



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic newsletter. Please share this issue with your organizations. To be added to our mailing list, e-mail us at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those that have little.
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt

The country and our communities have suffered through the most severe economic times, equaled or surpassed only by on the Great Depression. During that time Roosevelt called upon the nation to sacrifice, share and support each other. As we look forward to the coming Thanksgiving and the holiday season, it is appropriate that while we give thanks for family and friends, we reflect on the challenges of the past two years and give support for those who have been effected by all the consequences of job loss and the foreclosure crisis.

The holidays are often indicative of the many tokens we will give and receive. However, the coming season does not paint such an idealistic picture for all. Some wake to endure each coming day with unfulfilled necessities. We must not forget those who are cold and unfed, those who struggle for daily shelter, or those who employment has eluded. As we are surrounded by the images of excess, we must not forget those in our community who do not have enough.

The holiday season represents a time to celebrate new beginnings. We take the time to reflect on what guides us. We re-examine the importance of family, all that we are thankful for, what our civic responsibilities are, and the virtues of giving with no expectation of receiving something in return. We share what we have with others who need a lot or a little. We seek to provide the necessities a loving parent cannot. Moreover, we attempt to place a smile on the face of a child who does not understand why he/she has been going without. Many heart-felt gifts will be given and received by the anonymous and nameless.

Whether it is through the many community organizations or corporate offices, everyone is poised to find ways to help those in need. Reston Interfaith (RI), a thirty-nine years old non-profit, is an outgrowth of Reston's faith community founded to help assist needy individuals with food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other services. RI has partnered with the Annual Hunter Mill District Coat Closet for the (eighth) season. The Coat Closet has given away in excess of 25,000 coats to men, women, and children across the community.

Many other organizations join RI in the mission to help their neighbors overcome

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adversity. The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) in Vienna handles calls for rental assistance keeping a family sheltered during the holidays and year round. LINK in Herndon and Herndon-Reston FISH are present throughout the community providing furniture, food and transportation. The Herndon Closet is a bargain for those in need or for the sharp-eye shopper looking for slightly used items from clothing to furniture. Each year the Closet provides RI and County clients with vouchers to shop for needed items. A non-profit, the Closet gives scholarships from funds raised from purchases. And this space does not allow the many others that join in this work.

The message of giving also resonates with our businesses. Whether providing direct contributions to organizations, participating in campaigns by donating toys, clothing, and food, or tutoring students, building play grounds, feeding shelter residents, volunteering at hypothermia, we have great corporate citizens. And this same spirit resonates with the many young school children who are organizing hat, glove, and coat drives, organizing and participating in walks to help special causes.

I was touched by a small business owner who contacted the Hunter Mill District office recently wanting to make a financial contribution to organizations that were making a difference in those in need. He didn't want to be recognized for his gift, he simply wanted to assist others in a time of need.

Whether it is acting alone or acting in concert, an orchestrated campaign or a random act of kindness, all of our giving is appreciated and needed. Government is one part of the equation. This year, as with the previous, the Board of Supervisors attempted to balance the needs of all County residents, those with and without. Needs evolve and our work continues.

Fairfax County has traditionally recognized its role in providing quality services and assisting community organizations with their work. We recognize these entities cannot fulfill all necessary demands. With the help of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and faith institutions, people power and financial resources are combined to assist with such demands. These efforts are rewarded in the joy of aiding and comforting others. We may not all reach the finish line together but as a community we can work together and help each one enter the race.

Our community members: individuals, families and businesses alike, recognize the abundance so many have but they also know that among us are those in need and know our progress lies in the success of those with little. You can find a way to contribute to a worthy cause from the list of community organizations in this newsletter.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cathy Hudgins



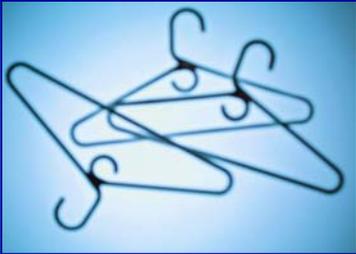
Elf Store: Kids Giving to Parents

Southgate Community Center and Reston Interfaith (Stonegate Apts.) are co-sponsoring a Elf Store on **Saturday, December 5**. The Elf Store will give participants in the Afterschool Program and residents at Stonegate Apts (this is limited, due to the fact that all items collected will be donated) the opportunity to select an item for their parent/guardian. We have chosen the word items as some of the participants may not celebrate traditional holiday season, but all kids want to be able to give something to their parents. If you or someone you know can contribute gently used/new items or wrapping paper, please contact Lashawn Timmons at Southgate Community Center, 703-860-0676.

Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

Coat Closet Commences

November 14, 2009 will mark the beginning of the 2009 - 2010 Hunter Mill District Coat Closet for adults and children in need of winter coats. Co-sponsored with Reston Interfaith, the eighth annual Coat Closet will end March 13, 2009. Last year we gave away nearly 5,000 coats and 1,800 hats, gloves, and scarves.



The Coat Closet will be open for those in need of coats or to drop off donations; on

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Help us fill the hangers!

New and “gently used” (i.e. in good condition and cleaned) winter coats will be accepted at the North County Government Center at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston. Both child and adult sizes are needed (X large and XX Large are especially appreciated). Your donations are tax deductible. Volunteers are also needed to greet donors, sort donations and assist clients in selecting coats.

Help Fight Hunger in Your Community

This time of year, our partners in combating hunger in Fairfax County are counting on your support and contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food items are used to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need along with stocking the shelves of the local food banks. Requests for food and assistance have dramatically increased this year. Drop off locations and further information for each locale is available on their websites;

Herndon: Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help) has a collection box for food donations at their Bargain Loft, 336 Victory Drive in Herndon. To arrange for a collection box at your location, contact Robyn at 571-926-8019.

<http://herndonrestonfish.org> LINK is also collecting at their Herndon food closet or can pick up your donation. <http://www.linkagainsthunger.org/HFB.html>

Reston: The Reston Interfaith, Reston Community Center, and Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive has collection boxes in multiple locations around Reston, including my office.

http://www.restoninterfaith.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=22169

Vienna: Northeast Vienna Citizens Association and my office have teamed up to collect food for the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) with boxes around town and at the Patrick Henry Library. CHO serves Vienna, Oakton, Merrifield and Dunn Loring areas. http://www.cho-va.com/cho_home.html

Suggested Items

Baby foods
Canned fruit
Canned meats/fish
Canned vegetables
Rice & CousCous
Tomato products
Canned/boxed juices
Pasta sauce
Peanut butter & jelly
Soups, chili
Pasta
Ramen noodles
Boxed potatoes
Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Muffin/biscuit mix
Seasonings
Canned beans
Snacks - packaged
Dry beans
Diapers
Laundry detergent

Holiday Gifts Support Requested for Local Families

Along with their holiday food drives, the above organizations also support gift drives for needy children and families in their area. Needed are toys, clothing, gift cards and other items that make a holiday special. The above websites have details on recommended items. Or, consider being matched to a family and fulfilling their wish list and perhaps a holiday food basket to make the celebration complete. Your support is needed more than ever.

Home Repair Assistance



Do you find it difficult to pay for the maintenance work that your home badly needs? Then RPJ Housing, a local non-profit agency funded by Fairfax County, may be able to help you.

Rebuilding Together provides home repairs free of charge and gives priority to those low-income households with older adults, persons with disabilities or families with children. By bringing together resources from businesses, congregations, and dedicated community members, *Rebuilding Together* is able to address pressing repair needs of those homeowners who, because of financial constraints, age and physical limitations are unable to make or pay for repairs themselves. All work is done at no cost to the homeowner 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, railing and smoke detectors; address minor plumbing and electrical repairs; build ramps, paint and attend to yard work. Since 1998, *Rebuilding Together* has repaired 1,565 homes and non-profit facilities.

To qualify for the program, you must own and live in the home to be repaired. The income level for one individual cannot exceed \$44,800. For each additional person in the home, the income level increases by \$4,800 to \$6,000. Priority is given to seniors, persons with disabilities and families with children.

