Hunter Mill Highlights

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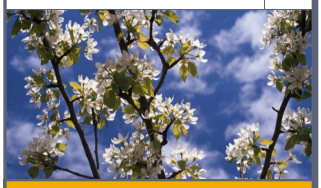

Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic newsletter. Please share this issue with your organizations. To be added to our mailing list, e-mail us at hntrmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Budgets are on the minds of many folks these days, including the Board of Supervisors. Fiscal responsibility is reflected in tough choices. The Board listened to input from 160 speakers during three days of public hearings. Here in Hunter Mill, I assembled a budget advisory group comprised of 15 citizens to provide grassroots community perspective. I conducted to two budget community meetings in our district, and many residents chose to convey their thoughts on the budget by writing to me. Thank you all for your valuable input.

The Board will formally adopt the County's FY2012 budget at our next meeting on April 26. We agreed upon a mark-up at our last meeting which reflects what we heard from our citizens. Some highlights include:

- A path to offer full-day kindergarten in all our elementary schools. The Board proposed several funding sources to support expansion of this program to the remaining schools.
- A proposed tax rate of $1.07 which will result in little or no increases in property taxes for most Fairfax County homeowners.
- An increase of $1.3 million in funding for high school graduates with Intellectual Disabilities and medical detoxification and the diversion to detoxification programs.
- A transfer amount to the schools in the amount of $1.6 billion, the same as FY 2011.
- A reserve of $2.3 million to protect the county against further state and federal funding reductions.

We did our best to continue to look for efficiencies. The proposed 2012 budget included more than $20 million in reductions, on top of the $180 million in reductions the county already made in the previous two fiscal years. But, taxes need not be looked upon as just a burden, they are also an investment in the community we love and the life we enjoy. We need to invest to continue what our predecessors gave to us – a vibrant, caring and connected community.

Cathy Hudgins

This just in:

Hunter Mill Road Closing at Night April 18-21

Drivers who use Hunter Mill Road in the Reston area will experience significant delays on or about April 18-21 when the road will be closed in both directions at Dulles Toll Road, between 11 p.m.. and 5 a.m., weather permitting. Southbound traffic will be detoured onto Sunset Hills Road , Wiehle Avenue and Sunrise Valley Drive back to Hunter Mill Road.. (Northbound would be opposite.)

FY 2012 Budget Update

From March 29th through 31st, in the Fairfax County Board Auditorium, residents participated in the Public Hearing on the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. The Board of Supervisors heard testimony from residents from 62 speakers on March 29th, 63 speakers on March 30th, and from 38 speakers on March 31st.

The Board's Budget Committee met for the last time during this year's budget process on April 8th and officially had the mark-up on April 12th. Budget Committee chairman Sharon Bulova presented a budget package that recommended a $1.07 / $100.00 Real Estate Tax Rate. Funding for full-day kindergarten was recommended to be sought from the Board's transfer. At the April 8th meeting, Supervisor Hudgins asked that Housing and Human Services shortfalls identified by the Fairfax County Area Human Services Council be funded from within the adopted budget, or newly identified revenues. Employee salary increases were recommended at the Carry-Over process in September if the county had revenue increases.

The Board of Supervisors received the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget which recommended at Real Estate Tax Rate of $1.09 / $100, leaving $30 million unallocated for the Board to decide how to disperse. His proposed budget also recommended a transfer for Fairfax County Public Schools equal to that of Fiscal Year 2011 and did not include a compensation increase for County employees.

The Board of Supervisors will adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget on April 26, 2012 at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Saturday, April 23 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot
400 Center Street, Vienna

SKATEBOARDING - RAMPS - RAILS - JUMPS

HELMETS required for EVERYONE!

WRIST GUARDS, ELBOW PADS, and KNEE PADS recommended if under the age of 16.

SKATE PARK ON WHEELS

A FREE INTERACTIVE EVENT FOR AGES 6+

Sponsored by
Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins,
Town of Vienna Department of Parks & Recreation,
and American Inline.

For more information, call (703) 255-5721.

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County of Fairfax 1742 Virginia

First Mondays with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

May 2 - Patrick Henry Library
June 6 - Reston Regional

May's First Monday: 1-3 p.m.
CABLE SERVICE ISSUES
Learn how to deal with cable service problems including customer service, outages, billing, missed service appointments and other difficulties. Staff can assist citizens in resolving such problems with their cable providers. Presentation, including time for questions and answers, begins at 1 p.m..

