



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*Our meeting this week was presided over by the newly elected Chairman, Sharon Bulova. Chairman Bulova brings a wealth of experience to her new role and we'll need it as we move forward through the budget cycle. The County Executive will be presenting his budget to the Board in two weeks, on February 23rd. So, although this meeting and eBlast were relatively short and uneventful, the remaining meetings and eBlasts will certainly not be! As you'll see below, we did have an opportunity today to recognize some outstanding Fairfax County employees and residents. We approved the 2009 Forest Pest Management Suppression program, approved a handful of public hearings and discussed the activities of the General Assembly, which is in full swing. I encourage you to stay on top of their activities as well as ours as so many issues are inter-connected. And, of course, we are keeping a close eye on the federal stimulus package as that will have implications on our area for jobs, transportation improvements, and stabilizing the housing market. Although I do not know what the next few months will bring, I do hope you will stay engaged with me and continue to provide me your input as we move forward.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

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### **2-9-2009 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **February 9, 2009 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 specific Board date at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2009.htm> Some County links may not be active until later in the week. For items that relate to other Districts, see the Agenda or Board Summary at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Certificate presented the **Sheriff's Office Honor Guard** to recognize its accomplishments in the competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Washing Council of Governments at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2008.

Designated the week of February 15-21, 2009 as **Engineers Week** in Fairfax County.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

**Admin 2: Authorization to advertise a proposed Planning Commission public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapters 2 (Property Under County Control), 61 (Building Provisions), 101 Subdivision Ordinance), 104 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control), and 112 (Zoning Ordinance of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (County Code) Re: Adjustment of the fees charged for Plan Review and Inspection and Permit Services** in order to align the fees with the actual cost of providing these services. The fee adjustments are needed to achieve a recovery of a least 90% of the costs incurred, as previously set by the Board. Proposed fee increases would result in fees comparable to similar surrounding jurisdictions.

**Admin 4: Authorization to advertise a proposed Planning Commission public hearing for February 26, 2009 @ 8:15 p.m. and a proposed Board of Supervisors' public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.** on a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to permit mini-warehousing establishments as a secondary use in the PDC District subject to limitations.

**Admin 6: Authorization to advertise a proposed Planning Commission public hearing on March 12, 2009, @ 8:15 p.m. and proposed Board of Supervisors' public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m. on a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment re: Zoning Fee Schedule** for variances, special permits, special exceptions, rezonings and amendments thereto by up to 200% to achieve up to a 75% cost recovery rate.

**Admin 8: Authorization for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Services Unit to apply for and accept **Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Funding**** from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Total amount being requested is \$400,000(no cash match required)
- July 31, 2006, the BOS approved the creation of a Task Force on Supervised Visitation and Supervised Exchange.
- Board of Supervisors funded two positions (2.0 SYE) in FY 2008 budget to implement Phase I of the Task Force plan current SVSE program.
- "Stronger Together," began providing services in November 2007, serving 78 families.
- No other similar program exists in the County.
- This action does not increase the expenditure level of Fund 102, Federal/State Grant Fund.
- One grant probation officer II position (1.0 SYE) will be requested for this grant.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 2:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2009 **Forest Pest Management Suppression Program** in order to provide sufficient notice to citizens of the forthcoming treatments.

**Action 3:** Deferred consideration of the Department of Community and Recreation Services' Policy regarding memorandum of understanding for **synthetic turf fields** until February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

**Consideration 1:** Approval of the **proposed bylaws** for the **Fairfax County Commission for Women (CFW)**

- County guidelines require the Board of Supervisors to approve BAC bylaws.
- CFW prepared the bylaws according to County guidelines and the CFW approved the bylaws at their October 20, 2008 meeting.
- No fiscal impact.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Information 1: Fairfax County Channel 16 named Best Government Cable TV Station** in the nation for the 5<sup>th</sup> time by the Alliance for Community Media. Fairfax County had received the award for Overall Excellence of Government Access in its division in 1996, 1999, 2005 and 2006.

