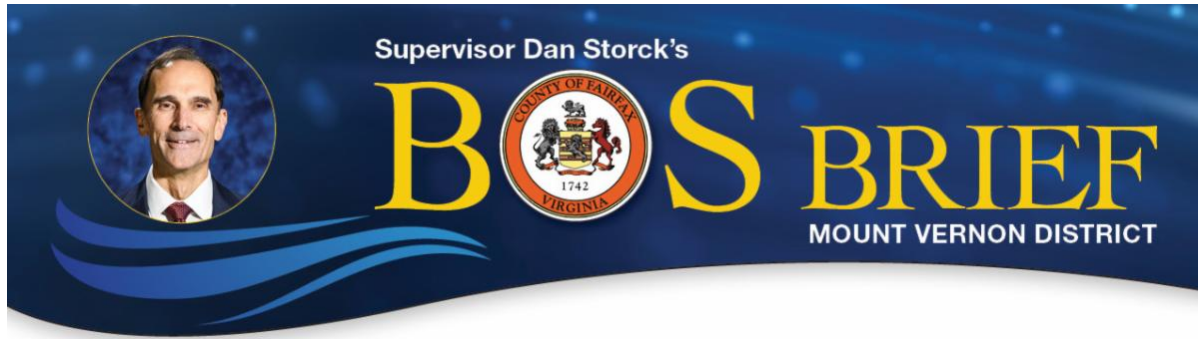


February 22, 2022



Dear Neighbors,

At this week's Board of Supervisor's meeting we began the County's FY 2023 Budget process, with the presentation of the [County Executive's Proposed FY 2023 Advertised Budget Plan](#).

Highlights of the County Executive's proposed budget include:

- Recommends **no change in the Real Estate Tax rate** of \$1.14 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Recommends **fully funding County schools**.
- Recommends a 4.01% Market Rate Adjustment for County employees and makes changes to step increases.
- Funds **modest investments in Board priorities**, including Public Safety staffing, Diversion First, Opioid Use Prevention Efforts, Environmental Initiatives, Affordable Housing and Health Department positions.
- Recommends **2 positions for the South County Animal Shelter**.
- Funds programming for **Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS)** and the **Lorton Community Center**.
- Recommends **no County Bond issuance** for 2022.

The County Executive also noted that **real estate assessments** and **personal property tax values** significantly increased this year. I and other Board members are committed to looking for ways to **minimize this impact on our residents** during the budget process. More details on the proposed budget can be found below and in the [Citizen's Guide to the proposed budget](#). Additionally, the County also released [2022 real estate assessment information](#). You can see the presentation and my remarks that start at 1:53 [here](#).

I will be hosting my **Budget Town Meeting** with School Board Member **Karen Corbett Sanders** and the **Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations** on **Wednesday, March 23 at 6 p.m.** via zoom. [More information...](#)

Other meeting highlights:

- Approved rezoning application for **Alexandria Crossing development** and its eligibility for application into the **Economic Incentive Program**.
- Deferred a decision on adopting a **running bamboo ordinance**.
- The Board of Supervisors appointed **Thomas G. Arnold** as **Deputy County Executive for Safety and Security**.
- The Board of Supervisors appointed **Steven Richardson** as **Executive Director of the Police Civilian Review Panel**.

I also recognized two Mount Vernon residents who have recently passed, **Colonel Elwyn J. "Stub" Warfle**, US Air Force (Ret.) and **Bruce Malkin**. Colonel Elwyn J "Stub" Warfle was **98 years old** and he and his **devoted wife, Josephine**, had just celebrated their **78th wedding anniversary** this past fall. Colonel Warfle was a World War II Veteran and stalwart **founder and steward of Little Hunting Creek's Harbour Pointe community**. Bruce Malkin was a long time Mount Vernon resident in the **Riverside Estates Neighborhood**. Mr. Malkin was awarded United Community's **Gerry Hyland Humanitarian Award** in 2018, was a leader in the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club and supported **United Community's many programs**. Both of these men will **missed, but certainly not forgotten**.

