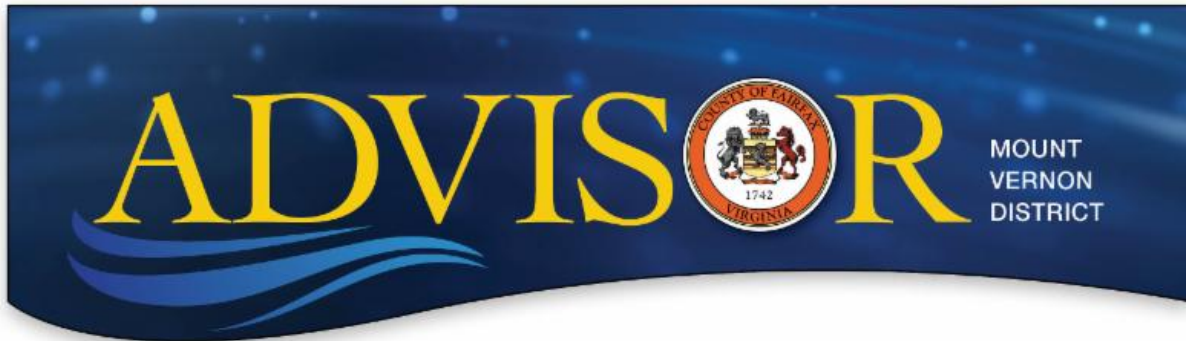


June 2021



Neighbors,

Its June and I am very **excited to announce** that one and a half years after a devastating fire at the **Belle View Shopping Center**, all needed repairs and renovations have been completed and a **grand re-opening is being planned for June 19**. Watch for more details! We also just broke ground on the **South County Police Station and Animal Shelter** and will be ribbon cutting on the new **Laurel Hill Central Green on June 25 at 10 a.m.** I hope you will **join me to celebrate** this new park space! Read more about each of these topics below.

Sadly, I must report there has been a **second double homicide** in the **Newington Forest area**. This is an **unusual act of violence** in a normally very quiet suburban community. While **suspects are in custody** and both recent shootings are **believed to have been targeted**, this none the less leaves the entire **community on edge and concerned**. I went **door knocking** in the neighborhood this past weekend, held a **community meeting last night** and will continue to **meet with residents** to provide answers, support and resources. We also put together a **resource guide** for children, teens and adults. In addition, Neighborhood and Community Services has a **"Lock and Talk" program** that provides **free trigger locks and medicine lock boxes**. [Learn more about the program and how to get these life saving devices...](#)

I am pleased to provide you with an **update on River Farm** and there is reason for optimism! The American Horticultural Society (AHS) Board has voted to **negotiate with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks)** to find an amicable agreement for ownership that would **preserve, protect and maintain public access** to the estate. A working group has been formed and they are **meeting to work out the details**. It is very satisfying to see this **new level of cooperation** after so many months of work and efforts. I hope to report good news to you soon!

As you know, **change is inevitable** and **at times sad** for those of us who have been in this community for many years. After **60 years and 24 days** the **Harvey Family of Hollin Hall Automotive** has said goodbye. **Their message reads** "to all of our wonderful customers and friends who have supported us over the decades. Over 70 million gallons of gas, hundreds of first jobs, **three generations of customers and employees**, and in excess of **\$1 million put back into the community** thanks to your generous support of our business! From a coin changer on a belt with a wad of bills in a pocket, and Green and Yellow stamps to today's digital world, we have lived through **every major change in gasoline distribution** from Full Service to Self-Service, gas lines, and gas shortages. The one constant has always been our **incredible neighborhood and our incredible**

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customers. It has been our **honor and our sincere pleasure** to have served you and Thank You from the **entire Harvey Family** for your support these past 60 years! I hope that you will **continue to support Raheel Sheikh and Usman Nasim** as they take over the helm as **Hollin Hall Auto & Tire, Inc. with the same staff!!**"

