Hunter Mill Highlights

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Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic monthly 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,

In the course of my role as supervisor, I face many issues, consider lots of alternatives, and make many decisions. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) as a collective body functions in the same manner, issues - alternatives - decisions - wise, as we vote on matters and set governing policy. Furthermore, all votes are not unanimous, often they are. Which is as it should be.

Occasionally, I feel it useful to publically share my thoughts and to offer further insight into my decision – a particular case in point, the John Geer investigation.

Regarding establishment of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, my vote is part of the public record. The following is my opinion of this issue.

While I support establishing a citizen police practice review commission, I do object to the manner in which the Board of Supervisor is establishing the commission.

I have urged that the Board discuss this matter in open session to review the current policy, to set benchmarks on what we wish to accomplish and to create a process of citizen engagement.

True transparency uses the established BOS process and committee structure. The original Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission Board Matter, presented by the Chairman, should have gone to the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee for discussion. This level of engagement would help shape the issue in a more comprehensive way and allow the community to at least hear and respond to our discussion.

I support a Citizen Review Committee, but today, our citizens are expressing a lack of confidence in matters of police accountability on lethal force. Starting a process that does not bring the citizens in at the beginning is not a good response to citizen concern.

As always, I endorse structured citizen involvement to hear and respond to Board proposals. Community input is a valuable resource and an excellent mirror to reflex transparency.

It is to that transparency that I am fully committed. It is my hope that the proposed process has meaningful citizen involvement and yields a proposal for real transparency in the review of Fairfax County Police use of lethal force .

Cathy Hudgins

First Wednesday with Supervisor Hudgins

On **Wednesday, April 1**, Supervisor Hudgins will be holding a First Wednesday session, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Residents are invited to come talk with the Supervisor one-on-one. Stop in to share your questions or concerns. No appointment necessary.

FY2016 Budget Information

At the February 17th Board of Supervisors meeting, County Executive Ed Long unveiled his proposed FY2016 budget plan. The proposed plan maintains the current real estate tax rate of $1.09, and increases the transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools by 3.43% over FY2015.

Also included in the plan are:

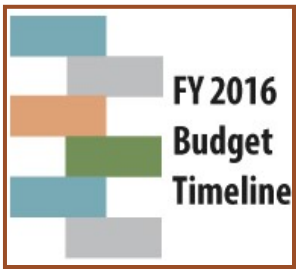
- A net decrease of 45 county government staff positions,
- Commitment to increase financial reserves to protect the County's Triple A bond rating,
- Continued support of critical human services, public safety, and economic programs and initiatives,
- Compensation increase for County employees based on a partial Market Rate Adjustment as well as performance and longevity increases.

At the March 3rd Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved an advertised budget real estate tax rate of $1.09. This action establishes the upper limit for the tax rate which will be finalized when the budget is formally adopted.

Your input is an important consideration as the Board deliberates on this year's budget issues. There are several ways for you to communicate with the Supervisors. Public hearings are scheduled for April 7th,

Click on the links below for:

- County Executive's Budget Presentation
- Citizen's Guide to the Budget
- FY2016 Advertised Budget Plan
- FY2016-20 Capital Improvement Program



Click on the links below to:

- Email your comments to Supervisor Hudgins
- Share your comments with the Board
- Sign up to speak at a Board public hearing

- Public Schools Budget Information

8th, and 9th. Speakers are asked to sign up prior to the hearings. Or, you can email your comments directly to Supervisor Hudgins or the entire Board. Links to these options in the boxes above.

In the coming weeks, the Hunter Mill Citizens Advisory Budget Committee will prepare their recommendations to help Supervisor Hudgins through the budget decisions. This committee of Hunter Mill District residents is studying the proposed budget and will share their insights and suggestions. Their findings will be posted on the Hunter Mill District website when completed.

New Leadership at the Reston Police Station

Along with a new building, the Reston District Police Station also welcomes new commanders. The new station is headed by **Captain Ron Manzo** (on the right). Joining Captain Manzo and serving as his second in command is **Lieutenant Lance Schaible** (on the left).

