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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

It's March and the Fairfax County budget season is upon us once again. On February 28, County Executive Tony Griffiñ proposed a \$3.52 billion balanced budget for Fiscal year 2013. After reviewing and revising the County Executive's Advertised Budget, the Board of Supervisors will adopt the actual budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013).

The County Executive's proposed budget maintains the real estate tax rate of \$1.07 per \$100 of assessed value. Included in the proposal is a recommendation to transfer \$1.68 billion to Fairfax County Public Schools operations, an increase of 4.5 percent over last year's adopted budget plan.

Other highlights of the County Executive's proposed budget include:

- Increasing the stormwater service rate by \$0.01, for a total of \$0.025 per \$100 of assessed real estate value. This increase is proposed to meet increasing federal and state regulatory requirements for stormwater management.
- Increasing fares and fees for School Age Child Care (SACC), Park Authority and REC Center programs and Fairfax Connector buses.
- Providing a 2.18 percent Market Rate Adjustment (MRA) for salaries of all county employees.

It is very important that members of the Board hear your thoughts on this proposed budget. The next steps in the process are the publicizing of the proposed budget throughout the County, an extensive review by Board members, and the collection and consideration of the opinions of County residents and interested organizations.

Once again, this year I have convened my citizen budget task force, headed by Dranesville resident Rip Sullivan. The task force has been meeting every two weeks and will examine the proposed budget in great detail. Ultimately, they will make recommendations to me that I will share with the rest of the Board and consider as we develop our final budget.

Inside this issue you will find a schedule and information about upcoming budget informational meetings in Dranesville as well as the schedule of County Public Hearings before the Board of Supervisors and how to sign up to testify. To learn more about the FY 2013 budget visit the County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

In other County news, the Board of Supervisors met recently for a two day retreat to discuss County priorities and plans to address them. In addition, all members of the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Public School Board met for a day-long retreat to discuss ways to achieve the mutual goal of providing a skilled work force for the County in the coming decade. This was the first time the Boards have met for this purpose and it was especially valuable because the School Board has six new members. I believe that this gathering, as well as future meetings targeting specific areas of concern, will benefit the entire community. You will find more information about both meetings in this issue.

It is a privilege to represent you. As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to best serve the Dranesville community. Please feel free to contact my office with your suggestions and concerns.

Best Wishes,

John W. Foust
Dranesville District Supervisor

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's Executive Assistant, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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Julie Ide	Transportation, Trails, Communications
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Cheryl Patten	Environment, Parks, HOT Lanes, Stormwater
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Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm.

Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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Dranesville News

Supervisor Foust to Conduct Three Town Hall Meetings on Budget

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has scheduled three town hall meetings in March to give the public an opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013) Budget for Fairfax County. County Management and Budget staff will be present to make a summary presentation of the budget and answer questions. The three sessions are:

Monday, March 26 at 7:00 pm
Ingram Council Chambers – Halls B & C
765 Lynn Street
Herndon

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm
Great Falls Library
9830 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls

Monday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean

For details about the FY2013 Budget visit the County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>. For more information on these public meetings contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust's Dranesville District office at (703) 356-0551, TTY 711 or email Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FY 2013 Proposed Budget

Review the proposed \$3.52 billion budget for county and schools; give your comments online or at public hearings April 10-12.



Other important FY2013 Budget dates:

Tuesday, February 28

County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presented his proposed FY 2013 Advertised Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Tuesday, April 10 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11 at 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

Public Hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Those wishing to speak at any of the public hearings should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at (703) 324-3151, TTY (703) 324-3903, to place their name on the speakers list, or sign up online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm.

Tuesday, May 1

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopts the final FY2013 budget.

Old Chesterbrook Road Bridge Over Pimmit Run to Close this Summer for Emergency Super-Structure Replacement

This summer, McLean residents and commuters will be detouring around the Old Chesterbrook Road Bridge over Pimmit Run. The bridge has been scheduled to receive emergency replacement of its super structure after a January 2012 inspection by VDOT determined that the bridge deck and structural steel have serious loss, deterioration and holes that require immediate action. As a consequence of its condition, the bridge is now posted to support a reduced gross weight limit of 20 tons.

The bridge superstructure currently consists of a timber deck supported by steel I-beams. The rehabilitation project will replace the deteriorated bridge deck with a prestressed concrete slab superstructure. This method of construction was chosen because it requires less time to construct, thus reducing the disturbance to traffic during construction. In addition, the concrete material requires less maintenance as compared to the existing steel and timber structure. New and current standard of crush test railing will be installed to enhance safety to traffic and pedestrians.