Hollin Hall Automotive has **served the Fort Hunt Community** since it was founded by **Leon D. Harvey, Sr. in May 1960.** After Leon's passing in 1966, his **wife Ruth Ann** ran the business with their **seven children** (allowed to start pumping gas **when they were 12 for \$1/hour**) before turning it over to her **son Tom**, who has run it with his **wife Judy.** Ruth Ann **retired in 2013 at the young age of 90** and **still drops by to say hello** to long time customers. For over a half-century, **many neighborhood kids had their first jobs** at this **truly family-owned and operated small business.** I am sure you all join me in **wishing the Harvey Family well** and it would be an understatement to say **they will be missed.**

On a different note, this is a **transition time for Team MVD.** Staff members **Abdul Shaban** (Health, Housing, Human Services and Parks aide) and **Diego Rodriguez Cabrera** (Community & LatinX Outreach and Transportation aide) have moved on from our office for **new opportunities.** They **will be missed** and as always our team will be **here to assist in any way we can.** Just email or call our office and we will **connect you with the best person.** This also means that **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?** Read more about our job postings below and **apply today!**

Respectfully yours in public service,



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



The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Occoquan Regional Park opened in May!

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South County Police Station & Animal Shelter



Thank you to everyone who **joined us in-person and virtually** for the **South County Police Station and Animal Shelter Groundbreaking**. It was great to **see so many faces** out and about in our community again and share this special event. It is ironic that we are **building a police station on a former prison site**, but you can truly say that with the **hundreds of millions the County has invested** in this area, **Lorton is HAPPENING** and the vision residents had 20 years ago is coming to fruition. The Police Station and Animal Shelter join a **long line of new facilities** we are and have been investing in as a result of the **growth of this area**. From a new high school, middle school, elementary school, turf field complex, **Lorton Community Center & Library**, Workhouse Arts Center and Lucy Burns Museum, Laurel Hill Park Central Green, Liberty development, Lorton Road realignment, closure of the CDD landfill, **new Lorton fire station**, equestrian center, bike and walking trails, Gerry Connolly Cross Country Trail, Laurel Hill Golf Course, **Occoquan Park revitalization** and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, we are building a vibrant community!

Penn Daw Fire Station, Emergency, Supportive & Affordable Housing

In late April, we held our **first two virtual community meetings** about the proposed new **Penn Daw Fire Station, Emergency, Supportive and Affordable Housing project** proposed at Beacon Hill Road and Richmond Highway in late April. At those meetings, we made several commitments to area residents.



1. We will **host our third community meeting for our Spanish speaking residents**. No new material will be presented at this meeting and the **meeting will be conducted almost entirely in Spanish**. The meeting will be held on **Monday, June 7 at 7 p.m. via Zoom**.
2. We will **host an on-site community meeting** at the Beacon Hill project site. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m.** and will be streamed live on my [Facebook page](#).
3. We will **coordinate 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.

[Read my Gazette article from last month to learn more about the community meetings and next steps in the process...](#)
[Visit the project webpage...](#)

Belle View Shopping Center Reopening



Continued from letter above:

Our **community was fortunate** the shopping center was unoccupied around midnight October 21, 2019, when the **fire started in a kitchen** at one of the restaurants. One firefighter did receive minor injuries fighting the six-alarm blaze. However, the structure itself was not so lucky with at least **eight businesses unable to reopen** immediately after the fire due to unsafe conditions and extensive damage. The **first phase in the rebuilding effort**, after the fire investigation was complete, was the removal of tons of debris which again had to be **done in a safe manner**. A demolition services company used a **remote-controlled robotic machine** to evaluate the structural damage due to the fire and to **determine how to safely begin** the debris removal and renovation.

Since that time, **work has been steady**, even throughout the pandemic, to rebuild the shopping center. Staff in **my office worked closely** with the building owner and the tenants at the shopping center in getting the applicable permits and coordinating the required inspections. We **requested one point of contact** at Land Development Services (LDS) to coordinate the effort. **Mekonnen Gebresilliasie (Mac), Engineer IV**, coordinated all the onsite permitting work, communicated regularly with all parties and helped troubleshoot issues during the building permit process to **ensure all businesses could reopen quickly**, yet safely. **Harvey Clark, Engineer IV** at LDS, assisted with all on-site and zoning related matters. A few businesses that received only **minor damage from the fire** were able to reopen quickly. **GOLFTECH and WW Studio (formerly Weight Watchers)** have also reopened. The remaining businesses reopened as of June 1, such as **Wine & Design, Roy Rogers and Spokes Etc**. Three businesses chose not to reopen and those spaces are now **ready for occupancy by a new tenant**.

