



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

On April 26, 2011, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted its Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. The adopted Real Estate Tax Rate of \$1.07 / \$100.00 is a full two cents lower than the tax rate recommended by County Executive Anthony Griffin. Each cent of the tax rate is estimated to be valued at \$19.3 million. Hence the \$1.07 Real Estate Tax Rate the Adopted Fiscal Year 2012 Budget will realize approximate \$40 million less revenue for under and unfunded County programs.

I did my Real Estate Tax calculation, and have concluded that I will save \$116 as a result of the tax rate cut. There are still remaining priorities that the County is unable to fund. With the savings that I will receive, I have decided to support one such priority, the Initiative to Prevent and End Homelessness in Ten Years, which has short and long-term funding challenges. I have chosen the homeless programs because I see the struggles of those in need for housing and all the perils families are facing each day from the window of my office.

Imagine what could happen if we each made the same request to our places of worship, or with our offices, housing advocates, and social networks. I am convinced that if you and I can tell other citizens just how much we can accomplish together when we each are willing to make such sacrifices, there are many out there who will understand and join in the shared responsibility to support the many needs of our community.

I realize not everyone will realize a tax savings this year despite the lower tax rate. Some fortunate households experienced an increase in their home's value resulting in an increased assessment. However, I encourage you to see how you can help support this initiative. [Click here](#) for information on my "Challenge to Contribute Tax Savings to Homeless" on how you can help support this initiative.

Thanks for your continued support of all in Hunter Mill District and Fairfax County.

*Cathy Hudgins*

**Frying Pan Farm Park Farmers Market**  
**Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
**Accepting SNAP Benefits!**



Bring your SNAP/EBT card to the information table in the Country Store. Swipe your card and receive an equivalent amount in tokens. Inova Health Systems has agreed to match up to the first \$10 in benefits...so use \$10 of SNAP benefits, receive an additional \$10 to spend from Inova. Buying locally-grown, seasonal foods benefits your family's health, the environment and local farmers.



## Announcements



### Help Design New Skatepark at Lake Fairfax Park



Fairfax Count Park Authority will be developing a new skatepark at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston along with Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a professional skatepark design/build firm from California. On June 15 (Aldrin Elementary School, 7 p.m.), Spohn Ranch representatives and Park Authority staff will meet with local skateboarders to get their input for developing a design for the park. You are invited to offer your suggestions and follow the design as it develops on Facebook at [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_217576164932289](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_217576164932289). Contact the Hunter Mill district office to sign up for notifications of future meeting and input opportunities at [hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov), or 703-478-0283.

### Hunter Mill Melodies Summer Concert Series

Join me and your neighbors each Thursday evening for a free public concert featuring a wide variety of musical acts from across the United States and from around the world.

The **Thursday night concerts** are held outdoors at Frying Pan Farm Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or a chair for a musical experience under the stars. In addition, you will be able to take in some of the activities at Frying Pan Farm as the park will remain open until 9 p.m. on concert nights. The Country Store will also be open until 9 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or take advantage of the Farm's food offerings hot from the grill.

The popular **Wednesday Morning Children Series** will continue this summer with concerts beginning at 10 a.m. Enjoy a concert and take in the fresh produce and products at the Frying Pan Farmers Market each Wednesday morning.

#### Thursday Night June Concerts

##### June 16: Cravin' Dogs (rock)

From their beginnings as a gonzo-folk trio Cravin' Dogs has evolved into an all-original, eclectic, rootsy, rock/pop-outfit. They have shared the stage with diverse national acts as Chuck Berry, NRBQ, Styx, Dave Matthews Band, The Radiators, Hillbilly Funk All-Stars, Eddie from Ohio, and The Bottlerockets.

##### June 23: US Navy Band Cruisers (pop)

United States Navy Band "Cruisers" is the Navy's premier contemporary music ensemble. The Cruisers present a variety of music including classic rock, rhythm and blues, oldies and Motown favorites, as well as today's top hits.

##### June 30: Scythian (Irish)

Scythian, voted Best Band in DC (2008), is known for their contagious enthusiasm. Take a pair of classically trained dueling fiddlers, toss in a rhythm guitar and the occasional funky accordion, then power it with the driving rhythm of a jazz percussionist, and you've got the ingredients for a show you won't soon forget.

