



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*April 27, 2009*

*Dear Hunter Mill Friends,*

*At Monday's meeting, the Board of Supervisors passed the FY2010 budget, which will fund County schools and all other County services for the next fiscal year. It was a long and difficult process for everyone involved. I am proud to say we were able to restore many programs and services we originally thought might need to be cut. The Board restored key County services that allow the broader community to function. These services are all linked - from schools to public safety to human services to transportation.*

*My disappointment in this budget is the use of the Penny for Housing for other services. I am committed to keeping our focus on affordable housing and to ensuring that affordable/workforce housing is available to those who work in the County. While I can't say that I am entirely happy with the budget, I can say that I am proud that we were able to maintain many of the services that County residents rely upon. Having said that, I know that this budget will have negative effects. I only hope they are minimal and able to be mitigated by the services we do provide.*

*Thank you to nearly 900 of you who participated in the budget meetings and those of you who wrote, called and emailed. Your input was taken to heart and I hope it will continue throughout the year. We meet again on Monday, May 4th, so stay tuned for more news and information. As always, contact my office if I can be of any assistance.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

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### **4-27-2009 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **April 27, 2009 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material, please go to the County's *Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule* section on the County's webpage

at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2009.htm>

Some County links may not be active until later in the week. For items that relate to other Districts, see Agenda/Board Summary: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation to designate May 2009 as Foster Care and Foster Family Recognition Month** in Fairfax County. There are currently more than 400 children in foster care in Fairfax County. More than 150 foster families throughout the county dedicate themselves to providing children with the love and values that nurture, encourage and prepare them for the years ahead. Residents are urged during May, and throughout the year, to volunteer their time and talents on behalf of children in foster care, and to support and recognize the commitment of foster families and professional staff who work with these children.

**Board Decision on a Sewer Ordinance Amendment to Revise the Sewer Service Charges and the Availability Fees** to be consistent with the Wastewater Management Program's 2009 Wastewater Revenue Sufficiency and Rate Analysis (the Rate Study) for the Sewer System, prepared in cooperation with its consultant, Public Resources Management Group, Inc. (PRMG). Public hearing was held on March 30, 2009 and the decision was deferred to April 27<sup>th</sup>, to coincide with adoption of the FY 2010 Budget Plan.

**Board Adoption of FY 2010 Budget Plan:** The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in a unanimous 10-0 vote, adopted the fiscal year 2010 budget, which begins on July 1. On April 20, the board marked up its budget proposal. Today's action means the board formally adopted the budget resolutions necessary to implement last week's markup.

The FY 2010 adopted budget includes a real estate tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value. In addition, a stormwater service fee of \$0.01 per \$100 assessed value is being imposed to provide support for stormwater operations and capital project activities. Coupled with a 12.6 percent decline in the average residential assessment, the resulting average tax bill will be a modest reduction from the current fiscal year.

The FY 2010 plan provides for a balanced budget. Total General Fund Disbursements are projected to total \$3.33 billion, a decrease of \$92.05 million or 2.69 percent from the FY 2009 Revised Budget Plan. Excluding adjustments in the current fiscal year, the actual decrease from the FY 2009 level is \$22.28 million or 0.66 percent from the FY 2009 Adopted Budget Plan. The Adopted FY 2010 Schools transfer for operations totals \$1.63 billion, which represents no increase or decrease from the FY 2009 transfer level.

Of the \$106.4 million in reductions included in the county executive's proposed budget, the adopted budget restores \$22.73 million by reallocating funding budgeted for fuel (\$6.3 million), reducing some of the amount originally needed to absorb state cuts (\$5.1 million) and reallocating part of the penny for affordable housing (\$10.3 million) to restore critical human services and public safety programs. The net change in positions in FY 2010 is a decrease of 306 positions from FY 2009. The board's adopted budget restores 218 positions that were proposed to be eliminated in the county executive's advertised budget. These restored positions include:

- 60 positions for human services.
- 72 positions for the Fire and Rescue Department.
- 63 positions for the Police Department (including 28 School Resource Officers)
- 11 positions at the lakefront parks (Lake Accotink, Burke Lake and Lake Fairfax).
- 2 positions for the Mount Vernon Lockup.
- 2 watch officer positions for the Office of Emergency Management.
- 2 positions for air quality monitoring for the Health Department.
- 2 Planning Commission positions.
- 2 property maintenance/zoning inspector positions.
- 1 position at the David Pinn Community Center.
- 1 position at Green Spring Gardens Park.

