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- Cabell's Mill
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- Compton Valley Estates
- Compton Village
- Confederate Ridge II
- Crofton Commons
- Deerfield Ridge
- Fair Lakes Chase
- Fair Lakes Forest
- Fairfax National Estates
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- Heritage Crossing
- Heritage Forest
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- Little Rocky Run
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- Paterra
- Pleasant Hill
- Pleasant Valley NC
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- Stonehenge
- Sully Station
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- Winding Ridge
- Woodgate Comm. Assn
- Woodlands of Fair Lakes

From the President

I wish a Happy Fall to everyone and hope you found some time to enjoy the summer.

As you may know from driving around Fairfax County, there is a full slate of candidate choices to be made on the November 6, 2007 election ballot. With all Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates seats up for grabs, as well as local elections (Constitutional Offices, Soil and Water Directors, Board of Supervisors, and School Board), now is the time to get out the vote and let your viewpoints be known. It is

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Bond Referendums on November 6, 2007 Election Ballot

In addition to the candidates on the November 6, 2007 ballot (see page 5 for a listing), there will be two Bond Referendum questions for Fairfax County voters to consider. The first is a \$365,200,000 school bond referendum and the second is a \$110,000,000 transportation referendum.

With regard to the transportation referendum, the following road and transit improvements are proposed in and near the WFCCA area:

Widening Poplar Tree Road (\$5 million) - The road would be widened from Sully Station Drive to Braddock Ridge Drive. Connections to the existing network of trails and sidewalks would also be completed.

Widening Lee Highway (\$4 million) - Two additional lanes would be built on Lee Highway (Route 29) along a three-mile segment west of the City of Fairfax, along with a trail on the north side of the road, east of Forum Drive. Pedestrian crossing signals are also included in the project.

Widening Stringfellow Road (\$21 million) - The road would be widened to a four-lane divided road with sidewalks, trails, curb and gutter, and a raised median, from Fair Lakes Boulevard to Route 50.

Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride and Bus Transfer Facility (\$5.5 million) - The number of parking spaces would be increased from 385 to approximately 700 and the bus transfer area improved.

For detailed information on the transportation bond issue, visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond or call the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at (703) 324-3187. Within the past month, all Fairfax County households were mailed a *2007 Bond Referendum Information for Residents* brochure explaining the transportation bond and containing general information on bonds. The bonds will also be briefly presented and discussed at the October 15, 2007 WFCCA quarterly meeting. For information on the school bond, please visit the Fairfax County Public Schools website: www.fcps.edu/news/bond07.htm.

If you have questions, or for additional information on the general and special elections, including absentee balloting, please contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at (703) 222-0776 or visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb.

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◆ WFCCA Items of Interest ◆

WFCCA Annual Holiday Reception to be December 9, 2007

The Western Fairfax County Citizens Association will host its Annual Holiday Reception on Sunday, December 9, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the home of David and Carol Hawn, 6500 Harvest Mill Court, Centreville. Directions will be included in the invitations mailed at the end of October, or are available by sending an email to cahawn@att.net. As in past years, attendees are requested to bring non-perishable food or other items for contribution to the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries Food Pantry. We look forward to seeing you at this annual event. For more information, please contact Carol Hawn at 703-266-6872.

The WFCCA is open to civic, homeowner, and community associations within the following area of Fairfax County, including portions of Sully and Springfield Districts: east of the Loudoun County line; south of Route 50; west of Stringfellow and Clifton Roads; north of Compton Road east of Route 28, and north of Bull Run west of Route 28.

Treasurer's Report

On April 16, 2007, WFCCA cash on hand balance totaled \$3,954.30. A report was not presented at the July 16, 2007 quarterly meeting. Therefore, the cash on hand balance for the WFCCA remains \$3,954.30.

- Mary A. Coyle, Treasurer

happy halloween!

The objective of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association is to support planned development through public awareness.

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expected that fewer than one-third of all registered voters in Fairfax County will cast a ballot next month. In addition to candidate elections, there is a key transportation bond referendum for Fairfax County residents, as well as a school bond referendum. Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO to allow the county to borrow up to \$110 million to fund the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements. If the majority of voters approve the bond, the county would be allowed to issue bonds to fund transportation projects, including roadway, pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements. This referendum will be in addition to the funding decisions voted on by the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year. For more information regarding this important decision, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond/>.