Included in the renovation will be replacement and extension of the existing pedestrian facilities on the north

side of the bridge, a new crosswalk and improved access to the Pimmit Run streamside trail.

VDOT and the office of Supervisor Foust held a public meeting on February 22 to share the design plans with the community and to present two possible construction schedules:

- A construction period lasting 13 months. One lane of traffic open with occasional weekend and night total road closures. Estimated cost of \$1,300,000.
- A construction period lasting 5 months. Bridge is totally closed to traffic during Fairfax County Public Schools 2012 summer break (87 days). Estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

Community members present at the meeting expressed a strong preference for the second option — an accelerated construction schedule, including total bridge closure at a cost savings of \$300,000.

Bridge engineers say that the improved bridge will have a smoother transition from road to bridge surface. Included in this project is the diversion of a 24-inch sewer line to work around new retaining walls and allow better maintenance access to the lines.

For more information contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Upgrade Planned for Soccer Field at Mclean Governmental Center

A proposal to upgrade the soccer field at the McLean Governmental Center, located near the intersection of Balls Hill Road and Lewinsville Road, will be heard by the Fairfax County Planning Commission on May 10. The project is being sponsored by the County's Facilities Management Department (FMD).

The project is subject to the County's 2232 review process, which is used to determine whether public facilities are in conformance with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed upgrade includes the installation of lights to enable greater usage of the field. Although not part of the application, FMD will also seek a county permit to replace the grass surface with synthetic turf to im-

prove the playing surface. McLean Youth Soccer, which has used the field since the 1970's, will provide the funds for both of these upgrades.

There have been two community meetings on the proposal over the past year and, most recently, a presentation was made to the McLean Citizens Association Planning and Zoning Committee of the MCA on February 28.

A plan of the proposed improvement along with information regarding the 2232 process and information regarding the Planning Commission Hearing can be found at the Dranesville Supervisor's website: at fairfaxcounty.gov/Dranesville.

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Benjamin.Wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Meetings Scheduled for Rail to Dulles Phase 2

The Board of Supervisors has organized four public information meetings regarding the second phase of the construction of the Silver Line Metrorail to Dulles International Airport. The community meetings will have a presentation by staff regarding the costs and physical layouts of the project and will be followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of these outreach sessions are to elicit public input and comment for the Phase 2 of the Dulles Rail Project.

Four community meetings are scheduled for the following locations:

Monday, March 12, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

South County Government Center
Community Room 221A/B
8530 Richmond Hwy.
Alexandria

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Hutchison Elementary School
Cafeteria
13209 Parcher Ave.
Herndon

Thursday, March 15, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Westgate Elementary School
Cafeteria
7500 Magarity Rd.
Falls Church

Monday, March 19, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
Conference Room 9/10 (Lobby Level)
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Board of Supervisors Meet for Retreat

On February 6 and 7, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held a two day retreat at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton to consider its priorities and set a course of action for a sustainable future. It was announced that no votes would be taken during the retreat, with the understanding that some issues may be discussed again at future venues.

The topics covered during the retreat included:

- Credit Rating Agencies
- Transportation
- Land Use Process
- Community Engagement
- Board Priorities

For details of the Board Retreat, please see the summary of the event provided by Board Chairman Sharon Bulova at the County website at fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/bylineretreat.pdf.

For more information contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Supervisor Foust (in blue) addressing other Board members at the February 6 and 7 Board Retreat.

Creating Supportive Communities for Seniors and Disabled

Dranesville residents continue to meet to address the issues of aging in place and living with disabilities in our area.



On October 15, 2011 over 100 local residents and volunteers began a dialogue on the issues of aging and accessibility in the **McLean** community. The forum, entitled “**McLean: Creating a Supportive Community for All Ages**” and hosted by Supervisor Foust, was held for the purpose of making McLean more accessible for aging seniors and people living with disabilities. Whether aging in McLean or living with a disability, many residents and their caregivers are finding that staying in their home is a challenge due to accessibility and logistical issues. The McLean “**Creating a Supportive Community**” effort is drawing on innovative practices used by other communities to address these issues.

McLean Aging in Place volunteers are currently forming working groups to address aging and accessibility issues facing the elderly and disabled community.

