

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,

Well, finally, Spring is here! Despite the chill in the air this week, the sun is out, the rain is gone (for now) and everything is green! Spring and summer bring so many activities, festivals, and community traditions to life. There is somehow a renewed sense of community as we spend more time outside, more time relaxing and more time working in the yard. Inside this and future editions of *Hunter Mill Highlights*, you'll find information about many events going on in our community. If you ever have a community event or news piece you'd like the greater community to know about, please let me know and we'll do our best to include it.

As for the business of the County and the Hunter Mill District Office, it continues. As summer begins, so does the new fiscal year. Although less than a month has passed since the FY2010 budget was adopted, it won't be long before we begin again. One of the aspects of County management that allows us to remain in better condition than most jurisdictions is the constant attention paid to the state of the County finances. So, although we get a short break from the intensity of the budget process, we are always working to keep Fairfax County on track.

I continue to be grateful for the participation of Hunter Mill residents in the budget process and in community events and issues. I became involved in public service because I believed I could make a positive difference, but I have never believed that anything I do is more important than anything you can do for our community. Everywhere I go, I hear feedback from thoughtful, compassionate, and dedicated members of the community who seek solutions for our many challenges. We may not always agree on how to get there, but we can always agree that we want the best for our community. I look forward to your continued participation and creative ideas.

Be sure to pause during this weekend to honor those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have.

Cathy Hudgins



I was one of many bikers at the Reston pit stop for the County's **Bike to Work Day**, held on May 15th. This popular annual event highlights the bicycle and pedestrian alternatives available in the Hunter Mill District.

Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

Glade Drive Community Meeting

Last week, I met with the residents of the Glade Drive community for a discussion and information session on the recent events and police activity in the neighborhood. Approximately 40 residents attended and heard from the Reston Station police, County Human Services staff and representatives from the Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS). The Police were able to give us the facts on their activity including increased patrols and increased education and awareness. Human Services and CRS informed us of the programs available in the community and how neighbors can become engaged with these initiatives. Although a few negative events brought this meeting together, we know that when we meet and talk face to face, we can often focus our efforts and reinforce the positive things happening in our community.

Proposed Indoor Recreation Facility in Reston

I have heard from many of you regarding the indoor recreation facility being proposed by Reston Association (RA) and the Reston Community Center (RCC). As you may know, the two organizations have formed a Joint Task Force and are planning community meetings to gather input. Upcoming public meetings on the proposal are;

- ◆ Monday, June 1 - 6:30 p.m. - Joint Board Session of RCC and RA
Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods
- ◆ Monday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m. - RCC Annual Public Hearing
Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.

Information and reports on the proposed facility can be found on the RCC Proposed Indoor Recreation Facility website and RA's Proposed Indoor Rec Facility website.

At this time, there is no role for County government. This proposal is a Reston project, put forward for consideration by the duly elected representatives of the Reston Community Center Governing Board and the Reston Association. There is no County funding being proposed and there has been no proposal for use of County property. Nonetheless, as a Supervisor, I am concerned that the proposal is discussed in a public forum and that the Reston community is engaged in the discussions and decision-making. I will continue to support a public process where everyone can participate and be heard.

I encourage you to participate in the community meetings and contact RCC at rcccontact@fairfaxcounty.gov or RA at Member_Services@reston.org with any feedback.

Join the Celebration at Community Day and Health Fair Southgate Community Center

You are invited to join the celebration at the annual Community Day at Southgate Community Center, on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 4 p.m. The Community Day will feature

- ◆ blood drive
- ◆ carnival rides
- ◆ family fun and games
- ◆ health-fair vendors
- ◆ food
- ◆ prizes.

There are no charges for these activities. For more information, call the Southgate Community Center at 703-860-0676.

Southgate Community Center Yard Sale

(before the Community Day festivities)

Saturday, May 30

7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Rent a table for \$10

or come by and shop for treasures.

Call to reserve a table - 703-860-0676.

May is...

Foster Care Month



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.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Most people will be affected in some way by mental illness during their lifetimes. According to the National Institute of Health, more than 26 percent of Americans over age 18 will suffer from a mental disorder in a given year. Though mental illness is quite common in our society, it is widely misunderstood. Mental Health Month this May gives us an opportunity to better inform ourselves about mental illness.