Both officers invite you to become more involved with the Fairfax County Police through the Reston Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC's offer residents a chance to dialogue with member of the local police districts and bring neighborhood issues to their attention. The Reston CAC meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at the new Reston Police Station.

FCPA Sets Hearing on Conveyance of Reston Towne Green Property

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 8, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the conveyance of property in the Hunter Mill District. The property consists of five acres and is identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map No. 17-1 ((1)) Parcel 14D, commonly referred to as the "Reston Towne Green property". The property is located on Fountain Drive in Reston, VA and is located within the same parcel as the North County Government Center in the Reston Town Center North District. The hearing will be held at the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, VA in Rooms 106 and 107.

Conveyance of the property is being considered in response to the Reston Transit Station Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 11, 2014 which encourages a land use pattern that "incorporates significant new residential development and new non-residential uses to complement the existing and planned public uses and the concentration of employment in the Reston Town Center and a significant new open space to serve as a defining element in the organization of a new, more urban pattern of blocks."

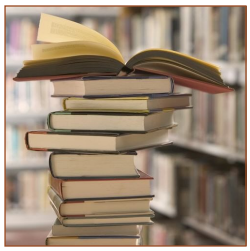
The Park Authority is seeking public comment regarding the proposed conveyance of the Reston Towne Green property to the Board of Supervisors in consideration for a potential two-point-six acre urban Central Green, commitment to provide approximately 90,000 square feet of density within one of the new urban blocks, and other considerations that may be advantageous to the Park Authority mission. It is envisioned that the proposed density would be used for the development of an indoor recreation facility or other recreational use to be operated by the Park Authority. Additional information about the Reston Transit Station Area, including Reston Towne Center North, may be found online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/area3/upperpotomac.pdf#page=28. The text of the proposed Contract of Sale between the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors may be viewed at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/downloads/Sale-Contract-14D.pdf. Additionally, paper copies of the Contract of Sale are available in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA.

Park Policy 210, Disposal of Land or Facilities, requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to dispose of land or facilities. If you wish to speak at the hearing, you may sign up in advance by calling the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via email at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. You may also sign up at the hearing. Organizations may have one official speaker for five minutes; individuals may testify for three minutes.

Written and e-mail comments will be taken now until April 7, 2015. Written comments may be sent to David R. Bowden, Director of Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Email comments should be sent to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. The Park Board will consider public testimony from the hearing on April 8, 2015 and vote on the matter at their regular Board meeting scheduled for that same night.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

New Library Director Survey



By next spring, Fairfax County Public Library will have a new library director. You are invited to help identify the qualities needed to help find the best person to lead our library system. The library director has four main areas of responsibility: to the community, to the staff, to the County Board of Supervisors, and to the Library Board of Trustees.

The director works with various constituents, donors, governing boards, and more. The public library provides a rich array of services, programs, information, recreational, and educational resources that are available in twenty-three branches and online. The director is the head of a 600+ employee organization; ensures that the monies allocated by the County Board of Supervisors are wisely spent; that county policies and priorities are adhered to; and that the policies and wishes of the Library Board of Trustees are implemented.

An online survey is available to gather your comments at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/directorsearch.htm. Please take a few moments to add your ideas to help the Library Board of Trustees in their search.

What's Happening in March at Hunter Mill Library Branches

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY EVENTS: 703-938-0405

Author Talk with Robert Door: *Mission to Tokyo*: Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. Join local author Robert Dorr as he discusses his book *Mission to Tokyo: The American Airmen Who Took the War to the Heart of Japan*.

New Moms Meet & Greet: Tuesday, March 24, 12:30 p.m. Join other new moms and babies (newborn to 6 months) and discover what the library and Town of Vienna have to offer your growing family. Adults.

Printmaking Workshop for Kids: Tuesday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. Discover your inner artist! Come explore the art of printmaking with local experts from the Vienna Arts Society. You can learn about different techniques and take home your own prints. Ages 7-12.

RESTON REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENTS: 703-689-2700

Children's Book Sale by Reston Friends. Thursday March 19 through Sunday, March 22. Proceeds from the sale go to the Friends of the Reston Library to support programs and materials.

Director's Choice Book Club: Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Sam Clay, director of the Fairfax County Public Library, leads a monthly book discussion. The title this month is *1984* by George Orwell. Adults.