##### July 7: U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble (jazz)

United State Army Blues Jazz Ensemble began as the Army's Dance Band back in 1942 and has evolved into a premier jazz group. The 18-piece ensemble contains the finest jazz musicians in the nation who strive to preserve the music of big band legends as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton.

#### Wednesday Morning Concerts

##### June 15: The GoodLife Theatre:

Combining puppetry and other dramatic arts, the GoodLife Theatre presents "The Fabulous Five Senses". The journey includes time travel, dinosaurs and a mysterious 6<sup>th</sup> sense that helps us get back home.

##### June 22: Fairfax Symphony

**Orchestra's OTO Percussion Duo** is an introduction to percussion instruments in the orchestra's music. Drums, xylophone and other instruments lead children on a journey through percussion around the world.

**July 6 DinoRock:** A national leader in children's entertainment for more than 20 years, this DinoRock musical fossil fantasy opens in the bedroom of a little boy named Nelson...

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## Battle of Vienna Reenactment: Living History, Civil War Stories, and More



The Town of Vienna, Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Vienna Sesquicentennial invite you to immerse yourself in local history on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18.

Join everyone on the Town Green on Maple Avenue, on Friday at 6:30 p.m., for period music and a presentation of Civil War Stories by local historian Jim Lewis.

On Saturday, June 18, there will be a Civil War encampments and living history demonstrations at the Vienna Community Center, starting at 10 a.m. The cannon will fire on the hour and military drills perform on the half hour from 11:30-5:00. A reenactment of the Battle of Vienna takes place at 6 p.m. Bring the whole family out for fun and learning. For schedule information, visit Historic Vienna Inc.'s website at [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

Historic Vienna's Civil War Exhibit is open to visitors at the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street, noon till 4 p.m., Wednesday thru Sunday. The exhibit include artifacts, uniforms and information relating to the battle.

*A special welcome to new  
Vienna Town Manager,  
Mercury Payton*

## Hunter Mill Community Softball Game Highlights

On Wednesday, June 8th, the Reston District Police Station and South Lakes High School staff took the field against the WPGC 99.5 FM Jams at their annual matchup. The radio station broadcast the game directly from the field. Once again, our Reston Road Dawgs were victorious, beating the Jams handily.



*Above:* Officer Katy Defoe, on first with a single, studies her options for stealing second base.

*Left:* Captain Tibbs and Ricardo Caballos, Director at Southgate Community Center were on hand to support the team and the spectators with the ballpark favorite, hot dogs.



Thanks to all our ballplayers who once again, played a great game. And, to the Southgate Community Center staff for their culinary expertise on the grill. And, thanks to our spectators who came out to support our team.

See you next year!

### Status of Hunter Mill District Projects

**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 of 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 September 29, 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 recommended approval on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. The Board of Supervisors approved the rezoning on May 24, 2011.**

**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.**

**Hospital Corporation of America: 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston – Tax Map 017-1 ((01)) Parcels 15B and 3H1:**has submitted a Comprehensive Sign Plan CSP-2009-HM-014 proposal for three new building-mounted signs as well as improved freestanding signs throughout the campus to illustrate and direct visitors around the Reston Hospital campus. Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for July 25, 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.

## Land Use Special Projects and Programs

### Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force:

The Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Steering Sub-committee held several meetings during the month of May and on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>. The discussions were regarding Flexible Comprehensive Plan Framework, comparison of existing and potential development, and adjusting sub-committee recommendations to accommodate 2030 development levels. The full Task Force met on Tuesday, June 14 @ 7:00 p.m. at Langston Hughes Middle School. DPZ staff provided an update on the Steering Subcommittee discussions and the 2050 Subcommittee report horizon vs. 2030 Comprehensive Plan horizon. For presentations and meeting schedule, contact DPZ staff at (703)478-1380 or access information at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/meetings\\_taskforce.htm](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 Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff introduced the Dranesville District Planning Commissioner and District staff representative as the majority of the study area is now located in the Dranesville District with the move of the Coates Precinct from Hunter Mill District. Liberty Property Trust gave a presentation on their proposed future plans for the development of their sites. The Study Group then endorsed the Flexible Comprehensive Plan Framework presented by staff and supported the “Overview of Proposed Density Recommendations for TOD Areas. The Route 28 Station South Study is in sync to be included with the Reston Master Plan Special Study when ready to move forward with the transportation analysis. For updated information and the meeting schedule access <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28.htm>.