Many myths about mental illness persist, such as people with mental illness are likely to be violent. In truth, the risk of violence among the mentally ill is small, as they are more often victims of violence than perpetrators of it. Also, many people believe a mental illness diagnosis is hopeless. However, today's treatment is highly effective and recovery is indeed possible – even people with the most serious mental illnesses can lead active, productive lives. Virginia is working to reform its public mental health system into one that includes more and better treatment options and focuses on individuals and their paths to recovery.

I hope you'll seek to understand the facts about mental illness. To learn more about services or get help, contact one of Virginia's local community services boards (www.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov/SVC-default.htm) or advocacy groups (www.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov/Links.htm#Consumer). Doing so can make a difference in your life or in the life of a loved one.

James Reinhard, M.D., Commissioner
Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most Month

The **Countywide Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking** reminds students and adults during the prom and graduation season of the current Virginia Underage Drinking Laws.

It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone under 21 to buy, consume, or possess any alcoholic beverage. Penalties upon conviction include:

- mandatory minimum fine of \$500 (up to \$2,500) or a minimum of 50 hours of community service
- loss of driver's license for 6 to 12 months
- up to 12 months in jail
- possible expulsion from school if caught on school property, and/or possible loss of participation in all after-school activities even if caught off school property.

As of July 1, 2008, the additional penalty for driving after illegally consuming alcohol is mandatory loss of a driver's license for one year or a delay in obtaining a first license. For use of a fake ID to purchase an alcoholic beverage, the additional penalty is loss of a driver's license for up to one year.

It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for adults to provide alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21.* Penalties upon conviction include:

- a \$2,500 fine per young person provided any alcoholic beverage
- loss of the adult's driver's license for up to one year, and/or up to one year in jail.

* A person under 21 must be accompanied by his parent, guardian, or spouse in order to be served alcohol in the home of another. A parent, guardian, or spouse may serve alcohol to a family member under 21 in his own home.



FAIRFAX Cares

Local non-profits and faith-based community organizations are reporting increases in demand for basic needs assistance. During the fourth quarter of 2008;

- ◆ 80% of direct food providers and more than 75% of direct financial assistance providers reported receiving more requests for assistance than the year before.
- ◆ Close to 50% of the providers were unable to serve households at times due to lack of financial resources and close to 27% were unable to serve households at times due to lack of food resources.
- ◆ 45% of providers reported receiving requests for assistance from households not previously served, such as middle-class families and those that are underemployed.

Fairfax Cares is a coalition of Fairfax-Falls Church community partners organized to help our neighbors in need and helps strengthen the basic needs safety net system during this time of economic crisis. Fairfax Cares received and distributes monetary donations, helps keep the food pantry shelves plentiful. Donations are received and distributed by the Northern Virginia Community Foundation (NVCF) through an allocation process determined by the Fairfax Cares Advisory Committee.

For additional information on how you can contribute to help your neighbors, please visit the Fairfax Cares website at www.fairfaxcares.org

Sales Tax Holiday on Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Items

The Commonwealth of Virginia has approved a Sales Tax Holiday from Monday, May 25 through Sunday, May 31 on emergency supplies and equipment sold in Virginia stores. The 5% sales tax will be excused on the following items;

- ◆ Artificial ice, blue ice, reusable ice
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Battery-powdered flashlights
- ◆ Bottled water of any size including flavored, carbonated and vitamin water
- ◆ Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- ◆ Cell phone chargers
- ◆ Duct tape
- ◆ Fire extinguishers
- ◆ First aid kits
- ◆ Portable generators
- ◆ Radios: battery-powered, hand-cranked, two-way, weather band and NOAA.

Coming up:

School Supplies and Clothing tax holiday -

August 7-9, 2009.

Energy Star and WaterSense products tax holiday -

October 9-12, 2009.

Visit the state website for more details at www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday

Visit Fairfax Launches "Our Community"

The new "Our Community" section of fxva.com is being built as a service to local residents and as a forum for communities to showcase their events, festivals and dining. Each of the nine magisterial communities will have its own unique webpage that highlights that community's events. The new addition to the *Visit Fairfax* website will be available to local residents beginning this summer, at www.fxva.com.

Crash Course Reston Teen Center Thursday, May 21st 5:00 p.m.

Reston Teen Center has invited a police officer from the traffic safety division to address safety concerns with teenage driving.

