

Hunter Mill Highlights

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**Hunter Mill District
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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Where does the time go? Although the month was short, the activities and Hunter Mill news did now slow down! March is sure to bring even more activity as the weather (hopefully) warms up and we all get back outside. Inside this issue you'll find notices, events and information that I hope is useful to you. Everything that makes Hunter Mill a great place to live is in here somewhere!

The most pressing item on my schedule for the next week is, of course, the County Budget. On Monday, February 23rd, the County Executive will present his budget to the Board of Supervisors. If you are available, you can tune into Channel 16 and hear it live. While I cannot say I am looking forward to it, I can say that I am ready to begin this next phase of the budget process. It starts with Monday's presentation and ends with a vote in April. In between now and then, we will hold public hearings and continue to work on the best way to deal with the projected \$650 million deficit. It is unclear exactly how the passage of the federal stimulus package will affect our revenue shortfall, but we'll know more about that in the weeks to come. As a follow-up to the budget town hall meeting I held in Vienna in January, I will host a Budget Town Hall meeting in Reston on March 17th. You can find detailed information about the meeting and the budget later in this newsletter. I read your emails everyday, so please send your reactions to the proposed budget as well as any other thoughts or ideas.

Although the budget process will dominate my schedule for the next few months, I will continue to participate in community events and meetings across the district. If you have an event you'd like me to attend such as a homeowners association meeting, school activity, celebration or other Hunter Mill community event, please contact my office. I welcome the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to you where you live and always enjoy face to face meetings more than email and phone calls! These next few months are sure to be difficult and hectic, which is all the more reason to keep the dialogue open and take the time to enjoy the community we value so much. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you out and about in Hunter Mill.

Cathy Hudgins

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Chinese New Year Festival

My colleagues on the Board and I celebrated the Year of the Ox at Chinese New Year Festival sponsored by the Asian Community Service Center. From left, Supervisor Pat Herry (Springfield), former Delegate Brian Moran, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Peter Su, and Irene Natividad

Implementation Plan to End Homelessness

The Board of Supervisors committed to end homelessness in ten years and established the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. At the February 9th Board of Supervisors meeting, Dean Klein was announced as the Director of the newly established office. He begins his new position March 3.

Klein comes from the Freddie Mac Foundation, the largest corporate funder in the Washington, D.C., region, where he worked in community relations. He coordinated with 100 homelessness prevention and housing nonprofits and managed the Freddie Mac Foundation's largest investment portfolio. He secured an \$800,000 Housing First grant for the National Alliance to End Homelessness focusing on Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Md., and the District of Columbia. He also collaborated with enterprise community partners to develop a national resident services model and two national symposiums. Klein was involved in hosting and securing funding for the Fairfax County Ending Homelessness Summit in 2006 and developing the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community.

Klein has previously held the positions of executive director of Shelter House Inc.; executive director of Doorways for Women and Families; and vice president and chief operating officer of Greater D.C. Cares. Klein holds a master's degree in social work from Howard University and a bachelor's degree in journalism and advertising from the Ohio State University.

The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness was established within Fairfax County Government to manage, coordinate and monitor day-to-day implementation of the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. For more information about the County's strategic plan or preventing and ending homelessness, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

Homelessness by the Numbers ...

60 percent of the homeless population are people in families.

36 percent of all homeless are children and 75 percent of these children are under the age of 12.

Of all homeless adults with families, nearly 66 percent are employed.

Source: 2008 Fairfax-Falls Church Point-in-Time Survey

Financial Education Workshops

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and Reston Interfaith have teamed together to present a free seminar on managing your finances. Learn basic budgeting strategies and why good credit is critical to your spending power. Learn to deal with money, create a spending plan that works for you, and figure out where you stand financially before you get into debt trouble.



One-time workshops are scheduled for;

- * March 3, 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Building, 11484 Washington Plaza, Room 140, Reston
- * April 7, 7-8:30 p.m. at Herndon Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street, Herndon
- * May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Building, (same address as above.)

Workshops are free but registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling Herndon-Reston FISH at 703-391-0105. Sessions conducted in Spanish are available at the Herndon Resource Center.

FCPS to Consider School Starting Time Changes

Fairfax County Public School Board is considering changing school start and dismissal times for elementary, middle and high school students. The FCPS Transportation Task Force is considering the bell changes as part of its goal of improving the overall effectiveness of the FCPS transportation system. The proposed changes are available for your review and comments at www.fcps.edu.