To obtain an application, call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5605 ext. 16, or download application from their website at <http://www.rpjhousing.org/rt.html>

Understanding Money and Credit Workshops



Two free sessions on money and credit are being offered by the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater Washington on **Thursday, November 12th**. Both sessions will be held at the Lake Anne SkillSource Center, 11484 Washington Plaza West in Reston. Call the SkillSource Center to register at 703-787-4951.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - **What to do when income decreases but bills don't**
2:45 to 3:45 p.m. - **Understanding credit reports and credit scores**

Fuel Assistance and Crisis Assistance Program



Fairfax County residents who need help to pay home heating bills or who face an emergency heating situation this winter may be able to access assistance from two federally funded programs locally administered by the County's Department of Family Services.

The **Fuel Assistance** program helps eligible low-income households with the costs of heating their homes. (Applications will be accepted through Friday, November 13.) The **Crisis Assistance** program helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. (Applications for Crisis Assistance will be accepted through March 15, 2010.)

Information on the program is available in English and Spanish on the County's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/pdf/fuel-assistance.pdf> For additional information on either program, contact DFS at 703-324-7749.

Forum on Helping the Homeless and Those Special Needs

Fairfax County wants your input on affordable and accessible housing and other human services needs to be addressed by the county. These needs will be addressed in the county's 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. The plan will be approved by the Board of Supervisors and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Two previous sessions focused on affordable housing and community and economic development. On **November 6th**, an all day forum on **Helping the Homeless and Persons with Special Needs** (including Persons with Mental, Physical, Sensory Disabilities, and Senior Citizens) will be presented at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035, Rooms 2-3 and 4-5. Session will be run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The County is particularly interested in hearing from County residents in need and local community, faith based and nonprofit human service representatives regarding these needs. All participants will have an opportunity to be a part of small group discussions on how best to meet needs identified in these discussions. For additional information on the forum, please contact Doug Lynott at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at Douglas.Lynott@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 246-5259.

Forum Sponsors: Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development & the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee with the assistance from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Condo and Homeowner Associations: How Does New Legislation Affect You?

The Consumer Affairs Branch of the Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection and Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute invite you to attend a free **Common Interest Community Seminar on Monday, November 9, 2009** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Join us as industry leaders discuss how Virginia House Bill 516 and other recent legislation affect homeowner and condominium association communities, board members, and managers. Key topics to be addressed include: Management Company licensing, the Common Interest Community Board, the Common Interest Community Ombudsman and the homeowner complaint process. For more information, contact Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's Homeowner and Condominium Association Liaison at michelle.thompson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-3218.



Child Safety Seat Inspection

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will be conducting free inspections of child safety seats on Friday, **November 6th**, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive (parking lot across from main entrance), in Fairfax. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their vehicles, safety seat and child, if available. No appointments are necessary. Trained deputies will ensure that the children fit securely in the safety seats

and that the safety seats fit securely in the vehicle seat.

If you are unable to attend this event, inspections can be scheduled on an individual basis. Send an e-mail to shf-safetyseatinspections@fairfaxcounty.gov and be sure to include a phone number. All inspections are free to County residents.

Status of Hunter Mill District Projects

Fairway Apartments Redevelopment Proposal

Fairway I & II Residential LLC (Applicant) has filed a Planned Residential Community (PRC) Plan (**PRC A-502-2**) to convert the existing Fairway Apartments consisting of 346 units with 543 parking spaces. The Applicant is proposing the following: Fairway East section will consist of 370 multi-family units with 593 parking spaces. Fairway West will consist of 593 multi-family units, 31 single family attached units, 8,000 square feet of retail with 985 parking spaces @ Tax Map 17-2((18))1 and 17-2((19))2A. **The Applicant will be presenting before the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee on December 7, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. - 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston.** The Planning Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for January 21, 2010.

Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station Area

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC (Applicant) has filed **RZ/FDP 2009-HM-019** to reclassify an assemblage of property at the planned Wiehle Avenue Metro Station area from Industrial Category -4 to Planned Development Commercial District for a mixed-use Transit Oriented Development project. The development proposes to include approximately 497,300 to 747,030 square feet of office, up to 250,000 square feet of hotel, 511,170 square feet of residential and 70,000 to 130,000 square feet of support retail. The project will also incorporate a 2,300+ space multi-deck parking garage for the Metro station @ 1860 Wiehle Ave. & 11465 Sunset Hills Rd. **The Applicant will be presenting before the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee on December 7, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. - 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston.** The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2010.

Nuggett Joint Venture

Nuggett Joint Venture (Applicant) is seeking to rezone **RZ/FDP 2009-HM-017** from the Planned Development Commercial District (PDC) to the Planned Residential Mix-Use (PRM) District to permit Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on this site near the Rt. 28 CIT Transit Station pending Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment - SO7-III-UP2. The Applicant is proposing residential, office, and retail, Tax Map 15-2((1)) 13 and 15-4((5))5B. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2010.

Reston Hospital Center, LLC

Reston Hospital Center, LLC (Applicant) has filed **RZ/PRC 2009-HM-014 and PCA 89C-025-05 / DPA 89-C-025-04** to reclassify the property from Commercial-Category 3, Commercial-Category-4 and Planned Residential Community (PRC) Districts to PRC and to permit an additional 152 beds, two level addition to the Pavilion Medical Office building and one six story medical center @ 1850 Town Center Parkway. The Reston Planning and Zoning voted to recommend approval of these applications. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 @ 8:15 p.m. 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.**

RAJ Development LLC - 1841 Explorer Street, Reston

RAJ Development proposes to convert the current Windwood Child Center to a multi-family residential building with first and second floor retail, third floor child care center, and residential above (CPA 86-C-121-12 and PRC 86-C-121-12). The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of these applications. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2010.

Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston – Community Room @ 7:30 p.m. voting. One application will be presented:

SEA 2006-HM-017 (Montessori Children's Center) Amend existing Special Exception to permit changes in development conditions, building addition and site modifications located at 2754 Centreville Road, Herndon.

Hunter Mill District APR Task Force Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2009 – 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston – Community Room @ 7:00 p.m. Review of:

Reston Hospital & Middleton Farms nominations & associated transportation analysis

Reston Master Plan Special Study Kickoff Meeting

Supervisor Hudgins and Department of Planning and Zoning Staff will host a Kick-off Meeting for the Reston Master Plan Special Study at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009** @ South Lakes High School - 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston in the Lecture Hall (Enter from the stadium side). The topics to be covered include:

- Description of the study approach
 - Description of the study schedule
 - Discuss the review process for the deferred Area Plan Review items in the Hunter Mill District
 - Introduce Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force
 - Release Current Conditions Report
 - Initiate discussion of General Planning Principles for Reston.
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Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force Meeting

Organizational meeting for the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force will be on **Tuesday, December 8, 2009** @ 7:00 - Reston Community Center - Lake Anne Village Facility - 1609A Washington Plaza - Reston - Gallery Room.

- Discussion of Task Force Policies, Procedures and Ground Rules
 - Presentation of Special Study Scope and Schedule
 - Overview of Task Force Responsibilities
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Questions on the Master Plan Special Study or the Task Force should be directed to the Hunter Mill office at 703-478-0283, or e-mail at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Reston LED Streetlight Pilot Project

You may notice the streetlights look different on Bluemont Way between Library Street and Reston Parkway in Reston. Ten LED, or light emitting-diode, streetlights have been installed in a pilot project between Dominion Power and Fairfax County. LEDs are being studied because;

- they produce a 30% energy savings over metal halide streetlights used in now in Reston,
- they last twice as long compared to convention streetlights and are easy to recycle,
- they produce a consistent amount of light whereas convention lights grow dimmer by 30% as they age.

