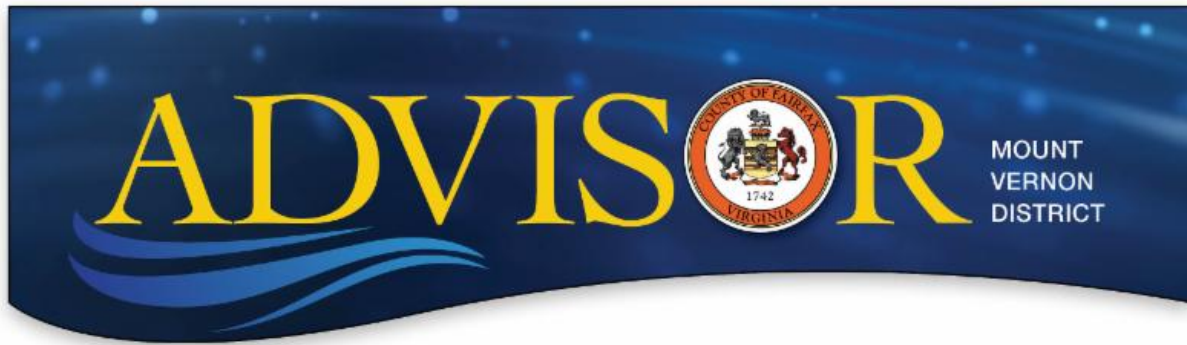


May 2019



Spring adventures abound in the Mount Vernon District! Join us **Saturday, May 4** at the **2019 Hope & Health Festival** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. behind the Lorton Library. The event **features free food, health screenings, fun and fitness**. Learn more about the Lorton Community Center, get a **sneak peak at the new proposed playground options** and tell us what you like best! On Sunday, you can come to the Mount Vernon Governmental Center for a **reduced cost rabies clinic** and attend the next **public meeting for the Mount Vernon RECenter** renovations later that day.

Next weekend, you'll find us at the **Mason Neck Eagle Festival** from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on **Saturday, May 11**. Throughout the District, **farmers markets** have opened, **parks** are hosting special events, and **watershed cleanups continue** through June 1 with the **Annual Clean the Bay Day**. Resources for finding **outdoor activities near you** include: the **Bike Fairfax Interactive Map**, **Fairfax County Park Authority**, **My Neighborhood Mapping Tool**, and **Fairfax County Historic Buildings Map**.

In May, we **recognize moms, grandmothers, special women** in our lives and the newest batch of college graduates. I truly hope you take a few moments and connect with those important to you. As we look to June, **TEAM MVD would like to announce our Dads and Grads Photo Contest**. Throughout the next month, nominate your **favorite dads and grads** by sending us a photo with names and a clever caption and we will include the best in our June Advisor. **Submissions can be sent by June 1** to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov, subject line: Dads & Grads. We look forward to **connecting with many of you** through your favorite photos!

Finally, as you have likely heard by now, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will be **closing all Metrorail Blue and Yellow Line Stations south of Reagan National Airport this summer**. WMATA, the County and surrounding localities are providing a **variety of additional service options and free parking at some Metro Stations**. The County and I are also working closely with WMATA to keep **commuter inconvenience to a minimum** and to **ensure the stations are reopened as quickly as possible**, with additional enhancements for riders. Read more in the **WMATA update below**, including the **just announced closures for this weekend**.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Storck".

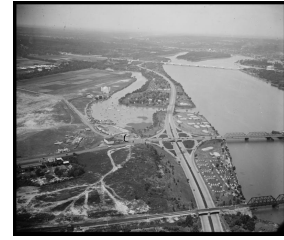
Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Today, we cut the ribbon on the new "Welcome to Lorton" sign! Thank you to Chaney Enterprises, our newest business partner, for making a big impact in our community so quickly! Special thanks to the South County Federation, the South Fairfax Chamber and VDOT for making this happen.

George Washington Parkway Study

Monday's deadly crash again highlighted the **need for safety improvements** on the George Washington (GW) Parkway. I join Representative Don Beyer in **urging the National Park Service (NPS)** to again **expedite its traffic study** of the GW Parkway in the wake of this fatal crash.



