

June 22, 2021



We started this week's Board meeting with acknowledgements and recognitions. I asked the community to please keep **missing Lorton resident Emily Lu** and her family in your thoughts and awareness. Ms. Lu has been missing since **early June and foul play is suspected**. She was **last seen on June 3 at the Aldi** on Rt. 123 in Woodbridge, after which her **car was found in her driveway with fresh groceries** still in it. Fairfax County Police Officers ultimately **searched Ms. Lu's home** and discovered evidence that led them to believe she may have been the **victim of violence**. The investigation is ongoing and a **\$20,000 reward is now being offered** through Crime Solvers for information related to the disappearance. Detectives are asking **anyone with information** to contact our **Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 6**.



The Board also recognized **Steve Edgemon, General Manager of Fairfax Water**, on his retirement and for his contributions to the County. Steve has been a **driving force in leading** the Water Authority and helping to **create the vision** with Vulcan Quarry to **protect and provide water** to the County well into the **future, until 2080**. As the population of the county continues to grow, this **creative solution** will meet our **growing future water demands**. Thank you for your **service to our residents**, Steve!

Yesterday, the Board appointed 20 members to the **Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)**. The RAC is tasked with using 2020 U.S. Census data to **draw Fairfax County magisterial districts**. These districts determine **representation on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**. This process will take place from **August 30-September 17**. As required by law, the County **will consider redrawing its political boundaries** following the U.S. Census that is conducted every 10 years. This is done to **ensure proportional representation** as populations grow and shift over time. The Virginia Constitution requires that election districts for local governing bodies "**give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district.**" I have **appointed former Supervisor Gerry Hyland** to represent the Mount Vernon District on the RAC. Chairman Jeff McKay also appointed **Mount Vernon resident Lisa Sales** as an at-large representative.

**Public input will be key** to the committee's efforts. **Residents are encouraged to submit their own plans and provide feedback, revisions and comments** on the committee's or others' proposed plans. The public will be able to **easily draw their own maps** at the **same time as the redistricting committee** using an online portal. [Learn more and see a full list of members...](#)

#### **Additional Meeting Highlights:**

1. Authorized FCDOT to apply for **\$25 million in grant funding** for the **Richmond Highway BRT**.
2. Approved a restaurant with drive through at **Shoppes at Lorton Valley**, planned to be a **Popeyes Chicken restaurant**.
3. Deferred the decision on the zoning ordinance amendment with regard to **revisions to state code re: HODs and River Farm**. Read more about this below.
4. Approved an **Agritourism Zoning Amendment**.
5. Recognized **Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby** for winning the **State Championship**.

I also invited everyone to my **3rd Annual Environment Expo: Outdoors! Learn and Do!**

This year's event is being held in partnership with the **National Park Service at Fort Hunt Park** this **Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. - noon**. This **FREE family friendly event** is expected to draw several hundred visitors and features **live animals, nature walks, live music by the Joe Chiocca Band, the Purple Glass Monster**, local Friends groups and much, much more! [Learn more and RSVP...](#)

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 22, 2021 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Nick Rinehart** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: [nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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To view the **June 22, 2021 Board Package** [click here](#).



**July 2021 as Latinx Conservation Month**

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## Administrative Items

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**Item 4:** Approved **Neighborhood and Community Services** accepting **grant funding** from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**.

**Item 5:** Approved the **Health Department** accepting **grant funding** from the Virginia Department of Health for **COVID-19 epidemiology support**.

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## Action Items

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**Item 4:** Approved Applying to the **State Board of Elections** for a waiver to administer a **split precinct for the Lorton Precinct**. *The full item can be read on pages 182 - 189 of*

the Board Package.

**Item 5:** Approved and updated **Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC)** and Continuum of Care (CoC) charters and membership structure, to replace the Governing Board of the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness that was dissolved in 2020. The AHAC was first established by the Board on May 23, 2005, with an initial purpose to **oversee and provide advice** regarding the original **Penny for Affordable Housing**. AHAC recommended **goals and priorities**, defined "affordability," provided guidance on the Penny Fund's **business plan and procedures**, monitored effectiveness of the Penny Fund and **enhanced community outreach**. *The full item can be read on pages 190 - 198 of the Board Package.*

**Item 6:** Authorized FCDOT to apply for funding in the amount of **\$25 million** through the FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program for the **Richmond Highway BRT Project**. *The full item can be read on pages 199 - 202 of the Board Package.*

**Item 7:** Approval of the **Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee Recommendations** for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Funding Categories for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). The recommendations include a **restructuring of the funding process** to provide a **new two-lane strategy** CCFP. Lane one (CCFP RFPI), similar to previous funding cycles, will award funding to programs to support important services which **build self-sufficiency, provide health programs, assist with financial stability, encourage positive behaviors, and build strong social networks** through prevention programs and services. Lane two (CCFP RFPII) will use data to **allocate emergency housing and emergency food intervention supports** to all areas of the County, proportionate to need. These outcome-focused categories **support current Board initiatives, encompass the One Fairfax policy** and support health and human services system initiatives. *The full item can be read on pages 203 - 210 of the Board Package.*

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## Board Matters

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### Adoption of Auditor of the Board's June 2020 Quarterly Report and Approval of the Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter

As **Audit Committee Chairman**, I presented the Audit Committee's recommendation for full Board approval of the **Quarterly Report for June 2021**. The report included study areas, Auditor and Committee recommendations and managements' concurrence.

