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The **2008 Virginia General Assembly** is in session from **January 9 to March 8**. For general information and to contact your HM District legislators (Sen. Janet Howell, 36th Senate District, Sen. Mark Herring, 33rd Senate District, Del. Ken Plum, 36th House District, and Del. Steve Shannon, 35th House District) go to <http://legis.state.va.us/>. To follow specific legislation please see the Legislation Information System page at <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>.

Below are excerpts from the **February 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting** that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material, please go to the County's *Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule* section on the County's BOS Webpage for the appropriate Board date at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/schedule.htm>. If you have an item of interest or concern, please feel free to contact my office at (703) 478-0283. This update is posted on my Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/. Some of the County links may not be active until later in the current week.

02-25-2008 Board Action Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations, Acknowledgements & Reports

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/presentations.htm (time sensitive site)

- Recognized **Dr. Roosevelt Calbert** for his contributions to achievements of minority youth in science, math and engineering and on being the first Fairfax County resident inducted into the 22nd Annual Hall of Fame for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- **Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Presentation:** Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin proposed a General Fund budget of **\$3,322,726,158** for Fiscal Year 2009, a decrease of 1.59 percent from the FY 2008 Revised Budget Plan. Excluding adjustments in the current fiscal year, the increase

over the FY 2008 Adopted budget is \$5.3 million or 0.16 percent. The proposed budget maintains the Real Estate Tax rate at \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. The County Executive's recommended transfer to the Public School Operating Fund is \$1,586,600,722. Complete FY 09 Budget information can be viewed at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/budget>**Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will host the Annual Hunter Mill Community Meetings on the Fairfax County Advertised Fiscal Year 2009 Budget on March 19, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, at the Vienna Community Center, and on March 26, 2008, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, at Fox Mill Elementary School in Herndon. Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin, Department of Management and Budget (DMB) Director Susan Datta, Fairfax - Falls Church Community Services Board staff, along with representatives from Fairfax County Public Schools will join Supervisor Hudgins for the meetings.**

- **Report on General Assembly Activities:Senate Bill 768**, a bill which would have had a negative impact on the county's ability to work with developers to mitigate the impact of growth, was defeated and a substitute bill was introduced on Monday, February 25, 2008. Along with the County's opposition, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission opposed Senate Bill 768. The **Homestead Constitutional Amendment bill**, which would have provided homeowners the ability to exempt up to one-fifth of their home's value from property taxes, was defeated and will not appear on the ballot this November.

Appointments and Reappointments to Citizen Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and Advisory Groups www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/

Hunter Mill District Residents Reappointed:

- **Mr. Richard Kraft** the Airports Advisory Committee
- **Ms. Lucinda Stewart** to the Animal Services Advisory Commission
- **Ms. Pamela Abston** to the Community Action Advisory Board

Hunter Mill District is currently seeking people to fill vacancies on the following committees:

- **Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee**
- **Trails and Sidewalk Committee**

Administrative Items

- Authorized advertisement of Public Hearings on a Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Regional Non-Rail Transit Facilities. Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) non-rail transit facilities definition to reflect the more generic term of "regional non-rail transit facilities" and replace all references to "WMATA non-rail transit facilities" with references to "regional non-rail transit facilities." Planning Commission public hearing on March 19, 2008, at 8:15 p.m. and proposed Board of Supervisors' public hearing on April 28, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.
- Authorized advertisement for **Planning Commission public hearing on March 26, 2009 and Board hearing on April 28, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.** for proposed amendments to the **Public Facilities Manual (PFM) and Chapters 101 (Subdivision Ordinance) and 112 (Zoning Ordinance) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia.** Re: Trash and Recycling, High Density Polyethylene Pipe, Inspection Requirements for storm drain pipe, shared utility easements, service drives, and editorial changes to the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Trash and Recycling:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/pfm/proposed.htm>
- **Wood Oak Drive (Rt. 6534)**, part of Lot 6 Woodland Associates LTD, signed into the secondary road system for state maintenance.
- **Authorized advertisement of a public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance** (Appendix G, of *The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia*) **to establish the Herndon-Monroe Temporary Residential Permit Parking District, District T-HM (Hunter Mill District) for Monday, March 31, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.**, Reston Association (RA) formally requested establishment of Temporary RPPD on behalf of members who live in **Polo Fields** and are impacted by spillover parking while repairs are made at the **Herndon Monroe Park and Ride Garage.**
- Authorized the advertisement of a Public Hearing to consider an ordinance amending the County Code relating to Election Precincts which allows temporarily **moving the polling place for Glade Precinct** from the Reston Community Center at 2310 Colts Neck Road to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church at 2320 Hunters Woods Plaza.
- Approved Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 08101 for the **Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (EDA)** to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 for community improvements from the Commonwealth of Virginia - Governor's Opportunity Fund, for the Volkswagen of America Corporation.
- Authorized a **public hearing on March 31, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m. for a Sewer Ordinance Amendment** to revise the sewer service charges and the availability fees: to be consistent with the Wastewater Management Program's revised five-year financial forecast for the Sewer System.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/pfm/proposed.htm>

Action Items

- **Action Items 1 - 4: Affordable Housing:** Reallocated expenditures funds from the Penny from Affordable Housing Fund to acquire and preserve 14 affordable housing units in Springfield, Providence, Dranesville, and Lee Districts. The action brings the County's total to 2,218 units preserved throughout the County since the preservation initiative in 2004. For more information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/2-25BoardPackage.pdf>
- Approved changes to the **Fairfax County Supplier Diversity Program** that incorporated the addition of the Vendor Relations Division within the Dept. of Purchasing and Supply Management and expanded services to disabled veteran businesses.
- Approved **Bus Service Plan to transition Non-Regional Metrobus Route 2W, Line 12 Routes and Line 20 Routes to the Fairfax Connector.** Implementation of the Plan is contingent upon the completion and operational readiness of the West Ox Bus Operations Center, scheduled for substantial completion in October 2008. Service Plan impacts in general the Centreville, Chantilly and Oakton areas plan and provides for service expansion in addition to the Metrobus Non-Regional Routes transfer.
- Approved recommendation that County Executive and Deputy County Executive collaborate with **Center for Multicultural Human Services (CMHS) and Northern Virginia Family Services to integrate and consolidate as soon as possible** so that behavioral healthcare and other programs CMHS offers continue to be available to its culturally diverse client base. The Board amended the action stipulating that it would not provide additional County funding without being given a sufficient action plan for solvency prior to adoption of the FY 09 Budget.

