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Volunteers are needed! Your Community Association Executive Board has been comprised of the same folks since before my youngest child was born. Although fortunately we all like each other, we need some new blood. Literally! Please step forward and get involved at whatever level you feel that you can. The neighborhood needs you.

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Down the Block

On Election Day, 5 November 2002, Northern Virginia voters will decide whether to increase their sales tax by 11 percent, to 5 cents per dollar. The tax money would fund transportation projects. The region is expected to raise \$140 million after one year. When capitalized over twenty years, the region is projected to raise close to \$5 billion for improving transit and highway facilities.

Proponents of the tax increase believe that traffic congestion will be eased and air pollution will decrease. Local control of the funds is a key feature of the referendum.

None of this money will go to or through Richmond. The new Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), made up entirely of representatives from Northern Virginia, will have sole discretionary power over how and where the new funds are allocated. State law prohibits Virginia from using the referendum to reduce Northern Virginia's share of other state transportation funding. In addition, VDOT will now have to compete for projects with the private sector as the NVTA has complete authority to hire any contractor they choose.

Passage of the referendum will provide funding for 23 specific projects in Northern Virginia, including both highway and transit improvements. The referendum includes \$200 million for improvements to Beltway interchanges only. None of this money will be used for Beltway widening proposals. Any unallocated money will only be used after citizen-involved decision-making process. No money would go to any proposals for an outer-Beltway or Techway.

Ed. Note: A map showing the location of the proposed projects may be found at:
<http://www.transportation.state.va.us/Initiatives/NoVaMap.pdf>

Approximately 50% of the new revenue is dedicated to transit projects. This includes \$350 million for rail to Tysons Corner and Dulles, \$100 million for new VRE cars, and \$250 million for Metro system improvements. The provision of rail transit to Tysons Corner and along the corridor to Dulles will provide magnets for development around transit stations. Both Fairfax and Loudon Counties have adapted their comprehensive plans to allow for dense, compact, and mixed-use development around stations. These plans will allow both counties to channel growth in jobs and population into smart, sustainable land use patterns oriented around transit.

Excerpted from a column written by Gerry Connolly (Providence District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors) in the Providence District Council Newsletter, Oct. 2002

Opponents of the tax increase believe that traffic congestion will not improve, and air quality will worsen. Building new highways that benefit no one stuck in traffic today is of concern.

The sales tax referendum provides no guarantees or evaluation measures to determine whether or not the new taxes would relieve anyone's traffic problems. It provides a new source of revenue to move forward with projects that perpetuate the sprawl that have caused the enormous increase in traffic.

Without better growth management, widening highways won't work. Thousands of homes and office spaces have been approved for construction in Prince William and other outlying areas. The traffic generated by this new development would consume any gains made by widening I-66 and I-95. The real estate and construction industry has contributed heavily to a group pushing for the tax increase. Over 65,000 acres for speculative development are owned along proposed new highway corridors.

The emphasis on funding new highways is at odds with a recent federal appeals court ruling that struck down an extension of the clean air deadline for the Washington area. Because of its severe air pollution, the region will now have to redirect transportation spending from new roads to better mass transit.

Recommendations to address people's traffic problems and improve everyone's quality of life include: a state/local partnership for growth management, a plan to focus development at transit stations and to revitalize our cities, and measurable steps to reduce the amount people have to drive. Elements include:

- Better Land Use: Build communities with jobs, retail and housing to decrease driving
- Biking & Walking Options: Build sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes
- Transit-Oriented Communities: Focus development near transit to create travel options

Excerpted from NoSprawlTax.org (www.nosprawlax.org) representing Audubon Naturalist Society. Coalition for Smarter Growth. Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth. Friends of the Earth. Piedmont Environmental Council. Sierra Club, Virginia Chapter. Virginia League of Conservation Voters. Voters to Stop Sprawl. Washington Area Bicyclist Association

CONCERT SERIES

Looking for something to fill a winter evening? Want to introduce your kids to a wide array of music? Tired of big crowds and expensive ticket prices? Then come and listen to one of the best-kept secrets in town! Concert performances are held in the historic Fairfax City Old Town Hall, built in 1900. The upstairs concert room holds about 200 people; larger groups use the downstairs room holding 500. It's an intimate setting with stage-worthy performances. Parking is scarce in the old city area. Be prepared to park at the near-by shopping center and walk 2 easy blocks to the Hall. Big Band and Irish fans: be aware these groups are local celebrities – allow time for early arrival to get a seat. . . **and Celebrate The Arts!!**

