

May 12, 2020



Dear Neighbors,

Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors adopted the [County Executive's amended FY 2021 Budget proposal](#). While this is **not the budget any of us were hoping to approve** this year, it is necessary as we pivot to address the **needs created by COVID-19**. This budget includes **no tax rate increases**, even as our expenses climb dramatically and our revenues fall, similarly. The Board will be **reviewing the budget quarterly** to closely monitor these factors and the impacts of the pandemic. [Read my full budget statement...](#)



Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

- Adopted the **FY 2021 Budget** - The COVID-19 budget.
- Authorized the **Fairfax Relief Initiative to Support Employers (Fairfax RISE)**, a COVID-19 **grant program for small businesses and non-profits**.
- Approved **new speed humps on Quander Road** between Fort Hunt Road and Beacon Hill.

You can read **more about these items** and the **latest COVID-19 information** below.

The Board's highest priority remains to **support our residents, non-profits and local businesses in this challenging time**.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors May 12, 2020 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). 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.

All presentations, recognitions and Board Matters were postponed.

To view the May 12, 2020 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 3: Authorized advertisement of a Public Hearing on **Amendments to Motor Vehicle and Traffic County Code 82** to align with changes made by the Virginia General Assembly. The Public Hearing will be **June 9 at 4 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 13 - 23 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Authorized the **Department of Neighborhood and Community Services** to apply for a **Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five** from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation. *The full item can be read on pages 24 - 38 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Authorized the **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board** to apply for grant funding for **Behavioral Health Docket Diversion Programs**. This funding will enhance identification, diversion, and connection of **persons with mental illness** or co-occurring substance abuse disorders at the **earliest possible point** of contact with the criminal justice system. *The full item can be read on pages 39 - 42 of the Board Package.*

Item 6: Approved RTAP Traffic Calming Measures consisting of **four speed humps on Quander Road between Fort Hunt Road and Beacon Hill**. *The full item can be read on pages 43 - 48 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 3: Amended Fairfax County's **Citizen Participation Plan** and **Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020**. The amendments establish **expedited procedures** for drafting, proposing or amending the Action Plan, to include: **virtual public hearings**, changes in advertisement of meetings and **incorporation of new federal coronavirus response funding** in its planned uses. *The full item can be read on pages 249 - 264 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Authorized the **Fairfax Relief Initiative to Support Employers (Fairfax RISE)**. The Grant Program is available to **small businesses and "non-safety net" non-profit organizations** to subsidize the cost of business interruptions caused by closures. It **expands eligibility** to certain entities that were restricted in the Microloan Program, such as, home-based businesses, sole proprietary businesses and age-restriction businesses (such as breweries and wineries). Eligible entities can **apply for up to \$20,000**. In addition, a **separate \$5 million 'Non-profit Sustainability Program'** is being established to provide grants for safety-net non-profits. *The full item (including application parameters) can be read on pages 265 - 270 of the Board Package.*

Public Hearings

Adoption of an Uncodified Ordinance to Establish Methods to Assure Continuity in Fairfax County Government and Conduct of Meetings of Boards, Authorities, and Commissions Within Fairfax County Government During the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Emergency, and to Repeal the Emergency Ordinance Adopted on April 14, 2020, Which is Hereby Replaced

Approved an uncodified ordinance to **establish methods to ensure continuity** in the conduct of **Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs) meetings during the COVID-19 emergency** and to repeal the emergency ordinance adopted on April 14. This allows the **BACs to meet entirely electronically**, at times that it is **unsafe or impractical to meet in-person**. *The full item can be read on pages 274 - 288 of the Board Package.*

Adoption of an Uncodified Ordinance to Extend the Validity of Certain Development Approvals to Assure Continuity in Fairfax County Government During the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Emergency, and to Repeal the Emergency Uncodified Ordinance on the Same Subject, Which Was Adopted on April 14, 2020, and Is Hereby Replaced

Approved the extension of the **validity of all expiring Director-approved land development items until 60 days following** the Board mandated COVID-19 emergency ends. Our office and County staff have **received requests from homeowners and**

professional organizations to extend the validity of plans and permits **already approved by the Department of Land Development Services(LDS)**. LDS finds **many of these permits are set to expire**. While the LDS Director is able to extend approval **on a case by case basis**, the Board streamlined this process by **extending all approved-items**. *The full item can be read on pages 289 - 296 of the Board Package.*

COVID-19 Updates

[Applications Accepted In June for New Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Program](#)

[Governor Extends Public Health Restrictions in Fairfax County and Northern Virginia Until May 29](#)

[Health Department Expands COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)

[Fight Hunger, Feed Hope: "Stuff the Bus" Food Drive May 16 and 19](#)

[Northern Virginia Localities Urge Governor to Set Regional Targets for Reopening](#)

[Tips for Preventing Tick and Mosquito Bites During COVID-19](#)

[Behind the Scenes: Equipping Front Line Health Teams](#)

[Online and Phone Assistance for Victims of Abuse and People Needing Food, Medical and Employment Help](#)

[Find Grants for Nonprofits from Home While Library Research Centers Are Closed](#)

[Summer Entertainment Series June Performances Canceled](#)

Update from the Governor's Office

Yesterday, Governor Northam announced that **Northern Virginia will delay a gradual reopening into Phase I** of Forward Virginia **until May 29**. Northern Virginia's health data is **significantly different** than the rest of the Commonwealth as is the **population and density** of our region. The population of Fairfax County alone is greater than eight states.

