

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,

Welcome to summer! As we kick into summer 2009, there is much ahead for the next few months. The Hot Lanes and MetroRail projects will impact all of us and particularly Vienna neighborhoods as we travel these construction areas. Check out the notifications on traffic disruptions. The Parks are alive with music and fun.

July is also the start of the Fiscal 2010 Budget, one that reflects the most difficult financial conditions in the history of the county. The results of the community dialogues, the many meetings of the Board of Supervisors examining programs and service delivery and the citizen public hearings assisted in arriving at a balance Fiscal 2010 Budget. But the results were not without pain: cuts in every agency, including eliminations and reductions in transit services, increased fees for senior programs, reduction is the affordable housing program and reductions in county staffing. This budget will have negative affects on many of our citizens.

The Board of Supervisors held a two-day retreat at Frying Pan Park. The time was spent discussing priorities for the future. The discussion, no matter the topic, always came back to the economic difficulties government, at every level, and Fairfax County families are facing. What is the message? The 2011 Budget will be more difficult than the previous fiscal year. Stay tuned as the Hunter Mill District office makes plans to include you in early discussions in guiding me for Fiscal Year 2011.



Vienna Councilman Howard Springsteen joined me at the 4th of July festivities in Vienna.

I cannot end this message without acknowledging the dedicated public service of Council Member Maude Robinson, Town of Vienna. Maude, having worked with her late husband, Charlie Robinson, developed a love for the Town of Vienna and is credited with making it a great place to live. Now retired from the Council, Maude will continue to volunteer with her favorite community organizations and maybe get in some time to tend her garden. Maude, thank you for your service.

Cathy Hudgins

Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

Reston Land Use College Encore

Reston Land Use College will be held at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods (2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston) on Wednesday, July 28, 2009, starting at 7:00 p.m. This will be an encore presentation of the first session that was held back in June. Anyone interested in learning about the basis of land use planning in Virginia and about the topics in future Reston Land Use College sessions are invited to attend. The session will also include a brief overview of the recently authorized special study of the Reston area stations of the Dulles Corridor, including the Hunter Mill District North County Area Plan Review nominations that were deferred by the Planning Commission in September 2008. Contact Faheem Darab for information.

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.

BOS Housing and Community Development Committee Notes

On Monday, June 15th the Housing and Community Development Committee convened at the Government Center. Chaired by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, the Committee received a presentation from Paula Sampson, Director, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), on the fundamentals of affordable housing and the associated costs to the County and the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA). A subsequent presentation was given by Conrad Egan, Immediate Past Chair, RHA; Kerrie Underwood, Executive Director, Reston Interfaith; and Michelle Krockner, Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's "Recommendations on the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund." The final presentation of the day was on permanent financing for Wedgewood Apartments, a 672 multi-family housing development in the Braddock District initially purchased by Fairfax County in October 2007.

New Name for CSB Mental Retardation Services Program on July 1

On July 1, the Mental Retardation Services program of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) will officially change its name to Intellectual Disability Services. The change reflects the CSB's support of local and state advocacy efforts as part of a nationwide campaign to change the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability." Advocates and organizations throughout the U.S. and in other countries maintain that "r" words, such as "retardation," "retarded" or "retard" are derogatory, devaluing and hurtful to individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Virginia General Assembly, in its 2009 session, passed legislation to change the name of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

New episode coming to my cable show

**"Connecting with
Supervisor Hudgins"**

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Update

My guest will be the project's Communication Manager, Marcia McAllister. Learn what will be happening in the Dulles Corridor in the coming months as preparations begin for construction of the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station.

"Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins" is shown on Channel 16 (Cox) and Channel 28 (Comcast). Visit the Hunter Mill website for show times and days.

3rd Annual Hunter Mill District Family Fun Day and Softball Game



What could be better on a summer evening than softball, family time and free food and drinks?

