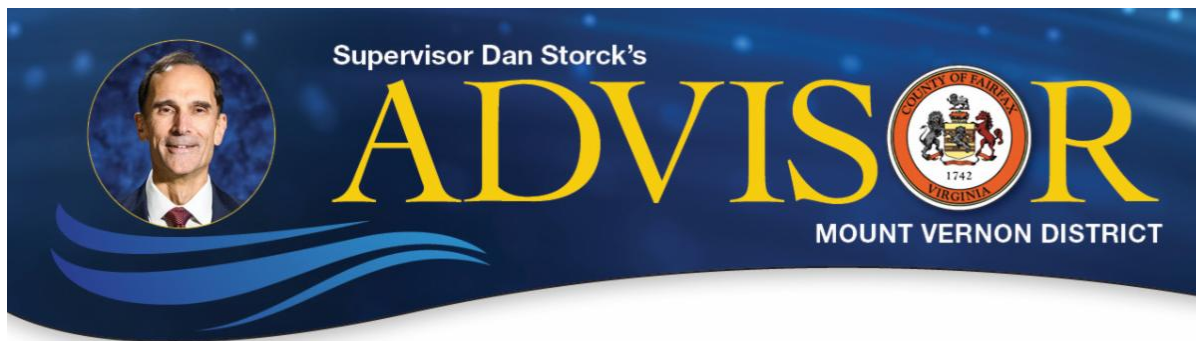


March 2022



Neighbors,

WOW! February was a busy month with the **35th Annual Town Meeting**, an Alexandria Crossing community meeting, the **Woodlawn Fire Station Grand Opening**, Black History Month Celebrations and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Brand Launch – **“The One”** – just to name a few! March will be another busy month with the start of the **County’s FY 2023 Budget process**, Women’s History Month and the 5th Annual Ides of Bark Dog Festival.

March is Women’s History Month and there are many places in the Mount Vernon District that you can **visit to celebrate women**. Stroll the [Workhouse Arts Center](#) featuring many **female artists** and the [Lucy Burns Museum](#) that tells the compelling story of the **suffragists who were imprisoned** there in 1917 for demanding the right to vote. Visit the Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, home of George Washington’s step granddaughter and preserver of his legacy **Eleanor “Nelly” Custis**, for the [59th Annual Needlework Show and Sale](#). Stop by Occoquan Regional Park to see the new home of the **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial**.

These are great examples of the **very desirable area we live in** and where many want to move. This desirability is **driving up home prices** – if you know anyone who bought or sold a home this year, you know what I mean – and greatly increasing home values which is reflected in your **2022 home valuation**. In addition, due to an **increased demand for new and used cars**, those valuations will be increasing as well. Generally, if you are a home, vehicle or property owner these **higher values represent a growing investment** and are financially a good thing. For those who are not, or for whom your pay is not increasing, these increased expenses can make life harder.

As your representative, **I am committed to working** with my Board colleagues to continue offering the **excellent County services** you expect, providing the funding to offer the **higher wages** needed to fill the many vacant teacher, police, fire, technical and custodial positions, and **lowering your property tax rates**. Join me virtually on **Wednesday, March 23 at 6 p.m.** for the **Mount Vernon District Budget Town Meeting** to learn more about the **County Executive’s proposed budget**, ask questions and share your comments. For more information on the **proposed budget and how to comment**, [visit the County website](#). There is also information below about how to **talk to a County appraiser** about your home’s assessment and **how to appeal**.

For a little bit of fun, I invite you to join us at the end of the month for the return of the **Ides of Bark Dog Festival on Sunday, March 27 from 1 – 4 p.m. at Grist Mill Park**. Bring your 4-legged friends for fun, music, games, treats and playtime!

Respectfully yours in public service,

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



Enjoyed participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at George Washington's Tomb and the Slave Memorial again this year at Mount Vernon.