The FY 2010 advertised budget proposed a reduction of 524 positions as a result of the lines of business (LOBs) review. Additional information on the Adopted FY 2010 budget is available [online](#) and by calling the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget at 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

**APPOINTMENTS** The following Hunter Mill residents were reappointed to serve on County Boards and Commissions;

**Commission for Women** - Michele Jones from Reston

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

**Admin 2: Approved extension of review period for additional 60 days for 2232 application FS-H-09-8 Cricket Communications** – Antenna collocation on existing transmission tower @ 9620 Verdict Drive, Vienna, VA. 22181 to June 29, 2009.

**Admin 3: Accepted streets into the Secondary System (Hunter Mill)**

- Ashgrove Meadows Way - CL Irvin Street 693' to end of cul de sac
- Teets Lane – CL Ashgrove Meadows Way 487' NW CL Irvin Street, 67' SW to beginning of temp., turnaround

**Admin 10:** Authorization for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to apply for and accept funding from the **2008 State Homeland Security Grant** through the United States Department of Homeland Security, administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Application is for \$100,000, with no local match required, for County Fire and Rescue Team for equipment, training, and exercises.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Appointment of John C. Cook, Supervisor, Braddock District to the Fairfax County Solid Waste Authority.**

**Action 3: Final action by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2010 as issued by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC)**

- Adopt the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2010 as issued by the CCFAC with funding allocations outlined below; and
- Authorize signature of the Consolidated Plan Certifications and Federal funding application forms required by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 14, 2009
- Total entitlement funding anticipated is \$10,100,219 (\$11,630,482 including NSP funds)
  - CDBG – Fund 142 - \$5,928,982
  - HOME – Fund 145 - \$2,448,682
  - ESG - \$265,518
  - HOPWA - \$180,000 estimated
  - (Neighborhood Stabilization Program - \$2,807,300)
- One-Year Action Plan for FY 2010 by the CCFAC reflect the funding levels of FY 2009 until HUD notification of FY 2010 grant awards
- Total funding includes \$1,277,037 of reallocated funds of prior year
- This is the eleventh year that the CCFP has been included in the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan
- Funding for the HOPWA Program funding will depend on the final allocation made available to Northern Virginia through NVRC and the District of Columbia

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Information 1: Contract Award – annual contract for Underground Utility Designating and Locating Services**

- Recommended that the County enter into a contractual agreement with So-Deep, Inc. to provide underground utility designating and locating services for authorized projects.
- Contract will be for an initial 12-month period.
- The contract upset limit is \$2,000,000.
- DPWES will authorize individual task orders for specific projects as they are required.

**Information 2: Contract Award - Design of Transportation Improvement Projects, Task Order Contracts.** Consulting engineering services are needed to provide transportation improvement design services for various Fairfax County projects which are not being designed by County staff and/or when these services are not part of a design contract with an outside firm. During the 2008 General Assembly session, Code of Virginia §2.2-4301 was revised to increase the monetary limits for architectural or professional engineering contracts relating to construction projects for multiple projects (task order contracts). The amount of a single contract was raised to a maximum of \$5 million per year with a maximum amount of \$1 million for a single project.

**Information 3: Contract Award – Lake Fairfax Park core area picnic shelters.** Approved a contract award for the construction of two additional picnic shelters at Lake Fairfax Park.

**Information 5: Quarterly Status Report on the Board’s Second Four-Year Transportation Program.** Status on individual projects can be found on the Hunter Mill website - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm>

## **BOARD MATTERS** introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

I will host a meeting of the **Hunter Mill Outdoor Lighting Task Force** to discuss expansion of the LED pilot in the Reston Demonstration Project area and other lighting issues with residents and representatives from DPWES and the Reston Association. I asked the Office of Public Affairs to work with local media to publicize this meeting which will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 7:00 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center.