Wednesday, July 22nd

South Lakes Drive Park

11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wacky relays, fun and games, and summer treats

Visit Fairfax County Police cruisers, paddy wagon and vehicles on display

4:30 p.m. Cookout

Bring the family - we provide the grub, drinks, and other delectables

5:30 p.m. Softball Game featuring

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins'
Fairfax County Road Dawgs
vs.
WPGC Jams 95.5 FM Players

Watch the fun as the Road Dawgs (police officers from the Reston District Station) team up against the WPGC Jams 95.5 FM players to slug it out on the softball field.

WPGC 95.5 will be broadcasting live from the game.

Sponsored by the Hunter Mill District Supervisor, Reston Station Police, Department of Community and Recreation Services.

For more information call 703-860-0676.



WANTED: New Backpacks

It may be the start of summer vacation, but **Reston Interfaith** and **Kids R First** are already looking ahead to the 2009-10 school year. Beginning now, they are asking for donations of new backpacks to send children in need back to school prepared for the school year. A concerning number of families in our neighborhoods are unable to afford backpacks and school supplies, and due to the economic downturn, such needs are drastically on the rise.

Nearly 3,000 backpacks were distributed last year. The goal for this year is 4,000 new backpacks which Kids R First will fill with school supplies.

Backpacks can be dropped off at the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive in the North County Governmental Center, or Reston Interfaith headquarters, 1150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston. Additional information is available at the [Reston Interfaith website](#).

Start of 2009 Cooling Assistance and Fan Care Programs

Fairfax County residents who need help to keep their homes cool this summer and prevent a health emergency resulting from extreme heat may be able to get assistance from two programs locally administered by the county's Department of Family Services. Applications are being taken **now** for both programs.

Cooling Assistance is a federally funded program that helps eligible low-income households in which at least one person is considered especially vulnerable to heat: a child under age six, an individual with a disability, or an adult age 60 or older. Cooling assistance funds can help with:

- Payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment.
- Payment of security deposits for electricity to operate cooling equipment.
- Repair of a central air conditioning system or heat pump.
- Purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans.
- Purchase and installation of one window unit air conditioner for households where there is no unit or where the unit must be replaced.

Applications for the 2009 Cooling Assistance Program are being accepted through Monday, August 17. For more information or an application form, go online to the Virginia Department of Social Services Web site: www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/cooling/index.html Or, call the Fairfax County Department of Family Services at 703-324-7604; TTY:703-222-9452.

The **Fan Care** program is another way to help older Fairfax area residents stay safe in the summer heat. This electric fan distribution program, sponsored by Dominion Virginia Power in partnership with the Virginia Department for the Aging, annually provides about 200 free fans and/or window air conditioners to eligible senior adults in the Fairfax area.

To qualify for **Fan Care**, a person must be at least 60 years old, need a fan to prevent heat-related health problems, and meet income eligibility requirements. Not everyone in the home needs to be an older adult to qualify for a fan, but all incomes must be counted. There is a limit of one fan per household. The **Fan Care** program began June 1 and runs through the end of September 2009. For more information or to request an application, call Kim Karlinchak in Fairfax County's Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at **703-324-7694**, TTY 703-449-1186.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For more information, or to request this information in an alternate format, contact Belinda Buescher at 703-324-7758, TTY 711, or by e-mail: belinda.buescher@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Rising Stars from Dogwood Elementary Bridge to Middle School

Reston's Alene Smith came to me with a vision. As a substitute teacher at Dogwood Elementary and retired educator, Ms. Smith (as her students call her) envisioned a program that would encourage and inspire her graduating 6th graders as they make the important step to middle school. Her goal was to encourage her students to do well in middle school and high school and set their sights on a college education and beyond. From this vision, the **Rising Stars Transition Program** was born.

