

# Hunter Mill Highlights

## From Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

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**Hunter Mill District  
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins**

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Well, once again, our community has weathered a big event - the inauguration of our 44th President. Although the congestion and traffic in our area can be frustrating, I think our community is fortunate to be at the center of so many national events. Whether you chose to stay home or ventured down to the Mall as I did, chose to watch it or not, we can all be glad the day passed peacefully. I would like to commend the Fairfax County police officers, medical professionals and other County, federal and transit workers that made sure the day went as smoothly as possible. Planning for and taking care of such a crowd is not an easy task, but they did it well and it showed.

This issue of newsletter is dominated by the budget and upcoming community events - and that is no accident. During these tough economic times, life in our community goes on. While the needs and stresses have increased for many and you will find many ways to help, you will also find many events to attend and resources for your family. It is important now, perhaps even more so than in the past, that we stay connected to each other, that we celebrate our strengths and that we come together. Although it isn't something I ever imagined I would need to do, I recently held a meeting to assist those families who are facing foreclosure. It was well attended and I expect there will be other meetings like it across the County. As always, my office is available as a resource to you and your family.



I had the pleasure of the sharing the stage with News4's Jim Vance for a workshop on minorities and women in politics and the media at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at the Reston Community Center.

As we brave the rest of the winter months, I look forward to seeing you out and about in our community and hearing from you on the budget or other issues of concern. I am confident that together we can sustain the kind of community in which we all want to live.

*Cathy Hudgins*

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# Special Election for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

A special election will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 to fill the office of Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Final day of voter registration for this election was on January 19th.)

**Absentee Voting :** <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm>

If you will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, you may vote by mail or in-person.



**In person absentee voting** will take place only at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. (Other satellite sites will not be open.)

Monday through Friday, beginning January 9th through January 30th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., January 10th through January 31st. (Closed on 1/17 & 1/24 )

## To vote absentee by mail:

Applications for absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 27th, in the Fairfax County Office of Elections. Application for ballots can be downloaded from the website, but must be signed and mailed or faxed by the 27th.

Voted ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day, February 3, in order to be counted.

Additional information on voting, registrations, locations, and other topics is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/citizen/>

## Income Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$2 million in federal refunds last tax season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. If you worked in 2008 and earned less than \$42,000, then you may qualify. IRS certified volunteers will ensure you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for the earned income tax credit.

Assistance is available beginning on January 24th and continuing through April. Sites and program hours in or near the Hunter Mill District are;

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.



In order to prepare your income taxes, volunteers will need you to bring several documents. Check the list of required items on the website at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreneyouth/families/free\\_income\\_tax\\_prep.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreneyouth/families/free_income_tax_prep.htm), or call 703-533-5400 for additional information.

## Reston Neighborhood College Begins January 28

Neighborhood College is a free, six-week leadership development program designed to help you learn more about your local government and community. County residents will learn how to work with other residents, community organizations and local government to strengthen your neighborhood and promote a strong sense of community. Learn the keys to being active in your community.

Through a combination of lectures and group discussions, participants will learn;

- ◆ County government and how it works
- ◆ The history and characteristics of your community
- ◆ Working effectively in a diverse community
- ◆ Participate in the decision making process
- ◆ Identifying and accessing community resources
- ◆ Strengthen leadership skills

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. Child care and light dinner will be provided. Class size is limited. To register, contact [isabel.taramasco@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:isabel.taramasco@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-787-4962.

