



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

As I write this last message of 2009, it is a cold night and, with just a few weeks until officially winter, there are many more cold days and nights ahead for us. If you are a lover of this season, enjoy it, and I do wish that you have all which you require to get through these months. However, for many, winter exacerbates conditions that are already challenging. During the last few years many more of our neighbors, coworkers, family and friends find themselves in unlivable conditions. The holiday season has come to be a reminder of why and how we ensure that the true value of community is to care about and for one another.

The Hunter Mill District, not unlike other areas of Fairfax County and the region, demonstrates its support for the needy in many ways. The hypothermia program opened on December 1 to shelter the homeless from the cold. In partnership with Fairfax County Government, hundreds of people from faith communities, schools, non-profits and other volunteers will shelter, feed and support persons unable to find shelter during the winter months. Also during this same time, the Hunter Mill District Coat Closet, in partnership with Reston Interfaith, will provide wither coats to those without sufficient warm outerwear. In its 9<sup>th</sup> year, this program has been sustained through volunteers that provide gently used and new coats to anyone in need.

One might think in tough times, people would not go out of their way to organize and host a coat drive at work – but they have. Teachers, who have many pressures of their own, are taking time to teach their students to think about others by hosting coat drives in their classrooms. Even our businesses, who are certainly feeling the effects of a lack of consumer spending, delivered coats just as they have in year's past. This is how I know that people will always help each other and communities will come together when people are in need.

Several community organizations in Hunter Mill District are both available to help those in need, but also need support themselves. As you might imagine, the need for services is going up as many people ask for help for the first time. Those who were donating items or money last year are seeking that same help now. At the same time, the ability of organization to raise money to support their efforts is hampered by the financial situation of their regular funding sources. I'd like to highlight a few of these organizations as a way to outline some of the resources available, to provide a way for you to help and to say thank you for what they do.

Herndon-Reston Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help or FISH ([www.herndonrestonfish.org](http://www.herndonrestonfish.org)) is a volunteer organization helping people meet short-term, emergencies needs responding to requests for rent, transportation to medical appointments, furniture, utilities and medical items.

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The Closet in Herndon ([www.theclosetinc.org](http://www.theclosetinc.org)) accepts a wide variety of quality donated items, including clothing, household items, electronic and sporting goods, books, toys, videos, musical instruments, and other items. The items are sold for a nominal price and the money used to sustain operations and support other community organizations. The Closet also donates clothing without charge to needy persons, after an appropriate referral.

Reston Interfaith ([www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org)) promotes self-sufficiency through support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other services.

The Committee for Helping Others ([www.cho-va.com](http://www.cho-va.com)) is an all volunteer organization that provides food, clothing, furniture, transportation and financial assistance to individuals and families in Vienna, Merrifield, Oakton and Dunn Loring.

As we enjoy the season of giving, let us not forget that the true value of community is to care about and for one another all twelve months of the year. As the Board of Supervisors tackle the difficult weeks and months ahead, we will be looking for new and creative ways to solve the most severe budget in the history of Fairfax County Government. In finding solutions, I will look to see what can be done to keep us all as one community, seeking solutions that unit us. It is the interdependence that has made Fairfax County such a high quality place to live, work and play. I look forward to hearing from you in the New Year.

Best wishes for the holidays!



The first snow of the season at Frying Pan Farm Park.  
Photo by Frying Pan Farm Park staffer Paul Nicholson  
What makes up a snowflake? [Click here](#)



## RECQuest Children's Programs Offered During the Fairfax County Public Schools Winter Break

When Fairfax County Public Schools close for the winter break, RECQuest kicks into full gear. RECQuest is an affordable all-day program for children in grades first through sixth. Jammed-packed with fun activities, games, and arts and crafts, RECQuest offers kids the opportunity to make friends and have fun in a safe, supervised environment. RECQuest begins December 28 and runs through December 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no program December 31, 2009 or January 1, 2010). In the Hunter Mill District, RECQuest is held at the Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston. You can register on-site on December 28. Registration forms will be available at the centers, [online](#), or by calling 703-324-5555, TTY 711. The cost is \$56 per child. A payment scale is available for families who meet eligibility requirements. Participants must bring a bag lunch daily and wear comfortable clothing. Transportation to and from the center is the responsibility of the parent. Inclusion opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Inclusion Specialist Ashley Haddow at 703-324-5214, TTY 711.

