

eBlast from the Hunter Mill District

Highlights from the Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 26, 2016



The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on **July 26, 2016**. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 1: The Board authorized Fairfax Health Department to apply and accept **grant funding from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management** for the acquisition of equipment and medical supplies needed to enhance the region's ability to conduct mass dispensing operations in the event of a large-scale public health emergency. Funding is for \$225,353, with no match required.

Admin 2: The Board authorized a public hearing on November 1, 2016, **for amendments to the Public Facilities Manual** – Chapter 4 – regarding expansive soils and slope stability. The provisions are to be upgraded to incorporate the best practices used by industry engineers for expansive soils.

Admin 3: The Board authorized a public hearing to be held on October 18, 2016, to consider amendments to the **zoning ordinance** to include special permit submission requirements, changes to the standards for a variance, clarification of the definition of a public use, and use limitations for nursery schools, child care centers and veterinary hospitals.

Admin 6: The Board authorized a public hearing on September 20, 2016 on the County and School's FY2016 **carryover review** to amend the appropriation level in the FY2017 Revised budget.

Admin 7: the Board authorized the **Police Department to apply and accept grant funding** from the U.S. Department of Justice for the purchase of night vision devices and two forensic multimedia evidence work stations. Funding is for \$127,737, with no match required.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: The Board approved parking reduction of 16.4 percent for the **Reston Excelsior project**.

Action 2: The Board approved standard maintenance agreements for privately owned and maintained **stormwater management facilities** constructed during the land development process. These facilities are built to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance, the Site Plan provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, and the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Action 9: The Board approved the **plain language explanations** for the 2016 Meals Tax Referendum and the 2016 Bond Referenda for Transportation, Parks and Park Facilities, and Human Services and Community Development.

Action 10: The Board approved a **bond pamphlet** explaining the 2016 Meals Tax referendum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board held a public hearing and approved the proposed development plan for **Tall Oaks Village Center** in Reston.

The Board held a public hearing and approved the proposed **Sekas Homes, LTD** plan for townhouses at the site of the former API Building in Reston.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunter Mill Melodies Free Concerts:

The Capital Focus Jazz Band (jazz): Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Bring the family out to enjoy traditional New Orleans jazz with Capital Focus. Hunter Mill Melodies concerts are free each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., through the end of August. In case of inclement weather, check the cancellation hotline at 703-324-SHOW (7469). Check the [Hunter Mill District website](#) for complete schedule.

Coming next week: **Will Overman Band** (folk/rock)

St. Johns Wood: In preparation for the upcoming Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings, Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, together with the Reston Association, invites residents to attend a meeting **on August 4, 2016**, 6:30 p.m., at the Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive. Brian Winterhalter, on behalf of the Bozzuto Group, will share the St. Johns Woods project status, information on the application, receive community input, and address questions. For additional information please contact Goldie Harrison at (703)478-0283.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 2

Fairfax County residents are encouraged to turn off their porch lights and join with their neighbors and local police for National Night Out. Throughout the County will be crime prevention block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, flashlight walks, safety fairs and neighborhood meetings.

National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention, drugs and violence; generate support for and participation in local crime-fighting programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and; send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This evening presents an opportunity to help build stronger relationships and support a greater level of trust between residents and police. The County's [National Night Out webpage](#) will help you with contacts, activities and information.

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday: August 5-7

If back-to-school shopping is on your summer agenda, save a few cents August 5-7 when the Commonwealth of Virginia will "forgive" your sales tax on qualifying school supplies and clothing. The sales tax holiday focuses on school supplies, along with eligible clothing and footwear. However, hurricane and emergency preparedness items such as generators, chainsaws and hurricane supplies, and Energy Star or WaterSense qualified products are included in the sales tax holiday. Check out the entire list of eligible items at <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday-consumer-faqs>.

Heat is Dangerous for Pets

Earlier this week, police and fire personnel tried to help a dog in distress, locked inside a parked vehicle at a shopping center. Attempts to cool down the animal were unsuccessful. Firefighters transported the dog to the nearby veterinarian's office but the animal died.

The current "heat dome" has been brutal for people and pets. Please take extra precautions with your precious pets outdoors.