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Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- Mar 8: [Board of Supervisors Meeting](#) - 9:30 a.m.
 - Mar 8: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - Mar 11: [Six Pillars of Brain Health](#) - 1 p.m.
 - Mar 16: [HomeWise webinar: Water Conservation in Bathrooms](#) - 6 p.m.
 - Mar 17: [Virtual Workshop on Living Shorelines](#) - 5:30 p.m.
 - Mar 19: [Stuff the Bus](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Mar 22: [Board of Supervisors Meeting](#) - 9:30 a.m.
 - Mar 23: [Mount Vernon Budget Town Meeting](#) - 6 p.m.
 - Mar 23: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - Mar 24: [Infill Development Task Force](#) - 6:30 p.m.
 - [Quantico Noise Advisories](#)
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Woodlawn Fire Station Grand Opening



Thank you to everyone who joined us on February 19 for **grand opening of the Woodlawn Fire and Rescue Station 24**. The County continues to improve services to our residents and businesses through this **\$12 million County investment**. This new, improved fire and rescue station provides **state-of-the-art emergency readiness** and enhanced emergency medical rescue services to the Woodlawn community as it grows, and we embark on the **21st century redevelopment of Richmond Highway**. I am also pleased that this building was designed with energy efficient systems to meet LEED Silver Certification, but is on track to **achieve LEED Gold** when the **solar panels** are added.



Watch my remarks.

A bit of local history! Built in 1970, Woodlawn Station 24 was the **first station owned and operated by Fairfax County**. Previous fire stations had been constructed and operated as **volunteer fire stations**. Local advocates **Glenn Fatzinger, Herb Harris and Warren Johnson**, recognizing the need for closer fire services for their neighborhood and for **full time fire fighters**, engaged the community and petitioned the County in the 1960's to get this station built and staffed full time.

Richmond Highway BRT is "The One"



Last week we announced the **new brand identity** for the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System** coming to our **One main street**. I, for One, am very pleased with the selection of "**The One**"! This identity says so many things - it **brings us together** as One, aligns with **One Fairfax**, home to our **#1 President**, represents the **#1 employer** in Virginia (Fort Belvoir) and says "**We're #1**"! I thank everyone who participated in this **years long public process**, participating in meetings, completing surveys and especially to **those who participated in the Advisory Committee**.



Watch my remarks.

You're Invited!



Sunday, March 27, 2022
1-4 p.m.
Admission is FREE!
Grist Mill Park
4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria

**Games • Prizes • Food
Fun • Vendors**

Register your dog with Fairfax County.
Fee is \$10 (cash or check).
owners must show proof of
a current rabies shot.

Demonstrations by the
Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit



Supported by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

Real Estate Assessments

Almost 357,000 updated **2022 real estate assessments** notices are being mailed to all property owners. Based on **equalization changes** (market-driven value increases or decreases), countywide residential real estate assessments are **up an average of 9.57%**, with the **average assessment for all homes at \$668,974**. In 2021, the countywide average home assessment was \$610,545. In 2021, residential housing prices increased in most areas of the county because of **record low interest rates, low housing inventory and high demand**. Retail, apartment, hotel and industrial properties also increased in value, but high-rise offices declined in value as **remote work continues to be the norm**.

The **estimated tax levy** shown on your assessment notice is just that — an estimate. As required by state law, the estimated tax for 2022 is **based on the 2022 assessment and Fairfax County's 2021 tax rates**. This is an estimate because the Board of Supervisors **has not yet adopted tax rates for 2022**, but will do so as part of the budget process. The "levy," or tax, is a combination of your current assessment and the current adopted (2021) tax rates. An important note for participants in our **tax relief program for seniors and people with disabilities**: The 2022 tax estimate shown on your notice **does not reflect your 2022 tax relief benefit**. If you believe your real estate is incorrectly assessed, you **can file an appeal**. [Learn more...](#)

Land Use

Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District (HOD)

Following a **recommendation of approval** by the Planning Commission on February 23, the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District (HOD) will **come before the Board of Supervisors** for a public hearing on **March 8 at 4 p.m.** Hollin Hills is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its **mid-century modern character**. An HOD designation will provide another **opportunity for the community to preserve its character**. [Testify at the Board public hearing...](#)