#### **Action**

*Adopted the Audit Committee's recommendations for the [June 2021 Quarterly Report](#) and approved the attached Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.*

### **Machinery and Tools (M&T) Tax** - Joint with Supervisors Pat Herrity, Rodney Lusk and Dalia Palchik

The Machinery and Tools Tax ("M&T Tax") on Fairfax County's **existing small-scale production businesses and startups** is more than three times higher than a number of our surrounding jurisdictions. The combination of **higher tax rate and a less favorable depreciation schedule** is not only having an adverse financial burden on these businesses, but has also **discouraged new business**, and the expansion of existing facilities.

One of our efforts to **diversify our tax base and fill empty commercial and retail space** is attracting and growing small-scale producers. As noted in the County contracted **Recast City LLC Small-Scale Production Report** which was presented to the last Board, "A number of scaling production businesses noted that the business taxes in the County are depressing their opportunity to grow and such disparity in tax rates might encourage them to consider neighboring jurisdictions as they scale" **furthermore** "The County's tax rate on this equipment, (\$4.57 per \$100 of assessed value), while competitive with some adjacent jurisdictions, is higher than Loudoun County (\$2.75 per \$100 of assessed value), and may out compete the County for small-scale producers, especially as they scale." [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

#### **Action**

- Requested that more information on the Machinery and Tools Tax be brought back before the Board as part of the FY 2023 budget discussion.
- Directed the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) recirculate with the Board an

analysis of the tax rates and depreciation schedules of the county and surrounding jurisdictions and the resulting tax impacts on an investment of \$100,000 over the 10 years by a business in each of the jurisdictions.

## Recognizing Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby State Champions - Joint with Supervisor Pat Herrity

On Sunday June 6, the **Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby team** defeated strong challengers from other regions in Virginia **to win the Rugby Virginia High School State Championship**. The Fort Hunt Warriors **went on to compete in the national tournament** starting in the fourth-place seed. They competed hard and although they fell short of the championship, they **earned the ranking of 8th in the nation**.

The **players and coaches deserve a lot of credit** for winning the state championship this year and going on to compete at the national level. On top of their skill as a team, this team is also known for **showing great sportsmanship**. It is a testament to the **character of everyone involved** that they overcame formidable opposition to clinch their titles and capped off another fantastic season.

### Action

*Directed that the Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby team come before the Board to receive a resolution recognizing their successful season, national ranking and sportsmanship.*

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## Public Hearings

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### Lorton Valley Retail

Approved SE 2020-MV-020 and PCA 89-V-059, located in the **Shoppes at Lorton Valley at 8971 Ox Road**. The site is zoned C-6 and is developed with a suburban shopping center.

This action modifies the proffers and allows for an **increase in sign height** and grants permission to **convert a vacant banking institution** with existing drive-through to a **drive-through restaurant**, where a **Popeyes is planning to locate**. The proposed Special Exception will not alter the footprint of the existing building, but simply **change the stacking lanes** to accommodate restaurant operations. The Applicant has been working diligently with staff and the community.

### Proposed Amendments to Chapter 118 (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (County Code) and Chapter 12 (Tree Preservation) of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Re: Resource Protection Area (RPA) Planting Requirements

Approved amendments that **revise the current RPA planting requirements** in the PFM, which are incorporated into the Ordinance by reference. The **updated planting densities** are based on **local experience** with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) **stream restoration projects**. Additional planting options and a **requirement to use more native plant species** increases diversity and **environmental benefits**. Amendments include:

- **Elimination of existing differences** between the Ordinance and PFM requirements.
- Consolidation of all the **RPA planting density requirements** in one location, the PFM.
- Inclusion of requirements for each of the **five planting components**: 1) overstory trees; 2) understory trees; 3) shrubs; 4) permanent groundcover; and 5) temporary groundcover.

### Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Agritourism and Related Changes

Approved a Zoning Ordinance amendment that includes changes that establish a **definition for agritourism**, provides a tiered approach to **regulating agritourism activities** and includes **associated standards** related to agritourism uses. The amendment also updates the **definition of agricultural operation**; expands regulations for a **bed and breakfast** when in association with an agricultural operation; clarifies and expands the regulations for **wayside stands** including the size and products to be sold; permits **farm worker housing** as an accessory use to an agricultural operation; and allows **food trucks** in association with an **agritourism use, farm winery, limited brewery or limited distillery** with



appropriate standards. Establishing these standards provides a **more predictable and consistent approach** to regulation of these activities, not only for agritourism providers, but also for their neighbors.

## **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions**

As a follow on motion at the Board's approval of the **Historic Overlay District for Wellington at River Farm**, the Board directed **staff to analyze SB 1457** and hold a public hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would **grant the Architecture Review Board (ARB) additional authority** to hear and decide applications for any proposed subdivision—including any subdivision plat, plan, or construction plan—of any parcel or parcels within an **HOD whose district-specific regulations require such ARB approval**. Of the 14 HODs in the County, this amendment only **applies only to the Wellington at River Farm HOD**. The proposed amendment would **require ARB approval of any proposed subdivision** in the Wellington at River Farm Historic Overlay District (WHOD).

I have been **very involved with these additional protections** for the HOD since **Senators Scott Surovell and Adam Ebbin** and I first discussed this option **six months ago**. County staff has done **wonderful work fast tracking these changes** and we are very near their adoption. **Deferral of our final vote to July** provides the additional time needed for **public input and completion of our work**.

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## **Board Appointments**

**Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:**

- Health Care Advisory Board - **Shikha Dixit**
- Health Systems Agency Board - **Magalie Emile-Backer**
- Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Committee - **Roberta Kelley Paul**
- Redistricting Advisory Committee - **Former Supervisor Gerry Hyland** and **Lisa Sales**

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## **Upcoming Land Use Cases**

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### **Board of Supervisors**

#### **July 13**

- Public Hearing on PCA 74-8-126 **Yoshi Holdings LLC**. Amend proffers and conditions associated with RZ-74-8-126, to allow construction of **6 single family homes** on parcel at **East side of Hooes Road and south side of Southern Oaks Place**.
- Public Hearing on **Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance for 2506 Fleming Street**, Mount Vernon (Deferred from 6/8/21) [June 8, 2021 Final Board of Supervisors Meeting Package](#)

**July 27:** Decision Only: **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions**.

### **Planning Commission**

**July 14:** PA 2020-III-P1 **8708 Silverbrook Road**. Initiated by BOS 9/29/20 – consider a **planned density of 4-5 dwelling units per acre**, Tax Map #: 0983 01 0003.

**July 21:** RZ 2021-MV-004 **Marie J & Paul L Charles**. NON-EXEMPT: RZ From R-2 to R-3 to **allow two single-family detached units East side of Lukens Lane and North side of Old Mill Rd**, Tax Map #: 1101 01 0037B.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**

#### **June 30:**

- **Pillar Church Of Dumfries, Inc., 9001 Woodlawn Road**, Mount Vernon - to amend 93-v-021 previously approved for a **place of worship** to allow the modification of site and development condition.
- **Scott T. McCain And Marie Z. McCain, 8429 Richmond Avenue**, Mount Vernon - reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to **allow accessory structure (treehouse)** to remain 2.1 feet from a rear lot line and 8.6'

from a side lot line.

- **Laili Akahanzadah and Home of Angels Daycare LLC, Home child care facility, 9017 Haywood Avenue, Lorton.**

**July 14: Mary Belinda Johns Irrevocable Trust**, reduction of the **minimum yard requirements** based on error in building location to **permit a roofed deck** located 9.1 feet from the side lot line to remain and an **increase in fence height** in any front yard to permit an existing 6.0 feet high fence to remain, **4900 Old Mill Road, Mount Vernon.**

**July 28: The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints**, amend SP 81-V-066 previously approved for place of worship to **modify site conditions, 2000 George Washington Memorial Parkway, Mount Vernon.**

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## District Information & Upcoming Events

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# COMMUNITIES OF TRUST

PRESENTS:

# MEET THE CHIEF

IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM



<https://communitiesoftrust.eventbrite.com>

**Communities of Trust** is hosting Fairfax County's **newly appointed Police Chief, Kevin Davis**, in meeting with **interested community members** to discuss his **plans for the department** and **keeping Fairfax County one of the safest places to live**. He looks forward to hearing your thoughts and answering any questions.


**July 8: George Mason's Gunston Hall**

In-Person: <http://bit.ly/mtc0708>  
Zoom: <https://bit.ly/mtczoom070821>

**July 15: Gum Springs Community Center**

In-Person: <http://bit.ly/mtc0715>  
Zoom: <http://bit.ly/mtczoom0715>



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## Original Mount Vernon High School Renovation and Adaptive Reuse Community Update Meeting

An **In-Person Community Meeting** is planned for **June 24, from 7-9:00 p.m.**, at the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) Gymnasium. The project team will **present progress on the design of the renovations** for the building and the site, as well as continued efforts to finalize **building use programs** including: educational, community use, recreational, childcare and others with the **vision to create a human development center**.

