. During the transportation process to the facility, glass is broken and becomes mixed with recycling residue (small bits of plastic and paper) as part of the sorting process, making it difficult to recover. In order to address this lack of glass recycling, Fairfax County installed the processing plant, nicknamed "Big Blue."

Post-consumer source-separated glass is delivered to Big Blue, where the machine crushes the glass, recovers metal, such as bottle caps, removes labels, plastic caps, and other detritus, and then screens the resulting product into sand and cullet, using different trommels, according to target sizing. Screened products can then be used for numerous applications, including raw materials for new products like home insulation, paving, construction and landscaping, and in filtration and stormwater control applications.

Fairfax County recently partnered with neighboring jurisdictions Arlington County, Prince William County, and the City of Alexandria, to tackle this challenge regionally. The regional program, which was launched in early 2019, established glass-only drop-off containers at various sites across all four municipalities. For branding purposes and ease of recognition by our residents, the partners agreed to paint their glass containers purple, drawing the nickname, "Purple Can Club." Throughout the participating jurisdictions, all colors of emptied glass bottles and jars are acceptable at the purple drop-off containers, which are delivered to Big Blue when they are full. In this way, residents who bring their glass recyclables to a purple can location can be sure that their glass will be sent to Big Blue and recycled into other useful products.

The county also continues to accept glass as part of its curbside program. This is in recognition that several regional material recovery facilities (recycling plants) are working to improve their sorting processes, to better separate glass from the other collected materials and potentially allowing curbside glass to also come to Big Blue for recycling. Currently, we are looking for more drop-off locations in Fairfax County. The strategy is to continue growing the purple can club program by finding good, glass only drop-off container locations that are convenient throughout the county where illegal dumping can be curtailed. As new locations are identified, purple cans will be delivered soon. **For one close to your home, please be on the lookout for the new purple bin which has been installed in the parking lot at the Providence Community Center.**

Please visit the county's glass website for more information: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass>.



Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project construction has progressed this summer with crews building retaining walls along I-66 and bridge structures at the I-495 and Route 28 interchanges. Clearing and grading activities have occurred at most interchanges in the 22.5-mile project corridor, which stretches from I-495 to Route 29 in Gainesville.

The Transform66.org website includes web pages highlighting construction activities, traffic impacts, and design plans for key locations in the project corridor. Of note in Providence District:

- **Route 123 Interchange:** In August, drivers traveling on I-66 West to Route 123 North toward Oakton began using a new temporary exit ramp that has two right-turn lanes at a traffic signal. In the meantime, a new permanent ramp is being built to provide room for express lanes ramps and the shared-use path at the Route 123 Interchange.
- **Nutley Street Interchange:** The Nutley Street Interchange design is planned to change to a new “double roundabout” design. Benefits of the new design include improved traffic flow on Nutley Street, reduced construction impacts for the surrounding community, and bike and pedestrian improvements with a grade-separated shared-use path through the interchange. Learn more about the design and see materials from a June community meeting online at Transform66.org.

The I-66 Outside the Beltway Project will add 4,000 new park and ride spaces, new and expanded bus service throughout the corridor, safety and operational improvements at key interchanges, auxiliary lanes between interchanges, and bicycle and pedestrian upgrades. The new express lanes are scheduled to be completed in late 2022.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for traffic alerts and project updates on the Transform66.org website. If community groups or property owners have specific questions or concerns, or would like to schedule a project update meeting, please contact the Transform 66 Project team at Transform66@vdot.virginia.gov.

Construction Update Meeting on Sept. 4

The Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project team is planning to hold a construction update meeting on Sept. 4, 2019, at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax. The open house-style event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A presentation will occur at 7 p.m. and be repeated at 8 p.m. Project plans will be displayed and attendees will be able to talk one-on-one with project staff. The meeting will focus on upcoming work impacting communities near the Vienna Metro station.

