



Hunter Mill Highlights

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The agenda for Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting was shortened due to the weather. Presentations to residents and the dedication of the J. Hamilton Lambert Conference Center at the Government Center were postponed to a later date.

The major item on our agenda was setting the advertised real estate tax rate for FY2015. After much discussion, we voted 8-2 to advertise a rate of \$1.105 per \$100 of assessed value, a 2 cent increase over FY2014 rate. Setting the advertised rate is not the final decision on the tax rate. We are hearing loud and clear from constituents supporting additional funding for public schools, libraries, and other programs. Raising the tax rate is one option for increasing funding. Now the work of the Board begins to find the best balance of program needs and resources.

Your input in these funding decisions is always welcome, and can be given in a variety of methods. The Board's public hearings on the budget are scheduled for April 8 at 6:00 p.m., April 9 at 3 p.m., and April 10 at 3 p.m. You can sign up to speak to the Board at the public hearings by contacting the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, or [sign up online](#). In addition, you can submit your comments via email to <mailto:dmbinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov>, or to me directly at huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov. The proposed budget information for the County and the schools is available online for your review at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

As always, if my office can be of assistance, please get in touch.

Cathy Hudgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you missed attending last Saturday's **Hunter Mill District Community Summit**, fear not! Fairfax County's Channel 16 filmed the proceedings and will broadcast the Summit on:

- Sunday, March 9 - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11 - 8 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16 - 8 p.m.

Check it out to see County Executive Ed Long's budget presentation, Fairfax County Public School budget presentation, and the Hunter Mill Huddle Q&A.

Louise Archer Elementary School will celebrate their **75th Anniversary** with a community open house on Friday, March 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The school will be transformed into an historical museum

featuring artifacts dating back to the founding of the original Louise Archer Elementary alongside new displays created by students.

3-4-2014 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **March 4, 2014 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. You may listen to [highlights from the Board meeting](#) on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. You can subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

PRESENTATIONS – postponed due to weather and travel concerns.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 8: The Board authorized the **Fire and Rescue Department to accept grant funding** from the Department of Homeland Security for staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program in the amount of \$2,089,236.

Admin 9: The Board authorized advertisement of a **real estate tax rate for FY2015** of \$1.105 per \$100 of assessed value. The current FY2014 rate is \$1.085. Advertising an increase in the rate does not prevent the Board from lowering any advertised tax rate, but a higher tax rate cannot be imposed without advertising the higher rate. Each one cent increase in the real estate tax impacts the average residential taxpayer's annual bill by approximately \$50. The value of a penny on the Real Estate Tax Rate is \$21.9 million in FY2015. A public hearing on the effective tax rate will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3:30 p.m. The Board approved the Sekas Homes LTD proposal for 9 homes off of Tetterton Road in Vienna.

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