**Bike to Work Day** is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in Fairfax County and the Washington Metro area! This is an exciting opportunity for bicycle commuters as well as those who have thought about getting out of their cars and onto their bikes. Bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and promote wellness. There will be six **Bike to Work** events in Fairfax County this year in Reston, Vienna, Springfield Metro Park, Tyson's Corner, Fairfax City and Fairfax Corner. Supervisor Smith and I sponsored a Board Matter to proclaim May 15<sup>th</sup> Bike to Work Day, requested staff to publicize Bike to Work Day, and to invite staff from the Department of Transportation and the bicycling community to appear before the board on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to be recognized for their hard work in making this day possible.

On April 30, 2009, Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce will host the **Best of Reston**, an event that honors individuals, organizations and businesses that have put forth tremendous effort in their commitment to community service and improving the lives of others. This year, for the first time, the 2008 Fairfax County First Responder Officers of the Year who serve the Greater Reston community will also be honored at the event. PFC John Asper of the Fairfax County Police Department, and Technicians Michael Frames, Scott Pifer, and Michael Eddy of the Fairfax County Fire Department, will be given special awards for their outstanding service. Proclamations for Reston's First Responder Officers of the Year will be presented at the celebration on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

My office is hosting a **Skate Park on Wheels** on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston, from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will feature a portable skateboard facility complete with ramps, rails and jumps, geared for beginners through novices, ages 6 and older. This free event is made possible through the contributions of American Inline Skating, Fairfax County Park Authority, Department of Community and Recreation Services, Reston Community Center and Reston Association. The Office of Public Affairs will advertise the event in the local media.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** (Additional details on the public hearings can be found in the Board Summaries at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>)

### **3:30 p.m. Amendments to the Code regarding changes to allow surviving spouses of deceased members to continue receiving benefits when they remarry for the Uniformed, Police Officers and Employee's Retirement Systems.**

- Currently, the benefit to surviving spouses in all three system cease upon the spouse's remarriage. This would change the Code to allow surviving spouses to continue to receive benefits when they remarry.
- This aligns with the Commonwealth and Montgomery County, but not the feds. The Federal annuity terminates if the spouse remarries prior to age 55 unless the marriage lasted at least 30 years.
- FISCAL IMPACT: Actuary has determined that this change would not result in an actuarial impact to any of the retirement systems.

### **3:30 p.m. Amendments to the Code regarding changes in service credit for military leave without pay for the Uniformed and Employees' Retirement System**

- Currently, members of the Police Officer's Retirement System (PORS) and entitled to free service credit for periods of Military Leave Without Pay (MLWOP). Members of the Uniformed Retirement System (URS) and Employees Retirement System (ERS) are not.
- These proposed changes provide members of the URS and ERS with free service credit for periods of MLWOP, achieving equity with members of the PORS.
- FISCAL IMPACT: Actuary has determined that these changes may produce a slight increase in liability, more so in the URS than the ERS. The cost in the URS is estimated to be \$200K and would occur over a number of months or years. It would not have an impact on the Plan's funding. The impact on the ERS would be negligible.

**4:00 p.m. Approval of PRC Plan 86-C-121 (Oracle USA, Inc.)** to permit the third phase of development on the Oracle Campus consisting of an eight-story office building and associated parking structure previously approved under the Development Plan for RZ 86-C-121.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Raglan Road Rezoning Community Outreach Meeting:** Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at Westbriar Elementary School. Presentations planned by the developer's agent, County staff and community organizations on proposed project known as WV/B Palisades Development (RZ 2008-HM-003 and 004). Contact Goldie Harrison at the HMD office for additional information.

**Skate Park On Wheels:** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 5 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park, Reston. My office is sponsoring a free skateboard course at the new administration building at Lake Fairfax Park. The skateboard course will feature ramps, rails, and jumps, suitable for beginners and novices. First-timers are welcome. Helmets required for all boarders. Wrist guards, elbow and knee pads suggested for skaters under the age of 16. In cooperation with American Inline, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Department of Community and Recreation Services, Reston Community Center and Reston Association. Contact the Hunter Mill District office for additional information.

**Hunter Mill Outdoor Lighting Task Force:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center. The task force will meet to discuss expansion of the LED pilot in the Reston Demonstration Project area and other lighting issues with residents and representatives from DPWES and the Reston Association.

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