I-66 Eastbound Widening Project Update

Construction continues on VDOT’s project to add a travel lane to I-66 East from the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267) to Fairfax Drive/Glebe Road (Exit 71). Traffic has been shifted to the right while bridge widening and other work is underway toward the center of the roadway. Crews will next shift traffic to the left so work can be completed closer to the shoulder, to include constructing sections of new and replacement noise wall. The additional lane is expected to open in fall 2020.

Autonomous Shuttle Coming to Merrifield



An autonomous electric shuttle is set for launch in the Dunn-Loring/Merrifield area, the first of its kind in Virginia, thanks to efforts by Fairfax County working with Dominion Energy and a \$250,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

This is the first state-funded public transportation vehicle project for the Commonwealth.

The tentative route is planned to run between the Dunn-Loring Metro Station and the Mosaic Shopping District, and it will be free to ride. Each shuttle will have a “steward” on board to switch operation to “manual,” if necessary, and ensure a safe ride for all.

Fairfax County aims to be at the forefront of innovation by testing this smart technology for operational effectiveness, economic and environmental benefits, and as a first and last mile travel option connecting people to Metrorail stations and work, play, and home. The shuttle’s start date will be announced after extensive testing is completed. Fairfax County is supplying a \$50,000 local match to the state grant.



Fairfax County launches Capital Bikeshare in Merrifield.

Capital Bikeshare is a public bicycle sharing system designed for short one-way trips, which provide a convenient, affordable and predictable transportation option for commuting, running errands and riding for fun. All 34 stations throughout Fairfax County are owned and operated by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The locations of three new stations include Dunn Loring Metrorail Station; the intersection of Merrilee Drive and Lauren Elizabeth Lane; and the Mosaic District at Merrifield Cinema Drive and Merrifield Town Center. Capital Bikeshare in Merrifield is a public-private partnership between Mill Creek, Bozzuto Management Company, Edens and the FCDOT. The investment by partners made Capital Bikeshare a reality in Merrifield, bringing convenient, accessible, and enjoyable travel options to the area. Fairfax County Supervisor Linda Smyth, FCDOT and representatives of supporting businesses celebrated the launch on May 19. Additional bikeshare stations will be added in the Tysons and Merrifield area in 2020. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation and search “Bike Fairfax.”



E-Scooters

Since electric scooters are an increasingly popular micro-mobility option, Fairfax County is weighing options for their use and studying legislation for companies which operate them.

The 2019 Virginia General Assembly passed legislation (HB-2752) allowing their use and regulation. E-scooters will be permitted wherever bicycles are permitted.

Two public hearings will be held before the ordinance is considered for adoption by the Board of Supervisors later this year.

On September 17, 2019, the Consumer Protection Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comment and recommendations. That will be followed by another public hearing this year before the Board of Supervisors meet to decide.

Scott's Run Trail

Construction is underway on the new Scott's Run Pedestrian Trail which will connect walkers on Magarity Road at Westgate Elementary School to Colshire Meadow Drive near the Metro McLean station.

Work is expected to last about a year and be completed after Labor Day next fall.

The eight-foot wide lighted and paved trail of 2,676 feet will include a bridge over Scott's Run Stream and one over a tributary. Most of the property belongs to the Fairfax County Park Authority which worked with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation on the design.

The cost of the Scott's Run Trail is \$3.3 million, funded by the federal government and Fairfax County. In 2016 a public hearing was held about Scott's Run where additional citizens' comments were received.

More information may be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/walk/projects/scottsrn-trail>.



SNOW REMOVAL

Once snow accumulation is greater than two inches, the Virginia Department of Transportation will start plowing streets. An easy way to track truck locations and snow removal is by visiting VDOT's snow plow tracker at <http://vdotplows.org>. When plowing is underway, the location of plow trucks is updated every two minutes and the neighborhoods are color coded depending on their stage of completion.

While the Virginia Department of Transportation handles snow removal for most roads in Fairfax County, neither the state nor Fairfax County clears snow and ice from public walkways, sidewalks, and trails.