Southgate Community Center - 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston  
703-860-0676

## Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

### 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards Nomination Deadline Extended to December 18

The planning committee for the 25th Annual Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration is accepting nominations for the 2009 Community Service Awards. In keeping with this year's theme, "Are We Keeping the Promise?", the celebration will present three awards to recognize members of the community for their significant efforts in the past year that upheld the legacy of Dr. King and improved the lives of others. The three Award categories are youth, adult (older than 21), and a Greater Reston business or organization. Deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday, December 18th.

Nomination forms are available on the Reston Community Center website, or can be requested by calling 703-476-4500. For questions regarding the awards program or the Reston MLK Day planning, please contact Kevin Danaher at 703-390-6161.

The Reston 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration weekend is co-sponsored by the Reston Community Center, Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Church, the office of Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Reston Community Orchestra, and Reston Interfaith, along with the support of many other religious and civic organizations, business groups and schools.

### Board of Supervisors Additional December Meeting

**The Board of Supervisors will hold an additional meeting on Monday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Auditorium. The agenda consists of a single item: a decision on the Dulles Rail Phase II Tax Petition.**

### Be Prepared for Snow and Winter Weather

Almost all roads in Northern Virginia are owned and maintained by the State. Snow plowing is a state responsibility. Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) goal is to have all road passable within 48 hours after a storm ends. Crews first clear interstates, primary roads, and major secondary roads that connect localities, fire stations, employment hubs, schools, hospitals and other important public facilities. They will then treat secondary roads and subdivisions streets, where you and I live. Please note that crews focus on roads that carry the most traffic.

Town of Vienna Residents: The Town of Vienna provides residents with snow removal and salting operations on primary and secondary streets within the town limits. Primary streets receive top priority, then residential subdivisions.

#### Numbers to call

Call 511 - traveler-information service gives drivers the most up-to-date data on weather, construction or accidents.

[www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org) - traffic cameras where you can see current conditions.

703-383-8368 - Virginia Department of Transportation 24 hour customer service center

703-478-0283 - Hunter Mill District office



## Volunteer for Income Tax Assistance Help Low-Income Families in Your Community

Northern Virginia Cash Campaign provides free tax preparation services to low income families. Working with local businesses and government agencies, the mission is to raise awareness about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and increase financial literacy among low-income taxpayers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program relies on volunteers to deliver free tax preparation services at no cost to working families and individuals in our community. For the second year, the Department of Family Services is coordinating the program and is recruiting volunteers to serve as site coordinators, greeters/screeners/interpreters and tax preparers. Last year, volunteers prepared and submitted nearly 9,000 tax returns for low and moderate income and elderly individuals and families. Tax preparation sites are situated throughout Northern Virginia, in public buildings and are handicap accessible.



No prior experience is necessary. Free certified training courses are offered in a classroom setting or online. The IRS offers Link & Learn Taxes e-Learning courses to help prepare tax professionals who wish to volunteer through tax credit sources. The courses will guide preparers through the basics so they are able to accurately assist low-income families in need.

For more information about the program or to register as a volunteer, contact [James Do](#) at 571-749-7838, or sign up through the website at [www.nvacash.org](http://www.nvacash.org)

**Health Department continues the free H1N1 vaccines at 5 County clinics. You can check the availability of the vaccine, the schedule for days and times of the clinics, plus the target group on their website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu/>. Clinics have day and evening hours.**

### Colds vs. Flu: Which is it?

Only your doctor can tell for sure as the symptoms of a common cold and influenza are similar. The following are only general guidelines for distinguishing between a cold and seasonal flu.

