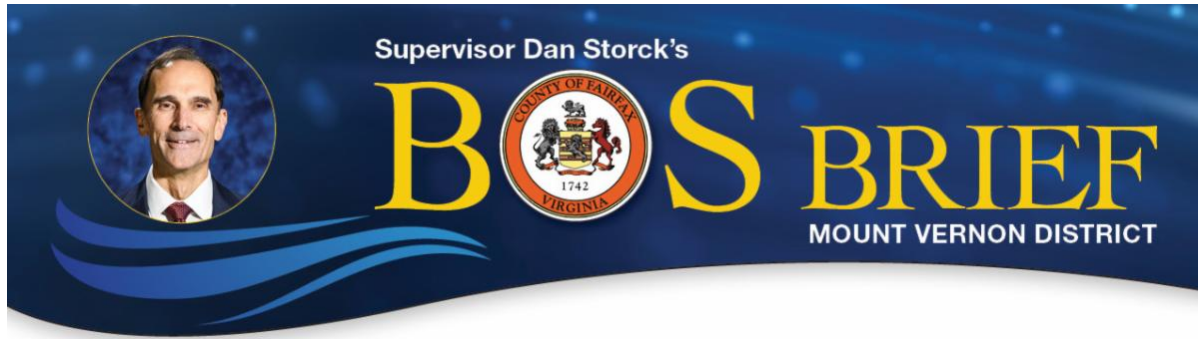


May 24, 2022



Dear Neighbors,

At Tuesday's Board meeting, we designated **June 3 as Gun Violence Awareness Day** in the County, as requested by Mom's Demanding Action and led by **Mount Vernon resident Brooke Glisson**. This day will bring awareness to the tragedy that gun violence brings to our neighborhoods and will honor victims and survivors. **Moms Demand Action invites everyone to join them for the Wear Orange Rally on June 3 at 7 p.m., at Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria.**

I also recognized **Cathy Ledec's tremendous contributions** to our community as the Mount Vernon Tree Commissioner, among other service and accolades. You can read more about her **outstanding work** in the Board Matter section below. And, with Cathy moving out of the area, we are **accepting applications for a new Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner**. [Information on the Commission and how to apply can be found here...](#)

Other meeting highlights:

- Recognized **FCPS Superintendent Dr. Scott Brabrand** for his decades of service to our community. As a School Board Member, it was a **pleasure to work closely with him**, as a then Regional Superintendent, to make **academic strides** to improve our student performance.
- Approved the abandonment of **unused right-of-way of Quander Road**.
- Approved two **"Watch for Children" signs** for Belle View Boulevard.
- Authorized issuance of Revenue Bonds to provide supplemental financing for affordable housing at the **Residences at North Hill**.

We all know **homelessness is a challenge** in our community and across the County. The Board directed County staff to **evaluate the successes and challenges of the County's Homeless Program** and bring back recommendations and additional partnership opportunities.

At the meeting, I also **recognized Diane Eckert** who passed away in March. Diane's passion for service to our community led her to be a **strong locally and nationally recognized leader in youth drug abuse prevention**. Diane co-founded the non-profit, **"Unified Prevention Coalition,"** that was funded through government grants from which she wrote and where she served as **Executive Director for seven years**. She was known for her intellect, integrity, compassion and good humor as she showed us all how to **work with young people** to help develop them into the leaders of tomorrow.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

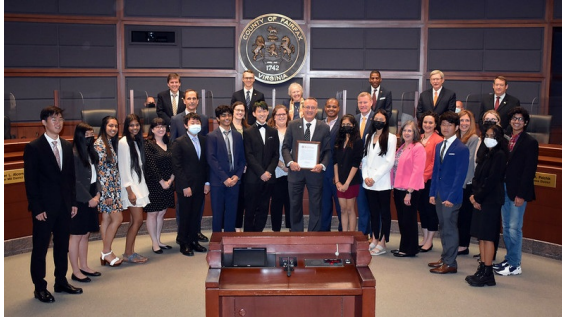
The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors May 24, 2022 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information,

please go to the County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule. The clerk to the board's official **Summary of Board Actions** is available the week following each meeting. Information is also available by a **video linked to the board agenda** and the **Board of Supervisors Highlights** podcast.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Madeleine Carcamo Reyes** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: Madeleine.CarcamoReyes@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the May 24, 2022 Board Package [click here](#).