Community dialogues meetings are planned for families and community members to share their thoughts about the proposed changes. Nearby sessions are scheduled for;

Tuesday, February 24, 7-9 p.m.

Longfellow Middle School, 2000 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church
Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Wednesday, February 25, 7-9 p.m.

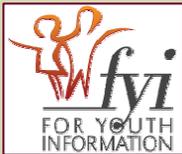
Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon
Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly

Thursday, February 26, 7-9 p.m.

Providence Elementary School, 3616 Jermantown Road, Fairfax

Inclement weather make-up session, if needed, will be Tuesday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at Jackson Middle School.

In addition, an online survey is available through February 28th for citizen input at the [FCPS website](http://www.fcps.edu)



FYI: For Youth Information Launches Website for Youth Activities in Reston

FYI - For Youth Information is a web-based one-stop resource of Reston area recreational opportunities and programs for youth and parents. The Reston Latchkey Initiative, a task force of Fairfax County agencies and Reston community associations collaborated to create an on-line listing of youth activities, scholarship opportunities and transportation options.

The pilot version of the website will feature youth activities sponsored by the Reston Association, Reston Community Center, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services Teen Centers and After School programs, and YMCA Fairfax Reston. Future versions of the website will include expanded activities and enhanced tools for application and scholarship processing. Residents are invited to preview the FYI Website at a series of launch fairs;

Tuesday, February 24th

Reston Teen Center

12196 Sunset Hill Road
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Reston Community Center

2310 Colts Neck Road
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

Langston Hughes Middle School

11401 Ridge Heights Road
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Southgate Community Center

12125 Pinecrest Road
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Public Transportation to Activity Sites Demonstrations - Saturday, February 28

Fairfax County Department of Transportation will sponsor three bus rides to familiarize youth and parents with public transportation options. The bus will leave Langston Hughes Middle school at 9:15 a.m., 10:15, and 11:15 a.m. for a loop through five popular Reston activity sites. Area youth and parents are encouraged to participate and become familiar with how to navigate the public transportation system.

FREE Metro SmarTrips Cards (a \$10 value) will be available for the first 100 participants in the bus ride.

For more information on the Reston Latchkey Youth Initiative or the For Youth Information website, call 703-324-7034. The FYI website will be up and running after February 24th.

North County Area Plan Review Meeting

The 2008-2009 North County Area Plans Review (APR) process is underway including the Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Providence, and Sully Supervisor Districts. The purpose of the APR process is to review proposed changes to the land use recommendations found in the Area Plans and on the Comprehensive Plan Map.

Meeting #4: Monday, February 23 @ 7:30 p.m.,
South Lakes High School cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston.

AGENDA:

I. Review APR Nomination 08-111-10UP

John Thoburn property for Mixed- Use Development

Presenters: Stuart Mendelsohn of Holland and Knight, LLP

Additional information is on the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/landuse.htm>

Lake Anne Village Center Comprehensive Plan Amendment Meeting

On Tuesday, February 10, 2008, my office hosted a community meeting to review the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan language for Lake Anne Village Center. The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) discussed the proposed changes and addressed questions.

The Department of Planning and Zoning will be discussing the proposed amendments at the Reston Planning and Zoning meeting on Monday, March 2, 2009 @ 7:30 - 1930 Isaac Newton Drive. The Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009 @ 8:15 p.m. and the Board of Supervisor's public hearing is scheduled for March 30, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

For a copy of the proposed amendment visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>, click on ST06-III-UP2 - Lake Anne Village Center Plan Amendment. Comments may be directed to my office @ hntermille@fairfaxcounty.gov or DPZ @ loren.bruce@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Cable TV Show Focuses on Stream Restoration

Tune into *Connecting With Supervisor Hudgins* in March to hear a discussion about stream restoration. I chose this topic because I believe that protecting our streams is critical if we hope to preserve not only the beauty of our communities, but the long-term sustainability of our environment. You may know that Hunter Mill District is part of the land area of streams called Difficult Run. The Difficult Run watershed is the largest in Fairfax County at nearly 60 square miles and it drains directly into the Potomac River. It encompasses almost two dozen subwatersheds,



including Snakeden Branch (photo above) and the Glade, both of which have undergone some stream restoration, and Wolf Trap Creek in Vienna, a project in the planning stages. My guest will be Stella Koch, a member of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC). We will discuss how development affects the environment and what we can all do to become stewards of the ecosystems that exist right in our backyard. The show will air throughout March on Channel 16 and Reston Community Television.

Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins, my cable television show, highlighting district issues, is televised on

Channel 16 (Cox)

Sundays 4 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Fridays 4 p.m.

Channel 28 (Comcast)

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Transportation

The second Community Meeting for the **Soapstone Drive Walkway Project** from South Lakes Drive to Glade Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 from 7-9 PM at Langston Hughes Middle School. County staff first solicited comments for the project, currently in design, from the community at a meeting on November 5.

Old Courthouse Road Traffic Calming Update and Town Hall Meeting is planned for March 3rd, 7-9 p.m., at Westbriar Elementary School. Some improvements to this corridor have been completed with others to come. See how far we have come since the September 30 Meeting and make any other suggestions.

Some examples of **Metro projects** that would be funded by federal stimulus package funding signed into law on February 17 include:

- replacing Metro's oldest buses
- replacing crumbling platforms
- enhancing bus garage security
- installing technologies to improve bus route and schedule information
- rehabilitating the oldest stretch of track in the rail system
- updating the train arrival signs on platforms and mezzanines
- replacing the Metro Center Customer Sales Facility
- installing SmarTrip purchase capabilities at more Metro fare vending machines
- building a railcar inspection and test facility to speed up the process of putting railcars into service
- expanding and replacing vehicles for paratransit service (From a WMATA Press Release 2/18/09)



Help! My Road Needs Resurfacing!

We regularly get calls requesting that a road be resurfaced, especially as spring approaches. Some recent requests have included Glade Drive, New Aspen Court, and Birdfoot Lane. Fairfax County does not repave public roads unless they are on County property. Almost all of our public roads are owned and maintained by the state and administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). It can be very frustrating to see repaving equipment down the road resurfacing an adjacent street with new asphalt when you believe the road that runs in front of your home needs help. But, VDOT has a process.

The Fairfax Maintenance Section (FFXM) of the Northern Virginia District of VDOT has the job of maintaining about 8,000 lane miles of primary routes, high volume secondary roads and residential roads. Another division does Interstates. Of these, about 3,000 miles are primary high volume roads, and about 5,000 lane miles are residential. There are five categories of maintenance work; ordinary (fixing ditch lines, mowing, trash removal, pothole and limited patching repairs); resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Residents generally don't like "preventative" maintenance, but money spent sooner saves dollars later.

Based on data, FFXM assumes that a road will last up to 10 years before it needs resurfacing. Factors such as quality of initial construction, traffic volume, storm events, amount of chemicals applied in winter, and preventative maintenance all impact road durability. Assuming the 10 year cycle, FFXM would be able to resurface about 800 miles of road a year. In reality, the number is closer to 300 or less, so there has to be a way to rate roads. This is done by using a Combined Condition Index (CCI) of road surface. Roads are then categorized by their CCI Rating as to which are the "most needy." Resurfacing is done by contracts let from the Central Office in Richmond and there must be exact measurements so the total square yardage of asphalt, road milling, along with other items like replacing road markings, etc., are taken into account.

In the spring, area managers "ride the roads" to ensure that the guidelines have been applied. In drafting the schedule to resurface, funds may be redistributed away from one area to another where the roads are in worse condition. Changing costs of materials also factor into how many roads can be resurfaced in a particular season. Using the rating system insures that the state uses its resources in an impartial way to meet the needs of residents in priority order. For more information about the process, please see the VDOT report "State of the Pavement" at http://www.virginiadot.org/info/resources/2008_Condition_Report_FINAL.pdf. Type in CCI in the search box for an explanation of the CCI Index.

Budget and Taxes



Hunter Mill District Town Hall Budget Meeting

Residents are invited to join me at the **Hunter Mill District Town Hall Meeting on the FY2010 Budget**, Tuesday, March 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston 20190. Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget will review and answer questions on the County Executive's budget FY2010 proposal, which will be presented at the February 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting. I will provide the Board of Supervisors' perspective and listen to comments and concerns. Please RSVP to the Hunter Mill District office at huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-478-0283.

Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

Public Hearing on the budget will be held March 30 - April 1, at the Fairfax County Government Center in the Board Auditorium. Online requests to speak before the Board of Supervisors must be fully completed by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing to ensure your place on the speakers list. Speakers may also call 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, prior to noon on the same day to be placed on the speakers list. If you desire to speak, please visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm to register. Early registration is suggested as there is an anticipation of high turnout for the Public Hearings.

Budget Information and Presentations

The County's website has additional information on the FY 2010 budget including budget questions from the Board of Supervisors and responses, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/>. Fairfax County Public School budget proposal is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm>.

Income Tax Preparation Assistance

Assistance is available for individuals who earned less than \$42,000 in 2008. IRS certified volunteers are available through April to provide assistance at three nearby locations;

Herndon Resource Center - Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lake Anne Skillsource - Thursdays 3-8 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library - Mondays 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary. Other locations and hours are listed on the website. Check the list of required items on the website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreneyouth/families/free_income_tax_prep.htm, or call 703-533-5400 for additional information.

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance

Assistance is available for senior citizens at two district locations;

SunTrust Bank of Vienna - 515 Maple Avenue, Vienna - Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Reston Community Center - 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston - Tuesdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays 4:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call AARP at 1-888-227-7669 or visit [AARP Tax Aide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) website for instructions, appointments and requirements.

Fairfax County Public Libraries can help you find your tax forms.

Free paper copies of selected federal IRS tax forms are available at the library branches.

Virginia state income tax forms are not available, however, library branches have Virginia Package X available for photocopying.

Downloads for federal and state forms and additional information at the library's Tax Form and Information website.

Fairfax County Personal Property Tax Relief for Disabled and Senior Citizens

Fairfax County provides real estate tax and personal property 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. For an application, call 703-222-8234; Español 703-324-3855, or download from the website at [Tax Relief for Disabled and Seniors](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxrelief).

Spring Comes to Frying Pan Farm Park

Gracie gave birth to triplets, while first time mother, I.D. delivered twins. Luna and Black Beauty both delivered single babies. These residents of Frying Pan Farm Park will soon be joined by others in the park's busy "maternity ward." Multiple births for Gracie and I.D. are commonplace as they are both Suffolk sheep. Luna, a Shorthorn, and Black Beauty, an Angus, are the first of the farm's cows to deliver this spring.

Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park is expecting many more babies this spring. Visitors are always welcome and you can view the new moms and their adorable offspring on the [2009 Birthing Schedule](#) website. Also with due dates this month are Indiana and Mae, both Suffolk sheep, and Becca, a rotund Hampshire X Gilt pig.

Phase 1 Equestrian Barn Replacement project is also underway at the park. Demolition of 4 existing barns and construction of a 90-stall barn and a 50-stall barn has begun. Completion of the barns is scheduled for this fall. A new equestrian event warm-up ring with a stone dust riding surface is completed and ready for event use.

Information on the park and schedule of activities are available at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) website.

Park Authority Board Elects New 2009 Leadership Team

Fairfax County Park Authority Board elected their new 2009 Leadership Team, selecting Hunter Mill's own **Bill Bouie** as Chairman. Bill previously served as Vice Chairman and represented the Hunter Mill District on the Park Authority Board since 2005. In addition, **George Lovelace** was elected as Park Authority Board Secretary for 2009. George served as an at-large member since 2004, a liaison to the Fairfax County Athletic Council, and is also a current member of the Vienna Town Council. They will be joined on the Leadership Team by Harrison Glasglow, Vice Chairman, and Frank Vajda, Treasurer. Congratulations to both of these outstanding Hunter Mill citizens.

Listening Forums with Park Authority Director

The Park Authority wants to hear from you. Park Authority Director John Dargle invites you to join him at the "Listening Forums", an informal gathering to hear what's on your mind. Each month, the Director will be holding a session to hear directly from citizens, their concerns and to share ideas. Summaries of the meetings will be posted on the Park Authority's website. Listening forums, all on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., scheduled for this spring are;

March 19 - Colvin Run Mill Barn

May 21 - Oak Marr RECenter

April 30 - Green Springs Gardens

June 11 - Audrey Moore RECenter in Springfield

Lake Fairfax Park Core Facility Projects Underway

Lake Fairfax Park Core Facilities Phase II project is complete and ready for the spring season. The project was to replace the administration building with a new facility along additional restrooms and vending kiosk building. Also included in the project is a new 142 space parking lot with 13 bus parking spaces and 11 raingardens. Phase III projects, which will begin construction after the July 4th holiday, will add 2 large and 2 small picnic shelters overlooking the lake with grills, water and electric service, and a catering station. Funding for construction was included in the 2004 Park Bond Program.