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins holds **First Monday** each month to hear from you. **First Monday** hours are from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District office at **703-478-0283.**

Find Me on Facebook

The Hunter Mill Facebook page is your one stop shop to get all the most important and timely information about the events and issues. Visit our page at www.Facebook.com and look for **Hunter Mill District.**

Notice to Disabled Veterans/Property Owners

On April 6, 2011 the Virginia General Assembly approved and the Governor signed into law an authorizing statue to exempt certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses from local real estate tax on their principal residence. This legislation implements the Virginia constitutional amendment approved by the electorate in November 2010.

Certain requirements must be met in order to qualify for the exemption and an application link is provided on the County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/realestatetax_disabledveterans.htm Generally the application is a one-time process and does not need to be submitted annually, unless there is a change in circumstances such as if the veteran's principal place of residence changes.

This exemption has no means test (it is not based on the applicant's income or assets). However, certain documentation must be submitted in order to qualify. The exemption is effective beginning on and after January 1, 2011. Taxes assessed for years prior to this date are not eligible for exemption.

Contact the Department of Tax Administration at 703-222-8232, or by email at dtadav@fairfaxcounty.gov for additional information.

Redistricting

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing April 12, 2011, to review the Reapportionment, or Redistricting Plans, by which the process is commonly known. The Board is scheduled to adopt a redistricting plan at its April 26th Board of Supervisors' meeting.

In November 2010, the Board of Supervisors appointed the Advisory Citizen Redistricting Committee to make recommendations for Fairfax County's 2011 Reapportionment. The committee has recommended a 22 plan variations including 19 plans that maintain nine magisterial districts, two plans calling for ten, and one suggesting the County have eleven districts.

The 21-member committee was led by former Board of Supervisors Chairman and current Hunter Mill District resident Kate Hanley. Ms. Hanley was joined on the committee by three other Hunter Mill District residents: C. Denver Lovett, the Hunter Mill District Representative; Walter Alcorn, Member At-Large; and David Thomas, the Republican Party Representative.

There are a number of legal criteria that any redistricting plan must meet, and the plan that is adopted by the Board of Supervisors also must be approved by the U.S. Justice Department. There are three basic requirements that any redistricting plan must satisfy: equal representation; contiguous, compact districts; and traditional redistricting principles. In addition to these three principle requirements, any redistricting plan must comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This act prohibits discriminating against the voting rights of racial or language minorities, and it requires the U.S. Department of Justice to approve Fairfax County's redistricting plan.

The General Assembly is responsible for the drawing Virginia's state and Congressional districts. For information on this process, please visit **http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov/2010/Default.aspx**. For information on the County's redistricting process, and to see the committee's report and recommendations, please visit **http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/report.htm**.

Empty Bowls Event to Aid Hungry in Fairfax

Reston Giving Circle of HOPE is hosting "Empty Bowls", an annual benefit supper for hunger relief on Friday, April 29, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston. All proceeds will go directly to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to the needy in Northern Virginia.

For a minimum donation of $20, guests choose a handmade pottery bowl and receive a simple supper of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. The bowl is theirs to keep to remind them that there are "empty bowls" in our community. Tickets may be purchased by calling 703-608-2231, or contacting us at emptybowls@givingcircleofhope.org . Tickets are limited. All contributions are tax deductible.

3R's of Bullying Prevention Workshop: Recognize, Respond and React

Northern Service Area of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is sponsoring a workshop on bullying prevention on **Wednesday, June 15**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center.

The session is open to all, especially those who work directly with children and teens. Session highlights include sensitivity training, how to appropriately respond to bullying and bias-based harassment, and creating a safety zone in your community.

Registration is $25 and includes a box lunch. **Register online** or contact Brandy Wyatt (Vienna Parks and Recreation) at 703-255-5721, or email to bwyatt@viennava.gov.

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and I enjoyed visiting with our constituents at the recent Senior Resource Fair at the **Herndon Senior Center**.

Homeless Numbers Remain Stable in Fairfax

The results of the 2011 Point in Time Survey that was completed on January 26th 2011. The number of people who were homeless as counted through the Point in Time Survey has remained stable at counted 1,549 people who were literally homeless. This is a change of 5 more people versus the 2010 Point in Time Survey which counted 1,544 people.