**BOARD MATTERS** introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP):** I requested the BOS issue a proclamation to recognize the 100th anniversary of the NAACP, honor its steadfastness in the struggle for justice and equality and show its commitment to working with the NAACP locally and nationally to achieve its mission for the betterment of our citizens.

**Designing for Visitability- Universal Design Amendment:** Board of Supervisors recently adopted new language to the Comprehensive Plan and the Policy Plan for Fairfax County regarding Universal Design. The Reston Accessibility Committee, a subcommittee formed by the Reston Citizens' Association (RCA), that advocates for barrier-free access for persons with physical disabilities, with emphasis in securing safe and comfortable access for individuals with mobility impairments, has requested that Fairfax County consider the possibility of implementing an amendment to the Universal Design recommendations to establish a subset of specific standards that would promote visitability in single family dwellings. Visitability design focuses on three major components: 1) at least one zero step entrance into the dwelling, 2) doorways with 32 inches of clear passage space, and 3) a minimum of a half bathroom on the first floor. I requested the Development Process Committee to consider adding Designing for Visitability on the agenda for discussion at the March 16, 2009 meeting.

**Fairfax Cares:** Fairfax Cares is an initiative and campaign intended to raise community awareness of the challenges facing neighbors here in our community and provide a mechanism for them to help - either through a monetary donation to Fairfax Cares (that would in turn be allocated to nonprofits and faith groups currently providing basic needs assistance) or directly to a nonprofit of their choice or donations of needed items such as food or volunteering their time and talents. I encourage all to visit the website at [www.fairfaxcares.org](http://www.fairfaxcares.org), as it plans to go live this week, to learn more and see how you

can become a part of helping our neighbors in need. The Board will invite those members of the Fairfax Cares Advisory Board to come before this Board in March to be recognized for their leadership and initiative in organizing a way to allow each one of us in the community to get involved.

**Request for Morning Rush Hour Shoulder Use on Dulles Access Road:** I moved that the Board formally request Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to review expanding shoulder use on the Dulles Toll Road to include the morning rush hour between 7 AM and 9 AM. We now have "standing-room-only" bus rapid transit use during both morning and evening rush hours to the West Falls Church Metrorail Station and this corridor has come under the jurisdiction of the. Permitting use of the shoulder for the morning commute could save riders up to 30 valuable minutes of commute time.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3:30 p.m.** Approved **SE 2008-HM-023** (Keith and Stephanie Anderson) for the waiver of minimum lot width requirement in order to re-subdivide two lots totaling 4.02 acres into two lots, with lot widths of 172 feet and 6 feet.

**4:00 p.m.** Approved amendments to Chapter 9 (Water and Fire Regulations) of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) to require that public water supply be provided for all new subdivisions where the lots have areas less than 75,000 square feet. Amendment goes into effect at 12:01 a.m., February 10, 2009.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**North County Area Plan Review (APR) Meeting #4** - Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m., South Lakes High School cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. On the agenda: review APR nomination 08-III-10UP John Thoburn property for Mixed-Use Development. Presenter: Stuart Mendelsohn of Holland and Knight, LLP.

**Soapstone Drive Walkway Project Community Meeting** - Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m., Langston Hughes Middle School cafeteria.

**Reston FYI (For Youth Information) Launch Fairs**- a new website of youth activities close to home or work in the Reston community will be available for preview by youth and parents at four fairs;

**Tuesday, February 24th**

Reston Teen Center: 5:00-6:30pm

Reston Community Center-Hunters Woods: 7:00-8:30pm

**Thursday, February 26th**

Langston Hughes Middle School: 2:30-4:00pm

Southgate Community Center: 6:00-7:30pm

Built in collaboration with Fairfax County, Reston Community Center and Reston Association, the website was generated to help parents and youth search for after-school and out-of-school activities. The site is a "one stop shop" for Reston area youth, parents and community members looking for accessible, supervised healthy activities.

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