

eBlast from the Hunter Mill District

Highlights of the Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 17, 2014



Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) received the “Report from the Task Force to Consider a Meals Tax Referendum,” from the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force, which was convened by BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova. The Task Force was asked to consider whether or not Fairfax County should proceed with a meals tax referendum. The work of the Task Force pulled together succinctly and cohesively the pros and cons of having a meals tax, and when the Board of Supervisors may want to consider having such a referendum. Unfortunately, the Task Force made no recommendations to the BOS, and that decision is left for the elected officials of Fairfax County to decide, just as it was prior to the convening of the Task Force.

I am disappointed that the Board of Supervisors has chosen only to accept the report, and is not moving forward at this time. Hopefully, after a thorough reading by each member, the Board of Supervisors will decide to further explore this option of diversifying our revenue, as have 47 counties and 104 towns in Virginia levied in tax year 2013.

*Sincerely,
Cathy Hudgins*

Below are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on June 17, 2014. Items below cover Hunter Mill District programs, actions, and residents, plus items impacting all of Fairfax County. 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

A. Heath Onthank Awards, the highest County honor for employees, were presented to three employees;

- Cynthia Tianti – Deputy County Attorney
- Dean Klein – Director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Tom Biesiadny – Director of the Department of Transportation.

Report from the Task Force to Consider a Meals Tax Referendum: The Board accepted the final report and took no other action. Information on the Task Force is on their web page, including white paper and final report at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>

ACTION ITEMS

Action 2: The Board approved the Department of Transportation's **Fair Equity Analysis for Fairfax Connector** fare increase. The analysis on the fare increase revealed no disparate impacts on minority populations or disproportionate burdens on low-income populations.

Action 3: The Board authorized the fall **2014 Transportation Bond Referendum** (\$100 million), to construct and deliver new transportation projects throughout the County. Hunter Mill District projects include:

- Old Courthouse Road at Besley Road – fixes flooding and provides neighborhood connectivity,
- Fox Mill Road Walkway – provides neighborhood connectivity for Fox Mill Estates residents and bicycle commuters,
- South Lakes Drive Walkways – Safe Routes to School, provides neighborhood connectivity,
- Sunrise Valley Drive Walkway – provides pedestrian link between Plaza America and Reston Town Center,
- Reston Metrorail Access Group Study (RMAG) Phase II recommendations – provides Metrorail pedestrian and vehicular connections for the Reston Town Center Station.

Action 4: The Board authorized **the Office of Elections to insert a flyer** into the Department of Tax Administration's Car Tax Bill to all County vehicle owners. The flyer contains key election information such as dates of elections, registration deadlines, absentee voter information, new voter photo ID requirements, and information about the new voting equipment and testing opportunities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board deferred a decision on permitting Furnace Associations to extend **landfill operations in Lorton**. A decision is scheduled for the Board's July 29th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter Mill Melodies - Thursday, June 19: John McCutcheon (folk). Join us for a free, family concert at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, call 703-324-SHOW (7469), for an update and/or cancellation information.

Park Authority: Part time position. Non-benefit eligible positions - \$11.00 an hour, candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Weekend work starting after the 4th of July and ending in October, consisting of two 8 hour workdays (Saturday & Sunday) per week. Job duties include but not limited to collecting trash from receptacles and or grounds then transporting for disposal. Candidates selected for interviews must bring a current copy of their driving record to be considered for these positions. Positions available in Area 6 (Reston/Vienna), Area 1 (Oak Marr Park), Area 5 (Chantilly) and others. Contact Wayne Brissey to apply and for information – wayne.brissey@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-759-4851.

Southgate Advisory Council Yard Sale: Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor spots available! Proceeds support the programs at Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston. Call 703-860-0676, or stop by the center for additional information.
