

Hunter Mill Highlights

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Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic newsletter. Please share this issue with your organizations. To be added to our mailing list, e-mail us at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

After months of community hearings, presentations, meetings and the recent public hearings, the time to pass the FY2010 budget is quickly approaching. On Monday April 27th, the Board of Supervisors will adopt the budget that will fund the County's operations for the next fiscal year.

In the meantime, I have been fighting for many of the things Hunter Mill residents have told me they care about; quality preschool and child care, public safety, mental health funding, housing assistance and rent relief, services for seniors and keeping transit options in Hunter Mill plentiful. While the approved budget will not please everyone and will surely contain provisions I do not fully support, the current situation calls for thoughtful consideration, compromise and a look to the future.

As difficult as the last several months have been, I look forward to sharing the results of the process and the budget with you as well as keeping you informed on Hunter Mill District and Fairfax County's progress under these strained economic times. We cannot be sure exactly what the future holds and that is frightening at times. What we can do is hold onto who we are as a community – and continue the work to make Hunter Mill and Fairfax County the best place to live, work and play.

Cathy Hudgins

Throughout the budget process, I have been listening to your comments and suggestions for dealing with this year's financial challenges. Dranesville Supervisor Foust and I heard from our senior residents when we visited the senior center at Herndon's Harbor



Community Outreach Meeting on Ragland Road Rezoning Proposal Wednesday, April 29 7:30 p.m.

Residents are invited to join me at a community outreach meeting regarding the proposed rezoning applications RZ 2008-HM- 003 and 004 known as WV/B Palisades Development, located at Tax Map number 029-3 ((1)) Parcels 17A and 029 ((1)) 11 and 029((14)) A1.

This property is in the vicinity of Westbriar Elementary, off of Old Courthouse Road and Gosnell Road. The proposal is to rezone from R1 to R5 to permit 2 single family houses, and R1/R3 to R8 to permit 14 attached units. The plan also opens up a cul-de-sac to connect the development with existing streets.

The meeting will be held in the Westbriar Elementary School cafeteria on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 starting at 7:30 p.m. Presentations by the developer's agent, County staff and community organizations are planned. For additional information, contact Goldie Harrison at the HMD office at 703-478-0283.



Appealing Your Real Estate Assessment

If you feel that your real estate has been over-assessed in comparison with similar properties or in relation to fair market value and you wish to appeal to the **Department of Tax Administration**, please complete the following appeal form: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/2009reappeal.pdf. While the posted deadline is April 3, 2009, please understand that you can still file an appeal. However, an appeal received after the April 3, 2009 date will not be processed until the coming year's assessment review is complete. For more information, please see the [Real Estate Tax](#) section.

SACC Pilot Sacked

Fairfax County Office for Children has cancelled plans for a pilot School Age Child Care (SACC) program slated for the new elementary school at the Coppermine site (Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary - see page 3). A traditional SACC program is planned to begin operating at the school in the fall.

Reston Neighborhood College

Neighborhood College is a free six-week leadership development program designed to help you learn more about your local government and community. County residents will learn how to work with other residents, community organizations and local government to strengthen your neighborhood and promote a strong sense of community. Learn the keys to being active in your community.

Through a combination of lectures and group discussions, participants will learn:

- The history and characteristics of your community
- Working effectively in a diverse community
- Participate in the Decision making process
- Identifying and accessing community resources
- Strengthen Leadership Skills

Child care and light dinner will be provided. (Dinner will be served from 6-6:30) Class size is limited. Register by May, 1, 2009. To sign up, contact isabel.taramasco@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-787-4962.

Neighborhood College
meets every Wednesday
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
May 6 through June 10
at the
Southgate Community Center
12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston

Indoor Recreation Facility Proposal in Reston

Inquiries have come in to my office concerning a indoor recreation facility proposed by Reston Community Center and Reston Association. To obtain more information on this project, please contact Reston Community Center at 703-476-4500 , or Reston Association at 703-435-6503.