Working with my office, Dogwood Elementary staff, and community leaders, Rising Stars held the first 6th grade program at Reston Community Center on June 9th. Eighty-six students from Dogwood Elementary attended a morning of workshops and speakers, and of course, lunch. Students participated in three workshops;

- “Your Academic Success” presented by Christopher Powell, International Baccalaureate Coordinator at Langston Hughes Middle School
- “Making Good Choices” presented by Judge Gayl Carr, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Fairfax County.
- “Everything I Want to Know About Middle School” presented by a panel of current Langston Hughes Middle School students and principal Aimee Monticchio.



Ms. Smith welcomes the Rising Stars.



Judge Carr talked about making good choices.

In addition to the workshops, students heard about “Building Bridges for Your Success” from several speakers; Ms. Smith, myself, Judge Carr, Ms. Monticchio, Principal Bruce Butler from South Lakes High School, Mr. Matthew Niziol from Northern Virginia Community College, and Ms. Robyn Cochran, principal from Dogwood ES. Their messages encouraged the students to do their best in school to maximize their potential and their choices. Students also were encouraged to aim for a college education and learned how college can be within their reach.

Through their evaluations, the 6th graders reported feeling better prepared and more knowledgeable about the coming challenges of middle school. Students also left with information to share with their parents, teachers’ “Words of Wisdom”, keepsakes from Langston Hughes MS, South

Lakes HS and George Mason University, plus a backpack from Northern Virginia Community College.

The Rising Stars Coordinating Committee (RSCC) is already at work setting new goals to include more schools and planning on next year’s program. Ms. Smith continues to build on her vision with the help of the RSCC; Tom Ahart, Robyn Cochran, and my office.



Ms. Monticchio moderated a panel of current 7th and 8th graders from Langston Hughes and took questions from the 6th graders.

Soapstone Drive Walkway Project - Not there yet!

After two meetings sponsored by Fairfax County on November 5, 2008 and February 25 to present designs and solicit ideas and comments from the community for the **Soapstone Drive Walkway Project**, the feasibility study was completed in March. The study examined various selection criteria including pedestrian access and safety, parking, constructability, storm water drainage, land acquisition, trees, traffic, utilities, and cost, in conjunction with several different walkway alternatives as follows:

- Concept 1 [Plan](#) and [Section](#) 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on EAST side of Soapstone Drive from Glade Drive to South Lakes Drive. 64 parking spaces removed from the EAST side but preserved on the WEST side. New drainage systems required.
- Concept 2 [Plan](#) and [Section](#) 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter along WEST side of Soapstone Drive from Glade Drive to South Lakes Drive. 109 parking spaces would be removed on the WEST side but preserved on the EAST side. New drainage systems required.
- Concept 3 [Plan](#) and [Section](#) 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk on BOTH sides of Soapstone Drive in the NORTH section only. On EAST side, walkway would be placed from the trail south of shopping center to South Lakes Drive. On WEST side, walkway would be placed from the trail south of the daycare center to South Lakes Drive. Parking would remain on WEST side.
- Concept 4 [Plan](#) and [Section](#) 5-foot wide sidewalk on EAST side of trail south of the shopping center to existing 4-foot wide sidewalk at intersection of South Lakes Drive. This would be low-cost option by re-using existing sidewalk and not constructing proposed sidewalk for entire length from Glade Drive to South Lakes - Does not meet CMAQ criteria.

County staff and the consultants selected Concept 1 or a 5 foot concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the east side of Soapstone Drive as the Preferred Concept. We shared the this concept with some residents who wrote to us about the project. A final decision has not been made. We are leaving the Concepts presented by County staff on our Website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/sidewalkstrails.htm> for your review and comment. We are grateful to county staff and the consultants for their work and for all who have participated in the process to date. Thank you for your patience while we work with staff to find a concept that meets pedestrian safety needs along the road. Another community meeting will be scheduled in the fall. Project questions can be addressed to Smitha Chellappa at FC Department of Transportation - 703-877-576, or Smitha.Chellappa@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Lawyers Road Resurfacing / Restriping

Lawyers Road is scheduled to be resurfaced from Reston Parkway to Hunter Mill Road from August 2 – August 27. Most of the work will be completed at night. VDOT will also be restriping the road from the Parkway to just east of Myrtle Lane to include bicycle and turn lanes. Two community meetings were sponsored by our office during which the VDOT project team presented the restriping proposal and responded to questions. Letters and e-mails that have come into our office have been forwarded to VDOT for comment. The project remains on our Website for your information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm>. Data show that there is a reduction in accidents when roads are changed in this manner. Safety is always a priority.