This is the final step in a process that was **initiated by the community** and I have facilitated since July 2018. The HOD work group of Hollin Hills homeowners worked through **many complex issues** with County staff and held **several community meetings** over these past 4 years. [Learn more...](#)

Parking Reimagined - Updating Fairfax County's Parking Regulations



Fairfax County's Parking Reimagined project is reviewing and updating regulations for **off street parking and loading**, in an effort to modernize parking and loading requirements and **create greater flexibility** in the provision of parking for **current and future land uses**. While some changes to off street parking and loading regulations have occurred over the years, **overall rates and regulations** have not been comprehensively reviewed since 1988. Parking Reimagined includes an **in depth evaluation** of off street parking and loading rates and regulations.

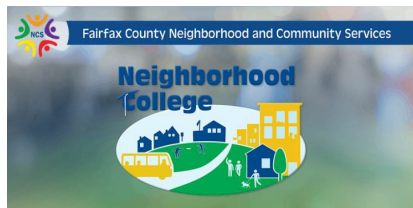
Community participation is an important part of the Parking Reimagined project and your thoughts are welcome! To **learn more about this project**, get details for upcoming community engagement opportunities, and watch previous meetings, please visit the [Parking Reimagined webpage](#).

Lorton Visioning Community Engagement Survey

The deadline for the Lorton Visioning Community Survey has been **extended until March 8!** **Lorton and South County residents**, please provide your input! Survey responses will play an **important role in the study**, as a new vision for the Lorton area is considered along with potential updates to **land use, placemaking, parks, multi-modal transportation infrastructure** and more. Share your thoughts now:

- [Lorton Vision Study - Survey 1 \(English\)](#)
- [Estudio de Visión de Lorton - Encuesta 1 \(Español\)](#)

Health, Housing & Human Services



Mount Vernon District Neighborhood College Certificate Program

The Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' Mount Vernon District Neighborhood College, a **free eight-session certificate program**, is now open for registration. Sponsored by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck, this

unique program is **open to Mount Vernon District residents** interested in learning about Fairfax County and the Mount Vernon District.

Sessions will feature **guest speakers, interactive activities, breakout room discussions, networking opportunities** and information about **advisory boards** and other **volunteer opportunities**. The program is designed to provide each participant with a **valuable and enriching experience**. Classes will be held virtually on consecutive **Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, from **April 21 to June 9** via Zoom.

Registration must be **received by April 7**. [For more information and to register...](#)

Residents can use Fairfax County's [MyNeighborhood](#) page to **confirm in which magisterial district** they reside. **For more information**, please contact Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700 or Maria.Franco-Nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FREE Rides for Veterans

The Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA) and the Northern Virginia Veterans Association (NOVA Veterans) provide **no-cost taxi rides to veterans** who are **disabled or over 65** needing transportation to a **healthcare appointment**. The program is a welcome relief to many veterans who had been forced to **postpone routine and even critical healthcare** because of the pandemic. [Learn more...](#)

3rd Annual Housing Symposium to Highlight Role of Housing in Economic Recovery, Growth, and Opportunity

Fairfax County and the **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority**, in partnership with the George Mason School of Business, is planning the third annual Fairfax County Housing Symposium for **Thursday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

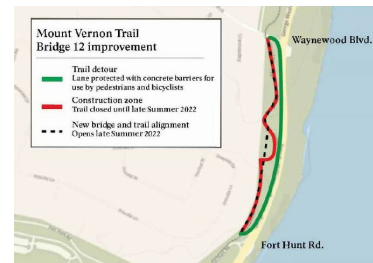
The theme of this year's event is "**Affordable Housing: A Foundation for Economic Recovery, Growth, and Opportunity.**" This year's Symposium will be **held virtually** – the event link and details to be provided to registered participants approximately one week prior to March 17. [Learn more...](#)



Transportation

Bridge 12 of the Mount Vernon Trail is Getting a Makeover!

