

## **Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association Meeting**

September 17, 2002

Two speakers addressed the meeting:

### **Kate Hanley, Chairman of Board of Supervisors**

Complemented Wilton Woods' Memorial Garden as "touching" and "forward looking".

Discussed the transportation referendum that will appear on the November ballot. This referendum would increase the sales tax in Northern Virginia by .05 cent in the nine Northern Virginia jurisdictions. The money from this tax raise would come directly to this area. State income tax is not a source of revenue for transportation. The referendum is our opportunity to expand and improve transportation and transit in this area.

Real estate taxes and personal property taxes account for almost 80% of tax revenue. We need to diversify the tax base.

She continues trying to get a greater share of the pot from Richmond for transportation needs in this area. The increase in sales tax in Northern Virginia will not reduce the amount of transportation money obtained from Richmond. The money would also improve pedestrian walkways.

She explained that Route 1 in the southern end of the county will get improvements including crosswalks and widening of the Fairfax County Parkway. Beulah is being extended to South Van Dorn and Telegraph.

### **Dana Kauffman, Lee District Supervisor**

The extension of Van Dorn from Kingstowne to Telegraph will begin in the Spring.

The plans for the intersection of Florence Lane and Telegraph Road have been approved and work will begin in 2003.

Traffic calming is still being considered as well.

There is a great concern for pedestrian safety on Route 1, which is very dangerous for pedestrians. Some efforts are underway to alleviate some of the problems. Illuminated crossings from the Metro are planned.

An extension of Metro's Yellow Line to Fort Belvoir is in WMATA's 10 year plan. First, bus rapid transit will be implemented, then light rail.

A town meeting to discuss senior services will be held on October 26 at Lane Elementary School.