Transportation

Project Meeting: Route 7-Leesburg Pike Widening Project

Virginia Department of Transportation will be widening Route 7 from four lanes to six lanes between Rolling Holly Drive and Reston Avenue, beginning the summer of 2012. Public hearings and approval for this project was part of the 2003-2004 planning process. Since several years have elapsed, VDOT along with Supervisors Hudgins (Hunter Mill) and Foust (Dranesville) are hosting a public information meeting to present the project on **Wednesday, November 18**, 6 - 8 p.m., at Aldrin Elementary School, 11375 Center Harbor Road, in Reston. VDOT will begin property acquisition and construction in the summer of 2010. The project should take approximately two years to complete. Although there are long range plans to widen Route 7 to six lanes from the County line to Tysons Corner, only the segment from Rolling Holly Drive to Reston Avenue is funded for construction at this time.

Public Meetings on County's 10 Year Transit Development Plan

The second of two area meetings on the comprehensive 10-year plan for bus service countywide is coming up on **Monday, November 9th**, 6-8 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston. Staff has completed their studies and surveys and developed a plan to meet the needs of Fairfax County residents. Now they are ready to hear from you! The 10 year plan for bus service includes both Metrobus and the Fairfax Connector. If you cannot attend, your comments are welcome on the FCDOT website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm>

Route 267 (Dulles Access and Toll Road) and Interstate 495 (Capital Beltway) Interchange

A Virginia MegaProject Public Information meeting (not public hearing) will be held by Virginia MegaProjects on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009** from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Marshall High School to present the designs to date for this major intersection. Comments can be submitted in writing and online until November 24. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2010 and is coordinated with completion of the I-495 HOT Lanes Project. For Reston residents who travel the Dulles Toll Road Corridor or the Dulles Airport Access Road and have to exit north, south, or under I-495 from I 267 or the Airport Access Road know how challenging the approach to the intersection can be. The new interchange design seeks to minimize the dangerous lane weaving that now occurs and increase safety. Further information is available on their the Virginia MegaProject Website at <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/>.

Construction Trucks to Use I-66 Inside the Beltway

Rail project construction trucks have begun to use I-66 inside the Capital Beltway to the Lee Highway/Washington Boulevard exit, during restricted hours during the day and at night. Trucks will not be allowed on I-66 when HOV restrictions are in effect. Approval has been granted for;

- between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday,
- between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday
- between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekends.



Photo from Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project newsletter

Keep Up to Date on Metrorail Construction

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project construction continues in the Dulles Corridor and the Dulles Airport Access Road (DAAR). There are announced lane closures DURING THE DAY. Please stay up to date via <http://www.VAmegaprojects.com> and <http://www.DullesMetro.com> for both the Dulles Corridor MetrorailProject and the I-495 HOT Lanes project.

Be Deer Smart to Stay Safe

Deer-vehicle collisions are a serious public safety concern especially during the months of October and November. Of all deer-vehicle collisions in Virginia, 45% occur in October and November, the deer breeding season. Officials project over 48,000 Virginia drivers to sustain damage from deer-vehicle collisions. Driving smart and staying alert improve your chances of avoiding a collision. Fairfax County Police Department offer the following tips for the season.



To avoid collisions, drivers should be aware of deer behavior;

- Deer are especially active predawn to mid-morning, and dusk to early evening.
- Deer breeding season when the deer are highly mobile and active, occurs October through December.
- Deer typically travel in herds - if you see one, several more are nearby.
- Deer are found throughout Fairfax County.

If you encounter deer standing in the road, reduce speed and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights. Never swerve to avoid deer in the road. Swerving can cause you to lose control of your vehicle. If a collision is imminent, take your foot off the brake at the time of impact. This action reduces the likelihood of deer crashing through a windshield or windows upon impact.

If a deer is injured or killed, report the collision to the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number - 703-691-2131. For information on deer management issues, contact Victoria Monroe, the County's wildlife biologist, at 703-324-0240.

Managed Deer Hunts

Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist and Park Authority Resource Management staff are working together on plans for managed deer hunts at various sites. Information is available on managed hunts at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/deer/>. Also available is the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council's 2008 report on "[Wildlife and the Environment in Fairfax County](#)".



