



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*Dear Hunter Mill Friends,*

*Tuesday's Board meeting is one of my favorites when we honor the Lord and Lady Fairfax from each magisterial district. We opened with presentation of the colors by the Old Guard, accompanied by Fife and Drums. The precision and pomp of the Old Guard presentation always gives me goose bumps. Listening to litany of accomplishments of our lords and ladies, I am so grateful for the contributions and dedication they make to Fairfax County along with so many others.*

*In case you haven't heard, the County is fortunate to be thoroughly represented in the State Championship game in women's lacrosse that will be played between the undefeated James Madison High School Warhawks and the Oakton High School Cougars. The championship game will be on Saturday, June 11, 6 p.m., at Westfield High School in Chantilly. Both teams had spectacular seasons this year and it should be an exciting showdown. Congratulations to both squads for making it to the State finals!*

*I hope to see you out and about at one of our many community events, concerts and celebrations. As always, contact me if I can be of any assistance to you and your family.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TONIGHT! Wednesday, June 8: Hunter Mill Community Softball Game:** Come down to the field and enjoy the game as Reston District Police and South Lakes High School staff team up to battle the WPGC 95.5 FM Jams. Game is preceded with cookout at 5:30 following by the game at 7:00 p.m. which will be broadcast live from the field. Festivities are free and take place at South Lakes High School varsity baseball field. Call 703-478-0283.

**Hunter Mill Melodies Free Summer Concerts:** Each Thursday night 7:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. This week's concert features the **Annandale Brass Ensemble** for a program of light classical and popular songs.

**Skatepark Design Meeting: Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Skateboard enthusiasts are invited to attend a planning meeting to gather input for a new skatepark at Lake Fairfax Park. Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. at Aldrin Elementary

School cafeteria, 11375 Center Harbor Road, Reston. Professional skatepark designers/builders, Spohn Ranch Skateparks, will be working with Fairfax Park Authority on this project. For further information, call 703-324-8662.

## **6-8-2011 BOARD ACTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Below are excerpts from the **June 8, 2011 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.

### **PRESENTATIONS sponsored by Supervisor Hudgins**

**Lord and Lady Fairfax:** Hunter Mill 2011 honorees are **Ellen Graves** and **Steve Gurney**.

As part of the ***Celebrate Fairfax*** fair festivities, each magisterial district selects a Lord and Lady Fairfax, honoring district citizens who have contributed to their communities. .

**Frank Bensinger:** Frank was honored for his long service with Fairfax County Public Schools including 21 years as principal at Forest Edge Elementary School.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Admin 2: Streets into the Secondary System** – Board approval of streets to be accepted into the State Secondary System.

Gatesmeadow Way (Route 8060)

Aldbury Way (Route 8061)

Hunter Gate Way (Route 10450)

Tunwell Stable Court

**Admin 3: Approval of “Watch for Children” Signs as Part of the Residential Traffic**

**Administration Program (Hunter Mill and Mount Vernon Districts)** - Board approved a resolution for the installation of “Watch for Children” signs on:

Myterra Way (Hunter Mill District).

**Admin 4: Authorization for the Fairfax County Police Department to apply for and accept grant funding from the Office of Justice Programs Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.** Funding in the amount of \$120,472 will be used to support a George Mason University (GMU) research project within the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) studying evidence-based domestic violence policing.

**Admin 5: Authorization for the Fairfax County Police Department to apply for and accept grant funding from the 2010 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant from the National Preparedness Directorate, administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.** Funding in the amount of \$190,000 will be used to purchase portable police equipment and technology upgrades.

**Admin 6: Authorization to advertise a public hearing for July 12, 2011, on Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82-1-6, Adoption of State Law.** Amendments to the Code of Fairfax are needed to comply with newly enacted state legislation;

1. Provides that “zero tolerance” (0.02% BAC) underage drinking and driving is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
2. Authorizes the court to issue a restricted license to a person convicted of DUI and certain other offenses to travel to and from jail to serve a sentence of confinement in jail on weekends or nonconsecutive days.
3. A moped shall be considered a motorcycle when operated at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour.
4. Allows motorcycle, moped and bicycle riders, in certain situations, to proceed through intersections controlled by traffic lights showing steady red signals.
5. Provides that a person driving a motor vehicle shall stop his vehicle when approaching, from any direction, any school bus that is stopped on any highway, private road, or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, failure to do so is reckless driving.
6. Restricts drivers from watching television receivers while driving a motor vehicle.

**Admin 7: Authorization to advertise public hearings on proposed amendments to Chapter 104 (Erosion and Sedimentation Control), Chapter 112 (Zoning Ordinance), and Appendix Q (Land Development Services Fee Schedule) of *The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* RE:**

Conservation Plan for Land Disturbing Activities 2,500 – 5,000 sq. ft. The proposed amendment only applies to the demolition of a single family dwelling, demolition of an accessory structure to a single family dwelling, construction of an addition to a single family dwelling as currently defined in Chapter 61 of the County Code, or construction of an accessory structure to a single family dwelling, that results in a disturbed area of 5,000 square feet or less and does not require the installation of water quality controls (required if controls were not installed with the original subdivision and the impervious area is equal to or greater than 18%) for other drainage improvements.