The NPS has responded that the **study is underway** and to date has included **collecting and analyzing historical vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle crash data**. Next steps include a **community meeting to be scheduled the week of June 10**. Morningside (near where Monday's crash occurred) is specifically covered in the study. The study is expected to be **completed in October 2019**.

I will keep you updated on the **public meeting and the study findings**.

Summer Metrorail Closures



Just announced, all stations south of National Airport will be closed Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 for repairs and as a test run for the summer closures. Shuttles, buses and parking will be available. Please plan your weekend travel accordingly! More information...

Metro offers free parking at 3 stations during summer platform reconstruction

Metro will offer **free parking at Huntington, Franconia-Springfield, and Van Dorn Street stations** while major station reconstruction—the Platform Improvement Project—is **underway this summer**. The free parking is intended to provide an **additional incentive** for riders to use [alternative transportation options](#), such as the County's and Metro's extensive network of **free shuttle buses or carpooling**. [Read more...](#)

The six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Reagan National Airport are scheduled to be **closed from Saturday, May 25, through Sunday, September 8**. [Read more about the project...](#)

Read **Chairman Bulova's Letter to the Editor** about the summer shutdowns and alternatives.

News You Can Use

Public Safety & Consumer Education

The **Department of Cable & Consumer Services** provides a range of **cable-related services** directly to the community. From help with **cable problems in your neighborhood** to providing **educational presentations** to community groups and schools, they are here to **help you!**

Resources:

- Have you seen these problems in your neighborhood?
- Presentations to community groups and schools...
- Cable & Consumer Services website...

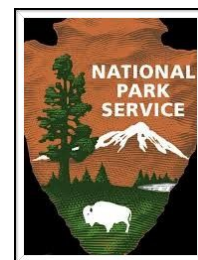
Upcoming Events

- [May Library Events](#)
- [May Arts Events](#)
- [Farmers Markets](#)
- [Apr 16-June 14: Solarize Fairfax Program](#)
- [May 4: Crime Solvers Community Shred](#) – 8:30 a.m.
- [May 4: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service](#) - 10 a.m.
- [May 4: 2019 Hope & Health Festival](#) – 11 a.m.
- [May 5: Wetlands Awareness Day at Huntley Meadows](#) – 12 p.m.
- [May 5: Reduced Cost Rabies Clinic](#) - 12 p.m.
- [May 5: Community Meeting: Mount Vernon RECenter Renovation](#) - 6 p.m.
- [May 6: Help Restore Habitat, Plant Natives](#) - 1 p.m.
- [May 8: Solarize Fairfax Information Session](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- [May 10: Kingstowne Library Book Sale](#) - 12 p.m.
- [May 11: Kingstowne Library Book Sale](#) - 10 a.m.
- [May 11: Annual Eagle Festival at Mason Neck State Park](#) - 10 a.m.
- [May 11: Second Saturday Art Walk](#) – 6 p.m.
- [May 14: South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- [May 15: Fairfax Area Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting](#) - 1 p.m.
- [May 15: Sea Level Rise and its Local Impacts](#) - 7 p.m.
- [May 17: Bike to Work Day](#)
- [May 18: Trap, Neuter & Return Community Cat Training](#) - 10 a.m.
- [May 22: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 8 p.m.
- [May 23: DMV2Go at Sherwood Library](#) - 10 a.m.
- [May 28: DMV2Go at Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) - 9 a.m.
- [June 1: 31st Annual Clean the Bay Day](#) - 9 a.m.
- [June 1: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service](#) - 10 a.m.

