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## Units' Kick-off With Housing Briefing!

Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:30 AM  
At the Packard Center – Upstairs Conference Room



Discussion Leaders' Briefing for September Unit Meetings follows at 12 Noon

### **Topic: Affordable Housing in Fairfax County & City**

Why should we care about affordable housing? No longer a crisis just for the poor, families are being priced out of the Fairfax County area; impacting traffic, quality of life, and community diversity, as people move farther from jobs to seek housing they can afford. Read about it and attend a unit meeting to join in the discussion!

### **Calendar**

#### **September**

01 October Bulletin Deadline  
03 *Labor Day*  
07 NCA Board Meeting  
**08 Unit Officers Kick Off - 9:30 am/** Briefing  
12pm Packard Center- Upstairs Conference Rm  
8-9 *Burke Conservancy Days*  
10-13 **Units** - Affordable Housing (local)  
12 *Rosh Hashanah- begins at sundown on 11th*  
13 *Ramadan begins*  
**15 LWVVA Workshops** in No. VA  
15 *Centerville Days/Reston Multicultural Festival*  
16 FCAC Election  
**19 Board Meeting**/Oct. UC Letter  
22 *Yom Kippur-begins at sundown on 21st*  
28 Capital Steps performance (NCA)  
29 *Fall for Fairfax*  
30 *Kingstowne Library Outreach*

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## The President's Message

Welcome back to a new League year! We have a great year planned. And we have some changes.

Since my last writing, we lost our friend Lavinia Voss and my eldest daughter, Liz, got engaged (both in the same Memorial Day weekend!). Knowing how much time is involved in planning a wedding and being president of LWVFA, I have taken a "leave of absence" from the presidency.

Your 'Acting President' is Mary Grace Lintz, a former LWVFA President and current Program Co-Director. I will continue behind the scenes as the Bulletin Coordinator for our new Editor, Ron Page (Lois' husband). I hope to be able to resume the duties of president in September 2008. In the meantime, I leave you in good hands, truly! So, now here is Mary Grace ~

Sherry

## The Acting President's Message

Greetings to all! Thank you, Sherry, for those kind words and the League work you have done for so many years.

The League has changed a lot in the 35 years since I was President but the dedication to good governance, thoughtful participation in the political process and impartial, accurate voter information remains the same. We have many interesting studies and activities to whet your appetite for civil engagement.

I'm thankful there are so many talented, energetic people in our board and off-board positions and that Sherry will continue to be active as bulletin coordinator. I almost feel as if I can relax! I look forward to an exciting League year and seeing as many of you as possible over the months to come.

Mary Grace

## Membership News

Leslie Vandivere, Membership Director

If you pay your dues directly to LWVFA and don't renew your membership, the October Bulletin will be the last one you receive. Fill in the form on the back of this *Bulletin* and send your dues check to the office. If you have a question about when your membership expires, please contact the Membership Director, Leslie Vandivere, 703-222-4173, or LVandivere@cox.net.

Welcome the following new members who joined at the local level:

Nancy James, HHD  
Janet Stallman, SPF  
Mabel Thornton, GSP  
Dottie Joslin  
Jeanne Heyden, HHD  
Ron Page, FXS

We're glad to have the following new national members:

Mary Wilkinson, MCL  
Shelley Gutstein  
June Smith  
Virginia MacEwen

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## Units Share Membership Strategies

Janey George, Unit Coordinator

Wrap-Up was held June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mason District Government Center. It was not a large turn out but a very enthusiastic one nevertheless. Finding new members of all ages was our main discussion topic. And did we ever come up with some good ideas for the next year and I would say ensuing years as well. Here are some of the ideas:

- o LWVFA will have it's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. We will ask the Board of Supervisor Chairman to declare a "League of Women Voters Fairfax Day" with a possible large reception following inviting Fairfax County's elected officials – local, state and national (attracting larger media outlets). Local, state, national LWV members are a given.
- o Developing local media outlets (such as your neighborhood newspaper, local events calendars, etc.).
- o Library displays (unit's nearest library).
- o Develop a Speakers Bureau.
- o Establish online units (chat rooms units).
- o A membership drive.
- o Working women's lunch units (meeting two times, one for unit business and one for the program).

Some of these activities, such as the library displays, local media outlet development and working on the membership drive, will need each unit's participation. The Speakers Bureau, reception, helping to develop online units and lunch-time units will require interested parties' participation. And this is the time to let us know your interest in the mentioned projects or to let us know of any new ideas you have. You can contact your Unit Chair, or Mary Grace Lintz ([mary.lintz@cox.net](mailto:mary.lintz@cox.net), 703-573-3149); Leslie Vandivere ([lvandivere@cox.net](mailto:lvandivere@cox.net), 703-222-4173); Sherry Zachry ([Szachry@verizon.net](mailto:Szachry@verizon.net), 703-730-8118); or me, Janey George ([JaneyG16@cox.net](mailto:JaneyG16@cox.net), 703-631-2293).

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### Membership - From Page 2

John Ferguson  
Kelly Trimble

Over half of current LWV members indicated they joined because someone they knew **ASKED** them to join! Do your part in building membership for LWVFA by **ASKING** friends to join.

## Green Breakfast to Air "Cool Counties" Plan

Sally Ormsby, Environmental Quality Chair

The "Cool Cities" program seemed not quite appropriate for participation by Fairfax County so the Board of Supervisors decided to develop an alternative that is designed for counties throughout the country – the "Cool Counties" program. While the goals are not decidedly different from "Cool Cities," the program for counties is tailored for these large jurisdictions.

Three counties (Fairfax; King County, WA; and Nassau County, NY) joined the Sierra Club in announcing the creation of the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, pledging to reduce global warming emissions by 80 percent by 2050 and urging the federal government to adopt legislation requiring reduction in emissions of 80 percent by 2050 and raising fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon within ten years. The Declaration also promises to create an inventory of county greenhouse gas emissions and to implement policies, programs and operations to achieve the emissions reduction goals. The founding counties represent more than 25 million people across at least ten states. The Declaration was presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Counties in Richmond on July 14.

Fairfax County has also produced a roadmap, or template, for reducing emissions in seven key areas: energy efficiency, renewable energy, greening county vehicle fleets, land use, transportation, water conservation and educational outreach.