Card Trick Workshop: Tuesday, March 31, 2:00 p.m. Students will learn unique and seldom-seen card tricks featuring sleight of hand, mathematical principles, subtlety, psychology, and subterfuge. Each student receives a new deck of cards to keep. Age 12-17.

Daria Parnes

Reston Regional Library Welcomes New Manager

By Hunter Mill Student Intern Megan Sharifi

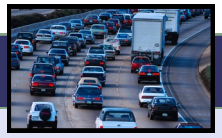
In December of 2014, Reston Regional Library got a new Branch Manager, Daria Parnes. Daria is not someone who is new to libraries. In fact, she has worked in libraries almost her entire life. While she studied at Syracuse University, she was a librarian, and later got her master's degree in library science from Simmons College. She served at other libraries in the Fairfax County library system, including Chantilly Regional Library, where she was branch manager for six years.

Being the branch manager for the library comes with a tremendous amount of responsibilities. The branch manager is in charge of the departments and facilities: supervising and evaluating staff members, attending a number of professional meetings, and integrating the library with the surrounding community, just to name a few. She says that working with people and developing ideas to make the library become an integral part of the community is where her main focus lies.

On a personal level, she is married, has two children and four cats, speaks French and Russian and would like to travel to Scotland one day. Daria enjoys watching science fiction or comedy T.V. shows, but her favorite show is Downton Abbey. Her favorite book is Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury.

Now that you know Daria's background, please drop by the library and introduce yourself.

Transportation



Drive to Donate on Saturday, March 21: Tolls Support Fairfax Fire and Rescue

On Saturday, March 21, all tolls collected on the I-495 and I-95 Express Lanes will be donated to local county fire and rescue departments (Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford). To participate, all you need to do is travel on the 495 or 95 Express Lanes with your E-Z Pass or E-Z Pass Flex.

How to Ride the Bus: Transit Instruction for 55+ on Monday, March 16th

A new, instructive program for senior residents offers unique training on how to use regional transit systems around the North County corridor. Travelers-in-training will learn how to identify bus stops, read bus schedules and route maps, how to pay the fare and other bus skills. Also included is a visit to the Silver Line station to learn how to determine and pay fares, purchase and load SmartTrip cards, and a trip on the trains. Instruction is on the Mobile Accessible Travel Training bus (MATT). Participants will meet in the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods lobby at 1 p.m. on March 16th. For information or to sign up, contact Karen Brutsche at 703-476-4500, or at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Tysons Restriping Community Meeting: March 16th

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) works with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make changes to the pavement markings during the yearly repaving cycle. These changes can be used to make new bicycle lanes, or roadway diets. FCDOT will be hosting a community meeting to discuss a series of roadway changes in the Tysons area. These changes will help facilitate alternative transportation modes in the Tysons area. The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 16** at Westbriar Elementary School, 1741 Pine Valley Drive, Vienna, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A list of the improvements is available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/.

Interstate 66 Bicycle Facilities Meeting: March 18th

The Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) will be meeting Wednesday, March 18 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Braddock Hall District Office's meeting room located adjacent to Kings Park Library, at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. FABB is your local bicycle transportation advocacy group and partners closely with the County in bringing infrastructure to accommodate bicycles as a transportation alternative. VDOT will be making a presentation on the I-66 project, concerning bike facilities to be included on the rebuilt bridges and status of planning for the parallel trail. Interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting. For more info on the I66 project please visit www.transform66.org.

Pothole Season in Full Bloom! Help Out by Reporting

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for the upkeep on state-maintained roads. You can help them out by reporting potholes to their online work request website at http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) News:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Openings

Are you a senior (65+) or have a disability, regularly ride Metrobus, Metrorail and/or MetroAccess, and live in Fairfax County? Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) is currently soliciting applications from customers with disabilities who are interested in filling vacancies on its Accessibility Advisory Committee. Participants help in making WMATA transportation options better for customers with disabilities and senior citizens. The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) advises WMATA on ways to improve Metrobus, Metrorail, and MetroAccess. Interested individuals can fill out an application at http://wmata.com/accessibility/edApplication/index.cfm. The deadline to apply for a position is March 30 at 5:00PM. If you have additional questions, please contact 202-962-6060.