Summer Meals for Kids Program Looking for a Few Good Sites

In Fairfax County, approximately 32,000 kids receive free and reduced cost meals during the school year. For many of these kids, when the school year ends, so does the opportunity for healthy meals. The Department of Community and Recreation Services has a program that provides free meals to children during the summer, but needs organizations to be meal sites for these kids. Food is provided and delivered by

CRS at no cost to the Summer Lunch Site. If you organization can be involved in helping keep kids healthy this summer, please contact CRS at 703-324-5330.



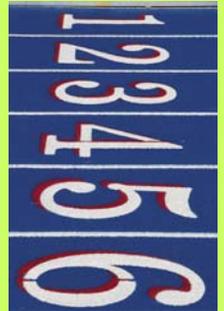
**REMINDER:
Tuesday, May 5
is Election Day
in the
Town of Vienna**

Hershey Track and Field Event

May 15 (9-10 yr. olds)

May 16 (11-14 yr. olds)

Fairfax County's Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) is the host for the local Hershey Track and Field competition. Kids ages 9-14 years old compete in their age groups/gender in track and field events. Winners can advance to regional, state and national competition. All events are free and take place at Falls Church High School.



Competitors must register by May 1st. Sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/newsandinfo/hershey09.htm>

Financial Education Workshop

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and Reston Interfaith have teamed together to present a free seminar on managing your finances. Learn basic budgeting strategies and why good credit is critical to your spending power. Learn to deal with money, create a spending plan that works for you, and figure out where you stand financially before you get into debt trouble. Workshop is scheduled for



May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Building, 11484 Washington Plaza, Room 140, Reston

Workshop is free but registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling Herndon-Reston FISH at 703-391-0105.

New School Named After Area Educator

Fairfax County Public School Board voted this month to name the new elementary school at the Coppermine site in Herndon, after long-time area educator, Lutie Lewis Coates.

Just a half a mile from the new school, once stood the Floris Colored School, a small wooden building that served for many years as a school for black children in the community. The old building no longer stands and the site is now parking. For more than 25 years, Mrs. Lutie Lewis Coates served the school as teacher, principal and so much more. She began her career as an educator in the 1930s, teaching at Floris and other Fairfax schools. She completed her last years at Luther Jackson High School, built in 1954 as the first colored high school in Fairfax County.

Mrs. Coates was known for her compassion and concern for the well-being of her students as well as for providing a strong foundation in the academic basics and character education for all students. As related in the nomination,

A former student in the 40s, Joseph Carpenter states that he sometimes would ponder his teacher's words on his two-mile walk to school. "Joseph, if you want something out of life, you gotta go after it. I've known opportunity to knock, but I've never known it to turn the knob and walk in," she told him.

The new school, which will open in the fall, will be known as Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School.



Skate Park On Wheels

A free interactive event for ages 6-adult

Saturday, May 9 2 to 5 p.m.

Lake Fairfax Park

Rain date is Sunday, May 10

Skateboarding - Ramps - Rails - Jumps

Beginners and first-timers welcome

- Helmets required for everyone. Wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads recommended if under the age of 16
- Sign up to participate in visioning for planned skate board facility at Lake Fairfax Park
- Contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283 for information.

Sponsored by

**Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins
and**



If participation accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working days in advance of date needed.

Hunter Mill Appointees Needed for County's Boards and Authorities

The following positions on the County's boards and authorities are in need of Hunter Mill district representation. Contact my office if you are interested in serving on any of these or other boards.

Airports Advisory Committee's purpose is to advise the Board on all airports and aircraft operations affecting Fairfax County. So, if you are concerned airport noise, this might be the committee for you! They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. at the Government Center. You may contact John Bell of the Department of Planning and Zoning at John.Bell@fairfaxcounty.gov if you have any questions about the committee.

Environmental Quality Advisory Council's purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors on environmental matters through ongoing review of the quality of the County's physical environment and to advocate and promote environmental preservation, protection, and enhancement. They meet (usually) the 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 7:15 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale. Any questions about this committee can be directed to EQAC@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Celebrate Fairfax Board of Director's purpose is to plan, organize and operate fairs, festivals and other public events within the County. They meet the 1st Monday of each month (August-May only) at 6pm at the Government Center. You may contact Barry Feil at Barry.Feil@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee was established to conduct the public hearings for approval/disapproval of exception requests to permit encroachments in the Resource Protection Area. The committee meets every 3 months at 2:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and as needed when a case needs to be heard. Questions about this committee should be directed to Shahab Baig at shahab.baig@fairfaxcounty.gov.

