



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Looking out the window of my office, I am reminded of two things: change escorts any improvement and change always requires an investment before it pays a return. As the land is cleared for the new North County Governmental Center, I glance at the artist rendering of future landscaping, public meeting space, suitable offices, adequate parking, and opportunities for public art. Clearly, patience is part of the initial investment – that and belief in the process. As the construction process progresses, I'll keep you updated on the North County Government Center renovation on Bowman Town Drive.

Happily, I am part of another change/improvement cycle and this one is nearing fruition. I speak of Metro and particularly the Art in Transit Program. Sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), this program through outdoor visual arts creates a sense of place. It expresses the community surrounding the Metro and relates specifically to that location. First a brief word about the role art plays in public transit.

As the Metro zips from one station to another, it traverses communities as well as hurries to a destination. Each community is unique and composed of the people who live, work and play there, if they are lucky. Public Art can establish the identity of the neighborhoods and areas through which Metro passes. Whether flowing fountains, metal sculpture, light panels, mosaic murals, or pillar of stained glass, each artistic rendition engages riders, signals the local cultural vitality and enlivens the transit experience. But will you love the original art works selected for each of the five new Silver Line stations?

Hard to say but an Art Review Panel, composed of members of each community from East Falls Church to Wiehle Avenue, art and design professionals, representatives from the Fairfax Arts Council, WMATA, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation joined to review submissions. The panel selected and commissioned works of art which will be prominent in each of the new stations. The panel labored to choose well.

Better yet, you be the judge: In the following link you can review the original MWATA Board presentation containing images of the approved artwork proposals for Phase I of the Silver Line. Each frame contains information about the different stations' artist and images of approved proposed artwork. Additional images are of artwork previously created by the recommended artists (to give an indication of their past work and capabilities). [Click here](#) to see the [Dulles Corridor Phase-One Art Proposals](#).

After investment we have made collectively, it is heartening and rewarding to be on the brink of new transit and new art. Both change and improvement, I am thrilled to be a part of it all.

## Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

### Silver Line Proposed Bus Service Plan Meetings

Fairfax CONNECTOR will host a series of meetings to outline and get your input on proposed bus routes that will connect the Silver Line stations and neighboring areas. The meetings have been set up in specific geographic locations. Listings below have the details on the meeting times and places along with a link so you can view the details of the bus route proposals. All meetings run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**RESTON:** Monday, April 15, at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.

Transit: Fairfax Connector Routes 551, RIBS 1, RIBS 2, and RIBS 3

**HERNDON:** Wednesday, April 17 at Herndon Town Council Chambers.

Transit: Fairfax Connector routes 950 and RIBS 5

**RESTON:** Thursday, April 16, at Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

Transit: Fairfax Connector routes 552, 574, RIBS 1 and RIBS 3

**VIENNA:** Monday, April 22, at Westbriar Elementary School.

This meeting will also include parts of the **TYSONS** area plan.

**McLEAN:** Tuesday, April 23, at McLean High School.

This meeting will also include parts of the **TYSONS** area plan.

**TYSONS:** Wednesday, April 24, at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library.

Transit: Metrobus 28A and 28T.



Fairfax Connector will conduct a **AskFairfax!** online chat on Thursday, April 18 beginning at 2 p.m. You can follow along and [submit your questions now](#). Additional information and details on the proposed bus service plan is available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/dullesrail/>



*SAVE THE DATE*

### Help Needed to Prepare for Memorial Day

The Vienna American Legion Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery (on Route 123 between Courthouse Road and Hibbard Street) on Thursday, May 23 beginning at 10am. Helpers are welcome. Meet beside the tool shed inside the cemetery. Call 703-938-1379 for more information.

# Southgate COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, April 20, 1 to 6 p.m.  
12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston

**FREE**

Southgate Community Center will be hosting the 7th Annual Community Day, a day of bringing community together. This event connects individuals to foster new and old relationships with local businesses, organizations, government agencies, and non-profits. Local bands, multicultural and individual youth, teen and adult talents are featured. The day also includes a basketball tournament, music, free raffles, free inflatable games, food vendors and a large assortment of informational tables. This year's performers are: Solos and Duets from Dogwood Elementary School, Zumba presentation by Vanessa Ledesma, Southgate Community Freestyle Battle, Super Hula competition and performance, Tzu Chi Foundation, Supercomputer, and HK Lee.