Respectfully yours in public service,



Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors February 22, 2022 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). The clerk to the board's official **Summary of Board Actions** is available the week following each meeting. Information is also available by a **video linked to the board agenda** and the **Board of Supervisors Highlights podcast**.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Madeleine Carcamo Reyes** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: Madeleine.CarcamoReyes@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the February 22, 2022 Board Package [click here](#).

Proclamations and Recognitions



George Mason University 50th Anniversary

Proposed FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan

The County Executive presented **his proposal for the FY 2023 Budget**. This is the first step in a **public process that extends through April** as we work to refine and further balance our budget. The County Executive's proposal, in what we all recognize is **still a challenging time** due to COVID-19, is a mixed bag. Prices are rising, **real estate assessments continue to rise** and this has **real impacts** on those with fixed incomes, **especially our seniors**. I worked hard for several years to **expand tax relief** and because of this we have **new eligibility for our neediest residents**. Our **expanded tax relief program for qualifying seniors and disabled persons** is now in effect and I encourage those **who are eligible to apply**.

As cost of living rises, we must also address compensation for our **hard working County employees** who have helped us get through these **past two challenging and difficult years without raises**. I along with other Board members will be **carefully balancing these issues** and proposing changes important to **reduce the financial impact** on all of our residents before the final budget is adopted.

Highlights of the County Executive's Proposed Budget

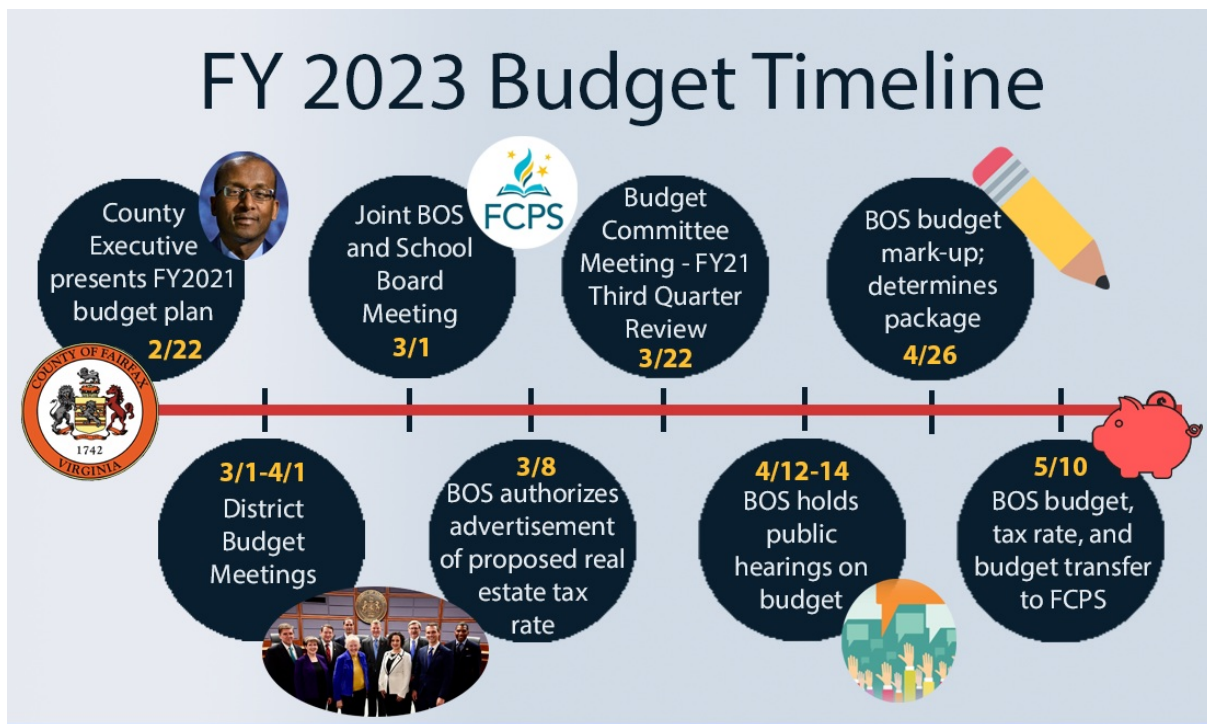
- **Tax rate:** The County Executive has proposed a **flat tax rate of \$1.14 per \$100 of assessed value**. The County Executive's proposed budget also provides flexibility for our **Board to consider a lower tax rate**.
- **FCPS:** Over 50% of our budget goes to FCPS, which currently totals over \$2.28 billion. The County Executive has proposed for the **twelfth straight year that we increase our transfer**, this year by \$112.6 million. This would **fully fund the budget proposal** we received from FCPS, and allow schools to also address employee compensation.
- **Affordable Housing:** The proposal commits **more baseline dollars** to affordable housing with close to a **\$20 million increase** in this funding over two years. This is a continued priority because of its **benefits to economic development**, and the tremendous housing need that exists countywide.
- **County Employee Pay:** Our County employees have **been there for us** since the pandemic began. Alongside **nationwide challenges in retaining and recruiting**, we know employee compensation is a critical need. This proposal includes a **4.01% market rate adjustment** for County employees, as well as performance, merit, and longevity increases.