Metro's Sexual Harassment Campaign

Metro's new anti-sexual harassment public service campaign is now on display across the system. The campaign is designed to raise awareness that harassment of fellow riders is not tolerated on Metro. Any customer who is harassed, threatened or assaulted is urged to report it to Transit Police immediately.

Status of Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

Approved:

Lake Anne Development Partners LLC have filed a Development Plan Amendment (DPA A502-07), Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA A-502), and Planned Residential Community (PRC A-502-03) plan for the redevelopment of the Crescent Apartments and the Lake Anne Village Center. Consolidation of a number of properties [Fairfax County Tax Map 017-2((8)) 6C, 017-2((1))7, 017-2 Parcels 6B2, 017-2((7))6B3, common elements of parcels 017-2((31))1645 and 017-2((31))], and a portion of Village Road, are to be vacated/abandoned (collectively referred to as with Parcels 1A and 2G). The proposed development will include a combination of multi-family buildings and single-family attached dwelling units in a crescent pattern, affordable housing, active adult and age-restricted housing, and a proposed boutique grocery store. Approximately 135,000 gross square feet of new non-residential development is proposed. **On January 22, 2015, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this application. The Board of Supervisors approved this application on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.**

Scheduled:

JBG/Reston Executive Center, L.L.C. has filed a Special Exception (SE 2013-HM-016) to allow for the establishment of 65,000 square feet of development including retail sales, eating establishment, fast food restaurant and quick service food stores, located at 12000-12120 Sunset Hills Road - [Fairfax County Tax Map 17-3((1)) Parcels 28A, 28B and 28C - zoned I-5]. The Applicant is proposing to convert 27,850 square feet of existing office use and constructing 37, 150 square feet of building additions to the existing office buildings. **The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.**

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC , has filed Comprehensive Sign Plan (CSP 2009-HM-019) for 1860 Wiehle Avenue and 1886 Metro Center Drive in Reston, [Fairfax County Tax Map 017-4((01)) Parcel 17A and 017-4((24)) Parcels 3 and 4B], to allow for a coordinated and comprehensive plan of signage for the mixed used development at Reston Station. The signage is to ensure convenience and appropriate way finding for users and occupants of Reston Station. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2015, 8:15 p.m.**

Bozzuto Development Company, Inc. has submitted a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 86-C-023), Development Plan Amendment (DPA 86-C-023) and Planned Residential Community (PRC 86-C-023) for the proposed redevelopment of St. John's Wood apartments to convert 250 multi-family garden apartments in nine-three story buildings to 625 new apartments and thirty-four townhomes. The property is located at 11500 Olde Tiverton Circle, Reston [Tax Map 11-4 ((1)) Parcel 12]. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2015, at 8:15 p.m.**

Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter – Day Saints has filed a Planned Residential Community plan (PRC 80-C-111) for additional parking for the existing church at 1515 Poplar Grove Drive, Reston. The improvements will expand the southern end of the existing parking lot from 121 to 160 spaces and replace an existing shed. No other changes are being proposed. **The Planning Commission date is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.**

George Family Property Development LLC has filed a Rezoning Application and Final Development Plan (RZ/FDP 2014-HM-024 for 9001 & 9005 Winding Creek Lane, 1620 and 1630 Crim Dell Lane and 8915 Higdon Drive, Vienna, [Tax Map 28-4 ((1)) Parcel 19, 19A, 21, 21B, 25, 25A and 25C]. The Applicant proposes to rezone from R-1 and R-C to PDH-2 for the development of nineteen (19) new single family detached homes with the retention of three (3) existing homes. The proposed density for the project is 1.10 dwelling units per acre. **The Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.** *Continued on next page*

Land Use continued:

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation on behalf of the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority (WMATA), have filed Special Exception SE 2015-HM -006 at 12530 Sunrise Valley Drive, Tax map 16-4 ((1)) 27, for an electrically powered regional rail substation. In addition, the build out will include the station entrance pavilion/pedestrian bridge which will be owned and operated by WMATA. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for July 22, 2015**, and **Board of Supervisors public hearing on July 29, 2015.**

