

Hunter Mill Highlights

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

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Three Things I am Thinking About Budget - Budget - Budget. Can it really be budget season again? So soon?

In Fairfax County, with a population larger than eight states - Rhode Island; Montana; Delaware; South Dakota; Alaska; North Dakota; Vermont and Wyoming – and the District of Columbia, we are fortunate to enjoy the resources of a strong economic base, diverse population, renown education system, new and growing transit services, multi-farious housing stock, recreational amenities, conference facilities, expanses of green space, and quality public services. All of which contribute to our exceptional quality of life.

And here is the tricky budget part – *quality public services*. Please consider the questions below.

- How do we define quality?
- What level of service is acceptable?
- Do we have funds to invest in Head Start?
- How do we not?
- Will the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board continue the Infant-Toddler Connection Program?
- How much can be cut from the award-winning Mental Health First Aid Course, before it isn't award winning?
- From what source will we be able to pay, and repay, our teachers?
- Through what agency will the resources materialize to complete the Reston Metro-rail Access Group (RMAG) and Tysons Station Metrorail Station Access (TMSAMS) recommended, Metro-related, people-moving projects – like bike lanes, feeder bus service, sidewalks, and traffic flow?
- Are we able to sustain our Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and Bridging Affordability Program?
- How are we not?
- What is an appropriate, equitable tax rate to maintain our exceptional quality of life?

At this point, I can honestly say I don't have all the answers. But I am not doing this alone. On multiple Wednesdays since January, a group of community volunteers have wrestled with the same questions and more; they are the Hunter Mill Citizens Budget Committee. From their report, I will have much guidance and research to assist me.

There is a role for you too – attend one of the two Community Budget Meetings and share your ideas and answers. The Reston meeting will be Wednesday, March 27th. The Vienna meeting follows on Saturday, April 6th. See page 2 in this newsletter for details.

I invite you to join the discussion. My decisions become your services and as always, I welcome your input.

Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

Soapstone Connector Public Meeting

Supervisor Hudgins will be hosting a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 20**, to discuss the Soapstone Drive Connector Feasibility Study. The Soapstone Drive Connector Feasibility Study was tasked with finding the best alignment for a roadway expansion of Soapstone Drive over the Dulles Toll Road. This project is very important as it serves as an additional north/south crossing over the Dulles Toll Road and it will help alleviate future congestion on Wiehle Avenue.

The public meeting will be held at the South Lakes High School (11400 S Lakes Dr, Reston, VA 20191) on March 20 and it will begin at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.

Hunter Mill District Community Meetings on the Budget

Supervisor Hudgins will host two district Community Meetings on the FY2014 Budget. County Executive Ed Long will present his proposed plan along with budget staff and Fairfax County Public School representatives. Meetings are planned for:

- **Wednesday, March 27**, 7 p.m.
at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods
- **Saturday, April 6**, 10 a.m.
at Vienna Community Center.

The [budget webpage](#) has details on the proposal along with opportunities to share your opinions via email or sign up to speak at one of the public hearings. Let us hear from you!

FY 2014 Budget Calendar

February 26	Release of the County Executive's FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan
March 12	Budget Subcommittee Meeting - Govt. Center (rooms 9/10) - 1:00 p.m.
March 18	Budget Subcommittee Meeting - Govt. Center (rooms 9/10) - 2:00 p.m.
April 9	Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget - Govt. Center Auditorium*
April 10	Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget - Govt. Center Auditorium*
April 11	Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget - Govt. Center Auditorium*
April 19	Budget Subcommittee Meeting - Govt. Center (rooms 9/10) - 2:00 p.m.
April 23	FY2014 Board Budget Mark-up and Approval of FY2013 Third Quarter
April 30	Formal Adoption of the FY2014 Budget Plan
July 1	Beginning of FY2014
	*Opportunities for public comment

School Board Community Meeting on the Budget: Tuesday, March 19

Fairfax County School Board is holding a community budget dialogue on **Tuesday, March 19**, at 6 p.m., at the Gatehouse Administration Center (8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church). This dialogue will provide participants with an overview of the FY2014 advertised budget and will offer an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback on what the School Board should consider as it moves forward to adopt its approved budget. Additional information on the FCPS proposed FY2014 budget is available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2014.shtml>

Tax Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Qualified taxpayers may also be eligible for rent relief. Staff from the Department of Tax Administration will be available at the Hunter Mill District Community Meetings on the Budget to answer your questions and assist in your application. See above for meeting details.