Mac and his team **worked with insurance companies, the landlord, contractors, consultants, Dominion power and more** throughout the entire process until the very last electrical permit was obtained, and the utilities were **safely reconnected** to the last businesses. **Many thanks to everyone involved** for the hard work and laser focus on the **importance of the Belle View Shopping Center to our community**.

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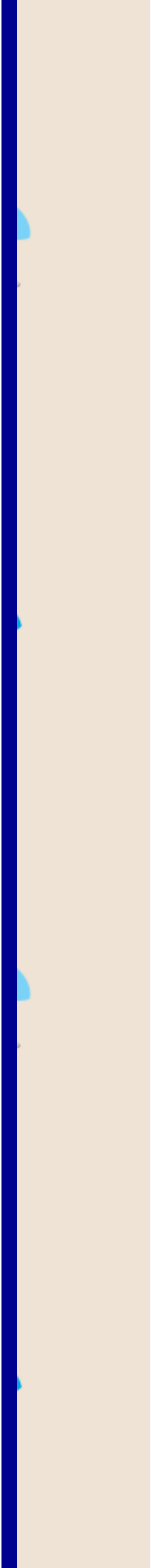
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Laurel Hill Central Green Picnic Shelters Ribbon Cutting



Friday, June 25, 2021

10 a.m.

Laurel Hill Central Green
8780 Lorton Rd., Lorton,
Virginia

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority Board invite you to a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of new picnic shelters at the Laurel Hill Central Green. Four reservable shelters offer seating capacities of up to 213 people each and provide a great space to host family gatherings, staff meetings and parties. The \$3 million project included construction of four picnic pavilions, an accessible asphalt loop road, parking, trails and supporting infrastructure to include storm water management facilities and related site work. Funding was provided through voter-approved Park Bonds.

The ribbon-cutting will take place on the Central Green at 10 a.m. and will also be livestreamed on Facebook. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/fairfaxparks> on the day of the event for more information.

More info: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2021/z-ir097>



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please call 703-324-8563, TTY 711.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada-inclusion



For more information, please contact the FCPA Public Information Office at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn & Do!



Join me for the **3rd Annual Mount Vernon District Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn and Do!** on **Saturday, June 26, 2021**, from 8 a.m. to noon at **Fort Hunt Park**. We are excited to announce that this year's event will be held in **partnership with the National Park Service**. This event will educate and inform local residents on environmental challenges that we face on a daily basis. Attendees will leave the Expo with **simple actions** you can take to make an **impact on climate change and our environment**.

This **FREE Family Friendly Event** will include: Exhibitors, Workshops, Live Music, **Live Reptile and Owl Programs**, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, **Junior Ranger Program**, Touch-a-Truck, Recycling How To's, History Tours, **Purple Glass Monster** (bring your glass recycling for drop off!), Food Trucks and more! Please share this information with your **family, friends and neighbors!**

This event will adhere to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols in place on June 26. In order to meet any outdoor event size limits, **pre-registration is recommended**. If COVID-19 restrictions remain lifted, walk-ups without registration will be permitted. **Pre-register for FREE today!** Note: *BYOC – You may want to Bring Your Own Chair.*

Join us to **LEARN, ENGAGE and ACT** to save our environment!
[Event updates and information will be announced here...](#)

Pet Adoption Corner

First, Oddie and Greya (featured last month) were adopted!



Meet **John the guinea pig**! One-year-old John the has **one brown ear and one pink ear**, and we are fans. He was surrendered when his owner was **no longer able to care for him**, and unfortunately we **didn't get a lot of information on his likes and dislikes**. We DO know that he was rumbling with the other male guinea pig and they needed to be separated, so **sounds like he'll do best as a solo pig**. Here's what a volunteer says about this nice fellow: "Everyone, we have a **lap pig in the house!** Meet sweet, sensitive John. All this guy wants is to be loved on." Read more about [John](#), [other available pets](#) and [steps to adoption](#).

Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- [Farmers Markets](#)
 - [Quantico Noise Advisories](#)
 - June 7: [Publicly Owned Housing Waitlist Opens](#) - 8 a.m.
 - June 9: [Regional COVID-19 Remembrance Event](#) - 6 p.m.
 - June 10: [COVID-10 Vaccine Clinic MVDGC](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 11: [COVID-10 Vaccine Clinic MVDGC](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 12: [Supervisor Storck 2nd Saturday Community Office Hours](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 12: [Tackle Invasive Plants in Dyke Marsh](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 8: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - June 14: [National Museum of the US Army Reopens](#)
 - June 19: [Ona Judge Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony](#) - 10 a.m.
 - June 19: Belle View Shopping Center Re-Opening Celebration
 - June 26: [Tackle Invasive Plants in Dyke Marsh](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 25: [Laurel Hill Central Green Ribbon Cutting](#)
 - June 23: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - June 24: [Eleanor Kennedy Shelter Tours](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 24: [OMVHS Renovation and Adaptive Reuse In-Person Community Update Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - June 26: [Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn & Do!](#) - 8 a.m.
 - June 27: [Low Cost Rabies Clinic](#) - 9 a.m.
 - June 28: [OMVHS Renovation and Adaptive Reuse Virtual Community Update Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - July 2: [Fireworks at the Workhouse](#) - 5 p.m.
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Land Use



Wellington at River Farm HOD Public Hearing

In 2021, the General Assembly adopted SB1457 which amended Virginia Code § 15.2-2306: **Preservation of historical sites and architectural areas**, to add a new subsection (D). This new subsection which became effective on April 7, 2021, **authorizes a locality** utilizing the urban county executive form of government to include a provision in an ordinance adopted under § 15.2-2306 that would **(i) allow public access to any historic area, landmark,**

building, structure, or land; or **(ii) provide that no subdivision may occur within any historic district** unless approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB) or, on appeal, by the governing body of the locality as being compatible with the **historic nature of such area**, landmarks, buildings, or structures therein.

This applies to the newly created Wellington at River Farm HOD. The **Planning Commission public hearing** will be held on **June 9** for the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions Countywide.

Staff Report: [Historic Overlay Districts - State Code Revisions](#)

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

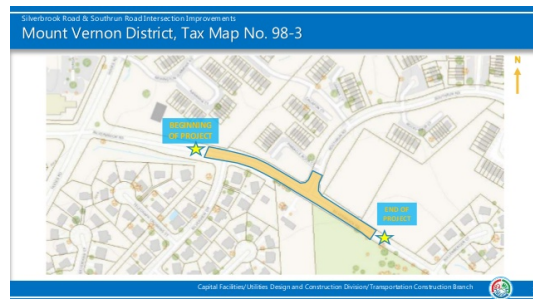
An **In-Person Community Meeting** is planned for **June 24, from 7-9:00 p.m.**, at the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) Gymnasium. The project team will **present progress on the design of the renovations** for the building and the site, as well as continued efforts to finalize **building use 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...](#)

Transportation



Pedestrian Safety and Intersection Improvements in Lorton

The **Silverbrook and Southrun Roads Intersection** improvements project has been substantially completed. The project **increases pedestrian safety** along Silverbrook Road and its intersection with Southrun Road. A **new pedestrian walkway** consists of a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk along with a 6-foot wide **asphalt walking path**. Additionally, the

right turn from Silverbrook Road onto Southrun Road was **improved and lengthened**. Along with the access improvements, **upgrades were made to the storm drain system** and minor re-alignments of waterlines. **Thank you County staff for a job well done!** [Read more and see the photos...](#)

VRE Returns to Full Service

On June 1, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) **resumed full-service schedule**, increasing commuting options for passengers. VRE has been running a **reduced-service schedule since March 17, 2020**, following a decline in ridership due to COVID-19. Under the full-service schedule, VRE will operate **32 daily trains on its two lines**. VRE railcars will **remain marked for social distancing**, with window seats available in every other row. VRE's [train utilization webpage](#) allows passengers to **find the train that matches their social distance comfort level**. An enhanced, **twice daily cleaning of railcars** and federal and state **face mask requirements** will also remain in place. [Learn more...](#)



Health, Housing & Human Services

Visit TEAM MVD and Get Your Shot!