Fairfax Connector Schedule Change

Change began on June 28, as many transit riders are aware, to a number of Fairfax Connector Bus routes. There have been schedule changes as well as some fare increases. While information is posted on buses and at Park and Rides and Metro Stations, please check the [Fairfax Connector Website](#) for updated information. Questions about specific routes can be directed to 703-339-7200, or e-mail to fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Is Traffic “Calm” in Your Community?

Traffic Calming may sound like an oxymoron, but county staff, working with VDOT, has some Traffic Calming ideas that work. The Residential Traffic Administration Program (R-TAP) assists communities in controlling traffic and parking in area neighborhoods. The R-TAP program utilizes the following tools to achieve these controls:

- Traffic Calming
- \$200 Fine for Speeding Signs
- Watch for Children (WFC) Signs
- Community Parking Districts
- Temporary Traffic Management
- Cut Through Restrictions
- Multi-Way Stop (MWS) Signs
- Through Truck Restrictions
- Residential Permit Parking Districts

A major traffic calming effort has been underway on Old Courthouse Road in Vienna since September 2008. Traffic calming projects include installation of a raised crosswalk and a multi-way stop sign on Garrett Street at the intersection of Garrett Street and Gerken Avenue in Vienna. A number of other R-TAP request are in progress. Recently approved “Watch for Children” signs in Hunter Mill District include; Abbey Oak Drive, Bingham Terrace, Brookmeadow Court and Brookmeadow Drive, Fox Rest Lane, and Laurel Ridge Road. The R-TAP [“Quick Chart”](#) can answer your process questions if your community is interested in any of these measures.



Speed table recently installed on Garrett Street.

VDOT Summer Repaving Projects

VDOT has scheduled the following nighttime repaving for projects in Hunter Mill District;

6/28 to 7/14 (Sunday-Friday)
Sunset Hills, East and West
Plaza America to Dressage Drive

7/7/09 to 7/24/09
Wiehle Avenue North & South
from Baron Cameron Avenue
to Isaac Newton Drive

8-02-09 to 8-27-09
Lawyers Road
Reston Parkway
to Hunter Mill Road



Preparation for Metro at I-66 and Route 267 Interchange

Work has begun in the grassy areas between Route 267 and I-66 westbound. Contractors will be preparing work areas, testing and installing jersey barriers and begin construction on aerial structures which will carry the rail line from the existing Orange Line into the median of Route 267 as it travels west.

If you have any construction-related problems, please call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Construction Hotline at 877-585-6789. Information on the project is available on the project website at <http://www.dullesmetro.com>

Land Use

2008-2009 Area Plan review Board of Supervisor Public Hearings
for the Hunter Mill District scheduled for July 13, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

APR# 08-III-4UP: Reston Community Planning Sector (UP5) and Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Land Units C, D, E, F, G, H and I.

Area Plan: Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Transit Station Area's Design Review Guidelines provide guidance for public art. The Reston Community Planning Sector Plan text is silent on provision of public art.

Nomination Plan: Incorporate text regarding public art within planning sector UP5 and the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Land Units C, D, E, F, G, H and I.

APR# 08-III-5UP: General area bounded by Centreville Road, Monroe Street, Fox Mill Road and Herndon Parkway, on 365 acres.

Area Plan: Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Land Unit A currently includes the Worldgate development located within the Town of Herndon.

Nomination Plan: Editorial changes to Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Land Units A and B. Changes affect Land Unit designation and text due to transfer of planning and zoning responsibilities to Town of Herndon as well as implementation of Plan recommendations.