**Admin 8: Advertise public hearing regarding amending Fairfax County Code regarding where firearms and pneumatic guns may not be shot.** Allows BB-guns to be shot on or within private property with the permission of the owner when conducted with reasonable care to prevent a projectile from crossing the bounds of the property. Changes required due to legislation enacted during 2011 Session of Virginia General Assembly. Amendments needed before July 1, 2011

**Admin 9: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on June 21<sup>st</sup> to consider the Adoption of Article 27, Chapter 4, of the Fairfax County Code to establish a local tax exemption program to allow a transfer in title for previously exempted affordable housing providers,** affective upon approval. At the May 17, 2011, meeting of the Board’s Human Services Committee, staff was directed to provide additional analysis as may be feasible concerning other non-profit entities. Staff will return with this information for the Board’s future consideration.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 2: Board approval of revisions to Chapters 9, 16 and 17 of Personnel Regulations to update Exempt Status Definitions & Clarify Policy related to employee participation in political activities.**

- 1) Changes regarding employees hired as “exempt-benefits eligible” (often employees who retired and come back after the required 30 day break): reduced yearly maximum hours, and classify similarly to probationary status if RIF is implemented.
- 2) Employees engaged in political activities – recommended changes:

- Prohibit engaging in political activities while on duty or premises of their employment
- Using official authority to coerce or attempt to coerce a subordinate to contribute anything of value to a political party, candidate, campaign or to discriminate because of employee's political affiliation.
- Discriminate in the provision of public services on the basis of political affiliation.
- Suggest or imply that the County has officially endorsed a political party, candidate or campaign.
- Discriminate or retaliate against any employee because of participation in political activities permitted under state law and County ordinances.

**Action 3: Board approve sale of Economic Development Authority Revenue Bonds for Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station parking project.** Construct public parking facility to include 2300 public parking spaces, 10 bus bays, 46 kiss/and/ride spaces and ancillary facilities to serve new Wiehle Ave. Metrorail station. Cost the these public facilities under a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract of approximately \$87 million, plus \$8.6 million which is the County's share of the ROD improvements, direct county costs and contingency funds, interest costs, etc. for up to three years

**Action 4: Approval of the revised SmarTrip operations funding agreement for the regional SmarTrip program.** The revisions include provisions for jurisdictions adding bus garages, parking facilities, and point of sale devices (POS), and the ability to add new technologies or payment cards. The substantive changes are as follows:

1. Expansion of definitions to include several new terms, such as "Smart card" as a general term for SmarTrip and CharmCard.
2. Clarification of the quarterly invoicing and payment schedule.
3. Clarification of the annual budget review and update process.
4. Addition of a third formula of sharing costs based on "number of garages" at a partner.
5. Revision of Clearing and Settlement to reflect WMATA taking the lead with, and clarification on this process.
6. Expansion of the allocation of finds to partners for smartcard loads and purchases, to include Point of Sale devices, and parking transaction devices.
7. Revision of the process to amend the OFA.

**Action 6: Reston-Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station Roadway Improvements.** Approval of an agreement with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) for Fairfax County's construction of certain pedestrian and road improvements at the Reston-Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station, and MWAA's reimbursement of Fairfax County for a portion of the costs of such work.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Info 1: Minor Schedule Changes to FAIRFAX CONNECTOR Routes to be implemented in June 2011.** Specific change in the Hunter Mill District is;

- Route 555 (Hunter Mill District): Modify the weekday schedule to include three additional trips (5:30AM, 8:40AM and 9:15AM) and adjusted one trip (8:02AM to 8:07AM).

Due to customer demand at the new Sunset Hills Interim Park-and-Ride Lot (Sunset Hills), three morning trips are being added to the schedule of Route 555 to provide more frequent service between Sunset Hills and the West Falls Church Metrorail Station. In addition, the public schedules for the RIBS 1, 2 & 3 will be modified to show that they no longer serve the Reston East Park-and-Ride Lot which closed in April 2011.

**BOARD MATTERS** introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

**National Capital Area Chapter Walk to End Alzheimer's:** Supervisor Hudgins will be 2011 honorary chair for this event to raise awareness and offer hope to those battling this devastating disease. The September 25<sup>th</sup> walk will be held at Reston Town Center and followed by a Candlelight Rally. More than 600 walkers are expected this year. Staff will work with local media to publicize this coming event.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4:00: Public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Public Facilities Manual Re: Design of Public Streets and Sidewalks.** Consideration is deferred until June 21, 2011, at 3:30 p.m., and will be added to the BOS' Development Process Committee agenda on June 14<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

**4:00 Public hearing to adopt a new County Soils Map,** proposed amendments to Chapter 107 (Problem Soils) of *The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* (County Code), and Chapter 4 (Geotechnical Guidelines), Chapter 6 (Storm Drainage), and Chapter 11 (Erosion and Sediment Control) of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM). The approved amendments are necessary to align the County Code and PFM with the new Soil Survey for Fairfax County.

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