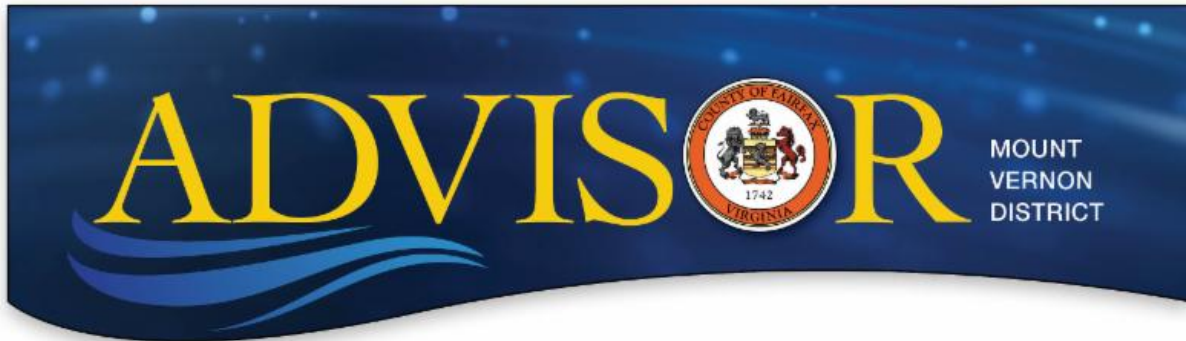


April 2021



Neighbors,

Please join me on **April 24 at 10 a.m. or April 26 at 7 p.m.** for **virtual community meetings** on the **Penn Daw Fire Station, Emergency and Supportive Housing project**. County staff has proposed building **new public safety and housing facilities** at the former Hybla Valley Nursery site at 2801 Beacon Hill Road. At the meeting, staff will present information about the project and **we all will be answering questions**.

As you know, our **Fairfax community is varied and diverse**, from ethnicity to income levels, we have it all. Our County is focused on **ensuring that the housing options** in the County are just as varied and diverse as our residents. That means single family homes, townhomes or high rises for those who want them, affordable homes for those who need them and emergency homes for those who need an extra hand up. Importantly, our **One Fairfax County policy** means these options must be available throughout the County, not just in one area.

In support of this concept, residents overwhelmingly **approved funding to renovate or replace four emergency housing facilities or shelters** through a 2016 Human Services and Community Development Bond Referendum. One facility has been completed and the remaining three are in various stages of development, including our area's facility. Bond funding was also approved to **replace the Penn Daw Fire Station** which was built in 1967 as a volunteer station and is one of the oldest and busiest in the County.

While planning for the replacement of the Penn Daw Fire Station, and **after years of searching for a new location**, the former Hybla Valley Nursery site became available and was found to be an advantageous location for a **new state-of-the-art fire station**. The location on Beacon Hill Road allows first responders direct access to emergencies in the community and **eliminates the need and million-dollar cost** for construction of a temporary fire station. Due to the larger than needed size of the property and ideal location near Richmond Highway, it also provided the **opportunity for co-location of additional facilities**, which **saves the County money and resources**, while providing better services. Since 2016, County staff has spent significant time reviewing and considering **twelve potential sites for this relocation** and this is the only viable site that has been identified in the area.



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With this in mind, County staff began looking at a **continuum of housing** that could be co-

located with the fire station and the need to replace the existing Eleanor Kennedy Shelter, located in a **100-year-old worn-out converted pump house** on Fort Belvoir land with no options for additional supportive housing. In addition, renovating this dilapidated shelter is not practical due to its age and poor design. Best practice calls for having **emergency housing be a part of a crisis response system** that provides safety, service connections, and individual and family **connections to permanent housing**.

To consider what might be co-located on this site, I convened the **Penn Daw Fire Station and Supportive Housing Committee**. The advisory committee, comprised of members from nearby communities, public safety representatives, faith community and affordable/emergency housing providers, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association, the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, Fort Belvoir and County staff **serve as liaisons between you - the community, this project and my office**.