## Reminder: Dog Licenses Required by January 31st

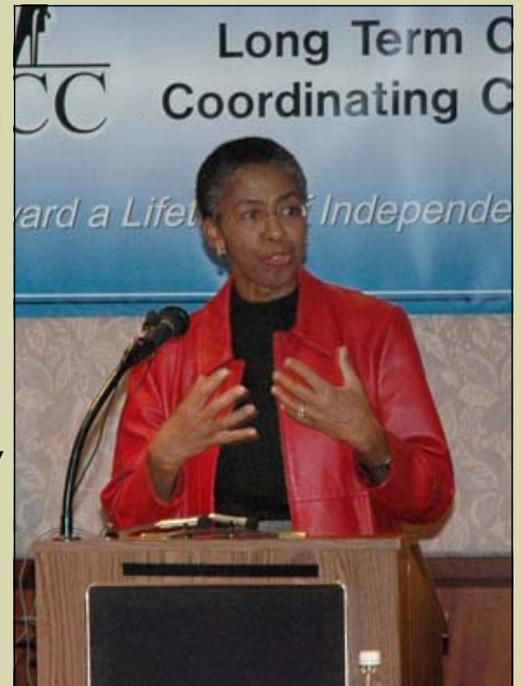
All dogs over 4 months old are required to be licensed. License tags are good for 1 year and cost \$10. Dogs that are trained and serve as seeing-eye dogs, hearing dogs, or service dogs can obtain a free license tag. Licenses can be obtained in person at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter or the Government Center, by mail, or on-line. Information and forms are at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/dog\\_licenses.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/dog_licenses.htm)

## Innovative Website for Adults with Disabilities Unveiled

Fairfax County Long Term Care Coordinating Council and SeniorNavigator officially launched **disabilityNavigator**, a website fully accessible for those with vision, hearing and cognitive impairments. Fairfax County's Incentive Fund provided seed money to develop the Web site, a one-stop shop of services specifically geared toward adults with cognitive, physical or sensory disabilities in Northern Virginia. The site is the first of its kind in the Northern Virginia region and in the state.

disAbilityNavigator features a number of local programs and services as well as hundreds of educational articles geared toward people with disabilities. Topics of interest include health and wellness, housing, community resources, benefits and money management, legal and civil rights, and transportation.

disAbilityNavigator is made possible through public and private partnerships with Fairfax County Long Term Care coordinating Council, SeniorNavigator, the Arc of Northern Virginia, and the Helen A. Kellar Institute for Human Disabilities of George Mason University. The website is up and running at <http://www.disabilitynavigator.org>



*I was honored to be part of the kick-off ceremony for **disabilityNavigator**.*

### 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 #3: Tuesday, February 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.,

Floris Elementary School - 2708 Centreville Road, Herndon

#### AGENDA:

I. Review Middleton Farms nomination 08-111-6DS

Presenters: Greg Riegle / David Gill of McGuireWoods LLP

DPZ Staff: Faheem Darab, Sterling Wheeler, Bernie Suchicita

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

### Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee Members Needed

The Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee (HMDLUC) is looking for district residents from Vienna and Herndon to serve on this committee. The HMDLUC is responsible for reviewing all Land Use proposals accepted by the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, with the exception of parcels within the Reston Master Plan. (Those applications are reviewed by the Reston Planning and Zoning.) Land Use proposals include applications for rezoning, special exceptions, modifications to existing special exceptions, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, development plan amendments and zoning changes/amendments. Based on review/analysis of these proposals the committee forwards recommendations to the Hunter Mill District Planning Commissioner and Supervisor for consideration in their decision.

The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., North County Governmental Center in Reston. Time commitment is generally three to five hours each month. If you are interested, please forward a resume to my office, or call if you have any questions -703-478-0283.



### Vienna-Madison Community Coalition's Sticker Shock Program to Raise Awareness of Underage Drinking

On Saturday, January 31st, residents are invited to join Supervisor Hudgins, Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman and other dignitaries to kick-off **Project Sticker Shock**, 10 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center. This program is about warning adults that it is illegal to purchase and provide alcohol to underage persons.

The Town of Vienna Police, the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, Fairfax County Police, along with SADD and SGA members from Madison High School will be participating. Officers and students will visit participating stores in and around Vienna to place stop sign stickers displaying a warning message about the penalties for providing alcohol to anyone under 21 on beer cases, wine coolers, and other alcoholic products. Information on the program is available at [http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/Parents/ptsa/flyer\\_sticker\\_shock.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/Parents/ptsa/flyer_sticker_shock.pdf)

## Transportation

In early December, the Federal Transit Administration gave its approval for Phase I of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. It was announced on January 8 that U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary Peters approved Phase I of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Extension to Wiehle Avenue, and forwarded her recommendation to Congress for its 60 day review. This means that a congressionally approved Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is likely to be approved by Congress within the next 60 days. This action keeps the rail project on schedule to probably begin construction this Spring. Phase I would be constructed from the East Falls Church Metrorail Station through Tysons Corner to Wiehle Avenue by 2013. Phase 2, from Reston Parkway through Dulles International Airport into Loudoun County, will follow. Project and traffic info at <http://www.dullesmetro.com/>. For Reston Metrorail Station Access Study see [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam\\_study.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam_study.htm).

