



Hunter Mill Highlights

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This week's Board of Supervisor's meeting included over 30 public hearings on a variety of items including taxi cab rates, tree conservation during land development and parking regulations near colleges and universities. One thing I can say about serving on the Board of Supervisors is there is never a lack of issues for us to address and I always learn something!

Of course, the economic downturn and its effects on the County budget are dominating conversations everywhere I go. As a Board, we are required to adopt a balanced budget. We are grappling with the constraints of maintaining a balanced FY09 budget and planning for the next budget year, FY10, which begins July 1, 2009. To ensure the current year budget remains balanced, the County has instituted several cost cutting measures including a reduction in agency personnel budgets, a one day furlough for county employees, cancellation of all non-essential travel and training, the elimination of all capital equipment spending, and a review of all General Fund capital project spending. These are dramatic measures that no one at the County takes lightly.

For me, the process for the next budget cycle continues as I participate in meetings to review the services each County agency provides as well as hear suggested reductions. I have also attended community dialogues to hear your ideas about which services you view as most essential. For you, there are opportunities to participate in this process either by attending a public meeting or contacting my office, which I encourage you to do.

Although much of my time these days is spent in meetings about the budget, there are other community meetings occurring that offer the opportunity to think a bit into the future. Although much of the news now is not encouraging, I have hope that we will recover and believe that we must plan for that time. See the Announcements section below for a list of upcoming community meetings on transportation, planning and other issues.

Finally, there is a little time for fun as I once again participate in the Vienna Halloween parade, an event I look forward to each year. If you have not attended this parade in this past, I hope to see you there.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

***Cathy Hudgins
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10-20-2008 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **October 20, 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 specific Board date at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2008.htm> Some County links may not be active until later in the current week. For items that relate to other Districts see the Agenda or Board Summary at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

Appointments and Reappointments to Citizen Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and Advisory Groups <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/> The following Hunter Mill citizen was nominated by me and confirmed by the Board;

Adam Parnes - Southgate Community Center Advisory Council

Administrative Items <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

Admin 1: Extension of review period for additional 60 days for 2232 application FS-H08-59 Cricket Communications. Antenna collocation on existing monopole located at 2455 Fox Mill Road (Stratton Woods Park).

Admin 2: Authorized Fairfax County Health Department to apply for and accept \$364,740 in grant funding from the Virginia Department of Health for the **Pandemic Influenza Community Preparedness** grant. Funding to be used for public outreach and training.

Admin 12: Authorization to advertise a public hearing for proposed amendments to various chapters of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia to delete the references to the Construction Trades Advisory Board which was disbanded by the

Board in 2004 and replace remaining references to the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Environmental Management and the Building Official to reflect current department organizational structure and authority.

Admin 14: Additional time of twenty-four months to commence construction for Special Exception SE 2003-HM-013, Prentiss Acquisition Partners LP, to allow a travel lane and trails within a floodplain initially approved on October 20, 2003.

Admin 15: Authorization to advertise public hearing on November 17, 2007 @ 4:30 p.m. to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 104 (Erosion and Sediment Control) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia re: Stream Restoration to address newly adopted State code provisions. The provision allows the submittal of general erosion and sediment control specifications annually to the State by persons engaging, in more than one jurisdiction, in the creation and operation of stream restoration banks in lieu of the submittal of a conservation plan to the local jurisdictions.

Admin 16: Approved Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 09060 for the Health Department to accept \$278,935 in grant funding from the Virginia Department of Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program to support continued public health preparedness and response capacity building for bioterrorism and other public health emergencies FY 2009.

Admin 17: Authorized the Department of Community and Recreation Services to accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the Targeted Intervention Prevention Services (TIPS) Program. This grant will support three initiatives designed to improve community living conditions through gang prevention and intervention.

Action Items

Action 2: Authorization for the County Executive to execute the Nutrient Credit Services Agreement between the Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange Association, Inc.(The Exchange) and the County of Fairfax County Government, to be in compliance with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's new standard in the Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant Agreements. This is a requirement for the County to continue participation in the "The Exchange" program that provides grant assistance which is in excess of \$38 million. The goal is to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels discharged at wastewater treatment plants into the Chesapeake Bay watersheds.