Learn more about Fairfax County's "Cool Counties" program by attending the:

### Green Breakfast

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 8, From 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

**Where:** Old Country Buffet - Fair City Mall,  
Picket Road

**Speakers:** Gerry Connolly, Chair, Fairfax County  
Board of Supervisors

Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County  
Environmental Coordinator

**Cost:** \$9.00 **No Reservations Necessary**

## **Acting President**

### **Spotlighting Mary Grace Lintz**



"I believe you get the government you deserve," says the new acting president of LWVFA. Mary Grace took over leadership of our close to 400 member organization in July when president Sherry Zachry decided to take a year's leave of absence to deal with her daughter's wedding.

She was born and raised on Long Island, graduated with a Masters degree in Political Science from Catholic University in D.C., and somehow contrived to meet her husband, a Texas native. She began her League career early in her marriage after a physicist colleague of her husband's took her to a General Meeting in Texas and she was hooked.

They moved a few months later to North Springfield where she met a new neighbor at a civic association meeting who invited her to a League meeting. In spite of having one son aged almost 3, she quickly joined the LWVFA committee studying the Virginia Constitution, "a poli sci major's dream." When the local committee members decided to attend a meeting in Richmond, she was persuaded

to take her nursing baby girl of 3 months with her where she had "75 babysitters."

After only 3 years in the local League, she was asked to become president and served in that capacity for several years. In the course of the next years, while raising 4 children, Mary Grace served on a vast array of civic committees, most having to do with health care and education. She was chair of the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board, and of the Northern Virginia Health Systems Agency as just two examples.

She went to work in 1981 for the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association as an insurance administrator but credits the "old girl network" for her next job in 1987. League member and current treasurer Therese Martin persuaded Mary Grace to come to work with her at the U. S. Department of Education as a budget analyst from which she retired 2 years ago. Her husband Paul, a patent examiner, died 5 years ago.

Following her retirement she jumped back into full League mode, serving on the two year long Redistricting Committee study, then agreeing to come on the Board as Program Co-chair last spring. Her leadership skills and experience quickly became apparent, and the nominating committee was delighted to have her agree to serve once again.

## **First of a Series**

### **Domestic Violence Issues Addressed by Two Groups**

Barbara Nunes

Since our May 2002 update on Domestic Violence, various articles have been written to inform LWVFA members about domestic violence issues in our area. Many things have been happening with the Network Against Family Abuse (NAFA) and the Domestic Violence Prevention Policy Coordinating Council (DVPPCC). I will try to recap and research some of these changes over the next year.

The most significant from an overall view is the establishment of the DVPPCC, a high powered county council with County Executive, Chief of Police, Commonwealth Attorney, Judges from Circuit Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Superintendent of Public Schools, members of NAFA, etc., who hired Seema Zeya as coordinator. The County Executive chairs the

committee, giving added weight to the group. Seema organized the committee into work groups addressing various aspects of the problem, and they have been working to eliminate roadblocks and gaps in the system. I have been impressed with the progress. So many exciting things are happening.

The Supervised Visitation Center, mentioned in the February 2007 *Bulletin* article, received funding in FY 2008. They are now interviewing for staff. The program has space for 40 families ordered by the court for supervised visitation. There will be an open house in the Fall 2007 to see the facility. The County is searching for another location to continue this program with the establishment of another center.

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY AND FAIRFAX CITY: A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE

Mary Cocker, Dottie Cousineau, Janey George, Anne Thomas (Chair), Elizabeth Brooke (Editor)

## Why Should We Care ?

Housing is no longer just a crisis for the poor. Families are being priced out of Fairfax County and are moving farther from their jobs. This affects everyone as it impacts traffic and quality of life as well as community diversity. It is a concern to businesses and government agencies that are looking for workers. Some examples of workers affected by high housing costs are recent graduates entering the job market, nurses, firefighters, teachers, police officers, cooks, waiters, retail clerks, bus drivers, janitors, and hotel workers. High rents and housing costs also hurt seniors living on fixed incomes.

In 2000, the Area Median Income (AMI) for households in Fairfax County was \$89,000. Sixty-five percent of the houses on the market were affordable to those earning the AMI. By 2005, the AMI was \$94,610 but only 28 percent of the houses on the market were affordable. In 2005, households earning the median income could afford most of the rental units available. However, this level of affordability will decline over the next few years as rent levels increase, and even the rental market will become less affordable to families of moderate incomes.

## What Is Affordable Housing?

Although there is no single definition for “affordable housing,” the accepted standard is that a household’s monthly housing costs, including utilities, should not exceed 30 percent of monthly net household income. While useful, this is an inexact measure of need. Another definition: “For purposes of the [Fairfax County, Virginia] Policy Plan, housing which is affordable to households with incomes that are 70% or less of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) median family income. Housing where the occupancy or price is controlled in some way to make it available to people who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market.”

(Source: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, 2007 Edition.)

## Housing Supply Not Keeping Pace

The supply of new homes has not kept pace with the growth of jobs. According to a report prepared by George Mason

University School of Public Policy, Center for Regional Analysis, for the Fairfax County Department of Housing, there was a demand, based on job growth, for 124,200 new housing units over the years 1990-2005 but only 81,000 new households were added to the county. Thus 43,200 households had to find housing outside the county. Looking to the future, it is projected in the next 20 years there will be an additional deficit of 37,700 housing units.

Also, the county is quickly losing its supply of affordable housing as rental units are converted to condos or torn down for other projects, and modest homes are demolished and replaced by large, expensive homes.

Source: George Mason University School of Public Policy, Center for Regional Analysis based on MRIS data

**Table 1 - 2005 Availability of For-Sale Housing:  
Using median household income=\$94610**

% of County Median Income	Household Income (\$)	Maximum Affordable For-Sale Home (\$)	No. of Units Sold in 2005	% of Total
50	47,305	149,453	30	0.1
60	56,766	195,804	248	1.1
70	66,227	242,157	903	4.1
80	75,688	288,509	2,070	9.4
90	85,149	334,305	3,784	17.2
100	94,610	384,444	6,213	28.2
110	104,071	429,790	8,610	30.1
120	113,532	475,137	10,944	40.7

Source: George Mason University School of Public Policy, Center for Regional Analysis based on MRIS data

**Housing Units Needed by Tenure by Price, 2005 - 2010**

Income Group	Rental Units	Rent Levels	Ownership Units	House Price Levels
< 50% AMI	6,000	< \$850	5,500	< \$150,000
50% - 80% AMI	3,500	\$850 - \$1,375	6,000	\$150,000 - \$285,000
80% to 120% AMI	2,500	\$1,375 - \$2,080	9,000	\$285,000 - \$475,000
> 120% AMI	2,500	> \$2,080	20,500	> \$475,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,500</b>		<b>41,000</b>	