The effective and collective efforts to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless were very significant this year as on more than 10,000 occasions emergency housing assistance was provided to those in need in the Fairfax community. The County's homeless prevention efforts prevented homelessness for over 900 people who received short term housing assistance through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). Without our collective prevention and HPRP efforts and support the County's homeless number would certainly have been larger.

On April 13, 2011, the Metropolitan Washington Council on Governments released its regional homeless report, available at www.mwcog.org. The Fairfax County results are available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/.

SAVE THE DATE

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Frying Pan Farm Park invite you to the first

Hunter Mill Backyard EarthFest

-Gardening
-Farmers Markets info
-Composting
- Rain Barrels
and more

Saturday, May 21st, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Frying Pan Farm Park
2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

Learn what easy things you can do to help reap the benefits of "greening" your backyard or balcony. Exhibitors, demonstrations, free children's games and crafts make for an exciting, thought provoking and fun-filled day at one of the last working farms in Fairfax County. 4H will lead hourly geocaching excursions.

Admission, parking and events are FREE. Food, wagon and carousel rides may be purchased for nominal fees.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available for *Hunter Mill Melodies* Summer Concert Series

Last summer was the inaugural season of ***Hunter Mill Melodies***, a free family-oriented summer concert series held each Thursday night at Frying Pan Farm Park, along with Wednesday morning performances for geared primarily for children. The series is sponsored by the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office along with the Fairfax Park Authority, and Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park.

Please consider becoming a patron of the arts with your contribution to ***Hunter Mill Melodies***. The programs are fully funded by private donations which provide both technical support and performance fees. Sponsors are gratefully acknowledged in our concert advertising, weekly programs and publications. All donations are tax deductible. Contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283 for further information.

And, mark your calendar for **Thursday, June 2nd** for the first concert with Frying Pan favorite, **The Company Store**, featuring old-time fiddling and country humor.

Save the Date Wednesday, June 8

5th Annual Hunter Mill District Community Softball Game

Fairfax County Road Dawgs (Reston Police staff)
vs.
WPGC James 95.5 FM Players
Watch the fun as the Road Dawgs and WPGC to slug it out on the field at South Lakes High School
Join us for a family cookout before the game.

Looking Back, Moving Forward to a Sustainable Reston

At the May 9th Founder's Day celebration, Supervisor Hudgins announced the kick-off of community-wide initiative – "Looking Back, Moving Forward to a Sustainable Reston".

We hope you can join us at the **Sustainable Reston Forum** scheduled on Saturday, October 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Reston Community Center.

Status of Hunter Mill District Projects

Woodland Park Crossings Retail, L.L.C. & Woodland Park Apartments, LLC - Herndon: Woodland Park Crossings Retail, L.L.C. and Woodland Park Apartments, LLC located, at 2300 and 2307 Woodland Crossing Drive, have filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment **(CSPA 2003-HM-046)** for one (1) monument sign, located at the corner of Eastpark Drive and Corporate Park Drive, to identify the Monroe Place residential building. No other changes are being proposed. This application was approved by the Planning Commission on March 23, 2011.

South of Market Lot 16 LLC: Tax Map 17-3((10)) Parcel 16 – Reston, VA: South of Market Lot 16 LLC seeks approval of a Planned Residential Community plan **(PRC 85-C-088-02)** for Section 91A, Block 16 of the Reston Town Center. The applicant proposed to amend a previously approved PRC plan for the property in order to implement the development of 359 multi-family residential units and 29,145 square feet of retail and restaurant uses. **Planning Commission public hearing will be held June 16, 2011 at 8:15 p.m.**

Reston Spectrum LP , Tax Map 017-1 ((1)) Parcels 3K, 3P and 3Q: with a total acreage of 24.29 is seeking approval of Planned Residential Community (PRC) plan 86-C-121-04 for mixed use development. The three Land Bays will consist of the following: Land Bay A is planned for 546 dwelling units, 255 hotel rooms, 172,000 square feet of office and 62,500 square feet of retail uses; Land Bay B is planned for 643 dwelling units, 270 hotel rooms and 48,650 square feet of retail uses; and Land Bay C is planned for 237 residential uses and 134,896 square feet or retail and bank uses (84,000 square feet of this retail is currently existing and will be retained. **Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 8:15 p.m.**

Fairway Apartments Redevelopment Proposal: The Fairway I & II Residential LLC (Applicant) Planned Residential Community (PRC) Plan **(PRC A-502-2)** has been revised. The Applicant is now proposing a reduction in the market rate units from 940 to 806/reduction of 134 units and phased development. Fairway West will consist of approximately 570 residential units in a mix of townhomes and woodframe multifamily construction, with the proposed high-rise tower with above grade parking being eliminated. Fairway East will consist of 233 residential units in a mix of townhomes and woodframe multifamily construction. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for July 7, 2011 at 8:15 p.m.**