Great Falls Citizens Association and residents are working with the Fairfax County Government and Supervisor Foust’s office to create a ‘Center Without Walls’ in Great Falls. This would operate in the same manner as the Burke/West Springfield Center Without Walls, a public-private partnership among the residents of Burke, West Springfield, Fairfax Station, local businesses, places of worship and the County, created to provide a variety of programs, activities and services to older adults in this community. For more information visit the Center Without Walls website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/cwow.htm .

Supervisor Foust’s office is also planning a meeting this spring with **Herndon** area residents concerned with the issues of aging in place.

For more information on any of these activities or to get involved, contact Jennifer Boysko in the office of Supervisor Foust at Jennifer.boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Riverbend Park Master Plan Process Begins

Fairfax County Park Authority has begun the process for the revision to the 1975 Master Plan for Riverbend Park in Great Falls. This is the first update to the Master Plan since it was originally drafted. The revision will guide staff to ensure that the park continues to meet the needs of park users while still adhering to its mission.

On February 21, the Park Authority held a public information session at the Great Falls Grange, during which County staff gave a brief presentation explaining the Master Plan process and a review of the current amenities offered in the Riverbend Park. The Park Authority also answered questions and heard suggestions for future park features from meeting attendees. Park Authority staff will take the comments they received into consideration as they develop a Draft Master Plan which will be presented to the public for review at a later date.

Residents who were unable to attend the meeting can still submit their comments and find additional information about the Riverbend Park Master Plan process on the Park Authority’s web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/riverbend.htm>.

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Public Schools Board of Education Discuss Collaboration in Joint Meeting

In an unusual joint meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Board met on Saturday February 23 to strategize on how to increase communication and improve collaboration on County projects and to address how best to provide the need for a skilled work force during the coming decade.

Annually, during the budget season, the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education meet to discuss the transfer of funds from the County to FCPS. This is, however, the first time that the full boards have met for the purpose of discussing general philosophies and goals and to promote enhanced collaboration.

All members of both boards were in attendance along with Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale and County Executive Tony Griffin. In addition, FCPS and County staff gave presentations to the two Boards on the subjects of Shared Facilities, Human Services and Transportation.

Dana Kauffman, a former member of the County's Board of Supervisors and currently the Director of College Government Affairs at the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), was present to discuss the necessary collaboration between public school systems, community colleges and four-year universities. Mr. Kauffman expressed the necessity that the County provide their own "front-line work force", citing a George Mason University study that predicted 300,000 new jobs coming to Fairfax County in the next 10 years. Forty percent of these jobs are predicted to be in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Two thirds of these jobs will require post-secondary education, according to a Georgetown University study.



Supervisor Foust and other members of the County Board of Supervisors at joint retreat with Fairfax County Board of Education.

Superintendent Dale expressed concern that of the 20 percent of FCPS graduates that go to NOVA, 50 percent require remedial work before beginning their core courses. His concern was that FCPS is required to target teaching to the state's Standard of Learning (SOL) tests rather than the requirements of colleges, and that these objectives do not always match.

Another problem identified by Supervisor Dale was that area students frequently change schools and districts and may enter the FCPS schools in late elementary or middle school, without first mastering reading skills.

As part of the cooperative effort between FCPS and higher education, Fairfax County will be considering County funded adult education courses in partnership with NOVA, according to Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison.

Both Boards agreed to hold future meetings on specific projects for collaboration, with at least two meetings to be scheduled in the coming year. Mr. Kauffman added that a forum on preparing the new workforce will be scheduled this coming fall.

For more information about this joint meeting, contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Permanent Changes to Route 7 Traffic Pattern Near Tysons Corner

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recently activated a new traffic signal, directing left-turn traffic from eastbound Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) onto northbound I-495. The traffic light creates a new permanent traffic pattern and replaces a right lane loop ramp, now permanently closed to allow for completion of the 495 Express Lanes (formerly HOT Lanes). A second left-turn lane will be added to this location later this year to further accommodate Route 7 motorists entering northbound I-495.

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at Cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Input Sought on New Metro Station Names

Fairfax County and Metro officials are asking residents for their ideas in naming the eight new stations proposed for the Silver Line Metrorail, extending rail service through Tysons Corner and beyond to Dulles International Airport.

Using an online survey, the public is invited to review the proposed names for the new stations and register suggestions of their own. Survey participants will be asked to weigh in on the names for the five stations which are currently under construction as part of Phase I and which will formally be named this summer, as well as the three Fairfax County stations which will be part of Phase II.