How to Provide Public Comment

I encourage you to **share your thoughts** on this proposal. It's opinions like yours that are crucial as the Board **shapes the details** of this budget.

- **Join me** for my [Budget Town Meeting](#).
- **Email me:** mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Sign up for the **budget public hearings on April 12-14**, with options available to testify over phone, YouTube video, or in person. [More information...](#)

Next Steps



Administrative Items

Item 2: Approved addition of a portion of **Woodlawn Road** to the Secondary System of State Highways. *The full item can be read on pages 42 - 47 of the Board Package.*

Authorized public hearings on:

- **Adjustments to Election Precincts and Polling Places** based on state redistricting changes. Public hearing will be held on **March 8 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 77 - 394 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 8: Adopted a Resolution of Support for the **abandonment of a portion of Richmond Highway** by the Virginia Department of Transportation. This is the original section of Richmond Highway before it was **relocated when the roadway was widened** to Jeff Todd Way. *The full item can be read on pages 42 - 47 of the Board Package.*

Item 10: Approved the eligibility of the **Alexandria Crossing development** for application into the **Economic Incentive Program**. *The full item can be read on pages 619 - 625 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Equal Rights Amendment Ratification - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Penny Gross, Dalia Palchik, Kathy Smith, Walter Alcorn, John Foust, Rodney Lusk and James Walkinshaw

Virginia became the **38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** in 2020 following bipartisan approval by the General Assembly. This was a **major victory for women** who, for nearly a century, have been working to ensure a constitutional guarantee of **legal rights regardless of gender**. This historic vote also paved the way for the ERA to become recognized as the **28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution**. As you'll recall, Constitutional amendments must be ratified by **three-quarters of the states, or 38**.

Though the U.S. Congress set a **ratification deadline of 1982**, a group of Attorneys General, including former Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, sued to **ensure the ERA would be recognized as an amendment**. Disappointingly, **Virginia's current Attorney General, Jason Miyares**, withdrew the Commonwealth from the legal effort last week, citing **potential undermining of the Constitution** and its amendment process.

Despite the Attorney General's withdrawal, the **legal effort to certify the ERA** as the 28th amendment **will continue**. Still, Virginia's absence from this effort undermines the work of **so many in the Commonwealth who fought** and continue to fight for equality regardless of gender.

