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Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic newsletter. Please share this issue with the members of your organizations. To be added to our mailing list and receive our regular newsletters, e-mail me at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Welcome to a Special Edition of the *Hunter Mill Highlights*. *Hunter Mill Highlights* is a monthly e-newsletter designed to inform residents of Hunter Mill about everything happening in our community. There is so much happening right now in sports and recreation across Hunter Mill and the County, I thought this **Sports Page** might be useful to you and your members, friends or colleagues. Please feel free to forward it along to others who might benefit. We'll put one out whenever needed to keep you informed.

First, let me say that I appreciate the investment of your time and energy to the sports and recreation activities that provide healthy outlets for both youth and adults in our community. We can all benefit from regular physical activity and community recreation activities would not be possible without the staggering number of volunteers who give so much. The games just simply would not go on. So, thank you.

I am hoping the information inside will be informative and give you some tools you might need. You'll find important dates, information about the budget's effect on sports activities and school information. Also included is contact information for County staff or volunteers who are there to answer your questions or point you in the right direction should you need assistance. My office is always there to help should you have any questions.

If you have any suggestions for improving the Sports Page, please send them in. If you would like to subscribe to the regular edition of the *Hunter Mill Highlights*, please e-mail the Hunter Mill office at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Play hard or go home!

Cathy Hudgins

I was front and center among the dignitaries to throw out the first balls at the opening of the new 90' diamond at Dulles Corner Park in Herndon.



FY2010 Proposed Athletic Fees

Fairfax County Executive Tony Griffin has included an increase in the athletic fees paid by all players and out-of-county players in his FY2010 Proposed Budget. The increases are proposed to generate revenues as an alternative to reducing or eliminating services. Specifically, the increases are;

- Application fees: currently \$5.50 per player, per team, per season - increase to \$13.00
- Out-of-County player fees: currently \$20 for adults - increase to \$30 and include youth players
- Tournament fees: currently \$15 per team, per tournament - increase to \$35 per team
- One-time-use fee: currently is \$50 per facility - increase to \$120 per facility.

In order to balance the budget, all County agencies had to make serious cuts. The increase in fees would restore the reductions and increase programs, specifically;

- Youth Sports Scholarship Program (\$100,000) - considered for elimination, increased to \$150,000.
- Youth Sports Officials Subsidy (\$195,000) - restores funding
- Athletic Field Walk-On Prevention Program (\$125,000) - restores reduction in funding
- Contract management for athletic field maintenance (\$84,522) - restores funding
- Port-a-Jon service at 73 park facilities (\$40,000) - restores funding
- General fund support for existing athletic related programs/services (\$333,130) - restores funding.

Additionally, revenues would cover increases necessary to maintain current level of services to Park Authority maintained fields (both park and school sites) lighting costs, and irrigation systems maintenance and repairs. The Turf Field Replacement Fund would be established to begin long-term planning for the eventual required replacement of synthetic turf fields at the end of their life cycle.

Department of Community and Recreation Services and the Park Authority will host public information session to address questions on the proposed cuts and fees. Meetings are scheduled for;

Tuesday, 3/17, 6:30 pm - Herndon Senior Center - 873 Grace Street, Herndon

Wednesday, 3/18, 7 pm - Pennino Building Room 206, 12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax.

Additional information on the proposed fees and cuts is available on the CRS website at

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/team_sports/fy_2010_fee.htm

Hunter Mill District Town Hall Budget Meeting

Residents are invited to join me at the **Hunter Mill District Town Hall Meeting on the FY2010 Budget**, Tuesday, March 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston 20190. Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget will review and answer questions on the County Executive's budget FY2010 proposal. I will provide the Board of Supervisors' perspective and listen to comments and concerns. Please RSVP to the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283, or huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Public Hearing and Information

Public Hearing on the budget will be held March 30 - April 1, 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.

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>.

FCPS Considers School Starting Time Changes



Fairfax County Public School Board will decide on a proposal to school start and dismissal times for elementary, middle and high school students at their meeting on Thursday, March 19th, 7 p.m. at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. The FCPS Transportation Task Force included the bell changes as part of its goal of improving the overall effectiveness of the FCPS transportation system. The proposed changes are available for your review at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/start.htm>. The complete task force report along with staff reports, transportation data, studies and links is available for review at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/taskforce07/documents/index.htm>.