In the News

National Park Week is a Great Reminder Fairfax County Offers Outdoor Spaces and Eye-Opening Places for All

Whether one's passion is **accessing nature, enjoying outdoor activity, absorbing history or appreciating the arts**, Fairfax County offers residents, employers and visitors **healthy and diverse opportunities** to stretch their legs and expand their horizons. Those opportunities exist, in part, because of **lands and facilities** under the watch of the [National Park Service](#). [Read more in the EDA E-Bird...](#)



Local Farmers Markets Opening This Week

Two area farmers markets kickoff their seasons this week, starting with the [McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market](#) on Wednesday. The market will have the same hours and location as previous years, running from **8 a.m. to noon** in the parking lot of

[Sherwood Regional Library](#). The [Lorton Farmers Market](#) opens **Sunday, May 5** and runs from **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** in the **VRE parking lot**. [Read more on Covering the Corridor...](#)

Liberty Lorton: Former Prison Now a Flourishing Community

ABC7's Kidd O'Shea visited [Liberty Lorton](#), a **new urban village** transformed from the [Lorton Reformatory](#). The modern and community hub now **attracts residents and visitors** to live, work, shop and thrive. [Watch the video...](#)



New Concrete Plant Opens In Lorton



Chaney Enterprises has **opened a new facility** at 9520 Gunston Cove Road, directly off Interstate 95. Officials say it's **expected to create about a dozen new jobs**. It's Chaney's first plant in Fairfax County. In a statement, Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck said that *"companies, like Chaney, that are **passionately committed to their communities, work and environment, align well with our priority to continue to create a diverse and healthy***

environment for all residents, businesses, and travelers, alike." [Read more on the Patch...](#)

Regional Approach to Glass Recycling Leads to Creation of the Purple Can Club

Fairfax, Alexandria, Prince William and Arlington recently announced a **new strategic partnership to recover and recycle glass**. In Northern Virginia, glass collected in curbside recycling bins is sent to recycling facilities where it **eventually ends up in landfills**. During the transportation process to the facility glass is broken and becomes mixed with recycling residue (small bits of plastic and paper) as part of the sorting process, **making it unrecoverable**. To tackle this challenge, these jurisdictions have committed to **collecting glass via purple glass-only drop-off containers** and bringing it to Fairfax County's **"Big Blue" processing plant**, where it will be recycled for use in a variety of projects. [Read more...](#)



Meet Your BACs



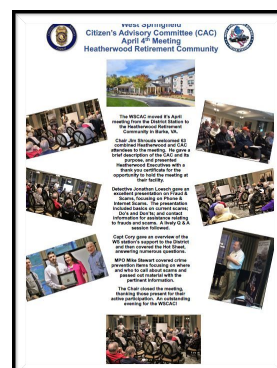
Rob Shenk represents the District on the County **Convention and Visitors Corporation Board**, also known as the Visit Fairfax Board. **Visit Fairfax** is the tourism marketing arm of the County.

Rob is currently the **Senior Vice President of Visitor Engagement** at **George Washington's Mount Vernon**, where he is responsible for the guest experience, guest services, historic trades, marketing and new media

departments. In this role, he gets to **welcome more than a million guests** to the home of George Washington each year. He states that being able to welcome **heads of state and visitors from every state and many countries** is a daily honor. Rob added that knowing **students still come by the bus loads** to learn about George Washington and to see his home always **fills him with hope for our future**.

Rob currently **lives in Alexandria** with his wife Tracey. Rob's **son is graduating** from the **United States Naval Academy** and his **daughter is a sophomore** at the **Parson's School of Design** in New York City. [Read more about our interview with Rob...](#)

West Springfield Police Station in the Community



The West Springfield Police Station recently held its **Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)** meeting at the Heatherwood Retirement Community. CAC Chair Jim Shrouds **welcomed the 63 attendees** and gave a brief description of the CAC and its purpose. Detective Jonathan Loesch gave presentation on **Fraud & Scams**, focusing on **Phone & Internet Scams**. The presentation included basics on current scams; **Do's and Don'ts**; and contact information for assistance relating to frauds and scams. Captain Eli Cory gave an overview of the **Station's support to the District** and then covered the **Hot Sheet**, answering numerous questions. MPO Mike Stewart covered **crime prevention items** focusing on where and who to call about scams and passed out material with the pertinent information.

Want to be more involved with the County Police Department (FCPD)? **Want to provide a valuable service to your community**, and be more informed about county issues and laws at the same time? **Consider joining your local FCPD Citizen Advisory Committee.** [Learn more...](#)

Supporting Our Seniors

Your Invited!