Action

Directed staff to:

- *Draft a letter of support of the ERA and the need to certify it as the 28th Amendment.*
 - *Send the letter to Attorney General Miyares, under the Chairman's signature no later than this Friday.*
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Public Hearings

Alexandria Crossing

Approved rezoning and proffers for the **Alexandria Crossing development** to construct **466 total units** consisting of 385 multi family apartments, 23 Stacked Townhomes (46 units total) and 45 single family attached homes. Developer proffers include:

- **Undergrounding of existing overhead utilities** on Richmond Highway frontage.
- Additional **\$250,000 off-site contribution to FCPA** for a future Fairchild/Quander Park.
- EarthCraft and **National Green Building Standards** Energy Star certifications
- 10% of units will be **Workforce Dwelling Units** (WDUs).

Regulations on Running Bamboo

The Board held a public hearing on **adopting a running bamboo ordinance**. We heard from many residents who were **generally supportive of regulating this invasive species**. While we all recognize that running bamboo, and indeed other invasive species,

are **harmful to our environment**, the regulation of invasive species **presents many challenges**, including who owns the bamboo, **where did it start**, how long should homeowners have to remediate the problem and **can it be controlled** instead of eliminated. The ordinance, as proposed, would provide a **complaint based system** for homeowners who have running bamboo encroaching on their property to report it to **County Code Compliance**. Staff would then investigate the situation and **work with the "bamboo owner"** on steps to remediate the growth onto other properties. If compliance is not achieved, the County would have the **authority to fine the "bamboo owner"**. Additional discussion at the Board meeting included when to enact the ordinance and **when to start charging fines**. County staff will bring **additional information to the Board** and we will **consider this ordinance again at the March 8** Board of Supervisors meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Approved a proposed **zoning ordinance amendment** to Chapter 112.1 regarding minor and editorial revisions.

Upcoming Land Use Cases

Board of Supervisors

March 8: [PA-2018-IV-MV4](#) Concurrent with RZ 2021-MV-00017 and Zoning Ordinance Amendment, **Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District (HOD)**. Evaluate the creation of a Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District Portions of the Hollin Hills neighborhood.

Planning Commission

March 16: [PCA-2009-MV-018](#) **Scannell Properties #117, LLC** and Scannell Properties #82, LLC. Amend proffers associated with RZ 2009-MV-018 **North of Telegraph Road, West of Fairfax County Parkway and South of Cinder Bed Road**.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

March 9:

- [SP-2021-MV-072](#) Diuris J. Quaint and Little Beginners LLC, **2701 Dawn Drive**. Special permit for **home day care facility** and reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit an accessory structure 1.4 feet from side lot line.
 - [SP-2021-MV-00087](#) Virginia E. and J. Timothy O'Neil, **2116 Belle Haven Rd**. Increase in **fence or wall height** in a front yard.
 - [SP-2021-MV-00141](#) David Domanski, **8029 Candlewood Drive**. Reduction in **setback requirements to permit an addition** 13.7 feet from the rear lot line.
 - [SP-2021-MV-00053](#) Ethiopian Orthodox Church, **9290 Windrush Drive**, Lorton. Special permit to **build a Church** on a R-1 residential lot.
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COVID-19

Masks in FCPS

I have heard from many of you about the **recent state decision to require schools** to remove mask mandates. While **I don't like masks any more than many of you** and hope they are gone soon, I do not believe the **state government should be mandating** decisions that should be made by local school boards who **know their unique, local circumstances**. This state decision not only goes against federal guidelines and recommendations, but also now gives the **state health authority over local school districts'** operations in perpetuity. Do any of us think the **state government will be able to act as fast** as the next COVID wave, if and when it arrives?

This issue is **larger than masks**. It is about who is in the best position to make **decisions about our local community** and I don't believe those decisions are best made by the federal government, nor do I feel the state has earned this right either. **The state has chronically underfunded our schools for decades, currently directly funding less than 20 percent our local FCPS budget**. Fairfax County taxpayers fund 64 percent. We

must continue to advocate for the General Assembly to change their **funding formulas that are unfair to Fairfax County** and **provide appropriate funding levels for our students**.

