

The Providence Report

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A Message from Supervisor Smyth

What does local government do? It seems to be a simple question, but many people would find it difficult to answer. While federal and state governments grab attention and headlines, local government works in the background providing basic services that we take for granted. Local government is the closest to the people it serves and relies on those same people to do its job well.

Want to learn more about your county government and how to participate in it? Then please join me at the Providence event described below.

~ Linda Smyth

Know Your Local Government: Become Engaged

This is a **FREE**, two-session community development program designed to help you learn more about your local government and the importance of community engagement.

Through a combination of a general county government overview in the first session and multiple breakout discussions during the second session, participants will:

- Gain a clearer understanding of the critical role local government plays in our daily lives along with better knowledge of the programs and services available to Fairfax residents.

- Learn how to effectively use county resources including health and human services, transportation, public safety, land use and zoning to improve neighborhood quality of life.

- Learn about volunteer opportunities and ways to become involved in ongoing planning and collaboration with the county to help us build a stronger community for the future.

Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, October 3rd and October 17th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax VA 22031.

Online registration will begin Monday, August 27th at: <https://bit.ly/2LyIJOB>. Deadline for online and paper registrations is September 28, 2018.

Presented by the **Greater Merrifield Business Association**

in conjunction with **URBNmarket** and **Mosaic**

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.



Voting Information

The November 6, 2018 election will have on the ballot candidates for the United States House of Representatives, United States

Senate, and Fairfax County Bond Referendum for Public Safety. Voters will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" to allow the county to issue up to \$182 million in bonds for public safety facilities. If approved by voters, the county plans to use the money to pay for renovating, expanding or replacing fire, police and court facilities.

For a complete list of candidates, visit the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm and you will vote at your regular polling place. 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 cards (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 scan and email to 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.

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 15. The last date to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 30. For inclusion in the election, absentee ballots must be returned by 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 6. In-person absentee voting begins Friday, September 21 and continues through Saturday, 5:00 pm November 3.

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/ 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/. Please note, your information will be submitted to the local political committees 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.



2018 Providence District VolunteerFest®

Supervisor Smyth is delighted to host the 2018 Providence District VolunteerFest® on October 27 in conjunction with Volunteer Fairfax's countywide VolunteerFest® and National Make a Difference Day.

2018 Providence VolunteerFest® projects are listed below.

All projects will take place on Saturday, October 27 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 Soccer Training Program 10 am to 12 pm. Game Shape – Adult Soccer Fitness workout 1pm to 3 pm. To sign up contact robertwebster@fairfaxcounty.gov. Providence Community Center Community Day – **Saturday, October 20**, from 11 am to 2 pm. For info call Robert Webster 703-865-0533.

Friends of Oakton Library and Providence Community Center SACC (School Age Child Care) partner to hold “participate in a play” on Friday, October 26 from 5 to 7pm. Contact Trevor Crabtree 571-247-8478.

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 (sponsored by Fairfax4Horses). 1:00 to 3:00 pm Oakton Community Park, 2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, 22124. Weather permitting.

Tyson's Partnership – Shoes4Kids Donation Drive, September 5 to October 26: In partnership with **the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools**, we will distribute new athletic shoes to Title One students. Link to donate: www.tysonspartnership.org/shoes4kids.

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 multiple locations. Volunteers can sign up through the IMA website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA.

The Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club hosts a clean up at East Blake Lane Park from 9 to 11 am. Meet on the tree side of the parking lot at 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax 22031. To volunteer, please contact Patricia Leslie at 202-316-0584 or email patricialeslie@yahoo.com with “VolunteerFest” in the subject line.

James Lee Community Center – The James Lee Community Center at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church is conducting a Welcome Blanket Knit-in! Help us knit squares for a blanket to welcome a new immigrant family. For more information, contact Caroline.Hockenberry@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Event Promotions – The Providence Players at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 James Lee Street, Falls Church, help promote VolunteerFest®. Their 21st season opens with **Lovers and Executioners** which runs from October 5 through 20. For a schedule of performances see <http://www.providenceplayers.org>.

Supervisor Smyth and the 2018 Providence District VolunteerFest® Committee invite all residents to participate in this year's activities. More information is available on the 2018 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.