Hunter Mill Country Day School: 2021 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna: Hunter Mill Country Day School, previously approved for General Education, nursery and childcare, has filed **SEA 86-C-066-02** to permit building additions with reduction of the number of students. **Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2011, at 8:15 p.m.**

Reston Association: Dogwood Pool Renovation, 2460 Green Range Drive, Reston: Reston Association has filed a PRC **(PRC-C-099)** plan for substantial renovation of the 31 year old aquatics facility. At the request of the applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.

Sekas Homes: 8900 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna: Sekas Homes, Ltd. and Land Design Consultants, Inc. has revised zoning application **RZ 2010-HM-006** to rezone from R-1 to R-3 conventional with the development of six (6) lots @ 8900 Old Courthouse Road, Tax Map 28-4 ((1)), Parcel 20. Planning Commission public hearing was held on December 2, 2010 at 8:15 p.m. **The Planning Commission decision only is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 8:15 p.m.**

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RPB & M, LCC: 11401, 11403, 11407, 11411 & 11417 Sunset Hills Road, Reston: RPB & M, LLC has filed rezoning application **RZ 2010-HM-004 and Final Development Plan 2010-HM-008**. The application proposes development at Section 913, Tax Map 17-4((19)) Parcels 1,2,3,4,5A and 6A and 17-4((24)) 4B to develop one mid-size multi-family residential building (520 units), office building 170,000 sq. ft. and 8,000 sq. ft. of support retail. No Planning Commission public hearing has been scheduled at this time. Planning staff is waiting for additional information from the Applicant regarding the 527 traffic analysis.

JBG/RIC, L.L.C. and RIC Retail, L.L.C. (Reston Heights) – 11800 & 11842 Sunrise Valley Drive, Tax Map 17-3((3)), Parcels 1C & 1D: has submitted a revised Planned Residential Community (PRC) plan PRC B-846-03 to previously approved plan for 145,000 square feet of above grade retail, 100,00 square feet of below grade retail, 428,225 square feet of office with 498 residential units. The revised plan does not change the density or use allocation. The plan proposes a new grocery and neighborhood retail into pedestrian friendly, urban-type streetscape with mid-rise residential above. **Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 8:15 p.m.**

Land Use Special Projects and Programs

Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force:

The Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force met on Tuesday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m. The Task Force voted to recommend the Vision Statement and Planning Principles. In addition, the Vision Sub-committee presented Area Wide Recommendations and Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) staff provided an update on the Steering Sub-committee: Character statements for the Transit Station Areas. For additional information contact DPZ staff at (703)478-1380 or access information at **http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/meetings_taskforce.htm**

Route 28 Station South Study Group:

The Route 28 Station South Study Group met on Wednesday, March 16th @ 7:00 p.m. The group discussed Concepts A and B for potential development for the area within ¼ - ½ mile distance from the planned metro station platform. For the meeting schedule and updated information access **http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28.htm**.

Lake Anne Village Center Commercial Reinvestment Plan Presentation

Wednesday, May 4
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Reston Community Center at
Lake Anne Village Center
1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and the Fairfax County Office of community Revitalization and Reinvestment (LCRR) invite you to attend a Public Presentation of the Lake Anne Village Center (LAVC) Commercial Reinvestment Plan (CRP) by Alvarez and Marsal Real Estate Advisory Services, LLC (A&M), and the Eisen Group (TEG).

The CRP includes an assessment of the current conditions affecting the non-residential uses in the LAVC, and provides recommendations, informed by baseline data, public input and best practices, to stabilize and sustain current establishments and to attract viable and complementary new non-residential establishments to the LAVC.

Be sure to attend this informative event, and be part of Lake Anne's future today! For more information, contact the Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment - 703-324-9300, http://ww.fcrevit.org.

From Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department

Fire Training Event Planned for Vienna

Firefighters at past field training live-fire exercise

In coordination with the citizens in the Hunter Mill District, the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department's Training Division will be hosting a live fire training evolution on **April 21st 2011 at 504 Moorefield Rd SW, Vienna Va.** The training is expected to commence around 9:00 a.m. and is expected to conclude no later than 5:00 p.m. Interested members of the public are invited to visit the site and observe the training.

