

# 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](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The month of July was filled with festivals throughout the Hunter Mill District. Great weather and a good turnout made for many opportunities to meet constituents and catch up on the news throughout the District.

Inside this edition of **Hunter Mill Highlights** are updates on volunteer opportunities, community planning meetings, and of course, status of the major transportation projects. Take particular note of **National Night Out**, a nation wide event held each year to remind residents to turn on outside lights and come outside with your neighbors as a reminder that neighborhoods and police working together can keep our community safe. "McGruff" will be out at many fun events to emphasize this message and show us how we all can "take a bite out of crime." Activities are planned for several neighborhoods in the District, or you can show your support by turning on your front lights on Tuesday night.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our community and hearing from you on issues of concern. As always, my office is available as a resource to you and your family.

*Cathy Hudgins*

State Delegate Ken Plum (on the left) and I took the opportunity to talk with many residents on issues important to them at the recent **Reston Festival**. I value these one-on-one discussions and look forward to seeing you.



## Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

### Fairfax Connector Bus Riders: Community Meeting on Routes

There will be a community meeting to solicit comments from the public on possible changes to the RIBS bus routes,

**August 8, 2009 from 10 AM to Noon.**

North County Governmental Center Community Room -  
12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

Please call my office or the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600 for further information.

### REMINDER:

Real estate taxes  
were due to  
Fairfax County  
and Town of Vienna  
on July 28.

**COMING: Personal  
property taxes due on  
October 5th**

### National Night Out: August 4th

Tuesday, August 4th is National Night Out. On this night, neighbors, friends and families lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside together with special events, anticrime rallies and activities for children. Local police offices visit many of the neighborhood gatherings.

The program is designed to;

- ◆ heighten crime and drug prevention awareness,
- ◆ generate support for local anti-crime programs
- ◆ strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- ◆ send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Southgate Community Center will be hosting a local National Night Out event from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Come and join your friends and neighbors to send a clear message to criminals Southgate is located at 12125 Pinecrest Street, Reston.

For additional information on NNO activities, contact you're the community prevention officer at your local district station;

Reston - Harry Cogan	703-478-0799
McLean - Pat Lucas	703-556-7750
Fair Oaks - Richard Twombly	703-352-2163

For more information, visit the FCPD website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno/>

### Volunteer Solutions Fair Thursday, August 6th

Fairfax County is sponsoring a Volunteer Solutions Fair on **Thursday, August 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston. Participants will learn about volunteer opportunities that help older adults and adults with disabilities. Find your niche in creating a caring community for all ages.

Volunteer Solutions is a program of the Department of Family Services' Division of Adult and Aging Services/Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. For additional information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa> or call 703-704-6075.

## Status of Hunter Mill District Projects

### RA/RCC Indoor Recreation Center Proposal

Last week, the Reston Association Board voted to end all consideration of Browns Chapel Park as the site for a new indoor recreation facility. RA also approved the creation of a recreation master planning committee to develop a Reston-wide plan for recreation including indoor facilities. This new task force will include volunteers from the community.

### Raglan Road Rezoning

WV/B Palisades rezoning applications RZ 2009-HM-003 and 004 proposes rezoning 8614 and 8615 Raglan Road in Vienna, from R-1 to R-5 to permit two (2) single family houses and R-1/R-3 to R-8 to permit 14 attached units. The applications currently have a Planning Commission public hearing date for September 24, 2009. However, this date is being deferred to a date to be determined. The Applicant will be presenting before the Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee at the September 15, 2009 meeting - 12000 Bowman Towne Parkway, Reston starting @ 7:30 p.m.

### Soapstone Drive Walkway Project

Discussions continue with County staff on the best way to address comments from the community I received regarding parking, pedestrian safety, drainage, and environmental issues. A community meeting will be scheduled for early fall to present the proposed plans. Watch this newsletter for future meeting announcements.

### Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC was previously selected to construct the Reston Metrorail stop at Wiehle Avenue through a public-private partnership agreement. Currently under consideration is a pending land use application to amend the zoning classification in order to implement the mixed-use environment, including 2,300+ space multi-deck parking garage along with office, hotel, residential and retail space. I will be hosting a **community meeting** on the Wiehle Station on Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m. at South Lakes High School.