Photo courtesy of Tysons Partnership

Tysons Partnership Named Community Champion

“While we think of Tysons as our corporate and business center, the Tysons Partnership has looked beyond the new high rises to see the needs of the people who live and work there. Through its charitable efforts, the Partnership is pulling together all stakeholders to build a new community with a promising future for everyone.”

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth recognized Tysons Partnership for its leadership fostering collaboration between local businesses, government entities, residents and nonprofits to raise awareness and provide vital resources to community members in need.

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 a Community Champions Award. This distinguished award recognizes volunteers who are committed to improving Fairfax County through dedicated service.

Established in 1993, the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards serve as a community-wide celebration of volunteerism. The awards honor individuals, groups and organizations that give outstanding volunteer service through a broad range of activities and programs.

Over the last 26 years, Volunteer Fairfax has recognized more than 3,000 individuals for their commitment to the community. Our community is a better place because of volunteers.

2018 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 Fran Wallingford and Lord Fairfax is Tom Fleury, two outstanding volunteers and community leaders.

Fran is a longtime community activist involved in land use and community service task forces including those concerned with infill development, residential design, hospital service, zoning and land use planning. She has served on, and led, citizen and civic associations, including the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association and the Providence District Council. Fran also received the Citizen of the Year award from Mantua Citizens Association.

Fairfax County PTAs have recognized her many achievements for them, honoring her with awards, and one school even named a day after her. Fran cares deeply about community and works to make ours better.

Tom Fleury, with forty years of commercial and residential development experience in Fairfax, has served three Virginia governors as their appointee to the State Board of Housing and Community Development and has been a member for decades of a joint Virginia General Assembly subcommittee on local revenue resources.

The recipient of numerous awards including meritorious service from the Virginia Building and Code Officials, Tom has been an officer of many organizations and is the “go-to” man whenever anyone has a question about building at Tysons. Without him, Metro’s Silver Line to Tysons might still be only a line on paper!

Prescription Drug Disposal Information

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) maintains a database of permanent locations, <https://apps.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch>, where you can dispose of unwanted prescription drugs and other items. At these locations you can drop off the following: prescription medicines, prescription patches, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples, and medications for pets.

The following are **NOT** accepted: thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions or fluids, medications from businesses, and needles/EpiPens (sharps).

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 15, September 29, and October 20.

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

Nottoway Park Field Improvements

A significantly improved athletic field is taking shape at Nottoway Park in the form of a synthetic turf field conversion for rectangular field #4 and other site improvements (please see photo below). The project is part of the ongoing efforts by Fairfax County to meet the growing need for rectangular fields and address the current field shortage. Field conversions such as these provide greater field capacity and capability.

Improvements at Nottoway Park were approved by the Park Authority Board on February 28, 2018, funded by a Park Bond, and work crews worked throughout the summer on the project. The work includes relocating utilities and installing storm drain piping, as well as installing synthetic turf on a field area of 240 by 290 feet.

The project also includes striping for multipurpose sports and installation of a concrete perimeter curb, sod, bleacher and bench pads, goal posts, an accessible concrete trail, new LED athletic field lighting, perimeter chain link fencing and enhanced storm water controls and measures. A stone galley below the field and a rain garden were incorporated into the project to meet storm water regulations.

Completion date was set for around Labor Day and a ribbon cutting is planned for early November.



Fairfax ReLeaf has Free Seedlings

For free seedlings and information about fall planting, please contact Fairfax ReLeaf at 703-324-1409 or email trees@fairfaxReLeaf.org.

Fairfax ReLeaf is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission "is to conserve, restore and promote sustainable urban forests in Northern Virginia." Its volunteers replant native trees and work to educate officials and the public about the values and benefits of an urban forest.

The U.S. Forest Service estimates that in the last two decades, more than 35 percent of Northern Virginia's tree population have been bulldozed and chain sawed. Stonewall Manor neighbors (above) worked together to clean up their neighborhood and plant seedlings.

Oak Marr Golf Complex Enhancements

Driving range renovations were undertaken this summer causing a temporary facility closure in July and August. The driving range, owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, is significantly improved. The existing fully lighted 78 hitting station range with 30 covered and/or heated stations was upgraded with regrading for improved drainage and playability. There are new target greens, Bermuda sod, and an updated irrigation system.