The Fairfax County Health Department is **expanding COVID-19 vaccination clinics** to District Offices. The first clinics at the MVD Office will be on **June 10 & 11 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in our Community Rooms**. [Register today!](#)

The Health Department is also **expanding essential services** to its locations. Clients in need of essential services offered by the [health department](#) can **make an appointment or walk-in** at the Joseph Willard Health Center, Annandale District Office, Springfield District Office, **Mount Vernon District Health Department Office (at the Gerry Hyland Center)** and Herndon-Reston District Office.

Publicly Owned Housing Waitlist Will Be OPENED June 7

Beginning on June 7, the **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority** (FCHRA) will be **accepting online preliminary applications** for placement on the **waiting list for publicly owned housing** through the Rental Assistance Demonstration Project-Based Voucher program (RAD-PBV). Online applications will be accepted from **June 7 at 8 a.m., through June 13 2021, 11:59 p.m.** Applicants may submit applications using a computer, tablet or smart phone. [Complete details about this program and the application and selection process...](#)

CSB REVIVE! Training to Prevent Opioid Overdoses

The [Community Services Board](#) has partnered with the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) to launch **REVIVE!**, a program that makes naloxone available to lay rescuers to reverse opioid overdoses. Opioids include licit medications like **hydrocodone and oxycodone**, in addition to illicit drugs like **heroin**.



REVIVE! **trains individuals** on what to do and not do in an **overdose situation**, how to **administer naloxone**, and what to do afterwards. **Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit**, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. [Read more and register today...](#)

Community Outreach



Requests for Multiple Language Translations

As you may be aware, our office **inadvertently sent a BOS Brief** meant for our **Spanish speaking community** to our full distribution list last month. This minor error generated a **range of responses** from indignation that we would communicate specifically to our Spanish language community (which we have been doing for a year now) to **celebration that we are engaged in communicating to all who live in our diverse community**. We also received a few requests to **publish our materials in additional languages**. Unfortunately, as much as **we would like to provide this extraordinary level of service**, we simply do not have the resources. However, I would like to share with all a **quick, easy way to translate any of our email communications or website pages** using Google Translate. We recognize that this is **not a perfect translation**, but those who use it will get a good understanding of the materials translated.

To translate our email messages:

1. Click on the **"view as website link"** at the top of each communication and **copy that URL**.
2. **Open Google Translate** in your web browser.
3. Paste **copied URL** into left hand box.
4. **Choose language** for translation in right hand box.
5. The Google Translate tool will **not only translate the entire communication piece** with the same formatting and images, it will also **translate each hyperlink** (click here to read more) within the communication as well.

To translate any page on the County website:

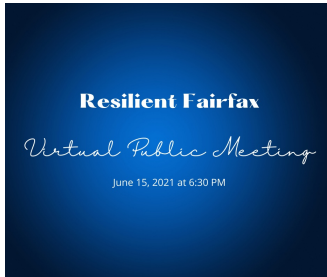
1. Click on the **translate link on the top right of each page** (with the international flags).
2. **Choose your language**.
3. The whole site will be translated into your **language of choice**.

Parks & Environment

Increased Reports of Sick and Deceased Birds

The County **Animal Protection Police and Wildlife Management** Office have received an **increased number of reports** for sick and dead birds throughout the County. Other agencies and localities **across the region and state** are reporting similar issues. Many of

the reports have included **common grackles and blue jays**, but other species have been documented within the County as well. Most of the affected birds **appear to be juveniles**. Symptoms have included **neurological impairment, weakness, and eye infections** (discharge, crusting, and swelling of the eyes). Many other birds have been **reported after being found dead**. [Read more...](#)



Resilient Fairfax Launches

All residents of Fairfax County and other County stakeholders with an interest in **climate adaptation and resilience planning** are invited to attend a virtual public meeting on **June 15, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** This meeting will be held online and is the **first public engagement opportunity** in connection with the Resilient Fairfax initiative, a County-wide effort to **increase the community's overall resilience to climate impacts**.