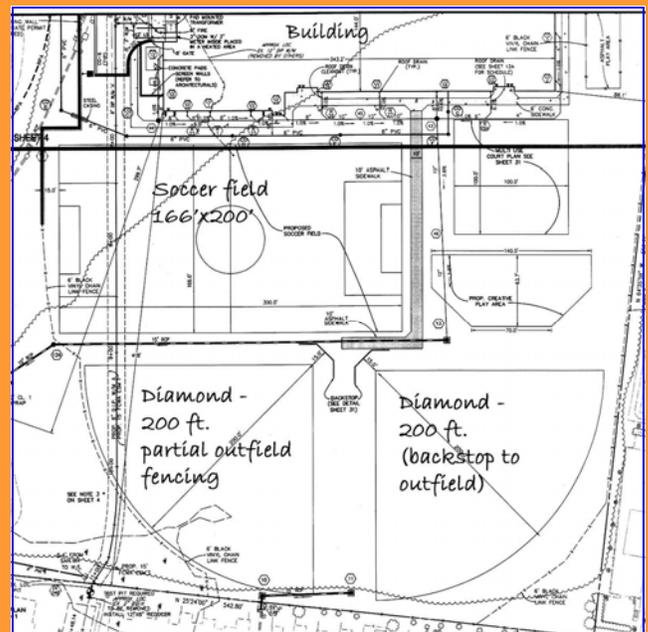
FCPS held a series of community dialogues meetings in late February for families and community members to learn more and share their thoughts about the proposed changes. The change to a later dismissal time for high school and middle school students would have a trickle effect on scheduling school athletic facilities used by the high school teams and middle school activities, down to the community athletic leagues. A report on the impact of a later starting bell will have on high school athletics is also included on the FCPS webpage, along with an additional report from the County Executive estimating the impact on all county programs.

New! Elementary School at Coppermine Site

A new elementary school will open its doors in the fall in the Oak Hill/Herndon area. The school is at the Coppermine site, 2480 River Birch Road in Herndon. The good news is the addition of athletic fields and a gymnasium which will eventually be available for community use.

When completed, the site will have two 60' diamond fields and stand alone rectangular field. There is no irrigation system planned. The fields will not be available for community use until 2010 to establish the turf.

The school will have a gymnasium with 6 baskets - 2 adjustable height baskets on the ends and (2) 8 foot and (2) 10 foot fixed side baskets. The dimensions of the gym are approximately 94' x 60'. Restrooms and water fountain are available just off the gym floor. Unlike the fields, the gym is expected to be available for community use beginning next fall.



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Park Authority Athletic Facility Projects

Athletic fields and facilities in and around the Hunter Mill District are scheduled for improvements and renovations. Some projects involve changes to the park's Master Plan, while other have been approved, funded and now scheduled for completion.

Ready to go:

Lake Fairfax Park - replacement athletic field lights on 2 diamond fields.

Master Plan Amendments:

Stratton Woods Park - Park Authority has begun the process to amend the current Master Plan at Stratton Woods. The proposed changes would add lights to the 90' baseball diamond, tennis courts, and parking lot. In addition, a sand volleyball court would be replaced with 3 outdoor racquetball courts and 3 handball courts. A public meeting will be scheduled in the spring to hear comments from users, neighbors and citizens.

Oak Marr (Providence District) - The amended Master Plan for Oak Marr would include athletic field lights on the two rectangular fields and the miniature golf course. Public meeting on the amendments is planned for spring. Park Authority also included plans to convert the rectangular fields to synthetic turf in their FY2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program.



Seahawks play on synthetic turf at Lake Fairfax Park
(Park Authority photo)

Turf Field Conversions: (funded through the 2008 Park Bond)

The FY2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program includes the following synthetic turf conversions;

- Oak Marr Field #1 and #2 - as noted above (Providence)
- Pine Ridge - synthetic turf (1 field) and lights on 3 diamonds and 3 rectangular fields (Mason)
- Greenbriar Field #5 (Springfield)

Park Authority Board Elects New 2009 Leadership Team

Fairfax County Park Authority Board elected their new 2009 Leadership Team, selecting Hunter Mill's own **Bill Bouie** as Chairman. Bill previously served as Vice Chairman and represented the Hunter Mill District on the Park Authority Board since 2005. In addition, **George Lovelace** was elected as Park Authority Board Secretary for 2009. George served as an at-large member since 2004, a liaison to the Fairfax County Athletic Council, and is also a current member of the Vienna Town Council. They will be joined on the Leadership Team by Harrison Glasglow, Vice Chairman, and Frank Vajda, Treasurer. Congratulations to both of these outstanding Hunter Mill citizens.