"These much needed upgrades will enhance the customer practice and learning experience, as well as assist in the overall maintenance and longevity of the range," said Oak Marr General Manager Andy Elkins.

The project was funded through the 2012 Park Bond and other bond related sources.



Work on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project is ramping up

this summer, with crews shifting travel lanes and setting concrete barriers along the 22.5-mile project corridor, which spans from I-495 to Route 29 in Gainesville. Other activities underway include clearing and tree removal. All of these efforts are necessary for crews to create safe work zones as construction begins. Residents are encouraged to sign up for traffic alerts and project updates at Transform66.org/StayInformed. Current construction-related activities include:

- Red pavement markings and the “red X/green arrow” signs have been removed from I-66 east of Route 50 to allow for construction. The former shoulder lane is now a fourth travel lane available to drivers during peak periods and at other hours when not needed for construction-related lane closures. Current HOV-2 rules remain in effect for the HOV lane during the posted hours.
- The project’s design-builder, FAM Construction, continues to offer pre-construction property condition surveys for properties within approximately 100 feet of the project corridor. These free surveys are intended to document existing conditions of homes and properties located near the project corridor prior to the start of construction and are completely voluntary on the part of the homeowner.
- To reduce congestion and encourage Northern Virginia residents and workers to find alternatives to driving alone during construction on I-66, VDOT launched a major commuter program to provide new incentives and options to choose alternate travel modes. Initiatives include:
 1. Half-price fares on commuter bus service including one-dollar rides on select Fairfax Connector bus routes that operate on I-66 with service to the Vienna Metro.
 2. Incentives to form new vanpools and carpools.
 3. Incentives and employer assistance for telework programs for employers interested in establishing a telework program.

Additional information and direct links to sign up for these and other resources can be found at Transform66.org/CommuterOptions.

What’s Next?

Additional information about noise wall locations and construction is expected to be available this fall, following planned completion of the final noise analysis in late summer. In the Providence District, this will include replacement of many existing noise walls and construction of new noise walls in some locations.

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.

New Fairfax County Road Maintenance Map

Who is supposed to fix that pothole? Where do I report a missing street sign? Or who do I call about snow removal – although we don’t have to worry about that for a couple of months. Answering these questions about any road segment requires a person to know who maintains it. In Fairfax County, the answer can vary: Is it Fairfax County, VDOT, public schools, a private entity or some other?



To get answers to these questions, you can use the road maintenance mapping application on the Fairfax County website. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov and enter “road maintenance map” in the search bar in the upper right corner. Open the application and search for an address or zoom into a desired area on the map. All road segments are color-coded by their maintenance responsibility. Clicking on a road segment will open a window giving the street name and maintenance responsibility. The application also has tools for measuring, changing the base map (to aerial imagery, for instance) and printing for user convenience. With the road maintenance mapping application, who to call need not be a mystery anymore.

‘POOL REWARDS Commuters who drive alone to work may be eligible for financial rewards when they start or join a carpool or vanpool!

it pays to rideshare

‘Pool Rewards is a program of Commuter Connections designed to encourage current drive alone commuters to try carpooling in the Washington region. If eligible, you can earn \$2 per day (\$1 each way) for each day you carpool to work over a consecutive 90-day period as assigned by Commuter Connections. The maximum incentive for the 90-day trial period is \$130 in exchange for going online and logging information about your new commute and for completing surveys about the experience. Participation is open to solo drivers who begin carpooling during peak rush hour periods in the Metropolitan Washington Statistical Area.

Each new carpool must commute to work an average of two or more weekdays for the duration of the 90-day program. Applicants must not have used an alternative commute mode (i.e., carpool, vanpool, transit, bicycle, walk) more than three days in the 30 days prior to applying for ‘Pool Rewards.

For those who start or join a vanpool, a minimum of seven people (including yourself) is required, which can result in a \$200 monthly ‘Pool Rewards subsidy. Vans are available to accommodate between 7 and 15 occupants (including the driver).

