



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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**March 6, 2012**

**Dear Hunter Mill Friends,**

***At Tuesdays Board of Supervisors' meeting the Board approved an advertised real estate tax rate of \$1.08 / \$100 of assessed value Tuesday afternoon. I could not help but think about the many services that Fairfax County is leaving unfunded or underfunded. With the County Executive balanced the budget at \$1.07 / \$100, I recognize that the average taxpayer is being asked to pay slightly more than last year, and if the Board is to adopt a budget of \$1.08, how we may fund many of our identified needs, as well as those identified by the Fairfax County School Board. We will surely not be able to address their requested 8.4% increase over last year's request with the County Executive's increase of \$72.5 million or 4.5% over the FY 2012 level.***

***Moreover, I am constantly reminded how we do not yet know the full extent of the cuts that will come from the state budget. Still, we know that just last month the federal government came to a settlement agreement with banks over fraudulent foreclosure practices to the sum of \$25 billion. Virginia's share of the settlement is \$69 million. It would seem wise to put this money back into housing programs across the state that would assist those who may have been affected by such practices. However, in its unapproved budget, the legislature has found it more appropriate to put this money into the General Fund.***

***How does this effect Fairfax County? The federal government has made cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by \$1,004,205.00 (18.5% decrease), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds by \$978, 484.00 (a 41% decrease), and the Housing Choice Voucher Program by \$231,357.00 (an anticipated 6.9% decrease in administrative fees). These programs help to fund many of our non-profits and housing programs they implement. While the County Executive has proposed increasing funding to our non-profits, these latest rounds of federal cuts leave the proposed increased at a net loss at a time when requests for services continues to grow. The states insistence on taking money away from slated for housing issues and putting it towards anything except housing again means that the County is left to further fund programs which the state refuses to fund.***

***This year the projected value of "One Penny" on FY 2013 Real Estate Revenue equals \$19.95 million. Each penny change equates to approximately \$45 on your real estate tax bill.***

***I look forward to hearing your comments and thoughts on the proposed budget. Below are the details for the upcoming Hunter Mill Community Meetings on the Budget where you can***

*get more details on the proposal. Also, sign-up has begun to speak to the entire Board at the public hearings on the budget, Tuesday-Thursday, April 10-12.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Hunter Mill District Community Meetings on the Budget**

- Saturday, March 24, at Reston Community Center-Hunters Woods, 10 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, March 31, at Vienna Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

School Board representative Pat Hynes will be attending along with County Executive and budget staff. Staff from Tax Administration will also be on hand for assistance in applying for the County's tax relief program for senior and disabled citizens.

### **Public Meetings on Phase 2 of Rail to Dulles Project**

Community meetings are scheduled to present the cost and physical layout of Dulles Rail Phase 2. Meetings in our area are;

- Wednesday, March 14 – 6:30 p.m.: Hutchison Elementary, 13209 Parcher Ave., Herndon
- Thursday, March 15 – 6:30 p.m.: Westgate Elementary, 7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church
- Monday, March 19 – 7:00 p.m.: Fairfax County Government Center - Conference room 9/10, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax.

## **3-6-2012 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **March 6, 2012 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Fairfax County Government **Channel 16** received our congratulations for winning their first Emmy award and being named Best Government Cable TV Station in two national competitions.

**Ending Homelessness in Fairfax-Falls Church Community Snapshot 2011** provided a picture of our efforts at reducing the number of homeless individuals and families in the County.

**FY2013 Proposed Budget: Advertised Tax Rate.** The Board authorized advertisement of a real estate tax rate of \$1.08 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase from the current rate of \$1.07.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Admin 2: Extension of review period for FSA-H00-97-2:** Sprint/Antenna colocation on building rooftop at 13681 Sunrise Valley Drive, Herndon to May 19, 2012.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Info 1: 2011 Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Annual Report.** Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services prepared their annual report for submission to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in compliance with Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES).

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed comprehensive plan amendment S11-CW-4CP regarding revisions to the Comprehensive Plan to update information on Heritage Resources.** Update to reflect two new properties added to the County's inventory of Historic Sites and to revise information on heritage resources in text and figures where new research has uncovered more accurate information on sites, and revise language in the Heritage Resources section of the Planning Districts and Dulles Suburban center and Fairfax center special planning areas to reflect language used in the Policy Plan regarding development review of heritage resources.

**4:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on Public Entertainment Establishments** was deferred.

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