*Frank Bensinger was honored by the Board at their June 7th meeting for his long tenure of 21 years as principal at Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston.*

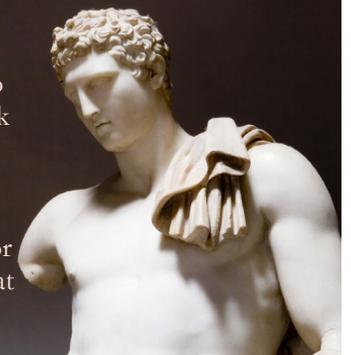


Supervisor Cathy Hudgins has been selected as **2010 Public Official of the Year** by the Virginia Transit

Association (VTA) for her commitment and long service in public transportation. “Cathy Hudgins has long been a regional advocate for public transportation and has accomplishment so much in Fairfax County and the region,” according to VTA Director Linda McMinimy.

### Call for Artist

The Initiative for Public Art-Reston (IPAR) seeks an artist to develop a contemporary artwork in a permanent medium for the Hyatt Park located at Reston Parkway Greens, Reston Town Center. For more information or to apply, check CaFE Listings at [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org)



# Transportation

## Interstate 66 Improvements

VDOT is working on patching the existing concrete pavement on I-66 to maintain and repair the roadway. Following completion of the concrete patching, an asphalt overlay will be provided. This project runs from the Capital Beltway to Route 50, began this spring, and is planned to be completed by the end of 2012. It requires that I-66 be closed down to two lanes of traffic at 9:00 p.m. (8:30 p.m. for eastbound I-66) and down to one lane of traffic at 10:00 p.m., with all lanes opened by 5:00 a.m.

Project updates can be found on VDOT's website at [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-66\\_pavement\\_rehabilitation.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-66_pavement_rehabilitation.asp). Susan Shaw, VDOT project manager, can be contacted with questions at [susan.shaw@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:susan.shaw@vdot.virginia.gov).

## Residential Traffic Administration Program (R-TAP) Additions

Supervisor Hudgins and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have approved the installation of a Watch for Children sign for the community of Myterra Way. Also, the community of Amberwood expanded their Community Parking District to include Raglan Road.

Additional improvements include:

- 4-way stop has been added at Abbey Oak Drive and Meadowlark Road
- 3-way stop added at Gelding Land and Trap Road.

## Local Elementary School Kids Seize Bike/Walk Challenge

Students at **Wolftrap Elementary** made good use of existing sidewalks and streets during Bike/Walk Challenge Week. This year, Wolftrap invited **Cunningham Park** and **Vienna Elementary** to join in a friendly competition.

Between May 16 and 20<sup>th</sup>, students made a total of 2,500 walking and biking trips to school: almost 600 at Vienna Elementary, 900 at Cunningham Park, and 1,000 at Wolftrap. During the week at Wolftrap Elementary, Kiss and Ride car traffic dropped by 50%, resulting in less morning congestion on Beulah Road and safer conditions for students.

**Best Turnout: Cunningham Park** (most trips relative to size of school population).

**Best Participation: Vienna Elementary** (most trips relative to size of walking population)

**Best Biking Turnout: Wolftrap Elementary** (bike trips relative to school population)

**Challenge Cup Winner: Cunningham Park** (based on a weighted average of turnout & participation).



## Northern Vienna Gets Connected: NoVi Trail Improvements

Last fall, many area drivers were inconvenienced when the Beulah Road bridge over the Dulles Toll Road was temporarily closed after being struck by a truck operating below. In an exciting development for local residents, VDOT plans not only to repair the bridge, but also to add a sidewalk and shoulders suitable for bicycle use. For many years, residents on both sides of the bridge have clamored for a safe crossing, which will finally be possible when work is completed two summers from now. [Schematic of Beulah Road Bridge]

This summer, trucks and cones along Beulah Road near Meadowlark Botanical Gardens mark the arrival of a new connecting path. Meadowlark - the only facility of its kind in northern Virginia - is a popular destination for nature lovers and bird watchers, but in the past has been accessible mainly by car. A 700-foot asphalt path across from the park along Beulah Road and a marked crosswalk at Symphony Meadow Lane will now help visitors arrive more easily and safely by foot and bicycle. The project is formally known as Segment D of Phase I of the Northern Vienna (NoVi) Trail Network. When Segment D is finished, Meadowlark has graciously offered to make a trail to connect with the project and an area for bike parking.