Calling all County Critters -

2009 Reduced Cost Rabies Clinics

County critters (dogs, cats and ferrets) are invited to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter's rabies clinic, Sunday, November 15, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

Pets can receive one year rabies vaccines for \$12. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring your pet's rabies certificate showing your dog's current rabies vaccination and expiration date. Only those who are able to show proof will be eligible for the 3-year vaccination for their pet. Only rabies certificates will be issued (no tags). Also, 2009 dog licenses will be sold at a cost of \$10.00.

Please note: Dogs MUST be on leashes. Cats and ferrets MUST be in carriers. For additional information on the rabies clinic or animal adoptions, contact the Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100, or visit their website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/adoption.htm>

Notices

Take Time Out for Art

Great Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents *Divining Nature: An Elemental Garden*, sculptor Rebecca Kamen's work inspired by the periodic table of chemical elements. The ethereal white "flowers" in the garden represent the eighty-three naturally occurring elements. The number of tiers or petals corresponds to the element's orbital pattern while the number of stems is based on its electrons.

The exhibit is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the GRACE gallery, 12001 Market Street Suite 103 at Reston Town Center. For information call 703-471-9242.

Park Authority Director John Dargle's Listening Forum

Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center,
Rooms 4-5

Director John Dargle held **Listening Forums** in each magisterial district around the county. This last session is your opportunity to talk with the Director and share ideas on our parks and the upcoming budget deliberations.

Reston Town Center Holiday Parade

Reston Town Center will hold its annual "Holiday Parade" on Friday, November 27, 2009 and officially kick off a year long celebration of their 20th Anniversary. The day will begin with the Annual Race for the Kids, "The Reston Mile", joined by Olympian and local hero Alan Webb to benefit Neediest Kids. The Parade will start at 11:00 a.m. at Market Street & Freedom Drive, featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, Macy's style balloons, musical groups, dancers, and many more. Visit with Santa from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and end the day with the Holiday Tree lighting and Sing-Along led by the Reston Chorale and Brass Quintet and horse drawn carriage rides.

Author Patricia Reilly Giff

Friday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Two-time Newbery Award winner Patricia Reilly Giff will present "Writing: The Story of My Life", at the Fairfax County Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Giff has received the Newbery Honor for her young adult books *Pictures of Hollis Woods* and *Lily's Crossing*. Giff's books will be available for sale and signing including her new book *Wild Girl*. This program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Library. No registration is required. Call 703-324-8428 for information.

Town of Vienna Annual Cleanup Day

The annual Town Cleanup Day is Saturday, November 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. Individuals, families and community service groups are invited to participate in making Vienna a more beautiful community. Check in at the Vienna Community Center on Cleanup Day to receive garbage bags and gloves. Call 703-255-6356 to sign up or for more information.

Holiday Shopping Safety Seminar for Seniors

November 19, 2:30 p.m. at Reston Regional Library

With the holiday shopping season rapidly approaching, Reston-Herndon S.A.L.T. Council and Reston Crime Prevention Office are offering a workshop to learn more about on-line shopping, shopping center safety tips, personal safety tips and more. This program is geared to seniors or those who care for seniors. Contact the Crime Prevention Office for questions at 703-478-0799.



Events

Just Jumper Horse Show Series – beginning at 9 a.m.

Sunday, November 8

Watch local residents compete for a blue ribbon in a variety of jumping classes at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. This event is held indoors rain or shine. All spectators are free. Information 703-437-9101, or check the [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) website for details on this and other equestrian events at the park.

Hunter Mill Road Corridor Civil War Tour - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

The Hunter Mill Defense League presents a tour of locations of skirmishes, encampments, graves and historical structures of the Civil War era. The 3 1/2-4 hour narration during the bus tour gives you a unique perspective touching on the terrible ordeal of the local citizenry as well as the soldiers and raiders of the time. Understand why (60) generals have been documented in the corridor during the war and where (8) forts/stockades existed between today's Tysons Corner and Fairfax Courthouse. Reservations required: contact Jim Lewis antietan1862@verizon.net, or 703-620-2956.

Pottery Show and Sale - 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center features pottery by the Town of Vienna's pottery students for show and/or sale. The Bowman House is at 211 Center Street in Vienna.

The Thanksgiving Story - 11 to 11:40 a.m.