I look forward to seeing you at our quarterly meeting on Monday, October 15, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the McDonnell Room at the Sully District Government Center. Enjoy the remainder of your fall.

- Ted Troscianecki, President

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Education

E. Mark McConn *At-Large*

Environment

Stephen Vandiver *At-Large*

Land Use

James Katcham *Centre Ridge Regent*

Parks and Recreation

Chris Terpak-Malm *At-Large*

Social Services and Outreach

Dorothy Steranka *Willoughby's Ridge*

Transportation

Judith Heisinger *Bull Run*

◆ Land Use Committee ◆ (4/2007 - 4/2008)

Mary Coyle *At-Large*

Carol Hawn *At-Large*

Judith Heisinger *Bull Run*

James Katcham *Centre Ridge Regent*

Scott Miller *Pleasant Valley NC*

Jim Neighbors *Sully Station I*

Dorothy Steranka *Willoughby's Ridge*

Chris Terpak-Malm *At-Large*

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wfcc/minutes/071607/doc.

**The Western Fairfax County Citizens Association
Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 16, 2007

James D. McDonnell Community Room 1, Sully District Governmental Center

President Ted Trosciancki called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He introduced the Executive Committee and our guest speakers for the evening, Kathy Froyd and Mike Finkle, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, who spoke on the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the facility on Lee Highway; tours will take place beginning at 12:00 noon. Planning and construction has taken five years after a number of organizations expressed a need for a fourth shelter in Fairfax County, the first in the western area. The facility has 60 beds and can serve up to 20 families; even after its opening, the county will continue to have a waiting list for shelter beds. The facility is two-story, approximately 16,000 square feet with 24 bedrooms in eight pods of three bedrooms; the pods also have a communal sitting area and kitchenette with a refrigerator and microwave. Three families can be housed in each pod. The building was constructed by the Housing Authority and is a green globe award-winning facility. Shelter House, Inc. won the contract for the day-to-day operations. A community advisory board will be established to support the families but more importantly, to keep open lines of communication between the local communities and families. They believe this will contribute to the success of the residents. It is also important to offer opportunities to area communities to contribute time and efforts in volunteering; there has already been an outpouring of support by the Girl Scouts, faith community, and the Junior League in terms of teaching materials and books, and offers of skill teaching and support.

The goal of a shelter is to move clients into more stable housing within a 60-day period; there is a focus on rapid rehousing. The shelter is included in the county's ten year plan to end homelessness by moving clients as rapidly as possible into stable shelter. The faith community works closely with the county in this area by offering emergency and financial services. There will still be a need to house clients in the City of Fairfax hotels, the majority of whom have children. Ron Koch asked at what point do hotel residents move into a shelter; some families house themselves in the hotels. Residents are first asked to contact Fairfax County's Coordinated Services Planning, which is a "one-stop" application and referral service that begins the waiting list process.

Stephen Vandivere inquired about the point-in-time survey that provides much of the information on homelessness in the county. It is nationally-conducted survey required for federal housing monies; Fairfax County conducts its survey in late January each year. There is seasonal variations in the number of homeless; estimates are that three to four times as many persons as acknowledged on the survey experience homelessness in a given year. He asked if there is coordination with groups such as the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. Jim Hart asked about the percentage of employed homeless; 40-60% of adult shelter residents are employed when entering the shelter. There are limits on the length of stay, however the county doesn't return residents to the street. Placement in more permanent housing, such as Section 8, transitional, or more independent housing, or shared living arrangements, can be a challenge, particularly with larger families. He also asked which school will the children attend; because of the federal McKinney-Vento Act that governs homeless programs, children have the right to attend their neighborhood school, which is Eagle View Elementary. A significant issue when this facility was first discussed was the nearest location of any bus stops; there is a bus stop immediately outside the shelter on Lee Highway. Vans are also available to transport residents. Mr. Trosciancki thanked Ms. Froyd and Mr. Finkle for their presentation.

Approval of April 16, 2007 Quarterly Meeting Minutes - *Jim Katcham moved approval; Ms. Steranka seconded. Minutes approved unanimously as written.*

President's Report - Mr. Trosciancki asked those in attendance to make sure their community has renewed its membership. He has posted the renewal form on the website, which he has streamlined and updated. He encouraged feedback and additions to it. He was honored to attend the groundbreaking for the Korean Central Presbyterian Church this past weekend; it was a very positive event, with a number of public officials in attendance. The ribbon-cutting is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2009. Mr. Hart noted there will be a public hearing on a special exception amendment regarding child care at the church later this week.

