



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Thanksgiving is coming and I have been counting my blessings.

Thankful that my family is healthy and sound. They have supported me throughout my years in public service, notwithstanding the frequent night meetings and weekend events that sometime conflict with our family time.

I am thankful I live in Fairfax County. As a county, we have weathered the economic downturn better than many municipalities. Our unemployment rate is among the lowest and new businesses are relocating here, bringing additional job opportunities. Our County government is sound and succeeded in keeping tax bills relatively level while preserving essential core services to our residents.

I am thankful to live in the present dynamic time as we participate in visioning the future of our localities. Rail to Dulles impacts much of the Hunter Mill District. Already the changes at Tysons Corner are visible with rail line and stations under construction and plans for future developments on the table. We are ready to dig into the Phase 2 of master planning in Reston that will focus on the village centers and clusters. While creating these urban centers, at the same time we strive to preserve and protect the Town and greater Vienna area.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve another four year term as the Hunter Mill District Supervisor. I am blessed to have an articulate, involved constituency that works with me to find solutions even when we don't always agree on every detail. Thank you for all your contributions, letters, email messages, attendance and participation in meetings, commissions, and hearings. My office will continue to strive to keep you informed of the issues and aware of opportunities to get involved..

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours -

Cathy Hudgins



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 hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Don't forget your food donations!

Food drives are underway in our communities to restock supplies for needy families and provide holiday meals. The need for donations has grown as more families in our community are struggling. Drop off boxes are all around to accept your donations including my office, Reston and Vienna community centers, and businesses. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.



Announcements

Winter Coat Closet Opens

The Hunter Mill District Office and Reston Interfaith are once again teaming up for the annual Winter Coat Closet, an effort to provide a warm winter coat for those in need. With contributions of gently used or new coats from residents, schools, organizations and businesses, we are able to provide over 5,000 children and adults with a coat plus numerous scarves, gloves, hats and other accessories.

The Coat Closet will be opening for the first time this season on Tuesday, November 12th and remain open thru March 12th. Regular operating days and hours for picking out a coat or dropping off donations are Tuesdays 10 a.m. -12 noon, Thursdays 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The location is the Community Room of the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated so keep us in mind as you clean out your closets and prepare for winter. Contact the Hunter Mill District office for additional information - 703-478-0283.

Pennywise Thrift Store Recognized On Their 50th Anniversary

Volunteers from the Pennywise Thrift Store in Vienna were honored at the November 6th Board of Supervisors meeting on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. The thrift store is a service project of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna. The store is staff entirely with volunteers - no paid staff. Proceeds from their sales go to help support charitable programs for those in need in the community.



Holiday Food Drives in Hunter Mill

Your donations of canned and packaged food are needed in your community

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association & Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

NVCA and my office have teamed up to sponsor a food drive to benefit Committee for Helping Others

Contributions will be collected from November 1 through December 31, at drop boxes located at Vienna Town Hall and Community Center, several local businesses, and at the Patrick Henry Library.

Herndon-Reston F.I.S.H.