As a **next step in the consideration process**, information is being shared with you through **two community meetings planned for April 24 at 10 a.m. and April 26 at 7 p.m.** At these meetings, County staff will provide an overview of the project under consideration, including the **fire station, emergency and supportive housing and ample time for you to ask questions** of them and me. In the meantime, **you can learn more about the plans** for the fire station and the current conditions and renovation challenges at the Kennedy Shelter on the **project website**: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/penn-daw-fire-station-and-supportive-housing>. The virtual community meeting information will also be posted at this link soon. As this planning process continues, **there will be additional community meetings and public hearings**.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

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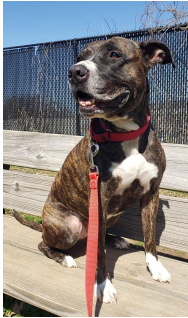
Budget Public Hearings

The **Proposed FY 2022 Budget public hearings will be held on April 13-15**. I encourage you to spend some time reviewing the **County Executive's Proposed FY 2022 Budget** and share your comments with the Board during the **upcoming budget public hearings**. You can also watch the **Mount Vernon District Virtual Budget Town Meeting**, during which we presented the County and schools' proposed budgets and **answered your questions**. To hear **County Executive Bryan Hill** discuss the new budget proposal, listen to the [Connect with County Leaders Podcast](#).

The budget public hearings will be **entirely electronic again this year**. As a result of my **advocacy over the past 5 years**, or as the County Executive is calling it "StorckVison", the County is well positioned to do this. This is **great news for Mount Vernon District residents!** Instead of the usual 1 1/2 hour commute to the Government Center and then more time waiting your turn to speak, you can **provide testimony electronically** in a number of ways, including [in writing](#), [by phone](#) and [video](#). Due to COVID-19 safety concerns this year, we will **not have any in-person testimony**.

You can also **watch the public hearings** in the comfort of your own home on [Channel 16 live streaming online](#), Cox Channel 1016, Verizon/Comcast Channel 16, or at a later time on [Channel 16 video on demand](#). I encourage you to **get involved in the County budget process** this year.

Pet Adoption Corner



First, Tiger the cat (featured last month) was adopted! Thank you!

Meet Melly! We've got a **soft-spot in our heart** for Melly. She looks SO bummed out to be here. She will very calmly come up to the front of the cage with her **tail gently wagging** and give your hand a little lick. Melly is **seven years old** and we know what you might be thinking - "too old" - but we assure you that Melly is still a **young dog in all the right ways** - she's playful, she's fun, she shares her toys! She's also a super chill and easy companion who **will LOVE being stuck at home with you** and watching endless episodes of Netflix dating shows. Her former owner can attest that **she is a "cuddle bug"** and likes to burrow in blankets. And, she's a smart, good girl! She has a **strong foundation of obedience skills** (sit, stay, shake) and get this: if you say "bye bye," she'll go to her crate! Yes, she is **crate-trained** but she also has **good manners when left alone**. Read more about [Melly](#), [other available pets](#) and [steps to adoption](#).

Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- Apr: [Quantico Noise Advisories](#)
- Apr: [Run for the Children](#)
- Apr 10: [Potomac Watershed Cleanups](#)
- Apr 13: [SSPA Task Force Meeting](#) - 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 13: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 14: [Edible Plants for Your Landscape & Front Yard](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 17: [Save the Trees/Friends of Dyke Marsh](#) - 10 a.m.
- Apr 17: [Save River Farm Plein Air Art Show & Sale](#) - 10 a.m.
- Apr 21: [McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Opens](#) - 8 a.m.
- Apr 22: [ActiveTransportation Plan Community Meeting](#) - 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 23: [AARP Annual Scam Jam](#) - 9 a.m.
- Apr 24: [Penn Daw Fire Station & Supportive Housing Community Meeting](#) - 10 a.m.
- Apr 26: [Penn Daw Fire Station & Supportive Housing Community Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 27: [SSPA Task Force Meeting](#) - 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 28: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 30: [2021 Virtual Pet Dash/Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#)
- May 1: [Little Hunting Creek Clean Up](#) - 9 a.m.
- May 2: [Lorton Farmers Market Opens](#) - 9 a.m.