Additional rules and restrictions for carpooling or vanpooling apply. To sign up for either program, go to Commuter Connections at <https://tdm.commuterconnections.org/mwcog/> or, for vanpools, contact Dayna Paszkiet at dayna.a.paszkiet@ehi.com or 301-481-6723.



The I-66 widening project will add an additional travel lane on eastbound I-66 from the Dulles Connector Road to Fairfax Drive (Exit 71). In addition to addressing this chronic congestion point, the project will build direct access from eastbound I-66 to the West Falls Church Metro station by constructing a new ramp connection between two existing ramps (eastbound I-66 to Route 7 and the eastbound I-66 collector-distributor road adjacent to the station's parking garage) and construct a new bridge over Lee Highway (Route 29) for the Washington & Old Dominion Trail in the Arlington/Falls Church area. The project began in early 2018, and the lane will open to traffic in fall 2020.

These improvements are part of VDOT's Transform 66 Inside the Beltway project to increase the number of travelers able to move efficiently through the I-66 corridor during peak periods. The Transform 66 project includes Express Lanes operation (carpool, express buses, and dynamically-priced tolls for solo drivers) on I-66 between the Beltway and U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn during peak periods. Toll revenues will fund increased transit service and enhanced carpool options for travelers in the I-66 Corridor.



Construction on the Jones Branch Connector over the Beltway will link Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123) to Jones Branch Drive in central Tysons. The project will also have bike lanes, lighted sidewalks, and landscaping. One lane in each direction is set to open in December.

Route 123 Bikeshare Feasibility Study

Fairfax County, in partnership with the City of Fairfax, George Mason University and the Town of Vienna, has begun a study to evaluate the feasibility of bringing Bikeshare to the Route 123 corridor between Route 7 and Burke Lake Park. Residents may suggest locations for future Bikeshare spots and answer a few short questions by visiting "pop-up" events or logging onto cabistations.com. For more information, visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/public-works/transportation-division/cycling-in-the-city/bikeshare-study.

Bikeshare is an innovative public transportation program, ideal for short, one-way trips. Typically, users can pay for a single ride or can sign up for a short or long-term membership that includes an unlimited number of free, 30-minute trips in any local Capital Bikeshare system. Currently, Fairfax County residents can save 50% off a new annual Capital Bikeshare Membership. To learn more about Capital Bikeshare, visit capitalbikeshare.com.



Clean Fairfax is excited to share its community map which lists community cleanups, garden tours, talks, workshops, nature walks, film showings, farmers markets, and more. Anyone looking for outdoor volunteer opportunities will find Clean Fairfax a great place to start.

Its mission is "litter prevention and reduction through education and action." Clean Fairfax seeks collaboration to foster a healthier environment and maps litter hotspots, too. This way volunteers can be better prepared to combat litter and contact business owners for sustainability education.

To organize a cleanup or add events to the map, email cfc@cleanfairfax.org which will supply cleanup supplies at no cost.

The map was developed to answer requests from citizens who wanted a simple go-to space for community engagement opportunities and can be found at www.cleanfairfax.org.



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.

Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

This ongoing program at the county's I-66 Transfer Station has proven to be a win-win for the county and local businesses. Since 2016, the program has served more than 260 county based businesses, nonprofits, schools, universities, and places of worship. The program provides a legal and affordable solution to hazardous waste disposal and offers prices well-below the normal cost of disposing hazardous waste directly with a hazardous waste disposal contractor.

The final collection day for 2018 will be on Wednesday, November 14. For more information about business qualifications, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/hazardous-waste. You may also call 703-803-9614, TTY 711, 703-803-6158, TTY 711, or write to Daniel.Brooks@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Land Use Updates

zMOD - Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project

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. The first phase of the zMOD focuses on three areas:

- Prioritizing key Zoning Ordinance amendments for updates.
- Restructuring the ordinance to make it more user friendly, such as including more charts, tables and links, as well as more easily understandable language.
- Improving the County’s overall process for how the Zoning Ordinance is updated.

For more information on approved and pending revisions please see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zmod.