APR 08-III-14UP: Northwest intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and Reston Parkway., on 40.87 ac.

Area Plan: Sub-unit E-5 is missing Plan text that was inadvertently left out after the adoption of Plan Amendment 2000-01.

Nomination Plan: Correct an editorial error that occurred in Plan Amendment 2000-01 in 2001. No change in plan designation.

APR# 08-III-20UP: Area generally bounded by Potomac River, Towlston Road, Difficult Run, Vale Road, Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Sully Road. and Loudoun County.

Area Plan: Generally planned for a variety of land uses including residential, non-residential, park and open space.

Nomination Plan: Update the Environment section of the Upper Potomac Planning District Overview, and incorporate current Policy Plan guidance. (Note: only a small portion bounded by Difficult Run is within the Hunter Mill District).

An additional public hearing is scheduled for the July 13th Board of Supervisors Meeting:

3:30 p.m. Public Hearing on SEA 01-H-027-02 (One Reston Co LLC and Two Reston Co LLC) SEA Application under Sect(s). 5-407, 9-607 and 9-618 of the Zoning Ordinance to amend **SE 01-H-027** previously approved for an increase in building heights to permit increase in land area, additional increase in building height from 75 ft. up to a maximum of 127 ft., increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from .50 up to .70 and associated modifications to site design and development conditions. Located at 12000 and 12010 Sunrise Valley Dr. on approximately 36.08 ac. of land zoned I-4 / Tax Map 17-3 ((8)) IA1 and IB.

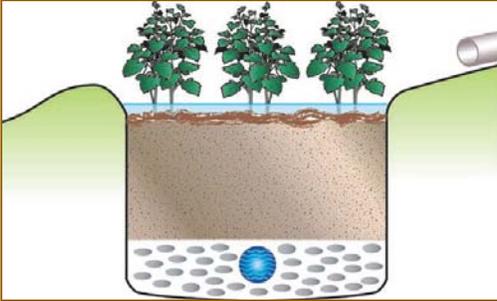
Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee Meeting

July 21, 2009 Agenda

SEA 82-C-116 Washington, D.C.SMA Limited Partnership/Verizon - Amend SE 82-C-116 previously approved for electric substation, transformer, distribution center and uses in the floodplain to permit telecommunication facility.

Free, New Rain Garden Guide Is Now Available

Rain Garden Design and Construction: A Northern Virginia Homeowner's Guide, a free instructional booklet produced by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and the Fairfax County Park Authority's Resource Management Division, is now available. The easy-to-read, full-color booklet includes numerous diagrams and vibrant photographs and provides step-by-step instruction to homeowners on how to plan, design, build and maintain a rain garden.



A rain garden is a shallow, landscaped basin constructed to capture and hold stormwater. The garden improves water quality and slows fast-moving, erosive runoff. Rain gardens benefit the local and regional environment while providing natural beauty to the area in which they're installed.

An appendix in the back of the booklet lists suggested native plants with both their common and scientific names. Planting native flora is important because it provides the best value for the space. Native flora provide wildlife and insect habitat (food, shelter), improved ecosystem services (they evolved to cycle nutrients for the given rainfall and soil type where they occur), and native flora won't be invasive - expanding its territory into a natural area where it can cause damage.

Rain Garden Design and Construction is available at the Herrity Building, Suite #936, 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, through the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and at special events. The booklet is also available [online](#).

Congratulations Vienna!! The Town of Vienna's Department of Public Works recorded a whopping recycling rate of 53.9%, reported in tons, for 2008. This rate surpasses the mandated 25% recycling rate for most localities in Virginia. Recycling helps to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills, saving tax dollars, and helps the environment by taking materials out of the waste stream to be recycled.