Land Use

SSPA Task Force Meetings

The **Mount Vernon SSPA Task Force** is currently working with County staff to analyze and discuss **2 Plan Amendments** on the Expedited Track: **2550 Huntington Ave Plan Amendment 2021-00007** and **2806 Popkins Lane Plan Amendment 2021-00006**

Upcoming Meetings (held virtually via WebEx):

April 13 at 6:30 pm: Task Force Recommendation & Vote
April 27 at 6:30 pm: Carryover Meeting (if necessary)

The **Planning Commission public hearing** for these amendments is tentatively scheduled for June 23 at 7:30 p.m. The **Board of Supervisors public hearing** is tentatively scheduled for July 27 at 4:00 p.m.

How can you get involved?

Attend Task Force Meetings: The Task Forces will review the plan amendments from **March 2021 through January 2022** in a series of public meetings, which will be held virtually via Webex due to the Governor's Emergency Declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The **public can attend and participate** in these meetings through the video conference platform or by phone. There will be an **opportunity for public comment** at each meeting. The task force **meetings will be recorded** and will be published online following the meetings. For more information on the meeting schedule, details on how to access or request a **training on the Webex platform**, please visit: [Track a SSPA Plan Amendment](#)

Submit a Comment: Public comments to the task forces may be submitted via email or through pre-recorded video messages to the Mount Vernon District Supervisor's office at mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Wellington at River Farm HOD

Reminder that on **April 13**, the Board of Supervisors will be holding the public hearing on the potential creation of a **Historic Overlay District for the Wellington at River Farm property**. More information can be found here: [RZ 2021-MV-001](#)

Hollin Hills HOD

The **Hollin Hills HOD Work group** recently held their twelfth meeting to discuss questions and comments submitted from the January community meeting. These **questions and responses will be made available for public review soon**, as well as the recording of the March 29 meeting. In addition, County staff is aiming to **publish their staff report in early summer 2021**. To view past meetings and review materials that will be considered by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors this fall, **please visit the project website:** [Plan Amendment 2018-IV-MV4](#)

ZMOD

On March 23, the Board of Supervisors voted 7-3 in favor of repealing and replacing the current Zoning Ordinance with a **new modernized Zoning Ordinance**. The new ordinance will go into effect July 1, 2021. I discussed the implications of these changes in my [previous BOS brief](#). Please visit the zMOD webpage to view the **new implementation timeline** and **adopted revised Zoning Ordinance:** [zMOD - Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project](#)

Paul Springs Branch @ Hollin Hills Stream Restoration

County Staff from the Stormwater Planning division recently gave an **update to the Hollin Hills community** about the stream restoration project. Please visit the project website to **view the meeting presentation:** [Paul Springs Branch at Hollin Hills - Segments 1 and 2 Combined](#)

Transportation



National Park Service Releases GW Parkway Safety Study

The National Park Service has released its long-awaited **George Washington Memorial Parkway safety study**. I joined a **coalition of area leaders** in this effort to determine how to **improve safety** for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists on the Parkway through the District. The Parkway has been the site of **several serious crashes** recently, sending motorists to the hospital and snarling traffic.

Want More Trails? Tell Us Where!

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is hosting a **series of community meetings** and a survey to inform the **ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan**. The Mount Vernon District meeting will be held via zoom on **April 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Active transportation means **self-propelled, human-powered travel** including walking, biking, rolling (scooter/wheelchair/stroller), hiking, running and riding. The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan will establish a vision and a roadmap for implementation of **safe, convenient, and enjoyable streets, sidewalks, bike facilities, and trails** in the County. [The survey is available in multiple languages...](#)



VDOT Paving Map Available

VDOT's **2021 Paving Status Map** is now available: [2021 Paving Status Map](#). This map provides the **status of each paving project** scheduled on VDOT maintained roads for this year. Users can zoom to an area to **view specific paving projects** and their status (to be paved, in progress, completed). The link to the [Northern Virginia Paving Program](#) provides information on the different treatment types, State of the Pavement report, and **other**

information you may find useful.

Health, Housing & Human Services

Local Leaders, Experts Address Affordable Housing as a Practical Issue Affecting Everyone

The 2021 Fairfax County Housing Symposium, presented by the **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)** and the George Mason University School of Business, wasn't so much about bricks and mortar as it was about **reshaping the conversation of affordable housing** as a fundamental component of every aspect of our lives and our communities.