Action 3: Board approved FAIRFAX CONNECTOR Bus Fare Policy and Adjustment to schedule public meetings to consider a fare adjustment to current FAIRFAX CONNECTOR policies and fares. Public meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at the North County Governmental Center, Reston (see Announcements.) Fare increases compatible with WMATA increases and include:

- CONNECTOR base cash fare would increase from \$1.00 to \$1.35 and the base SmarTrip base fare would increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25.
- The cash express fare will increase from \$3.00 to \$3.10, and the SmarTrip express fare will remain at \$3.00.

- The cash rail-to-bus transfer charge will go to \$1.35, an increase of \$1.00, and the Smartrip rail-to-bus transfer will remain the same at \$0.35.
- The TAGS fare will remain at \$0.25.
- The VRE EZ-bus shuttle fare will increase from free to \$0.25.
- The senior and disabled fare will increase \$0.10 to \$0.60, for both express and local service.

Action 4: Approval of agreements between Fairfax County Police Department and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. Board authorized the Chief of Police to sign the Agreements between the Police Department and the DEA HIDTA Task Force. The agreements support the regional effort toward intervention and suppression of trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Action 5: Authorize the County Executive to implement furloughs for nonessential County employees. Board authorized the county executive to implement a furlough of the county workforce on January 2, 2009, and other future dates as deemed appropriate to address the FY2009 revenue shortfall. Employees performing essential services in the areas of public safety, residential facilities and other 24/7 operations would not be included in a furlough. The estimated cost savings associated with one furlough day is \$1.75 million to \$2 million. In addition, the Supervisors approved a 7% reduction in their office budgets for the current fiscal year.

Consideration Items

Item 1: 2008 Virginia Association of Counties' Annual Meeting. Board designated a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to represent the County at the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) annual meeting to be held November 11, 2008.

Information Items

Item 5: Board noted the Quarterly Status Report on the Board's Second Four-Year Transportation Program. Road Project Status (total cost \$ in millions). Lead agencies: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), FC Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES). Public-Private Transportation Act project (PPTA)

Roads/Transit Projects

- **1-495 Capital Beltway HOT Lanes (PPTA):** Springfield Interchange to American Legion Bridge - construction underway, completion 2012 (\$1,645.143).
- **Dulles Corridor Metrorail (MWAA):** Proposed initiation 1/09, completion 11/12. Preliminary engineering completed 12/2006; Criteria for reconstruction of Rt 7 established; FTA authorized final design stage 5/2008; Request for Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) anticipated before end of 2008. (\$2,590.000).
- **Rt. 28 @ Frying Pan Road (PPTA):** Interchange construction (\$24.526).
- **Centreville Road from West Ox Road to Frying Pan Road(VDOT):** Widen to 6 lanes. Under construction. Completion 6/10 (\$13.648).

- **Centreville Road Trail @ Dulles Toll Road (Phase 11):** Install pedestrian improvements and traffic signal modifications to cross Centreville Road at the Dulles toll Road Interchange (\$0.250). Under construction, completion 8/09
- **Spring Hill Road from Route 7 to International Drive (DPWES):** Widen to 4 lanes - Begin construction 10/08, completion 5/10 (\$10.900).
- **West Ox Road from Penderbrook Drive to Ox Trail(VDOT):** Widen to 4 lanes Completed 7/08 (\$20.118).
- **Fairfax Connector Herndon Facility Rehab (Phase 2) (FCDOT):** Rehabilitation and repair to upgrade existing bus garage. Under construction, completion 12/08 (\$6.000).

Trails and Sidewalks

- **Tysons Priority Access Improvement Projects, sites 1-7 & 9(VDOT):** construct missing links in pedestrian circulation systems at eight locations in Tysons Corner (VDOT). Completion 12/08 (\$1.300).
- **Beulah Road Walkway (DPWES):** Install asphalt sidewalk and crosswalks on alternate sides of Beulah road from Abbotsford Drive to Coral Crest Land and along Clarks Crossing Road; in design. Construction begins 1/11, completion 9/11 (\$1.000).
- **McLearen Road Walkway(DPWES):** Install concrete sidewalk along the north side of McLearen Road from Quincy Adams Drive to Reston Parkway. In design, completion 12/09 (\$0.150).
- **North Shore Drive Walkway (DPWES):** Install concrete sidewalk along north side of North Shore Drive from Fairway Drive to Hickory Cluster. Construction by developer.
- **Reston Avenue Walkway (DPWES):** Install concrete sidewalk along west side of Reston Avenue from Southington Lane to Shaker Drive. Begin 10/09, completion 4/10 (\$0.110).
- **Soapstone Drive Walkway. (DPWES):** Install concrete sidewalk along the west side of Soapstone Drive from Sweetbay Lane to Glade Drive. Completion 8/10. (\$0.020).
- **Sunset Hills Road Walkway (DPWES):** Install concrete sidewalk along north side of Sunset Hills Road from W & OD Trail to Michael Faraday Court. In design. Begin construction 4/10, completion 12/10 (\$0.240).
- **Colts Neck Road from South Lakes Drive to Hunters Woods Shopping Center (DPWES):** Construct sidewalk on west side of Colts Neck Road. Begin construction 11/08, completion 3/09 (\$0.100).

