

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,

Spring has officially arrived even if the thermometer doesn't show it! The tulips and daffodils are starting to bloom and we have a few more hours of daylight during the evening commute home. All signs that the warm weather will come soon, I hope!

As for the business of the County, next week the Board is holding public hearings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (and maybe Saturday!) to hear from you and your fellow residents on the FY10 Budget. It will not be an easy week. We are just about a month from adopting the budget that will surely affect each and every one of us in some way. The hearings are critical so that the entire Board gets a sense of how County residents feel about all aspects of the budget.

As of last week, I have received 550 separate communications on the budget from Hunter Mill residents and the attendance at my Budget Town Hall meeting last Tuesday was high, especially since it was held on St. Patrick's Day! I can tell you that I have heard a variety of opinions and thoughts - all of which are valuable to me as I continue through this process. The budget we adopt will not please everyone, but it will be well informed and balanced. Unfortunately, the work does not end there. The implementation of this budget will provide the framework within which we provide the programs and services residents depend on. Schools, parks, recreation, public safety, health, mental health, housing, planning and zoning, transportation, courts - all of it will be affected somehow.

My hope is that after the dust settles, we will be able to hold our heads high, having stood up for the things - and people - we care about as a community. As always, please contact me to send me your thoughts or if I can be of any assistance.

Cathy Hudgins

NEW! Special SPORTS PAGE Edition of the Hunter Mill Highlights

There are currently a number of issues being discussed throughout the County that relate to sports organizations and athletics. I have compiled these in a new publication to keep you informed of the issues and news in the Hunter Mill District.

Click here to access the SPORTS PAGE Spring 2009 edition, or find it on my website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/> Pass it on!

Tree Clearing Begins for Dulles Rail Project

Construction is ready to begin now that the final federal approval has been granted for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. To make way for the rail line and stations, work to clearing trees along the Dulles Toll Road and around Tysons Corner will commence in March and April. Crews will removed only trees and growth needed for construction. Work performed is in accordance with permits and approvals obtained from the appropriate environmental authorities. Sites scheduled for clearing in March and April:

- Intersection of Scotts Crossing Road and southbound Rt. 123
- Exchange at northbound Rt. 123 and eastbound Dulles Connector Road
- Exchange of Interstate 66 and Dulles Connector Road and in the median of the Dulles Corridor Road from Interstate 66 to Rt. 123.
- Median of the Dulles Toll Road between Rt. 7 and Wiehle Avenue.
- Exchange of Rt. 123 and Rt. 7
- Exchange of Rt. 7 and the Dulles Toll Road between the Toll Road and the Sheraton Premier.



For further information, contact Marcia McAllister at 703-572-0506.

RAGLAN ROAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH Wednesday, April 29

Residents are invited to join me at a community outreach meeting regarding the proposed rezoning applications RZ 2008-HM- 003 and 004 known as WV/B Palisades Development, located at Tax Map number 029-3 ((1)) Parcels 17A and 029 ((1)) 11 and 029((14)) A1. Mr. Stuart Mendelsohn of Holland + Knight LLP will be presenting. The meeting will be held in the Westbriar Elementary School cafeteria on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 starting at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Goldie Harrison at the HMD office at 703-478-0283.

Prevention Coalition Summit Targets Youth and Adults

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section and its Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC), in collaboration with Fairfax County agencies and organizations in Northern Virginia, are organizing the first county-wide substance use and violence prevention conference, **“What Today’s Youth Need You to Know.”** The conference, designed for Fairfax County residents and employees, will focus on educating adults, youth, and professional service providers on current trends recently reported in the 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey, as well as issues pertinent to raising healthy families. The Conference will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2009**, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **Oakton High School** at 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, VA 22181.



A wide variety of workshops will be offered for adults, youth, families and professional service providers. Translated language workshops also will be offered with translation services available. We will serve a continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks. Registration is now open for attendees, exhibitors and sponsors! Youth attend for free, individual adults are \$10; families (2 adults) \$15 and

we will take requests for waiving fees in cases of hardship. Check out our website at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org and click on the conference logo.