"Securing a stock of affordable housing is an essential part of our public policy if we are going to be a successful community," said U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly in his opening remarks. Congressman Connolly linked affordable housing as a **critical part of the solution to many community issues** including traffic congestion, overcrowding, and health disparities. [Read more and watch the video...](#)



Openings in Head Start Programs in Our Area

The Fairfax County **Head Start/Early Head Start** program is currently **enrolling eligible families** in programs throughout the County. HS/EHS provides early childhood education and family supports for children **ages birth to five years old and their families, at no cost to families.** Women who are pregnant can also receive services and support through EHS. Services are provided in a variety of early childhood programs including Higher Horizons Day Care in Falls Church,

Gum Springs Children's Center and Gum Springs Glen, Fairfax County Public Schools classrooms, and family child care programs throughout the County. **Don't miss this opportunity to be part of Head Start!** For more information, visit Fairfaxcounty.gov and search for "Head Start", call the Office for Children at 703-324-8290 or [view the flyer.](#)

A promotional poster for 'Virtual Scam Jam 2021'. The top half features a close-up of a hand typing on a laptop keyboard, with a blue and purple color scheme. The bottom half is a solid red background with white text. The text reads: 'Virtual Scam Jam 2021', 'STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE SCAMMERS', 'Friday, April 23', '9 - 11:30 a.m.', 'Virtual on Zoom', and 'bit.ly/FfxScamJam'. A small circular logo is in the bottom right corner of the red section.

Virtual Scam Jam 2021

STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE SCAMMERS

Friday, April 23
9 - 11:30 a.m.
Virtual on Zoom

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Economic Development

Revitalizing Richmond Highway

The Richmond Highway corridor is ripe for **commercial and residential development during the next decade**. According to a market assessment study commissioned by the FCEDA and presented to [Fairfax County's Economic Advisory Commission \(EAC\)](#) on Feb. 16, the Richmond Highway corridor could see demand for up to 493,000 square feet of retail space and 380,000 square feet of office space by 2030. *"This market assessment will help County officials, businesses, residents, stakeholders and partners along the corridor build on the important work already done by the County and **understand what kind of redevelopment and revitalization opportunities** will bring the most benefits for the community and value to the county,"* said Victor Hoskins, president and CEO of the FCEDA. Learn more in [Virginia Business](#), and [click here](#) to **see the study and more material** from the Feb. 16 EAC meeting.

New Economic Incentive Program

The **first application for a development project** under Fairfax County's new Economic Incentive Program (EIP) was **approved by the Board of Supervisors** last month. The property is located in the Skyline Center at 5201, 5203, and 5205 Leesburg Pike in the **Bailey's Crossroads area**. The EIP is available to development proposals that are located in the county's six Economic Incentive Areas - **including the Richmond Highway Corridor** - and that meet the program's other eligibility requirements. EIP incentives include **real estate tax abatements, site plan fee reductions and an expedited zoning process, among other regulatory incentives**. [Learn more...](#)

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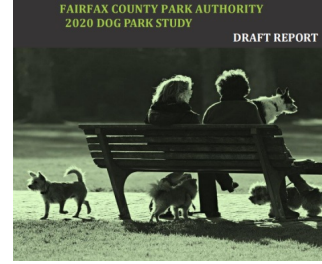


Plastic Bags No Longer Acceptable for Yard Waste

Listen to the [EnviroPod podcast](#) featuring Eric Forbes, Solid Waste Management Program, talking about the **change from plastic yard waste bags to paper bags** to help keep plastic out of the environment. The change is **effective Monday, April 19, 2021**. [More information...](#)

Park Authority Seeks Input on Dog Park Study Draft Report

The Park Authority initiated a **study of dog parks** in the County in 2019. The purpose of the study was to **assess needs and priorities** for dog parks throughout the county, and to adopt strategies for long-term planning, development and management of dog parks. The **draft report is now available for review and comment** through the [Dog Park Study website](#). Comments will be **accepted until April 23, 2021**. Public comments may be provided via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or through the comment box on the [Dog Park Study website](#).



APPLY TO BE AN EQAC STUDENT MEMBER
Join the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Applications due by May 14

Student Environmentalists Wanted!