Proclamations and Recognitions



Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Brabrand for his years of service to the community



June 3 as Gun Violence Awareness Day



May as Older Americans Month



Student Winners of 2021-22 Shark Tank Technology Challenge

Administrative Items

Item 3: Approved the installation of **two "Watch for Children" signs on Belle View Boulevard**, as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). *The full item can be read on pages 36 - 37 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Authorized the Department of Family Services to accept grant funding from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) in the **amount of \$2,392,256**. Funding will be used to support **services for older adults and their caregivers** administered by the **Fairfax Area Agency on Aging** in service categories aligned with Supportive Services, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Preventative Health, Family Caregiver, and Ombudsman. *The full item can be read on pages 70 - 74 of the Board Package.*

Authorized public hearings on:

- Moving the **Lorton precinct polling location** from Lorton Station Elementary School back to its original location at Lorton Library. Public hearing will be held on **June 7 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 38 - 61 of the Board Package.*
- Establish an additional **satellite voting office at the Lorton Community Center**

and removing the satellite voting office at the Laurel Hill Golf Club, where it was temporarily moved during the Lorton Library construction. Public hearing will be held on **June 7 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 62 - 69 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 2: Authorized the **County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA)** to issue Multifamily **Housing Revenue Bonds** or Notes, not to exceed \$515,000, to provide supplemental financing for the **affordable housing at the Residences at North Hill**. This is another planned funding source for the project. *The full item can be read on pages 91 - 103 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Authorized an agreement with the **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)** for the **Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP)** in the amount of \$9,696,940. *The full item can be read on pages 197 - 204 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Recognizing Cathy Ledec - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay

It is with sadness that I announce the **departure of Cathy Ledec from the County Tree Commission** (among many other duties and services to our community) due to her impending move out of the area. Cathy is a **Tree Warrior and force of nature** – by being a force FOR nature, with an intensity and focus that is truly remarkable and has served our natural world extremely well. She is a **strong community activist**, with a focus on environmentalism. Her achievements are not just volunteering, but also organizing, motivating others, demonstrating leadership, and serving as a **role model and mentor**.

Cathy has served on the **Fairfax County Tree Commission** since 2016, and as Chair since January 2019, until she recently stepped down. As Chair, Cathy led the creation of the 2019 **Fairfax County Tree Action Plan**, which was subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors, and led to the institution of the Community of Practice in 2020.

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Cathy is truly a **protector of our natural world**, from every bee to every tree. Her knowledge of trees, natural landscaping, climate and environmental issues, living shorelines and so much more is unmatched, as is her **passion and enthusiasm**. She has a strong conviction that we must preserve what we have, improve what we can, lead by example and love Mother Earth. **Cathy is an inspiration to us all** and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors and new community! [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation to be presented to Cathy Ledec on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Proclaiming June 2022 As Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual And Transgender Pride Month - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors John Foust, Walter Alcorn, Penny Gross, Rodney Lusk, Dalia Palchik, Kathy Smith, and James Walkinshaw

In celebration of the **County's richly diverse population**, this Board has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to promoting a **culture of openness, inclusiveness, and acceptance for all persons** in Fairfax County. We appreciate that by embracing and celebrating our individual identities, we become a better County and **grow stronger** as a community.

This Board has espoused that Fairfax County exemplifies values of respect and acceptance, and that we **welcome and celebrate one another's differences and cultural backgrounds**. Fairfax County has zero tolerance for harassment and other forms of discrimination. We believe that all residents deserve an **equitable opportunity to succeed** if they work hard— regardless of their race, color, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, or where they live. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Proclaim June 2022 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Fairfax County and invite representatives of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters to come before the Board at its June 7, 2022, meeting to receive the proclamation.

Recognizing the Service of Assistant Superintendent Jeffery K.

Platenberg - Jointly with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Pat Herrity, Penny Gross, John Foust, Kathy Smith and Dalia Palchik

Jeffery K. Platenberg has been with **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)** for twenty years, serving as a **valuable partner** to both the Fairfax County Board and our School Board with his record of **successful and innovative leadership** working with us and local agencies, other governing bodies, and diverse constituencies. As the assistant superintendent of facilities and transportation services, he has successfully worked to **resolve conflicts** in creative ways that best support the needs of our students, educators, and the community. He has **partnered with members of our Board** on many difficult issues. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Directed staff to prepare a resolution recognizing Mr. Platenberg's service to our community and Fairfax County Public Schools to be presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

FCPS Field Facilities

I supported Chairman Jeff McKay's Board Matter to enter into a **partnership with FCPS** to fund the development of **permanent bathroom facilities** at 15 of our FCPS high school stadiums.