2009 Bike to Work Day is May 15th

Help Hunter Mill District and the Washington region become a better place to ride. Bike to Work Day is a **FREE** event and open to all area commuters. **Register now** for the pit stop rally you plan to attend at <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/index.php>

RESTON PIT STOP

Reston Town Center Pavilion, just off W&OD Trail at the intersection of Discovery St and Market St, 1818 Discovery St, Reston, VA 20190, 6:30 to 9:00 a.m.

VIENNA PIT STOP

Location: Whole Foods Lot and the W&OD Trail, 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

TYSONS CORNER PIT STOP

Location: Hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean VA, 6:30am to 9:00 a.m.



Senior Senior Prom

Sponsored by the
Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston

When: June 6th, 2009
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Where: St. Joseph's Church
750 Peachtree Street, Herndon
(next to Herndon Community Center)

Who's Invited: All Dulles Area residents
age 50 years or better

Dress: Sunday Best or Beach Wear

For Reservations, Call *The Observer* newspapers at 703-437-5886.

Transportation will be provided upon request.

Transportation

Lawyers Road Resurfacing Project

Lawyers Road will be resurfaced in late spring from Reston Parkway all the way to Hunter Mill Road and will be restriped to just east of Myrtle Lane at the split for on-road bike as well as turn lanes. Data have shown that restriping increases safety, facilitates traffic flow, and improves the life of the road surface. For more information please see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm>

Repaving Scheduled in 2009



Construction to begin shortly on long-awaited Clarks Crossing Road Trail segment

County staff have just informed us that a long planned and funded 300 linear-foot section of trail that starts at Brookside Lane and will tie into the existing trail at Clarks Crossing Road will go to construction in several weeks and be completed sometime this summer. This trail project pre-exists the plans for the Phase I Beulah Road Trail on which construction has not yet begun. Contact project manager, Shanna Adams at shanna.adams@fairfaxcounty.gov for additional information.

Deadline for comments on Soapstone Drive Walkway Project is April 30

Another long awaited trail/walkway project is making progress. Two community meetings for the Soapstone Drive Walkway project from South Lakes Drive to Glade Drive have been held to hear your ideas. Since a number of residents expressed some concerns and had additional questions after the March 4 meeting, I asked that county project staff keep the record open for another two months so that you could share information with friends and neighbors and others who were not able to come to the meetings. The four concepts have been available on the HMD Website since early March at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/sidewalkstrails.htm>. Please email the project director, Shanna Adams, at shanna.adams@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions. Your comments are appreciated.

Virginia MEGAPROJECT News (Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project/HOT Lanes)

The Route 123 water line utility relocation work is ahead of schedule and is almost complete. This means that the I-495 HOT Lanes project team can move forward sooner with the start of construction of the I-495 South Bridge piers over Route 123. At this time, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project anticipates that the left lane closures on Route 123 will now occur on or about April 20. In addition they will be working on waterlines on the south side of RT 123 at Colshire Drive.

The Megaprojects folks are telling us that by summer, **20 portable traffic cameras** will be strategically located along the Beltway, Dulles Toll Road and on routes 7 and 123 in Tysons Corner as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) effort to keep traffic moving while beltway high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes and rail to Dulles are under construction. The cameras will allow VDOT to monitor traffic conditions and construction activities such as lane closures and traffic shifts, respond quickly to any incidents and re-time traffic signals if needed.

Lane closures occur mostly at night. Don't get caught coming home from an event or a late night meeting. If you travel through Tysons Corner on Route 7, Route 123, and the Beltway, please bookmark <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/>, an interactive Megaprojects Website and Map, that will keep you up to date on lane closures for both the Dulles Corridor Metrorail and the HOT Lanes Projects.

Protect Your Property

Crimes involving property stolen from vehicles rose approximately 48% in 2008 as compared to 2007. As we complete the first quarter of 2009, the trend continues. The department has made several arrests throughout the county of suspects stealing from your vehicles. Items taken include purses, cellular telephones, tires, catalytic converters, and air bags. Global Positioning Systems have been the item taken most frequently. We have recovered property that needs to be returned to the rightful owners. If your GPS unit was stolen and you did not report it, please call 703-691-2131 and make the report. It is possible we have already recovered the item.