### Stratton Woods Park Lights

In early August, I will be visiting Park Authority sites to personally evaluate the new athletic field lighting. The proposed changes to the Stratton Woods Park Master Plan include lights for the 90' baseball field, tennis courts, parking lot, and construction of a new outdoor handball/racquetball court and picnic shelter. The new facilities will provide additional opportunities for outdoor activity at the park. Baseball lights are suggested to meet the needs of the local baseball leagues. The Hunter Mill District has a shortage of 90' baseball fields which impacts our local teams. However, many neighbors are concerned about the impact of the lights and additional noise from the extended hours of a lit field. The proposal will be presented to the Park Authority Board in September.

### Fairway Apartments Redevelopment Proposal

Fairway I & II Residential LLC (Applicant) has filed a Planned Residential Community (PRC) Plan (PRC A-502-2) to convert the existing Fairway Apartments consisting of 346 units with 543 parking spaces. The Applicant is proposing the following: Fairway East section will consist of 370 multi-family units with 593 parking spaces. Fairway West will consist of 593 multi-family units, 31 single family attached units, 8,000 square feet of retail with 985 parking spaces. A Planning Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for November 19, 2009.

### RAJ Development LLC - 1841 Explorer Street, Reston

RAJ proposes to convert the current Windwood Child Center to a multi-family residential building with first and second floor retail, third floor child care center, and residential above. Planning Commission consideration is scheduled for November 5, 2009.

## Take Advantage of the VA Sales Tax Holiday for Back to School Necessities Friday, August 7th through Sunday, August 9th

During this three day period, the Commonwealth of Virginia will exempt Virginia sales tax on certain purchases of school supplies, clothing and footwear. It's easy to take advantage of these savings as retailers will not be charging sales tax on approved items - no forms for you to fill out or refunds to apply. Just go do your back-to-school shopping on this weekend. For details and additional information, visit the [School Supplies and Clothing Holiday](#) page. Below is a sampling of the exempt items;

### Tax Exempt SCHOOL SUPPLIES \$20 limit per item

Binders  
Book bags  
Calculators  
Cellophane tape  
Composition books  
Crayons  
Dictionaries and thesauruses  
Dividers  
Erasers  
Folders;  
Glue, paste, and paste sticks  
Highlighters  
Index cards  
Lunch boxes  
Musical instruments, accessories, and replacement items, sheet music  
Paints & Paintbrushes  
Paper, Notebooks, Writing Tablets  
Pencil sharpeners  
Pencils and Pens  
Reference books, maps and globes  
Rulers  
Scissors  
Sketch and drawing pads  
Textbooks  
Workbooks

**Not included:** computers, athletic and sports equipment, handbags, jewelry, briefcases. See website above for complete lists.

### Tax Exempt CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR \$100 limit per item

Athletic supporters  
Baby bibs, clothes, receiving blankets, diapers  
Bathing suits, swim trunks, cover-ups, bathing caps  
Belts and suspenders  
Boots  
Choir and altar clothing, clerical vestments  
Coats, jackets, and windbreakers  
Costumes (sold not rented)  
Dresses, Skirts  
Formal wear for men and women (sold, not rented)  
Gloves and mittens for general use  
Gym suits and uniforms  
Hats and caps  
Hosiery & Pantyhose  
Jeans  
Jerseys (both athletic and non-athletic)  
Leotards and tights, legwarmers  
Lingerie, Slips  
Nightgowns & Pajamas, Robes  
Raincoats, rain hats, and ponchos  
Scarves  
Shirts and blouses  
Shoes and shoe laces, slippers, sneakers, sandals  
Slacks & Shorts  
Socks and stockings, including athletic socks  
Suits, vests, bow ties, neckties, and scarves  
Underwear  
Uniforms, athletic and non-athletic  
Wedding apparel, including veils (sold not rented)

## WANTED: New Backpacks and School Supplies

While you are out shopping, please consider contributing a new backpack or school supplies for kids in need. **Reston Interfaith** is collecting backpacks to give each child a good start for the school year. Backpacks and school supplies can be dropped off at the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, in Reston.



## Transportation

### Hearings Scheduled on Proposed Toll Increases

Three public hearings will be held in the Dulles Corridor on the proposed toll rate increases. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Finance and Dulles Toll Road Committees have proposed a toll rate increase of 25 cents at the Main Toll Plaza and 2 cents at the ramps of the Dulles Toll Road. The proposed toll increase would take effect in 2010 if approved by the full Board later this year.

Hearings are scheduled for;

Monday, August 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Ashburn Elementary School - 44062 Fincastle Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147

Thursday, September 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

McLean High School - 1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101

Wednesday, September 9 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

South Lakes High School - 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191

At the sessions, there will be information exhibits about the Metrorail Project; the cost and financing of the Metrorail Project; The Dulles Toll Road and potential improvements that may be made to the Toll Road in the future; the revenue anticipated to be raised as a result of the proposed toll increases; and how this additional revenue will be spent.