Input gathered from meeting attendees will help provide the Resilient Fairfax planning team with a **complete picture of public preparedness and opinions around climate readiness** within the County. Public input will help to inform the development of the **County's first-ever Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan**. [For more information...](#)

[Pre-register for the Resilient Fairfax public meeting on June 15...](#)

In the News



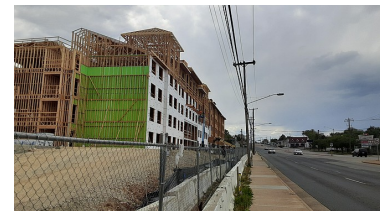
Metrobus Route 11 Sees Changes in Mount Vernon

Bus riders in Mount Vernon will see some **changes on Sunday, June 6**, when the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority **shifts around buses and schedules**, which includes **bus route 11** which goes through Mount Vernon. **The 11C partially replaces the 11Y bus** which

will operate between **Mount Vernon and the Braddock Road Metrorail Station** during morning and evening rush hours. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)

Penn Daw Apartments Rising from the Parking Lot

Just south of Fairview Avenue in Kings Crossing, **The Belhaven by Fairfield apartment community**, is taking shape on the northbound side of Richmond Highway. This **349-unit apartment building is a pre-EMBARC structure** that will provide housing for many in this busy area of Mount Vernon. The apartment complex will have a 560-space parking garage, **a pool, a couple of courtyards** and out front, an "interim landscape area until full build-out of Route One occurs," it said on the plans. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)



Talks Move Forward for Purchase of River Farm by NOVA Parks

Negotiations are moving forward for the **sale of River Farm to NOVA Parks**, according to **NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert**, who spoke Monday with an AHS attorney about the sale. "The decision of the AHS Board was to **move forward with an active negotiation** around both the sale of River Farm and **partnership opportunities** for

the future," he said in an email to reporters. [Read more in Alexandria Living...](#)

Affordable Apartments Preserved in Northern Virginia

A partnership of affordable housing developer AHC, Virginia Housing and the Fairfax County government will **preserve**

292 affordable apartments along the Route 1 corridor in Mount Vernon and Fort Belvoir. **Landings I**, currently known as Haven Mount Vernon, is located at 5401 Claymont Dr. The community, which occupies a nearly 12-acre site, will have **216 apartments with 168 two-bedroom units and 48 one-bedroom units**. [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)



Community Information



Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Opens

The **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial** was dedicated on May 16 at its home at **Occoquan Regional Park**. It is an honor and a privilege to have this **first memorial in the nation** dedicated to the women who fought for voting rights for all women located in our District, where the **turning point of the movement** took place. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)
[Watch the live stream of the event...](#)

Celebrating the Gum Springs Community

Gum Springs Community Day will be held **Saturday, June 19**, in the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Park** from **noon until 4:00 p.m.** This year's theme is **"The Faces of Gum Springs Pioneers"** and will feature **special history guest speaker Ron Chase**. In addition to music, a **petting zoo** and other activities, **several organizations and agencies** will be on hand to discuss their **community outreach services**. If your organization or agency would like to **share its outreach or volunteer services** information to the community, you can submit a **2021 Community Day Table Request Form** Tables are limited. [Learn more...](#)



Mount Vernon Nights Summer Concerts

I am very excited that the **Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series** will return to **LIVE, IN-PERSON** events this year! This series of **free, public concerts at Grist Mill Park and the Workhouse Arts Center** features a variety of musical performances reflecting the County's **diversity, culture and community spirit**. Bring a **picnic dinner and a blanket** and enjoy one of our special summer traditions. **Start your evening early at the Workhouse by exploring its vibrant arts scene** prior to the show. **To volunteer for the concert series**, please contact my office at (703) 780-7518. I look forward to **sharing a wonderful season of music** under the sky with you.
[Performance schedule...](#)

Camp Fairfax 2021!