Hearings Not Scheduled At This Time:

CARS-DB1, LLC has filed two rezoning applications and a special exception application for a proposed transit oriented development called Dominion Square near the Spring Hill Metro Station. The properties are located at 1580, 1586 at 1592 Spring Hill Road [Tax Map 29-3 ((1)) Parcels 2C1, 2C2, 2D, 3, and part 5], and also located at 8525 Leesburg Pike [Tax Map 29-3 ((1)) 3B and part 5]. The applications seek to rezone the property from the Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overly (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The two rezoning applications, RZ 2011-HM-012 concurrent with RZ 2011-HM-013, propose 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) office buildings, six (6) residential buildings, a hotel, ground floor retail uses, and 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. **The Planning Commission hearing has not been scheduled.**

1587 Springhill Holdings, Inc. [Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) 2G], has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application 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-027). The property is currently developed with a motel and restaurant that were constructed in 1982. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Spring Hill Metro Station and will consist of either two residential buildings and one office building or three residential buildings, with ground floor retail uses located along Spring Hill Road. **The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.**

Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Power filed a request for Final Development Plans (FDP 2011-HM-013 and FDP 2011-HM-027) to permit the development and operation of an electric substation on property at Tysons [Fairfax County Tax Map 29-3((1)) Parcels 2G, 3B and 5]. The substation will convert electric power from the existing 230kV transmission line to a 34.5kV that is usable by commercial, residential, utility, and retail consumers. **The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.**

New Application Accepted:

JBG/1831 Wiehle LLC filed a rezoning application to rezone 1831 Wiehle Avenue from the I-4 Medium Intensity Industrial District to the Planned Residential Mixed-Use (PRM) district to develop a mixed-use, transit oriented development in the Wiehle-Reston East Transit station area. The rezoning proposes 504 multi-family residential units and up to 61,000 square feet of complementary retail uses. The application also includes a conceptual and final development plant depicting the layout of the residential and retail uses for the property.

Indefinitely Deferred: additional information on these items is on the Hunter Mill Land Use webpage

- **RSQ9 Owner, LLC** at 11790 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.
- **Novus Residences, LLC** at 11448 and 11450 North Shore Drive, Reston (Lake Anne Fellowship House).
- **Q-R Spring Hill, LLC Perseus Realty** at 1577 Spring Hill Road in Tysons.
- **Sports Authority, Inc**. at 8355 Leesburg Pike, Tysons.
- **JGB Reston Retail, LLC** at 111810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.

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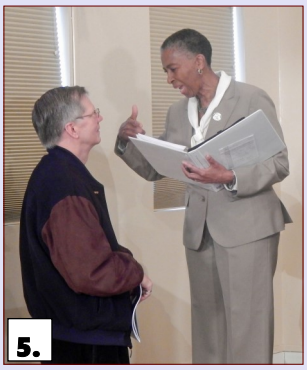
Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee

The Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee (HMDLUC) will not meet in March. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. On the April agenda: **George Family Property Development LLC. – RZ/FDP 2014-HM-024,** on 9001 & 9005 Winding Creek Lane, 1620 &1630 Crim Dell Lane and 8915 Higdon Dr., Vienna,

Highlights from the Hunter Mill District Community Summit

On February 28th, Supervisor Hudgins welcomed residents at Frying Pan Farm Park's Visitor Center for the second annual Hunter Mill District Community Summit. Over 100 residents were on hand to hear presentations on the proposed FY2016 budget from both County and school staff, experience the virtual tour of Hunter Mill District human service providers and locations, and participate in the "Huddle" with its focus on human service needs. The proceedings were filmed by Channel 16. You can view the program at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/supervisor_hudgins_community_summit.htm.