Source: George Mason University School of Public Policy, Center for Regional Analysis based on MRIS data

**Table 3 - Number of Housing Units (2004)**

Single Family Units	187,032
Townhouse Units	93,107
Multifamily Units	98,500
Total Units	378,639

**Table 4 - Median Market Value of Owned Homes (2004)**

Single Family Units	\$424,945
Townhouse Units	\$263,340
Multifamily Units	\$171,363
Total Units	\$349,000

2004 Average Rental Complex Rent.....\$1,157

Source: Department of Systems Management for Human Services. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demograph/gendemo.htm#hous>

## Citizen Task Force Promotes Programs and Initiatives

In June 2004, a citizen forum was held to shape the strategies and direction for the county's efforts to preserve its diminishing supply of affordable housing. A citizen task force appointed by the Board of Supervisors (Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee) recommended the following actions:

- o Dedicate one penny of the real estate tax rate to the preservation of affordable housing, effective in Fiscal Year 2006.
- o Revise the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to provide development flexibility and incentives for projects that include affordable/-workforce housing, and to broaden the definition of affordable/workforce housing.
- o Provide a tool box of incentives for preservation, which include zoning and regulatory flexibility and financing techniques. Provide form-based zoning options and overlay districts to enable certain design standards to facilitate development approvals.
- o Create an Affordable Housing "SWAT" team, comprised of business and community stakeholders

and County staff, and fund an ombudsman position at the Department of Housing and Community Development to act as the point person to prevent the loss of at-risk affordable housing.

- o Develop incentives to encourage the owners of existing Affordable Dwelling Units to record a new covenant to extend the control period of the unit to 30 years and/or restart the control period when they sell to a new owner.
- o Develop incentives to encourage the preservation of affordable units in condominium conversions within existing affordable garden apartment stock in the County.
- o Establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to restructure Virginia's Low Income Housing Tax Credit and increase the usage of the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, with an emphasis on preservation. Support House Joint Resolution Number 719 directing the Virginia Housing Commission to study the authority of localities to provide incentives to preserve affordable housing.
- o Support the establishment of the Governor's Virginia Community Development Bank and specific Virginia General Assembly bills that will expand the Bank to urban areas like Fairfax County.
- o Revise the Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance (ADUs) to extend the control period to 30 years for new ADUs.
- o Broaden the use of accessory dwelling units as a way to effectively expand the affordable housing stock at little or no cost to meet a range of housing needs.
- o Establish an advocacy and public education campaign to promote the need for affordable/workforce housing and the public-private resources to fully fund these recommendations.

The Board adopted all the recommendations of the task force in January 2005 and approved the penny fund for housing as part of its FY 2006 budget in April 2005.

## The Penny Fund Generates Millions

The penny fund (1 cent of the tax rate) has generated about \$21.9 million for the preservation and production of affordable housing in FY 2007 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007). Supervisor Cathy Hudgins reported that 1,491 units have been preserved or been targeted for preservation using

money from the penny fund. (Some of these will be acquired in FY 2008.) These units are intended for renters making 60 percent or less of the AMI. Not all of these units are currently available for qualifying tenants because they are being renovated or occupied by renters that were in the units when they were acquired by the county. The county is working on how best to solve the problem of nonqualifying renters.

## Redevelopment and Housing Authority

The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCFHA) is responsible for executing the affordable housing plan and for providing housing to the needy. The Authority has identified private and public funding sources for affordable housing. The funding is available for projects that include the homeless, elderly, and various income levels (60 to 80 percent AMI or below 60 percent AMI).

The FCRHA owns 1,063 units of Public Housing that are managed and maintained by the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The program is targeted for households earning 50 percent and below AMI. The units were built or acquired using federal public-housing funds. Units include townhouses, garden apartments, and condominium units, and are located throughout the County.

## Senior and Disabled Housing is Limited

The Fairfax County Housing and Redevelopment Authority owns and manages 572 housing units for low-income seniors and disabled persons. Two facilities, Braddock Glen and the Lincolnian, are licensed adult care residences (assisted living). An additional 150 senior units have been approved for construction. Every one of the eight residential locations has an applicant waiting list. These properties offer subsidies provided by federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, as well as tax-credit financing. There are numerous independent, private low-income senior housing providers who receive federal, state, or local subsidies and also accept Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly identified as the Section 8 Program).

One innovative example of affordable, fully-accessible units for individuals with disabilities is the newly-constructed Coppermine Place located in Herndon. This four-story

elevator building has 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments specifically designed for severe mobility impairments. Features include wheelchair-accessible kitchens with low countertops and bathrooms with roll-in showers. The accessible design was made possible by Accessible Space, Inc., a Minnesota-based national nonprofit organization specializing in housing for the disabled, in consultation with a steering committee of disabled individuals from the Disability Housing Advocates of Northern Virginia.

Coppermine Place I is the result of a seven-year effort and is owned and operated by the Wesley Housing Development Corp. with headquarters in Alexandria. The new residence serves persons on fixed incomes, many of whom rely on Social Security Disability benefits and who suffer from motion impairments, such as brain and spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, paralysis, etc. All residents are very low-income and pay 30 percent of their income in rent, as required by HUD, which has provided a \$1,865,800 capital grant in addition to rent subsidies that allows residents to have affordable, accessible housing in an attractive community. Without subsidized rents, housing options for low-income, disabled individuals include living in a nursing home, an elderly complex, or with family.

Coppermine Place II is adjacent to Coppermine Place I in a separate building that features one- or two-bedroom affordable apartments for seniors who are 55 years or older. This facility offers routine health screening by local medical professionals and a wide variety of activities for socializing and exercising with specific educational opportunities. The community is staffed with a full-time Social Services Coordinator and a part-time Resident Programs Coordinator. Residents in both buildings represent a wide range of ethnic diversity. Many are new Americans. Nearly all residents earn less than 60 percent of the Area Median Income and most earn between \$25,000 and \$40,000 per year. Their median income is \$23,240 per year. Coppermine Place I has an applicant wait list, whereas Coppermine Place II does not. Verification of household income occurs prior to move-in and each year thereafter to remain eligible for rent subsidies.

## New Initiatives Look Promising

Fairfax County data suggest that single adults become homeless due to disability; families become homeless due to poverty. Preventing homelessness is more cost effective than providing emergency shelter and re-housing a homeless

person. This strategy represents a change in philosophy from crisis intervention to early, focused, and sufficient intervention to prevent homelessness. Program objectives are:

- o Change the existing shelter system to implement a “housing first” model.
- o Ensure that people who are homeless or near homeless are a priority for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.
- o Implement a service delivery system that builds trust.
- o Develop interdisciplinary Neighborhood Service Teams.
- o Provide increased outreach to unsheltered individuals.
- o Integrate mental health and substance abuse services.
- o Establish a housing assistance fund.
- o Provide training to County and nonprofit staff and volunteers.
- o Engage volunteers and faith-based organizations in service delivery.