Southgate Community Center is operated by the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Call 703-860-0676 for additional information.

From Park Authority website:

## Baron Cameron Park Master Planning Commences

The Fairfax County Park Authority will kick off the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan Revision process at a community meeting on **Tuesday, May 7**, beginning at 7 p.m., at Buzz Aldrin Elementary School, 11375 Center Harbor Road in Reston. Staff will provide an overview of the Park Authority master plan revision process, background information about Baron Cameron Park including the existing approved master plan and current site conditions, and details about the Reston Community Center proposal to partner with the Park Authority to build an indoor recreational facility in the park. There will also be an opportunity for public comment and dialogue to identify community issues and gather input to help shape the revised master plan.

In the spring of 2012, ownership of the Baron Cameron site was transferred from the Board of Supervisors to the Park Authority. Previous planning efforts were approved in 1975 and 2001. The 68-acre site is classified as a District Park and currently features nine rectangle fields, one diamond field with lights, a playground and picnic area, off-leash dog area, community garden plots, and parking.

The Park Authority has received a letter of interest from The Board of Governors of Reston Community Center (RCC) to consider a partnership with the Park Authority to build an indoor recreational facility in Baron Cameron Park that would provide aquatic, gymnasium and fitness options. The RCC is currently engaged in a public input process regarding their proposal. The RCC process does not replace the Park Authority public planning process, but should be considered as a parallel and independent process.

After the public information meeting, the Park Authority will consider all received public input and begin to draft a revised master plan for Baron Cameron Park. Once a draft revised plan is completed, the Park Authority will hold a public comment meeting and 30-day public comment period to gather further input.

Additional information on the [master plan process](#) and [Baron Cameron Park](#) is available on the [Park Authority website](#).

### Upcoming RCC Meetings:

(meetings at RCC-Hunters Woods)

**Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Long Range Planning Committee

**Monday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Long Range Planning Committee

**Monday, May 8, 8 p.m.**

### What is a Park Master Plan?

*A park master plan is a general guide for appropriate park uses and their approximate location within a specific park site. The plan serves as a long-range vision (10-20 year timeframe) for future development and programming. Issues typically addressed include planned park elements, natural and cultural resource management, and general design concerns. The plan is conceptual in nature and not intended to address detailed issues related to engineered site design or park operations. The plan is just one of many steps in the process that leads to the development of a public park.*



## Senior Synopsis

Information on County services and assistance for senior residents is available at the **Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resource Line** at 703-324-7948, and on their webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults/>

**Fairfax County Free 2013 Family Caregiver Seminars** help family caregivers of older adults and adults with a disability manage the day-to-day issues. Register by emailing [Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov), calling 703-324-5205, TTY 711 or going to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and clicking on Caregiver Support. **Upcoming seminars:**

- Wednesday, April 17 – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. **Legal Tools for Caregivers Webinar** via your computer or telephone. Upon registration, you will receive an email with access instructions.
- Tuesday, April 23 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Financial Issues for Caregivers** at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Fairfax County needs volunteer drivers to transport older adults to free health and wellness workshops. For more information contact [trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Find more ways to help older adults in Fairfax County at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and click on volunteers.

**Fairfax County's Free Caregiver Telephone Support Group** is the second Tuesday of each month. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 or go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and click on Caregiver Support to register online.

### Taste of Vienna: Saturday, April 27

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the **2nd Annual Taste of Vienna** on Saturday, April 27th at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department parking lot, 400 Center Street South, in Vienna. The event will run 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free. Over 25 vendors from the greater Vienna area will be on site selling food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.



### 5th Annual Vienna Green Expo

**Thursday, April 18**  
**6:30-9:00 p.m.**  
**Vienna Community Center,**  
**120 Cherry Street, Vienna**



Presenting practical information and demonstrations to help you make green choices. Exhibitors for services and products to help make your home and lifestyle more sustainable, gentle on the Earth, and possibly save you some money.