Board Matters

Reston resident, **Brooke Nyren**, will be recognized by the Board for her dedication and support of Tragedy Assistance for Survivors (TAPS), an organization that provides a support network for the surviving families of those who have died in service to their country. For 4 years, Brooke has raised money for TAPS through her participation in the Marine Corp Kids Healthy Fun Run, a run in conjunction with the Marine Corp Marathon. Each year she has increased her sponsors and funds collected in honor of her father who was killed in Baghdad in 2004.

Reston Community Center held its annual preference poll election for its Board of Governors. **John Gasson, William Penniman and Cathy Vivona** were elected and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Metro will hold a public meeting to consider the **transfer of Metro bus lines 12A/20S/2W to Connector Bus service**. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m. at Chantilly High School.

Public Hearings

3:00 p.m. Approval of amendment to the Code, Section 84.1, Public Transportation, including those pertaining to taxicab rates, taxicab fuel efficiency, and other regulatory requirements. The Board approved a number of changes to the Code that governs taxi cabs in the County, including an increase in the initial rate from \$2.75 to \$3.25 and an increase in the per mile rate from 35 cents to 40 cents. The measure also includes fuel efficiency standards and changes to the regulations regarding driver cell phone usage, criteria for driver licensing, credit and debit card usage and wheelchair accessible taxicabs.

4:00 p.m. Approval of amendments to the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) and The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia related to the conservation of trees during the land development process. The proposed amendments originate from Fairfax County's legislative efforts to acquire state enabling authority to preserve forest resources when land is developed. The proposed amendments include a new chapter of the County Code, Chapter 122 (Tree Conservation Ordinance), providing for the conservation of trees to protect, sustain and enhance the County's forest resources. Proposed amendments directly support the goals and objectives of the following initiatives and programs:

- . The Board's Environmental Vision, Environmental Excellence for Fairfax County: A 20-Year Vision, 2004
- . The Board's Environmental Agenda, 2004
- . The Tree Action Plan (Core Recommendation #7), 2006
- . Fairfax County's 30-year Tree Canopy Goal of 45%
- . Fairfax County Legislative Program, 2008 Virginia General Assembly

After the public hearing, if the Board approves the amendments it will become effective on January 1, 2009, with provisions for grandfathering.

5:30 p.m. Approval of amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 41.1, Animal Control and Care. Incorporates newly enacted state comprehensive animal laws into the County codes. The amendments update terminology, reflect current enforcement practices, clarify language, modify dog license fees and adoption fees, establish a bond requirement for certain owners with animals held at the Animals Shelter pending charges, and establish fees for euthanizing and cremating wildlife.

6:00 p.m. Approval of PCA C-696-07 concurrent with SE 2008-HM-018 (Dulles Development, LLC) to clarify permitted uses on the site and permit fast food restaurants in previously approved residential structure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars/Share with your association