## More SRO Units in the Works

The county is working on amending the zoning ordinance to allow for more Single Resident Occupancy Units (SROs). They would be regulated as multifamily buildings. The County currently operates SROs on the first floor of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority building on Pender Drive; these mostly serve single men and are part of the housing first initiative. The Housing Authority plans to build more SROs that are co-located with County services.

## County Owned Development Planned

The County also plans to develop a complex of affordable housing adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center near Fair Oaks shopping mall. The project includes SROs, and a mix of subsidized housing for those with incomes under 80 percent AMI and non-sub-sidized housing for 80 to 120 percent AMI (also known as workforce housing).

## High-rise Affordable Housing

The Housing Authority is proposing that 12 percent of units in new high-rise projects be reserved as affordable units. The target income is 80 to 120 percent of AMI. Details are being worked out on how this will be implemented, but it must be done in a way that does not cause developers to lose money on the project. The Board of Supervisors, as of summer 2007, have not yet voted on this proposal.

## Fairfax City Concerned About Upgrading

The City of Fairfax feels it has more affordable housing than the surrounding jurisdictions and is concerned about the quality of its housing stock. It currently has older garden style apartments, duplexes, and smaller homes. The city is interested in revitalizing and upgrading its housing stock to maintain and enhance the quality of life there. The Renaissance program allows a home-owner to build an addition and upgrade the interior for 0 percent interest. This program has been well received.

The city is also concerned about its aging population; it currently has a program to help older residents with tax relief and is placing an emphasis on affordable senior housing. The city is negotiating for affordable senior units in the West Drive area.

Fairfax City currently contracts with Fairfax County for shelter space, emergency housing, and transitional housing. Fairfax County runs all state and federal housing programs for Fairfax City.

The city does have among its private apartments a group of buildings that are designated for moderate income residents. These are walkup apartments, which are all one- or two-bedroom units. They are a private development with a one- to two-year waiting list.

*Throughout the year, League members work to register, educate and inform voters on the issues that affect them. Providing quality, nonpartisan voter education remains one of our most important and well-known activities.*



**Table 4 – Housing Types**

Type of Housing Unit Fairfax City	Number	Average Assessed Value
Single-family detached (2004)	4,732	\$370,739
Single-family attached (2004)	158	\$575,713
Duplex (2004)	270	\$209,435
Townhouses (2004)	910	\$343,040
Condos(2004)	1,002	\$162,744
Rental apartment units (2004)		1,574
Median gross cash rent (2000 Census)		\$945
Renter-occupied housing (2001)		27%

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/cdp/demographics.asp>  
(Fairfax City website)

## **Nongovernment Affordable Housing Sources and Advocates Offer Solutions**

There are many nonprofit organizations involved in the solutions for affordable housing. The Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA), AHOME, Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND), and the Coalition for Smarter Growth are the largest groups operating in our area. These organizations are umbrella groups comprised of local, regional, and national organizations promoting affordable housing, and providing financial funding and social services (government and private) to deal with homelessness.

### **Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA) Is Broad Based**

The Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA) is a broad-based regional organization whose mission is to create successful communities by affordable housing education and advocacy. It promotes development and preservation of housing for people of all incomes by information exchange, policy monitoring, public outreach, and education. It acts as a clearinghouse for housing advocates in Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and Prince William County.

NVAHA wants to unite the many advocates in the area who have not been able to make their voices heard. Because of

myths and misconceptions that have undermined efforts to win political support for funding and zoning approvals, completion of projects has been difficult and costly. Working through local organizations, the Alliance promotes the production and preservation of affordable housing as a community asset.

It promotes policies that will create, preserve and maintain a wide variety of housing types both through homeownership and renting. The housing would conform with existing communities, use green building principles, and be well designed, safe, and sustainable.

The Alliance supports coordinating housing production with employment, transportation, retail, educational, social services, and recreational needs of the residents while encouraging transit-oriented planning and development that meet the areas needs.

## **Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers Assists Housing Developers**

The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) was formed to support the professional housing providers to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. It is open to all nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, lenders, local government staff, and advocates as well as technical consultants.

HAND holds bi-monthly meetings as well as special seminars on topics such as tax-exempt bond financing, low-income housing tax credits, loan underwriting, and nonprofit financial management. An annual meeting is held each June that features the presentation of the HAND Housing Achievement Awards, which recognize the finest in affordable housing projects, programs, and organizations during the preceding year.

## **Coalition for Smarter Growth Weighs In**

The Coalition for Smarter Growth has been included among the affordable housing organizations because it realizes that affordable housing does influence the transportation and growth problems and congestion in the area. Its mission is “to ensure that transportation and development decisions accommodate growth while revitalizing communities, providing more housing and travel choices, and conserving our natural and historic area.”

The Coalition wrote “Ensuring Housing Opportunities in Fairfax: Making the Most of the One Penny Fund by Serving Working Families With the Greatest Need.” In this report it finds that lower-income families face tremendous challenges to locating housing they can afford in Fairfax County. These workers add to the transportation congestion by living outside the County and having to use the County roads to get to work. Most transit operations do not cover the larger area needed to accommodate these workers. The report’s conclusion was that focusing on supplying low-income workers’ housing needs will keep Fairfax’s economy competitive and demand for housing overall strong. The report can be read on the Coalition for Smarter Growth website,

[www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net).

## **VHDA Is State’s Mortgage Finance Agency**

VHDA is a quasi-government agency. The governor appoints 11 commissioners to serve on the board, but the authority is a self-supporting organization and does not use tax dollars to fund its lending programs.

VHDA is the state’s mortgage finance agency and was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1972 to help low- and moderate-income Virginia families buy quality affordable housing. Since it was founded, VHDA has helped finance 131,000 single-family homes and 96,000 multifamily apartments.

The authority has a wide range of mortgage loan programs for both first-time buyers and repeat homeowners. Private lenders originate most of the loans. In trying to reach all Virginians, the agency has two traveling vans that serve as Mobile Mortgage Offices to process and approve loans in areas of the state that are not served by traditional lenders. Also, since 1993, VHDA has held Homeownership Education Classes throughout the state.

