

# HUNTING TOWERS & HUNTING TERRACE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION (HTHTTA)



## Message to Mayor & City Council Members April 12, 2003

1. We agree with our neighbors at Porto Vecchio, and fully support their ***"Statement of Porto Vecchio Residents to the Alexandria City Council"*** dated April 12, 2003.
2. VDOT continues to completely and flagrantly disregard the well-thought-out suggestions and safety concerns of Hunting Towers and Hunting Terrace residents as well.
3. Please see the attached ***"VDOT Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project US Route 1 Interchange Tie-In Contract (VA-4) Schedule, beginning April 7 thru April 12, 2003"***:
  - A. Under "Hunting Towers" scheduled work, no mention was made of the installation of a new illuminated sign, "Hunting Point on the Potomac", nor were residents ever told about the name change, which is enormously disconcerting to us all.
  - B. No mention was made of extensive digging being conducted at the southeast corner of the rear of the Center Building.
  - C. No mention was made that several trees along South Washington Street near the Hunting Towers West Building back parking lot would be removed.
  - D. Under "Hunting Terraces" (and the name is "Hunting Terrace"), there was no mention made of the fact that the south, southwest, and west perimeter around the Terrace would be totally denuded of flora and vegetation, along with the removal of trees over 100 years old, along Hunting Creek. These wetlands were annihilated this past week, and there was little any of us could do about it. This was work that we had no notice of beforehand at all. Huge piles of unsightly woodchips are all that is left, and unsightly dumpsters. VDOT is once again considering itself "all-powerful" and "untouchable", and easily earning its spelled out acronym, "Virginians Destroying Old Town".
  - E. Under "Washington Street", there was no mention made of the fact that the entire slip road alongside Hunting Terrace would be ripped apart. There was no mention that huge bulldozers would muddy the area, and remain present throughout the week.
  - F. There was no mention made that on Thursday night, at least one dozen police cars would line up, fender to fender, in a newly created dirt service road that separates the 3 Hunting Terrace buildings that are slated for demolition, from the 5 remaining Hunting Terrace buildings. Signs were posted that indicated a police training was occurring, but why weren't residents advised of this training session beforehand?

Submitted most sincerely by Ardith Campbell Dentzer, President, HTHTTA, 703-549-6121



## Virginia Department of Transportation

### WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE PROJECT US Route 1 Interchange Tie-In Contract (VA-4)

**Schedule beginning April 7 thru April 12, 2003.**

#### **Coming Soon...**

**Location: S. Washington Street over the Beltway**

Noisy evening and night work scheduled to start on or about Monday, April 14, 2003 for duration of approximately three weeks after approximately 8:00 PM and lasting until 5:00 AM

- Two lanes of the Beltway will be closed due to Washington Street bridge (overhead) construction. Late evening and night-time is the only time when Beltway traffic volumes will allow a 50% reduction in capacity.
- Temporary lane closure of the right lane southbound S. Washington Street.
- Noise will be generated by saw cutting through the road and lightweight jackhammers.
- Lights mounted on 8-10 foot poles will illuminate the work area. The lights will be directed downward onto the worksite.

#### **Hunting Towers**

- Continue grading for two new parking lots southeast of the demolished Hunting Tower and the new lot west of the tennis court.
- Continued grading for new parking lots on existing footprint of the demolished tower.

#### **Hunting Terraces**

- Continue grading behind the vacant Hunting Terrace buildings. This area is in the alignment of the wider I-95/495 and future ramp from U.S. Route 1, as well as for the sound wall.
- Safety fence erected in the former courtyards; area will be used for two six-space courtyard parking. This parking will replace the parking that currently exists on the access road.

#### **Washington Street**

- Traffic barriers have been placed to allow construction work near the west side of S. Washington Street. Widening on the west side of S. Washington Street will continue.
- Four lanes of traffic will be maintained on S. Washington Street for approximately two months.

#### **Schedule**

- This schedule is weather dependent.

For questions about the contractor's work, please contact the VDOT Project Engineer, Charlie Warraich at 703-960-7017.