This **full-day program** for **rising 1st through 7th graders** features exciting opportunities in outdoor adventures, performing arts, sports and recreation, visual arts, science, technology, engineering and math exploration, and much more! Current health and safety guidelines will be implemented. **Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack** are provided. Eligibility guidelines have been updated to support our families in vulnerable communities-**unemployed families are eligible**. Area locations include: **Gum Springs Community Center, Riverside ES, Mt. Vernon Woods ES, Hollin Meadows ES, Groveton ES and Cameron ES**. [Read more...](#)



Fireworks Return to the Workhouse Arts Center

On July 2, this much **beloved community event** is **reimagined and redesigned** to better serve the community as we look forward to the post-pandemic life. The Fireworks will



illuminate the surrounding landscape in an **expertly choreographed display** of dazzling pyrotechnic light and thunder. Launched from the historic, 55-acre campus, the **region's largest pre-Independence Day Fireworks show** celebrates the history of this amazing nation and **honors the courage and sacrifice** that have made America a beacon of **hope and freedom** around the world. [More information and tickets...](#)

FCPL Reopening for Full Hours & Services



All Fairfax County Public Library branches will be **reopening for normal services**, with **no capacity or time limits**, beginning on **Saturday, June 5**. Also starting June 5, **most meeting rooms will be available** for booking by the public. **Curbside services will continue** to be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, in addition to unrestricted interior library usage. **Some in-person public program may resume**, while others may remain in a virtual format.

In an effort to best support the community with **consistent hours and weekend services**, branch library hours will be changing to the following:

Regional Branches

- Mon – Wed: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Thurs – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Community Branches

- Mon – Tues: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Wed – Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Swimming with Sharks - Shark Tank local "Go Oats!" tells the tale

Ever wondered what it is **really like to be on Shark Tank**? Sherwood library is virtually hosting **Nahum Jeannot, Go Oats! founder**, and **Shark Tank TV show survivor** on June 17. He is now a local Alexandria entrepreneur who **started his business in Lorton**. He will talk about his **experience as an entrepreneur** and his time on Shark Tank. [Learn more...](#)

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Awards \$20,000 in Scholarships

Ten scholarships were awarded to **local high school students** by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce to recognize **outstanding achievement of 2021 graduating seniors** planning to continue their study in a **business-related field**. The 2021 Distinguished Business Scholarship recipients are **Bemente Abegaz**, Lewis High School; **Ryan Bowers**, West Potomac High School; **Jayden Brown**, Edison High School; **Dina Cazun-Moreno**, Hayfield Secondary School; **Elizabeth Hutchison**, Bishop Ireton High School; **Craig Kalkwarf**, South County High School; **Gershon Price**, Lewis High School; **Marcos Montoya**, Mount Vernon High School; **Sara West**, South County High School; **Julie Wu**, West Potomac High School. [Read more...](#)



MC Bugg-Z Raps Cicada Science in New Single

"Brood X-cellent to see you again / I been / chillin' underground with my friends / sippin' on root juices / 17 years as a nymph / ditchin' this skin / for tymbals, genitalia and tent-like wings..."



COVID-19

COVID-19 Social Distancing and Capacity Restrictions Have Now Ended in Virginia; Unvaccinated People Should Still Wear Masks

Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard Now Live

Vaccine Stories: A Fairfax Family's COVID-19 Vaccination Decision

Regional COVID-19 Remembrance Event

Next **Wednesday, June 9 at 6 p.m.**, Fairfax County will be hosting the **Northern Virginia Regional Commission's COVID-19 Remembrance Ceremony** on the Fairfax County Government Center Ellipse.

- The ceremony will **honor and remember** the **more than 2,300 lives lost** due to COVID-19 in the **13 jurisdictions** that make up the Regional Commission.
- A **display of small flags** will also be placed on the Ellipse lawn.
- The public is **encouraged to view the ceremony online**. It will be televised on Fairfax County Government **Channel 1016 (Cox) and Channel 16 (Verizon/Comcast)**, **live streamed** and on [Chairman McKay's Facebook page](#).

[Learn more...](#)

COVID-19 Social Distancing and Capacity Restrictions Have Now Ended in Virginia

It is still recommended that unvaccinated people still wear masks.