As a former School Board member, I deeply **respect the responsibility** that school board members have to our **schools, students and staff** to keep them **healthy, supported and learning**. I will continue to work with the School Board and our **School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders**, as partners to ensure that our school system continues to **excel and meet the needs of each student**. We have been through a lot together and I ask that you **continue to spread kindness, respect and civility** and not COVID-19!

Vaccine Recommendation Updated

The **Centers for Disease and Control (CDC)** updated its [vaccine recommendations on February 17](#) for people who are **moderately or severely immunocompromised** and have completed a three-dose primary series of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). It is **now recommended that they receive an mRNA booster dose (fourth dose)** at least three months (instead of five months) after the last primary dose.

New Online Tool to Help Calculate Isolation and Quarantine Period

People who have been **exposed to COVID-19** or **tested positive** now have an easy way to determine how long to **stay home and away from others**: the Virginia Department of Health's new [online isolation and quarantine calculators](#).

Texts/Calls Remind Residents to get Boosters

If you were vaccinated against COVID-19 **more than five months ago** and have not yet received a booster, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) **may send you a voice or text message** reminding you to make an appointment. The message will read, "Virginia Department of Health records indicate you are **eligible for a Booster COVID-19 vaccine**. **To schedule an appointment** visit www.vaccines.gov or call (877) 829-4682. Please disregard this message if you have already received your Booster." **The message will also be sent in Spanish.**

District Information & Upcoming Events

Infill Development Task Force Meeting

The Infill Development Task Force will meet **tonight, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.** The Task Force (IDTF) includes many **neighborhood representatives**, my office, our state elected representatives, and developers to **review and evaluate County and state options** for better addressing the impacts on neighbors and neighborhoods of **"by-right" residential infill redevelopment projects**. "By-right" development means it is a permitted use in a zoning district and, as long as the planned development meets County/state standards, the **County does not have the legal right** to stop or restrict that property's development.

The public is welcome to listen and observe all Task Force meetings and may have an opportunity to ask questions, if time allows, at the end of meetings.

Meeting info:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83654093370?pwd=aWgyNE8zaytRamFOd3crVXkwUmZndz09>

Password: 688058

Or Telephone: USA 602 333 0032, USA 8882709936 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 2149853

[More information...](#)



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You are Invited

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Brand Launch Press Event

Friday, February 25, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Gerry Hyland Government Center (outside in tent)
8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria

Come celebrate a major milestone – the unveiling of the brand identity for the future
Richmond Highway BRT system

Remarks

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District Supervisor
Daniel G. Storck, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer



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The Richmond Highway BRT project is funded in part by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.



FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

LEARN TO COMPOST AT HOME

Mar 1, 2022 7:00 PM Eastern Time

FEATURED SPEAKER: The Compost Crew will discuss compost science, best practices and large-scale composting in Fairfax County.

Next is "The Compost Diaries," where 3 community members and home compost enthusiasts talk about their personal experience composting with their families.

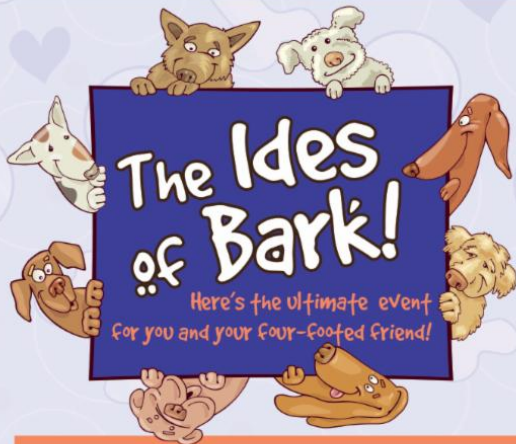
The workshop concludes with a Q&A session to help make composting in your home easier for you.

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