Short-Term Rentals: development of new regulations

Fairfax County is considering the development of new zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals such as Airbnb. In 2017 the Virginia General Assembly gave localities the authority to regulate and establish a registration for 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. The working group sought 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. On June 21st the Planning Commission unanimously recommended Short-Term Rental regulatory requirements that lodging operators would have to comply with including parking, limiting the duration of rentals and the number of adult lodgers and permit fee schedule recommendations. The Planning Commission made several follow on motions recommending that the Board of Supervisors consider additional regulatory refinements and monitoring of the new regulations. After the public hearing on July 10, 2018 the Board of Supervisors deferred decision on the pending regulations to July 31st. To review the details of the pending regulation including the status of Board of Supervisors action on this legislation, please use the following links:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning/short-term-property-rentals/calendar and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm.

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 is proposing to connect the Idylwood substation with their Tysons substation with a new 230 kV transmission line. The Idylwood – Tysons 230 kV Transmission line will help to address power reliability problems north and east of Tysons. Dominion Power is currently working through state and county regulatory processes to obtain approval for the proposed project. Supervisor Smyth, local businesses and residents have strongly supported an underground option vs an above ground connection. To obtain updates about the proposed project: <https://dominionenergy.com/about-us/electric-projects/power-line-projects/idylwood-tysons>.

Providence District Land Use Updates

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 and meeting spaces. The center will be capable of hosting Capital One’s corporate events and publicly-accessible performing arts events, such as symphonies, local arts exhibits and professional touring artists. It is anticipated that it will become a premier performance venue for Fairfax County performing arts groups. **Capital One Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment (CSPA 2010-PR-021)** is scheduled for **Planning Commission public hearing on September 13th 2018**.

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 former SAIC campus property on Route 7. The Boro’s first phase will include a large urban park and a 20-story office building scheduled to open in Oct 2018. A Movie Theater (ShowPlace ICON) will open in the summer of 2019. Whole Foods and other retail is also planned to open mid to late summer 2019. The three residential buildings as part of phase one include two rental apartments (537 units) and a for sale 140 unit condo building (The Verse). All three residential buildings will be open by Oct 2019. As part of their zoning approval, The Meridian Group (TMG) is developing a rectangular sports field located off of Gallows Road, against the beltway. The field is expected to be ready for public use early in 2019.

The **CityLine** application **PCA/FDPA 2011-PR-011-02**, part of the **Scotts Run South** project adjacent to the McLean Metro station, was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The development, located on the south side of 123 envisions 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**

Land Use continued

2011-PR-011-05, located immediately adjacent to the McLean Metro station kiss and ride, is currently under construction. The seven story boutique hotel will include 179 rooms, structured 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 of Westpark Drive, proposes to develop an integrated project with 300 senior independent living/assisted living units and a medical care facility totaling 78 units. Ground floor retail is proposed along with accessory service uses. The applicants and county are working to refine open space, building design and proffer commitments to ensure that the Tysons Comprehensive Plan and PTC zoning provisions are fully implemented.

The **Old Meadow Holdings** application (**RZ 2015-PR-014**) has been reactivated. It 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 View (RZ 2017-PR-102/103) is a 7 acre consolidation located at Spring Hill Road and Rt. 7. It is anticipated that the applicant will be submitting extensive revisions including new land area, and additional modifications and refinements to the layout and design of the plan. The revised application is anticipated to include 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. The initial building is proposed to be 600' tall and would include a publicly accessible sky garden. **The Evolution**, which proposes 1400 workforce dwelling units and is a companion case to The View, is still in preliminary stages.

The Mile application **RZ/FDP 2017-PR-015** 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, 60,000 sq. ft. of retail, and open space. The county is working with the applicant, PS Business Parks, to refine the design of the open space to accommodate passive and active recreational open space as envisioned in the Tysons Comprehensive Plan.

The Pearson family application **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 in October.

In the Oakton area the **Flint Hill Upper School** located off of Jermantown Road has proposed a **Special Exception Amendment (SEA 99-P-046-02)** to eliminate the option to build a field house and in its place build a middle school to accommodate about 100 additional 7th and 8th graders who are currently housed at the lower school campus. The sole action under the other related application, **SEA 84-P-105-04**, would be to reduce the total allowed enrollment for the lower school on the lower school campus from 700 students to 500 students. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the revised applications subject to the proposed development conditions dated July 12, 2018. The application will come to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing later in September. To review the Planning Commission recommendations in more detail, use the following link for the verbatim from July 12, 2018: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/verbatim-2018>.