Residents and businesses, although not legally obligated, are asked to clear sidewalks as soon as possible for pedestrians, including school children, the disabled, and the elderly.

The Bridges of Tysons

The short cut bridge over **I-495 between Dolley Madison Boulevard/Route 123 and Jones Branch Drive in Tysons** is on schedule with four lanes (two lanes in each direction) to open by the end of this year. The project now has one lane open in each direction and has already helped ease the traffic burden at Tysons. Next spring the entire project with unique stonework will wrap-up and include a bike lane in each direction, lighted sidewalks, landscaping, and a median for buses.

The project team is working on developing final design plans for the **bike and pedestrian bridge** to connect **Pimmit Hills to Tysons Corner Center** via Old Meadow Road from Dolley Madison Boulevard/Route 123. The design of the 10-foot wide shared-use path and the bike/pedestrian bridge over the Beltway, and right-of-way acquisition is set for completion next year.

New traffic pattern and bicycle lanes coming to Towers Crescent Drive. The Virginia Department of Transportation in partnership with the FCDOT are redesigning Towers Crescent Drive to add left turn lanes, bike lanes and a new all-way stop condition at Towers Crescent and Shop Tysons Boulevard as part of VDOT's annual road repaving program. A community meeting to discuss this project was held on March 13. Construction is expected to start this fall. Please use caution when traveling the corridor after the new striping and stop condition is implemented, and follow all road markings and signage. For more information on how to safely interact with bike lanes and bikers, please go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/bikes>.



School Bus Laws

Drivers are required to follow certain laws when encountering a school bus. Virginia motorists must:

- stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction
- remain stopped until everyone is clear, and the bus moves again
- stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated

If a school bus is on the opposite side of a median or barrier, motorists aren't required to stop; however, drivers should be prepared for students exiting the school bus and crossing into their lanes.

Drivers who pass a stopped school bus face a charge of reckless driving, a class 1 misdemeanor. If convicted, it could mean up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500.

Land Use Updates

Development Projects in Adjacent Jurisdictions

In **Fairfax City** a mixed use multifamily residential project is under construction at Fairfax Circle. The project *Scout on the Circle* will include 400 apartments, a Giant grocery store and additional ground floor retail and restaurants. Construction began in 2018 with an expected opening in 2020. The **City of Falls Church** is moving forward with a project to construct a new city high school and redevelop the current school site with a mixed-use project including senior housing, apartments, office, and ground floor retail space. Construction of their new high school has started. The mixed-use project will start after the new high school has been finished. To obtain updates about the project use this link:
<https://www.fallschurchva.gov/1599/WFC-Economic-Development-Project>

Providence District Land Use Updates

North County Site-Specific Plan Process & Merrifield Special Study

At the end of the North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment process last year the Board of Supervisors acted to evaluate the Inova/Exxon-Mobil PC17-PR-001 and Fairview Park PC17-PR-002 SSPA nominations as one unified Merrifield Special Study. The Department of Planning and Zoning and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation has continued to support the comprehensive planning work of the Merrifield Special Study Task Force over the last year. Residents on the task force and county staff from multiple agencies have invested a lot of time and effort in this process. Task Force meetings at the Providence Community Center have been and will continue to be open for residents to attend. A staff report is anticipated to be published on August 21st. The task force will make their recommendations on August 27th and carry-over vote on September 3rd. The Planning Commission Public hearing is scheduled for September 11th and a Board of Supervisors hearing on September 24th. For more information please see: fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa.htm.

In **Tysons**, the **Capital One** project (**FDPA/PCA 2010-PR-021-02**) will result in the development of an urban format Wegmans (opening in 2020) 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 and meeting spaces. The center will host Capital One's corporate events and publicly-accessible performing arts events. It will also become a premier venue for Fairfax County performing arts groups.