The Governor's plan suggests **certain data benchmarks** should be met ahead of reopening. Northern Virginia Health Directors report that **we don't meet those health criteria** needed to move forward. That data includes:

- A downward trend of **positive tests** for over 14 days
- A downward trend of **hospitalizations** for over 14 days
- An **increased capacity** for both testing and contact testing
- Sufficient **hospital beds** and ICU capacity
- A sustained supply of **personal protective equipment**

Although **social distancing and access to PPE is working** to flatten the curve, we are still in the **exponential growth cycle** of our epidemic curve. That means for now **cases are still increasing**. In Northern Virginia as a whole, the **percentage of positive cases** of those tested is 25%, while the rest of the state is at 10%. You can see the **data laid out by our Health Directors** [here](#) and Fairfax County's case data [here](#).

NEW! COVID-19 Case Dashboard

The Fairfax County Health Department has added **new data points** to its COVID-19 Case Data Dashboard in an effort to keep the public informed during the COVID-19 emergency. The dashboard now includes: **probable cases, deceased cases by age group and COVID-19 testing by week**. The case rates are now presented by **5-digit zip codes**.

NEW! Testing in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Health Department has put together this **easy to use info-graphic** about **how and where to get tested**. [COVID-19 Testing...](#)

Shopping and Pharmacy Pick Up for Older Adults

Fairfax County Health Department's Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Program has launched a **grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up service** for County **residents age 60 and**

over. To request shopping and pharmacy pick-up call: 703-324-7948

Fort Belvoir Reopening Plan

View Fort Belvoir's phased reopening plan [here](#).

Marine Corps Base Quantico Training Advisory

Because training at Quantico is continuous, residents may hear noise or feel vibrations of varying impact. Training will take place on:

- May 12 from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- May 13 from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- May 14 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. (AV aircraft movement)
- May 20 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Get Help, Give Help Updates

Stuff the Bus - COVID-19 Relief

On **Saturday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 19**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fastran buses will be parked at locations throughout the County to **collect food donations**. Unlike past years, the buses will not be parked in grocery store parking lots. Buses will be parked in **less-frequented lots**, to allow donors to comply with **social distancing recommendations**. The donations will benefit 10 nonprofits in the County.

Locations near us include the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center**, the **Gerry Hyland Government Center** and the **Lorton Library** and will benefit **United Community** and the **Lorton Community Action Center** (LCAC). [Other locations...](#)

For those who are **unable to donate in person but want to contribute**, Volunteer Fairfax has created a [Donation Page](#) to connect with and **donate to nonprofits serving our community**.

Resources

Back to Business: Resilience, Recovery and Moving Forward

The Fairfax County **Economic Development Authority** (FCEDA) is presenting an **online conference on pandemic recovery strategies** on **Wednesday, May 20** from 8 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. [Learn more and register...](#)

Fairfax County Health Department

- To view the **number of cases in Fairfax County** [this page](#) is updated at noon daily.
- Visit the [County site on COVID-19](#), [Health Department Website](#), and see their [FAQs](#).
- Sign up for **text message alerts**: text FFXCOVID to 888777
- Call the Health Department from 9:30 am - 9 pm weekdays and 9:30 am - 5 pm on weekends: 703-267-3511
- Email: ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov. This account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 am - 8 pm.

Inova has a helpful [FAQ](#).

Happening in the District

Mount Vernon Athletic Club

Fairfax County has purchased the **closed Mount Vernon Athletic Club** with plans to establish a **multi-service center** to meet the immediate needs of **neighborhoods in the Buckman Road area** on the west side of Richmond Highway in Alexandria. When complete, the center will provide **recreation, youth programs and other equitable, accessible and effective resources** for the community. The Mount Vernon Athletic Club has been a **beloved recreation center** for many in our area, and its acquisition **creates new opportunities** for the surrounding neighborhoods. I look forward to engaging with the community to **envision and create** the new and much desired **recreation and human development opportunities** long needed in this area. [Learn more...](#)

Floating Litter Trap Installed in Little Hunting Creek

Although **stream litter is a problem** throughout the County, **Little Hunting Creek** has a reputation for being **one of the worst**. For years, volunteer organizations have worked together with county staff to **remove litter and debris** from the stream located near the **Richmond Highway corridor**. For example, a 2016 watershed cleanup event led by the Friends of Little Hunting Creek collected 423 bags of trash, 29 tires, and 10 shopping carts. In April, a Bandalong **floating litter trap was placed in the stream** and anchored in place. [Learn more...](#)

The Purple Bin is BACK and the McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened today!

2020 U.S. Census

The 2020 U.S. Census has begun! You have or will receive your invitation to respond any day now. **Please take the time to complete the census.** Future federal funding is determined by the census and it is very important everyone living in your home on April 1 is counted. For every person not counted, the County **could lose \$12,000 in potential funding** over the next 10 years. [Learn more...](#)



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