Environment

Be Part of the Solution to Pollution: Volunteer for Watershed Clean-Up

The Park Authority's **Annual Watershed Clean-Up** will be on **Saturday, March 28**. Join individuals, students, families, scouts and community groups to clean debris and trash from local waterways. Wear boots and old clothes and bring gloves for getting down and dirty. Work sessions are scheduled from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 28th. To help coordinate workers, please call and sign up at one of the sites near/in Hunter Mill District:

Frying Pan Farm Park - 703-437-9101

Hidden Oaks Nature Center - 703-941-1065

Riverbend Visitors Center - 703-759-9018

Sully Historic Site - 703-437-1794

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park - 703-631-0013 (will also have an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m.)



The **21st Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-Up** will be held at a variety of locations on Saturday, April 4 until Saturday, April 25. For the list of site information and reservations, go to www.potomaccleanup.org or call the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at 703-324-1422.

Fairfax County's Annual Earth Day - Arbor Day Celebration: Join in the games and activities and enjoy the entertainment on Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Details and information is available at www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org, or call 703-324-5471.

DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE

Do you have an old cell phone that you don't know what to do with? Donate your old cell phone at the Reston District Station for the Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Your donation is tax deductible.

Workshops Reducing Canadian Geese Conflicts



Our area is host to large flocks of Canadian geese who find Fairfax a great place to live. Unfortunately, they are not the best guests, leaving goose droppings that pollute local waters and recreation areas, moving in to inappropriate nesting areas, and at times exhibiting aggressive behavior. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, Geese Peace and the Fairfax County Park Authority have teamed up to sponsor two workshops to discuss strategies for humanely stabilizing and reducing Canadian geese populations.

- **Wednesday, March 25:** 10 a.m.-noon, at Fairfax County Government Center Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

- **Saturday, March 28:** 10 a.m.-noon at Herrity Building, Room 106, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Participants will learn how to reduce the geese population and make sites unattractive along with learning about the regulations and permits necessary to take action. For additional workshop information and to register: 703-324-1420, or nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information on managing our goose population, visit the County's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/geese/#mt>

Tax Relief for Seniors and Disabled Citizens

Fairfax County offers tax relief or rental grant to County residents who are seniors or disabled. To qualify for a tax exemption under the Tax Relief Program, the applicant must be at least 65 years of age, or permanently and totally disabled. Applicants who turn 65 or become permanently and totally disabled during the year of application may also qualify on a prorated basis.

Applicants can apply for **REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF**
CAR TAX OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
RENTAL GRANT

Filing Deadline: First time applicants have until December 31 of the year that tax relief is being requested. Returning applicants must file between January 1 and April 1. (Some exceptions may be available - contact the Department of Tax Administration.)

For an application, call 703-222-8234; Español 703-324-3855, TTY: 703-222-7594, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or download the tax relief application at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/2007TaxRelief.pdf. Visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/tr_re_faq.htm for qualifications and answers to frequently asked questions.

Tax Relief Workshop Scheduled

The Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office will sponsor a **Tax Relief Workshop** on Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center

Staff from the Department of Tax Administration will be available to assist residents in applying for tax relief. Forms and additional information are available at the websites above. Call the Hunter Mill office (703-478-0283) or the DTA for additional information on the workshops (703-222-8234).

Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

Public Hearing on the budget will be held March 30 - April 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center in the Board Auditorium. Online requests to speak before the Board of Supervisors must be fully completed by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing to ensure your place on the speakers list. Speakers may also call 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, prior to noon on the same day to be placed on the speakers list. If you desire to speak, please visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm to register. Early registration is suggested as there is an anticipation of high turnout for the Public Hearings.



We had some good discussions at the **District Meeting on the FY2010 Budget** in Reston. My thanks to everyone who attended and shared their concerns.

Budget Information and Presentations

The County's website has additional information on the FY 2010 budget including budget questions from the Board of Supervisors and responses, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/> Fairfax County Public School budget proposal is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm>.

Budget Mailbox

You can still share your concerns and suggestions by e-mailing me at the HMD budget mailbox at hntmillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov

North County Area Plan Review

The Hunter Mill District Area Plan Review (APR) task force has completed their review of the nine (9) nominations recommended for further consideration by the Planning Commission on February 23, 2008.

I. The following nominations are currently scheduled for Planning Commission hearing on May 20, 2009:

APR# 08-III-4UP : Nominated by John Thillman on behalf of the Initiative for Public Art Reston (IPAR) to incorporate text regarding public art within the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Development Review Guidelines section as well as within the Reston Community Planning Sector's (UP5) sector-wide recommendations. Task Force recommended to approve nomination with modification.