The National Park Service (NPS) is beginning a project to replace Bridge 12 and realign the Mount Vernon Trail to **improve safety near Fort Hunt Park**. As part of this project, one **southbound lane of the George Washington Parkway will be closed** to allow trail users to detour around the construction area. The NPS will **straighten trail curves** that lead to Bridge 12, located approximately **400 yards north of Fort Hunt Park**. The bridge will be relocated, allowing for a straighter alignment and a reduced grade leading to and from the bridge. The NPS will also **upgrade the bridge railings** and **replace more than 350 tons of asphalt** on the trail. Realigning the trail, replacing the bridge and laying new trail asphalt will **reduce the severity and frequency of bike crashes** on this section of trail. [Learn more...](#)



Public Safety



Fairfax Alerts

Sign up to receive County **Emergency alerts, transportation alerts and news updates**. These alerts are suitable for everyone and are **customizable to suit your needs**. You can receive alerts via **cell phone, email, text and more**. [Watch this video](#) to learn how to sign up for alerts. [Learn more and sign up today...](#)

Monthly Crime Statistic Updates

Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis has begun sharing monthly crime statistics with the Board of Supervisors and I will, in turn, **share these statistics with you**. These numbers are County-wide and **compare 2022 Year-to-Date (YTD) statistics with those of 2021**. Highlights shared by Chief Davis:

- **8% '22 vs. '21 crime reduction** (230 fewer victims)
- **4 homicides 2022 v. 2 homicides 2021 with 100% 2022 homicide closure rate**
- Street (person) robberies **down 21%**
- Sex offenses **down 22%**



- Commercial burglaries **down 45%**
- Fatal overdoses **down 16%**
- Non-Fatal overdoses **down 22%**
- Commercial robberies **up 29%**
- Residential burglaries **up 26%**
- Auto thefts **up 25%**
- YTD Pursuits: 3
- YTD Use of Force Incidents: 60
- YTD Police Officer Involved Shootings: 2 (both nonfatal)

Chief Davis also noted the **creation of full-time auto theft squad** is underway and will be in place this spring.

Parks & Environment

County Waste Management Resumed Yard waste Collection on March 1

What is yard waste?

Yard Waste is the organic waste generated by yard and lawn care to include **leaves, grass trimmings, shrubs and tree trimmings** (No soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches or limbs or clean-up from storm damage).

When is yard waste collected?

- Yard waste is collected and only processed for recycling from **March 1 through December 24**.

How to set out yard waste?

- Yard waste must be placed in **compostable paper bags or rigid containers**. (No plastic bags). Set out on the regular collection day by 6:00 a.m.
- Small quantities of yard waste should be **tied in bundles** weighing no more than 50 pounds (Pieces should be no longer than 4 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter).
- **More than 4 bundles** of yard waste should be scheduled for a **brush** Special Pickup.

For updates, please view the [Recycling and Trash Customers](#) web page. Sign up to **receive e-mail updates** through [Trash Collection E-Updates](#). **Report service issues** the following business day by 4:30 p.m. by using the [Solid Waste Feedback Form](#), by calling 703-802-3322 or email DPWESTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Resilient Fairfax Climate Projections Report Released

The new Resilient Fairfax Climate Projections Report reveals that we could be looking at a **much warmer, wetter and weirder future** in Fairfax County. Released by the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination on February 10, the report addresses **two big questions: how has the climate changed? And, what will the future climate look like?**

The Resilient Fairfax report looks very **specifically at Fairfax County**, using statistically downscaled **climate models and data** to predict our future conditions. **The findings are alarming**. By 2085, it is likely that **most days of the summer will reach 95 degrees** in the County. We'll also see more **frequent, stronger thunderstorms** and **more intense precipitation overall**. [Learn more...](#)

HomeWise: Water Conservation in Bathrooms

Water is not free, don't let your hard-earned money go down the drain. Join County HomeWise volunteers for a **60-minute webinar** on water conservation in bathrooms on March 16 from 6 - 7 p.m. Learn how to **identify leaks** in your bathroom and where, when, and **how to intervene**. Pick up new tips and tricks for **saving water** used in sinks, toilets, tubs, and showers. Turn your bathrooms into **water-saving sanctuaries**. [Learn more...](#)

