

October 15, 2019



At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting we recognized two **human services programs** that are near and dear to my heart. First, we designated **October 2019 as Head Start Month**. As a former Head Start administrator, I recognize that while **families and communities** are a key part of who we become, **teachers and our education** are just as vital. The Head Start and Early Head Start programs represent the **County's investment in our future** and recognize that the **earliest support makes the biggest difference**.

We also designated **October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. New shelters in **South County** and Bailey's Crossroads provide enhanced support throughout the County. In Fairfax County, approximately **10 people per day experience physical abuse by a domestic partner**. There are many resources available in the County and you can learn more about them [here](#). "**Be. the. One. Play a Part**" encourages us all to act and to show support for Domestic Violence Awareness by wearing purple on **Thursday, October 24, 2019**. The color purple symbolizes the courage, honor and commitment to ending domestic violence. **#PurpleOutFairfax**



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

1. Approved **gas pumps at the Richmond Highway Costco** on Richmond Highway.
2. Recognized **VA Task Force 1** for its service in response to **Hurricane Dorian**.
3. Designated **Saturday, October 26, 2019, as VolunteerFest Day**.



Looking for volunteer opportunities? Join us **Saturday, October 19, 2019, for Tour de Mount Vernon!**

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

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors October 15, 2019 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.

The Board also recognized and designated:



October 2019 as Head Start Month



October 2019 as Cyber Security Month



October 2019 as Financial Planning Month



October 26, 2019 as VolunteerFest Day

To view the **October 15, 2019 Board Package** [click here](#).

Information Items

Transportation Status Report

Received a report on transportation projects in the County, below are projects the Mount Vernon District.

Completed:

- Gunston Cove Road walkway
- Hooes Road/Newington Forest Avenue pedestrian improvements
- Richmond Highway walkway from Sherwood Hall Lane to Kings Village Road
- Richmond Highway/Lukens Lane Phase II pedestrian intersection improvements

Under construction:

- Old Mount Vernon Road Walkway
 - Pohick Road/Southrun Road pedestrian intersection improvements
 - Richmond Highway sidewalk Virginia Lodge to Huntington Avenue
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Public Hearings

Permit a Costco Service Station at 7940 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria

Approved modifications and waivers to permit the Richmond Highway Costco to install an 18-fuel pump service station and to reduce parking spaces. *The full item can be read on pages 258 - 259 of the Board Package.*

Permit a Carryout Restaurant at South Alex, 6226 North Kings Hwy.,

Approved actions to permit a carryout restaurant at South Alex. *The full item can be read on page 265 - 266 of the Board Package.*

District Information & Upcoming Events

Community Resiliency Group Meeting

Leaders from local Non-Profits, Community Based Organizations, Homeowner's Associations, Houses of Worship, Volunteer Groups, Faith Based Organizations, Civic Associations, Local Government and Businesses ... **are all invited to attend** upcoming meetings to learn more about the **operational side of the Community Resiliency Group** program, continue to **network with organizations in your area** and provide tools to help prepare you and your organization. All meetings will be from **7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.** with the program kicking off at 7:30 P.M. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M.

Region #1 Meeting (Lee and Mt. Vernon District) – Sherwood Library – October 21
[Sign up here.](#)

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Comment Period Open Until October 28

The 3rd Public Information Meeting was held on September 17, 2019, and you can still submit your comments. Please review the [meeting materials](#) and submit comments using the [web form](#).

Lorton Visioning Community Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2019, 10 a.m.
Laurel Hill ES, 8390 Laurel Crest Dr., Lorton

What will Lorton look like in 2040? What do you want to see more of in Lorton? Less of? This is your chance to share your ideas!

Please join us at the **Lorton Visioning Community Meeting** on Saturday, October 26 at 10 am in Laurel Hill Elementary Cafeteria. This meeting will be an open house to **introduce the Lorton Visioning process**, as well as **gather feedback from the Lorton community**. We hope to see everyone there!

If you have not taken the survey yet, [click here](#) to get started.

Glass Recycling: What You Need To Know!

To improve the quality of single-stream recycling, Fairfax County will **no longer accept glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins effective Oct. 1**. This change applies to County collection customers and private haulers.

You now have **two options for glass disposal**:

1. **Deliver used glass containers to purple, glass-only recycling containers**; there are now 21 purple containers available, and more sites are being evaluated to make dropping off glass more convenient. **Purple Bins are located at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center and Jones Point.**
2. Place used glass in the trash.

Answers to Questions from the Community:

1. If you cannot reuse glass containers and you choose not to use the purple containers, placing glass in the trash is the best option.
2. **It's not mandatory to bring glass to purple bins.**
3. Metal lids, labels, and plastic rings can be left on glass jars/bottle.
4. **Private haulers have been fully notified** of this change and will be making the transition. Some of you heard information to the contrary last week, including from county staff. Private haulers will be following this new guidance, too, but the power to help recycle right is in your hands, not just haulers.
5. **Recycling is a global commodities market.** We can't control secondary markets for material. There was no glass market in this area until we installed our glass crusher. Glass was going to a landfill outside Fairfax County and used as

- alternative cover. Dealing with glass separately reduces contamination in the recycling bin and, if brought to a purple bin, allows glass to be used for more beneficial uses.
6. We need to **preserve what has more value** – things like cardboard and metal. Broken glass mixed inside contaminates more valuable recycled materials – and then those items may not be recycled.
 7. **We recognize not everyone will be able to bring glass to a purple bin.** That's OK. Please dispose of your glass in the regular trash.
 8. The County is actively pursuing **more locations to host purple containers.** County-owned properties were contacted first. Considerations include zoning rules, security, site usage, traffic flows and access.
 9. **Curbside glass collection would be extremely expensive,** add more truck traffic in neighborhoods, and create more emissions. Other than the county's glass crushing operation, glass has no recycling value in this region.
 10. To learn **more about recycling in the County**, [please read this article](#) we published last year. It includes a graphic showing the flow of recycling and images so you can see what the recycling process looks like:
 11. More information on [glass recycling challenges in Northern Virginia...](#)

Events:

- Oct 17: [Financial Basics for the 50-Plus](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 18: [2019 Arts Awards](#) - noon
- Oct 19: [Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride](#) - 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 19: [Electric Vehicle Showcase](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 19: [Mason Neck 2019 Photo Encounter](#) - 10 a.m.
- Oct 19: [Financial Basics for the 50-Plus](#) - 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 19: [STEM FEST](#) - 3 p.m.
- Oct 20: [A Wild Solution to Climate Change](#) - 1 p.m.
- Oct 20: [Breaking Bread Breaking Walls](#) - 5 p.m.
- Oct 21: [Community Resiliency Group Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Oct 23: [Putting for Pets](#) - 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 23: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 8 p.m.
- Oct 25 & 26: [DMV2GO at Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) - 9 a.m.
- Oct 26: [Child Safety Seat Inspections](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 26: [Lorton Visioning Community Meeting](#) - 10 a.m.
- Oct 26: [It's Time to Thrive!](#) - 11 a.m.
- Nov 12: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 16: [Environment Expo: How YOU Can Act on Climate Change](#) - 8 a.m.
- [And more...](#)

IT's Almost Here!



[Click here to register or volunteer...](#)



ENVIRONMENT EXPO

What YOU Can Do To Act On Climate Change

Join us for the 2nd Annual Environment Expo on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 8 a.m. - noon at Walt Whitman Middle School. [Read more...](#)

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