<b><u>SYMPTOM</u></b>	<b><u>COLD</u></b>	<b><u>INFLUENZA</u></b>
<b>Fever</b>	Rare with a cold	Usually present in 80% of cases. Temperature of 100 degrees or higher for 3-4 days is common
<b>Coughing</b>	Hacking, productive cough	Non-productive, dry cough is usually present
<b>Aches</b>	Slight body aches and pains	Severe aches and pains are common
<b>Stuffy nose</b>	Common, resolves within a week	Not commonly present with the flu
<b>Chills</b>	Uncommon with a cold	60% of people experience chills
<b>Tiredness</b>	Fairly mild with a cold	Moderate to severe with the flu
<b>Sneezing</b>	Commonly present	Not common
<b>Sudden symptoms</b>	Tend to develop over a few days	Rapid onset within 3-6 hours. Flu hits hard and fast.
<b>Headache</b>	Fairly uncommon	Very common, present in 80% of cases
<b>Sore throat</b>	Commonly present	Not commonly present
<b>Chest discomfort</b>	Discomfort is mild to moderate	Often severe



### Status of Hunter Mill District Projects

#### Reston Excelsior LLC

PRC 86-C-121-03 - Development of two residential buildings on Tax Map 017-4((01))007B - Oracle Campus. Town Center Concept Plan (CPA 86-C-121-8-3) to permit the development with a maximum of 457 units and a maximum height of 180 was approved by the Planning Commission on June 1, 2006

#### 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 @ Tax Map 17-2((18))1 and 17-2((19))2A. **The Planning Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for March 18, 2010.**

#### Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station Area

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC (Applicant) has filed **RZ/FDP 2009-HM-019** to reclassify an assemblage of property at the planned Wiehle Avenue Metro Station area from Industrial Category -4 to Planned Development Commercial District for a mixed-use Transit Oriented Development project. The development proposes to include approximately 497,300 to 747,030 square feet of office, up to 250,000 square feet of hotel, 511,170 square feet of residential and 70,000 to 130,000 square feet of support retail. The project will also incorporate a 2,300+ space multi-deck parking garage for the Metro station @ 1860 Wiehle Ave. & 11465 Sunset Hills Rd. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2010.**

#### Nuggett Joint Venture

Nuggett Joint Venture (Applicant) is seeking to rezone **RZ/FDP 2009-HM-017** from the Planned Development Commercial District (PDC) to the Planned Residential Mix-Use (PRM) District to permit Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on this site near the Rt. 28 CIT Transit Station pending Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment - SO7-III-UP2. The Applicant is proposing residential, office, and retail, Tax Map 15-2((1)) 13 and 15-4((5))5B. Deferred indefinitely.

#### Reston Hospital Center, LLC

Reston Hospital Center, LLC (Applicant) has filed **RZ/PRC 2009-HM-014 and PCA 89C-025-05 / DPA 89-C-025-04** to reclassify the property from Commercial-Category 3, Commercial-Category-4 and Planned Residential Community (PRC) Districts to PRC and to permit an additional 152 beds, two level addition to the Pavilion Medical Office building and one six story medical center @ 1850 Town Center Parkway. The Reston Planning and Zoning voted to recommend approval of these applications. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 @ 8:15 p.m. 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.**

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

RAJ Development 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 (CPA 86-C-121-12 and PRC 86-C-121-12). The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of these applications. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2010.**

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## Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force

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### First Task Force Meeting

On Tuesday, December 1, 2009 the Department of Planning and Zoning and I hosted the kickoff meeting for the Reston Master Plan Special Study. More than 130 people attended the meeting. Items we discussed were:

- Scope of the Special Study;
- Schedule of the Special Study;
- Process for the Deferred Hunter Mill District Area Plan Review Items;
- Introduction of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force
- Initial Discussion of General Planning Principles for Reston.

The ability to continue to review the needs of the community by planning for the future is as important today as the original work by Robert E. Simon. The Reston Master Plan Special Study will develop language for updating the Reston Master Plan and Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. Planning for the next 30-50 years is crucial in maintaining the high quality life style that has been established for this community. The success of the planning will impact the future for generations to come.

Information distributed at the meeting will be available on the Department of Planning and Zoning web site @ [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston.htm) .

Community meetings will be held throughout the planning process to provide interested citizens with an update and opportunity for input.