Results of the 22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

Back in April, teams of volunteers signed up, pulled on their boots, and went fishing for garbage for the Alice Ferguson Foundation Annual Potomac River Cleanup. The foundation reports the following results from the 12,661 volunteers participating in the clean-up in April:

- 480 Sites reporting
- 227.1 Tons of trash collected
- 174,200 Recyclable beverage containers
- 40,093 Plastic bags
- 2,060 Tires
- 31,275 Cigarette butts

For more information on the cleanup effort, check out the Foundation's webpage at http://fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html



Parks

Summer Sounds

Grab your chair or blanket and partake in the smorgasbord of free summer concerts and performances at our local parks. Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy the sounds of local artists and engaging performances for the whole family and all for free. The following is a listing of sites in or closest to the Hunter Mill District and scheduled performances for the next few weeks. More information can be obtained about the artists plus complete schedules and other locations on the Park Authority website, and the Town of Vienna's site for the concerts on the Town Green.

Arts in the Parks at Lake Fairfax Park Amphitheatre: Saturdays at 10 -11 a.m.

- July 11 Rocknoceros
- July 18 Blue Sky Puppet Theatre
- July 25 Bob Brown Puppets
- August 1 Young Audiences of Virginia 'Clowning Around with Shakespeare'
- August 8 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra OTO Brass Quintet

Sounds of Summer at Frying Pan Farm Park: Wednesdays at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- July 22 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra OJO String Quartet

Nottoway Nights at Nottoway Park: Thursdays at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- July 2 Seldom Scene (bluegrass)
- July 9 Hula Monsters (Hawaiian)
- July 16 Hokum Jazz (vintage jazz and blues)
- July 23 Swing Shift (swing)
- July 30 Stella Mira (rock)
- August 6 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German



Summer in the Green at the Town Green in Vienna: Fridays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m.



- Friday, July 10 Richard Walton Group (jazz)
- Sunday, July 12 Redstone (rock)
- Friday, July 17 MOJO (rock and blues)
- Sunday, July 19 Vienna Community Band
- Friday, July 24 US Navy Band - Commodores (jazz)
- Sunday, July 26 Open Mic Night
- Friday, July 31 Mystic Warriors (Andean music)
- Sunday, August 2 Difficult Run Jazz Band

Wind Down on Wednesdays at Frying Pan Farm Park

Wednesday evenings, Frying Pan Farm Park will remain open until 9 p.m., until the end of August. Every week will be a little different.

- ◆ Visit the farm after work or just stay later.
- ◆ Visit the animals and check out the progress of the spring babies.
- ◆ Kick back with an evening wagon ride through the woods (last ride leaves at 8 p.m., \$3 a person.)
- ◆ Enjoy a burger and soft serve ice cream from Gordon's Grill (open until 8 p.m.)
- ◆ Enjoy a serene farm evening as the sun goes down.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, in Herndon. Admission to the park is free.



Stratton Woods Park Master Plan Amendment

The Park Authority's formal comment period for the proposed [Stratton Woods Park Master Plan Amendment](#) has closed. The Park Authority has reviewed the input received for the project and made revisions to the proposed Master Plan amendment that was presented at a community meeting on April 28, 2009. The revised amendment, presented to the community on June 17, 2009, recommends:

- Lighting the 90' Baseball Diamond;
- Removal of the basketball court and replacing with a sand volleyball court and picnic shelter;
- Installation of a lighted outdoor court complex for racquetball and handball in the current location of the sand volleyball court;
- Lighting the existing tennis courts and parking lot.
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The Park Authority Board will review the public comments and staff recommendations and consider the proposal in the fall.

In the meantime, I plan to take the opportunity this summer to do some investigative work on the lights and noise concerns. I plan to visit fields that have the new lighting technology to see first hand the impact on the surrounding areas. You are welcome to join me on these field trips - contact my office at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-478-0283, and we'll get you the details.

A New Look For Lake Fairfax Park

Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors gathered with Fairfax County Park Authority Board members, contractors, and park staff on Saturday, June 13, 2009 to cut the ribbon and mark the completion of Phase II improvements at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston, VA.