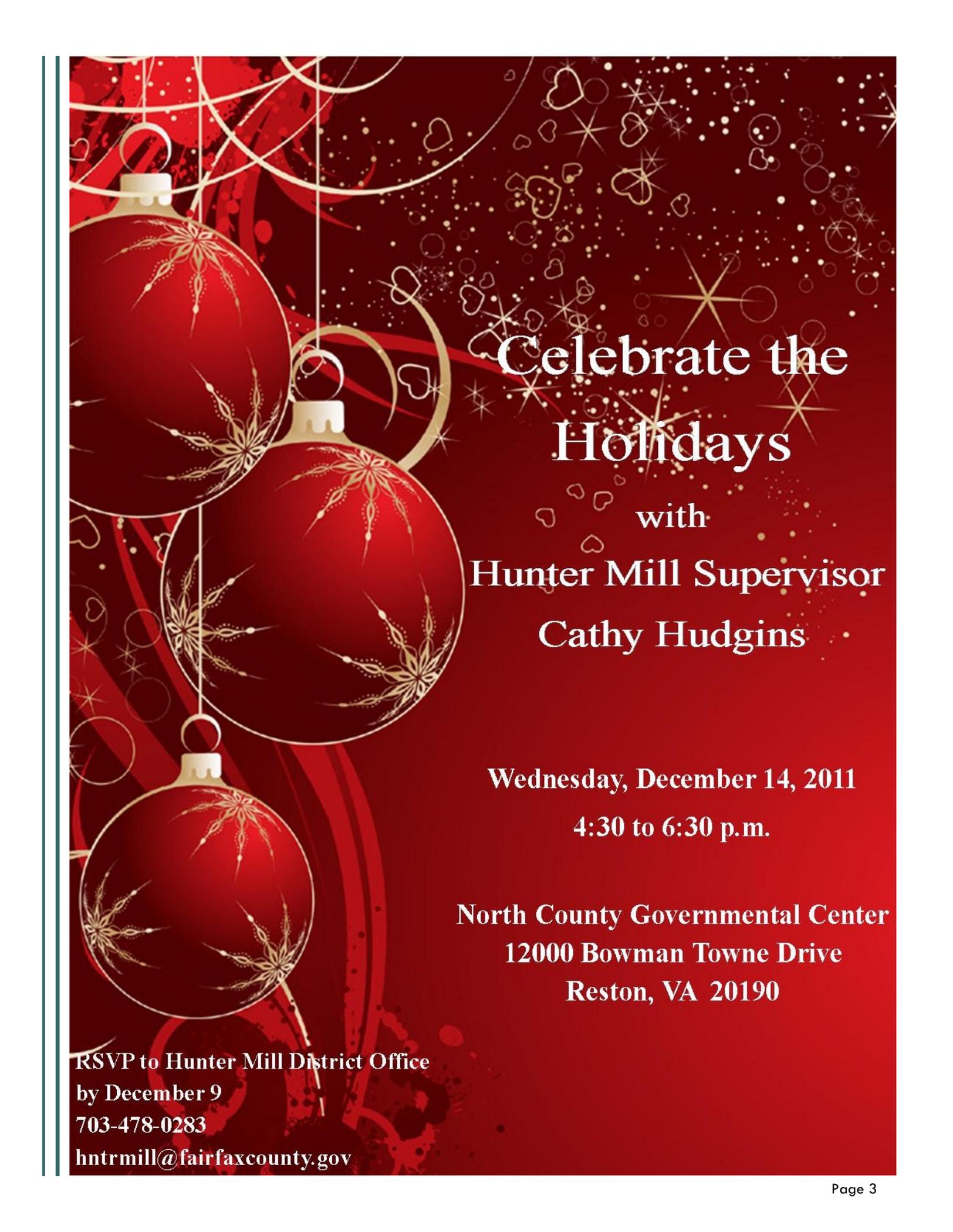
F.I.S.H. provides gift baskets and food baskets to local families and children in need

Donations can be dropped off at The Bargain Loft, 336 Victory Drive in Herndon. Volunteers are needed those days to help sort and pack food baskets.

Reston Community Center

Food drive to benefit Reston Interfaith will run November 1-23

Contributions can be dropped off at the Reston Community Center (both Hunters Woods and Lake Anne) or other designated drop off points throughout the community.



Celebrate the Holidays

with
**Hunter Mill Supervisor
Cathy Hudgins**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**North County Governmental Center
12000 Bowman Towne Drive
Reston, VA 20190**

**RSVP to Hunter Mill District Office
by December 9
703-478-0283
hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov**

Watershed and Stormwater Community Update

The public is invited to a watershed management plan community update on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in conference rooms 9/10 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Reservations are not required.

A series of comprehensive watershed management plans have been developed to help Fairfax County and its residents restore and protect streams and other vital natural resources. With assistance from residents and other stakeholder groups, staff of the Fairfax County Stormwater Management Program identified more than 1,700 projects to improve the health of local watersheds.



County staff will present an update on several watershed management topics including:

- Introduction to the stormwater management program;
- Overall perspective of the watershed management plans;
- Status of project implementation and infrastructure reinvestment;
- Non-structural policy and action recommendations;
- Regulatory compliance with Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load; (TMDL) and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits;
- Partnership opportunities and how residents can become more involved.

For more information call 703-324-5821, TTY 711 or email SWPD-mail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Additional information can also be viewed on the County's [Watersheds website](#) and the [Stormwater website](#).

Take Back the Forest T-shirt Design Contest

Young artists are encouraged to submit t-shirt designs for the Park Authority's Invasive Management Area program - Take Back the Forest initiative, a partnership with REI, Inc. to restore native habitat on parkland next spring. Youth ages 12 to 18 may submit designs that illustrate the theme of taking back the forest. Deadline for submission is January 6, 2012. Contest rules are available on the [Park Authority's contest website](#), or contact Kristen Sinclair at 703-324-8586.