### Task Force Membership

The task force was formulated with the goal of providing a balanced and inclusive view of Reston. The members listed below were chosen by their organizations to serve as the their representative on the Task Force. With the remaining at-large seats, I will be rounding out our representation on the task force.

Nicholas Bauer At-large	Arthur Hill Reston Planning and Zoning	Jay Seidenstricker Reston Town Center - Commercial
John Anderson Carter At-large	William Keefe Reston Community Center	Paul Thomas Reston Association
Michael Cooper Brandywine Realty Trust	Mark Looney Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce	Phil Tobey Western Alliance for Rail to Dulles
Mike Corrigan Reston Citizens Association	Arthur Murphy Reston Planning and Zoning	Gerald Volloy Alliance of Reston Cluster & Homeowners
Frederick Costello At-large	Patricia Nicoson Dulles Corridor Rail Association	Robert Walker Reston Planning and Zoning
Frank de la Fe Planning Commission (Ex-Officio)	Peter Ottenti Boston Properties	Kohann Williams At-Large
Van Foster Reston Community Reinvestment Corp.	Greg Riegler Western Alliance for Rail to Dulles	
Robert Goudie Reston Town Center - Residential	John Schlichting JBG Companies	

**Questions on the Reston Master Plan Special Study or the Task Force should be directed to the Hunter Mill office at 703-478-0283, or e-mail at [hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov)**

# Transportation

## End of the Year Wrap-Up on Hunter Mill District Traffic Calming Projects

As we ease into 2010, it's good to reflect on our progress in 2009. When I say "our", I really mean our progress as many of the projects listed were initiated, planned and completed with your involvement. I want to thank all the citizens who contributed to these projects and continue to contact my office with their suggestions and input that work towards keeping our streets and walkways safe. Keep up the good work!

### TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS

#### Speed Tables/Chicanes/Signage:

	HOA/ INITIATOR	STATUS
Abbotsford Drive/Center Street	Barristers Place	Balloting in progress
Clarks Crossing Road	Elgin Manor	Under review by Task Force
Cross School Road	Cross School Rd. Neighborhood	Ready for Task Force review
Dakota Lakes Drive		Ongoing - FCDOT review
Garrett Street	Glencannon HOA	Completed
John Milton/Quincy Adams Drive	Fox Mill Estates HA	FCDOT will review 2/2010
Meadow Hall Road	Meadow Hall HOA	HOA establishing Task Force
Thunderchase Drive/Colts Brook Road	RA for Polo Fields	FCDOT review 2/2010

#### MultiWay Stop Signs:

Abbey Oak Dr/Meadowlark Road	Sun Valley/Clarks Crossing HOA	To BOS for approval 1/12/10
Magna Carta Dr/Keele Drive	Individual	To BOS for approval 1/12/10
Quincy Adams/Wendell Holms Drive	Fox Mill Estates HA	To BOS for approval 1/12/10
Garret Street	Glencannon HOA	Completed

#### Watch for Children Signs:

Abbey Oaks Drive	Sun Valley HOA	To BOS for approval 1/12/10
Bingham Terrace	Individual	Completed
Bois Drive (2 signs)	Bluffs of Wolf Trap	To BOS for approval 1/12/10
Brookmeadow Court	Individual	Completed
Fox Rest Lane	Individual	Completed
Laurel Ridge Road	Individual	Completed
Rosedown Drive	Stratton Woods HOA	To BOS for approval 1/12/10

### OTHER PROJECTS:

**Old Courthouse Road (OCR) Traffic Calming Initiative;** VDOT and the County have continued to work closely with my office and the Citizens for Traffic Calming on Old Courthouse Road (CTCOCR) and much progress continues. Some of the completed projects include: striping parts of OCR for parking and bicycle lanes, reducing the speed limit to a consistent 25 mph, implementing \$200 fine for speeding signs, additional signage including Watch for Children, speed limits, turns, and deer crossing; installation of high visibility crosswalk and ADA ramp, and enhanced pavement markings east and west of the crosswalk at Pine Valley Drive, tree trimming at various locations, and increased police patrols. A CTROCR Task Force met with county staff during the summer as the county reviewed VDOT approved RTAP criteria for roads like Old Courthouse Road. These were approved by the Board of Supervisors in September. A concept plan is currently being reviewed by the Fire and Rescue Department and a meeting with the Task Force is anticipated early in the New Year.