Sunrise Fairfax Assisted Living and Merritt Academy (RZ 2017-PR-031/ SEA 86-P-101-06), located on Route 50, will replace the existing assisted living facility. The new three story building with underground parking will serve 119 residents. The Merritt Academy will be making minor additions to several existing buildings. The surface parking for the school will be reconfigured to improve circulation and drop off for both the school and the Sunrise facility. Enrollment at Merritt will remain at 325 students.

In Merrifield, **Caboose Brewery** is developing a 6,000 sq. ft. brewery at the intersection of Eskridge Road and Lee Highway. The site is located across from MOM's Organic Market and Glass Alley in the Mosaic District. They plan to open this summer. In the **Mosaic District** the construction of **two residential apartment buildings** with ground floor retail space is nearing completion. Further down Eskridge Road the Four Seasons Tennis Club (**RZ/FDPA 2016-PR-020**) will be redeveloped with a mix of townhomes, multifamily units and a childcare facility. Construction of the townhomes has started. At the former ExxonMobil campus located on Gallows Road Inova has established the **Inova Center for Personalized Health** and is retrofitting portions of the campus to accommodate medical research activities.

At **MetroWest, Pulte** has started construction of four of the five senior living (55 and over age restricted) residential buildings. The Board of Supervisors approved **FDPA 2003-PR-022 SSL Development Company, LLC** to permit the development of an assisted living facility in the fifth age restricted residential building. Construction is anticipated to start before the end of this year. Unfortunately the developers of MetroWest (Pulte and CRC) do not have any imminent plans to construct the mixed use core of the project. Supervisor Smyth continues to strongly encourage them to work together and with the community to move the project forward. Early this year CRC and Newmark Knight Frank (NKF), a New York commercial real estate firm, started marketing the development of a new 250,000 sq. ft. Class A office building that would help to anchor the build out of MetroWest.

In **Mason District**, Christopher Land LLC has filed SE 2018-MA-005 (Woodburn Manor) to build age restricted housing on Gallows Road. County staff has identified a number of issues with the application. Currently the case is scheduled for Planning Commission public hearing on October 4, 2018.

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

North County Site-Specific Plan Process and Providence SSPA Task Force

To meet state requirements to regularly review and update comprehensive plans and to improve public participation, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process last year. The new nomination-based plan review process, known as the Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process (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 started in September of 2017; the following two years will include the South County Supervisor districts.

The North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment process resulted in the submission of nine nominations to amend the comprehensive plan. Six of the nominations are located in the Providence District including one in Tysons and five in Merrifield. Supervisor Smyth convened a task force of civic and home owner association representatives this past spring to review the nominations. The Providence District SSPA Task Force reviewed the nominations and recommended that three of the nominations in Merrifield including **Merrifield at Dunn Loring Station PC17-PR-005, Fairview Park PC17-PR-002, and the Inova/Exxon-Mobil PC17-PR-001** be considered for further review. The Planning Commission concurred with the task force that the Fairview Park and INOVA/Exxon-Mobil applications should be evaluated in tandem however recommended that The Merrifield at Dunn Loring Station application not be considered since the current adopted Plan remains viable.

The Board of Supervisors took action on July 31st to add the Inova/Exxon-Mobil PC17-PR-001 and Fairview Park PC17-PR-002 SSPA nominations into one unified study of the Merrifield Suburban Center. To help inform this study, the Fairfax County Department Transportation is coordinating a traffic evaluation of Merrifield to assess the current conditions and an impact analysis of the transportation infrastructure. Other county agencies and departments are concurrently evaluating other public facilities including parks and schools to ensure that any plan changes can be supported.

Establishment of Merrifield Special Study Task Force

To help facilitate this study Supervisor Smyth will reconvene the Providence SSPA Task Force this fall as the basis for an expanded Merrifield Special Study Task Force. **Supervisor Smyth strongly encourages all Providence District associations in or adjacent to Merrifield that did not serve on the SSPA task force to nominate one representative and alternate to serve on the Merrifield Special Study Task Force.** Task Force meetings will be open for the general public to attend. Please forward prospective representative's names and contact information to Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information please see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa.htm.