Listening Forums with Park Authority Director

Park Authority Director John Dargle invites you to join him at the "Listening Forums", an informal gathering to hear what's on your mind. Each month, the Director will be holding a session to hear directly from citizens, their concerns and to share ideas. Summaries of the meetings will be posted on the Park Authority's website. Listening forums, all on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., scheduled for this spring are;

March 19 - Colvin Run Mill Barn
May 21 - Oak Marr RECenter

April 30 - Green Springs Gardens
June 11 - Audrey Moore RECenter in Springfield

Hunter Mill District Athletic Contacts

The following are the contacts for the Hunter Mill athletic concerns;

Park Authority Board

Bill Bouie
Hunter Mill Representative and Chairman

George Lovelace
At-Large Representative and Secretary

Contact the Park Authority Board members through their website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/>

Park Authority Staff

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Baseball Council	Rob Hahne
Basketball Council	E.J. Thomas
Fast Pitch Softball Council	William Minto
Football Council	Mark Meana
Lacrosse Council	Bret Bailey
Soccer Council	Lisa Cherubini
Volleyball Council	Jill Fitzgerald

At-Large Members:

At-Large	Clement Chan
Diversity at-Large	Marcelo Gangotena
Women's Sports	William Stephens

Contact DCRS Athletic Services for information on councils or to contact Athletic Council members.

Department of Community and Recreation Services

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Taylor Dixon (South County)

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Steve Groff (South County)

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(School board members are listed on page 3)

Congratulations and Notices

Oakton High School 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 to be unlucky, giving the team their first loss at the state championship game.

Congratulations to **Sean Fletcher, Madison High School**, for breaking the national high school record in the 100 yard butterfly at Virginia State High School Swimming Championships. Sean broke the record set in 2007 with a time of 47.08 seconds. Officials at the meet could not recall if or when a national record was broken at a Virginia meet. Sean had all of 10 minutes to relish his accomplishment before heading back to the pool for his next swim, the 100 yard freestyle. He won the event, just shy of the state record.

South Lakes High School Boys Track & Field Team won the Northern Region Championship on Saturday, February 21, 2009. It is the first indoor championship in school history. The team scored 59.5 points to defeat the 29 other Region schools. The Regional Championship came after SLHS boys won the Liberty District Championship.



Herndon High School Golf Team will host the 1st Annual Hornet Golf Team Fundraiser on Monday, April 6, 2009. The tournament will tee off at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course and feature a 4-person captain's choice format. Shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards try-out fees, uniforms and equipment for the golf team. For additional information and entry form, see their website at <http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/pdf/0809/Entry%20Form%202009%20HHS%20Golf%20.pdf>

Get your garden ready for spring with **George C. Marshall High School Statesmen Activity Boosters Mulch Sale**. This high grade mulch is \$4.50 per 3 cubic foot bag. Orders of 10 bags or more will be delivered free to your home. Orders of less than 10 bags can be picked up in front of Marshall High School. Mulch will be on sale at the school on March 28th, and delivered that same day. Order form is available at <http://www.gcmhsboosters.org/images/mulch2009.pdf>



James Madison HS 3rd Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Vienna Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door and include hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, and \$10,000 in chips. Winnings can be used to purchase raffle tickets; additional chips can be purchased. *Individuals under 21 are not admitted.* For more information, and to purchase your advance tickets, please email warhawksports@gmail.com. Last year's event sold out so don't delay! Advance ticket orders must be received by Friday, April 17th. All proceeds go towards supporting the JMHS sports teams.

South Lakes Seahawks are holding a **Spring Break All Sports Camp** for boys and girls ages 6-12 or students in elementary school. Campers will be involved in a variety of sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, flag football, floor hockey, whiffleball, tennis, capture the flag, mission impossible, pin dodge, and track and field. Camp will be held from Monday, April 6th through Friday, April 10th at Langston Hughes Middle School, from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Fees are \$110.00 (fee must accompany registration). Camp director is Darryl Branch, South Lakes Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach. Information and registration form is at <http://www.seahawkboosters.com/springallsportscamp.htm>.