The developer of **The Boro (PCA 2010-PR-022)** is constructing a mixed-use redevelopment of the former SAIC campus property on Route 7. The first phase includes a large urban park (opened in June) and a 20-story office building. A movie theater ShowPlace ICON, Whole Foods and other retail is planned to open late summer/early fall 2019. Three residential buildings including two rental apartments (537 units) and a 140 unit condo building (The Verse) will also soon be completed. As part of their zoning approvals The Meridian Group (TMG) has built a rectangular sports field located off Gallows Road, against the Beltway. The field opened for public use this summer.

The approved **CityLine, Scotts Run South** project (**PCA/FDPA 2011-PR-011-02**), adjacent to the McLean Metro station will result in the development of three high rise residential buildings, with 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. *Skanska* will develop the first apartment building. The **Scotts Run South Archer Hotel (FDP 2011-PR-011-05)**, located immediately adjacent to the McLean Metro station kiss and ride, is under construction. The seven story boutique hotel will include 179 rooms, underground parking and ground floor retail/restaurant space.

The Mather (PCA/CDPA 2011-PR-023-02), part of the CityLine Arbor Row project located off Westpark Drive, will be an integrated project with 300 senior independent living/assisted living units and a medical care facility totaling 78 units with ground floor retail and accessory service uses. The applicants and county staff worked diligently to refine open space and building designs. The applicant also made a proffered commitment to provide space and staffing to serve senior Fairfax residents during the day.

The **Old Meadow Holdings** application **One Tysons East (RZ 2015-PR-014)** 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. The applicant has requested a deferral.

Land Use continued

The View (RZ 2017-PR-102/103), is a 7-acre consolidation located at Spring Hill Road and Rt. 7. The applicant has submitted revisions including new land area, and additional modifications and refinements to the layout and design of the plan. The revised application proposes the development of five buildings including two office buildings, two residential high-rises and a hotel/residential condo building along with ground floor retail and public uses including a pedestrian plaza and a performing arts venue. A signature building proposed to be 600' tall would include a publicly accessible viewing level.



The Mile application (**RZ/FDP 2017-PR-015**), located off Jones Branch Drive, was approved in July. This new Tysons neighborhood will replace three existing office buildings and surface parking lots on 38 acres with nine buildings accommodating 2,155 to 2,970 residential units, 650,000 sq. ft. of office and 60,000 sq. ft. of retail space. It will take ten to twenty years to build. Most prominently the neighborhood will include a five-acre Signature Park that will serve the greater Tysons area including a large open lawn area, a performance stage, gaming areas, picnic areas, a children's play area, walking/jogging trails, and a water feature. Additional adjoining and connected parks are also part of the approved design.

Burke Petroleum LLC has requested deferral of their application **SEA 95-P-022** to permit the sale of additional food items and alcohol sales at their gas station located at 2081 Chain Bridge Road & Old Courthouse Rd.

In **Merrifield** the **Four Seasons at Mosaic (RZ/FDPA 2016-PR-020)** located off Eskridge Road is currently under construction and will result in a mix of townhomes and multifamily units, a childcare facility, and publicly accessible open space.

Inova has established the **Inova Center for Personalized Health (ICPH)** at the former ExxonMobil campus on Gallows Road and is retrofitting portions of the campus to accommodate medical research activities. Inova has submitted a Proffered Condition Amendment (**PCA 74-7-047-02-02**) for the **ICPH** site that proposes to reconfigure the layout of previously approved but unbuilt buildings and to add new development to accommodate future expansion of the campus to permit 3.56 million square feet of total development. The proposed expansion includes space to accommodate university partners including UVA, research space, office, retail, housing, and community accessible open space. The Merrifield Special Study task force is concurrently reviewing proposed comprehensive plan changes that would accommodate the proposed redevelopment.

Fairfax Water SE 2018-PR-023 /2232 proposes to accommodate a distribution maintenance facility. The site located at 8505 Lee Hwy was previously occupied by Penske Truck Rental. The maintenance facility proposes warehouse and outdoor storage, vehicle maintenance facilities and parking. The application is anticipated to go to public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2019.