In the News



Man Shot by Police in Lorton Identified, Charged

The man **shot by a Fairfax County police officer** in an early morning shooting last week was identified as **34-year-old Michael Vaughn**, a fugitive who was arrested on February 16 for **two outstanding warrants** for failure to appear and a probation violation. According to Fairfax County Police, Vaughn's warrants stem from previous charges of **possession of a firearm** while in possession of certain substances and **selling a schedule I/II drug** that occurred on March 18, 2021. [Read more in the Connection...](#)

Pedestrian Killed On Ox Road In Lorton

Detectives from the County Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to **investigate a fatal crash that occurred around 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 19**, on Ox Road near Workhouse Road in Lorton. Preliminarily, detectives determined **Victor Savier Barillas Delao, 28, of Alexandria**, was crossing mid-block on Ox Road from east to west, near Workhouse Road. **Anyone with information about this crash** is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. **Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000** if their information leads to an arrest. [Read more about the incident and how to provide tips on the Police Blog...](#)

Fairfax County Police Launch Internal Probe after Deaths of Recruit and Wife

Fairfax County police are investigating the **deaths of a department recruit and his wife** and have launched an internal affairs investigation to determine whether **officers who responded to the incident** handled it properly, authorities said. Officers were called to the couple's home in the **4200 block of Sonia Court** in the Mount Vernon area around **8:10 p.m. Saturday night** for a report of a shooting, police said. Officers found the recruit's spouse with a gunshot wound. She was taken to a hospital, where she later died. Police said they are investigating her **death as a possible suicide**. [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)



Mount Vernon 35th Annual Town Meeting

Storck began with a moment of silence to **commemorate Mount Vernon residents** who died in the previous year. He then **expressed gratitude** to his predecessor, **Supervisor Gerald W. "Gerry" Hyland** (D-Mount Vernon), for initiating the **town meeting tradition 35 years ago**. Storck honored the people who make **"a huge difference"** and "have a commitment and passion for the particular work they do," the Mount Vernon district appointees to over **50 different boards, authorities and commissions**. [Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...](#)

Community Information

Changes Coming to Election Precincts and Polling Places

Due to the changes in the state election redistricting, **changes need to be made to our local voting precincts and polling places**. We will be holding a **Board public hearing on Tuesday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m.** Proposed changes can be viewed starting on [page 211 of the Board package](#). **You can sign up** to speak at the public hearing or send written comment. [Learn more...](#)



FREE Tax Filing Service

Opportunity Neighborhood is offering **FREE tax filing every Monday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at the NEW Lee District Community Center at **7950 Audubon Avenue**. This service will be available until April 18, so please spread the word! [Learn more...](#)

Get That Job!

Connect to learn **job search success strategies** to get the job you want! Britepaths and the Financial Empowerment Center are offering a **FREE Online Career Series** Tuesday's in March. [Learn more...](#)

Fort Hunt Community Day

Calling all organizations and businesses to participate in Fort Hunt Community Day on **Saturday, April 16 at Hollin Hall Senior Center!** Whether you'd like to **host an activity or sponsor a booth**, please [visit the website](#) to learn more about the Fort Hunt Community Expo serving between 500-1000 Fort Hunt



neighbors. The day will feature a **community yard sale, children's business fair, Easter Egg hunt, basketball and volleyball invitational, petting zoo and food trucks.** [Learn more...](#)

National Consumer Protection Week

Fairfax County Consumer Affairs celebrates **National Consumer Protection Week March 6-12** with several informational events. The Consumer Affairs Branch is committed to **ensuring Fairfax County consumers** have the tools and resources to understand their consumer rights, navigate the marketplace and **make informed decisions.** [Learn more...](#)