In 1998, bond funding was provided to begin redevelopment of the core area of the park. Due to budget constraints, the project was phased. Phase I consisted of an ADA accessible marina completed in 2007. Phase II consisted of a new administration, kiosk and restroom building along with the creation of 11 rain gardens and a new paved parking lot. A brief groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of Phase III, which consists of two 88-person picnic pavilions, grills, catering station, two smaller shelters with seating capacity of 60 persons each and related walkways, followed the ribbon cutting.

Guide to Recreational Trails in Northern Virginia

Many of us are familiar with the popular W&OD trail, many residents may be unfamiliar with 23 other trails in Northern Virginia. Nineteen maps, information on each location and types of facilities nearby are included in "An Introductory Guide to Recreational Trails in Northern Virginia" published by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. The Guide is published in an attractive, easy to use format. Maps illustrate the location of trailheads, parking, connecting trails, and facilities along the trail. Elevation profiles give the user a sense of the terrain that the trail traverses as well as the general level of difficulty.

The **Introductory Guide to Recreational Trails in Northern Virginia** can be ordered from NVRC by mailing an [order form](#) available on the web site www.novaregion.org (click on publications) or by visiting the NVRC offices, 3060 Williams Drive, Suite 510, Fairfax, VA 22031. All orders must be prepaid by cash or check only. Call 703.642.0700 for more information. Each Guide costs \$9.95 each plus shipping and handling and discounts are available when multiple guides are purchased. The Recreational Trails guide is also sold at area bicycle stores.

Notices and Congratulations

Congratulations to our spring **2009 All-Extra Washington Post Players:**

Boys' Track and Field **Athlete of the Year** is **Vincent Brown** of South Lakes High School.
Track and Field First Team - **Quintin Fortes**, South Lakes High School.
Baseball First Team - **Alex Jacquez**, Madison High School.
Softball First Team - **Sam Brady** and **Kaila Conlon**, Madison High School.
Girls Track and Field First Team - **Lachelle Wallace**, South Lakes High School.

Speak Up for a Child in Court - Volunteers Needed

A new case of child abuse or neglect enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations court system once every 30 hours. These children need caring advocates to help ensure that they grow up in safe and permanent homes. That's where Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) comes in. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to investigate a child's situation and to advocate for the best interests of the child in court. Volunteers receive extensive training - no prior experience is required. Information session on CASA's volunteer program will be held on **Saturday, July 11**, 11 a.m. to noon at Reston Community Center - Lake Anne. For additional information contact Elisa Kosarin at 703-273-3526 x22, or ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit their website at www.casafairfax.org.

Congratulations to the district's Virginia Youth Soccer Association **State Cup Champions -**
U12 Boys Premier Red from Vienna Youth Soccer
U14 Boys Real Juniors from Herndon Youth Soccer
U15 Boys Herndon FC from Herndon Youth Soccer

These teams battled teams from all over the state to capture the championship in their division. We also wish them "GOOD LUCK" as they advance to Region I Championship Tournament for US Youth Soccer in Huntington, West Virginia.

Tax Tips for Parents of Children with Special Needs: Tuesday, July 14 - 7 to 9 p.m. Mason District Government Center, 6707 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia is sponsoring a free program on tax tips for families of children with disabilities. Several areas will be covered; tax relief in the form of medical expense deductions available to parents of children with disabilities, different rules to be aware of as it related to dependency exemptions and dependent care deductions, and the use of FSA's, HAS's etc. as vehicle for tax relief on special costs. The goal is to present the different rules that apply to families of children with disabilities and how the rules can benefit and possibly offer families some financial relief. The presenter is Christopher Frost, CPA. To RSVP, please email Noelle Holloman at NoelleH@dsanv.org.

Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Wednesday, July 22

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Hunter Mill District Family Fun Day and Softball Game: Road Dawgs vs. WPGC Jams 95.5 FM Players
South Lakes Drive Park, 11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston
Games and fun begin at 1 p.m., picnic at 4:30, and softball game at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

Reston Land Use College Encore: 7 p.m. at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods (p. 2)

Saturday, August 8

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