For eligibility requirements, check out the [Tax Relief - Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#). For an application, call 703-222-8234, request by [email](#), or [download the tax relief application](#).

Free Financial Counseling Sessions

Are you having difficulty paying your bills? Unable to make your rent or mortgage? Concerned about your credit report and identity theft? Struggling with too much debt? Fairfax County has teamed up with Reston Interfaith, Our Daily Bread and the Financial Planning Association to offer free financial counseling sessions with a trained financial planner. This service is available to adult residents - there is no income limit.

You can sign up for a 45-60 minute session with a financial planner for free confidential financial counseling. At this session you will get a free credit report, free financial guidance, referral for any follow-up required, and peace of mind. All participants must agree to complete a confidential 3 month follow up online survey.

These evening sessions are held every fourth Tuesday of the month, now through June, at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center (in Dulles Park Shopping Center), 1086 Elden Street, in Herndon. Interpreters provided upon request with a week's notice. Be sure to bring financial documents and ID.

Registration is required. Email Courtney.Holloway-Pace@restoninterfaith.org, or call 703-435-6830. Snack and childcare is provided. Receive one gift card per family upon check out.

This program is sponsored by:



Reston Marathon Takes to the Streets: Sunday, March 17

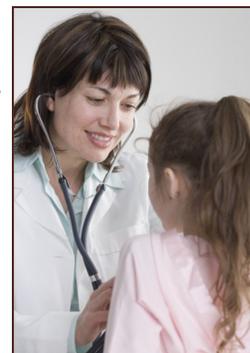
The Reston Runners Club will hold Reston's first marathon and half-marathon on Sunday, March 24. The races will be run on local roads and RA pathways in south Reston, beginning at 7:30 a.m. near South Lakes High School, and finishing in the high school stadium. Reston Association wants to make residents aware of the race so that they can anticipate lane closures and intersection changes while the race is underway. [Click here](#) to download a map of the route. The same course is used for both distances, with the full marathoners doing the route twice. Police will be at major intersections and crossings, and volunteers will be at key turns and water stops along the course. The races are expected to end by 1 p.m.

Free Children's Health Care Slots Available

Kaiser Permanente has given the County 300 additional free health care "slots" to be given out to qualified low income children living in our area.

Who Qualifies?

- Child is between the ages 0 to 18
- Meets income guidelines (up to 250% of FPL for the family size).
- Does not have affordable health insurance through a parent's employer.
- Does not qualify for Medicaid (FAMIS Plus) and FAMIS.
- U.S. Citizenship **NOT** required



To apply, you will need to fill out an application and provide financial and medical information. The program's webpage contains a checklist and all the necessary forms. Once your application is received, a case worker will contact you to review your application. **This is a limited opportunity and you must act now.** If your child does not have health insurance please call the Fairfax County Department of Family Services as soon as possible. **To apply, call 703-324-7315; TTY 711 or visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ss/mccp**

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/>



Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs

Find the best way to manage your chronic illness. The six week program, sponsored by Fairfax County, meets weekly and focuses on managing frustration and pain, using medication properly, communicating with health care providers, and exercise and nutrition. Three programs and sites are:

- Ox Hill Baptist Church, 4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly: March 12-April 16, 1-3:30 p.m.
- Lewinsville Senior Center, 16009 Great Falls Street, McLean: March 18-April 22, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville: March 20-April 24, 10:30 to 1 p.m.

Call 703-324-5489, or email [Colleen Turner](mailto:Colleen.Turner@fairfaxcounty.gov) to register.



Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers

Find support for taking care of older adults. Sessions are led by a Fairfax County social worker. The next session on transportation resources takes place on Tuesday, March 12, 7-8 p.m. To register, call 703-324-5484, or contact michelle.smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunities

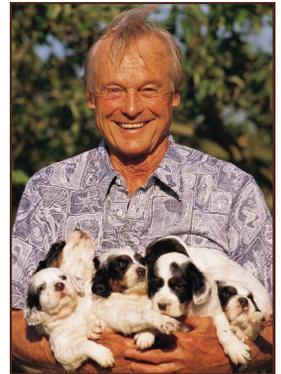
Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, or email to VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov to help out with the programs below.