APR# 08- III- 5UP : Nominated by Faheem Darab of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning to update recommendations and the Plan map for Reston-Herndon Suburban Center's Land Units A & B to reflect transfer of planning and zoning responsibilities from Land Unit A in 2005 from Fairfax County to the Town of Herndon as well as achievement of plan objectives. Task Force recommended to approve nomination as submitted.

APR # 08-III-14UP: Nominated by Heidi Merkel of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, to update the Comprehensive Plan language for Sub-unit E-5 to correct an editorial error that occurred in Plan Amendment 2000-01 in 2001. Task Force recommended to approved nomination as submitted.

APR# 20-III-20UP: Nominated by Stella Koch on behalf of the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) to modify the Environment Section of the Upper Potomac Planning District. Task Force recommended to approve staff alternative language.

II. The Task Force will reconvene in several months for further review of APR# 08-III-6DS Middleton Farms and APR# 08-III-25UP Reston Hospital that are required to undergo the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) 527 review.

APR# 08-III-6DS Middleton Farms - Nominated by David R. Gill, Esquire on behalf of Kettler, Inc. to increase the existing planning guidance for office at an .15 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) with dedication of the right-of-way for the planned roadway extension between Park Center Road and Horse Pen Road to an option for office and complimentary service retail option of .25 / .40 FAR to encourage a mix of commercial uses, preclude residential uses, and construction of the planned roadway extension between Park Center Road and Horse Pen Road (Sunset Hills Road).

APR # 08-III-25UP - Nominated by Mark Looney to add an option specifically for Reston Hospital Center and associated medical office buildings to expand the existing hospital and medical office buildings, construction of a new medical office building, and construction of associated structured parking up to 1.0 FAR with conditions.

III. Withdrawn nomination:

APR # 08-III-9UP - Nominated by Department of Planning and Zoning to add text to the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center stating that any options that referenced the Bus Rapid Transit phase of the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project can be exercised at such time as there is a funding agreement to build the rail phase. Task Force recommended retaining the existing language - nomination was withdrawn.

IV. Nominations not recommended for Approval:

APR #08-III-6UP - Nominated by Stuart Mendelsohn to change existing plan language from residential development at .2-.5 dwelling units per acre to a proposed Floor Area Ratio of .35 / .70 for mixed use development. (Dranesville District)

APR #08-III-10UP- Nominated by Stuart Mendelsohn to change existing plan language from residential development at .2-.5 dwelling units per acre to a proposed Floor Area Ratio of .35 / .70 for mixed use development. (Hunter Mill District)

Additional information on the nominations, preliminary staff report and Task Force reports please go to:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/task_force_meeting_table.htm#Hunter%20Mill

Transportation

Campaigns for Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety

Annual HMD Pedestrian and Bicycling Summit was held on Tuesday evening, March 24 at the North County Governmental Center Community Room with County and state staff. Purpose of the Summit is pedestrian and bicycling safety especially at crosswalks, progress on priority sidewalk and trail connections, and suggestions from attendees. Information on the summit is on the HMD webpage, Trails and Sidewalks.

Reston District Police Station are conducting a **Pedestrian Safety Awareness Campaign - "Think of the Impact You Could Make"**, **March 21- March 29** that focuses on enforcement of traffic laws concerning bicycles, proper use of pedestrian crosswalks, and pedestrian signals. Laws will be enforced governing vehicles yielding to pedestrians and obeying posted signs and signals. Purpose is to reduce the number of vehicular collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians within the Reston District and increase awareness through the safety, educational, and enforcement campaign.

MWCOG's Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) annual **StreetSmart** campaign begins **March 25**. As the immediate past TPB Chair and current Board Member, I support the annual program that promotes pedestrian safety in the region. The campaign states that pedestrian fatalities outnumber homicides in many jurisdictions in the Washington region, and most of those deaths could be prevented. Across the greater metro area, deadly behavior among drivers, cyclists and pedestrians is a leading contributor to the problem. Education, awareness and enforcement of laws are critical to combat the problem and make the public more Street Smart. <http://www.mwcog.org/streetsmart/default.asp>

Soapstone Drive Walkway Project

Your comments are needed on four concepts for the project that will include a walkway, curb, and gutter along Soapstone Drive. See details on all four suggested options, trail illustrations and documents at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/sidewalktrails.htm>.

