



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 28, 2017. Items below cover Mount Vernon District programs and actions, plus items that impact all of Fairfax County. For additional information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule section on the County's webpage](#). [You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.](#)

PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Supervisors made presentations to community groups and individuals. The Board recognized:

The Board designated:

- March 2017, as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month in Fairfax County.
- March 2017, as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month in Fairfax County.
- April 3-9, 2017, as Public Health Week in Fairfax County.

Presentations before the Board:

- The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission presented the Carnegie Medal to Fairfax County resident Peter F. Pontzer in recognition of his assistance to save a boy from drowning in Emerald Isle, North Carolina.
- Presentation on the Mission, Programs, and Committees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZEN BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, COMMISSIONS, AND ADVISORY GROUPS

Supervisor Storck appointed the following individuals at the February Board meetings:

2/14 appointments

- Ken Heyman, Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory committee
- Mike Rioux, Airports authority board
- Lanita Thweatt, Community Action Advisory Board
- Jay Jupiter, Police Retirement System Board
- Lisa Sales, Commission for Women

2/28 no appointments

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADVERTISES FLAT TAX RATE




On Feb. 28, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 to support the County Executive's recommendation to advertise the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018, at \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value; this is the current FY2017 tax rate which means there will not be a tax rate increase this year. When the Board adopts a final budget on May 2, it can set the tax rate lower, but not higher, than what is advertised. Supervisor Storck did support a proposed amendment to advertise a rate of \$1.15 to provide the community an opportunity to have an open dialogue about the budget before it is definitively determined and he has concerns about staffing our

police stations, school funding to increase teacher pay, and funding county staff. The proposed amendment failed by a vote of 7-3.

Fairfax County continues to be challenged by the tepid recovery following the Great Recession and cut backs in federal contracting – the bread and butter of our local economy. Additionally, state law limits our revenue sources, resulting in an over reliance on real estate and personal property taxes, which make up about 80% of the revenue we have available to fund schools, public safety, libraries, parks and other county services.

If the Board of Supervisors votes to adopt the advertised tax rate on May 2, the average Fairfax County real estate tax bill would increase by \$40.69 annually due to a slight average increase in assessments this year. You can see how your real estate tax dollars are currently being spent by using Fairfax County's online [real estate tax calculator](#).

There are many opportunities for residents to share comments and concerns regarding the County budget between now and Budget Markup, which occurs on April 25. In addition to budget [town meetings](#) and [forums](#) throughout the County, three days of budget public hearings will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center on April 4, April 5 and April 6, 2017. Residents can sign up to speak at budget public hearings [here](#). You can also [email](#) Supervisor Storck your comments directly, or call his office at 703-780-7518 .

[FY2018 Budget Process Timeline](#)

[5 Things to Know: County Executive Proposes \\$4.10 Billion FY 2018 Budget](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 1: The Board authorized to a public hearing to advertise for a Sewer Ordinance Amendment to Revise the Sewer Service Charges, Base Charges, Availability Charges, Fixture Unit Charge and Equivalent Unit Flow.

Admin 2: The Board approved the following street(s) into the State Secondary System

Subdivision - Laurel Highlands, **District** - Mount Vernon, **Street** - Laurel Crest Drive

Admin 4: The Board authorized to Advertise Publication of the FY 2018 Budget and Required Tax Rates, the FY 2018 Effective Tax Rate Increase, and the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2018-2022 (with future fiscal years to 2027).

Advertising these rates will not prevent the Board from lowering any advertised tax rate, but higher tax rates could not be imposed without advertising such rates.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: The Board approved license Agreements with Bikes for the World for the use of County-owned property at I-95 Landfill and West Ox Transfer Station (Mount Vernon and Springfield Districts).

Action 2: The Board approved Calendar Year 2017 Forest Pest Management Program. *The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* requires the submission of the annual Integrated Pest Management Program proposal for Board of Supervisors' approval.

Action 3: The Board approved the annual submission of the Disease Carrying Insects Program (DCIP). Mosquitoes, West Nile virus, Zika virus and Other Mosquito-borne Diseases

Web Resources: www.cdc.gov/Lyme
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/zika-virus.htm

Action 4: The Board approved license agreement with George Mason University for the Use of County-owned property at I-95 landfill (Mount Vernon District). Board approval to license space at the I-95 Landfill to George Mason University (GMU) to permit the installation, operation, and maintenance of at least four apiaries (GMU apiaries).

The Honeybee Initiative Pollinator Program (HIPP) is a project to install hives of honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) and pollinator habitat at the I-95 landfill property located at 9850 Lorton Road. The project consists of partnering with GMU's Honey Bee Initiative to provide bees to pollinate plants for propagation to increase the quantity of desirable wildflower plants at the landfill, which will reduce costs associated with mowing. The presence of the GMU apiaries and associated improved vegetation will be an educational resource for County staff and residents. The GMU apiaries support the County's 20-year Environmental Vision by playing a role in plant and animal species diversity.

Action 7: The Board adopted Guidelines for the Economic Opportunity Reserve and Economic Development Support Fund.