Photo from Park Authority publication

Emerald Ash Borer Information Sessions

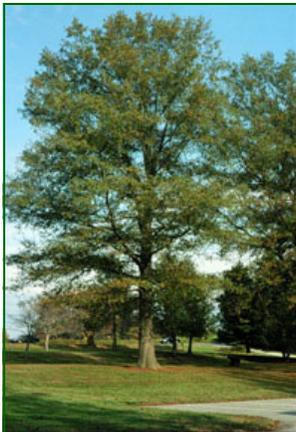


The emerald ash borer, a metallic green beetle is the new insect pest in Fairfax County. While this beetle attacks only ash trees, it has killed millions of these trees in other states. Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Forest Pest Branch will be hosting free information sessions to learn more about this pest, how to protect your trees, trapping program, and the quarantine that is now in effect. Near the Hunter Mill District, a session is scheduled for;

March 5th, 7 p.m. - Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon.

RSVP to the Forest Pest Branch if you plan to attend - 703-324-5304 or send an e-mail to pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

2009 Native Seedling Sale: This sale is...for the birds!



Willow Oak

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale makes low-cost native shrub and tree seedlings available to residents. This year's selection of bare-root tree and shrub seedlings were chosen with our feathered friends in mind. They will attract songbirds to your backyard and help sustain them year-round.

A collection of 12 bare-root seedlings is available for \$17.95 and includes;

- 2 Washington hawthorn - small tree with clusters of white flowers
- 2 common elderberry - deciduous shrub, develops purple berries
- 2 willow oak - elegant shade or street tree provides acorns for food
- 2 silky dogwood - medium shrub, useful as food and cover
- 2 American hazelnut - deciduous shrub with distinctive catkins
- 2 common persimmon - slow growing tree, fragrant spring flowers.

Orders, accompanied by payment, will be taken through April 13, or until supplies run out. Order form for download is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.pdf>

Stream & Watershed Restoration is the topic for the next "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins" cable television show, to air beginning in March. See page 4 for full details.

Gypsy Moths Spraying Begins

Fairfax County begins its aerial spraying program to suppress gypsy moth caterpillars in late April or early May. All treatment areas will be sprayed with the pesticide *Bacillus Thuringiensis*. Written notification will be mailed to all property owners within the treatment areas and within 3000 feet of any treatment area in February and again in early April. Participation in this program is voluntary. To opt out of the program, you must notify, in writing, the Forest Pest Branch at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 518, Fairfax, VA 22035, post marked no later than March 14, 2009.

Community meetings have been scheduled to provide additional information regarding the 2009 Gypsy Moth Treatment Program.

- **Feb. 24** at 7 p.m. Fairfax County Governmental Center Herrity Bldg. Room 107 (snow date: March 4, 7 p.m.)
- **Feb. 26** at 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library (snow date: March 5, 7 p.m.)

Contact the Forest Pest Branch at 703-324-5304, TTY 711 or by [e-mail](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Notices



Reality Check - Young Driver and Parent Education Program: Inova Regional Trauma Center and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue collaborated to create a program promoting safety and education for young drivers and their parents. **Reality Check** targets young drivers to reduce teenage driving under the influence (DUI), distracted, and reckless driving, while helping their parents learn to be good mentors and driving coaches. The next session will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital. To register or for more information, call 703-776-3259. Fee for this course is \$35 for one student and up to two parents. Registration required, space is limited.

Recycle your televisions and computer equipment at **Electric Sunday**, on March 8th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The I-66 Transfer Station will take your old televisions and computer equipment, peripheral electronic devices including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other materials at no cost. The I-66 Transfer station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. For additional information, call 703-324-5052, or at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) Services for Adults over 50: For over 10 years, the Shepherd's Center has been offering free services to adults including medical and companion transportation, decluttering advice, friendly callers and visitors, caregivers support groups, handy-helpers, record keeping assistance, parish nurse, and health advocacy. All services are provided by SCOV volunteers. Call the office (703-281-0538) if you or someone you know could benefit from these services.