The Board of Supervisors approved **Reston's Large Area Community Parking District** on December 8 that will help primarily with enforcement of recreational vehicle parking as well as large vehicles over 12,000 lbs parked on Reston's public roads. For information and map (at bottom of page), see [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large\\_cpd.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large_cpd.htm)

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.

**Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Council** (HMD TAC) meets Wednesday, February 11 from 8:00 AM -10:00 AM in the Community Room of the North County Governmental Center for a quarterly update on HMD transportation projects. The Council is appointed but the public is welcome to attend. Documents from the meeting posted on the Hunter Mill District Website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm>

Repairs for the **Herndon Monroe Park and Ride Garage** have been completed and parking has been restored. The Temporary Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD) established for some streets in Polo Fields during the rehabilitation has now been lifted.

Transportation Town Meeting : **Old Courthouse Road Traffic Calming Update** 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.



## FY 2010 Budget Update



### Hunter Mill District Town Hall Meeting on the Budget

The County Executive will present his Advertised Fiscal Year 2010 Budget on February 26, 2009 as part of the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting. Many citizens have inquired as to whether there will be an opportunity for an additional Hunter Mill District town hall meeting on the budget similar to the one which was held on January 7th, at James Madison High School. There will be such a meeting held in Reston on Tuesday, **March 17th**, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne. Please RSVP to the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283 or at [huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov).

#### **NEW Budget Mailbox**

*If you can't attend the public hearings, I still want to hear from you. My office has established a new mailbox for the budget at [huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov)*

*I value your comments and input as my colleagues and I face the difficult fiscal challenges and choices ahead.*

### 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](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. If you are speaking on your own behalf or speaking for your neighborhood or civic association, you are given three minutes to speak; if you are speaking for an organization whose membership represents an entire supervisory district, you have five minutes; and if you are speaking for a Board-recognized Countywide organization, you have ten minutes. Please bring 15 copies of any materials you will hand out.

### 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, Community Dialogue summaries, Lines of Business (LOBS) presentations and other budget presentations. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/>

### Fairfax County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack D. Dale has unveiled the proposed school system budget for FY 2010. The proposed budget increases class size, provided no salary or cost-of-living increases for employees, reduces man programs and services, and does not include any new programs or program expansions. A complete list of reductions, budget highlights, presentations, calendar, responses to budget questions and additional information on the proposed budget is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm>.

The School Board is holding public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, January 27 at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church 22042. (Previous hearing was held on Wednesday, January 21st.)

### Come Raise the Rafters Out at The Farm

**Frying Pan Farm Park** proudly presents Raise the Rafters, a free music series sure to liven up your winter afternoons. Bring your family and join your neighbors from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Visitors Center as Project Natale, a talented trio takes you on a musical journey through the evolution of jazz.

**Sunday, January 25** - jazz beginnings. From Louis Armstrong to Charlie Parker, hear how old standards become new again under the influence of the masters of jazz, swing, and bebop.

**Sunday, February 22** - jazz meets rock. The face of jazz keeps changing. Explore the evolution of style during the years when greats like John Coltrane and Grover Washington were kings.

**Sunday, March 22** - jazz infusion, giving jazz a boost from fun, rock and R&B.

All performances are co-sponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon and the Musician's Performance Trust Fund. Each performance also offers alternative activities with **Game Days**, where you can gather family and friends for favorite games such as Dominoes, Backgammon, Monopoly, or Parcheesi from 2 to 4 p.m. Find out about all the activities by calling 703-437-9101 or visit online at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/>

From Park Authority's **Parkmail**

### Time to Break Out the 'Gone Fishin' Sign



The fish will be jumping soon at Lake Fairfax Park, and residents are invited to experience the excitement of catch-and-keep fishing from February to April. The stream at Lake Fairfax Park, along with Lake Accotink, will be stocked with thousands of pounds of rainbow trout every two weeks beginning on February 13th. Fishing will begin the same day, from 7 a.m. until dusk.