Calling all **high school rising juniors and seniors** interested in environmental science or environmental policy! Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) is **seeking a student representative for the 2021-2022 school year!** Any current sophomore or junior in good standing who is interested is **encouraged to apply**. [View this short video](#) prepared by the 2020 EQAC Student Representative, Clare Sparling, for **information about the student member position**. [The application is available online](#). Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM

on **Friday, May 14**, via email to eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Little Hunting Creek Cleanup

Please join **Sen. Scott Surovell and Del. Paul Krizek** for the annual Little Hunting Creek Cleanup on **May 1 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at one of our staged cleanup sites and help **restore our watershed's natural beauty!** We will provide water, coffee, gloves, trash bags, etc. If you have them, please bring waders, trash pickers, etc. We will be **meeting at two sites**, Mt Vernon Plaza near Sherwin Williams Paint and on Little Hunting Creek Bridge on Janna Lee Avenue! **PLEASE RSVP...**



Public Safety

Fire Boat 420 Gunston

In 2005, the **Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) Marine Program** began operating a MetalCraft FireStorm 36 fire and rescue boat to **protect the residents and property** in and around the County. In 2018 both Fire Boat 420 and Reserve Fire Boat 420 were **decommissioned due to significant mechanical failures** and end of their service life. Extensive efforts were taken to reestablish marine rescue and firefighting services; these efforts included **exploring the rental of a marine rescue and firefighting vessel** and the purchase of a used boat. Ultimately, a new vessel was procured and **commissioned Fire Boat 420 in the summer of 2020**. The [Metal Shark 29 Defiant](#) is 29 feet in length with twin Yamaha 250 outboard motors and a maximum speed of **57 miles per hour**.



The FRD continues to **evolve its marine fleet** by refining its overall mission and defining essential equipment. [Read more...](#)

In the News

Pastor at Rising Hope To Retire



At the Rising Hope Mission Church, **Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon** has been a moving force since the beginning when it was run out of the **trunk of his car 26 years ago**. Now at age 72, Kincannon is retiring but not without leaving behind a **legacy in the Mount Vernon community** where he has helped many get back on their feet. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)

Burglaries Put Mount Vernon Business Owners on Alert

Smash and grab at three Hollin Hall places yields little for thieves. After smashing the glass front door, the burglars that hit the Hollin Hall Shopping Center decided to have a beer at the **River Bend Bistro bar**, and owner Caroline Ross hopes that's their last call at her restaurant. The **Hollin Hall Variety Store** and **The Pastry Shop** were the other two places they hit in this Mount Vernon shopping center. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)



The Passing of a Great Man

Colonel Marion "Barney" Barnwell, a longtime resident and community activist in the Mount Vernon District, passed suddenly and will be **missed by the many people** that he connected with and whose lives he touched. I was incredibly saddened to learn of Barney's passing. Our community has **lost a considerate, kind and true gentleman**. Barney was one of the **best and finest among us**, one that I am deeply honored to have known and had the pleasure to work with for many years. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)

Safe Exchange Zone Opens At Mount Vernon Police Station

The Mount Vernon District Police Station has introduced an exchange zone with **24-hour video surveillance**. In some cases of **meetups for internet purchases**, you may want to find a safe spot where you **don't become the victim of a robbery** or another crime. The station has **two dedicated parking spaces** for safe meetups at 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. [Read more on the Patch...](#)



Community Information

Business Tangible Property Tax Filing Due May 3

Business **tangible property and vehicles** including, business furniture and fixtures, machinery and tools, and computer equipment that are located in the County as of January 1 each year **must be declared** on County tax forms. The **filing deadline is May 1**. Late filing **penalties of 10%** may be assessed for renewals submitted after May 1. If the filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or County holiday, the deadline is the following business day. [Learn more...](#)



Shuttered Venue Grant Program Opens April 8

SBA has announced that it **will open** its **Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program** April 8. The SVOG is a **\$15 billion grant assistance program** to **shuttered venues** that will be administered by the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. The (SVOG) program was established through the **Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Venues Act** and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in economic relief to target industries.

Belvoir In The Know

Fort Belvoir has **launched a podcast, 'Belvoir In The Know'**! Listen to **learn about the**

Fort Belvoir community, both inside and outside the gates, in the coming weeks. You can find it on Apple, Spotify and Sound Cloud...Just look for 'Belvoir in the Know'. **Listen and follow!** [Learn more...](#)

Ask Your Library!