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 27th from 1 pm to 8 pm
Friday, September 28th from 10 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday, September 29th from 10 am to 3 pm

September 15th is the cutoff for accepting book donations so volunteers can prepare for the sale.

Donations are welcome again after October 3rd.

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

Friends Member Pre-Sale September 26th from 2 pm to 5:30 pm
\$10 Individual, \$25 Family Membership

An Aging Friendly Community

by Joe Heastie, Commission on Aging

Good news, your county provides a lot of services for older adults. Because the number of persons over 50 years is expected to greatly increase, there are plans for more services. How can we find out about those currently available and learn about future plans? Three places to look for information are (1) written publications, (2) online posting, and (3) face-to-face meetings.

The Golden Gazette is a well written, easy to read monthly newsletter available by mail, and by pickup at many county locations such as county libraries and community centers. The county website, fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults, has a section with many topics on services and useful advice to improve our quality of life. The Commission on Aging (COA), meets every month except August. They meet at various locations throughout the county to discuss important topics for the older adult community. At these very friendly meetings you and your fellow citizens are given the opportunity to participate in discussions on the meeting agenda or to bring up issues of your own interest.

Drop by a library and on the way in, pick up the latest issue of "The Golden Gazette." Sign-on to the internet, at home or while at the library, and browse the Older Adults section of the fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults website. Look at some of the information on the Commission on Aging: upcoming meetings, past discussions, the 50+ Plan. You might see information about successful initiatives like "Silver Shield" that helps older adults avoid being scammed and "Project Lifesaver" to protect vulnerable seniors with dementia from dangerous wandering.

Finally, please copy this number for the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging and use it if you have any questions about services for older adults: **703-324-7948**. Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Fall Update from Providence School Board Member Dalia Palchik



Dear Providence District residents,

I hope you had a relaxing summer and are enjoying the start of a new school year! Our students, teachers, and staff are back in the classroom engaging in active learning. In addition to our core curriculum, FCPS continues to develop unique and exciting learning opportunities for our students. Some of these programs involve community partnerships to focus on Eco-Schools, computer coding, culinary education, and enhanced career and technical pathways to graduation.

As a board, we worked with our new superintendent, Dr. Brabrand, to prioritize the focus and communication of our 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. The plan includes clearly defined outcomes and uses plain language to make it easier to read and understand. For an overview of our strategic planning process access this site: www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/strategic-plan

Keep reading for additional FCPS and Providence District highlights.

ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES

Fairfax County Public Schools continues to face a challenging situation whereby student membership (in certain locations) is projected to exceed the school system's ability to accommodate students within existing school buildings. As reflected in the FY 2019-23 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), this will necessitate an increase in allocation of capital dollars to build new facilities, provide capacity enhancements, and to complete planned renovations. It will also require continued use of temporary classrooms, modular additions and boundary adjustments to accommodate growing enrollment needs.

In the Providence District, funding is included for: a proposed addition at Madison High School, renovation construction at Frost Middle School, Falls Church, and Oakton High Schools and for renovation planning at Mosby Woods Elementary School.

To provide capacity relief in the Fairfax/Oakton area, a new elementary school will be built in Oakton on Blake Lane (near the current Blake Lane Park). Construction is planned during 2021-2023 with a proposed opening during the 2023-2024 academic year. As we move forward with the design, planning, construction, and boundary adjustments, we will conduct a transparent process that engages the community in compliance with our Policies and Regulations (Policy 8130.7 and Regulation 8130.9)

Please look for updates in my School Board Newsletters.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

After the tragic events in schools around the nation, the Board directed the superintendent to review all FCPS current safety and security protocols and to make recommendations for enhancements. Dr. Brabrand's proposals included enhanced training and drills, improved locks and surveillance cameras, and enhanced mental health supports.

The Board's vote, scheduled July 26th at the Regular Board meeting considered spending \$2.2 million to enhance mental-health services by adding additional school psychologists and social workers; and \$1.8 million to replace classroom locks and to augment safety training for the upcoming school year.

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

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:

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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

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