Riverbend Park Night Sky Festival: November 19

Visitors will gaze through a 10-inch telescope at our solar system's largest planet, Jupiter, during the Riverbend Park's annual Night Sky Festival. Due to the dark, moonless night, Jupiter's colors and banding should be visible. The planet's four Galilean moons are also expected to be seen. The festival occurs near the peak of the Leonid meteor show and, although rare, participants may occasionally see shooting stars while listening to stories by a warm campfire.

A naturalist will guide visitors through the night sky, pointing out common and uncommon constellations and other deep space objects. Learn to use a star chart to find constellations such as Pegasus in the night sky. Pegasus is more than just a great square; learn how to find the rest of the famous horse. And locate celestial royalty by finding King Cephus, Queen Cassiopeia and their daughter, Princess Andromeda.

Cost is \$5 per person, kids under three admitted free of charge. Cancelled if raining or snowing. Call Riverbend Park at 703-759-9018 for additional information.



Jeans Day 2011

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness thanks everyone who participated in the recent **Jeans Day 2011**. Over 100 Fairfax County workplaces including and County agencies participated and so far have raised over \$10,000 for the County's homelessness efforts.

On the designated Jeans Friday, staff wore their favorite blue jeans to work and contributed \$5 each to the Partnership to End Homelessness. I'm proud to report the Hunter Mill District office had 100% participation.



Hunter Mill District staffers (from left) Martin Taylor, Erin Mink, Supervisor Hudgins, Goldie Harrison and Paul Davis. Photo by Casey Hanes

Personal *Shero*es Essay Contest

The Fairfax County Commission for Women and Alice's Kids are seeking submissions for the 2012 Women's History Month Essay Contest. The topic for this year's competition is "Personal Sheroes". The essay contest is open to high school seniors at Fairfax County Public Schools.

The first place winner will receive a \$1000 cash award, second place \$500, and a \$100 winner from each of the County's nine magisterial districts. Deadline for essay submission is December 31, 2011. For contest requirements and rules, check the [Commission for Women's contest site](#).



Operation Empty Cage: Holiday Animal Adoptions

Fairfax county Animal Shelter is launching Operation Empty Cage as part of the organization's special two-month long Home 4 the Holidays adoption. One of the campaign's goals is to empty the shelter's cages by finding a home for each animal available for adoption throughout the holiday season. As part of the special event, the shelter will offer free spay/neuter for the first 100 dogs and cats adopted from the shelter until December 31st.

"Each year, homeless animals in Fairfax County spend the holidays in a an animal shelter cage versus in a loving home," says Dr.

Karen P. Diviney, Fairfax County Animal Shelter director. "Operation Empty Cage aims to change that by giving these animals the gift of a new family and by enriching families through the unconditional love that a pet can prove."

To view the animals available for adoption at the County's Animal Shelter, visit the shelter during its business hours Tuesdays through Fridays 12 -7 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact the Shelter at 703-830-1100.



Status of Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

Luis and Carla Marty of 1307 Deep Run Lane, Reston, VA. 20190 have filed a Special Exception application (SE 2011-HM-010) to increase the number of children in their childcare operation from seven (7) to 10 children. The property is located at Tax Map 012-3 ((04)) (6) 0046. This application is now identified as a Special Permit (SP 2011-HM-094), as home child care uses in the PRC district falls under Group Use and will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on December 14th.

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 wood-frame 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 wood-frame multifamily construction. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this application on July 21, 2011. The Board of Supervisors' public hearing scheduled for September 27, 2011 was deferred until January 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reston District Police Station and Governmental Center: Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 74-2-113-4)/Development Plan Amendment (DPA 74-2-113-8)/PRC Plan PRC 74-2-113-2 and Feature Shown 2232-H11-18 has been accepted to allow for the construction of a new Reston District Police Station and Governmental Center with associated parking, located at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. (Tax Map # 017-1 ((1)), Parcel 4B. The new two-story building will be located on the west side of the site, directly south of Cameron Glen Drive. There will be an increase in both the secured and public parking, in addition to the relocation of the fuel island and sustainable development features. Demolition of the existing building will occur after the new facility is completely occupied and operational. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2012 @ 8:15 p.m. and the Board of Supervisor public hearing is set for February 7, 2012 @ 3:30 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 withdrawn.**