- Fairfax County needs **Meals on Wheels** volunteers throughout the County.
- **Herndon Senior Center** (873 Grace Street, Herndon) needs Mandarin Chinese and Farsi-speaking volunteers to help participants complete surveys.

Animal Shelter Seeks Senior Volunteers

Fairfax County Animal Shelter is looking for senior volunteers for their services to homeless animals. Volunteers are needed to walk dogs, greet shelter visitors, help with community outreach, animal socialization, and foster programs.

A special senior orientation and information session for potential volunteers will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. following by a shelter tour for seniors at 3 p.m. RSVP for the orientation to Kristen.Auerback@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-0208.



Bending the Curve on Healthcare Cost: Patient Centered Medical Home Model

You are invited to an open meeting about the Patient Centered Medical Home model on **Thursday, March 21**, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street in Herndon. This model has been proposed by the Affordable Care Act as a way to realize major cost savings and provide a method to allow for personalized 24 hour patient care to those managing chronic illnesses.

Presenting this topic is local expert Margaret Rodan, RN Doctor of Science and Assistant Dean at George Mason University. Whether you are a current or former care professional or are simply worried about the quality and expense of you or your family's care, this presentation is not to be missed. Q&A session will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be provided.

This program is presented by AARP Dulles Chapter. RSVP by email to brent@AARPdulles.org or call 703-508-0217.

Transportation



Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Council News

The Hunter Mill District Transportation Committee (HMD TAC) will be hosting their quarterly meeting on April 17 at the North County Governmental Building. Meetings begin at 8:00am. HMD TAC discusses the transportation issues affecting the Hunter Mill District with various transportation staff and agencies. Meetings are open to the public. If there are any questions, please contact Paul Davis at 703-478-5124.

4 Year Transportation Program Status Report

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation released their 4 year transportation program status report to the Board of Supervisors on February 12. Transportation staff has reconfigured the report to be clearer regarding project timelines, funding sources, and project locations. Many project updates are available regarding Reston Metrorail Station Access projects (RMAG), Tysons Station Metrorail Station Access (TMSAMS), and other transportation projects in the Hunter Mill District. The report can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/fouryearprogram.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact the Hunter Mill District office.

Spring Time and That Means Potholes

As we enter into the springtime, we become aware of the changes which might have occurred in the winter such as potholes. If you have potholes that need to be patched, please contact the Hunter Mill District office (703-478-0283), or the [Virginia Department of Transportation](http://www.vdot.gov) (1-800-367-7623).

2013 Spring Community Leadership Institute

How are transportation decisions made in this region? How can community leaders make a difference? The Transportation Planning Board's Community Leadership Institute, or CLI, is designed to help community leaders figure those questions out. Over the course of three interrelated modules, the CLI aims to empower individuals to get involved in transportation decision-making whenever and wherever it occurs. Facilitated by Kathy Porter, current WMATA Board Member and former TPB Chair and Takoma Park Mayor, the CLI uses interactive group exercises and discussions to help participants better understand regional challenges, as well as opportunities for successful public involvement. At each step of the way, participants discuss ways in which the interests of their local communities connect with the planning issues facing the entire region. By providing this big-picture context, the CLI encourages participants to "think regionally and act locally."

Specifically, the two-part workshop will focus on:

- Strategizing for change
- Innovative problem-solving in transportation and land-use planning
- Transportation project development
- Overcoming complexities in regional transportation decision-making
- Understanding the role of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
- Dealing with growth in the Metropolitan Washington Region, and more!

Please note that all interested and nominated candidates must submit a brief Statement of Interest by **March 31, 2013**. For more information on the CLI, <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/cli/>. Contact Deborah Kerson Bilek, of TPB staff at 202-962-3317 or dbilek@mwcog.org with any additional questions.

2013 Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17th, 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/>.