Action 8: Board clarifications for Action Item 17, Establishment of a Police Civilian Review Panel, Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2016.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed nine Fairfax residents to serve on the [Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel](#). This panel will serve as a way for residents to have their complaints concerning allegations of abuse of authority or misconduct by a Fairfax County police officer reviewed by a civilian panel with a variety of community backgrounds and experiences. The Civilian Review Panel represents a significant step forward as the County pursues a reengineering of its police department. The Civilian Review Panel consists of nine members, and a full list of these nine members can be found [online](#).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The Board held a public hearing and [approved new zoning rules expanding the areas where craft beverage producers may do business](#). The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board held a public hearing and **approved an amendment to the proposed zoning ordinance Re: Articles 6 and 8 - Planned Development Housing (PDH) District and Group 5 Special Permit, Commercial Recreation Uses.**
- The Board held a public hearing and authorized a **New Cooperative Agreement** between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Towns of Vienna and Herndon to share Stormwater Service District fees and responsibilities for related services.
- The Board held a public hearing and approved RZ 2011-MV-033 (**Lorton Valley III, LLC**) (Mount Vernon District)

Public Hearing on RZ 2011-MV-033 (Lorton Valley III, LLC) to Rezone from R-1 to R-5 to Permit Residential Development with a Total Density of 1.36 Dwelling Units Per Acre, located on Approximately 38.28 Acres of Land (Mount Vernon District)

This property is located on the West side of I-95, directly North and South of Dixon Street. Tax Map 107-4 ((1)) 83, 84, 98, and 98A and a vacated portion of Sanger St. public rights-of-way.

Planning Commission Verbatim Excerpt and Staff Report available online at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/bos-packages/>

NEW WEBSITE PREVIEW AND SURVEYS

A new, modern resident-focused website is critical for Fairfax County Government's digital business and informational future. In order to serve you, our residents, better we need our website to be more up-to-date, user centric with responsive design to view easily on all devices.

I'm pleased to share that a draft new website is now available for your review and feedback. Four pages are available for your feedback through three surveys – a quick first impression survey, an in-depth detailed survey and a site map structure survey.



To view the draft pages and to take one or all of the surveys, please visit:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/using/newwebsite

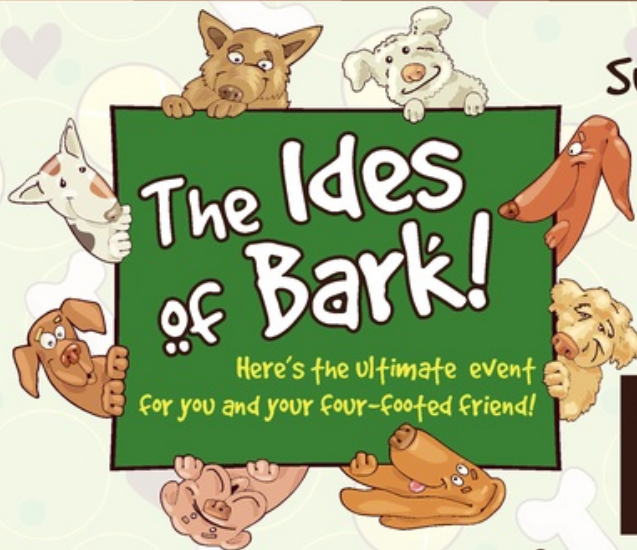
The surveys will be open until at least March 19. All of your feedback will be considered and factored into the next draft version of the new website. The goal is to launch a complete new website later this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ides of Bark Dog Festival , March 26, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Please bring your dog and join Supervisor Storck on Sunday, March 26 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Register your dog with Fairfax County. All canines of Fairfax County and their human companions are invited to come learn pet care, CPR, and first aid techniques from experienced pet technicians, connect with local dog vendors, win cool prizes, and enjoy an exciting demonstration by the [Fairfax County Police Department](#) K9 Unit.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/idesofbark/>

See [attached flyer](#) for more information.



Sunday, March 26, 2017

1-5 p.m.

Admission is FREE!

Grist Mill Park

4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria

Here's the ultimate event for you and your four-footed friend!

Games • Prizes • Food
Fun • Vendors
Health Assessments

Demonstrations by the Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit

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

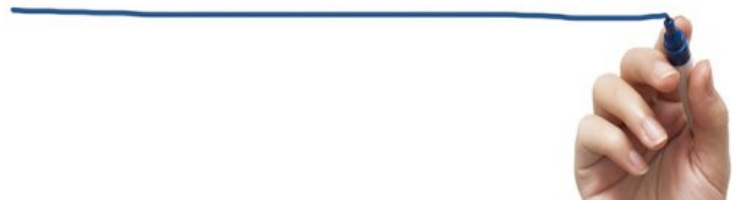



Supported by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks
Inclusion and ADA Support 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354.




TAX HELP




March 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Mount Vernon Governmental Center](#)
2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon
703-780-7518 

No appointment necessary to attend

March 29, 10 a.m. to noon
[Lorton Senior Center](#)

7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton
703-550-7195 

No appointment necessary to attend

March 30, 10 a.m. to noon
Hollin Hall Senior Center
1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria
703-765-4573 

No appointment necessary to attend

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