CARS-DB1, LLC have filed rezoning applications for Dominion Square 1580, 1586 and 1592 Spring Hill Road: Tax Map 29-3((01)), Parcels 2C1, 2C2 and 2D to rezone from the Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. RZ 2011-HM-012 concurrent with RZ 2011-HM-013 proposes to redevelop multiple car dealerships into a vibrant, transit oriented mixed-use neighborhood with office, hotel, retail and residential uses. Included in the development will be five (5) residential buildings, a large public park/facility near the stream valley area to the south. The low-rise retail structures and multiple surface parking lots will be replaced with high-rise buildings and structured parking. Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Tysons West Residential, L.L.C. and JBG/Tysons Hotel, L.L.C. have filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application proposing to rezone the property from the General Industrial (I-5), Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner Urban Center (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The property is currently developed with the Sheraton Premier Hotel and the former Moore Cadillac/Hummer dealership. The Applicant seeks to transform the Property, referred to as "Promenade at Tysons West", into a walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood with a mix of residential, retail, office and hotel uses. The Property is located at Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 10D and 29-3 ((1)) 1B and 29-3 ((20)) C1. Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Land Use projects continued from previous page:

Q-R Spring Hill, LLC (Perseus Realty) has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application for 1577 Spring Hill Road, Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) Parcel 2F to rezone / Conceptual Development Plan to rezone the property from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of office, hotel, residential and retail development. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the southwest, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2G (Sunburst). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

1587 Springhill Holdings, Inc. located at Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) 2G has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application to rezone from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The property is currently developed with a motel and restaurant that were constructed in 1982. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of two office buildings and one residential building, all of which will have ground floor retail. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the northeast, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2F (Perseus Realty). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

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. **At the request of applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

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). **At the request of the Applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

RTC Partnership, LLC filed a Planned Residential Community plan (PRC 77-C-076) to remove the current office building known as the “Town Center Office Building” @ 1760 Reston Parkway, and redevelop a 23-story, Class A mixed-use office and retail building. The building will consist of approximately 413,700 square feet of office uses and approximately 5,200 square feet retail use, with a Floor Area Ratio of 4.08. Parking for the proposed building will feature both below – and above-grade parking spaces. The above ground portion of the parking will sit atop retail uses and will be screened with a context-sensitive façade treatment that will be harmoniously integrated in the office structure. **At the request of the Applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

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. Planning staff is waiting for additional information from the Applicant regarding the 527 traffic analysis.

Phase 2 Reston Master Plan Special Study Begins with Public Meeting

On Wednesday, November 16, 2011, my office and the Department of Planning and Zoning will host an informational meeting to officially get underway Phase 2 of the Reston Master Plan Special Study. The meeting will be held at South Lakes High School cafeteria from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to outline the process and timeframe for reviewing and updating the existing Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan guidance for preserving residential neighborhoods throughout Reston and for four of Reston's five Village Centers (Lake Anne was the subject of a recent Comprehensive Plan change and will not be reconsidered in this process). The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be an open house with an opportunity to review related maps and materials. There will also be an opportunity to learn about the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, the Vision and Planning Principles adopted by the Task Force, and how they will be used in Phase 2.

Additional community-wide meetings related to Phase 2 will be held in the first quarter of 2012. For further information about the Reston Master Plan Special Study, including announcements about future meetings, please visit the study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>

Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force: Update

The Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force met on November 1st where Planning staff reviewed information regarding a Second Scenario for Impact Analysis (Residentially – Intensive scenarios). Information about this scenario was provided to the Steering Subcommittee at their October 19th meeting. The Task Force voted to move forward the second scenario for Impact Analysis so that it can be reviewed by County agencies at the same time as the first scenario. Analysis is expected to take three to four months. It is expected that the Task Force will reconvene early in 2012. Copies of the presentations and scheduling information are available at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/meetings_taskforce.htm.

Sustainable Reston Forum

I would like to thank all who participated in the Sustainable Reston Forum on October 22nd. The featured speaker, Michael Shuman – Director of Research, Cutting Edge Capital spoke about the benefit of local

businesses in sustaining the local economy. Each of the sustainability champions provided useful information relating to their respective topics: transportation, environment, buying local and home and lifestyle.

I am excited about the opportunity to engage the Reston community in focusing on how to become more sustainable as we look forward to the next 50 years. As the County agencies prepare to conduct the Impact Analysis for Reston Master Plan Special Study Phase I scenarios and Phase II will be underway soon, it is important to build upon our existing strong sense of community and embrace all of the aspects needed to become more sustainable: transportation (automotive, pedestrian, bicycle and transit), a continued variety of housing types, the environment, schools, cultural and recreational facilities and financial success.