The Police Department has taken many steps to combat this trend. You may find a letter on the windshield of your car or a flyer in the mail advising you of the potential risk to your property and warning you to take preventive action. You may have seen commanders and crime prevention officers at your home owners association and community meetings. You have not seen the plain clothes officers looking for the suspects stealing items from your vehicle. You may see McGruff, the Crime Dog bring special attention to this issue.

Do what you can to protect yourself and your property. **Now is the time to act.** Here are some tips for deterring thefts:

- Register your product serial number with the manufacturer. If there is no serial number, inscribe your own.
- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside. Remove portable GPS units and cradles from the dashboard. Do not simply place it in the glove box or under the seat.
- Keep a supply of moist towelettes to clean the area of the windshield marked by the suction cup.
- Do not leave other valuables in the vehicle, including laptop computers, cameras, satellite radios, or cellular telephones.
- Lock all doors and close windows when leaving the car, even if it is only for a short time. When possible, try to park the vehicle in a well-lit, busy area.

From Fairfax Police Department Press Release

Outdoor Lighting Task Force

The Outdoor Lighting Task Force will meet at 7:00 PM on May 13, 2009, at the North County Governmental Center Community Room. Residents are invited to join Supervisor Hudgins and representatives from the Reston Association (RA), Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) at the meeting where the task force will discuss review Dominion Power's street light cost structures and a proposed LED Streetlight Pilot location within the Reston Demonstration Lighting Project Area.

Project Sticker Shock

The Spring season is also the season for high school celebrations - proms and graduations. Reston Community Coalition volunteers will join with area youths to remind adult consumers that purchasing alcoholic beverages for underage youths can land you in big trouble. Volunteers along with local police will be placing the red "sticker shock" signs on alcoholic beverages at several Reston retailers. The red stop-sign stickers are a reminder that adult alcohol purchases should not end up in the hands of underage kids.

The Reston Coalition also sends their reminder that "Parents who host, lose the most!" Adults who knowingly host get-togethers involving underage drinking can be prosecuted.

Stratton Woods Park Master Plan Public Meeting



The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is holding a Public Input Meeting to gather public comment on the [draft master plan amendment](#) for Stratton Woods Park located at 2431 Fox Mill Road in Reston. The meeting will take place on

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Hunter Woods Elementary School cafeteria located at 2401 Colts Neck Road in Reston.

Stratton Woods Park is a 30-acre site in the Hunter Mill District. This FCPA-owned park has a master plan approved in 1995. The park contains a rectangular field, a 90-foot baseball diamond, a 60-foot baseball diamond, a playground and picnic area, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a sand volleyball court and associated parking. The remaining areas of the park are forested.

The master plan amendment incorporates the addition of lights on the 90-foot baseball diamond, the tennis courts, and parking areas. In addition, a lighted multi-court complex is proposed to replace the sand volleyball court within the center of the site. These improvements address the community's need for enhanced facility use. A **field lighting demonstration** will be held at Lewinsville Park on May 5, 2009 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Lewinsville Park is located at 1659 Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean.

This Public Input meeting will feature a presentation about the site's current conditions, uses, and changes proposed by the draft master plan amendment. Following the presentation, the meeting will continue with a moderated public comment session. The [proposed plan is available online](#) or you can review the plan during regular business hours in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax. Those wishing to present their views are urged to attend the meeting. If you wish to speak at the meeting or need more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via e-mail at Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Speakers may also sign up at the meeting.

Comments on the plan will be accepted by the Park Authority for 30 days following the meeting. The comment period closes on May 24, 2009. Comments will be accepted at the meeting, via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or in written comments sent to Pat Rosend, Project Manager, Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Waverly Park Gets a Facelift to Remove Those Unsightly Invasives

Waverly Park in north Vienna is the site of an on-going riparian buffer management program through the Fairfax County Park Authority and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, non-profit partner. The goal is to restore stream-side forest land, thereby improving the quality of the stream and wildlife habitats. Now in its third year, this year's effort involves additional planting of native species plants along stream, removing non-native invasive plants, and removing unnecessary tree shelter to facilitate growth of the newly planted trees and shrubs. All the plantings are native species best suited for this location.