The **GBA Associates** application (**PCA 82-P-044**) for the **DHHQ site** located at 7700 Arlington Blvd. was approved in July. The approval will permit the construction of a new 3 story office building and parking garage that is currently occupied by surface parking lots. The applicant also committed to planting additional landscaping and maintenance of existing tree buffers in addition to measures to reduce the impact of lighting on adjacent residential neighborhoods.

The Pearson family application **Pearson Reserve (RZ 2016-PR- 089)** proposes to redevelop their property on Haney Lane with 9 homes. The case is currently scheduled to go to public hearing before the Planning Commission on September 11 and a Board of Supervisors hearing on September 24, 2019.

Williams Meadow (RZ 2018-PR-024) is a zoning application located on Sutton Road that proposes to rezone nearly 6 acres of land from R-1 to PDH-3 to replace two single family homes with 15 new homes. Since additional land consolidation could not be accommodated, the site could not be developed at a higher townhouse level of development. Most of Sutton Road has been developed with single family homes. The case was approved in July by the Board of Supervisors.

The **Toll Mid-Atlantic LP Co.** rezoning (**RZ/FDP 2019-PR-01**) proposes the development of 28 single family homes on a 9.55 acre property. The site known as the "Thompson" property is located on the south side of Lee Hwy. and is adjacent to the Barkley, and Covington townhome neighborhoods. The Villa Lee townhomes are located on the opposing north side of Lee Hwy. The property includes substantial protected stream area and an existing pond that is proposed to be preserved. The application proposes access via the service drive east of Mainstone Dr. and a direct right in/right out access on Lee Hwy.

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MetroWest

Pulte is constructing four of five senior living (55 and over age restricted) residential buildings. Construction of the fifth building accommodating an assisted living facility (**FDPA 2003-PR-022, SSL Development Company, LLC**) will start this year. Although there are no imminent plans to construct the mixed-use core of the project, Supervisor Smyth continues to strongly encourage Pulte and CRC to work together and with the community to move the mixed-use portion of the project forward.

Dominion Power Updates

Dominion is rebuilding the existing substation located near the corner of Shreve Road and Holly Manor Drive. The existing Idylwood facility, originally built in the late 1950's, needs to be upgraded to address capacity and reliability concerns in the region. Residents can 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

Dominion Power will also be connecting the Idylwood substation to their Tysons substation with a new 230 kV transmission line (**SEA 88-D-008**). The Idylwood – Tysons 230 kV Transmission line will help to address power reliability problems north and east of Tysons. The community strongly supported the approved undergrounding of this connection. To obtain updates about the proposed project: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SEA&seq=4251457>
<https://dominionenergy.com/about-us/electric-projects/power-line-projects/idylwood-tysons>.

zMOD

In 2017, Fairfax County launched a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance that was first established 40 years ago. Dubbed “zMOD,” the effort will help the County carry out its strategic plan to grow and diversify its economy. “We want to be sure that our ordinance is forward thinking in terms of being able to accommodate uses that we don’t know about today that will be here in the future,” said Barbara Byron, Director of the Department of Planning and Development. A consolidated draft was developed over the past 18 months through the combined work of the County’s consultant, Clarion Associates, and the Fairfax County zMOD staff, with the input gained through extensive public outreach and engagement. To review the revised consolidated draft, see: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zmod>.

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



Oakton Library Book Sale

10304 Lynnhaven Place,
Oakton 22124

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ 703-242-4020

Thursday, September 26th from 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday, September 27th from 10 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, September 28th from 10 am to 3 pm

September 14th is the cutoff for accepting book donations so volunteers can prepare for the sale.

Donations are welcome again after October 7th.

For more information or to join Friends of Oakton Library, send an email to FriendsofOaktonLibrary@gmail.com

Friends Member Pre-Sale September 25th from 2 pm to 5:30 pm
\$10 Individual, \$25 Family Membership

Tysons Library Friends Quarterly Book and Media Sales

September 6 to 8; December 6 to 8

Join the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library for its next quarterly book & media sales in the renovated library branch, located at 7584 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church.