Save the Date:

Santa Comes to Frying Pan Farm Park

December 3, 2011 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy holiday festivities, strolling carolers, warming fires, s'mores, and MORE.

Get your family photograph with Santa Clause on the Farm!

Holiday turkeys will be raffled off at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

Enjoy the activities at the farm - dog and horse demos, milk a cow or goat, pony rides and MORE

Call 703-437-9101 for additional information.



Soapstone Drive Repaving and Road Diet Update

The Soapstone Drive Road Diet was completed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The project was completed in two weeks. This specific road diet added bike lanes on both sides of the road and a turning lane in the center. Future projects planned for Soapstone Drive include two walkway projects for pedestrians.

Wolf Trap Pedestrian Bridge Ground Breaking Ceremony

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Hudgins and Congressman Jim Moran of the 8th Virginia Congressional District participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a pedestrian access bridge over the Dulles Toll Road. Virginia Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, and Federal highway Administration worked together to design the project. The bridge will provide pedestrian/cyclist access between the Filene Center and Barns of Wolf Trap. Regionally, it will serve as another crossing over the Dulles Toll Road in Northern Virginia. The bridge is slated to open in 2012. This project will be nice addition in conjunction with the planned NoVi Trail on Beulah Road.



Transportation Study in Tysons Corner – Consolidated Traffic Impact Analysis (CTIA)

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan amendment for Tysons Corner in June 2010. Since that point, a significant number of land owners in Tysons Corner have begun working on and submitting rezoning applications to the County. Individual Traffic Impact Analyses (TIAs) have been prepared for each rezoning as required by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to evaluate the impacts of these development proposals on the transportation network.

FCDOT has determined that a Consolidated Traffic Impact Analysis (CTIA) is necessary for three of the four Metro stations in Tysons Corner – Tysons East, Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West to:

- Ascertain the cumulative impact of all proposals in the analysis area as well as the impact of other parcels of land likely to be developed,
- Ensure that transportation improvements support the level of development proposed,
- Finalize a grid of streets for the each analysis area (a conceptual grid was included in the comprehensive plan amendment),
- Meet the future vision for Tysons Corner as explained in the Tysons Comprehensive Plan.

To perform the CTIAs, FCDOT has hired a consultant who will be utilizing traffic simulation models and software that shows the impact of the redevelopment proposals, helps address the complex future traffic operations, and helps explain complex transportation situations to stakeholders (such as developers, and land owners that might become developers in the future) to facilitate the decision making process in mitigating traffic. FCDOT is hosting meetings to gain input on these technical issues from stakeholders throughout this process. This study will help explain the future transportation scenario in Tysons Corner, and help stakeholders make informed decisions, should they decide to rezone/redevelop their properties. Those landowners already working on a rezoning application have been notified during application acceptance and/or the rezoning process that their involvement is required. This is to ensure that the models accurately depict all individual TIA data and development plans. Questions about the CTIAs or the stakeholder meetings can be directed to FCDOT staff at 703-877-5600 TTY: 711.

Extend the Forest Edge

In 2007, based on recommendations of the Tree Action Plan, the Board of Supervisors formally adopted a 30-year canopy goal (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/30year.htm>) to increase Fairfax County's tree cover to 45 percent by the year 2037. Tree cover in the County is currently about 40 percent. Achieving the tree canopy goal will require planting around 85,000 trees annually, increasing the average number of trees the community currently plants each year by about 64,000. If tree planting efforts are not increased, by 2037, we could lose approximately 4 percent of our tree canopy cover. The loss of environmental services that will result if our tree cover continues to decline will be significant. These services include storm water mitigation, improved air quality, improved water quality, and energy conservation.

Low density residential lots have the most space for planting new trees, providing the greatest potential for increasing the area of tree canopy in Fairfax County. Development of subdivisions typically requires significant clearing to create space for homes and grading to help manage storm water. Usually, project designs also include areas of tree preservation on individual lots and in commonly-owned open space. During construction these tree preservation areas are protected with fencing and signage to restrict development activities that would negatively impact trees. With completion of construction, management of these areas is transferred to property owners and the homeowners association.

Tree preservation areas and other areas of existing tree canopy that may be located adjacent to subdivisions provide an excellent opportunity to increase tree canopy by extending the edge or tree line into open areas created with clearing and grading. This can be done in several ways and expenditures for both planting and maintenance can be very minimal.