Friday, November 27

Bring the family and holiday guests to this lively and interactive retelling of the Thanksgiving Story at **Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center**. Glee Mania's Sue Counoyer entertains and informs while engaging everyone. Afterward, work off some of your Thanksgiving feast strolling in the park. This family activity is perfect for holiday revelers three years and older. The cost is \$4 per person. Call 703-437-9101 to make a reservation.

Fairfax County Government Closed

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27

The Hunter Mill District office, libraries and other County offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Pre-Turkey Circuit Quarter Horse Show - begins at 8 a.m.

Friday-Sunday, November 20-22

Western is in! Cheer on the cowboys and cowgirls in the Quarter Horse Show. Spectators FREE. Contact Frying Pan Farm Park, 703-437-9101 for additional information.

Annual Church Street Holiday Stroll - evening

Monday, November 30

Santa will arrive to greet children at the Historic Freeman Store in the Town of Vienna. Various local musical groups will perform throughout the evening, Mayor Jane Seeman will light the Holiday Tree. Church Street will be closed to traffic during the event. All merchants along Church Street will remain open for holiday shoppers. For more information, call Historic Vienna at 703-938-5187.

Children's Holiday Shopping - 12:30 - 3:30pm , and

Sunday, December 5

Monday, December 7, 3 - 6 p.m.

Frying Pan Farm Park Country Store stocks many unique items in all price ranges for kids to do their holiday shopping. Volunteers help children shop for everybody on their holiday list. Meet at the Old Floris Schoolhouse. Free wrapping assures surprises for family and friends. Adults are invited to wait at the schoolhouse. Inclement weather dates are 12/12 and 12/14. Call the County Store at 703-437-9101.

Congratulations to:

Herndon's **Louise Rooney** has been selected as the **2009 Barbara Varon Volunteer Award**. Louise has served as a volunteer with many organizations including the Herndon Fortnightly Club, The Closet, a local ESOL program, Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, Reston Hospital and others. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established the award to recognize a County resident's dedication to improving community through volunteer service.

Champions of Character in Sports are selected from each magisterial district by the Fairfax County Athletic Council. Congratulations to our **Hunter Mill District winners** for this year;

Emma Evans, Female Athlete, Reston Youth Basketball League

Preston Bacon, Male Athlete, Fairfax Stars basketball

Todd Casey, Coach, Vienna Youth, Incorporated football

Judy Johnson, Parent, Chantilly Youth Association track and field.

Message from Fairfax ReLeaf:

Fairfax ReLeaf, a non-profit organization of volunteers formed to plant and preserve trees in and around Fairfax County, is seeking someone with a strong background in accounting (preferably a working professional accountant) to join its Board of Directors to help manage its accounting activities. Since its founding in 1992, Fairfax ReLeaf and its volunteers have planted more than 92,000 trees in northern Virginia. The Board of Directors is actively involved in the operation of the organization and meets monthly to review activities and set priorities. If you are interested and would like more information, please call our Executive Director, Taylor Beach, at 703-324-1409.

Dates to Remember

(indicates page for additional information in this newsletter)

Friday, November 6

Helping the Homeless and Those with Special Needs seminar: 9:30-4 p.m. (p. 5)

Child Safety Seat Inspections (free): 1-3 p.m. (p. 8)

Monday, November 9

Common Interest Seminar (Condo & HOA New Laws): 7 p.m. (p. 5)

Tuesday, November 10

Dulles Toll Road/I-495 Interchange Planning: 7 p.m. (p. 8)

Thursday, November 12

Understanding \$ and Credit Workshop: 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. (p.4)

Friday, November 13

Fuel Assistance Application Deadline (p. 4)

Sunday, November 15

Rabies Clinic (reduced price on vaccines): 2-4 p.m. (p. 9)

Monday, November 16

Hunter Mill District Area Plan Review Task Force: 7 p.m. (p. 7)

Tuesday, November 17

Hunter Mill District Land Use committee: 7:30 p.m. (p. 7)

Wednesday, November 18

Route 7 Widening Project Meeting: 6-8 p.m. (p. 8)