Join the **Fairfax Area Commission on Aging** at its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 1-3 p.m.** at the [Mount Vernon Governmental Center](#). The featured speakers are **Robin McGlothin from Insight Memory Care Center** and **Ruth Reagan from Goodwin House** at Bailey's Crossroads. They will speak on the **Dementia Friendly Fairfax initiative**. This initiative endeavors to **increase education** in communities as people encounter persons with a dementia diagnosis. The Commission on Aging **advocates for the needs of older adults** and taps their potential to enrich our community so it is always good to have **input from members of the Community**. Information about the Commission's work is available [here](#), or you can **contact Jacquie Woodruff**, Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging at 703-324-5403.

May is Creative Aging Month

The Creative Aging Festival is a month-long **celebration of the arts** - the meaning they provide and the positive impacts they have on the lives of adults ages 50 and over.

Enjoy a variety of activities - including performances, demonstrations and interactive classes involving drawing, painting, crafting, music, dance and more as we...
...CELEBRATE LIFELONG LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS!



[Schedule of events...](#)

Community Information

You're Invited!

**Mount Vernon RECenter Renovations
Community Meeting
May 5, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Mount Vernon RECenter**



The Mt. Vernon RECenter **Expansion & Renovation Project Team** will host a community meeting to **update residents** on the progress of **design plans for the expansion and renovation** of the RECenter. Park Authority staff will provide a presentation on the **current design advancement and project schedule**, as well as answer questions.

Mt. Vernon RECenter is located at **2017 Belle View Blvd.**, Alexandria, VA. If you can't make it to the meeting, the **presentation will be posted online** following the event. **For more information**, visit the [Project website](#), contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, or [send an email](#).



2019 Hope & Health Festival

This annual event, held in the park beside LCAC and behind the Lorton Library, provides **seniors, families and children** the opportunity to gather for **health screenings and information**, spend time with neighbors, **make new friends and have fun**. There will be inflatables, kids' games, free food, great information and loads of fun!

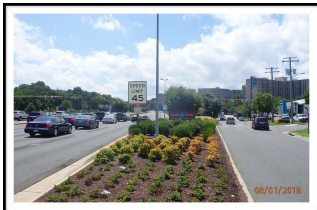
Join us in the park (9518 Richmond Highway) on **Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** [Read more...](#)

Annual Eagle Festival at Mason Neck State Park

The **Friends of Mason Neck State Park** and the park staff invite you to participate in this **jam packed day** of live animal shows, activities, music, food and more. Mason Neck State Park is home to a **thriving population of Bald Eagles** and is a wonderful place to enjoy the **beauty of nature** in a busy urban area. Join us as we celebrate our national symbol!



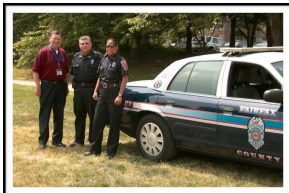
Admission to the festival is free! [Read more...](#)



Enhanced Maintenance Program Revitalizes Aging Commercial Districts

Much like someone who tidies up his or her property before putting it on the market, the County is **making an effort to improve the curb appeal** in five designated community revitalization districts, or CRDs. These mature commercial areas – Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads/Seven Corners,

McLean, **Richmond Highway Corridor and Springfield** – are located in densely populated areas, are **accessible by public transportation** and are ripe for **reinvestment and redevelopment**. To attract projects that will inject aging CRDs with **new economic vitality**, an increased level of streetscape maintenance is needed – **and expected**. [Read more...](#)



Fairfax County Police Department Support LCAC

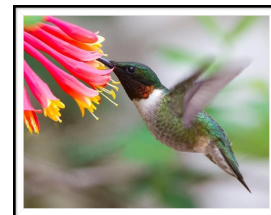
Fairfax County Police Department, along with Gold's Gyms of Lorton & Woodbridge, are **partnering with LCAC this summer!**