Event Details

Friday, **September 6 and December 6**, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Saturday, **September 7 and December 7**, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Sunday, **September 8 and December 8**, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Sales feature a wide selection of books and media for all ages and interests and a \$10 per bag sale/half-price sale on Sunday. Donations for the sales are welcome. Volunteers are also welcome and needed.



Construction Hotline

To report potential construction violations, contact the Site Construction Hotline **703-324-7470**. The hotline is available 24/7 to respond to residents with concerns about development projects in their neighborhoods, and to provide a direct line to appropriate personnel who can address issues such as:

- malfunctioning erosion and sedimentation controls
- drainage problems
- tracked mud on the roadway
- construction activity within a tree-save area
- construction beyond or without a county-approved plan or permit
- or any activities that may harm the environment, cause safety risks, or damage another property.

When calling the hotline, callers should provide an address and a description of the problem. If a hazardous material incident or other emergency is suspected, call 911 immediately. Never trespass on private property to get pictures or investigate a project.

Fall Update from Providence School Board Member

~ *Dalia Palchik*



Welcome back to another great school year! It has been an honor to serve as your School Board representative for the past four years. As I come to the end of my term, I want to thank you for your continued support of our public schools. Below are some highlights for this fall at FCPS.

FCPSOn

FCPSOn is a transformation of learning for students and educators. At its core, it provides students with equitable access to meaningful learning experiences and technology to support their learning. In FCPSOn schools, each student receives an FCPS-issued laptop to access dynamic resources and participate in learning tailored to the student's individual needs. Students will have access to the device at school, and in some schools and grade levels, they will also be able to take their device home. FCPSOn supports teachers in doing what they do best. Devices will not replace teachers. Teachers are supported through ongoing, dynamic professional learning that will result in purposeful, collaborative student learning experiences.

Equity Profile

The Equity Profile is a part of the work outlined in the One Fairfax Policy which states, "**Fairfax County Public Schools will incorporate data and publish performance measures that can be analyzed, quantified, and disaggregated to evaluate the extent to which our systems are achieving goals.**" Data is published on an annual basis and can be disaggregated and analyzed to view trends in division and school performance. The Student Demographics Data provides information about all students, various demographic groups, and specific student populations. **The equity profile will be published annually and is a living document that will be updated as needed: www.FCPS.edu/about-fcps/one-fairfax/equity-profile**

Adopted 2020 Budget

The Fairfax County School Board adopted the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) FY 2020 Approved Budget of \$3.0 billion that includes a \$55.2 million investment in teacher salary scales—including a 1.0 percent market scale adjustment—and \$46.8 million for a step increase for eligible employees and a 1.0 percent market scale adjustment for non-teacher salary scale employees. The FY 2020 budget includes an additional \$16.1 million for instructional programs, an increase in substitute pay for retirees, and investments in student mental health, student safety, and substance abuse prevention programs. For additional information: www.FCPS.edu/about-fcps/budget

School Year Calendar (2019-20)

August 26, 2019	School Begins
August 30 - September 2	Labor Day Break - Student Holiday
October 14	Columbus Day - Student Holiday
November 4-5	Student Holidays
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break - Student Holiday
December 23-January 3, 2020	Winter Break - Student Holiday
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Student Holiday
January 27-28	Student Holiday
February 17	George Washington's Birthday - Presidents' Day - Student Holiday Student Holiday
March 3	Student Holiday
April 6-13	Spring Break - Student Holiday
May 25	Memorial Day - Student Holiday
June 12	Last Day of School (scheduled) High School - 2-hour school day Middle School & Elementary School - 3-hour early release

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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

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Control	703-691-2131	Child Care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Zoning Violations	703-324-1300
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-802-3322
VDOT	800-367-7623	Voting Information	703-222-0776

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



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.