Here, workers await instruction for tackling the invasive species at the first organized Waverly Park work session

Volunteers are needed for **Invasive Plant Removal Day on May 2nd**. Fairfax County's Invasive Plant Removal Day was so successful last year, that this year it will be a statewide event sponsored by the Virginia Master Naturalists and the Virginia Native Plant Society. The Park Authority's Invasive Management Area program will host 10 worksites on May 2nd to inform people about the problem with invasive plants and to work to remove them from our natural areas. Interested people can contact the IMA Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Frederick, at 703 324 8681.



Farmers Markets Open for the Season

The Farmers Markets offer a wide variety of freshly picked fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers. There are also fresh eggs, baked goods, honey and cider to purchase. Milk and cheese products, along with a wide array of meat products, round out the edible delights. If gardening is an interest, many vendors have small plants at the beginning of the season, while other vendors have larger landscape plants for those ambitious projects.

Most of the Farmers Markets are supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority through the Community Horticulture office based at Green Spring Gardens. The daily operations of the markets are managed by volunteer Market Masters. The Vienna Saturday Market is sponsored by the Vienna Optimist.

All but the Frying Pan market host Fairfax County Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Citizens can bring plant or insect samples for pest identification or disease diagnosis. Master Gardeners also help citizens by having informational displays on topics such as Container Gardening or EcoSavvy Gardening.

All products sold at the Farmers Market are produced by the vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. Buy local and support sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. You will find the freshest and most desirable fruit, vegetables, plants, baked goods, eggs, dairy and meats available.

The nearby Markets are listed below. For other information about the Markets, call 703-642-0128, TTY 703-803-3354, or visit the market website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm>

Frying Pan Park Farmers Market

2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon
(in front of Frying Pan Country Store)
703-642-0128 (Anna Braum)
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 6-Oct. 28

Herndon Farmers Market

777 Lynn St., Herndon (next to Red Caboose)
703-642-0128 (Anna Braum)
8 a.m.-noon Thursdays, May 7-Oct. 29

Reston Farmers Market

Lake Anne Village Center, off North Shore Drive
703-642-0128 (Anna Braum)
8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31,
closed Sept. 26

McLean Farmers Market

1659 Chain Bridge Rd. (Lewinsville Park)
703-642-0128 (Anna Braum)
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fridays, May 8-Nov. 20
(closed May 15)

Vienna/Oakton Market

Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Rd.
703-642-0128 (Anna Braum)
8 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, May 6-Nov. 18
(closed May 23 and Oct. 3)

Vienna Saturday Farmers Market

Church Street and Dominion Road NE
(Caboose parking lot)
(Sarah Jane Brady) 703-200-7806,
manager@viennafarmersmarket.com
<http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com>
8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 2-Oct. 31



Notices and Congratulations

T.R. Cook, longtime Vienna resident and photographer, has been awarded the 2009 Heritage Preservation Award from **Historic Vienna, Inc.** The award is given in recognition of individual effort on behalf of preserving Vienna's heritage. T.R. has contributed his talents and efforts restoring historical photographs, creating exhibits and providing photographic record of historic sites.

Council for the Arts of Herndon announced the winners of the 5th Annual SAIC Technology and Arts Competition, a competition involving 28 Fairfax high schools. **South Lakes HS Nicholas Hazelton** took home first place in the Digital Photography category with his piece "Politics of Identity". **Ashley Goh, G.C. Marshall HS**, won the Digital Art category first place for her "Television Melts Brain".

Congratulations to **Andrew Pendergrass**, head librarian at Vienna's **Patrick Henry Library**, who has been promoted to manager of the **Reston Regional Library**. Andrew was a fixture at Patrick Henry, bringing creative and popular new programming to the library including international films, computer instruction, even a Hogwarts/Harry Potter party at the release of the new book.