Planting new nursery stock is the quickest way to achieve additional tree canopy. Trees 1 to 2.5 inches in caliper (trunk diameter at six inches above grade) are a good size to start with. Material cost is relatively low and trees this size establish much more quickly than larger stock, so the chances of survival are very good and requires less supplemental watering.



Two to three-year old seedlings are easy to plant and material usually costs less than \$1/seedling. Seedlings can be purchased from the VA Dept. of Forestry or obtained through non-profit tree planting organizations, like Fairfax ReLeaf (www.fairfaxreleaf.org) and Earth Sangha (www.earthsangha.org). Seedling planting can be a great community project and is an excellent way to introduce children to the benefits of trees and the environment and the concepts of good stewardship. Seedling planting can be combined with nursery stock to achieve more variability in age and canopy level as occurs in the natural environment. Fairfax Releaf organizes volunteers and provides seedlings and protective tubes/tree shelters for tree planting events.

Additional tree cover can also be created by simply not mowing. Trees are the natural vegetative cover of Fairfax County. Any pervious area that is not mowed will revert to trees. If the grass is left unmowed in a 10 to 20-foot swath along the tree line, tree regeneration will begin to occur in this area as a natural process. This is a legitimate management option and will not be viewed as neglect on lots larger than one-half acre.

As an extension of the forest edge, mowing operations should be discontinued in the newly planted area whichever method is used to plant or encourage tree regeneration. The area should be mulched and fallen leaves allowed to accumulate to further discourage turf and recycle organic matter and nutrients. If these guidelines are followed, little maintenance is required. Over the first 3 to 5 years after planting supplemental irrigation is recommended during extended dry spells, as well as light pruning with the objective of developing good structure in the trees and avoiding problems that could become larger issues in the future.

Lake Fairfax Skatepark Design Takes Shape

Fairfax County Park Authority has been working on the design for a new skateboard facility at Lake Fairfax Park. Local skateboard enthusiasts have been involved with the design, giving their suggestions and comments on the plans developed by Park Authority staff and Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a firm that designs and constructs skateparks.

The new facility will be close to the athletic fields at Lake Fairfax Park. Groundbreaking will occur in late winter/early spring with completion of the facility this coming summer.



Stratton Woods Park Receives Transplanted Trees from Tysons Site



Jay Klug (left) of JGB Rosenfel Retail joins Supervisor Hudgins and Andy Galusha (right) from the Park Authority in front of a new red maple at Stratton Woods Park.



Trees that were slated for removal at the JBG site at Tysons found a new home at Stratton Woods Park. Developer JBG hired a firm that specializes in tree transplants to move 10 mature maples and oaks to the park along with two additional trees to Reston Association grounds. Stratton Woods was due for additional landscaping elements this fall. Instead of saplings, the park received mature trees that immediately impacted the tree cover and shade and saved some funds. JBG will care for the trees through their first season of getting reestablished in their new location.

Congratulations!



James Madison High School Girls Lacrosse team was recognized at our November's Board of Supervisors meeting for their 2011 spring season in which the team went undefeated and captured the Liberty District, Northern Virginia Regional and Virginia State championships. **Congratulations** to Coach Amanda Counts and her team members.

Hunter Mill's **Alene Smith**, was honored by [Leadership Fairfax - 2011 Educational Leadership Award](#). (Click on the link for YouTube video on the award.) Alene is the founder of the **Rising Stars**, a middle school transition program in the Reston area that encourages students to aspire academically and set their sights on college and beyond.

Champions of Character In Sports Awards 2011 Hunter Mill District Winners

The following Hunter Mill residents are this year's Champions of Character, awarded by the Fairfax County Athletic Council.

Shane Brummond: Male Athlete with Vienna Youth Inc.

Olivia Wolfe: Female Athlete at South Lakes High School

Holly McIntyre: Parent volunteer at Reston Teen Center

Robert Lee: Coach with Great Falls Lacrosse

Notices

First Mondays with Supervisor Hudgins:

December 5 - Patrick Henry Library, Vienna

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.

Electric Sunday Recycling Event: November 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax 22030

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 fluorescent light bulbs. (Document shredding events will be held beginning in 2012.)

Safety Seat Saturday: November 19

Sheriff's deputies trained and certified in child safety seat inspection will help parents and caregivers ensure that a child fits securely in the safety seat and that the safety seat fits securely in the vehicle seat. Bring your vehicle and safety seat(s). Bring your child too! Safety Seat Saturday is held on the last Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fairfax County Public Safety Center, Public Parking Garage, 10550 Page Avenue, Fairfax. For further information, email shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov.