



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*January 12, 2010*

*Dear Hunter Mill Friends,*

*Our meeting began on a bittersweet note as we bid adieu to three long time County employees who will be missed. We said our goodbyes to our “can do” man from the Dept. of Public Works and Environmental Services, Jimmie Jenkins. Ken Garnes oversaw the County’s Human Services along with his contributions while on the Community Services Board. Finally, Verdia Haywood rose to become Deputy County Executive after years of work on the design and delivery of human services in the County.*

*In other business, we requested Economic Development Authority bonds for financing the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station garage. We approved changes for the Fairfax CONNECTOR and RIBS bus routes – be sure to see summary of changes below. We approved a pilot program for two School Age Child Care centers in schools not currently served by SACC. After discussion, the Board was united in our opposition to the freeze on the local “ability to pay” composite index updated used by the State to determine the share of education costs. The updated composite index would have increased the funding the County receives from the State for public schools.*

*Work on the FY 2011 County Budget gears up next month with the release of the County Executive’s budget proposal. I will be looking for your comments and input as we work through the challenges posed in this year’s plans. Watch for announcements on Hunter Mill district community meetings on the budget which are in the works.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

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### **1-12-2010 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **January 12, 2010 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week. For items that relate to other Districts, see Agenda/Board Summary: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Designated January 2010 as Mentoring Month in Fairfax County.**

**Approved proclamation designating 2010 the Year of Appreciation for Older Adults in Fairfax County.**

**We recognized three outstanding, long-time employees for their years of service to the County;**

**Ken Garnes:** Ken was the director of the Department of Administration for Human Services. In addition, he served with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

**Verdia Haywood:** Verdia, a deputy county executive, led the Fairfax County human services system for more than 30 years.

**Jimmie Jenkins:** Jimmie served more than 33 years in the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, most recently as its director.

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

**Admin 1: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on a proposed amendment to The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, to add a new chapter, Chapter 123 (Coastal Primary Sand Dune Zoning Ordinance)** regarding protection/regulations of coastal sand dunes and beaches on the tidal shoreline that are currently regulated by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. The proposed amendment would be similar in structure to and complement the County's Wetlands Zoning Ordinance and enables the Fairfax County Wetlands Board to administer tidal shoreline permitting that encompassing both beach permits and wetland permits.

**Admin 5: Approval of Traffic Calming Measures and Installation of Multi-Way Stop and "Watch for Children" Signs as Part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program.**

"Watch for Children" signs approved on the following streets in the Hunter Mill District:

- Rosedown Drive
- Bois Avenue

Multi-Way Stop Signs approved in the Hunter Mill District:

- Quincy Adams Drive at Wendell Holmes Drive and
- Quincy Adams Drive at McLearn Road
- Abby Oak Drive and Meadowlark Road
- Magna Carta Drive and Keele Drive

**Admin 6: Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10099 for the Department of Family Services to accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Early Head Start expansion.** Expand Early Head Start services to an additional 40 children and their families.

- Required 20% local match will be met through \$50,000 in local cash match from Fund 102, and the balance in in-kind contributions.
- Supports 3/2.5 SYE new grant positions.
- Project period is from November 1, 2009 to September 29, 2011
- Available as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Stimulus Funding).
- A total of 212 Early Head Start children are currently served in Fairfax County by DFS and its delegates.

**Admin 7: Authorization for the Fire and Rescue Department to Apply for and Accept Funding from the Department of Homeland Security for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant** from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$2,463,009 under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity to create 15/15.0 SYE additional merit firefighter positions to staff five truck companies according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard of four person minimum staffing. If awarded, the total amount of grant funds received by the County would be \$2,463,009 over two years. There is no Local Cash Match required. However, costs such as training, equipment and overtime are not eligible grant costs and would be borne by the County. In addition, the County is required to retain the new firefighters for one year after the initial two-year grant period and cover all personnel and operating costs during the third year. The total cost to the County over a three-year period is \$1,803,099.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Approval of the Board of Supervisors' meeting schedule for calendar year 2010.** BOS meetings have been moved from Mondays to Tuesdays for 2010. Complete schedule is available on the County's webpage.

**Action 3: Request of Fairfax County Economic Development Authority to issue bonds for purposes of financing the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station Garage Project, approval of preliminary bond documents for Wiehle Avenue Metrorail**