A **Virtual Community Meeting** is planned for **June 28, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**, to share the same information provided at the in-person meeting.

[View the flyer in English and Spanish...](#)

[More information and how to RSVP...](#)

## Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Preliminary Roadway Design Comment Period Open Now Through July 9

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is **seeking community input** on the preliminary design for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit system.

**Through July 9**, we are asking the community to **review the current preliminary design** and **let us know what you think**. Your input will be compiled and shared with the County Board of Supervisors as part of their review of the Preliminary Design this summer.

This is not a final design. Following Board endorsement, FCDOT and the design team will **continue refining the design, adding additional details and reducing potential property impacts**, where possible.

### Online Meeting (Presentation and Q&A) Wednesday, June 30, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

- At this meeting, the project team will share information about the preliminary roadway design, as well as other project updates, including the process for right-of-way acquisition. FCDOT is accepting comments on the preliminary design through July 9.
- This meeting will be recorded for later viewing, and a Spanish recording will be made available.

[Learn More...](#)

## Penn Daw Fire Station, Emergency, Supportive & Affordable Housing

Please join us for **an on-site community meeting** on **Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m.** at the Beacon Hill project site. This meeting will also be streamed live on my [Facebook page](#). In addition, we are **coordinating tours of the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter** for those who are interested. Those tours can be scheduled on **Thursday, June 24 at 9, 10 and 11 a.m.** [Sign up here](#) if you are interested in a tour. [Visit the project website for more information...](#)

## Resilient Fairfax Survey

The Resilient Fairfax public survey is open through **July 2**. The Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) has announced the opening of an online public survey to **assess climate vulnerabilities and risks** within the community. This survey, which will **remain open until 11:59 PM on July 2, 2021**, is part of the **Resilient Fairfax initiative**, a county-wide effort to increase the community's overall resilience to climate impacts.

The survey **asks respondents to share their personal experiences** with climate impacts such as flooding and preparedness for **extreme weather and temperature events**. Additionally, the survey seeks **input from respondents** on potentially vulnerable segments of the population and types of infrastructure within the county.

- **English:** [Take the survey](#)
- **Spanish:** [Realice la encuesta pública](#)
- **Korean:** [☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐](#)
- **Vietnamese:** [Tham Gia Khảo Sát Công Khai](#)
- An [article about the survey](#) can be found here.
- [Resilient Fairfax Public Engagement Page](#)

## TEAM MVD is Hiring!

Passionate about your community and looking to **join a dynamic team**? Interested in making a **difference in people's lives** every day? If you live in the South Fairfax area, **TEAM MVD is looking for you!** We are looking for **motivated, engaged and outgoing individuals** to work with residents, community organizations, County staff, local businesses and other elected officials to **help everyone** in the Mount Vernon District **reach their fullest potential**. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: **transportation and trails**, animal control, consumer protection, cable, solid waste, **recycling**, code compliance, **libraries** and special projects. If this sounds like you, check out our [job listing here](#), and submit an application today to **join TEAM MVD** and **engage, connect and uplift your community!** There is no job so rewarding as working in your neighborhood, for your neighbors and **seeing your efforts come to fruition** through those around you. Submit your resume and cover letter to [MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov).

## Fall Internship Opportunity

The **Mount Vernon District Office** of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for **interns for the fall**. Supervisor Dan Storck is looking for **enthusiastic, hard-working, reliable, college-level** student interns interested in government and communications. Interns will gain **first-hand work experience in local government** in Virginia's largest jurisdiction. They **must also reside in the Mount Vernon magisterial district**.

Interns assist staff aides with **constituent service work** such as drafting letters and articles, answering phone calls, issue research, social media, and other tasks as needs arise. There are **opportunities to network** with other employees at meetings and events, and **learn more about your community**. Full or part-time internships with some scheduling flexibility are available. **Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter** to [mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov) by July 30, 2021. For all correspondence related to this internship opportunity, please use the **subject line "Internship Application."**

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## COVID-19 Updates

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[Vaccine Equity Clinic on Route 1 in Alexandria Offers Free Transportation](#)

[New Local Business Grant Program Approved to Help Hotel, Food, Retail and Arts Sectors](#)

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## ENVIRONMENT EXPO

Get Outdoors! Learn and Do!

June 26, 2021

8 a.m.—noon

Fort Hunt Park

Family Friendly Event including: Exhibitors, Workshops,  
Live Music, Live Reptile & Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles,  
Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck  
Recycling, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster, Food  
Trucks and more!

*(Event will follow COVID-19 protocols and restrictions. [Pre-registration required.](#))*



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