This fall, Fairfax County planners are reaching out to homeowners along the rest of NoVi Trail Network's Phase I. A 6-foot path will run along Beulah Road and extend from Abbotsford Drive to the trail just beyond Campbell Road. In 2008, Supervisor Hudgins designated Phase 1 of the NoVi Trail Network as the county's first "Leave No Child Inside" Corridor. The network will enable residents and visitors of all ages to walk and bike to many places including the W&OD Trail, Wolf Trap Barns, and two of the new Tysons Metrorail stations, which are due to open in late 2013.

Phase I of the NoVi Trail Network was conceived by local residents and vetted by the community during a 2006 feasibility study. County voters approved funding for Phase I Segments A-C in a 2007 transportation bond. Segment D is funded by the federal Transportation Enhancements program.

***Beulah Road Bridge over Dulles Toll Road: Photo shows (in yellow) the proposed widening to the west side, span 2 replacement, and the extended sidewalks.***



Additional information on the NoVi Trail Network including Phase I map are available on the Hunter Mill website at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/trails/NoViTrails11\\_06NoVi.Trail.Phase.I.Segment.Map.jpg](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/trails/NoViTrails11_06NoVi.Trail.Phase.I.Segment.Map.jpg)

## Proper Mulching

Look at the ground in an undisturbed forest and you will see a layer of decomposing organic material consisting primarily of fallen leaves and woody debris. Trees shed leaves and dead wood as a natural function. As this process continues year after year, the total volume of the accumulated debris does not increase because it is efficiently decomposed by micro organisms such as fungi and bacterial and larger organisms such as worms and insects. This forest floor ecosystem effectively provides a continuous supply of needed nutrients for trees and other forest vegetation.

Proper mulching to simulate the natural forest floor environment in areas around trees is the single most beneficial thing we can do for trees in suburban and urban landscapes. Soils are disturbed as a result of building development. Grading and soil compaction among other impacts to healthy soil inevitably occur during installation of infrastructure and buildings. This results in difficult conditions for trees and other landscape plants to grow. The benefits of proper mulching are numerous and can help rebuild the soil and improve the environment for plant growth. Soils become better aerated and compaction is reduced with the steady supply of organic matter as mulch decays and goes into the soil. Looser soils facilitate water infiltration, increasing the amount of water available to trees. A layer of mulch moderates soil temperatures in the tree root zone, resisting excessively high and low temperatures that impede root growth. Mulch provides a buffer between the base of the tree and lawn mowers and other landscape maintenance equipment that can damage roots or the trunk of the tree.



Mulching is best done with various organic materials such as shredded hardwood bark, pine bark mulch, leaf mold or pine needle straw. Wood chips, preferably mixed with shredded leaves from the chipping operation, are also acceptable mulching material and are often available free from local tree care companies. Non-organic mulches such as stone or landscape fabric do not provide full benefits as they do not decay and improve soil structure and composition.

To realize the benefits we expect to get by mulching and avoid damage that poor mulching practices can cause, it is vital that the material be applied properly. Initially, apply mulch to a maximum depth of no more than three to four inches. Mulch applied too deep can cut off oxygen needed by roots. To increase weed suppression put down a biodegradable barrier such as newspaper or cardboard before applying mulch. Keep mulch several inches away from the trunks of trees and shrubs – no mulch volcanoes, please. Trunk tissue is different than root tissue and requires drier conditions and light exposure to maintain a healthy condition and resist decay. Cover as great an area around the tree as is practical or aesthetically pleasing. Start by mulching an area with a radius of least 3 feet around a newly planted tree, improving the condition of soil where tree roots will soon grow. As the root system expands, increase the size of the mulched area to eliminate competition with turf grass for water and nutrients within the expanded area.



**Keep mulch away from the trunks of trees.**



Groups of trees can be included in a contiguous mulched bed. Combined with native shrubs and non-invasive ground covers, larger mulched areas are a natural landscaping alternative to lawns, conserving resources and improving air quality by reduce the use of fossil fuels and fertilizers.

Mulch can be a very important part of your landscape, and if properly used, will enhance the appearance of your property as well as provide for the health of your trees and shrubs.

