



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Today's budget mark-up meeting unveiled the Board's adjustments to the County Executive's FY2011 budget proposal. In a nutshell, this budget;

- sets the real estate tax rate at \$1.09, a \$.05 increase from the FY2010 rate,*
- establishes a vehicle registration license fee of \$33 per vehicle,*
- restores Fairfax Connector bus routes and reductions, and*
- restores cuts in human services, police, fire and rescue, parks and libraries.*

This budget also includes funding for the Blueprint for Affordable Housing's first priority, which remained in the County Executive's proposed budget.

When voting on the budget, I always look to make sure the budget protects our vital services and most vulnerable citizens. While the tax rate does increase, the net reduction to the average homeowner's tax bill will be \$26.93. I heard from many, many Hunter Mill residents supporting a tax increase to continue programs and services important to them.

Fairfax County Public Schools will receive a 1% reduction from their FY 2010 transfer. Coupled with the increase in state funding, FCPS will be able to restore many of the treasured programs that faced reductions or cuts. At the meeting, I did voice my concern about FCPS' elimination of programs that serve our neediest students and will continue to work with FCPS officials to ensure these students don't get left behind. As a former teacher, I strongly support a budget that meets the needs of the entire school community.

Formal adoption of the FY 2011 Budget is scheduled for April 27th. Highlights of the changes are below. Addition details are available on the [County's budget website](#).

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4-20-2010 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **April 20, 2010 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, 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.

FY 2010 Mark Up and Add-On Items

Reserve: Established reserve (\$11.6 m) for additional potential reduction in State revenue and adjustments as a result of State action.

BOS Offices: Reduced funding for BOS offices (2%), funds to be used for Office of the Financial and Program Auditor position.

Human Services Restorations:

- Mental Health Adult Day treatment Site at Northwest Community Mental Health Center
- Intellectual Disability Services In-Home Respite Services
- Emergency Services at Mount Vernon and Northwest Centers for Community Health
- One Supervisory Substance Abuse Counselor position in Prevention Services
- One Mental Health Forensic staff at the Adult Detention Center
- One Substance Abuse Counselor in the Cornerstone program
- One Substance Abuse Counselor in Alcohol Drug Services Jail Services
- Support for Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Commission for Women

Police Restorations:

- School Resource Officers in Middle Schools
- Police Citizen Aide at District stations – 50% restoration
- Marine Unit
- Traffic Safety Officers

Fire and Rescue Restorations:

- Basic Life Support units hours
- Seventh Fire and Rescue Battalion
- Hazardous Materials Support Unit staffing
- Second set of gear to firefighters
- Fireboat weekend patrols on Potomac River and Pohick

Parks and Library Restorations:

- Partially restore regional library hours – Tuesday evening hours and additional 3%
- Library Access Services
- Athletic Field Maintenance program

- Park Authority Grounds maintenance staff – not closing Park restrooms
- Nighttime court lighting and additional funding for practice times
- Park Authority mobile crew positions
- Operation and management of Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool

Other Restorations and Adjustments:

- All proposed CONNECTOR route reductions and Bike program coordinator.
- Law clerk positions supporting Circuit Court judges
- Support transition of Fairfax Families4Kids to non-profit
- Daytime Lock-up Service at Mount Vernon District Satellite intake center

The Board also considered a series of **Board Motions** to lend guidance on the budgets for FY 2011 and FY 2012. These items can be found on the [County's budget website](#) and will be highlighted in next week's **eBlast**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force Meetings;

- Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m.: Discussion of Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway areas. at South Lakes High School (**location incorrect in previous eBlast*)
- Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m.: Community Workshop north Reston Town Center area Reston Community Center at Lake Anne

Tax Relief Workshops for Senior and Disabled Citizens:

Supervisor Hudgins is sponsoring two workshops on the County's real estate tax relief and car tax relief programs for citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Qualified taxpayers may also be eligible for rent relief. Workshops are scheduled for;

- Reston Community Center: Friday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Vienna Community Center: Wednesday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Details and instructions are available on the [Department of Taxation's webpage](#)

First Monday with Supervisor Hudgins:

This month's First Monday session will be Monday, May 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna.

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