Metro users have pointed out that station names are important in helping them plan their trips and identify destinations. Station names that include the names of towns, streets, neighborhoods and landmarks have proved most effective.

After formal submission to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the final name selections must be approved by the Metro Board of Directors.

The survey is available online in both English and Spanish and will be available to participants until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. To register your opinions please visit the survey website at www.wmata.com/silversurvey.

For more information contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at Cheyl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dranesville Photo Gallery

McLean Makes Room for “Extra Space Storage”

Ground was ceremonially broken on February 1 for Extra Space Storage, a personal storage facility, at an event sponsored by Compson Development and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. The facility will be located at 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean and will open in approximately 12 months.

The 544-unit building will be office-like in appearance, with its color and design blending with that of the surrounding development in the area. In addition to being architecturally pleasing, the building will contribute to

the revitalization efforts championed by the McLean Planning Committee, the McLean Revitalization Corporation and Supervisor Foust. Brick and concrete sidewalks will be constructed according to McLean's Design Standards. All utilities on the building's frontage on Old Chain Bridge Road will be undergrounded. A landscaped pedestrian walkway will extend from Beverly Road to Old Chain Bridge, enabling residents to have a safe way to reach stores. Compson Development will work with VDOT to install pedestrian crosswalks on both roads.

“We are very proud that the building will have the distinction of being the first LEED Silver rated personal storage facility in Virginia, said Jack Wilbern of Butz-Wilbern, architects for the project. This was a highly collaborative effort that ended with a win-win for everyone. The community wins big, and we ended with a better project.”

For more information, contact Benjamin Wiles in the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office at (703) 356-0551.

From left to right: Robert Bishop- Compson Development, John Brough, First Vice Chair GMCC, Chairman Sharon Bulova, Jack Wilbern- Butz-Wilbern, Supervisor John Foust, Tom Comparato- Compson Development, Richard Schoen- Cardinal Bank, Lynn Gulick- Cardinal Bank



McLean's 2012 “Be Fit” Expo



Attendees browse the numerous informative exposition booths at the 2012 Be Fit Expo.

Saturday, February 18, residents gathered for the family-friendly Be Fit Expo event at the McLean Community Center. Event participants enjoyed various outdoor organization exhibitions, interactive displays, an on-site rock wall, a Dutch oven cook-off and samples, raffle items, and healthy food sales.



Cook-off judges Supervisor Foust and Churchill Elementary School Principal Don Hutzel discuss the subtleties of Dutch oven cooking.

Falls Church - McLean Children’s Center Celebrates new Bus

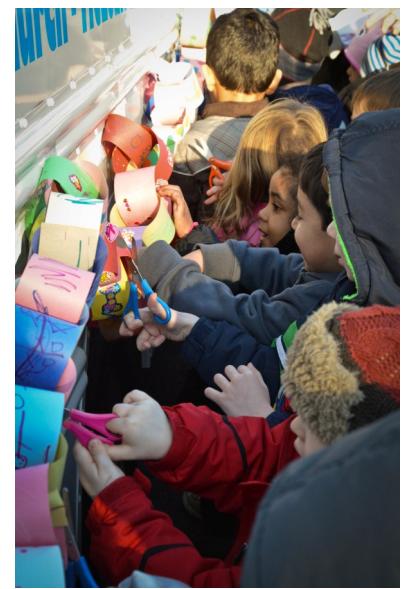
On February 9, a construction-paper chain designed by the preschoolers at the Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center served as the ribbon at the official ribbon cutting of the school’s new activity bus. The Center’s children, ages 2 through 5, serenaded donors to the nonprofit school’s bus campaign with their rendition of “Wheels on the Bus” in thanks for their contributions. The celebration was attended by representatives from donating organizations, the McLean Community Foundation, McLean Rotary Club, Immanuel Presbyterian Church of McLean, the PNC Grow Up Great program, Home Veterinary Care of Northern Virginia, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and many individual donors.

Founded in 1968 by 20 area faith groups, the nonprofit preschool provides a non-denominational, all-day, year-round early education program to prepare young children to be ready to learn when they enter Kindergarten. The Center’s 5-classroom facility is located in a dedicated wing of Lemon Road Elementary School.

For more information call the school at (703) 534-4907 or visit the preschool website at fcmlcc.org.