A current Virginia fishing license is required for fishermen 16 years and older along with a Fairfax County park fishing pass. (A Virginia state-issued trout stamp is not required.) One day passes are \$10-12 and season passes are \$30-35 and can be purchased at the site. One child under the age of 15 can fish for free with one paid adult. This unique recreational program is supported entirely through fees paid by trout fishing pass holders. For additional information, visit the Park Authority website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/troutfishing.htm>

### Who is Watching Your Parks? Everyone!

Fairfax County Police and Park Authority sponsors **Park & Trail Watch**, a program similar to existing Neighborhood Watch program. It encourages cooperation between the visitors, neighbors, the Park Authority and local law enforcement agency to be effective and ensure a quality system of parks and recreation facilities for all to enjoy.

This program involves your participation in monitoring, preserving and protecting the 19,000 acres that make up the Fairfax County park and trail system. Visitors and neighbors are encouraged to be good observers and reporters of any potential problems they encounter.

If you see suspicious activities, vandalism or problems in a Fairfax County park or trail, call the Park Watch Hotline at 703-759-2824 and make the appropriate menu selection. You are asked to be a good observer of such events, noting time, place, description of vehicles and persons. Including height, weight, clothing and direction of travel, as well as any other identifying information. You are encouraged to observe and report illegal or suspicious activity, vandalism, hazardous conditions, park maintenance needs, rules and regulations violations and resource misuse. Park Watchers should only report, not take any action to intervene or correct a problem.

For additional information on this and other Neighborhood Watch Programs, call 703-246-4202.



## Converting to Digital Television

All broadcast television will convert from analog to digital on February 17, 2009. If your TV is not digital and works with the help of a rooftop antenna or “rabbit ears” and you do not subscribe to satellite or cable services, you will need the assistance of a converter box to continue viewing. A federal coupon program provides each household up to two \$40 coupons to help for the cost of a certified converter box. You can apply for the coupon online, by mail, by fax, or by phone, but requests must be received by March 31st or until supplies run out. Information and application is at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov), or call 1-888-388-2009.

Fairfax County’s **Volunteer Solutions** program will provide volunteers to assist residents who are 60 years or older or have a disability and unable to install the converter box or need assistance. To request a volunteer, call 703-324-7118, or email to [dfsaaavolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dfsaaavolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection has established a **DTVHotline** at 703-324-5900 to provide telephone assistance to residents about the transition process and assistance on how to install a TV converter box. Additional information is on their website at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/digital\\_television\\_transition\\_information.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/digital_television_transition_information.htm)

## Free Home Repairs

Is your home in need of general maintenance work...paint, handrails, wall repairs or grab bars perhaps? If the answer is yes, and you find it difficult to pay for these services, RPJ Housing, a local non-profit agency funded by Fairfax County, may be able to help you. All work is done for free by teams of volunteers with skills ranging from novice to professional. These dedicated community members repair floors, ceilings, walls, doors and roofs; install grab bars, railings and smoke detectors, address minor plumbing and electrical repairs; build ramps, paint and attend to yard work.



To qualify for the program, you must own and live in the home to be repaired. The income level for one individual cannot exceed \$43,050. For each additional person in the home, the income level increases by \$4800 to \$6000. Priority is given to senior citizens, persons with disabilities and families with children. To obtain an application, simply call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606 ext.16, or go to the website at <http://www.rpjhousing.org/vhr.html>

## Disability Services Assessment Survey: Your Input CAN Make a Difference!

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board needs your help! If you have a disability and live in Fairfax County or in the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, please complete the 2009 Needs Assessment Survey at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsb/dsbsurvey.htm> by February 2, 2009.

Every three years, the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board surveys people with disabilities about services they use and need. The board will use the survey results to help determine which service areas need funding, resources, or improvement. Alternate formats will be provided upon request.

For more information, to request an alternate format, or for assistance completing the survey, please contact the Department of Family Services' Disability Services Planning and Development at 703-324-5874; TTY 703-449-1186; [disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov). Please allow one week to process your request.