For individuals unable to attend a public hearing, the information on the exhibits will be provided on the MWAA website at <http://www.mwaa.com/tollroad>. Written comments may also be submitted via the website once the exhibit information is posted in August.



### Construction Begins Along Dulles Airport Access Road

Contractors will be working for several months to relocate utilities, clear trees and brush, and prepare for the construction of the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail station, which will be located just west of Wiehle Avenue. Travelers will see activity in the median between the Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Access Road in the area stretching from Hunter Mill Road to the Reston Parkway. Work will be performed daily Monday through Saturday. Occasional lane closures may be required as work progresses.

If you have any construction related emergencies, call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789. For additional information about the project, visit their website at [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com) or call 703-572-0506.

## Parks & Recreation

### Nominations Open for Champion of Character in Awards New Deadline: August 7th

The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) are accepting nominations for the annual Fairfax County "Champions of Character" Awards. Nominees can be any player, coach or parent participating in youth league sports in Fairfax County. Nominees must have demonstrated extraordinary service in the youth sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Awards will be present to one winner in each category - female player, male player, coach and parent- from each magisterial district of the County. A selection committee composed of the Fairfax County Athletic Council members will review all submissions and determine the award winners. The awards will be presented in conjunction with National Character Counts Month in October.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/team\\_sports/fccoc\\_awards.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/team_sports/fccoc_awards.htm). For more information or to have a nomination mailed, call CRS at 703-324-5533.

*From Park Authority press release;*

### Civil War Weekend Encampment at Sully Historic Site

"Still holding on to home..." wrote Maria Barlow, living at Sully during the Civil War years. Both Confederate and Federal troops traveled across Sully's grounds from 1861 to 1965. They requisitioned a wagon and team, took livestock, and Ms. Barlow sold them hay. Wounded were left at Sully after the Battle of Ox Hill. Hear the roar of artillery, the beat of horse's hooves and the muffled sounds of infantry on the march as Sully Historic Site hosts its annual Civil War Weekend Encampment on Saturday August 15, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Skirmishes based on portions of the Battle of Ox Hill illustrate military tactics of the period. Costumed interpreters demonstrate the varied work of the army including drill, artillery and rifle firing. Fall in as a recruit and learn marching maneuvers.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Included is a guided tour of the Richard Bland Lee hom, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle to Robert E. Lee. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, on Route 28, 1/4 mile north of Route 50. For information call 703-437-1794.

### Paint Your Old Car Green While Supporting Your Parks

Fairfax County Park Foundation invites park friends to "Go Green" by donating used cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and RV's to benefit Fairfax County 's parks. Donors will receive a tax deduction and avoid the hassle and expense of trying to sell their own vehicles. The proceeds from vehicle sales will be used to improve County parks and provide recreation program scholarships for low-income children.

Donating is easy. Just call and a drive will pick up your vehicle from your home, business, or repair shop. For information about the vehicle donations and to schedule a free pick-up, call toll-free 877-537-5277, or visit [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org)

The Fairfax County Park Foundation is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization that helps pick up where tax dollars leave off in meeting community needs for park land, facilities and services. For more information about the Park Foundation and its programs, contact Paul Baldino at 703-324-8581.

## HMD Community Day and Softball Game at South Lakes Park



We had a lot of fun at the Hunter Mill Community Day in July. Our Reston Police "Road Dawgs" were again victorious in softball over the WPGC 95.5 "Naturals". Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs, burgers, and watermelon, but the hit of the day were those blue snowcones! My thanks to the staff at Southgate Community Center staff and the Reston Station Police for their help in creating a memorable day for our HMD families.



### Notices and Congratulations

**Adeel Mufti**, Hunter Mill District Representative to the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, is the new secretary for the Council. The Council promotes the County's volunteer emergency preparedness programs. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/>, for opportunities to participate.

Sign-ups for **youth and adult fall sports leagues** are taking place now! To find opportunities in your area, check out the Department of Community and Recreation's [Sports Directory](#).

### Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

#### Tuesday, August 4

National Night Out: Southgate Community Center, 4:30-7:00 p.m. (p. 2)

#### Thursday, August 6

Volunteer Solutions Fair: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. at Reston Regional Library (p. 2)

#### Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday on school supplies and clothing (p. 3)

#### Saturday, August 8

Connector Bus Community Meeting: 10 a.m. to noon, North County Governmental Center (p. 2)