Gov. Ralph Northam's [Executive Order 79](#) took effect on May 28, **lifting all remaining capacity limits for gatherings and social distancing requirements** in previous executive orders. [View the Virginia Department of Health's updated guidance...](#)

Earlier this month, the Governor also **lifted the state's indoor mask mandate for fully vaccinated individuals**. However, fully vaccinated people **may still choose to wear face coverings for many reasons**, including protecting unvaccinated children. A person is considered **fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose** of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or **two weeks after receiving the single-dose** vaccine from Johnson & Johnson.

Where Masks Are Still Required

In the following settings, masks are still required by the Governor's executive order, by federal requirements and guidelines, or by private entities:

- Students, faculty, staff, and visitors (regardless of vaccination status) in **public and private K-12 indoor** school settings.
- **Public transit**, including the Connector and Fastran.
- **Health care facilities** including all clinic settings operated by the Health Department and the Community Services Board.
- Congregate settings including **jails, group homes and shelters**.
- Employees in other workplace settings, including **childcare and summer camps**, will continue to abide by established CDC guidelines.
- **Mask requirements set by private entities**, such as grocery stores and restaurants.

For Those Not Vaccinated

People who are not vaccinated should wear a face covering in all public settings in accordance with [Executive Order 79](#). Those not vaccinated are encouraged to take precautions in accordance with [CDC guidance for unvaccinated people](#). Additionally, the Virginia Department of Health still recommends that **people who are not fully vaccinated continue to practice physical distancing**.

For Businesses

Although **capacity limits, distancing and other business requirements** are fully lifted now, VDH continues to **encourage businesses and other establishments** to follow VDH/CDC recommendations and **best practices for masking, distancing, handwashing, cleaning, symptom screening, ventilation and more**. [View VDH General Recommendations for Businesses...](#)

Still have questions? Check out these [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) from Forward Virginia and the [Virginia Department of Health guidance](#).

Important Safety Information

Unpermitted Construction

A **Building Permit and all related Trade Permits** (Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical) are required for **all new residential or commercial construction** in Fairfax County. Permit requirements will differ based on the scope of work, but **a permit is required** for:

1. New construction, interior alterations, or demolition of a building, addition, or structure
2. New installation of an egress window, water supply and distribution system, sanitary drainage system, vent system, electrical wiring, fire protection system, mechanical or fuel-supplied system
3. Alterations involving the removal or addition of any wall, partition or portion thereof, of any structural component, and of electrical, plumbing, or mechanical appliances or equipment
4. Sheds and playhouses over 256 square feet.
5. Retaining walls over 3 feet in height.

[For more information...](#)

Food Trucks

The County Zoning Ordinance **regulates the sale of food from vending trucks** on private or County properties and on VDOT roadways. Food trucks are **allowed to operate at County-owned facilities, at private commercial and industrial properties** with principal uses over 25,000 sf, OR on active construction sites, **as long as they obtain a food truck location permit** through Zoning. They can be located on **Park Authority properties with a Park permit**, in certain limited VDOT rights-of-way with a Health Department permit, and on certain non-residential uses on residentially zoned property such as **community pools, as an accessory use with a special permit approval**. And finally, they can be associated with a **special event through the temporary special permit** process. In addition to requirements for their location, food trucks are required to have an **operator permit** from Zoning if they are to operate at one of the locations approved by zoning, and regardless of location they must all have **Health Department permits** as well as a **solicitor's license** from the Department of Cable and Consumer Services. Food trucks **may not be parked or stored on residential lots** in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

[For more information...](#)

June OEM Newsletter

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 (no longer with us).

May 2021 Activities:

- Phone calls: 876
- Meetings: 261

Stay Connected:

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Mount Vernon, VA 22306
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Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
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

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**, health and human services, animal control, **parks and RECenters**, housing and housing programs, homelessness, 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.

Summer & Fall Internship Opportunities

The **Mount Vernon District Office** of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for **unpaid interns for the summer**. Supervisor Dan Storck is looking for **enthusiastic, hard-working, and reliable college-level** student interns interested in government and politics. 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. For all correspondence related to this internship opportunity, please use the **subject line "Internship Application."**

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.

Community Action Advisory Board

Advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the needs, concerns and aspirations of limited-income persons; and recommends policies that promote meaningful change.

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 April 2021 on County BACs.

- 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)
- Tree Commission

[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**.

Visit our website

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