Virtual Workshop on Living Shorelines

What are **"living shorelines"** and why are they **preferred in Virginia law**? Who decides whether a living shoreline is suitable, and how do they make the decision? **What does the law mean for shoreline property owners?** Please bring your questions and concerns to this **virtual workshop on March 17 at 5:30 p.m.**, conducted by staff from the Virginia Institute

of Marine Science and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. [Learn more...](#)

Six Pillars of Brain Health

Join us on **Friday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.** to learn about the **"six pillars" of brain health**, stress management, sleep and the benefits of just moving around a bit more. This session is a **great overview for anyone interested in learning more about brain health** and will provide you with information on the latest research on brain health, lifestyle suggestions, and resources to learn more. In this **live, engaging, and interactive session** you will learn about the six pillars of brain health and **activities that support brain health**, and hopefully be inspired by others. This is an interactive Zoom program and participants are **invited to actively share and join the conversation.** [Learn more...](#)



Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults

Fairfax County, together with the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, wants to **learn more about the aging experience** in our area to plan for a more **aging-friendly community.** The Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA) will be **sent to a scientifically random sample** of adults ages 50 and older in the next few weeks. Selected recipients will **receive an advance postcard** to notify them that a letter and the survey will soon arrive. The survey will ask for information about the **lifestyles of these older adults**, including opportunities to **work, socialize and volunteer**, as well as issues they face, such as **retirement, housing and caregiving**, and their use of community services like public transportation and senior centers. The survey will be available in **Arabic, English, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese.** [Learn more...](#)

 **WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER**
PRESENTS

ON STAGE
LIVE MUSIC AT THE WORKHOUSE

OnStage: Live Music at the Workhouse

The Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc. is thrilled to announce its **OnStage – Live Music At The Workhouse** series will begin performing on March 5.

The performers in this **musical series** have been carefully curated from the District/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) region, as well as **national and international rosters.** These up-and-coming **musical and comedy artists**, Grammy-nominated performers, WAMMIES awardees, and Helen Hayes Theatre recipients will **"wow" our Workhouse audiences** with their distinctive and unique styles—including special performances to celebrate **Juneteenth and Dia de Los Muertos.** [Learn more...](#)

Free Home Repairs for Older and Disabled Residents

Great things come in small packages, and there is perhaps no better example of that than the Department of Housing and Community Development's **Home Repair for the Elderly Program (HREP)**. HREP provides **minor home repairs and/or accessibility modifications** to **eligible low- and moderate-income** seniors and individuals with disabilities, helping residents protect and maintain their homes and their independence. HREP provides **skilled labor and up to \$1,000 in material costs** to complete small handyman-sized projects for qualified homeowners. [Learn more...](#)



Supporting Our Students

FREE School-Required Vaccines

Are your **child's school-required vaccinations** up to date? Schools require immunizations for entry into **kindergarten, 7th grade, 12th grade** and when transferring into Fairfax County Public Schools. The Health Department offers school-required immunizations **by appointment only for free** at the following locations:

- **Mount Vernon District Health Office** (at the Gerry Hyland Center) 8350 Richmond Hwy., #233
- **Springfield District Health Office** 8136 Old Keene Mill Rd., 1st Fl., #A-100

To **make an appointment**, call: 703-246-7100. [Learn more...](#)

Chamber Scholarships Now Available

Do you know a **high school senior** who is planning for more education after graduation? The Chamber's Education Partnership Business Scholars are for seniors pursuing more **education in a business related field**. They may be off to **college or interested in an apprenticeship program** or somewhere in between. All students with an **interest in any business** are urged to apply. At least one **scholarship of \$2,000** will be awarded to each of the high schools in **Lee and Mount Vernon Districts**. Scholarship applicants **must live in Mount Vernon or Lee Districts or go to school** in one of the high schools in these districts. Scholarship applications are due by **Friday, April 15**. [Learn more...](#)



College Scholarship for Criminal Justice Majors

Are you enrolled at a **Virginia college or university**? Are you majoring in a **criminal justice field**? And are you a resident of **Fairfax County**, the **City of Fairfax**, the **Town of Herndon** or the **Town of Vienna**? If you answered "yes" to these three questions, then you may be **eligible to apply for a college scholarship** from the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute (VSI) Scholarship Program through the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Scholarships are available to both **full- and part-time students**. [Learn more about requirements and deadlines...](#)

AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship

Each year, as part of its commitment to being a good neighbor and **giving back to the communities** they serve, [AIR Communities](#) funds the **AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship**, which helps **students living in affordable housing** achieve their education goals. The AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship is part of the National Leased Housing Association's Education Fund, which is made possible by **donations from affordable housing providers, lenders, and brokers**, with significant assistance provided by AIR Communities through its philanthropic arm, AIR Gives.

The AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship is **now accepting applications for the 2022 school year**. [Learn more...](#)

RecQuest and Teens and Action

Spring break camp for grades 7-12, April 4-8. These are structured programs offering **fun and creative opportunities** to help participants develop valuable life



skills and make **positive social connections**. [Learn more...](#)

On the Water Regional Art Contest

Fairfax County Wastewater Management is partnering with Fairfax Water to run the **local high school art contest** on the theme **Source Water Protection**. Winners from the local contest go on to a regional contest where **cash prizes** will be awarded. **Entry deadline April 8**. [Learn more...](#)



Important Safety Information

Code Compliance - Sheds

As spring approaches, you may be thinking about the **location of your existing shed**, or perhaps **considering a new one**. The Zoning Ordinance regulates the location of sheds as **accessory structures**. On lots that contain 36,000 square feet or less of land area, sheds are **not permitted in a front yard**. On any lot, a shed is permitted in the **side or rear yard depending on its height**, which is measured from lowest grade of land to the highest point of the shed.

- A shed with a height not exceeding 8.5 feet may be located anywhere in the side or rear yard.
- A shed with a height between 8.5 feet and 12 feet must be located at least five feet from the side and rear lot lines.
- A shed with a height greater than 12 feet must be:
 - From the side lot line, located at least a distance equal to the side yard setback for the zoning district, and
 - From the rear lot line, located at least a distance equal to its height.

Certain sheds, **including those that are prefabricated**, may be subject to permit requirements, as further detailed in the flyer (link provided below).

For more information, visit the [Department of Code Compliance \(DCC\) website](#) and the [DCC Accessory Structure flyer](#).

March Office of Emergency Management Newsletter

COVID-19

Masks Now Optional in County Facilities

Effective immediately, Fairfax County will **no longer require masks** for employees and the public in **County government facilities**, except in specific locations, such as where health or medical services are provided. This decision is based on **updated guidance** issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on February 25 that includes three metrics for determining COVID-19 community levels – **hospital bed use, hospital admissions and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area**. [Learn more...](#)

Community Testing

VDH's Community Testing Center Plus (CTC+) will support **regular Thursday testing** at the following times and locations for the **foreseeable future**.

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – **Groveton Baptist Church**, 6511 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – **Gunston Plaza**, 7700 Gunston Plaza, Lorton
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Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff (clockwise): Christine Morin, Volunteer Shirley Short, Maddie Carcamo Reyes, Supervisor Dan Storck, Alex Kramer, Nick Rinehart, Peyton Smith and Camela Speer.

Whether you need a notary, a "Slow Down" sign, Mosquito Dunks, or you would like to reserve meeting space in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center -- **my office offers all this at no cost to you.** Have road maintenance requests, zoning questions, environmental concerns, or need COVID-19 vaccine information? **Stop by the Mount Vernon District Office** anytime during our office hours, call or email us. **We are here to help!**

February 2022 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1037
- Meetings: 234

Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane
Mount Vernon, VA 22306
703-780-7518 (TTY 711) 703-780-1491 (fax)
mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

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

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.

There are **several At-Large positions** available as of December 2021 on County BACs.

- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board
- Architectural Review Board (Related Professional Group Rep)
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Alternate & Design Professional)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate
- Consumer Protection Commission (2 openings)
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (Business Community Rep)

[Learn more about any of 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 mtvernon@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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