This year includes five alternative fuel vehicles including a Tesla, BMW Z3 and a converted bi-fuel, plug in hybrid-electric Prius. In addition, science fair projects from Vienna students will be showcased. For information, call 703-255-6360.

## Summer Camps Offer Many Options

From performing arts to sports to high adventure, Fairfax County camps offer a wide range of summertime fun activities for ages 3 through teen. Older youth can find counselor and other season jobs opportunities. Click on the links for information.

[REQuest](#) - at six community centers  
[Free Summer Meals for kids](#)  
[Rec-PAC for grades 1-6](#)  
[McLean Community Center](#)



[Therapeutic Recreation:](#)  
[Park Authority Summer Camps](#)  
[SACC's Damp Discovery](#)  
[Reston Community Center](#)

## Transportation



### Pardon Our Dust: Sidewalk Project on Wiehle Avenue

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has just begun a sidewalk construction project on Wiehle Avenue between the Dulles Toll Road ramp and Sunrise Valley Drive. The project will replace the existing sidewalk with a much wider sidewalk in anticipation of the opening of the Wiehle Avenue-Reston East Metrorail station. This project is part of the new infrastructure network on the south side of the station. This sidewalk project is #30 on the [Reston Area Metrorail Station Access Improvement Projects](#) list. Please be cautious around the station area as construction will continue throughout the summer.

### Reston and Tysons Metrorail Station Access Improvements

One of the main themes discussed along with the Silver Line Metrorail are the infrastructure improvements near the Metrorail stations. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has developed visual maps of the Reston and Tysons station access improvement projects. These projects are specifically addressing roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, and bus transit access around the new Metrorail stations. The maps include project locations, project type, lead agency, and project completion date. These web sites will be updated as more project information becomes available. Each map will help viewers start to visualize the future Metrorail areas and surrounding infrastructure improvements. The maps can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm> and <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/dullesmetro/>.

### Bicycle to School Day

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, schools all over the United States will be participating with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bicycle to School Day. Several schools in the Hunter Mill District schools will be participating with individual events at their respective schools. These events will help promote healthier habits, bicycle, and roadway safety. For information about events in your community, visit <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>.

### 2013 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is Bike to Work Day in Fairfax County and the Washington Metro area. This is an exciting opportunity for bicycle commuters as well as those who have thought about getting out of their cars and on to their bikes. Bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and promote wellness. There will be several Bike to Work events in Fairfax County this year. For more information about Bike to Work day, visit <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>.

### Bicycle Sharing

Bicycle sharing is one of the latest trends in alternative transportation. Individuals are able to rent out a bicycle to travel to and from a destination without the need for bicycle ownership. Bicycle sharing stations are spread out throughout a city to allow greater flexibility for travel options. There has been a lot of great synergy placing bicycle sharing stations at transit centers like Metrorail stations or bus depots. Our office is very interested and is exploring the possibility of this service for our community and traveling “the last mile”. Specifically, the Hunter Mill District has a lot of amenities that could help implement a successful bicycle sharing service. Amenities such as the W/OD trail, the Village Center community model, and future Metrorail stations would aid in the development of our bicycle sharing system.

We are lucky to be living near one of the most successful bicycle sharing operations in the United States. Capital Bikeshare serves Washington D.C., Arlington, and Alexandria with over 175 bicycle stations and over 1675 bicycles in service. The bicycle renting process is about as easy as getting renting a DVD from the Redbox service. Users have the option for a 1 day, 3 day, month, or year membership with Capital Bikeshare. In the third quarter of 2012, Capital Bikeshare logged over 637,531 trips in their service area. It is not to say that this service will replace your car but it does provide more options for travelers in the Hunter Mill District. There are some challenges before a bicycle sharing system like Capital Bikeshare could be implemented in our community. We are still in the process of completing pedestrian and roadway improvements around the Metrorail station and there is a capital cost with the new stations. Overall, the inclusion of bicycle sharing programs in our transportation network looks very promising for the future.