Supervisor Foust is joined by representatives from the McLean Community Foundation, the McLean Rotary Club, Immanuel Presbyterian Church of McLean, the PNC Grow Up Great program, Home Veterinary Care of Northern Virginia and others at the ribbon cutting for the Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center’s new activity bus.



Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center preschoolers cutting the construction-paper chain.

Boys Scouts Visit Dranesville Supervisor's Office to Earn 'Citizenship in the Community' Merit Badge

Supervisor Foust met with Boy Scouts from Troop 1130 on February 13, as part of the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, through which Scouts meet with a local government official.



(Front, left-to-right) Tyler Grobman, Nadim Najjar (Back, left-to-right) Josh Hufnagel, Salim Najjar, Patrick Hufnagel, Supervisor Foust and Troop Leader Steve Smith.

Recognitions

Fairfax County Assumes Ownership and Control of Neighborhood Resource Center

On January 24 the Mayor and Town Council of Herndon issued a proclamation expressing appreciation to Fairfax County for assuming ownership and control of the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) and to welcome the non-profit Reston Interfaith as the new manager of daily operations.

The NRC offers integrative services to residents. The space includes multipurpose rooms, meeting rooms, a waiting and reception area, a learning center, a computer lab, classrooms and a kitchen. The center houses a Community Association Reference Library, which contains information to help strengthen community associations. Other programs offered include the Neighborhood Watch Program and other police-citizen services.

For more information about the NRC please visit Reston Interfaith's website at www.Restoninterfaith.org or call the NRC at (703) 435-6830.



Standing:

Steve DeBenedittis, Mayor of Herndon, Grace Wolf, Council member, John Foust Dranesville Supervisor, Kerrie Wilson CEO of Reston Interfaith, Greg White, VP Reston Interfaith, Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive for Human Services, Jennifer Boysko, Aide to Supervisor Foust, Sarah Newman, Connections for Hope, Chris Scales, Region III Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services, Karen Pope, Neighborhood Resource Center, Mary Ann O'Reilly, Neighborhood Resource Center, Bill Threlkeld, Reston Interfaith

Seated:

Lisa Merkel, Vice Mayor, Connie Hutchinson, Council member, Jasbinder Singh, Council member

Announcements

Attention Homeowner and Civic Association Leaders: We Need Your Contact Information

Supervisor Foust periodically reaches out to Dranesville's community leaders to distribute information important to you and your neighborhoods. Subjects of the notices sent to leaders include traffic and construction updates, weather-related information and important public meeting alerts. By working with the representatives of homeowner and civic organizations, Supervisor Foust is able to distribute important information to a larger number of Dranesville residents efficiently.

For this reason, it is important that the Dranesville District office has the latest contact information for your neighborhood organizations. If you are the elected leader of a neighborhood organization, please provide us with the latest contact information for you and your organization so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

You may have already supplied information to Supervisor Foust after a recent email appeal. Otherwise, please forward your group's contact information to Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 356-0551.

Also, if you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your homeowner association or civic organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's Executive Assistant, Dianne Peikin, at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Dianne.Peikin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Great Falls Fire Station Grand Opening, March 10

You are invited to attend the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's grand opening of Fire and Rescue Station 12 in Great Falls:

**Saturday, March 10 at 11 a.m.
9916 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls**

The new 18,700 square-foot, drive-through, four-bay station, blends in with the rural Great Falls area and was constructed with the environment and energy savings as a priority, using recycled glass, heated apparatus bay floors, waterless urinals, earth covered roofs with water absorbing ground cover, and using natural light effectively. The unique dark brown, steel bay doors are bi-folding, and can be moved easily manually, a first of its kind in the county. The station is being submitted for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

The previous station was built in 1960, and was undersized for current personnel, apparatus, and did not readily support the functional specialty of swift water rescue operations for the Great Falls area. It also did not meet County and State fire standards, and many of the building systems were rapidly failing. The station now has adequate quarters for women fire fighters, and a waste septic system instead of a pump and haul operation.

Construction of the station began in December 2010. The station became operational in November 2011.

For more information about this event contact the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at (703) 246-3801, TTY: 711 or send an email to fire-rescue.PA-LSE@fairfaxcounty.gov.



McLean Community Center Governing Board Elections May 19

Candidate Petitions Due by March 23

Elections for the 2012 McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board will take place at McLean Day on Saturday, May 19 in Lewinsville Park. The MCC Governing Board is responsible for setting policy and supervising day to day operations at the MCC.

Candidate Requirements:

The following Governing Board seats are filled through this election.