You can now **text your Fairfax County Public Library account questions** to 571-556-5025 and receive answers in **real time 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.** Monday through Friday. If it's **not during the real-time hours**, you can still send a text! A ticket will be automatically generated and we'll respond when available. [Learn more...](#)



Pitch and Pilot: Fairfax County Innovation Challenge

Innovation Lives in Fairfax County. Join the **Pitch and Pilot: Fairfax County Innovation Challenge** where teams and companies propose **high-impact solutions to address bicycle and pedestrian safety**. The goal is to find, and ultimately pilot, innovative solutions to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in Fairfax County. All teams—from **college students and start-ups**

to entrepreneurs and technologists, are welcome to apply. [Registration is now open](#), Competition concludes with a **public pitch contest on April 21**.

11th Annual Fairfax Run for the Children

This annual event benefits the **Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates**, a nonprofit program that advocates for the best interests of **every single abused and neglected child** in our County. Each year this **flagship awareness and fundraising event celebrates the heroic dedication** of our volunteer advocates and the heroic resilience of the abused and neglected children they serve. This year's race is being **held virtually to protect our walkers and runners** and will held **throughout the month of April**, coinciding with **Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month**. Race participants will have **5K and 3K option** and can opt in to a **race t-shirt** mailed to them. A **raffle will also be held** for race participants with **great prizes** such as Google products, gift cards and much more! You can learn more [about the event](#) and more [about the program](#).

11TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL RUN FOR THE CHILDREN

April 1st - April 30th

5K and 3K

www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com

BE A HERO FOR HOPE!



Things to Do in April & Cicada Bingo for Prizes

Time is flying by, and we're already headed into March - which means spring is upon us. Bring on the blooming flowers, green grass, singing birds, and sunshine! Warm weather brings a myriad of events and activities to enjoy in Fairfax County. [Here is your go-to-guide for things to do this month...](#)

Be sure to continue to **maintain social distancing guidelines** and always **double-check event and location information** prior to arriving. [Play Cicada Stroll Bingo...](#)

Baby Animals Arrive at Frying Pan Farm Park

Spring is birthing season, and the public is invited to meet scores of **baby farm animals** at **Frying Pan Farm Park** in Herndon. The largest number of newborns are expected to arrive from **March to May 2021**. In April, Frying Pan will be one big maternity ward, with **cows, goats, sheep and pigs** all giving birth one after the other. In the first part of April, deliveries are expected from sheep London and Bristol, goats Penelope and Stella, and Pattie the pig. [Learn more...](#)





THERAPEUTIC REC SERVICES

OPEN HIRE EVENTS FOR 2021 SUMMER CAMPS

Learn more:
<http://bit.ly/TRSummer2021>



Supporting Our Students



Tuition-free Program for Eligible Community College Students

Legislation creating a **tuition-free community college program** in Virginia became law last week, as Governor Ralph Northam held a bill signing ceremony at **Northern Virginia Community College** for the “**Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back**” program, one of his

signature initiatives. [Read more...](#)

MV/Lee Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship Applications

Do you know a **high school senior** who plans to get more education in a **business-related field**? Applications are now available for **business scholarships** provided by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. At least one scholarship of **\$2,000 will be awarded** to a senior from **each of the high schools in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts**. **Application deadline is April 30**. [More information...](#)



AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship

Scholarship money available! The AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship is accepting applications for the 2021 school year, now through **Saturday, April 17 at 5:00pm**. This scholarship is directed to **eligible applicants living in, or coming from, affordable housing** who demonstrate both merit and need. **Graduating high school seniors and current undergraduates** that are pursuing an

undergraduate degree are encouraged to apply. [More information...](#)

2021 Congressional Art Competition

Calling **all high school students** to participate in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition! This competition is open to all high school students who are **residents of the 11th Congressional District** regardless of where they attend school. The competition allows students to **showcase their artistic creativity and talent**. Students do not need to create artwork specifically for this competition – they can **submit any piece from their portfolio**. The winning piece will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year! **Entries are due Friday, April 30, 2021**. [More information...](#)



COVID-19

Vaccine Registration Now Open for All of Phase 1c

[COVID-19-Related Funeral Cost Assistance Available from FEMA](#)

[All Individuals Age 16+ to Be Eligible to Register for Vaccine by April 18](#)

[What You Need to Know About Vaccination Locations in the Fairfax Health District](#)

[COVID-19-Related Funeral Cost Assistance Available from FEMA](#)

Vaccine Eligibility Update

Governor Ralph Northam announced that **starting April 18, every Virginian 16 and older will be eligible to register for a COVID-19 vaccine.** President Joe Biden also said this week that he expects **90% of American adults** will be eligible for the vaccine **by April 19.** To meet these goals, the County has **opened registration for all essential workers in Phase 1c** and plans to transition to **Phase 2 by the Governor's deadline.** This is all only doable however if the **state provides sufficient supply to meet demand.** When you are eligible [register here](#) or with your health care provider.