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 public hearing is scheduled for March 27, 2013 at 8:15 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 now scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 8:15 p.m.**

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, 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 neighborhood 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 to 8:00 am and 3:30 pm; 2) extend outdoor playing fields hours an hour in the morning from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm until sunset; 3) institute a hot meals program; 4) construct temporary classroom facilities; and 5) modify existing Condition 8 to reflect the approved square footage is consistent with the approved SE Plat for 63,644 square feet. **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. **This application will only have a Planning Commission public hearing which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 8:15 p.m.**

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 (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 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 is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 8:15 p.m. Board of Supervisors' public hearing is scheduled for July 9, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**

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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. **The Planning Commission has indefinitely deferred decision on this PRC Plan.**

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.

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 January 30th, 2013 to May 22, 2013.**

Reston Master Plan Special Study

At the February 26, 2013 meeting, Heidi Merkel, Department of Planning and Zoning presented Reston Transit Station Areas draft Comprehensive Plan text – Introductory and Areawide Land Use Setions. Fairfax County Department of Transportation and ATCS, P.L.C. presented on the Soapstone Drive Crossing Feasibility Study. 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/>. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7 pm, South Lakes High School cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA.

From Fairfax County's Urban Foresters:

Fall Cankerworm on the Rise in Fairfax

Urban Foresters in the Forest Pest Management Branch noticed a significant increase in the number of fall cankerworms (*Alsophilia pometaria*) during their annual survey. The fall cankerworm is a native insect that destroys trees throughout North America.



In early spring, as a caterpillar, it feeds on a variety of trees. If populations are high enough, the caterpillars eat all the leaves from the trees. This may stress the trees and put them at risk, particularly in urban areas. Due to the increased population levels of the fall cankerworm found in the Lee and Mount Vernon Districts, an aerial spray program of 2000 acres in residential areas is planned for mid-to-late April. Using helicopters and experienced pilots, Fairfax County will spray selected areas of high fall cankerworm populations with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). Once the fall cankerworm ingests the Bt, they stop feeding and die within a week. The population of fall cankerworm is monitored by urban foresters each year.

To learn more about fall cankerworm and other varieties of forest pests, contact staff of the Forest Pest Management Branch at 703-324-5304, TTY 711, or visit the county's forest pest web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/canker4.htm>

Spring Tree Care Tips

Spring is an excellent time to give your trees a tune-up and prepare them for their flush of new growth. Here are six tips for your trees:

1. Remove all guy wires and stakes from your trees that were planted last year or earlier. Any material that is wrapped around the trunk should be removed before the growth period starts to prevent girdling the tree and causing damage to the trunk.
2. Remove mulch from around the trunk of your tree and inspect the trunk for rodent damage. During the winter, mice may nest in deep piles of mulch and feed on the thin bark at the base of a tree. Mulch should be kept at least three inches away from the base of your tree.
3. Prune any damaged branches. A torn branch wound will not close quickly. This will leave an open wound on the tree that can attract insects. A clean cut at the branch collar will close properly.
4. Inspect your tree carefully for any over-wintering insect egg masses. This will be easier to do without leaves on the tree. Some insects are beneficial to trees so don't be in a hurry to remove the eggs until you identify the insect.
5. Make your mulch ring wider to help conserve moisture and reduce weeds. Removing turf from around your tree eliminates competition for moisture and nutrients.
6. Do a soil test to see what nutrients are in short supply for your tree. A test kit can be obtained from the Virginia Cooperative Extension (703-324-5369). This test will help you to fertilize your tree with the correct nutrients that it needs.



Tree Tip #3: The branch collar is where the branch meets the trunk of the tree. When necessary, cutting off a branch at the branch collar may allow the cut to close properly.

For more information about trees, see the web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/trees.htm> or email treemail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-1770, TTY 711 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Park Authority News



Stuart Road Park Playground
Stuart Road Park in Reston will soon sport a new, improved playground. The old equipment had become outdated and crews were unable to make necessary repairs to keep the apparatus safe. The new, improved play system will be installed this spring.