All candidates must be residents of Small District 1A of the Dranesville District:

- **Three Adult Governing Board Seats:**

Adult candidates must be at least 18 years of age by McLean Day. The candidates who receive the three highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms on the Governing Board.

- **Two Youth Governing Board Seats:**

- One Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the McLean High School boundary area.
- One Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the Langley High School boundary area.

Teen candidates must be between 15 and 17 years of age by McLean Day. One candidate from each high school boundary area receiving the highest number of votes will serve a one-year term on the Governing Board. Teens do not have to attend either McLean or Langley high schools. They may be attending another school, including one that is outside of Small District 1A, or they may be home schooled. Teens must run for the youth board seat for the high school boundary area where you live. High school boundary information is available through the Fairfax County Public Schools' boundary tool at <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>.

Voting Requirements:

- **Adults:** Any Small District 1A resident who is 18 years or older by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Adult candidates may vote for up to 3 adult candidates.
- **Teens:** Any Small District 1A resident who is 15 through 17 years of age by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Teens may vote for one youth candidate from each high school boundary area.
- **Absentee Voting:** Residents may choose to vote by absentee ballot. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages will be available at the MCC, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101 beginning on Monday, April 9. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages may be requested in-person, by email at elections@mcleancenter.org, or by telephone at (703) 744-9348. The deadline for returning a completed and signed Application for Absentee Ballot to the McLean Community Center is May 16 at 5 p.m.



Election Results:

Election results will be posted on the door of the MCC on the evening of the elections.

For questions about the boundaries of Small District 1A or any other aspect of the MCC Governing Board and its elections, please contact the MCC at (703) 744-9348 or email elections@mcleancenter.org.

McLean Community Center Holds Public Hearing to Gauge Residents' Thoughts on Its Programs and Services *Public Hearing on Programs is Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m.*

The McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board will hold its annual **Public Hearing on Programs** at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

The 11- member board is asking residents of Dranesville Small District 1A to come to the meeting and share their thoughts on Center programs and services. The regular monthly meeting of the Governing Board will follow the hearing. All meetings of the board are open to the public.

Residents of the Center's tax district who attend the meeting can voice their opinions on current Center offerings and make suggestions for improving current programs and/or adding new initiatives. The hearing is one step in planning for the FY 2013 budget cycle, which begins July 1.

Residents who would like to speak at the hearing may call the Center at (703) 790-0123, TTY: 711. Residents are not required to sign up in order to speak. Comments may also be submitted in person, by mail, fax or by emailing ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Residents who want to find out if they live within the Center's tax district or who want more information, may call the Center at (703) 790 - 0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org.

2012 Friends of Trees Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Fairfax County Tree Commission is seeking nominations for its 2012 Friends of Trees Awards. The award is presented to those individuals, schools, youth and adult organizations, civic organizations and other organizations that have volunteered their time and effort to preserve, protect or plant trees. Nominations are due by March 31st. Awards will be presented on Arbor Day, April 28.



A nomination form and criteria can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/trees.htm>.

For more information contact Ben Wiles, in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Benjamin.wiles@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Protect Yourself from Con Artists That Target Senior Citizens *Attend a Senior Fraud Information Session on March 21*

Con artists are friendly, smart, helpful, persuasive, and aggressive. Means used to con are by telephone, radio, computer, television, mail, newspapers and magazines, and personal visits to your home. People from all walks of life are conned from investment counselors to doctors and particularly senior citizens. One particular form of fraud against seniors is Medicare and Medicaid. Billions of dollars each year is lost through errors, waste, and abuse.

Please join us for an informative evening. Learn your rights and how to protect yourself, learn how to be a wise consumer and detect fraud, and learn how to report it. This session is recommended for seniors and their family members, and caregivers.

Wednesday, March 21
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Harbor House
873 Grace Street
Herndon

This event is free of charge and open to the public and is sponsored by the Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council and the Herndon Police Department.

Contact Crime Prevention Officer Henry at tanya.henry@herndon-va.gov or (703) 787-7627 for more information.

Kentucky Derby Benefit for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS)

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m. and the 17th Annual Kentucky Derby Benefit. Proceeds from this southern-style event benefit Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS), an organization providing intensive skills training and support to adults with mental illness, emotional and/or behavioral disorders to help them reintegrate into society through a variety of programs including community-based supports, employment services, curriculum-based day programs and community housing programs.

For more event details and additional information call PRS at (703) 536-9000 or email at info@prsinc.org.