**Lawyer Road Restriping and Bike Lanes:** Resurfacing and restriping of Lawyers Road is completed. VDOT continues their ongoing review of traffic flow and safety on the road. Average speed limits are lower which is good news.

**Soapstone Walkway Project:** Board of Supervisors approved the notice to proceed on the project on December 7 and surveying will begin soon for the walkway alignment on the east side of Soapstone Drive from Glade Drive to South Lakes Drive. Staff is waiting to hear from an adjacent community on additional easement issues. The first phase of the project is moving forward.

**Reston Community Parking District:** Establishment of CPD includes Carter Woods, Deepwood, Estates at Wyndham Hill, New Bedford, Polo Fields, Stratton Woods and Sutton Ridge. The CPD restricts boat trailers, boats, motor homes, trailers and larger axel vehicles from parking on public streets.

## **Airports Authority Introduces “Airscape” – New Online Noise and Flight Tracking Tool Provides Convenient Access to Data about National and Dulles Flights**

A new online noise and flight tracking tool called “Airscape” is now available via the Airports Authority’s website. Airscape provides direct access to archival noise and flight tracking data in the region around Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport. Airscape can:

- Pinpoint a local street address
- View the movement of flights over the area
- View numerical readouts from noise monitors around the region
- File noise complaints online with the Airports Authority

The noise data presented on Airscape is loaded into the system each night and can be viewed the next day. Flight track data is generally available within 72 hours after the flight occurs. Live flight tracks are not available due to security concerns. This on-line system will provide better access to information along with the ability to easily send inquiries and concerns to Airports Authority environmental staff.



The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Authority) has also replaced the 20 year old noise monitors that have been in place around National and Dulles as part of the effort to better respond to community noise related concerns. These improvements are a result of work with the community and local governments over the years on identifying ways that the Airports Authority can provide timely and useful information to the public regarding flight paths in the region.

You can access Airscape from the Authority’s website [www.mwaa.com](http://www.mwaa.com) by selecting an airport then clicking on “Flight Information.”

For Reagan National: [http://www.mwaa.com/reagan/flight\\_information\\_2/aircraft\\_noise\\_dca](http://www.mwaa.com/reagan/flight_information_2/aircraft_noise_dca)

For Dulles International: [http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/flight\\_information\\_3/aircraft\\_noise\\_iad](http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/flight_information_3/aircraft_noise_iad)

### **Environmental Quality Corridor System: Public Meeting on Strawman Plan Amendment**

On January 6, 2010, the Environment Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission will be holding a public workshop on a draft Policy Plan Amendment proposal addressing disturbances to Environmental Quality Corridors (EQC).

The Environmental Quality Corridor system is an open space system in Fairfax County that is designed to link and preserve natural resource areas; by doing so, it also provides significant opportunities for passive recreation.

More details and background are provided on the website. Of particular note is the availability of a background document containing the “Strawman” draft Plan Amendment at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/eqcdisturbancesstrawman.pdf>.

**Please bookmark these links  
for up to date project and traffic  
information on these major  
transportation projects now  
under construction in Hunter  
Mill District and the region.**

**HOT Lanes and  
I-495/-267 Interchange  
<http://www.VAmeqaprojects.com/>**

**Dulles Rail  
<http://www.dullesmetro.com/>**

**For the latest in road conditions  
and travel information, visit  
Virginia Department of  
Transportation 511 site -  
[http://511virginia.org/  
RoadConditions.aspx?j=All&r=1](http://511virginia.org/RoadConditions.aspx?j=All&r=1)**



## Celebrate Fairfax announces the first ever **FROSTIVAL** January 1 through 3, 2010

FROSTIVAL is an exciting new winter-themed family festival with programs targeted to elementary and pre-K aged children. FROSTIVAL will include interactive rides, games, attractions, crafts, storytelling, musical performances, exhibits and vendors, all happening at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center in Chantilly.