The Multifamily/Rental Loan Programs help large and small developers purchase, rehabilitate, and renovate apartments and rental properties. This division also administers the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, which provides owners with a federal income-tax credit.

VHDA’s funding sources are taxable and tax-exempt bonds issued each year. The private sector purchases these bonds, which generates the authority’s principal source of capital. The bonds do not constitute a debt or an obligation of the Commonwealth.

## **AHOME Works to Meet Housing Needs**

AHOME was established in 1986 in Fairfax County to support the development and passage of Fairfax County’s Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance. It has grown to be a non-profit coalition of community businesses, developers, unions, business organizations, resident organizations, and other nonprofit service groups working to find ways to meet our community’s needs for affordable housing.

The Fairfax ADU ordinance was adopted in 1990, with Loudoun County adopting its ADU ordinance in 1993. AHOME is now active in Alexandria and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties.

The “Kate and Allie” ordinance (passed in 1995) is one of AHOME’s successes. The ordinance permits two single parents and up to six of their children to live in a single housing unit.

Recently AHOME has become a strong advocate for the preservation of HUD-subsidized affordable housing projects built in the 1970s. Since the 25-year-old mortgages are expiring, a House of Delegates resolution was adopted in 1999 to endorse a consortium to assist in preserving low-income rental housing.

AHOME has been instrumental in the building of the Chesterbrook Senior Citizen Assisted Living Project, a 98-unit low-income housing complex in McLean, as well as being involved in the creation of the Fairfax Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee.

AHOME strongly encouraged the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor to adopt the One Cent Affordable Housing allocation of the property tax as well as the Alexandria City Council to adopt a One Cent Affordable Housing allocation of its property tax and the full allocation of its recordation tax.

AHOME continues to promote expansion of affordable housing options.

## **The Virginia Foundation For Housing Preservation Funds Gap Mortgage**

The Virginia Foundation for Housing Preservation was

established in May 2000. AHOME supplied its first \$1,000 of start-up funds. Private-sector supporters contributed to the foundation's "gap-closing fund." Most of the funding came from community banks seeking "community reinvestment credits." The various banks have pledged \$30 million so far to the AHOME-initiated project.

Educational seminars, technical assistance relating to ADUs, and bus tours of projects by newly elected officials as well as other policymakers are just some of the services provided by AHOME. It also acts as a catalyst bringing divergent groups and goals together.

### **Habitat for Humanity Building Westwood Forest of Northern Virginia**

Habitat for Humanity is building Westwood Forest at 11328 Westbrook Mill Lane, Fairfax. It is currently constructing a three-story, 12-unit condominium building that will have four two-bedroom units and eight four-bedroom units. By 2010, the group hopes to have an additional 38 units completed

### **Tenants & Workers United Targets Low-Income Needs**

Tenants & Workers United is a democratically controlled, grassroots organization committed to winning social and economic justice and building the power of low-income people of Northern Virginia – Latinos, African Americans, tenants, immigrants, workers, women, and youth. It is concerned that the penny fund is not fulfilling its mission of targeting households that earn below 60 percent of the median income. The organization would like to see the penny fund guidelines become an ordinance to ensure that the funding is used for lower-income residents of Fairfax County. The County prefers to have the flexibility of guidelines so that they can move when opportunities arise.

### **Sources:**

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<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/CompPlan/Plan/05-Housing.pdf>

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demograph/gendemo.htm#hous>

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Interview with Mary Stevens, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Development

Interview with Supervisor Catherine Hudgins and Martin V. Taylor, Legislative Aide

Interview with Edgar Rivera, Tenants and Workers United

Coalition for Smarter Growth website: [www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net).

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia website: <http://www.habitatnova.org/>

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## Get Ready For Immigration. . .Back-to-Back

Mary Grace Lintz and Lois Page, Program Committee Co-Directors

Our May meetings on the LWVUS Immigration study were well attended by members who found the subject fascinating, relevant and who had many opinions about how the United States should deal with this explosive issue. Almost every day there are newspaper articles about how neighboring jurisdictions are attempting to deal with this issue by passing laws restricting services to illegal immigrants.

We will have an opportunity to develop consensus on Immigration as we respond to questions developed by the National League during our October and November Unit meetings. In response to frequent requests for more than one Unit meeting on complex topics, the LWVFA Board decided that Immigration would be the appropriate topic for back to back meetings this Fall in order to develop our consensus response.

We plan to split the consensus questions so that we will be taking consensus at both meetings. The October and November Bulletins will contain some of the National League's study papers but we urge you to start reading now.

The February and June 2007 "National Voter" issues had brief Immigration articles. The LWVFA May 2007 Bulletin contains what we published to date of the National background papers. We hope you have saved these materials.

The LWVUS website [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) is a gold mine of immigration information. You can download and read eight background papers as well as all the articles published in the "National Voter." We plan to reproduce as much of this material as we can in the October and November bulletins. But you can get a head start. The background papers are:

### **Immigration Policy: Family Reunification**

### **What Motivates Immigration to America?**

### **Federal Immigration Policy: Enforcement Issues**

### **Immigration: Diversity and Inclusion**

### **Effects Of Global Interdependence On Migration:** also covered in briefing paper #1

### **Economic Aspects of Authorized and Unauthorized Immigration:** also covered in briefing paper #2

### **Immigration and the Economy:** also covered in briefing paper #2

### **Overview: Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed Reforms**

Last but not least, here are several books and articles listed by National that should be of interest.

- 1) William Dudley, Ed. Illegal Immigration. Opposing Viewpoints Series. Greenhaven Press. 2002

*Includes expert opinions in a pro/con format.*  
*Available new and used from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)*

- 2) Oscar Handlin. The Uprooted: The Epic Story of the Great Migrations That Made the American People. Little, Brown and Co. 1973 University of Pennsylvania Press. 2002.

*The history of immigration in this country.*  
*Both printings available new and used from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).*

- 3) Immigration and America's Future: A New Chapter. Report of the Independent Task Force on Immigration and America's Future. Spencer Abraham and Lee H. Hamilton, Co-Chairs. Migration Policy Institute. 2006

*Released on September 20, 2006, and may be ordered on the Migration Policy Institute at [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org) for \$14.95.*  
*Includes policy recommendations. Timely and concise (93 pages of text), this may be the one book on immigration issues that you want*

- 4) Tamar Jacoby, Ed. Reinventing the Melting Pot: The New Immigrants and What it Means to be American. NY: Free Press.

*Compilation of writings from various authors, expressing a variety of opinion. New and used from amazon.com*

5) Ann Chih Lin. Immigration CQs Vital Issues Series. CQ Press. 2002.