Through June 1st, Gold's Gym (Lorton) & Gold's Gym (Woodbridge), will serve as drop-off locations for **kids shoes or monetary donations** of cash, checks (made payable to LCAC), Visa Gift Cards or Modell's Gift cards. All **donations will go directly** to LCAC to **purchase shoes for kids in need** & distribute accordingly. [View the flyer...](#)

A **Fairfax County Police vs. Fire & Rescue Dodgeball Tournament** will take place on June 1st as an additional fundraiser for **kids programming**. [View the flyer...](#)

Apply for a Conservation Grant, Deadline May 10, 2019

Do you have a great idea for how to **improve habitat for birds and other wildlife**, but don't have the funds to do it? **Audubon Society of Northern Virginia has funds available** that can help your idea come true. We have budgeted **\$3,300 for**



conservation grants for this year, and applicants may apply for all or any part of the available funds. Applications can be from **individuals, non-profit organizations and public schools**. Projects submitted by individuals should have a **connection to public or non-profit lands**. [Read more and apply...](#)

Best Practices for Grant Writing Success

Want to apply for a Conservation Grant, or just up your #grantwriting game? Join Fairfax County for a **3-hour intensive workshop** that will strengthen your ability to craft a



winning grant proposal, give you insight into different types of funding opportunities, and **share resources** for grant writing and nonprofit capacity building. **Best Practices for Grant Writing Success seminar** will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center on **May 13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. It's free!** [Register today...](#)

Did You Know?

- The **Fort Belvoir Eagle** newspaper is available at the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center**? Stop by today to **pick up your copy** and learn more about what is going on the Base.
- **DMV now offers two types** of outreach to Virginia residents: **DMV 2 Go** Mobile Unit and **DMV Connect**. DMV outreach services are **scheduled most months** in a variety of locations, including at the **Sherwood Hall Library** and **Hollin Hall Senior Center**. [Read more and see a complete schedule...](#)



Saving the Environment

Bike To Work Day

May is National Bike Month and **Friday, May 17 is Bike to Work Day**. Commuter Connections, the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) and local governments including Fairfax County will host **one of the nation's largest Bike to Work Day events**. The annual celebration is held every spring to **increase awareness** and expose people to the **benefits of bicycling** to work or to transit - **good for you, your pocketbook, the environment and more!** [Read more...](#)



Volunteers Needed to Help Control Invasive Plants

The **Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM)** need several **volunteers to help control invasive or non-native plants** in our native plant restoration area off and on. We can **provide training** to help you identify several species of known invasives. If you can help for an hour or two off and on, [email Glenda Booth](#).

Several times a month, a team of FODMers **works on controlling invasive plants** on both sides of the **Haul Road Trail**. You can volunteer to do it once, regularly or off and on. To sign up, [contact Ned Stone](#).

Team MVD Around the District

Team MVD is out in the community many times during each month, so we decided to

start **sharing some of our adventures** with you! This month, **Donna visited the Kingstowne Library Volunteer's Luncheon** to celebrate our wonderful library volunteers and **Sally and Camela attended an event at Woodlawn Plantation** that featured tours of the mansion and the Frank Lloyd Wright House.



Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff: Abdul Shaban, Anna Smith, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Donna Slaymaker, Camela Speer & Sally Kidalov.

April 2019 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1205
- Meetings: 91

Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
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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)
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.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. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

Athletic Council and Athletic Council (alternate)

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Council will assist the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Park Authority, School Board, the Planning Commission, commissions, and authorities of Fairfax County on the allocation, use, and management and future planning of County athletic resources.



There are also several **At-Large positions available** as of May 1, 2019 on County BACs.

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Engineer/Architect Rep)
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Architectural Review Board (Related Professional Group)
- Athletic Council (Women's Sports Alternate Rep)
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Design Professional)
- Civil Service Commission
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- History Commission (Architect Rep 1 position & Historian 3 positions)
- Human Rights Commission
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Road Viewer Board
- Small Business Commission
- Tenant Landlord Commission (3 openings - Citizen Member, Condo Owner, Landlord Member & Tenant Member)

[Click here](#) to 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 Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the County [website](#).

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