All Fire & Rescue Department training is conducted in accordance with applicable departmental and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety standards. This "hands-on" training is the most valuable and realistic training that we can provide to our uniformed members, and it could not take place without the support from Supervisor Hudgins office as well as the community we serve.

Proposed Changes to Minimum Street Width Requirement

County staff are proposing a change to the minimum width requirement for new streets, making the standard a minimum of 36 feet wide. This minimum width allows parking on both sides of the street while providing space for emergency access and operations. This proposal differs from the Virginia Department of Transportation's standard of a minimum of 29 feet or less in some instances.

On May 5, at 8:15 p.m., the Fairfax County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed standard. Following this hearing, the commission will make a recommendation to the **Board of Supervisors, which is scheduled to hold a public hearing on June 7 at 4 p.m.** If approved, the new street width standard would become part of the county's Public Facilities Manual. This manual sets out the county's rules for commercial and residential development. If not adopted, the county will follow the VDOT standard.

There are considerations for and against adopting wider street widths:

- **Wider streets create more impervious surface**. This increases stormwater runoff that must be addressed through stormwater management facilities to prevent damage to creeks, streams and rivers.
- **County and state standards will be inconsistent** if the proposal is adopted.
- **Wider streets aren't needed to accommodate parking on both sides of the road because there is plenty of off-street parking in many neighborhoods**, and new, single-family developments must be built with off-street parking.
- **Wider streets encourage people to drive faster** because they feel more comfortable doing so on wide streets rather than narrow ones.

Fire Truck Outriggers

Wider streets are proposed because:

- **Narrow streets, along with illegally parked cars, can prevent fire trucks from getting to the fire.**
- **Narrow streets can prevent fire trucks from using their ladders.** To use ladders, the trucks must deploy outriggers to stabilize the vehicle. When fully extended, the outriggers make the truck 21.5 feet wide. Because some of VDOT's minimum street width standards are narrower, fire trucks won't be able to fully deploy their outriggers.
- **Narrow streets would require restricted parking in some instances.** Restricted parking may be inconvenient for residents when accommodating guest or extra cars in the household. Restricted parking enforcement would be an additional burden on the police department.

Transportation

Future Silver Line Metrorail Station Names

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a slate of recommended Metro stations names for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The recommendations will be forwarded to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for final approval. The names are listed below:

Tysons-McLean	*Tysons I & II*	*Tysons Central*	*Tysons- Spring Hill Road*
Reston-Wiehle Avenue	*Reston Town Center*	*Herndon-Reston West*	*Herndon- Dulles East*

TMSAMS- Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation needs your input on the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS). If you live, work, shop, play, or travel through the Tysons area then we need your input on how to best access the four new Metrorail Silver Line stations opening in 2013. Over 900 citizens have taken the survey and we still need more. Please take a few minutes and take this online survey. Your input will be extremely helpful in prioritizing the order in which the transportation improvements will occur. To learn more about this study and to take the survey**,** go to **www.TMSAMS.info** The survey is based on the honor system. To help us to have a true representation of stakeholders we ask that you take the survey only once. The survey will be available on-line through April 30th. In August 2011 there will be a final report with the official recommendations.

MWAA Approves Dulles International Airport Metro Station Location

The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority approved the location of the Dulles International Airport Metrorail station. The MWAA Board evaluated several different alignments including an underground tunnel and an aerial alignment. The board stated this design would provide more convenience for passengers and airport employees. Staff found savings of $330 million dollars through revised tunnel design, shortened length of the tunnel, and alternative construction methods.

Metro looking for Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is looking for riders with disabilities and senior citizens to serve on their volunteer Accessibility Advisory Committee. Prospective applicants should be riders of the Metrobus, Metrorail, and Metro Access. The deadline to apply is 5:00pm, Thursday, April 21. WMATA's Board of Directors will make the final selection of candidates. Prospective applicants can apply online at www.wmata.com/aac, or calling 202-962-6060.

Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Council

Our quarterly Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Council (HMD TAC) will be held on **May 11, 2011** from 8:00am-10:00am. The meetings are held in the North County Governmental Building community room. The HMD TAC discusses the current transportation issues in the Hunter Mill District including the Dulles Corridor Metrorail project, trails, sidewalks, bicycle paths, commuter parking, residential parking, and other transportation related information. These meetings are open to the public. If you have a particular transportation item or issue of concern for discussion, please email HNTRMILL@fairfaxcounty.gov. Emails should have HMD TAC in the subject line. For more information, please call 703-478-0283.