Tickets prices are \$4/adults and \$10/youth for the advance sale prices, and \$5/adults and \$12/youth at the door. Children under the age of 2 are free. Multi-day passes are also available. Schedule of events and performances and ticket sales are available on the FROSTIVAL website at <http://www.frostival.com/home>



**John Coleman** was recognized for his leadership and service to our youth at the Southgate Community Center Advisory Council's annual retreat earlier this month. John has been an active and effective leader at the Southgate Community Center. I was honored to present John a plaque commemorating "John Coleman Day" in the Hunter Mill District.

### 2009 Senior Citizens Handbook

The Virginia Bar Association has published the 2009 **Senior Citizens Handbook: Laws and Programs Affecting Senior Citizens in Virginia**. The publication provides an overview and contact information for opportunities and choices facing senior citizens today, with a summary of how specific laws affect Virginia's elder citizens and practical advice on issues such as Medicaid, Alzheimer's Disease, landlord-tenant relations and more. You can download a copy from their website at <http://www.vsb.org/site/publications/senior-citizens-handbook>



Town of Vienna motorcycle officers join Santa and enjoy a cup of warm cocoa on last year's Santa's Ride.

### Santa's Ride for Children: Toys and Books Needed

The annual Santa's Ride for Children will visit sites in Fairfax County on Tuesday, Dec. 15, with a special visit by Santa and his elves. This toy and book drive event is conducted by the Police Department Motor Squad with the cooperation of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and police from the Town of Vienna and the Town of Herndon. Donations of toys, books and games are needed for the drive and will be collected until Dec. 14. Items can be dropped off at specially marked collection boxes located throughout the Government Center and in other county facilities, or at the North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive. The donated items are distributed to children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season.

## Events

### Historic Sully Candlelight Tours - 5 to 7 p.m.

Take a step into the past at the Park Authority's Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, in Chantilly. Ride the hay wagon around the grounds, then tour the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee in the glow of natural candlelight and learn about early 19th century Christmas customs. With crafts inspired by the 19th century sources, you can make an ornament to deck your own halls. Visit with St. Nicholas and enjoy cookies and cider by the fire. Reservations are required - tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and kids. For reservations and information, call 703-437-1794.

Saturday, December 12  
& Sunday, December 13

### Christmas at the Farm - two session: 12:30-1:30 or 2:30-3:30

Come to Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center to visit with the farm animals in the Kidwell Barn. Take a wagon ride with Santa and peek in the Kidwell Farm House to see it decorated for the holidays. Activities include a holiday craft and special Christmas puppet show. Cost is \$6 per person. Pre-paid reservations required. Call 703-437-9101 to make a reservation.

Sunday, December 13

### Snow Show Puppet Performance - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Bob Brown's Snow Show puppet show will take the stage at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon. Bring your holiday guests and join Master Puppeteer Bob Brown in a jolly, fun filled romp through a magical winter wonderland with feats of daring and skill by his delightful marionettes. Pre-paid reservations required - \$4 per person admission. Call 703-437-9101 to make a reservation. After the performance, stroll the park, visit the animals or shop at the Country Store.

Tuesday, December 29

### **SAVE THE DATE:** Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences Information Night for prospective students and parents - 7:00 p.m., at HWES

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences magnet program weaves arts, sciences and technology into all areas of the curriculum in order to stimulate and extend the educational potential of all students. Applications for next school year will be available beginning in January 2010, and due by March 1, 2010.

Tuesday, February 2

# Happy Holidays from the Hunter Mill District Office

## Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

### Friday, December 18

Deadline for the Community Service Awards for MLK Day Celebration

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### Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25

County offices and libraries are closed for the Christmas holiday.

### Monday, December 28

Beginning of RecQuest Winter Program at Southgate Community Center

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### Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1

County Offices and libraries are closed for the New Year's holiday

### Monday, January 11

SAVE THE DATE: Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration  
March begins at 9:30 a.m. from Southgate Community Center  
Program begins at 10:30 a.m. at Reston Community Center.