Photos: *clockwise from top left: 1.* Good crowd for a Saturday morning! 2. Supervisor Hudgins leads the way on the Virtual Tour. 3. Congressman Gerry Connelly welcomes the Hunter Mill crowd. 4. Human Services Huddle panel was (from left) George Bergquist—CHO, Jerry Poge– Human Services Commission, Bill Bouie– Park Authority, Leila Gordon—Reston Community Center, Kate Hanley– F/FC Community Services Board, and Kerrie Wilson—Cornerstones. 5. Supervisor Hudgins answers question posed by Michael Saino. 6. Budget Panel participants, from the left, Sharon Bulova– Chairman of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Kristen MIchael– Fairfax County Public Schools budget staff, County Executive Ed Long, School Board Representative Pat Hynes, and Susan Data—County Budget Director. *(Photos by Jared Abelson, Hunter Mill Office Student Intern)*



Emerald Ash Borer: Management, Cost and Implications for Residents

EAB-infested ash tree
Photo: Eric Day—www.bugwood.org

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insects are killing trees throughout Fairfax County. Urban Forest Management staff provides expertise and advice to homeowner and civic associations, environmental groups, garden clubs and other community organizations to help residents manage EBA.

Photo: Howard Russell—www.bugwood.org

County urban foresters may visit community groups to talk about:

- How to identify an ash tree
- How to identify an EBA-infested tree
- How to hire an arborists or tree removal company
- EBA control options.

For more information on visits or materials, contact Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division at PESTmail@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5304.

From the County's Urban Foresters

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.

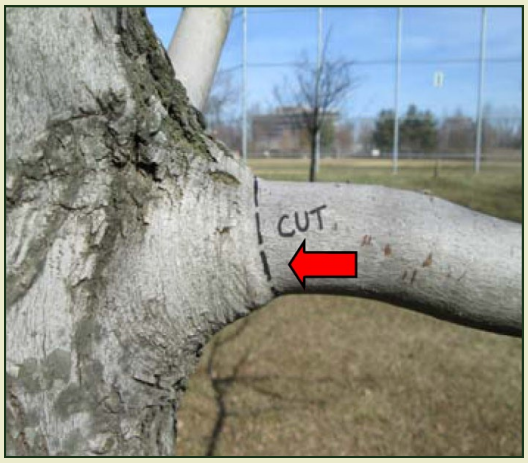
2. Remove mulch from around the trunk of your tree and inspect the trunk for rodent damage. During the winter, mice may nest in deep piles of mulch and feed on the thin bark at the base of a tree. Mulch should be kept at least three inches away from the base of your tree.

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 News

Easter Egg Hunt Lake Fairfax Park

Hunt for eggs filled with treats and treasures on the grounds of Lake Fairfax Park on **Sunday, March 29**. Various sessions available beginning at 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. Register for this event through **Parktakes**, or at Lake Fairfax Easter Egg Hunt listing.

Coming soon: Pirate Fest, Saturday, May 2. Check out details at Lake Fairfax Pirate Fest website.

Anastasia gave birth to Goldie, a whopping 71 lbs. at birth. Both Jersey cows starred in NatGeo WILD's Fish Bowl II.

Springtime Means Baby Animals at Frying Pan Farm Park

The coming of spring new growth and new baby animals at the farm. Stop in and say hello to the mommas and babies at Kidwell Barn. Visit Anastasia, the first farm baby of 2015, and the other lambs, piglets, goats, and others born this spring. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No admission charge.

Come Put the Animals to Bed

Add a bit of fun to the bedtime clamor by putting the animals to bed at Frying Pan Farm Park. When evening shadows spread over Kidwell Farm, it's time for the many farm animals to go to sleep. Bring your flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour and learn how the animals of the farm settle down for the night. Join the adventure on March 12, 17, or 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is $8 per person. Register online or call 703-222-4664.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon.

Local Job Openings with the Park Authority

Part-time jobs are open at two local Fairfax County Park Authority sites. Coming soon— summer jobs!

Park Authority Area 6 Maintenance Facility

Special Events workers (2 – 3 positions) Part Time Non-benefit eligible positions - $11.00 an hour.
Weekend work starting mid-March and ending mid-November consisting of two 8 hour workday (Saturday & Sunday) per week, candidates selected for interviews must bring a current copy of their driving record to be considered for these positions. Job duties include but not limited to - Collecting trash from receptacles and/or grounds then transporting for disposal.

Admin Assistant –part time position (20-25 hour week) Mondays – Fridays, Benefit eligible position - $13.13
Provides general office support including data entry, accounting, filing, inventory, scheduling, communications, and more.