Secretary's Report - Carol Hawn noted the WFCFA has been asked to recommend an appointee for the Shelter Community Advisory Board, discussed above. Anyone interested should contact Supervisor Michael Frey's office. A citizen's bond referendum committee is being seated for the transportation bond on the November ballot. Mr. Trosciancki asked why there would be transportation bonds with the power granted to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Coyle was not in attendance; therefore the cash on hand balance remains as reported at the April 16, 2007 meeting.

Education Committee - Chair Mark McConn noted there will be an area high school boundary study this fall, after the election. The School Board will appoint citizens to work on the proposed changes. Some ground rules will remain as in the past; juniors will be able to remain in their current high school. Although South Lakes High is a smaller school, it is only at 50% capacity; after renovations, it is now a state-of-the-art school, yet parents are concerned about the higher percentage of poorer and non-English speaking students. Westfield, on the other hand, has a senior class of over 900 students. Some students could cut a half hour off their travel by attending South Lakes. By 2010, numbers, including elementary and middle school numbers, are projected to decrease, but Centreville High is now expected to increase enrollment by 100 students.

Environment Committee - Chair Stephen Vandivere noted the attempt to eradicate invasive plants throughout the park system. The county is focusing on improving water quality and maintenance. Mr. Hart noted the county is working on a policy plan amendment to create incentives for green building techniques. The Planning Commission has held meetings with staff and the building industry. He attended a "green" house tour in Arlington and was struck by the differences in the construction. Mr. Vandivere talked about the use of alternative fuels for the new public safety operations center. Judith Heisinger mentioned that the newly adopted recycling changes need to be spelled out.

Land Use Committee - Mr. Katcham also toured the Arlington house and commented on changes that are environmentally friendly. Luck Stone plans to hold a community meeting later this year. He discussed upcoming land use cases, including the land swap with the Park Authority on Old Centreville Road.

Parks and Recreation Committee - Chair Chris Terpak-Malm noted that no land use applications are being pursued at this time. She mentioned that, while a typical deer in Fairfax County is found with four ticks on it, those in Sully Woodlands are being found with up to 100 ticks each. A model airplane demonstration was held at the site proposed for that use. Mr. McConn noted that the issue is the nearness of the parcel to a bridal path; he wonders who is liable for problems that might arise with horses, as the Park Authority has adopted a somewhat cavalier attitude about neighbor's concerns.

Transportation Committee - Mrs. Heisinger noted that transportation issues are far less controversial, and less "fun" than during her previous chairmanship. She talked of projects under the purview of the NVT, few of which are in our area, as well as the controversy surrounding the General Assembly bill. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has filed suit on whether non-elected officials can levy funds for road improvements. The Route 29 trail under I-66 is almost complete.

(see Draft Minutes - continued on page 4)

◆ Land Use Committee News and Notes ◆

Land Use Committee Presentations and Decisions

Below are the applications reviewed at the July, August, and September Land Use Committee meetings. The WFCCA Land Use Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the James D. McDonnell Community Room 1 in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. All area residents are invited to attend the Land Use Committee meetings.

Agent/Applicant	Location	Use	Decision
July 17, 2007			
Ilryong Moon/Michael Kane/Fairfax County Park Authority	Old Centreville Road	Office Building	Information Only
James Hart, At Large Planning Commissioner	Countywide	ZOA** - Portable Storage Facilities	Endorsed w/ mod.*
August 21, 2007			
Ilryong Moon/Michael Kane/Fairfax County Park Authority	Old Centreville Road	Office Building	Information Only
Sherry Hoy/Court Furniture	Sullyfield Business Center	Addition of Retail	Endorsed w/ mod.*
September 18, 2007			
Fred Taylor/Lori Murphy/Commerce Bank	Route 50 and Walney Road	Drive-through Bank Facility	Information Only
Mark Looney/Sue Wofford	Route 28/Westfields Boulevard	Rezoning to PDC	Endorsed w/ mod.*
Sara Mariska/Van LLC/McDonalds	Route 28/Fort Hill Drive	Increase in seating, hours	Information Only

* endorsement contingent upon recommended modifications to application
** ZOA - Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Upcoming Land Use Agenda Items

In the next quarter, the WFCCA Land Use Committee will render decision on the following applications:

Land Swap/Office Construction - The Fairfax County Park Authority is working with a developer on land along Old Centreville Road near Braddock Road. The applicant would construct parking and stormwater detention for the soccer fields.