VDOT Blueprint for the Future Meeting

VDOT will hold a Northern Virginia District public meeting to present their plan to address the funding shortfall over the next six years. Citizens are invited to attend the session on **Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.** at Fairfax City Hall, room 111, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax 22030. Information on the proposed service changes is at http://www.virginiadot.org/news/blueprint_meetings.asp

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is Official



On March 10, I was present with Governor Tim Kaine, and other elected and agency officials, as Mr. H.R. Crawford, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board (MWAA) signed the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) that releases \$900 million in federal funds. MWAA can now officially begin construction of the long awaited first phase of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project from the East Falls Church Metrorail Station to Wiehle Avenue to be completed by 2013.

WHERE'S CATHY? I joined the guys for the signing ceremony. See if you can pick out the dignitaries: Congressman Wolf. Congressman Moran. Former and present Senators Warner. Gov. Kaine. Congressman Connolly. Former Herndon Mayor Mike O'Reilly. **EXTRA BONUS:** Name the seated gentlemen. (Answer page 11.)

Traffic Rules During Power Outages

Traffic signals are designed to take the guesswork out of negotiating difficult or busy intersections. If drivers understand and abide by the rules, the roads can be relatively safe. When there is a power outage or disruption, however, traffic lights may not be operable. When this occurs:

- Treat each traffic light as a four-way stop, with the driver on the right having the right-of-way.
- Proceed with caution only when traffic permits.
- Enter intersections or highways only when it is safe to do so, using turn signals to let others know of your intentions.
- Use extreme caution in school zones.
- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Obey police officers directing traffic within the intersection.
- Unless you are reporting an emergency do not call 911 during a power outage.



Virginia Code 46.2-833(b) states: "If the traffic lights controlling an intersection are out of service because of a power failure, or other event that prevents the giving of signals by the traffic lights, the drivers of vehicles approaching such an intersection shall proceed as though such intersection were controlled by a stop sign on all approaches." The provisions for the above code do not apply when intersections are controlled by portable stop signs, police officers or other authorized persons directing traffic, or traffic lights displaying flashing red or flashing amber lights. Violators can be fined up to \$350.

From the [Reston Reliance](#) FCPD newsletter

Reston Police Station Services

Reston Police Newsletter: Please visit the link below to access the Fairfax County Police newsletter service center to sign up to receive The Reston Reliance: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>.

Home/Business Security Assessments: If you are concerned about the safety and security of your home or business, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions to better safeguard your home or business.

Neighborhood Watch Training: If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community to give the training.

Child Safety Seat Inspections: Inspections are scheduled through voicemail by calling (703) 478-0904x5208. If you are interested in this service, please allow enough time before your due date to have your child safety seat inspected. Inspections are by appointment only.

Reston Business Crime Watch: This e-mail alert system is designed to give businesses up-to-date and specific crime information pertaining to the type or location of the business.

For more information regarding the following services, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799 or e-mail Officers Katy Fernbacher at katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov, or Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Welcomes You

Would you like to become more involved in the Reston District Police Station? You can, by attending the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. A CAC meeting can involve presentations about any aspect of the police department, such as the helicopter division, identity theft, the K-9 division or child safety. In addition, you will find out what is going on in your community and will have the opportunity to talk to the commander of the Reston District Station. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and run about 1 1/2 hours, and are normally held the third Thursday of each month in the community room of the Reston District Station at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive. There are no dues or membership requirements. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 703-478-0799. Everyone is welcome!

Coat Closet Ceeps Out the Cold

The **Hunter Mill District Coat Closet** closed its doors on March 14th. This year, with donations from residents, schools, and businesses, the Coat Closet was able to distribute

4,736 coats
1,862 hats, gloves, and accessories.

This is only made possible by tremendous community support, especially during this time of financial constraints. I would like to thank Reston Interfaith again for helping to organize and manage the Coat Closet's volunteer effort. And, special thanks to all everyone who not only donated coats, but also their time and resources to make sure those in need were able to stay warm during the cold winter months.



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. An independent nonprofit organization, Fairfax CASA recruits and trains volunteers to investigate a child's situation and to advocate for the

best interests of the child in court. All CASA volunteers undergo extensive training; no prior experience in child welfare or the law is required.

If you seek a volunteer role with a real purpose that can create real change, please attend Fairfax CASA's information session on **Saturday, April 4**, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Recruitment and Training Manager at (703) 273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.casafairfax.org.

