

Prosperity Heights Newsletter

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Prosperity Heights Annual Meeting April 29, 2015

The Prosperity Heights Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 pm in the Camelot Elementary School cafeteria. We will be electing five Directors to the Homeowner's Association Board and discussing the budget for 2015.

We encourage residents to consider serving as a Director on the Board. With so many new residents in the community, it would benefit the neighborhood to have them represented on the Board. Since we meet roughly three to four times a year, it isn't a great demand on one's time. Terms are for two years. A broader representation across the neighborhood will result in more fully informed residents. Anyone interested in serving should contact any Board member. Please see contact information to the right.

INOVA Representative Will Speak at Annual Meeting

We have received a commitment for a speaker from the "Advocacy and Community Outreach" office of INOVA Health System. The speaker will cover the future of INOVA and the Exxon Mobil campus. There will be a question and answer session held. This is a great opportunity for residents to ask questions about the impact INOVA's expansion will have on our community, in particular the future of the Exxon Mobil campus.

Board of Directors

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**Five positions subject to election*

Get Involved!

**Please consider joining the Board!
Terms are only 2 years and it's not
a huge time commitment. Please
contact any Board member if you are
interested.**

Neighborhood Yard Sale May 2, 2015

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Signs will be posted at the two main entrances to the neighborhood and an ad will be posted on Craigslist before the event.

Signage at the Pipestems

The Homeowner's Board authorized the purchase/replacement/installation of new signs at each of our pipestem entrances. Some signs are missing. Those present are unreadable and in poor condition. This project will be completed this Spring 2015.

Special Trash Pick-Ups

Here is just a trash tip for neighbors! Our contract with Republic Services allows for free special pick-up of furniture and TVs under 27 inches. You have to call Republic Services directly to schedule special pick-up. They charge \$85 for the special pick-up of appliances or TVs over 27 inches. When you call, tell them you live in Prosperity Heights and that your HOA has a contract with them. The number is 703-818-8222.

Voice Your Opinion About Land Usage

If you have comments or questions about any construction, land use, road work or the future of the Exxon Mobil Campus, please contact Mike Wing of Linda Smyth's Office at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031. The phone number is 703-560-6946.

More information can be found at:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence.

Linda Smyth is our Supervisor for the Providence District and can address any of your concerns.

Volunteer Opportunities at INOVA Fairfax Hospital

Volunteers are always needed at INOVA Fairfax Medical Campus in patient escort, hospital gift shops, and the three off-site consignment/thrift shops. Commitment is four hours a week. It's a great way to give back to your community.

Please contact Bill Foster (Board member) or visit:
www.inova.org/get-involved/volunteer/index.jsp

Doggy Duty! Scoop the Poop

We have had some complaints about dog waste by the pond at the end of Van Court. Please clean up after your dog.

It is every dog owner's responsibility to remove their dog's waste from other homeowner's yards, parks and common areas. It is a Fairfax County law. **Pet owners who violate the County's pooper scooper law may incur a fine up to \$250.**

Pet waste left on the grass or in the woods makes its way to storm drains every time it rains. Storm drains lead to lakes or streams that ultimately lead to the Occo-

quan Reservoir and the Potomac Rivers, our drinking water supply. Pet waste may carry disease-causing organisms, which make water unsafe for swimming and more costly to treat for drinking.

Dog waste on the ground is ugly and messy.

It pollutes our environment even if it is hidden in the bushes, under leaves or in the woods. Please pick up after your pets. Our health may depend on it.



Inova Plans Medical Research Complex in Fairfax

By Jonathan O'Connell

This article was published in The Washington Post on February 9, 2015. Please reference full article for updates.

Northern Virginia's largest hospital system will announce Monday that it plans to acquire Exxon Mobil's 117-acre campus in Merrifield to create a complex dedicated to what many view as a potential remedy for Northern Virginia's sagging economy: genomics and personalized medicine.

Inova would use the property's four office buildings, in a wooded area just off the Capital Beltway, to house a long-planned cancer center and a new research hub that would combine a medical school with laboratories and Inova's high-profile Translational Medicine Institute.