- These 15 high schools **currently lack permanent restrooms** at their stadiums, relying upon port-a-potties for both student, athlete, and community use.
- Through a **cost-share agreement**, Fairfax County will partner with FCPS to fund the installation of these permanent facilities.

In the Mount Vernon area:

- Hayfield High School
- Mount Vernon High School
- West Potomac High School

This is an issue of equity. No matter which school a child goes to in Fairfax County, it should be expected that they receive not only a high-quality education, but that they are provided high quality facilities as well. **Permanent bathroom facilities at stadiums should be a standard**, not a matter of where you live.

I would like to thank my partner in the **Mount Vernon District, School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders for initiating this effort** and guiding us through months of meetings with myself, the Chairman and County staff to get to this point.

Public Hearings

Quander Road

Authorized vacation of **abandoned portions of Quander Road**. In the 1980's, the realignment of Quander Road was completed, creating areas of **surplus right of way**, leftover from the previous alignment. These portions are now surplus and **no longer needed for public street purposes**. This does **not impact the property recently purchased** by the Board of Supervisors to create a **new park on Quander Road**.

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

- Commission on Aging – **Diane Watson**
 - Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board – **Garrett McGuire**
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District Information & Upcoming Events

Resilient Fairfax Public Meeting and Public Comment

TONIGHT! Tuesday, May 24, join the team responsible for the creation of Fairfax County's first-ever **climate adaptation and resilience plan** for a virtual public meeting. The Resilient Fairfax team will **meet with County residents at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss the plan's findings and recommendations, take questions in real time, and to review how **residents can offer comment on the plan**. [Learn more and register online...](#)

Richmond Highway BRT and Turn Lane Community Input

Recently, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) **invites the public to take a survey on turn lanes**, to share your opinion about the staff recommendations related to potential changes. [Learn more...](#)

Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments are working together on the **Metropolitan Washington District of Columbia Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study**. The purpose of the study is to **investigate coastal flooding** in Northern Virginia and evaluate potential measures to reduce coastal flood risk to vulnerable populations, properties, infrastructure and resources to support resilient communities. The study includes **flood mitigation measures for the Belle Haven watershed**. That project is being considered as part of the study for further design.

The **Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment** for the study will be **released for public review on May 27, 2022**. The report will be available online on the [project website](#) for a 30 day review period. **A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 6 - 8 p.m. Belle View Elementary School cafeteria** (6701 Fort Hunt Road).

Public comments will be compiled, shared and evaluated by the entire USACE team. The **comments and suggestions from residents are greatly valued** and are an integral part of the process.

Children 5 to 11 Years of Age Now Eligible for a Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Booster

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) met on May 17 and amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, **authorizing use of a single booster for children ages 5 through 11 years of age**, at least five months after completing a primary series with the Pfizer vaccine. [Learn more...](#)

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us at our Grand Opening
Celebration

Wednesday May 25, 2022 – 1PM

Shoppes at Lorton Valley

8971 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079



Community Meeting

**Original Mount Vernon High School
Renovation and Adaptive Reuse Project**

June 1, 2022
6:00 – 8:00 PM



Participate in the **Community Meeting** at the
Original Mount Vernon High School Gymnasium
8333 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Please enter from the Senior Center Entrance on Maury Place

Learn about the design and construction of the project. Fairfax County staff will present the project and answer questions from the community

For more information, call 703-324-5800, TTY 711 or
FairfaxCounty.gov search: "Original Mount Vernon High School"

To arrange language interpretation services, childcare and transportation from Gum Springs Community Center, contact Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700, TTY 711, or e-mail maria.franco-nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov



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Join Moms Demand Action Alexandria on National Gun Violence Awareness Day for a rally to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and rededicate ourselves to ending this uniquely American crisis. Plus, support Shelter House's Artemis House Region I with **financial** (bit.ly/shelterhousedonate) and **in-kind donations** (amzn.to/3FZEpbR)! This local nonprofit and community partner provides crisis intervention, safe housing, and services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness.

when

Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

where

Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria

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Or snap the QR code to RSVP.
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