Participants will receive a raffle ticket for an iPod Touch. The drawing will take place after the presentation.

North County Teen Center at Reston is located at 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. For further information, give them a call at 703-326-7040.

Foreclosure Prevention Meeting

Fairfax County will host a free foreclosure information meeting for county homeowners and renters on Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street, Herndon. Information will be presented by the Homeownership Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection. Representatives from Legal Services of Northern Virginia will be available to provide foreclosure counseling and answer questions.



Representatives from the town of Herndon and Reston Interfaith will provide Spanish translations. Space is limited; register early by calling HCD at 703-246-5264 (TTY 703-385-3578). For reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-246-5101 (TTY 703-385-3578). Homeowners who are unable to attend, but would like more information can contact the HCD Homeownership Resource Center weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 703-246-5087 (TTY 703-385-3578). Renters with questions about rental housing in foreclosure or homeowners seeking to avoid foreclosure rescue scams should contact the Consumer Affairs Branch weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 703-222-8435.

Fairfax Area Disability Services Board Releases 2009 Needs Assessment

Over 370 Fairfax area residents with disabilities, responding to a survey conducted by the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, reported that the most important services necessary to live independently and maintain a high quality of life were transportation, case management, and assistive technology. The board released the results of its triennial Fairfax Area 2009 Needs Assessment during its April meeting. Also high on the list were medical/therapeutic services and employment. Survey participants listed lack of information about services, problems accessing services, and the affordability of services as the most significant barriers to independence faced by people with disabilities.

The full report can be found at DSB Needs Assessment Report by calling 703-324-5874, TTY 703-449-1186, or at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsb/2009_needs_assessment_findings.htm.

Filing MetroAccess Complaints

MetroAccess should be providing safe, reliable, and courteous on-time service. If you are experiencing issues with your MetroAccess service, it is important to file a complaint so that your issues are documented. For best results, provide as much details as possible, including the date, time, location, names of people you dealt with, and the circumstances of the complaint.

By phone: Call 202-637-0128, TTY: 202-962-2565 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Online: http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/contact_us/ridercomment.cfm

Mail: MetroAccess Customer Relations
8405 Colesville Road, Suite 400
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6341

MetroAccess Monitor: As part of MetroAccess' legal settlement, the Equal Rights Center is providing oversight for MetroAccess. Please also inform the Center of your MetroAccess complaint by phone at 202-370-3221, TTY 711 or email at metromonitor@equalrightscenter.org.

If you need additional assistance, please contact Fairfax County Disability Services Planning and Development at disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-324-5874, 703-449-1186 TTY.

Transportation

Commonwealth Transportation Board Six-Year Improvement Program

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has scheduled its annual Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Working Draft Public Hearing in Northern Virginia for Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m., Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, 7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls church. Your comments about essential rail, public transportation, commuter service, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects for FY2010-2015 are welcome. The Working Draft FY2010-2015 SYIP will be available at www.VirginiaDOT.org on May 20.

Connector Routes Changed for FY 2010

There are modifications in the current Connector Bus routes due to the adoption of the fiscal year 2010 budget. Fairfax Connector service changes will take effect Sunday, June 28, 2009. This includes a fare increase to \$7 for three express routes which travel outside Fairfax County boundaries. Schedules and maps for each bus route are expected to be available in early June.

Route #	Details
301	Selected trips will be discontinued while others will be operated short.
303	All service will be discontinued.
380	Fare increase to \$7. Eliminate service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Day after Thanksgiving.
425	All Saturday, Sunday and Holiday service will be discontinued.
505	Weekday service will be reduced to 30 minute intervals (instead of 15) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
553	Selected trips will be discontinued.
556	All service will be discontinued
557	Weekday service will be discontinued between Franklin Farm Road and Fairfax County Pkwy to and from Reston South Park & Ride in both AM and PM. Selected trips will be discontinued while others will be operated short.
585	Selected trips will be discontinued. Eliminate service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Day after Thanksgiving.
595	Fare increase to \$7.
597	Fare increase to \$7.
922	All service will be discontinued
980	All weekday service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, and the Day after Thanksgiving will be reduced to 15 minute frequencies between 5:44 a.m. to 8:37 a.m. and between 4:11 p.m. and 7:35 p.m.
VRE EZ Bus	All service will be discontinued.