Hypothermia and Homeless Plan

The North County Hypothermia Center opened early November with the objective of keep people alive in the winter and reducing the barriers to bringing needy individuals from the winter elements. Managed by Reston Interfaith as an extension of the services offered at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, the **North County Hypothermia Center** served **163** individuals this past winter. The work could not have been possible without the assistance of numerous volunteers and congregations that offered time, food, and comfort.

Tapestry for Tomorrow Teen Art Contest

The 2009 Tapestry for Tomorrow Art Competition challenges youth to show the idea of "Dream" in a work of art or a photograph. Open to members of any Fairfax County Teen Center or Middle School After School Program (it's never too late to become a member); registration is free. Everyone who enters receives a T4T shirt and a certificate. Five prizes will be awarded to those who best capture the concept of "Dream." Applications are available from Teen Services or [online](#). The deadline for entries is April 2. The art show and awards ceremony is Friday, April 24, 7 p.m. at the Government Center. For further information, call 703-324-TEEN (8336).

Parks and Recreation

Oak Marr Park Master Plan Public Meeting

The Park Authority invites citizens to a public meeting to learn about and discuss the amendments to the Master Plan of Oak Marr Park, on Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m., at the Oakton Community Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The amendments incorporate the addition of athletic field lights on the two existing rectangular fields. Lighting is being considered to expand field capacity to accommodate the increasing need for field space.

A demonstration of the new lighting systems will be held at Patriot Park, 12111 Braddock Road in Fairfax, on April 23 from 8-9:30 p.m. The new lighting standards offer a more precision aiming of the lights on the field, thereby reducing the light intrusion onto adjacent properties.

The proposed amendment is available on the Park Authority website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/oakmarr.htm>. To sign up to speak at the meeting or for additional information, contact Judy Pederson at 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Comments can also be forwarded by e-mail to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

CRS Technology Summit

The Department of Community and Recreation Services Community Centers Division will host a Technology Summit at James Lee Community Center, Fairfax, on **Saturday, April 25**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Technology Summit includes a computer-building competition, robotics, GIS displays and educational stations; rocketry displays; gaming booths and more. Free admission. There will be food; prizes will be awarded by age, groups and categories. For more information, call 703-324-5588 (also for reasonable ADA accommodations). Space and tables are free on a first-come, first-served basis. For booth reservations (deadline April 10) and information, contact Robert O'Quinn, 703-324-5588.

Registration for Park Authority's Summer Camps has begun!

Information on camps offered this summer, registration details and forms are available at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/funcamps.htm>

Register by May 29 and save \$10.



Spring Break Activities

Fairfax County Park Authority offers a host of spring break youth camps and workshops at a variety of locations for kids ages 3 thru 15 years old. Besides a **tradition day camp**, the offerings include **sports camps** (basketball, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, softball, fencing, swordsmanship, skateboarding, adventure racing), **nature camps** (adventures on the farm, astronomy, gardening, watershed, zoology), and **specialty camps** (aqua sports, ballerina, scuba). Extended care before and after camp hours is available at some sites. One and two day **workshops** (robotics, archeology, CSI, animal vets, and other topics) offer additional choices. Complete listing, information and registration on the spring break camps is at

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/rec_springcamps.htm

South Lakes High School Spring Break All Sports Camp: For girls and boys ages 6-12 or elementary school students. Sports on the agenda include baseball, basketball, flag football, floor hockey, soccer, tennis, whiffleball, capture the flag, mission impossible, pin dodge, and track and field. Camp runs Monday, April 6 thru Friday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp director is Darryl Branch, South Lakes Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Information and registration fees and forms are at <http://www.seahawkboosters.com/springallsportscamp.htm>

Notices and Congratulations

Congratulations to **PFC John T. Asper**, this year's **Officer of the Year for 2008** at the Reston District Police Station. PFC Asper is a dedicated officer who displays the highest qualities expected by the Fairfax County Police Department.

Oakton High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team capped a spectacular season, winning their way to the Virginia State Championship game. The team had a remarkable run of wins, going 30 - 1 this season. Unfortunately, Friday the 13th of March proved unlucky, giving the team their first loss Princess Anne at the state championship game. Way to go!!

Congratulations to **Sean Fletcher**, senior at Madison High School, for breaking the **national high school record** in the 100 yard butterfly at the Virginia State High School Swimming Championships. Sean broke the record set in 2007 with a time of 47.08 seconds.