### Status of Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

**RPB & M, LCC and Bozzuto Development Company at 11401, 11403, 11407, 11411 & 11417 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, Tax Map 17-4 ((19)) Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A and 6A and 17-4 ((24)) Parcel 4B** proposes a mixed-use, transit oriented development to include one mid-rise, multi-family residential building with a maximum of 421 dwelling units, one office building of up to 174,987 square feet, and up to 10,000 square feet of support retail use in the Wiehle Avenue Transit Station area, Rezoning Application RZ 2010-HM-008 and Final Development Plan FDP 2010 HM-008. **Planning Commission voted to recommend approval at their March 27, 2013 meeting. The Board of Supervisor' public hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Oakcrest School – Tax Map 18-4 ((1)) Parcel 26C; 18-4 ((8)) Parcel 4, A** has filed a **Special Exception Amendment (SEA 2009-DR-008)** previously Dranesville District, to revise SE Plat and Development Conditions for a traffic signal as a replacement for traffic control at the intersection of Crowell and Hunter Mill Road. **The Planning Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 8:15 p.m., however, this date may be deferred.**

**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 PRCA-B-846 to previously approved plan for 145,000 square feet of above grade retail, 100,00 square feet of below grade retail, and 428,225 square feet of office with 498 residential units. The revised plan does not change the density or use allocation. The plan proposes to add a new grocery and neighbor-hood retail space into pedestrian friendly, urban-type streetscape with mid-rise residential above. **Planning Commission public hearing will be on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 8:15 p.m.**

**St. Mark Catholic Church, located at 9970 Vale Road, Tax Map reference: 37-4 ((1)) parcel 42 has filed a Special Exception (SEA 00-H-028) to make minor modifications to the approved Development Conditions.** 1) Extend the hours of operation for all grades (pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 2) Extend the hours of use for the outdoor playing fields to be consistent with the beginning of regular school hours; and 3) Permit delivery of food prepared off-site, five (5) days per week. The application was previously presented to the committee on February 19, 2013. A Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 8:15 p.m. Board of Supervisors' public hearing has been expedited for May 14, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

**T-Mobile and Milestone Communications have filed a 2232-H13-2 application for a wireless telecommunications facility at A. Scott Crossfield Elementary School, 2791 Fox Mill Road, Herndon, VA.** The proposal is for a 130' tall pole that will be camouflaged to look like a tree (treepole), the pole is well screened by existing trees. The ground equipment required to operate the pole will be located at the foot of the pole in a fenced and locked compound (25'x 85'), that will be screened by landscaping. For additional information regarding this proposal, you may visit [www.crossfieldwirelesspole.com](http://www.crossfieldwirelesspole.com). **This application will only have a Planning Commission public hearing which is being rescheduled to allow additional time for community outreach.**

**Tyson's West Residential, L.L.C. and JBG/Tyson's 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 Tyson's Corner Urban Center (PTC), HC and SC Districts (RZ 2011-HM-032).** 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 Tyson's 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 is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 8:15 p.m., and Board of Supervisor's hearing date of July 9, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. However, these dates may change.**

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**Sunrise Valley Elementary School - 10824 Cross School Road – Tax Map 27-1 ((3)), Parcel 2 Renovations (PRC –C -377)** consist of constructing several small additions (administration suite, main entrance and cafeteria) at the front of the school to meet program requirements and at the rear of the school a library addition and a large single story classroom addition to replace the existing modular classroom structure. Site up-grades will include an expanded bus drop off area, a new kiss and ride access, additional parking and a new ADA access to the upper play fields. **This PRC Plan has been reactivated and is tentatively scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. and a Board of Supervisors public hearing on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Stephen M. DeFrank, Jr. has filed a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 87-C-060-18)** to add a covering to the existing 17.4 feet x 19 feet portion of the existing deck at -2465 Iron Forge Road, Oak Hill, VA 20171 – Tax Map: 025-1 ((14)), parcel 16. The existing deck will remain but will be reduced in depth so that it is less than half the distance to the rear property line and the width is slightly expanded on the west side. A tentative Planning Commission public hearing has been scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**William and Whitney Babash of 12391 Brown Fox Way, Reston (Tax Map 025-2 ((17)) parcel 48 have submitted a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 94-H-011 )** to convert an existing deck with a roof to a screen porch thus changing the existing deck with a roof into an addition. **This application is being indefinitely deferred.**

**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.

**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 / 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 (RZ 2011-HM-026).** 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 (RZ 2011-HM-027).** 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.