## **First Mondays with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins**

**July 11 \* - Patrick Henry Library** (held on 2nd Monday due to 4th of July holiday)

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**, or email to [hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## **Safety Seat Saturdays**

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a new program called "Safety Seat Saturday". Sheriff deputies will hold child safety seat installation and inspection on one Saturday each month. The first event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 25**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fairfax County Public Safety Center - public parking garage, located at 10550 Page Avenue in Fairfax. This service is free and no appointment is necessary. Just bring your vehicle and safety seat. If your child is available, bring him or her too.



Trained and certified Sheriff's deputies will help parents and caregivers ensure that their child fits securely in the safety seat and that the safety seat fits securely in the vehicle. Virginia law requires that ALL children up to age 8 must be in a child restraint device (which includes a booster seat).

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of children, ages 3-14. Research shows that seven out of 10 children in child safety seats are not properly buckled in, putting them at risk for serious injury or death in a car crash. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers, ages 1-4.

For further information, email [shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov). Future events will be announced in this newsletter.

## **Keep Pets Cool During Heat Wave**

Fairfax County Animal Control Officers have responded to dozens of reports of animals locked in hot cars in parking lots and urge pet owners to keep pets at home on hot days. The potentially dangerous combination of heat and humidity generates high heat indexes and may mean life-threatening conditions for animals left in vehicles or other unsuitable environments; even for short time periods.

Officers urge pet owners to remember the following tips:

- Never leave pets in a parked car. On a warm day, temperatures can rapidly rise to dangerous levels. If you see an animal in distress in a parked car, contact police.
- Shade and water are vital to pets. Pet owners must provide adequate shelter to protect their animals. A dog house in the backyard with no access to shade does not protect animals from sun.
- Limit exercise on hot days. Take care to adjust intensity and duration of exercise. Watch for shortness of breath and remember that asphalt gets very hot and can burn paws; walk your dog on the grass if possible.
- Recognize the symptoms of heatstroke. If your pet shows signs such as heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, fever, dizziness, restlessness, excessive thirst and profuse salivation, contact your veterinarian immediately. Take steps to reduce the animal's body temperature; apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest, provide water and ice cubes for hydration, and move the animal into the shade or air-conditioning.

**REMINDER:** Fairfax County's leash law requires dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash when off their property. Electronic training devices or voice controls do not meet the requirement of a leash.

## RECYCLING EVENTS

### Document Shredding: Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m. to noon

at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

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: June 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at the I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

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.



## Amazing Tales: 2011 Summer Reading Program

Preschoolers through 12th graders are invited to participate in the library's summer reading program, Amazing Tales. Students can earn a coupon book with great prizes including free and discounted items by completing their reading and going to their local library branch by September 3rd. 6th graders and younger must read (or be read to) 15 books; grades 7-12 must read 8 books. Sponsors include McDonald's, DC United, Cold Stone Creamery, AMF Bowling, Giant foods, and many, many more. To participate, register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library). (Registration begins on June 21st.) Check out the website or visit your local branch for suggested reading list. Students do not need to choose books from the reading list.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Madison High School Varsity Girls Lacrosse team** is the 2011 STATE CHAMPION capping a remarkable, undefeated season. The Warhawks bested the **Oakton Cougars**, 20-11, in a showdown for the state title on June 11th. Congratulations to both teams and both Coach Counts!

Graduates from **South Lakes High School Class of 2011** were awarded a total of \$4,454,524 in college scholarships, a record for the school. In addition, 95 students will graduate as International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates.

**Herndon High School Boys Soccer Coach, Sean Lanigan**, was selected as the Washington Post's All-Met Coach of the Year. Coach Lanigan led the Hornets to a undefeated regular season and to post season play in the Northern Region.

**Madison High School Crew Women's Eight** placed second in US Rowing Youth National Championship Regatta. These girls beat national known rowing programs and were only 2.7 seconds behind the first place winners. Way to go!

For the second year in a row, Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell awarded an Environmental Excellence Bronze Medal to the **Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services** for public education and outreach programs. The department's Stormwater Planning Division was honored for their "Stormy the Raindrop" activity books which teach about stormwater drainage network and issues affecting rivers, estuaries and oceans.



**Dr. Brendan Menuey** is the new principal at **Lake Anne Elementary**. Dr. Menuey served as assistant principal at Lake Anne ES (2006-09) and at Lutie Lewis Coates ES (2009-11). Welcome! Best wishes to retiring principal, **Linda Hajj**, for her many years of services.