Frying Pan Farm Park Spring Births

Spring means animals births at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#). This is one of the best times to visit. The sign at the park's entrance indicates what kind of new babies have joined the farm. Or, you can check the [birthing schedule online](#) to see due dates for Luna, the Shorthorn cow, Delilah, the Alpine goat, Pocahontas, the Blue gilt pig and others. Come on Thursdays to take advantage of the **Farmers Table** selections of local seasonal produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, herbs, honey, artisan soups and yogurts. The Farmers Table operates each Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the park's Visitor Center.



Rainbow Trout Season Underway at Lake Fairfax Park

If you love to fish, get your poles ready for rainbow trout fishing at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston. Park Authority staff will be stocking the lake on March 15, 29, and April 12. A trout fishing pass is required, either a 2013 Trout Season pass or a daily pass, and can be purchased at the park's Main Office. Visit [Lake Fairfax's Trout Fishing](#) website for details on regulations and prices.

New Season for Hunter Mill Melodies

The 2013 season for Hunter Mill Melodies summer concert series is right around the corner. Each Thursday evening, from June through August, Frying Pan Farm Park hosts a free outdoor evening concert. The musical selections reflect the diversity and richness of the Hunter Mill District and Fairfax County. The coming season includes swing, bluegrass, Broadway tunes, country, folk/rock, zydeco, and Latin music.

Support for this program comes from donations. If you would like to be a patron of the arts and support the Hunter Mill Melodies program, please get in touch with the Hunter Mill District office, 703-478-0283, or email us at hunter-mill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

I hope can join me and your neighbors for a wonderful summer of music under the stars!

Rosa Parks Statue Unveiled at U.S. Capitol

Last month, I was so very pleased to be invited by Sen. Tim Kaine to the unveiling of the Rosa Parks statue in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall.

Ms. Parks is the first African American woman to be included in the hall.



School News

Last year, in celebration of their 50th anniversary, **Marshall Road Elementary School** undertook 50 services projects to give back to their community. This year, Marshall Road is at it again with their **Big Ten program**. Each month features a school-wide community service project. So far, they have successfully completed a food collection, winter clothing drive, Thanksgiving food drive, and Color a Smile project where 230 drawings were distributed to nursing homes, meals on wheels programs and others. The collection for military veterans brought in \$532 to help homeless veterans in the area. This month's effort is collecting new and gently used books for needy children. Way to go, MRES!



Eighteen Fairfax County public schools received the **2013 Board of Education Excellence Award**, a recognition of schools and divisions that have met all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities. Schools in the Hunter Mill District or serving district students receiving the **Governor's Award for Educational Excellence** are: **Colvin Run Elementary, Floris Elementary, Louise Archer Elementary, McNair Elementary, Thoreau Middle, Westbriar Elementary, and Wolftrap Elementary.**

Seventeen Fairfax County public schools received the **2013 Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award**, a recognition of schools that have met all state and federal benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and are making progress toward designated goals. Schools in the Hunter Mill District or serving district students receiving the **Distinguished Achievement Award** include: **Forest Edge Elementary, Fox Mill Elementary, Franklin Middle, Oakton Elementary, Sunrise Valley Elementary, and Vienna Elementary.**

Notices



Electric Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 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, and unbroken fluorescent tubes and fluorescent light bulbs. **NEXT DOCUMENT SHREDDING: March 23**

3rd Annual Green Expo: Thursday, April 18, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Town of Vienna celebrates the 3rd Annual Green Expo, a showcase of over 35 local earth friendly exhibitors offering information and ideas on how to live a greener life. Program is free, and will be held at the Vienna Community Center. Call 703-255-6360 for additional information.

Vienna/Oakton House & Garden Tour: Tuesday, April 23

The Garden Club of Fairfax is sponsoring a house and garden tour of area homes in conjunction with the statewide 80th Historic Garden Week. Visitors can view the artistic creativity in owners' interiors, outdoor garden rooms, an owner designed home and contemporary renovation. A bonus tour of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is included in the ticket price. Visit the [Garden Club of Virginia/Oakton/Vienna tour website](#) for tour details and ticket information.

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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. Included in the activities are artisan demonstrations, games, puppet show, entertainment, urban forestry workshops, tree planting, kids events, wildlife shows, art center tours, climbing wall, petting zoo, pony rides, farmers market, and much more. For more information, call 703-324-5471 or email cfc@cleanfairfax.org