**Station Garage Project and authorization of judicial proceedings to validate bonds.** On June 1, 2009, the Board approved a Comprehensive Agreement with Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC and CRS Construction Services, LC (collectively, "Comstock") providing for Comstock to construct on County-owned real estate on Wiehle Avenue in Reston, Virginia, public parking facilities to include 2300 public parking spaces, 10 bus bays, 46 kiss/and/ride spaces and ancillary facilities (the "Project") to serve the new metrorail station. In order to finance the Project, it is proposed that the Board request EDA to issue Bonds to fund Project costs in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000). The bonds will fund the cost of the public facilities, costs of issuance and capitalized interest during construction as well as provide a contingency reserve in the event of any unforeseen circumstances that may impact the cost of the Project for which the County is responsible. The Office of the County Attorney and Bond Counsel recommend that prior to the issuance of the Bonds by EDA, there should be a judicial determination of the validity of the Bonds to ensure broad financial market acceptance of the Bonds. After such judicial proceedings are fully completed and prior to the sale of the Bonds, staff expects to return to the Board around July, 2010 with final cost and design recommendations and additional documents and requests for approval relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** As noted on June 1, 2009, the cost of the public facilities is currently estimated at \$90 million absent unforeseen circumstances. The debt service required to support construction, soft costs and capitalized interest will be approximately \$7.95 million per year commencing in FY 2015. Ground rents at that time are expected to be \$1.1 million rising to approximately \$3.3 million by 2020 and to \$5.3 million by 2034. Net operating income from the garage operations are expected to contribute approximately \$1.9 million per year at current system parking rates. The financing gap to be paid by the C&I tax is therefore approximately \$ 4.9 million per year to start in FY 2015 reducing to \$2.7 million in 2020 when full ground rents are received and finally reducing to zero by 2039.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Info 2: Services changes to FAIRFAX CONNECTOR routes to be implemented in January 2010.** The following changes to routes in Hunter Mill District are listed below. Changes include modification of schedule to ensure timed transfers RIBS buses and route 505.

- **RIBS 1:** In the AM and PM peak periods, remove service from Hunters Woods Village Center and Lake Anne Fellowship House. In the off-peak, remove service from Hunters Woods Fellowship House and Reston East Park and Ride.
- **RIBS 2:** In AM and PM peak periods, remove service from Kaiser Hospital, Hunters Woods Fellowship House and South Lakes Village Center. In off-peak, remove service from Hunters Woods Fellowship House and Reston East Park and Ride.

- RIBS 3: In AM and PM peak periods, remove service from Hunters Woods Village Center and Lake Anne Fellowship House. Reduce number of daily trips to USGS from 12 to 6.
- RIBS 4: Split route at Reston Town Center to create new RIBS 4 and RIBS 5. In AM and PM peak periods, RIBS 4 will provide service to Bennington Woods and Lake Newport neighborhoods and Reston Town Center. In off peak, RIBS 4 will provide service to North Reston, the North Point Village Center and Reston Town Center.
- RIBS 5: New route to provide service as follows: In AM and PM peak periods, route will link Reston Town Center to Herndon via Sunset Hills and Elden Street. In off-peak, route also provides front door service to K-Mart on Elden Street.

**Info 5: Contract award for environmental engineering services for the Solid Waste Management Program** in order to solicit proposals and establish a contract or contacts for professional engineering and consultation services required by County disposal and collection operations, as well as recycling programs. The contracts will provide engineering and consulting services related to environmental compliance of the Solid Waste Management Program and provide technical review and support of waste collection operations, programs and practices. Firms of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., SCS Engineers, Camp Dresser & McKee and Solid Waste Services were selected with a contract award for each firm anticipated to be less than \$500,000 per year. Solid Waste Management will authorize individual task orders as they are identified.

**Info 6: Request for proposal (RFP) for an Extended Day Pilot Program at two of the six elementary schools that do not currently have a SACC program: White Oaks and Clearview Elementary Schools.**

- Pilot will provide the SACC program using gym and cafeteria space only.
- Pilot will likely use a different curriculum.
- Pilot program must be self-supporting. Fairfax County will provide funding to support staffing ratios required to serve children with special needs.
- Pilot, as with County's program, must meet state licensing requirements for extended day program.

**BOARD MATTERS** introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

**Blizzard of 2009/Snow Plowing Efforts:** For the most part, VDOT and their contractors did a herculean job clearing the roads from the start of the December 18 snowstorm. Most residential neighborhoods in Hunter Mill District had access to main roads by at least Tuesday. In areas where we received complaints, we will be working with VDOT in the next month to address specific concerns. I was, however, concerned about access to our public facilities, namely the North County Government Center. I asked that the County Executive to convene a meeting with Facilities Management Staff and both Chiefs to review how the county provides for access to public safety and county facilities that are open to the public following a storm event and report back to the Board by the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Laurie and Jack Corkie**, longtime Town of Herndon residents, are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Harvest Bread Stores in Herndon and in Vienna as well as their retirement. Not only have they had a successful business that has produced some of the best bread on the planet, they have contributed to the community in which they live. They will be invited to the Board to be recognized for their contributions for helping to improve the quality of life in our greater county community.

**Long Term Care Coordinating Council Multi-Year Report:** The Long Term Care Coordinating Council was created by the Board of Supervisors in 2003 and tasked with oversight and leadership in coordinated and collaborative efforts to improve long term care for adults in the Fairfax area. The Council has just issued a multi-year report entitled, "Creating Partnerships and Building Community." The report details the many accomplishments of the Council, its committees and its partners in improving long term care services in the Fairfax area. I asked that the Board invite the Council to make a brief presentation at an upcoming meeting.

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