



Fluvanna Taxpayers Association Names Officers

September 12, 2008 – One is a former fighter pilot while another served as a Fluvanna County supervisor. One was a high school principal; another brings years of experience in security and contingency planning. Still another helps run the county’s Leadership Development Program. Others include a former newspaper editor and a management consultant.

The Fluvanna Taxpayers Association announces the appointment of seven Steering Committee members who hail from all across the county and bring broad experience to their roles as taxpayer advocates. All share a concern that county spending is spiraling out of sight without regard to the financial resources of residents. All share a conviction that Fluvanna’s growth is being financed on the backs of existing taxpayers.

Joining founder and Chairman Lee True are Elizabeth Franklin, Public Relations & Editorial Director; Dave Hordyke, Education Director; Norma Hutner, Communications Director; Doug Johnson, Director at Large; Leroy McCampbell, Treasurer and Director of Organization & Planning; and Faith Stuart, Recording Secretary.

“I joined FTA because taxes and assessments are being raised more and more often, and I am opposed to the County’s reckless spending of our tax dollars,” says Hutner, who served on the Board of Supervisors until 2004 and helped write the 2000 Comprehensive Plan.

Says McCampbell, who served on the Lake Monticello Board of Directors for three years: “I got involved because I am dissatisfied with myself for not paying attention while the County leadership was committing to a huge school construction debt without allowing the taxpayers to vote on it.”

The Fluvanna Taxpayers Association, launched last spring, advocates for county budgeting that takes the will and wallets of residents into account. FTA goals include giving taxpayers a greater voice in County government and imposing the lowest possible taxes to maintain Fluvanna’s quality of life.

“I felt a taxpayers association could be the answer to helping citizens get informed, get involved and let their local government know what they wanted and needed,” says True, who says membership has grown to about 100 people.

The non-partisan taxpayer action group is open to the public and meets monthly. The next meeting will be September 25, 7 to 9 p.m., in the former Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administration Building in Palmyra. Meeting topics will include the proposed water pipeline and zero-based County budgets. For more information, visit www.fluvannataxpayers.org or call Lee True at (434) 489-1003.

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