## **Dispose of Obsolete Equipment on *Electric Sundays***

Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be hosting **Electric Sundays**, an opportunity to recycle TV and computer recycling at the I-66 Transfer Station. The service is being provided due to the digital television switch that will take place in February and will help residents dispose of obsolete electronics. Recycle televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices, including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other materials, at no cost. Residents should not bring kitchen appliances, CDs, DVDs, video cassettes or stereo equipment to these events.

Electric Sundays will be held on Sunday, February 8th and March 8th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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/>.

## **2008 Youth Survey Results Available**

The 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey was completed by 22,251 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in 21 high schools, 22 middle schools, 4 alternative schools, 62 elementary schools, and 4 secondary schools. A complete copy of the report, as well as previous reports, can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey).

The report includes a comprehensive, anonymous, and voluntary survey that examines behaviors, experiences, and other factors that influence the health and well-being of the county's youth. These data provide insight into the prevalence and frequency of substance abuse, violence and delinquency, health and health risk behaviors, and positive behaviors. Information from this survey allows the county to monitor trends in substance abuse, health, mental health, and delinquency, in order to support county efforts to plan, evaluate, and improve community and school programs designed to prevent health problems and promote healthy behaviors.

## **Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce First Responders Committee Sponsors 2<sup>nd</sup> "Phase I" CERT Training to Begin February 2**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), under the auspices of the County's Fire and Rescue Department, is a Fairfax County Citizen Corps program providing free emergency preparedness training to county residents. The Course includes disaster preparedness and disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Through CERT training, volunteers can provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency responders arrive on scene. This classroom course is the first in a tiered program that allows residents to train at a pace that is compatible to their work schedules and other commitments.

Phase I CERT Training is scheduled for Monday nights, beginning February 2, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and run over the course of six to eight weeks. Classes will be held at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, Virginia. CERT training is free of charge and basic CERT equipment is provided. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and a resident of Fairfax County. CERT members are trained to respond to major disasters within their neighborhoods when normal emergency services are unavailable or overwhelmed.

To register, contact Dana Powers at [dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov). The class is limited to 20 participants so it is important to sign up soon. Please share this message with your respective organizations. For more information about CERT see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/cert.htm>.

## Congratulations

**MPO Melissa Borja** of the Town of Vienna Police Department pedaled to victory at the 2008 International Police Mountain Bike Association competition held in Indianapolis, finishing first in her class for women and well ahead of over half the males participating in the event. MPO Borja is the lead officer for Vienna Police Bicycle Unit.

**Hank Blakely** was chosen as the Restonian of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association. At the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Celebration held at Reston Community Center, Hank, who was part of the celebration's planning committee, announced the winners of the RCC's Community Service Awards. South Lakes High School student **Shirley Guetio** was named as the youth winner, **Alvarez LeCesne**, adult winner, with the organization award going to the **Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce**.

About a year ago, **Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library staff, Linda Prante, Ping Li and Patti Usowski** brainstormed an idea. They thought they could use staff meeting time to knit scarves to donate to charity. Who hasn't been sitting in a meeting wishing they had something else to do!? These ladies turned that thought into action with the caveat that if the knitting and crocheting were found to be too distracting, they would stop. Well, there was no need. They worked through the year at staff and department meetings, finding they were productive, creative and focused, both at the meetings and with their knitting! **Sailaja Vedula** and **Ellen Bottiny** joined in to create dozens of pieces. The group was encouraged by their co-workers to continue to create 2 hats, 7 pairs of mittens and 28 scarves which were all donated to the **Hunter Mill District Coat Closet**. Even better, they have inspired others and received donations of yarn. They plan to continue these efforts and donate items such as baby blankets to other local charities. What an inspiration!



Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library staff members show off some of their cozy creations they knitted for the Hunter Mill District Coat Closet.  
From left, Ping Li, Linda Prante, and Patti Usowski.

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Public School public hearing on the FY 2010 proposed budget,** Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church 22042.

**Wednesday, Jan 28, 6:30 p.m. Reston Neighborhood College,** Reston Community Center.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27, deadline for applications for absentee ballots.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, Election Day.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., North County Area Plan Review,** at Floris Elementary School, 2708 Centreville Road, Herndon.

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Electric Sunday,** electronic recycling at I-66 Transfer Station.