Board Matters

- Invited organizers of the **Reston Association Stream Restoration Project** to a future Board meeting to be recognized for a creative funding partnership using the federally coordinated stream banking mitigation program grant to initiate a 14 mile restoration and enhancement of the **Snakeden Branch** watershed.
- Invited representatives of the **Reston Hospital Center** to come before the Board to be recognized for their high standard of nursing excellence and community service.

Public Hearings

3:30 PM - Approved adoption of an amendment to Section 3-6-3 of the Fairfax County Code, Relating to the **control of the County Deferred Compensation Plan**.

3:30 PM Approved a **Joint Exercises of Powers Agreement** that proposes to create a \$48.2 million Trust Fund to provide for the costs of employment benefits other than pensions.

4:00 PM Approval of **Policy Plan Amendment S07-CW-4CP on stream protection: revised text relating to the protection and restoration of streams and stream buffers in areas upstream of Resource Protection Areas and floodplains**. For additional information go to:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>

5:00 PM Public Comment from Fairfax County citizens and businesses on issues of concern

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Mark your calendars)

- **Fairfax County History Commission to Hold Community Meetings** - Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 PM at Frying Pan Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon to solicit public comment on proposed plan amendment. A major component of the proposed amendment is an update to the Fairfax County inventory of Historic Sites figures in the Comprehensive Plan last revised in 1994. For more information contact the Department of Planning and zoning (P & Z) at 703-324-1380, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/historic/ihs/
- **Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enforcement Seminar Thursday, February 28 from 1 to 4 PM @ COG Board Room, 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002**. Free but advance registration required. Send an e-mail with your name and contact information to Michael Farrell at mf Farrell@mw cog.org. Seminar will provide an opportunity for practitioners to share their expertise and their responses to the challenges of pedestrian safety enforcement. This seminar is intended for Police Officers but is open to the public.
- The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has established a **Residential Building Compatibility Committee** to review and provide feedback on several regulatory strategies that are designed to address compatibility issues within existing neighborhoods. Meetings will be held: **February 26 and March 4** from 7 to 9 PM at Herrity Building Conference Rooms 106/107. If needed, additional meetings will be scheduled.

- **Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Update**
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/>
- **Participate in the 20th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup by volunteering to clean a stream in your community, Saturday, April 5, 9:00 AM to Noon.** For more info and to register a clean-up site see:
http://www.hardbargainfarm.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html
- **Great Parks - Great Communities Hunter Mill District Meeting** -Are you interested in preserving, protecting and playing in your parks? The Fairfax County Park Authority wants your help in future planning. Workshop was held in Hunter Mill District on February 6. Documents and continuing opportunity to comment are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm
- **The Tysons Land Use Task Force will hold three identical February Workshops** focusing on Community Choices.

February 27 7:00 - 10:00 PM Marshall High School

February 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM McLean Community Center

February 28 7:00 - 10:00 PM Westbriar Elementary School

Please RSVP at 703-324-1344.

- **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) seeks nominations for its Community Leadership Institute.** The CLI is a workshop comprised of two half-day sessions. Now in its 5th season, the TPB is soliciting nominations for participants for the next two CLI sessions, which will be held on **February 27 & March 1** and on **April 17 & 19**. As in the past, the workshops will be moderated by Peter Shapiro, former TPB Chair and member of the Prince George's County Council. Supervisor Hudgins chaired the TPB last year and continues as a member of this regional transportation board. One goal is to build solidarity around transportation challenges faced by the region's diverse population. For more information, see <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/cli/> or call John Swanson at 202-962-3295
- **North County Hypothermia Prevention Program operating in the North County Human Services Building (1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston** - If you have questions or would like to get involved **please contact Mandy Guernsey at (571) 323-9565. (volunteer@restoninterfaith.org).** To learn more about the hypothermia program, please visit www.restoninterfaith.org.
- **Business Hazardous Waste events** - Clean Up Days for County Small Businesses that are Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG's) are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9, July 23, and October 1, 2008** from 9AM to 2 PM. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphazocomm.htm>

A NEW Step each eBlast
What YOU Can Do to Protect
Hunter Mill District streams, lakes, and ponds

1. (February 25) Join a Stream Clean-Up Project, Adopt-a-Stream, or Participate in Storm Drain Stenciling.

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/adopt.shtml

2. (February 11) Participate in watershed planning. Fairfax County has 30 watersheds. A watershed is the area of land that drains to a particular stream or other water body. Learn which watershed you live in and find the status of planning efforts in your watershed. You can get involved-your input is valuable to the process. More information can be found here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/>

3. (January 28) Wash your car at the carwash and keep it properly maintained. Soapy water, leaking oil and antifreeze washes down driveways into storm sewers directly into streams. More information can be found here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter/nps.htm>

4. (January 7) Become a volunteer stream monitor.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/monitoring.htm

www.audubonnaturalist.org/temp/volunteer.htm

5. (December) Clean up after pets and don't feed the geese!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter/scoopthepoop.htm