J. Knox Singleton, Inova's chief executive, said the hospital also wants to establish a cutting-edge facility aimed at drawing patients from around the country, akin to the prestigious Mayo Clinic.

Singleton said Inova wanted to form a campus capable of attracting the best genomics researchers in the United States and create "hundreds of millions of dollars of economic impact."

"If you really want to attract world-class doctors and create global visibility, it sort of starts with having visibility and primacy of location in the Washington area, and we think this is probably one of the premier locations on the East Coast," he said.

Acquiring the campus is the first step in a lengthy process to put all the pieces in place. Singleton anticipates spending years wooing donors and assembling the team. But the project is off to a good start. On Monday, along with the Exxon deal, Inova is preparing to announce the largest charitable gift it has ever received, a \$10 million donation from the Peterson Family Foundation to recruit cancer specialists and support cancer care.

Inova's move could provide an economic shot in the arm for Virginia, which is suffering from a 15.2 percent reduction in federal spending since 2011, and the loss of 13,700 federal jobs.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) is looking for private-sector growth to replace the cuts and has made biotechnology a focus. The governor said that he spoke with Rex W. Tillerson, Exxon chairman and chief executive, to ensure that the sale went

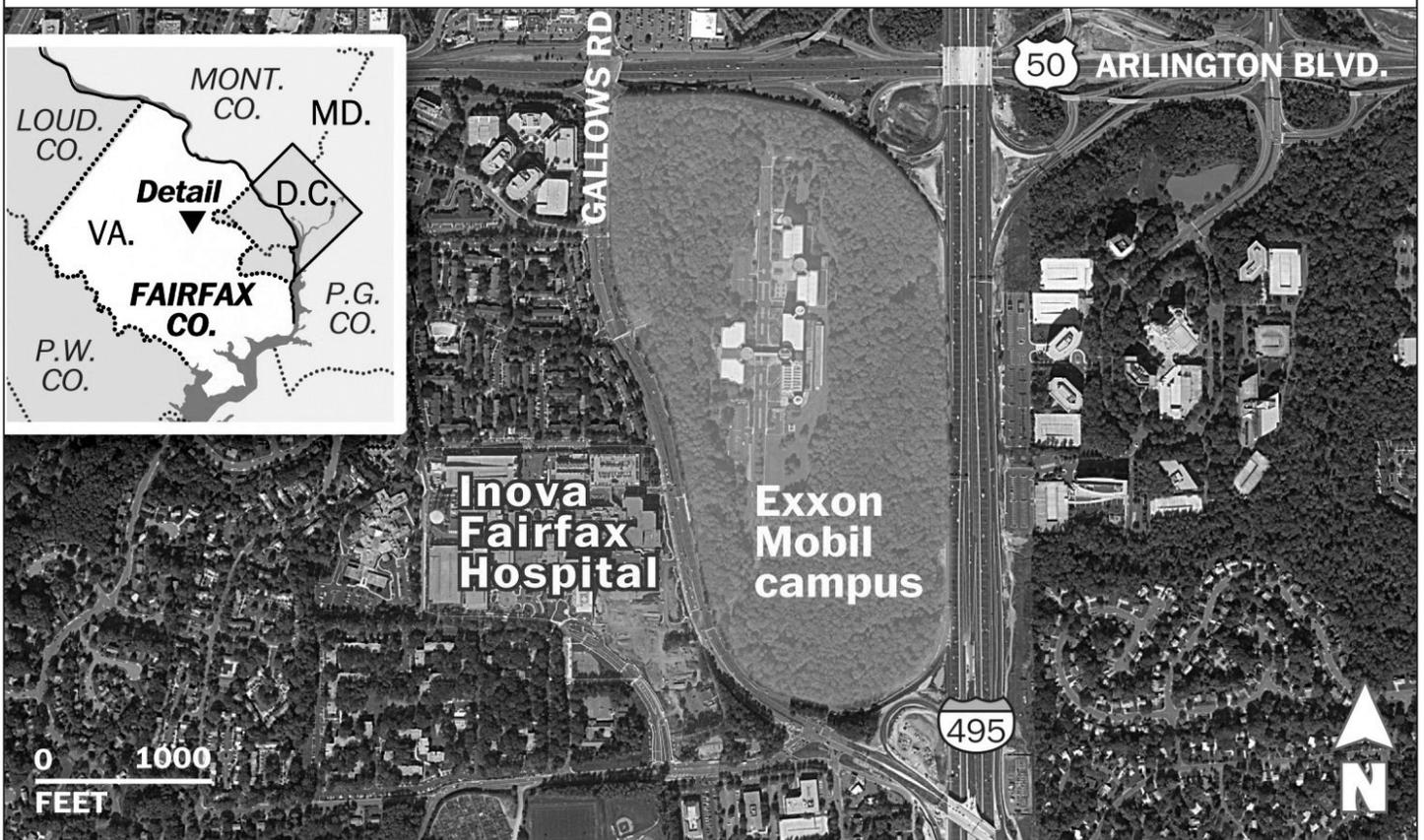


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through. Exxon is vacating the campus this year as it relocates operations to Houston.

"We now can become the world's center of the new genomics science and how you deal with cancer research," McAuliffe said. "It's going to take Inova — and much more broadly Virginia — right to the top of this industry."

Inova has been trying to make a broader foray into personalized medicine for years, including a 2009 attempt at a \$200 million genetics institute with then-Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) and California geneticist Dietrich Stephan.

When that effort fizzled, Inova recruited John Niederhuber, a former director of the National Cancer Institute, to run the Inova Translational Medicine Institute, which analyzes reams of genetic data in the hope of developing predictive and preventive treatments. It recently added Donald L. Trump, chief of a cancer institute in Buffalo, to run its cancer institute.

The new effort comes as President Obama and others have begun talking about the potential benefits of personalized medicine. In his State of the Union speech last month, Obama said he wanted "the country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine: one that delivers the right treatment at the right time."