Diva Central Prom Dress Drive, sponsored by the Reston Community Center, is seeking donations of new or gently worn formal attire, handbags, shoes, jewelry, shawls and other accessories. Diva Central benefits local teens who cannot afford to purchase prom attire. Donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at the Reston Community Center at Hunter Woods, Monday through Saturday from 9-5. Dresses of all sizes, styles and colors are welcome but request they are dry cleaned before donation. The Diva Central will be open on April 25-26 for high school teenagers to browse and select dresses and accessories from the collection for their big night. For additional information, e-mail [Nakish Jordan](mailto:Nakish.Jordan@restoncc.com) at the Reston Community Center, or call 703-476-4500.



Fairfax County Channel 16 has been raking in the awards. Channel 16 was named Best Government Cable TV Station for the 5th time by the Alliance for Community Media. Fairfax has received the award for Overall Excellence of Government Access. Two Channel 16 were also recognized by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors with two first place awards. In addition, the "Check It Out" library program was nominated for an Emmy Award by the National Capital-Chesapeake Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Reston Neighborhood College: This program was to start in January, but has been postponed. A new schedule has yet to be determined. Look for updates in future newsletters.

Fairfax County has been named a finalist to host the **2015 World Police and Firefighter Games**. The games consists of more than 60 events, including both traditional athletic events and first-responder events. Hosting the games could have an economic impact of over \$30 million, bringing 10,000 participants to this area. The decision between Fairfax County and Toronto as the 2015 host will be made at this year's games in Vancouver in July.



On Saturday, January 31st, I joined the students from James Madison High School and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition for **Project Sticker Shock**. Project Sticker Shock is a community effort to educate adults about the consequences and penalties of providing alcohol to minors. Mayor Jane Seeman, Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, school staff and police officers from the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County were all on hand to kick-off the effort. We split up into groups and headed out to blanket area grocery stores and convenience stores with the big red stickers that read "**STOP! If you provide alcohol to a minor, you may be fined up to \$2500 or sentenced to a year in jail.**" We know that people who intend to purchase alcohol for minors will see them and we hope that they will think twice about that decision. It was a real community effort and I was proud to be involved once again.

Reston Regional Library Branch Manager Retires

A familiar face will be missed at the Reston Regional Library with the retirement of branch manager **Nadia Taran**. Nadia came to the Reston library in 1998 after tours of duty at the John Marshall Library, Patrick Henry Library and Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. She was a strong and energetic leader at one of the busiest libraries in the county, serving more than 40,000 customers every month. She also had a gift for functional library design, mentoring less experienced branch managers and serving on library-wide committees. We wish her all the best!



Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Sun., Feb. 22, 2 to 3 p.m., Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center. **Raise the Rafters** jazz concert at Frying Pan Farm Park. Concert is free.

Mon, Feb 23, 7:30 pm, **North County Area Plan Review**, South Lakes High School cafeteria (p.4)

Tues., Feb. 24, 7-9 pm, **FCPS Bell Changes Public Meeting**, Longfellow MS & Oak View ES. (p.3)

Tues., Feb 24, **FYI Launch**, Reston Teen Center 5-6:30, Reston Community Center 7-8:30. (p.3)

Wed., Feb. 25, 7-9 pm, **FCPS Bell Changes Public Meeting**, Herndon HS, & Rocky Run MS (p.3)

Wed., Feb. 25, **FYI Launch**, Langston Hughes MS 2:30-4, Southgate Community Center 6-7:30. (p.3)

Wed., Feb. 25, 7-9 pm, **Soapstone Walkway Project Meeting** (p.5)

Thurs., Feb. 26, 7 pm, **Gypsy Moth Information Session**, Reston Regional Library (p.8)

Sat., Feb. 28, **FYI Public Transportation Demonstration**, Langston Hughes MS, starts 9:15 am. (p.3)

Tues., March 3, 7-9 pm, **Old Courthouse Road Traffic Calming**, Westbriar Elementary School (p.5)

Thurs., March 5, 7 pm, **Emerald Ash Borer Information Session**, Herndon Fortnightly Library (p.8)

Sun., March 8, 10 am-3 pm, **Electric Sunday**, electronic recycling at I-66 Transfer Station. (p.9)

Tues., March 17, 7 pm, **Hunter Mill Town Hall Meeting on the Budget**, Reston Community Center (p.6)

Thurs., March 19, 7 pm, **Park Authority Listening Forum**, Colvin Run Mill Barn. (p.7)