### **New Application Pending Acceptance**

**Sekas Homes, LTD and Land Design Consultants** have filed a rezoning application called, Summer Hill Estates – Temporary ID# RZ 2013.0076 and FDP 2013.0077. The area is currently zoned R-1, with approximately 5.4 acres – Fairfax County Tax Map #28-4((8)) Parcels 3-7 and 28-4 ((9)) Parcel A. The proposed rezoning is from R-1 to PDH-2 and is proposing ten (10) single-family detached houses. The application is currently under acceptance review.

## Board of Zoning Appeals: Appeal / Application

**RN Golf Management, LLC of 11875 Sunrise Valley Drive and 2018 Soapstone Drive, Reston** has filed appeal A 2012-HM-020 of the determination that redevelopment of property in the PRC CB District from a golf course to residential uses would require an amendment to the Reston Master Plan, a development plan amendment and Planned Residential Community Plan approval from the Board of Supervisors. (Tax Map 17-4 ((11)) 4A, 26-2 ((2)) 8 and 26-2 ((5)) parcel 4) **The BZA public hearing has been moved from May 22, 2013 to September 25, 2013.**

## Reston Master Plan Special Study

At the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting, Dan Rathbone, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, presented an overview of the Tiered Mitigation Approach in Transportation. Heidi Merkel, Department of Planning and Zoning, provided staff's response to comments on the Reston Transit Station Areas draft Comprehensive Plan text – Introductory and Areawide Land Use Section. A special meeting was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> where Michael Garcia of Fairfax County Department of Transportation presented the Transportation Analysis for Scenario G. For further information about the Reston Master Plan Special Study and copies of the documents, please visit the study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>.

## Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee Meeting

Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

1. Approve March meeting minutes
2. Tysons West Residential, L.L. C. and JBG/Tysons Hotel, L.L.C. (*see page 6 for details*)
3. Discuss any additional matters and adjourn.

Next meeting date is **May 21, 2013**. The HMD Land Use Committee meets at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. For information, call 703-478-0283.

Reminder from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department:

## Barbeque Grill Fire Season Arrives

As the grilling or barbeque season arrives, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department wants to remind residents that grill fires cause an estimated average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$37 million in property loss each year nationwide, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Almost half (49 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur from 5 to 8 p.m. Thirty-two percent of all grill fires occur in the months of May, June, July, and August, and the leading category of equipment power source is "gas fuels" (79 percent).

"Heat from powered equipment" is the leading heat source category from grill fires on residential properties. The leading category of factors contributing to ignition is "mechanical failure, malfunction," (39 percent). Within this category, leaks or breaks of containers or pipes account for approximately 23 percent of all grill fires on residential properties.

Grills, hibachis, and barbeques on residential properties continue to be a high fire risk and, on average, result in more injuries and slightly higher dollar losses when compared to all other fires. It is crucial that each person diligently practice fire safety when cooking or grilling outside. Please review the safety tips below:

- Grills should be placed at least 15 feet from any home, building, or combustibles to ensure adequate air circulation.
- Charcoal must be kept dry. Wet charcoal can spontaneously ignite. Spare propane bottles should be stored outside away from the home. A backyard shed is a good place.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill. Grills continue to give off heat long after cooking has stopped.
- **Never** place hot ashes in paper or plastic bags or containers. Only use metal containers for hot ashes.
- Use Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved electrical starters in place of lighter fluid.
- Never use a gas or charcoal fueled grill on apartment or condominium balconies, doing so is against the law. However, electric grills listed by a recognized testing authority may be used on balconies.