HMD Transportation Information

For Hunter Mill District Transportation information, meeting, and project status, please see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm> and <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/sidewalkstrails.htm>

Task Force Hears about LED Streetlight Pilot Project

On Wednesday, May 13th, the Hunter Mill Outdoor Lighting Task Force met at the North County Government Center to hear about and begin preliminary site selection for the Dominion Virginia Power Company (Dominion) Light Emitting Diode (LED) Pilot Project which will be implemented within the Reston Streetlight Demonstration Project area. Task Force members were briefed by Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), Department of Cable, Communication, and Consumer Protection (DCCCP), and General Electric staff about the project.

The project, consisting of replacing approximately ten existing lights with LED lights, will be used to help determine a number of operational and performance factors including equipment life cycle costs, lighting performance, and energy usage. The Task Force presented County staff with preliminary site selections and is currently awaiting analysis so that one site can be chosen and project implemented. So that I may address your concerns, please contact me regarding streetlight concerns throughout Hunter Mill District.

Best Advice When Encountering Fawns: Hands Off!

White-tail deer give birth April through July, with most births occurring in June. Each spring, a doe generally produces one to three fawns and routinely leaves them alone for most of the day to search for food. There is a high population of deer in our county, so it is possible you might encounter fawns that are all alone, lying quietly in the woods or other areas. Good Samaritans presume that their mothers have abandoned and attempt a “rescue”. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, however, strongly advises against this.



They report, “more than 75 percent of the fawns ‘rescued’ every spring should have been left alone. Most wild animals are dedicated parents and will not abandon their young, but they do leave them alone for long periods of time while looking for food.” Also, they will not return to the area while you are present in order to protect their fawn’s hiding spot.

In most cases, the best advice to would-be rescuers of any wild animals is to leave them alone. If you come across a fawn that is clearly injured, there is evidence its mother is dead, or you still feel the fawn is in need of help, call the Wildlife Rescue League Hotline at 703-440-0800 before making attempts at a rescue. For more information on orphaned or injured wildlife, see <http://www.wildliferescueleague.org>.

Don’t Get Ticked Off: Lyme Disease Prevention

As warm weather arrives and people spend more time outdoors, it becomes more important to acknowledge the impact of Lyme disease in our community. In 2008, 190 cases of Lyme disease were reported in Fairfax County. In addition, 5 to 13% of ticks tested by the health department were carrying the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

To protect yourself and your family members;

- ◆ Avoid tick-infested areas (overgrown grass, brush, leaf litter)
- ◆ Use tick repellent with DEET
- ◆ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to protect your skin
- ◆ Wear light-colored clothing to see ticks easily
- ◆ Check for ticks after outdoor activities and remove ticks promptly.

To learn more about Lyme disease visit the health department’s website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvlyme.htm.



Stratton Woods Park Master Plan Amendment

Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking input from the public on the Stratton Woods Park draft plan amendments through Friday, May 29th. Comments can be sent to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or to Pat Rosend, Project Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. A public meeting was held on April 28th to present the proposal.

The proposed changes to the park's master plan include lights for the 90' baseball diamond, lights for the tennis courts and parking lot. Also suggested was to replace the sand volleyball court with lit handball and racquetball courts. The draft master plan amendment can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/pr022-09.htm>.

Viva! Vienna!



Viva! Vienna! Town Festival comes to town on Saturday, May 23rd through Monday, May 25th. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Vienna and the Town of Vienna, *Viva! Vienna!* is a family oriented celebration of Memorial Day and the Greater Vienna Community Spirit. The three-day street festival features food, crafts, vendors, non-profit organizations, music, entertainment and amusement rides.

Proceeds from the festival are allocated to local non-profits and community organizations that support local families and services. Last year's festival raised over \$100,000 for local organizations.

The festival is held in downtown Vienna. Satellite parking will be serviced by shuttle buses throughout the day for each access. Live entertainment is schedule on both the main stage and the children's stage. For complete schedules and more information, call 703-255-4742, or visit www.vivaviennava.org.

Bring Your E-Waste to *Viva! Vienna!*
James Madison High School Parking Lot, Door 11
Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25
Collection Center Open from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Navy Federal Credit Union will be providing FREE recycling services for your surplus personal computers and related devices to help protect the environment. FREE parking and shuttle bus services will also be available to take you from the JMHS parking lot to the *Viva! Vienna!* Town Festival on Church Street.