Old Town Hall Performance Series – Fairfax City
Fridays at 8:00pm – FREE
Located at the corner of Main St. and University Drive
(in the one-way road section of old Fairfax)

2002 – 2003 Performance Series

Nov. 8: Kochanowsky & MacCracken; Rare Duo
Fortepiano Concert: All Mozart

Nov. 22: The Chromatics: Voices Only; Lively *a cappella* with 21st Century twist

Dec. 13: Potomac Brass Quintet; American Pops in
Holiday Spirit

Jan. 10: Harp Duo: Gregg & Newman; Glorious sounds
from golden instruments

Jan. 24: Alexandria Klezmet: Klezmer Quartet; Folk
Music with jazz and classical influence

Feb. 14: Roseanne Conway, Piano; Romantic music for
Valentine's Day

Feb. 28: Swing Shift: Big Band; In tribute to the
legendary Count Basie

Mar. 14: Alban Chorale: Simple Gifts; American songs
and spirituals

Mar. 28: Irish Breakfast Band: Traditional instrumental
music with a front porch feeling

Apr. 11: Leggiero Trio: Soprano, Clarinet, Piano;
Performs Schubert, Villa-Lobos



What's Cooking?

Bodacious Banana Cake

Contributed by Bettye Anna Louick.

“This is Nanny Dinah Louick’s recipe, a favorite with all generations!”

1 pkg. Yellow cake mix
4 eggs
¾ c. water
½ c. flour
½ c. sugar
½ c. oil
½ c. walnuts, chopped
2 mashed bananas
2 tsp. Cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix all ingredients until well blended. Pour batter into greased Bundt or tube pan.

Bake for 50-55 minutes (cake should spring back to light touch). Allow Bundt cake to cool 5 or 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cake in tube pan must cool until firm after sides are lightly loosened.

Notes from the Board

the Board met ???

the Board decided to make contributions on behalf of WNCN to George C. Marshall High School for the Prom Party, and to the Dunn Loring Fire Department – Station 13.

Next Board meeting: ???

House Beautiful

As of October 2002



2205 Chestertown Drive; colonial, 5 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 2-car garage, gas heat, 1 fireplace, roof, siding, and windows replaced, listed in October 2001 for \$349,000. Sold November 2001 for \$345,000.

2251 Richelieu Drive; split level, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, finished basement, new driveway, new carpet, remodeled kitchen w/new counter tops and new appliances, listed in November 2001 for \$389,000. Sold November 2001 for \$375,000.

2225 Malraux Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, finished basement, new front porch addition, siding and windows replaced, listed in December 2001 for \$394,500. Sold January 2002 for \$394,500.

2138 Woodford Road; contemporary, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed in February 2002 for \$359,500. Sold February 2002 for \$359,500.

Scoop it!

Please clean up after your dog – especially along the path to the park. Thanks!

The Malraux Chronicles

by Penny Firth

A Can of Worms

I am what I eat. And the recent USDA guidelines tell me that I should not be a fried-apple-fritter. I should be an apple. Or a carrot. Actually, I should be whole pile of vegetables and fruits. Nine servings of them each day. (Little note to myself: That is a lot of servings).

I have a long history of trying to pay attention to the folks my Sweetheart calls “the nutrition police.” Years ago, I reluctantly abandoned whiskey and chili for breakfast in favor of oatmeal and soy milk. Am I a better person for it? Opinions are mixed.

Now when I face the produce aisle, my evangelical fervor is matched only by my monumental confusion. What is it? Do I cook it? How? Will my family eat it? Will the worms in the compost pile eat it?

Back in my cheerful U-shaped kitchen, I prepare to engage four stalks of celery, two yams, and a rutabega. We eye one another warily, each waiting for the other to make the first move. I enjoy the home-field-advantage and opposable thumbs. But the veggies outnumber me and I can almost smell the hostility when I get out the knife.

A day or two later I reach for the leftovers to heat them up for a re-run. They’ve gone missing! There is a gaping hole in the ‘fridge between the bacon and the Brie. Um... I mean between the tofu and the grapefruit. Authorities are baffled. Did they escape on their own? Did they have help from outside the linoleum perimeter? Will other leftovers follow them? Will some of the *fresh vegetables* follow them? It’s a real can of worms.