*Even handed analysis of immigration, covering all sides of issue. New and used from amazon.com*

6) Ruben Martinez. Crossing Over: A Mexican Family on the Migrant Trail. (Henry Holt and Co.).

*First person, anecdotal account of a migrant family. New and used, paperback and hard copy available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)*

7) Aristide Zolberg. A Nation by Design: Immigration Policy: the Fashioning of America. ( Russell Sage Foundation. 2006)

*Covers the history of US immigration policy from the Declaration of Independence to date.*

8) The State of American Public Opinion on Immigration in Spring 2006: A Review of Major Surveys Pew Hispanic Center Factsheet . [www.pewhispanic.org](http://www.pewhispanic.org)

## A Tribute To Our Men

Bernice Colvard, League Historian

Even before **Harry Burn's** 1920 decisive vote making universal suffrage the law of the land, many men supported women's rights, i.e. the basic rights of citizens to participate in democratic government. For many years, men supported (and continue to support) the League of Women Voters, even before being able to become League members. Several were present and accounted for in bringing off the "Remembrance Tea" tribute to Lavinia Voss on July 21, where it was duly noted that she worked equally well with men and women.

In the Fairfax League, we welcome men members and applaud those who step forward to shoulder responsibilities of the organization. These include: **Tin Tai**, longtime chair of the Dinner Unit, who always attends General and Annual meetings and other League functions. He's also donned special attire and marched in the Reston parade and participated in other such events as a suffragist-era "re-enactor." **Bill Thomas** is chair of the budget committee and director of the R.C.C. preference poll. **John Hart** is always there to lend a helping hand. And **Ron Page** has stepped forward to do the computer work to produce our monthly *Bulletin*.

Then there are all the others (members and not) who are recruited for particular efforts: **Leo Bostjancic** (Bette Hostrup's husband) has been enormously helpful with his computer expertise. He's always willing to lift and carry too. **Pat Colvard**, creator of our banners ("All This Comes

of Teaching Girls to Read" and others), participated in Lavinia's first production of *Promiscuous Rampant Women* along with **Bob Nightlinger**, et al. **Charlie Zachry** was a player the second time around and is another willing hand at odd jobs.

Our thanks to each of you, those named here and the many who are not, who "work for the League," usually behind the scenes through our units, or in other ways enable us to carry on the mission of the League. You always have been and will continue to be very important to us.

## Page Enjoys Newsletter Editing

"Even though the work is often frustrating, I enjoy the challenge," states **Ron Page**, the new *Bulletin* Editor. Page has produced a number of newsletters over the years, but none on a regular basis. This represents a commitment that can only be met if everyone cooperates by submitting articles on time.

Page comes from a family who gave of their time to community service. His mother was a League member most of her adult life and then he married Lois who picked up the torch.

When not engaged with editing projects, Page enjoys golf, kayaking, downhill skiing, travelling and volunteering at his church.

## First of a Series

# Schools Update Committee Researches Questions Raised at June Units

Therese Martin, Committee Chair

The Schools Positions Update Committee was happy to receive a positive response to its study and June unit discussions. We collected the questions that were submitted on the unit reports and will publish the answers in Bulletin articles over the next couple of months. The following information was obtained from the FCPS Superintendent's Office by Yvette Rhodes, Executive Administrative Assistant to School Board member, Stuart Gibson:

1. **What is the size of the school cluster staff?** Each cluster administrative office consists of three staff members – a cluster Assistant Superintendent, Director, and Executive Administrative Assistant. These staff members work with 24 to 30 principals, and the average student population of a cluster is 20,480.
2. **Who evaluates the school principals?** The Cluster Assistant Superintendent evaluates principals.
3. **How many attendance officers does FCPS employ?** FCPS employs 15 attendance officers.
4. **Is there a maximum class size in high schools?** Yes, Virginia requires that secondary teachers, excluding music and physical education teachers, teach no more than 750 students per week – an average of 30 students per class. There is a cap of 24 students for English classes.
5. **How many languages are spoken by students in FCPS?** There are 149 languages spoken by FCPS students. The list of most of the languages can be found at: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/forms/se216.pdf>.

## The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area

Offers an evening of laughs with the fabulous Capital Steps Comedy Group

Friday, September 28, 2007 at 7:30 pm  
In the Reagan Building located at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue in DC

Tickets are \$40 and can be obtained from

Barbara Sherrill  
4826 N. 17th Street  
Arlington, VA 22207  
Telephone: 703-527-4737

***Form a group of League friends and  
enjoy a night out on the town!***

## Election Officers Needed for November Election

The Fairfax County Electoral Board is looking for election officers to work at polling sites for the Tuesday, November 6, 2007 General Election. The County requires over 3,000 citizens to serve as election officers in its precincts on Election Day. The greater the shortage of officers, the longer it takes to vote at the polls. If you or members of your community would be interested in working in this important capacity on Election Day, and would like an election officer application, or need more information, please contact the Fairfax County Electoral Board at (703) 324-4735 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/).

Applicants must be registered to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia and cannot hold elective office or be the employee of an elected official. Election officers must be available to work the entire day on November 6th, beginning at 5:00 a.m., until all tallies have been completed and all voting equipment secured. Working only one-half day (split-shift) is available for those meeting all requirements (go to: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/splitshift\\_requirements.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/splitshift_requirements.pdf) for information). All officers are required to attend one training class, lasting about two hours, prior to the election. The full-day pay ranges from \$100 to \$200, depending on responsibilities.

## LWVFA 2007-08 Calendar Adopted July 18, 2007

### 2007

#### July

- 18 **Board Meeting**  
20 NCA Board meeting

#### August

- 03 September Bulletin Deadline  
15 **Board Meeting**/Sept. UC Letter Deadline  
26 *Women's Equality Day (Anniv. of 19<sup>th</sup> Amnd.)*  
30 SS Teachers In-Service – voter registration & Mock trial presentation

#### September

- 01 October Bulletin Deadline  
03 *Labor Day*  
07 NCA Board Meeting  
08 **Unit Officers Kick Off - 9:30 am/** Briefing 12pm  
Packard Center- Upstairs Conference Rm  
8-9 Burke Conservancy Days  
10-13 **Units** - Affordable Housing (local)  
12 *Rosh Hashanah- begins at sundown on 11<sup>th</sup>*  
13 *Ramadan begins*  
15 **LWVFA Workshops** in No. VA  
15 Centerville Days/Reston Multicultural Festival  
16 FCAC Election  
19 **Board Meeting**/Oct. UC Letter  
22 *Yom Kippur-begins at sundown on 21<sup>st</sup>*  
28 Capital Steps performance (NCA)  
29 Fall for Fairfax  
30 Kingstowne Library Outreach