Accepted materials are;

- Desktop computers, keyboards, mice
- Laptop computers
- Mainframe computer systems
- Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) and Monitors
- Hard drives, floppy drives, cd-roms
- Phones, fax machines, telecommunications hardware
- Printers
- Computer Boards, CPUs
- Memory chips, circuit boards
- Connecting wires and cables
- Modems & telephone boards

TVs are NOT ACCEPTED at this event.

New, unique leisure experiences await you this spring at the Park Authority

New Wooded Play Area Connects Kids to Nature

Young children have found a natural place to play, a place that allows them to experience the wonders of nature with their full range of senses, and a place that allows their imaginations to roam and encourages exploration. Welcome to Nature Playce, a new, 1/3-acre area set aside for free-play at the Fairfax County Park Authority's **Hidden Oaks Nature Center** in Annandale. The wooded play area was built by an Eagle Scout candidate and provides an alternative to sedentary indoor activities like video games, surfing the Internet, and watching television. Nature Playce creates an environment where parents and children can enjoy meaningful interactions with the natural world that go beyond a simple trail walk.



In Nature Playce, children will hear birds singing and the gentle rustle of leaves in the trees. A small water feature reflects the open sky above. While parents relax on a bench in the serenity of the forested enclosure, kids can dig in moist dirt, make mud pies, feel the texture of tree bark and create a ground fort. Pre-schools and elementary grade classes, scouts and birthday parties are also welcome to visit Nature Playce as part of their park experience.

Nature Playce is open from dawn to dusk and admission is free. The nature center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Tuesday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) is located at 7701 Royce St. in Annandale. For information about Nature Playce and other Hidden Oaks programs, please call 703-941-1065.

Celebration of Celestial Bodies

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of Italian scientist Galileo's astronomical discoveries, Fairfax County Park Authority, Analemma Society and Friends of Great Falls Library are joining together with Fairfax County Public Library to sponsor the *Great Falls Observes the International Year of Astronomy* symposium. The program features speakers who will mark the 1609 creation of Galileo's first telescope that could magnify to the eighth power.

On Thursday, May 21, Philip Ianna, University of Virginia emeritus, will speak on astronomy and what we see in *dark* night skies. Future seminars are;

September 17, Michael Summers of George Mason University will address astrobiology.

November 19, Harold Geller of George Mason University will discuss radio astronomy.

This free program is open to the public and will be held at the Great Falls Library located at 9830 Georgetown Pike at 7 p.m. on each of the four Thursday nights.



The observatory at [Turner Farm](#), a joint venture of the Park Authority and Analemma Society, enhances the opportunities to explore and appreciate the constellations, the visible planets, comets and other night sky phenomena and delve into the symposium's topics throughout the year. Observatory Park is open weekends from dawn to dusk for recreational use and on clear Friday nights for celestial observation. For more information please contact Charles H. Olin at (703) 759-6616 or visit the web site www.analemma.org. [Turner Farm](#) is located at the intersection of Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and Springvale Road (Route 674) in Great Falls, VA. The entrance to Observatory Park is on Springvale Road.

Notices and Congratulations

Congratulations to the three newly elected Town of Vienna Council members. **George Lovelace**, who was re-elected for another term, will be joined on the Council with new members **Laurie DiRocco** and **Howard Springsteen**.

Congratulations to Herndon High School's **Al McCulloch** who is retiring on completion of this season after 30 years of coaching the Hornets varsity baseball team. To commemorate his last season, the Baseball Parents Club organized a picnic and alumni game bringing back old teammates.

Bringing home top honors from **Virginia Odyssey of the Mind** championship was a team of seven local young women. The team was comprised of **Stephanie Varner** and **Lindsay Wolff** (Herndon High School), **Katherine Ackerman**, **Emily Kehne** and **Colleen Kerins** (Thomas Jefferson), **Courtney Blandford** (Oakton), and **Stephanie Heimburg** (South Lakes). The team was awarded the 14-18 year old division championship and a creativity award for their problem, "The Lost Labor of Heracles." As state champs, the team will compete in the world championships at the end of May.