Reston-Wiehle Station Groundbreaking
Construction begins on the new Metro station

3rd Annual Vienna Green Expo

Thursday, April 21 - 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Vienna Community Center - 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna

The Town of Vienna presents the 3rd annual Vienna Green Expo, a showcase of local and regional earth friendly exhibitors educating the public on how to have a green lifestyle. Exhibitors will show products and demonstrations along with practical information to help you make green choices that can save you money and help the environment. In addition, **Watt Watchers** will be unveiled, a new program for the energy conscious or curious. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Recycling Options for American Flags

Has your Old Glory worn out? Is it time to dispose of your favorite, weather-beaten flag and purchase a new one? Fairfax Police Department Honor Guard and the American Legion Post 180 in Vienna can help. According to Federal law, the U.S. flag is to be "properly and ceremoniously disposed of when damaged or soiled and no longer suitable for display."

Fairfax County police stations are now accepting worn flags in bins located in their front lobby areas. Flags will be ceremoniously disposed of by Honor Guard members, in coordination with the Fire Department.

In Vienna, the American Legion Post 180 has a drop off box for worn flags at the back corner of the parking lot for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, across from the Vienna Community Center. Flags can be deposited in the box (looks similar to a mail box) and they will be disposed of according to flag protocol.

State Delegate Fred Plum *(right)* and I were on hand to support Hunter Mill office staffer, Martin Taylor, and kick-off the recent Walk for MS 2011 fundraiser starting at Reston Town Center.

April Event at Fairfax County Public Library:

Inside the WikiLeaks Revelations with David E. Sanger

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Richard Byrd Library - 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield
Award-winning journalist David Sanger, chief Washington correspondent for ***The New York Times*** describes the legal and journalistic debates surrounding these documents. Sign up for this presentation online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-451-8055.

Smoking is a Disease: Treat It!

Virginia's Enhanced Quitline Services only in 2011

- Unlimited calls for age 13 and older
- Calls answered 24/7 - multi-call counseling sessions
- Free nicotine gym or patches for Medicaid and uninsured callers

Call 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669)

There's Easter Eggs to be Found in Hunter Mill District

OLD FASHIONED EGG ROLL

An old-fashioned Easter egg roll for children age 12 and under and their parents will be held on the lawn of Vienna's historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., NE on Saturday, **April 16**, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free, no registration required. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

EGG HUNT AT NOTTOWAY PARK

Come out and join the Friends of Nottoway Park on **Saturday, April 23** at 11 a.m. for a morning of fun and egg hunting at the Annual Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park in Vienna. Children will be divided by age group and can hunt for eggs full of treats and win special prizes. Bring your own basket! Come early for walk-in registration on the day of the event starting at 8:30 a.m. Rain or shine. Admission is $7 per child. For information or to register, call 703-324-8566.

RECYCLING EVENTS

Document Shredding

April 16, 8 a.m. to noon at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

This service is for shredding documents of a personal or sensitive nature such as tax documents, medical or financial records. Residents can shred up to five medium-sized packing boxes of paper per household.

Electric Sunday Recycling Event

May 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

Residents can recycle televisions, computers, monitors and peripheral electronic devices such as printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice and external drives. Also collected at these events are unbroken fluorescent tubes and light bulbs.

What's Happening at

Frying Pan Farm Park: 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

Farm Animal Babies: 2011 Birthing Schedule

Check out the Frying Pan Farm Park website for the latest photos of the farm's newborn goats, piglets, lambs and more!

Frying Pan Farm Park to Host Professional Bull Riding Event: Saturday, April 30

Cowboys and cowgirls from Twisted K Ranch & Rodeo Productions are bringing the Wild West to Frying Pan. The 1930s-era farm will host competitive bull riding and barrel racing in the indoor equestrian arena. Twisted K Productions will showcase their best bull riders, including a former Farm farmhand. Barrel racers will demonstrate their blazing speed and master horsemanship skills, while funny clowns will crave attention from both the crowd and the bulls. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Children age 10 and under are encouraged to show off their boots, buckles, and hats in the best dressed cowboy and cowgirl contest. Cowboys will happily sign autographs.

Cost for tickets purchased in advance is $20 for adults and $15 for ages 16 and younger. Tickets purchased at the door cost an additional $5. Seating is limited so don't delay in calling the park to purchase your tickets - 703-437-9101.