#### October

- 02 November Bulletin Deadline  
05 NCA Presidents' Breakfast  
06 Briefing/Immigration I (LWVUS consensus)  
09 Last day to register for Nov. election  
8 -11 **Units** –Immigration I -LWVUS Consensus  
13 RCC Election –all day -Reston  
16 Woodlake Condo Election.  
17 **Board Meeting**/Nov. UC Letter Deadline  
22 Voter Guides published  
29 – Nov.6 VS Phones (turn on Oct. 25)  
31 *Halloween*

#### November

- 1-6 V.S. Phones  
02 Dec. Bulletin Deadline/ NCA Board Meeting  
03 Briefing/Immigration II (LWVUS consensus) – upper conf. room  
04 *Daylight Savings Time ends*  
06 **ELECTION DAY**  
8, 12,13, 14 **Units** – Immigration II - consensus  
13 Sequoyah Condo Election.  
22-23 *Thanksgiving- School Closed*

- 28 **Board Meeting**/ Dec. UC Letter Deadline

#### December

- 01 January Bulletin Deadline  
05 **WRT Pre-Session**(Richmond)/Hannukah1<sup>st</sup> day  
07 NCA Board Meeting  
10-13 **Units**: Program Planning (LWVUS &LWVFA)  
19 **Board Meeting**/Jan. UC Letter Deadline  
24-Jan. 1 *School Vacation/Office Closed*

Community Elections & Outreach Events are underlined

### 2008 - January

- 02 SCHOOL/LWVFA Office REOPENS  
04 NCA Board Meeting/ Feb. Bulletin Deadline  
05 Briefing/Environment (local)–upper conf. rm.  
05 NoVA G.A. Delegation Public Hearing  
8,9,10,14 **Units** – Environment (local)  
09 GEN. ASSEMBLY CONVENES  
16 **Board Meeting**/February UC Letter  
16 WRT begins in Richmond  
21 MLK Day Celebration-Reston//School Closed

### 30 League Day in Richmond

#### February (no Unit meetings)

- 01 March Bulletin Deadline/ NCA board meeting  
02 Mt. Vernon Town Mtg @HS  
09 **General Meeting at Int'l.Country Club**  
14 *League Founded 1920*  
15 *Susan B. Anthony Day*  
18 *Presidents Day/School Closed*  
19 **Board Meeting**/ Annual Meeting Kit Due  
20 March UC Letter Deadline  
21 Annual Meeting Kit materials deadline  
29 April Bulletin Deadline

#### March (Women's History Month)

- 02 NCA Board Meeting  
04 April Bulletin Deadline  
08 Briefing/Schools Update II – concurrence -  
09 *Daylight Savings Time begins*  
10-13 **Units** – Schools Update II (local)  
17 Schools closed to 24<sup>th</sup> – Spring Vacation  
19 **Board Meeting**- FC Budget /Apr. UC Ltr  
23 *Easter*  
26 **Board Meeting** -regular  
28 NCA Event

#### April (no Unit Meetings)

- 01 May Bulletin Deadline  
05 Last Day to Register for City & Town Elec.  
7,8,9 FFX FY09 Budget Public hearings (?)  
16 **Board Meeting**/May UC Letter Deadline  
19 **60<sup>th</sup> LWVFA Annual Meeting** at Greenspring  
20 *Passover - begins at sundown on 19<sup>th</sup>*  
26-27 LWVFA Council

#### May

- 01 *Law Day*  
02 June Bulletin Deadline  
02 NCA Board Meeting  
03 Briefing/Felons' Rights – upper conf room  
03 Herndon Community Day & Housing Fair  
06 Cities & Towns Elect.  
8,12-14 **Units** - Felons' Rights or Transportation  
14-15 FCPS Budget Hearing (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
17 NCA Annual Meeting  
21 **Board Meeting**/June UC Letter Deadline

#### June

- 06 NCA Board Meeting  
11 Skyline Plaza Condo Election  
9-12 **Units** – Do Your Own Thing  
13-17 LWVUS Convention/Portland, OR  
21 **Unit Officers Wrap-up**  
25 **Board Meeting**



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## REMEMBERING LAVINIA

By Sherry Zachry

Lavinia, "We Miss You!" Though gone in body, you are still very much "with us" in spirit. We miss your forthrightness, honesty, corporate memory and your "bloody" humor, to name just a few things! We remember you in those ways and more; we know that you are in our hearts and minds and will remain there for as long as we live. Lavinia mentored so many other Leaguers new to the Fairfax Area .

Lavinia's life was celebrated with a lovely "Remembrance Tea" on Saturday afternoon, July 21, 2007, at the Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale. Friends old and new attended and shared their favorite memory of Lavinia. I would like to reprint the following notes that were included on the Tea Program.

Lavinia Voss was born Lavinia Steele on December 8, 1934 near London, England. She came to America in 1958 and joined the League (LWVFA) in 1986. After being an 'associate member' for several years, Lavinia was a full member when she became a U.S. citizen in 1994. Lavinia held nearly all portfolios on the LWVFA board before becoming the Bulletin Editor in 2003. She was a delegate to nearly every state and national League convention from 1986 to 2006. And she remained actively involved at the unit level, as well as serving on numerous committees. While serving on the LWVFA board 1997-2001, got to know Leaguers around the state. Lavinia passed away at her home on May 28, 2007. In 2003, she wrote her own biography for the 2003 Annual Meeting Kit as follows:

### In Memorium



Lavinia Steele Voss  
1934 - 2007

"Since joining LWVFA in 1986, Lavinia has served on the Fairfax Board in various positions and is currently serving as Program Co-Director. Previous portfolios on the LWVFA board include Voters Service, Membership, Finance and Administrative Aide. She has held every position in the Chantilly/Herndon Day Unit, except Action, and was instrumental in getting the Chantilly/Herndon Evening Unit started. Over the years, Lavinia has worked on several program, budget and nominating committees, as well as, working at many of the community elections and chaired the R.C.C. Election many times. From 1997 to 2001, Lavinia served as Voters Service and Membership Directors on the Virginia LWV board. Since her husband, Bill, is now completely retired, she tries to keep busy outside of the home."

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Una White, Community Elections Coordinator

We need people to staff and run the following September and October community elections. Remember, running community and condominium elections is one of LWVFA's largest sources of revenue and enables us to be a successful League.