Northern Virginia 2-1-1: Hopefully by now, you've heard about what 2-1-1 can do for you or someone you know in a crisis. We can connect individuals struggling financially to emergency financial assistance programs or to HUD certified mortgage counselors. But 2-1-1 VIRGINIA can help with much more than that! Our database has over 4, 400 health and human service programs just in Northern Virginia and they can help with a variety of other needs. We have information about volunteer opportunities, recreation, summer camps and so much more. So, no matter what your situation may be, 2-1-1 can help you connect to your community. Also, during your spring cleaning, check with 2-1-1- before you throw it away! 2-1-1 can help you find local organizations that could use your treasures:
<http://nova211.blogspot.com/2009/04/doing-some-spring-cleaning-dial-2-1-1.html>

Vincent Brown, senior at **South Lakes High School**, was named Washington Post' All-Met First Team for the indoor track season. Vincent was ranked #2 in the state this year in the 55 meters high hurdles and led his team to both district and regional championships. Next year, he will be competing for Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on an athletic scholarship.

Fairfax County Park Authority Director John Dargle will hold the third **Listening Forum** on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. at **Oak Marr RECenter**. The forum will be held in the Acorn Room and the facility is located at 3200 Jermantown Road in Oakton. Listening Forums provide an opportunity for Park Authority leadership to hear directly from residents about their concerns and questions, issues and ideas. These are informal gatherings at which Director Dargle simply listens, notes the topics of the discussion and asks staff to follow-up and take appropriate action. For more information please call 703-324-8701.

Frying Pan Farm Park needs volunteers! During the weekend, the park is filled with children and adults, learning more about farming and its history. Many of those sharing that history are not paid county employees, but volunteers who spend their time helping out at the park. Adult volunteers are able to help take care of the park and the crops but because they are short on volunteer hours, not everyone who visits the park gets to experience everything it has to offer. To learn more, call volunteer coordinator, Sherry Bizette at 703-437-5318 or email Sherry.Bizette@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Interfaith and Keller Williams Realty have teamed up for a **COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT** on Saturday, June 13th. Residents can bring their old documents to be shredded by ProShred. Their shredding truck will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the truck is full, at 11700 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. A suggested donation of \$5-10 per box will be donated to Reston Interfaith.

Public Library Changes Hours and Fees

Fairfax County Public Libraries will reduce its hours beginning July 1st. New hours will be;

Monday - Wednesday (all branches)

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday & Friday (all branches)

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday (all branches)

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday (regional branches only)

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Adjustments to fees and fines are;

- ◆ Daily charge for overdue materials will be 30 cents for both adult and children's materials.
- ◆ \$1 charge to customers who do not have their library cards with them at the time of transaction.
- ◆ Guest pass of \$2 required for visitors or non-card holders to use public computers.

Customers with outstanding balance of charges more than \$15 will have their account blocked and will not be able to check out or place holds.

Reston Community Coalition's Project Sticker Shock

Teams composed of South Lakes High School and Hughes Middle School students, parent chaperones, police officers and school resource officers hit the local stores for **Reston Community Coalition's Project Sticker Shock**. The students and adults tagged alcoholic beverages with the red stop sign sticker reminding consumers that it is illegal to purchase or provide alcohol to minors.



Fairfax County Police Department website offers tips on keeping teens safe during the prom and graduation season at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/topics/050109howcanikeepmyteensafe.htm>

Also included is teen crash map locating traffic accidents and fatalities involving teenage drivers. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/traffic/pdf/teencrashmap20072008.pdf>

Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Thursday, May 21

Crash Course - Reston Teen Center, 5:00 p.m. (p. 4)

International Year of Astronomy lecture - Great Falls Public Library, 7 p.m. (p. 9)

Monday, May 25

Begins Hurricane/Emergency Preparedness Items Tax Holiday - thru Sunday, May 31st. (p. 4)

Wednesday, May 27

Foreclosure Prevention Meeting - Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 6:30 p.m. (p. 5)

Friday, May 29

Due date for public comments on Stratton Woods Park Master Plan amendment (p. 8)

Saturday, May 30

Community Day and Health Fair - Southgate Community Center, 12 noon to 4 p.m. (p. 2)

Yard Sale - Southgate Community Center, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. (p. 2)

Monday, June 1

Joint Board Session of RCC and RA - Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 6:30 p.m. (p. 2)

Monday, June 15

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