Madison High School swimmer **Sean Fletcher** is in the news once again. Sean was named Washington Post' **All-Met Swimmer of the Year**. Sean won both of his events at the Virginia AAA state championships, setting a national high school record in the 100 butterfly, then taking home the 100 freestyle title just three races later - just missing the state record by two-hundredths of a second.

The Positive Aging Coalition invites residents to a free discussion series. Saturday, May 2's topic is "**Finding Passion and Purpose**". Come join in a free discussion, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on ways to age positively as we chart our next chapter. Small groups will share their strategies for encore careers, civic engagement and volunteering, healthy aging, and social involvement. Program will be held at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon. Registration is required: call 703-324-5544, or dorothy.keenan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Sponsored by the Positive Aging Coalition and the Department of Community and Recreation Services.

Make Something Special for Mom at Frying Pan Farm Park: Come to the Visitor Center on Sunday, May 3 at 12:30 or 1:00 for a half hour session to make a special gift for Mom. The project will be fired and ready for pick up at Frying Pan on May 8th after noon, just in time for Mother's Day. Cost is \$15 for a mug or luncheon plate and \$18 for a cup and saucer. Call 703-437-9101 for information and reservations.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is collecting used books for the major fund raiser - the annual **Used Book Sale**. Books can be left on the front porch of the Freeman House or brought inside during store hours. Most all books are welcome, but no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks or condensed books. The Used Books Sale will be Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14th, at the Freeman House on Church Street. Call 703-938-5187 for additional information.

Don't Quit Your Day Job: Writing and Illustrating for Children

Sunday, May 3, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Regional Library

Join children's authors in a roundtable discussion as they discuss strategies to get published and keep working during the economic downturn. Featured panelists include Maha Adahsi, Tami Lewis Brown, Cyndy Cotton, Alison Hart and Joan Waites. Free; registration required; [register online](#) or call 703-689-2700. Reston Regional Library is located at 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. This event is cosponsored by The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators – Mid-Atlantic Region. Send questions to the panelists by emailing midatlanticscbwi@tidalwave.net. Put "MAY QUESTIONS" in the subject line of the e-mail.



Sign-Ups for Kids' Summer Programs Underway

Here's a sample and quick links to the summer children's programs available in our area. Many of the sponsoring agencies have scholarships available for kids who might not be able to attend for financial reasons. Check out the programs on their web pages for complete information.

Fairfax County Park Authority Summer Camps are available for preschoolers through teens, in a wide variety of activity areas and interests. (Register by May 29 and save \$10.)

In addition, **Park Authority's Summer Rec-PAC** operates a 5 days/week/6 weeks summer recreation program at 52 County schools for kids 6 through 12. Rec-PAC registration fees are computed on a sliding scale according to family income, plus has partial scholarships available.

Local high school boosters offer a variety of sports camps: registration and information on their websites.

South Lakes High School (all-sports, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, Virginia Tech volleyball)

Madison High School (boys and girls basketball, field hockey)

Marshall High School (boys and girls basketball)

Oakton High School (boys and girls basketball, dance, girls field hockey/ lacrosse, boys lacrosse, volleyball)

Town of Vienna's summer programs include sports camps, specialty camps such as fencing and fishing, plus a summer playground program.

Reston Community Center's camps include special interest such as sewing, puppeteering, robotics, paintball, and many others.



Reston Association has **summer day camps** for preschoolers through teens at their facilities.

Vienna Arts Society offers **Summer Week-Long Art Camps** for kids ages 4-12.

Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Saturday, April 25

Fairfax County Earth Day Celebration, 11-4, at Northern Virginia Community College

Tuesday, April 28

Stratton Wood Park Master Plan Meeting, 7 p.m., Hunters Woods Elementary School (page 6)

Wednesday, April 29

Raglan Road Community Meeting, 7 p.m., Westbriar Elementary School (page 2)

Saturday, May 2

Invasive Plant Removal Day, Waverly Park and other sites (page 6)

Opening Day for Farmers' Markets - see article for locations and days (page 7)

Sunday, May 3

Make Something Special For Mom, 12:30 or 1:00, Frying Pan Farm Park (page 9)

Saturday, May 9

Skate Park on Wheels, 2-5 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park. Rain date May 10. (page 3)

Spring Farm Day at Frying Pan Farm Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date on May 10th.