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- [**Fairfax Takes First Steps to Put Their Checkbook Online**](#) - As one of the things I addressed when I first joined the Board in 2008, I am happy to see those efforts beginning to pay off.
- [**Ribbon Cutting Marks Completion of Fairfax County Parkway - Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange Project**](#) - I was happy to join Governor McDonnell and Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton to cut the ribbon of the Fairfax County Parkway - Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange Project marking the completion of this important project.
- [**Burke Lake Park Construction Notice**](#) - The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun replacement of the restroom serving Picnic Shelter A at Burke Lake Park, full details below.
- [**Lake Braddock Turf Fields**](#) - Join me tonight at LBSS to celebrate the opening of their new turf fields, and to take in the game.

Note from the Supervisor on the shooting in the Navy Yard: *Monday's events were yet another tragic day in the D.C. area's history; many lives were lost, and people were injured in what was a completely senseless act. As a community we mourn for the victims of this crime, and express our sympathies to the families, coworkers and friends that lost loved ones. As we have shown in the past we will move on from this as a stronger and more resolute community. My thanks go out to the first responders who acted promptly and professionally in an otherwise chaotic day.*

Fairfax Takes First Steps to Put Their Checkbook Online

When I first took office in January, 2008, one of my top priorities was to increase fiscal transparency by putting the County's "checkbook" online. Today, I am very happy to announce that Fairfax County has taken a huge step forward with the launch of a new transparency page on its web site. While there is still much work to be done, this new page gives our citizens a good look at how we spend our money and we are now the most fiscally transparent local government in Virginia. Being more transparent means being more accountable to those we serve - our residents. My hope is that people take the time to see where our money goes, and we can have a constructive conversation on how we can do things better and more efficiently.

Launched last week, the new fiscal transparency site allows users to easily search expenditures by time period, agency, and within agencies by type of expenditure such as operational or personnel costs. Citizens will have access to both Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools transactions thanks to the investment in our joint financial systems. Fiscal data is updated at the end of the month after the money is spent. For instance, data for this month will be uploaded at the end of October. This new site is far ahead of what we disclosed prior to its implementation last week and places Fairfax County at the forefront of fiscal transparency in the nation.

While this is a great first step, there is still much work to be done. County staff have made great progress and are diligently working on innovative and creative ways to put more detailed fiscal information online. Currently certain travel and other expenditures by individuals are not online as county staff work out a way to filter employee payments that can be disclosed from those that cannot be disclosed. For example, if a County employee happens to receive a social service benefit it would be a violation of state privacy laws to disclose those payments but their travel payments and other disbursements should be included on the site.

I would like to thank our hard working staff for all their efforts and diligence to get this system in place. I would also like to thank Senator Chap Petersen for working with me to get a change in state law that allowed this transparency tool to be put in place. I encourage you to visit the new transparency site, use the various resources it offers, and send in your comments and suggestion for improvements. The site can be found at : www.FairfaxCounty.gov/Transparency

Ribbon Cutting Marks Completion of Fairfax County Parkway - Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange Project

Last Thursday, September 12th, I was happy to join Governor McDonnell and Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton to cut the ribbon of the Fairfax County Parkway - Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange Project. This ceremony marked the completion of the project and represents another great transportation improvement on one of the county's "main streets."

The Fairfax County Parkway is a vital artery in our transportation network, and over my 5 years in office reducing congestion on it has been a focus of mine. The Parkway is due to have interstate level traffic volume by 2030, and it is projects like these that will allow us to stay in front of that problem.

Besides being able to move uninterrupted through this intersection now there are many benefits from this project including:

- No signals on Fairfax County Parkway from Popes Head Road to Route 50.
- Significantly improved traffic flow on Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive by separating local and Parkway traffic.
- Improved traffic flow at I-66, Route 50 and Rugby Road with the additional lanes of Fairfax County Parkway.
- Aesthetics that ensured the Fair Lakes community was not visually "split in half" by the project, thanks to VDOT who worked with the Fair Lakes league on landscaping, the sound walls' color and texture, as well as walkway and street lighting fixture decisions to keep a uniform look for the community on both sides of the interchange.

Five years ago I met with leaders at Dominion Power and we were able to raise their high tension wires ahead of schedule to shave almost two years off of this project, I would like to thank them, as well as VDOT, Fairfax County DOT, and of course the Governor and Secretary Connaughton for making this project a priority and bringing it in ahead of schedule and budget.

A special thanks to VDOT for working with the surrounding businesses to minimize the construction impacts on their customers.

There is still much more in the works for the Parkway--the Board has approved my request to VDOT for a Corridor Improvement Study on the Parkway, the Fairfax County DOT will soon be adding a lane southbound from Route 29 to Braddock Road, work on the north loop at Rolling Road project will be underway and we begin studying the Popes Head Road interchange.



Supervisor Herrity, pictured here with Governor McDonnell and Secretary Connaughton, addresses the crowd at the ribbon cutting.

Burke Lake Park Construction Notice

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun replacement of the restroom serving Picnic Shelter A at Burke Lake Park. The replacement work will include the existing restroom structure on the property in addition to portions of the existing underground electric line, sewer line, and water line. Construction access to the site will be from the parking lot at Picnic Shelter A. Work is expected to be completed in spring 2014.

Lake Braddock Turf Fields

Join me at Lake Braddock Secondary School tonight at 7pm for the ribbon cutting of their new turf fields, and to take in the football game.

Thanks to Springfield District Park Authority appointee Mike Thompson Jr., Principal Dave Thomas, Braddock District School Board member Megan McLaughlin, the PTSA, Band Boosters, LBSS Boosters, Director of School Activities Mark Martino, and Chris Weiler and the Burke Athletic Club who gave significant financial contributions on getting this important project done.