◆ Fairfax Community Access Corporation (FCAC) election to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 16 (usually 4 or 5 hours in the afternoon, located near

Merrifield). We also need a Director for this event – our previous Director cannot work this year.

◆ Reston Community Center Preference Poll (RCC) to be held on Saturday, October 13, at various locations in Reston. This election is an all-day event. Reston residents cannot work at the polling places, but may serve as counters after the polling closes. We need approximately 20 volunteers to work morning and afternoon shifts, plus extra help (4 or 5 people) to help count and verify the votes after the voting ends. Bill Thomas will be directing this election – thank you, Bill!

See **Volunteers**, Page 18, Col. 1

## HAWN SPOT LIGHTS VOTERS SERVICE EFFORTS

Carol Hawn, Voters Service

First, I thank everyone that assisted with our work last year, including proofreading and distributing Voters Service materials. I hope you will again volunteer to assist with our on-going voter education efforts.

As many of you already know, local races will be highlighted on the November 6, 2007 ballot; there are approximately 93 candidates running for office in Fairfax County. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the General Assembly, Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Directors of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board. There will also be Fairfax County Transportation and School bond referendums. Such a variety of campaigns should bring voters to the polls. Voters Service wants to ensure that the educational materials are in place for everyone to make informed decisions prior to voting.

To accommodate all the above-mentioned races, *What's on the Ballot* will be four-pages in length; because of this, fewer will be printed. It is important to contact me at [cahawn@att.net](mailto:cahawn@att.net) or 703-266-6872 as soon as you know how many copies you would like to distribute, as they will be

disseminated on a first-come basis. We ran out of copies last fall, and I anticipate doing so again this year. Please note, however, that *What's on the Ballot* will not be available this year until mid-September. Due to a candidate resignation, the State Board of Elections has reopened the filing period for that race; the new deadline is September 7th. We will not be able to complete the material until after that date.

Our *Fall 2007 Voters' Guide* will again be published in all editions of *The Connection Newspapers* the week of October 22, 2007. *The Connection Newspapers* reaches over 150,000 households in Fairfax County, and we are very appreciative of their continuing support and assistance. The *Guide* will also be available on our website.

We are also looking for volunteers to staff the LWVFA telephone the ten days leading up to the November 7th election. This service is done from your home; you would receive instructions prior to your service day. Sign-up sheets will be available at your September and October unit meetings if you are interested in assisting with this important activity.

Finally, in October, we will begin review and proofreading of our signature voter education effort, the *2008 Facts for Voters*. Please look for this sign-up sheet as well at your September unit meeting.

## UNITS' HELP TO FINANCE LEAGUE PROJECTS

Bernice Colvard, Finance Director

Our units did their usual splendid job last year. Your commitment to and support of the League in so many ways is heartwarming. It's difficult to find new ways to say "you" are the League. You make us proud! Thank you!

CHD	\$210	MCL	\$1092
DU	75	PWA	230
FXD	240	RD	685
FXS	327	RE	225
GSV	115	SPF	435
HHD	910	VID	385
HHE	725	VE	230

**TOTAL** \$5,884

September marks the start of a new League year of activity. Units usually decide on their fundraisers in the fall. As usual, proceeds go to the office with a note giving unit designation, project, and the amount being forwarded. A list of donors and checks helps keep our numbers in agreement.

### Volunteers, From Page 17

◆ And Woodlake is back!! (after being gone for a year). The Woodlake Towers Condominium election will be Tuesday, October 16 in the late afternoon and early evening for about 5 hours. Woodlake Towers is located in the Falls Church area.

If you would like to help, please sign up by telephone, email or 'snail mail' as follows: Contact Una White by land phone at 703-922-8721, OR by email - [unawhite@gmail.com](mailto:unawhite@gmail.com), OR by mail at 4804 Upland Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310; OR by calling the LWVFA office and leaving a message, 703-658-9150.

***Your participation is needed - thank you!***

# September 2007 Unit Meeting Locations – Topic: Affordable Housing

Members and visitors may attend any meeting convenient for them. As of August 1, 2007 locations were correct; *please use phone numbers to verify sites and advise of your intent to attend.* Some meetings at restaurants may need reservations

## Monday, September 10

**12:30 pm McLean (MCL)**  
McLean Community Center #2  
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean  
Call Judy, 703-524-0991

**1:30 pm Greenspring (GSP)**  
Hunters Crossing Classroom  
Spring Village Drive, Springfield  
Call Jane 703-569-0079

## Tuesday, September 11

**9:45 am Annandale/Barcroft (AB)**  
Mason District Governmental Center  
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale  
Call Emily 703-346-9684

**7:45 pm Vienna Evening (VE)**  
2222 Craig Court  
Vienna 22182  
Call Gail 703-281-1143

## Wednesday, September 12

**9:30 am Fairfax Station (FXS)**  
7902 Bracksford Court  
Fairfax Station  
Call Lois 703-690-0908

**9:30 am Hollin Hills Day (HHD)**  
Mt. Vernon District Gov. Center  
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria  
Call Gail, 703-360-6561

**12:00 Noon Chantilly/Herndon (CHD)**  
Sully District Governmental Center  
4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Centreville  
Call Janey 703-631-2293

**6:15 pm Dinner Unit (DU)**  
Yen Cheng Restaurant  
Main Street Center  
9992 Main Street, Fairfax  
Call Pier 703-256-1019

**7:30 pm Reston Evening (RE)**  
Reston Museum  
1639 Washington Plaza,  
Lake Anne Village Center, Reston  
Call Wendy, 703-319-4114

## Thursday, September 13

**9:00 am Reston Day (RD)**  
20816 Nobel Terrace, #421  
Potomac Falls  
Call Betty, 703-471-6092.

**9:15 am Fairfax City Day (FXD)**  
3133 Singleton Circle  
Fairfax, 22039  
Call Jeanne 703-591-4580

**9:30 am Springfield (SPF)**  
Packard Center (Lg. Conf. Rm)  
4026 Hummer Rd, Annandale  
Call Anita, 703-451-1048

## Wednesday, September 19\*

**7:45 pm Hollin Hills Eve. (HHE)**  
7409 Recard Lane, Alexandria  
Contact JoAnn 703-768-3543  
For more info, Call Susan,  
703-780-3902

*\*different day and date for  
September 07*

### **Under Construction!**

Please pardon our dust (and errors) as we break in a new editor and attempt to layout and print the *Bulletin* using a new program.

## **Next Month's Topic:**

Immigration Consensus  
Part I

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