Phase 1C Essential Workers Now Eligible

- Energy
- Water, Wastewater, Waste Removal
- Housing and Construction
- Food Service
- Transportation and Logistics
- Institutions of Higher Education Faculty/Staff
- Finance
- Information Technology and Communication
- Media
- Legal Services
- Public Safety (Engineers)
- Other Public Health Workers
- Barbers, Stylists, Hairdressers

For details on who is included in these categories, more can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Important Safety Information

Got To Smoke It? Sink It or Soak It!

Another spring like day today! Days like today are ripe for an **improperly discarded smoking material**, thrown into mulch or other brush, to spark a significant fire. Many times, these fires have the potential to spread to homes and buildings that are close by.

Improperly discarded smoking material fires are totally preventable!

The members of **your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department** want to help eliminate this totally preventable cause of fire and **keep Fairfax County safe!** If you smoke, or know someone who does, please take a moment to learn how to prevent starting a fire outside. [Learn more...](#)

April OEM Newsletter



FAIRFAX COUNTY
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2021 Low-Cost Rabies Clinics

- Sunday, April 11
@Fairfax County Animal Shelter
- Sunday, May 9
@Fairfax County Animal Shelter
- Sunday, June 27
@Fairfax County Animal Shelter
- Sunday, August 29
@South County Govt Center
- Sunday, October 17
@Mason District Govt Center
- Sunday, December 5
@Fairfax County Animal Shelter



Pre-registration required!
All clinics will be
drive-through/curbside.

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff (clockwise): Alex Jones, Nick Rinehart, Christine Morin, Volunteer Shirley Short, Camela Speer, Supervisor Dan Storck, Abdul Shaban, Diego Rodriguez Cabrera.

March 2021 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1001
- Meetings: 282

Stay Connected:

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8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except
August)
MV District Office: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission (BAC). Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County.

Advisory Social Services Board

To interest itself in all matters pertaining to the social welfare of the people served by the government; to monitor the formulation and implementation of social welfare programs; to meet with the Director of Social Services at least four times a year for the purpose of making recommendations on policy matters; to make an annual report to the governing body concerning the administration of the public welfare program; and to submit to the governing body other reports that the advisory body deems appropriate.

Criminal Justice Advisory Board

To receive and coordinate all phases of planning for the Criminal Justice System in the County of Fairfax and to furnish its advice and recommendations to the County Executive and, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. Reestablished to continue in an advisory capacity though no longer required by Federal Law.

Human Services Council

To review human services needs and assess the effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to report annually on the conditions and effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to develop a more effective and efficient human services delivery system; to enhance coordination of services among human services providers, both public and private; to recommend annual service delivery goals, objectives, and priorities for human services organization, with consideration of the requirements of non-county funding sources; to develop and oversee a five-year long range comprehensive human services plan which establishes goals, objectives and priorities; to educate the community, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors, on human services; to review and transmit to the Board of Supervisors a program-oriented budget for human services; and to review the annual Capital Improvement Plan and provide appropriate comments to the Board of Supervisors.

There are **several At-Large positions** available as of December 2020 on County BACs.

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Engineer/Architect Rep)
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board (ASAP)
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Design Professional)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate
- Civil Service Commission
- Consumer Protection Commission
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- History Commission (Historian)
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Road Viewer Board
- Tenant Landlord Commission (3 openings - Citizen Member, Condo Owner, Landlord Member & Tenant Member)

[Learn more about these BACs...](#)

Volunteering on these committees **increases citizen participation in our District**. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee (BAC), please provide a current résumé to Alexandra.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the [County website](#). You can also **check out the County's Volunteer Management System for information** on these and **other volunteer opportunities near you**.

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