- **Early Voting:** Voters who will be commuting and working for 11 or more hours on Election Day may qualify to vote by absentee ballot. **In-Person Absentee Voting** begins October 15 thru November 1, at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, Monday-Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 PM and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In-Person Absentee Voting at the Fairfax County Government Center begins September 19 thru November 1. Check website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm> for information.
- **7th Annual Hunter Mill District Winter Coat Closet begins November 15, 2008 and ends March 14, 2009 in the Community Room at the Hunter Mill District Office, at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.** Hours of operation will be Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm; Thursdays, 5:30pm - 8pm; and Saturdays, 10am - 1pm. (Closed for major holidays.) Donate new and "gently used" child and adult sized (XL & XXL are especially appreciated) winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. All donations are tax deductible. Contact Mandy Guernsey at Reston Interfaith 571-323-9565 or Mandy.Guernsey@restoninterfaith.org, to volunteer or for more information.
- **Help Habitation Restoration at Parks:** Saturday, October 25th. Frying Pan Farm and Nottoway Park are among sites seeking volunteers for habitat restoration workday. For the times at each park, to sign up and for more information, contact Katherine Frederick at 703-324-8681.
- **Reston Master Plan Review Community Meeting:** Tuesday, October 28, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas a Becket- Findlay Hall, 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, to share information gathered and discuss recommendations for a planning process to review the Reston Master Plan and the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.
- **Reston Large Area Community Parking District (CPD) Community Meeting:** Thursday, October 30, 7-9 p.m. at Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Rd, Reston. For more information see http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large_cpd.htm
- **Soapstone Drive Walkway Project:** 1st Community Meeting, Wednesday, November 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hughes Middle School, with Supervisor Hudgins, County and state staff to view the results of the citizens' survey.
- **VDOT Public Hearing** on Proposed Access Management Regulations/Standards: Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Streets: Wednesday, November 5, 10 a.m., at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 1st floor Conference Room, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly. For further information, see <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/accessmgt/default.asp>

- **Lake Anne Plan Amendment Community Meeting:** Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas a Becket (Findlay Hall), 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston 20190. Cathy will host a meeting to update the community on activities associated with the Lake Anne Plan Amendment and share draft Comprehensive Plan language.
- **Vienna Town Cleanup Day November 8:** The annual fall Cleanup Day, sponsored by Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission, will be held rain or shine from 9 to 11 AM. Clean up your own neighborhood, or be assigned an area of town that needs attention. Check in at the Vienna Community Center to receive garbage bags and gloves. Call 703-255-6356 for more information.
- **Fairfax Connector Fare Increase Proposal Public Meeting:** Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m., at the North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. If you would like to speak at this meeting, please sign up in advance by calling 703-324-1120, TTY 703-324-1102. If you would like to provide comments but are unable to attend the meeting, please call the Fare Changes Hotline at 703-324-1641 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to FairfaxConnector@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **6th Annual Vienna Turkey Trot 5K:** Sunday, November 9. 7:00-7:40 AM for packet pickup and registration, race begins at 8:00 AM, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, Vienna. Registration fee is \$20, with discounts for racers under 15 and for early registration. Proceeds will benefit the James Madison High School Band and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. On-line registration and information at www.viennaturkeytrot.com
- **Closing the Budget Gap for FY 2010 Community Dialogue Sessions.** You are invited to attend one several sessions scheduled to gather comments from the public on facing the projected \$400 million budget deficit for FY 2010. Each dialogue consists of presentations by county and school staff followed by small group discussion. Registration is required. For information or to sign up, call the Budget Hotline at 703-324-2391, or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget Sessions close to the Hunter Mill area are scheduled for;
 - Saturday, October 25, 9:30-12 p.m. - Centreville Regional Library, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, and City of Fairfax Regional Library.
 - Wednesday, October 29, 7-9:30 p.m. - McLean Community Center
 - Thursday, November 13, 9:30-12 p.m. - Oakton Library.
- **Metro Public Hearing** to consider the transfer of Metro Bus Lines 12A/20S/2W to Connector Bus service. Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., Chantilly High School Lecture Hall, 2401 Stringfellow Road, Fairfax.
- **Hunter Mill District Cool County Initiative** - Take the survey!
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/coolhuntermill/>

On-going construction projects;

- See the latest edition of **Northern Virginia MegaProject News** for daily updates on road closures and construction projects at VDOTPublicAffairs@VDOT.Virginia.gov

- **Beltway HOT Lanes:** Impacts I-495 from Georgetown Pike to the Springfield Interchange. Information at <http://www.virginiahotlanes.com/> including day and night lane closure and construction schedules, opportunity to sign up for e-mail alerts, etc.
- **Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project:** Utility relocation on Rt. 7 and staging area construction in cloverleafs at Rt. 123/I-495 and near Toll Road ramps. For traffic updates and project progress, see <http://www.dullesmetro.com/>
- **Herndon Monroe Park and Ride Garage:** Repairs continue until the end of the year. Get the latest info about schedule and alternative parking sites at <http://www.fairfaxconnector.com>

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