Library Honors Volunteers: David Hegeler joins the honored few to be commended for their volunteer service by the Fairfax County Library Board at their upcoming awards ceremony in April. David played a critical role in active gaming programs over the last two years at the **Patrick Henry Library** in Vienna. Also among the honorees is **Gail Osberg**, who compiled 1,000 volunteer service hours at the **Reston Regional Library**.

Reston Neighborhood Watch Workshop

Tuesday March 31st from 6-8 pm at

Southgate Community Center

12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston, VA 20190.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area. CHILD CARE AND LIGHT DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

To register, contact isabel.taramasco@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-787-4962 by March 30, 2009

Congratulations to several Hunter Mill District and area public schools who earned this year's **Governor's Award for Education Excellence**. To be considered, schools had to meet all federal and state achievement benchmarks for at least 2 consecutive years and achieve Governor Kaine's goals for elementary reading. Schools earning this distinction are;

Colvin Run Elementary

Louise Archer Elementary

Vienna Elementary

Carson Middle

Flint Hill Elementary

Sunrise Valley Elementary

Westbriar Elementary

Thoreau Middle

Herndon High

Schools earning the this year's **Virginia Board of Education Excellence Awards** in our area are;

Aldrin Elementary

Crossfield Elementary

Fox Mill Elementary

Wolf Trap Elementary

Madison High

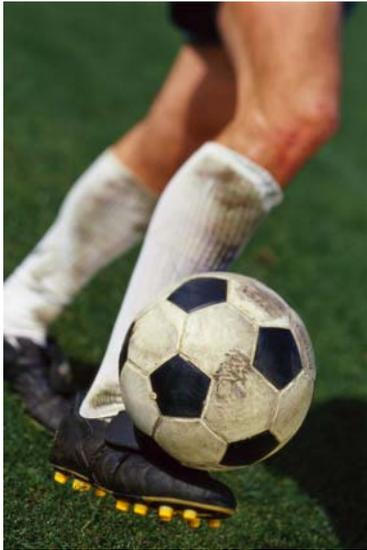
Armstrong Elementary

Floris Elementary

Oak View Elementary

Marshall High

Nearly twice as many schools achieved the criteria for the award this year.



Volunteers Needed for Soccer Clinic

Thursdays 2:30-3:45 p.m.
South Lakes High School

Soccer clinic for South Lakes students needs adult volunteers (21yrs. or older) to assist with instruction. Free clinics are offered to SLHS students beginning April 2 through June 4, at South Lakes High School.

Sponsored by South Lakes High School and the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services.

To volunteer or for additional information, please contact LaShawn Timmons at 703-860-0676, or email at lashawn.timmons@fairfaxcounty.gov

Who's that? (Page 5) The seated gentlemen are (from the left) MWA Chairman H.R. Crawford and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins
my cable television show, highlighting district issues, is shown on

Channel 16 (Cox)
Sundays 4 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Fridays 4 p.m.

Channel 28 (Comcast)
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Sundays 6:30 p.m.

This month's continues the Stream Restoration program featuring Stella Koch, chairman of Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC). I hope you tune in!

Earth Hour Saturday, March 28 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Turn off your lights for one hour this Saturday to show your concern for climate change. World Wildlife Fund program hopes to get a billion people in 1,000 cities worldwide to participate. The lights will go off on Broadway, at the Great Pyramids, and locations in 74 countries. Make your pledge at <http://www.earthhour.org/home/>

Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Wednesday, March 25

Canadian Geese Workshop, 10-12 noon, Fairfax Co. Government Center (page 3)

Saturday, March 28

Annual Watershed Clean-Up Day, 9-11:30 a.m., various County sites (page 3)

Canadian Geese Workshop, 10-12 noon, Fairfax Co. Government Center (page 3)

Unified Prevention Coalition Conference, 8:15-4, Oakton High School (page 8)

Tuesday, March 31

Reston Neighborhood Watch Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Southgate Community Center (page 10)

Wednesday, April 1

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CASA Volunteer Information Session, 10-11 a.m., Reston Community Center (page 8)

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Tax Relief Workshop, 10-12 noon, Vienna Community Center (page 4)

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Oak Marr Park Master Plan Meeting, 7 p.m., Oakton Community Library (page 9)

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