For additional information or to apply, contact wayne.brissey@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Area 6 Maintenance Facility is located at 1410 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna 22182.

Frying Pan Farm Park

Open Positions: Many openings including week-end, weekday and evening shifts.

Front Desk Staff : $10-10.50 per hour
Evening Maintenance Worker: $9.50-$10.50 per hour
Summer Camp leader: $10.46-$12 per hour
Summer Camp Counselor: $10.45 per hour
Art instructor: $10.45 per hour
Wagon Ride Driver: $10.00 per hour
Carousel Operator: $10.00 per hour
Lead Store Clerk: $14.40 per hour
Store Clerk: $10—12 per hour
Equestrian Facility Assistant: $13.13 per hour

More information on these positions can be found on the Frying Pan Farm Park website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon 20171.

Notices & Events

CONGRATULATIONS to Madison High School's Ben Press

Ben Press, a junior at James Madison High School in Vienna, has been elected by the countywide Student Advisory Council to serve a one year term as student representative to the Fairfax County School Board. Ben will serve as a nonvoting member on the school board during the 2015-2016 school year.

Spring Craft Show and Bazaar to Support Vienna Fire Station: Saturday, March 14

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be hosting a Spring Craft Show and Bazaar on March 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Along with the many crafts, enjoy the baked goods, or even have lunch. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Station is located at 400 Center Street, Vienna.

Southgate Pro Bono Legal Clinic: Tuesday, March 17.

Appointments are open to all residents of Fairfax County. Southgate Community Center, in association with Cornerstones and Fairfax Bar Association, sponsors pro bono legal clinics for assistance with civil matters. Meet with an attorney on civil issues such as housing, immigration, public benefits, and family issues. (Divorce, employment, traffic, or criminal cases cannot be accepted.) Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Child care and interpreters will be available. Registration is required: call 571-323-1432, or email to probonolegalclinic@cornerstonesva.org. Southgate Community Center is at 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston.

The Reston Chorale presents *Choral Splendor: Music of France* - March 22, 4:00 p.m.

The concert will feature organists Paul Skevington and Tordis Fahringer in a rare performance of Louis Vierne's *Messe Solennelle* as the composer intended: with two organs. Taking place at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA, the concert will also include works by Maurice Duruflé, Gabriel Fauré, César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door. Download a flier or visit www.RestonChorale.org for more information.

Volunteer Tutors Needed for Adult and School-Aged Students: Orientations on March 24 & 25

Fairfax County Public Schools' Volunteer Learning Program (VLP) needs volunteers to tutor individual or classes in the Nontraditional Schools Program to help students achieve academic goals. A commitment of at least 90 minutes a week is requested in subjects including ESOL, reading, writing, science or math. Both daytime and evening/weekend tutors are needed to meet with adult students at adult high school sites or public libraries. VLP staff will work to determine a day, time and location that are convenient for volunteers. Next new tutor orientations are on March 24 and 25. For information on VLP, visit http://www.fcps.edu/adulths/vlp/vlpindex.html, or email to start@fcps.edu, or call 703-503-6444.

Support Our Local Heroes: Volunteer for the World Police and Fire Games

The **2015 World Police & Fire Games** will be hosted by Fairfax County and the National Capital Region from June 26 - July 5. We expect over 12,000 public safety athletes from 70 countries to participate in 61 sports in venues all over the region. Want to get involved and help support our local heroes? Visit www.fairfax2015.com for more information, including how to become one of the 4,000+ volunteers needed to put on the Games.

Meet With Your School Board Representative: Saturday, April 4

Fairfax County School Board representative from the Hunter Mill District, Pat Hynes, will host a Saturday Community Office Hours on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Reston Regional Library. Members of the community are invited to stop by and ask questions or to discuss concerns. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, contact Pat at pat.hynes@fcps.edu, or Mary Ellen Hook at mehook@fcps.edu.

SAVE THE DATE - Senior Health and Safety Fair on April 24

You are cordially invited to participate in Reston's Health and Safety Fair, co-hosted by Supervisor Hudgins, Reston Community Center and Reston Association. The fair will be held on Friday, April 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.