## Become a CASA Volunteer

Nicknamed “the eyes and ears of the Judge,” Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers help protect the fundamental rights of abused and neglected children to be safe, to be treated with dignity, and to learn and grow in a safe and permanent home. Last year, volunteers spent 23,863 hours advocating for abused and neglected

children -but your help is needed to assist more children in need. The next information session for CASA volunteers is Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Oakton Library. To register, email [volunteer@casafairfax.org](mailto:volunteer@casafairfax.org), or call 703-273-3526. Additional information on the program is available on the [FairfaxCASA website](#).

*Every 34 hours, an abused or neglected child in Fairfax County is placed under Court protection. These children need advocates to protect their fundamental rights. CASA volunteers are the solution.*

Lisa Banks,  
Executive Director  
Fairfax CASA



## Hershey's Track and Field Games Coming to Fairfax County

Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services will sponsor this year's Hershey Track and Field games for kids ages 9 through 14. The County event will be held on Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th, at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Participation is free but all athletes must **pre-register by Friday, April 26.**

Running, jumping and throwing events are divided into three age groups and by boys and girls. Event winners may advance to compete in the annual North American championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania. [Track meet registration form](#) is available on-line. For additional information, contact the Athletic Services Division at 703-324-5533.

## T.A.P.O. Soccer Tournament Registration Open Teens Achieving Positive Outcomes

The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is sponsoring a soccer tournament for teams composed of players ages 12 through 16. Play will take place on **Saturday, April 27th**, 2 to 7 p.m., at South Lakes Drive Park, 11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston.



The tournament will be 11 on 11 format with trophies going to 1st and 2nd place teams. Lunch will be provided. Teams should bring their own jerseys or matching shirts. There is no cost to participate. To register your team, contact [Anthony Fuller](#) at 703-326-7042. Registration will be open until April 22nd.

## Senator Warner Hosts U.S. Service Academies Information Meeting

Senator Mark Warner invites high school and middle school students, their parents, and guidance counselors to **Academy Day 2013**. Attendees will be provided a comprehensive overview of the United States service academies and their admission process. In addition, students will be able to meet with officials from all five service academies as well as representatives from ROTC programs, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia Military Institute. Representatives from Virginia Congressional offices will be available to answer questions regarding the application procedures for congressional nominations

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm, doors open at 9:30 for registration, program begins at 10:00am

**Location:** The Paramount Theater, 215 East Main Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

[RSVP HERE](#) For more information on the Academy Nomination process, visit: [www.warner.senate.gov](http://www.warner.senate.gov)

## School News

**Students Win National Achievement Scholarships:** Ten Fairfax County Public School students are among the 800 students nationwide selected to receive Achievement Scholarships from the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship program. Hunter Mill District awardees are;

**Margaret Secor** of James Madison High School  
**Kenyah Calhoun** of South Lakes High School  
**Kyannah Calhoun** of South Lakes High School



**James Madison High School Boys Swim and Dive Team** wrapped up a great season winning the Liberty District and Northern Region championships. **Freshman diver Grayson Campbell** also excelled and won first place in the Region and in the State.

## Notices

**Southgate Pro Bono Legal Clinic: Tuesday, April 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**At Southgate Community Center: 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston**

Assistance with civil matters: consumer issues, immigration, housing, public benefits and family issues. (No contested divorce nor complex child custody cases.) Registration required: contact Betsy Doud - 571-323-9586. Childcare and interpreters available during clinic.



**Healthy Strides Community Runs: Saturday, April 27**

Fairfax County Park Authority joins with area sponsors for the **2nd Annual Healthy Strides Community 5K and 10K Race**. Run or walk the scenic routes at beautiful Burke Lake Park. All registered runners will receive a T-shirt and race packet. Kids ages 5-12 are invited to run the **1K Fun Run** and receive a good bag. [Check the webpage](#) for information and on-line registration.



**2013 Springfest Fairfax** offers a day of free family fun to celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and a cleaner, greener Fairfax. The festivities will take place on **Saturday, April 27th**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Families can join in the river clean-up activity. Check the [2013 Springfest Fairfax website](#) for information or to sign up online.



**Electric Sunday**

**Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

At the \*-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, and unbroken fluorescent tubes and fluorescent light bulbs. [NEXT DOCUMENT SHREDDING: April 27](#)