Singleton said the use of translational medicine to develop treatments for cancer and other diseases could be accelerated by taking advantage of Northern Virginia's expertise in cloud computing and data analytics.

"The beauty of Northern Virginia is we're building in sort of a greenfield when it comes to this personalized medicine, genomics research," Singleton said. "But when you look at the big data and bioinformatics capacity, there are a ton of companies in Northern Virginia who are extremely sophisticated and well-advanced; they've just been working on cybersecurity or weather forecasting."



Built as the headquarters for Mobil when it moved its domestic refining and marketing operations to Merrifield in 1980, the campus on Gallows Road is one of the most valuable properties in Northern Virginia, assessed by the county in 2014 at nearly \$193 million. It is across the street from Inova's flagship hospital, which will continue to operate there.

The 1.2 million square feet of offices on the Exxon site include more than 60 conference rooms, a 736-seat cafeteria, a gym, a swimming pool and a corporate boardroom. There are 2,580 parking spaces, most of them underground.

Inova, a nonprofit organization, expects to close on the purchase in the next five years and will lease the property in the meantime. Neither Inova nor Exxon officials disclosed the price, although Singleton said the site would be purchased with cash Inova has on hand.

Inova has major hurdles to clear to make Singleton's vision for the Inova Center for Personalized Health a reality.

The longtime chief executive said he would like to raise \$100 million to assemble a world-class team. The \$10 million gift, from developer Milton V. Peterson and his daughter Lauren, includes \$9 million to recruit cancer specialists. "The gift says to the whole community and any possible donors that this center is real," Lauren E. Peterson said.

Still, Singleton has not yet struck a deal with a university or college to run a medical school, and although he plans to consolidate about 500,000 square feet of Inova operations from elsewhere, he was not sure yet whether it would retain its existing headquarters nearby.

McAuliffe said Virginia had not been asked for funding, and he did not expect to provide it. "This is all being done privately, which is great," he said.

Gerald L. Gordon, chief executive of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, said he would "bet the house on the fact, that it's a certainty, that they will be able to raise the financing."

"There is no question in my mind that new discoveries will be made here and new companies will be created," Gordon said.

The full article can be found at: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/capitalbusiness/inova-plans-giant-cancer-genomics-medicine-complex-in-fairfax/2015/02/06/8c09d40a-ad61-11e4-9c91-e9d2f9fde644_story.html

More information can be found at: <http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2015/02/inova-will-develop-medical-research.html?m=1>