Commerce Bank - The drive-through facility would replace the Anita's at the intersection of Route 50 and Walney Road.

Centreville McDonalds - The restaurant is looking to add 20 seats and stay open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Committee will also review the Comprehensive Policy Plan amendment regarding 'green' construction in Fairfax County.

For information on upcoming Land Use Committee agenda items, contact Jim Katcham, Land Use Committee Chair, at (703) 803-8177.

Transportation Update

For updates on the Route 28 Interchange Construction, visit www.28freeway.com. The Willard Road/Route 28 interchange is now construction.

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Discussion ensued about the changes to the Route 28/Braddock and Walney Roads intersection; the WFCCA wants to hear from the impacted communities before passing judgment. There is concern, particularly in the Poplar Tree community, about the widening of Stringfellow Road. The VDOT staging area at Route 28 and Braddock Road is being used as a turnaround area for traffic circumventing the nearby intersection. Police should be stationed there during rush hours. We should be concerned as well about the impact on our communities of the roadwork being done in Loudoun County to its portion of Bull Run Post Office Road. The work being done on Stone Road is considered a safety improvement project that will eliminate left turns. A number of trees have been removed.

Centreville Day - Mr. Trosciancki met with Marvin Powell of the Centreville Community Foundation; the two organizations agreed we should be working together. Mrs. Hawn mentioned attempts to do so in the past, but the WFCCA seems to always be asked to assist too late in the planning process. Centreville Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007, in the Historic District.

New Business - Mr. Koch mentioned that there is concern about the 20 to 40 day laborers congregating each day at the Centreville Regional Library, waiting for rides. This may make it difficult to market and sell the condominiums being constructed across the street. There will be a community meeting on July 26, 2007 regarding this issue.

With no other business, Mr. Katcham moved adjournment; Ms. Steranka seconded. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

- Carol A. Hawn, Secretary

In Memoriam

The WFCCA extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Andy Lawless, who passed away suddenly in August. Andy was a founder and early President of the WFCCA, and also served on the Land Use Committee in the years when a number of large projects, such as the Centre Ridge community, were developed. He was also involved in countless community projects, and the western Fairfax area is much better because of his deep commitment to this area.

◆ What's on the Ballot in the WFCCA Area ◆

November 6, 2007 is Election Day. Following are all the candidates and bonds appearing on the election ballot in the WFCCA area, along with contact information. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot at the State Board of Elections.

Ballot Order and Abbreviations:

(D) = Democrat; (R) = Republican;

(IG) = Independent Green; (I) = Independent; * = Incumbent

Only candidates for the Senate of Virginia and Virginia House of Delegates are identified by political party affiliation on the November 6, 2007 ballot. The political party affiliation of other candidates is provided here only for informational purposes.

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

37th District

Janet S. Oleszek (D)
www.janetforfairfax.com

Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II (R)*
www.cuccinelli.com

39th District

George L. Barker (D)
www.barkerforsenate.com

J. K. "Jay" O'Brien, Jr. (R)*
www.jayobrienforsenate.org

VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

40th District

Rex A. Simmons (D)
www.rexsimmons.com

Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R)*
www.timhugo.com

67th District

C. Chuck Caputo (D)*
www.chuckworksforyou.com

Marc R. Cadin (R)
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Kathy L. Smith*
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Fairfax County Public School Bonds

Ballot Question: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$365,200,000, for the purposes of providing up to \$315,200,000, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance the costs of additional capital improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system and providing up to \$50,000,000, in addition to any other available funds, to finance the cost of expanding, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping facilities for the repair and other servicing of school busses, school vehicles and other County vehicles?

Fairfax County Transportation Bonds

Ballot Question: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$110,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the cost of constructing, reconstructing, and improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of necessary land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to the County pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

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Remember to Vote!

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Sully District Governmental Center and Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

The James D. McDonnell Community Room 1
(across the Entry Hall from the Sully District Supervisor's Office)

The quarterly meeting topic will be
the Fairfax County 2007 Transportation Bond Referendum.

There will be a question and answer period.

All area residents are invited to attend.

*The WFCCA Land Use Committee meets the third Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sully District Governmental Center.*