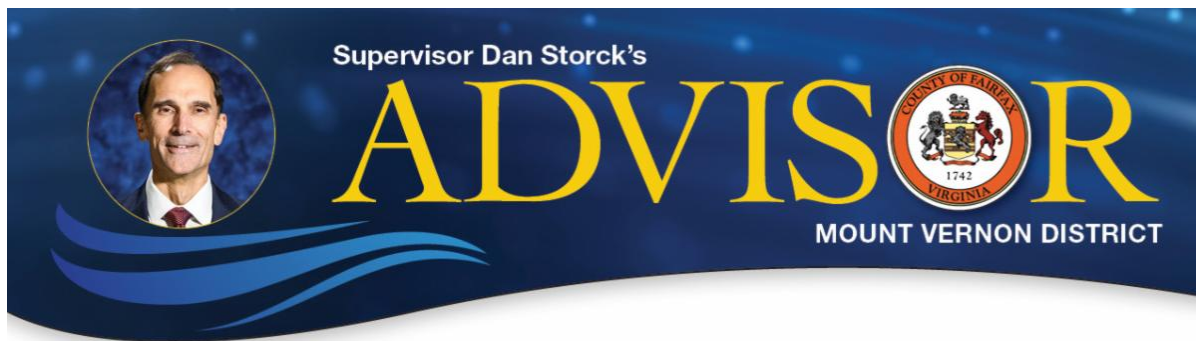


April 2022



## Neighbors,

April is known for **rebirth and celebrating Mother Earth**. Please join us for our **4th Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 23** and at our Farmers Markets reopening April 20 and May 1. You can also help us all by supporting our **spring community creek, stream and river cleanups!** I was happy to join the **Friends of Little Hunting Creek** last weekend on the first cleanup of the year. It is a great time to get out and enjoy our **many, many parks, trails and open spaces**. We have compiled a complete list of [parks and trails in our District](#) just for you.



Our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment Expo** is **Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at Fort Hunt Park. This **FREE family friendly festival** drew more than 400 attendees last year and focuses on having fun while learning more about our environment and supporting our natural world. The day features **loads of activities and exhibitors** sharing information about climate action, environmental challenges we face and solutions we can participate in to make Fairfax County a healthier, more sustainable place. Attendees will be treated to workshops, **live music, live reptile and owl demonstrations**, nature walks, giveaways, solar cooking and robot demonstrations, and more. Our partnership with the National Parks Service brings the **Junior Ranger Program** and history tours of the Battery Mount Vernon, among other popular programs. New this year we will feature live music by **Billy B, the Natural Science Song and Dance Guy** to get kids and parents up and dancing! Mark your calendars and **bring your friends and family** to join us for this fun, outdoor event!

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**Farmers Markets return** to Mount Vernon and Lorton this month. The [McCUTCHEON/MOUNT VERNON MARKET](#) at Sherwood Hall Library opens on April 20 and runs Wednesday's from 8 a.m. – noon until December 21. The [LORTON MARKET](#) opens Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) parking lot in Lorton Station, through November 20. **Buying local, fresh** meats, cheeses, produce, plants and other assorted goodies is a great way to help not only local businesses, but our environment, as well!

I look forward to seeing you in our parks, on our trails, at the Farmers Markets and Environment Expo this month! And, if you have a community, park or waterway cleanup, let us know and we will help you get the word out.

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



*WOW! This is our 2nd full pick up of donations for Ukraine refugees in the last 2 weeks! Thank you all for your generosity!*

[Visit our Website](#)

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## Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- [Farmers Markets](#)
- Apr 7: [HomeWise Webinar: DIY Energy- and Water-saving Improvements](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 8: [The Six Pillars of Brain Health](#) - 1 p.m.
- Apr 9: [Tackle Invasive Plants](#) - 10 a.m.
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- Apr 26: [Board of Supervisors Meeting](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 26: [Scout Night @ West Springfield Police Station](#) - 5:30 p.m.
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- Apr 27: [Solarize Fairfax Virtual Info Session](#) - 6 p.m.
- Apr 27: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Apr 30: [Raptor Rapture](#) - 10 a.m.
- [Quantico Noise Advisories](#)

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## FY 2023 Budget

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## My budget commitments to you!



You can **read more details** in my article "[Property Values Are on the Rise and I Hear You](#)" in the Mount Vernon Gazette and Lorton Connection.

## Ides of Bark a Howling Success!

**Thanks to everyone** who came out on a blustery March day to celebrate all the **wonderful dogs and their owners** in our lives. We were so happy to bring this **popular event** back after a two year hiatus! The day was filled with treats, pets, wiggles, **K-9 demonstrations**, pet CPR, playtime and snuggles. **Thank you** to the **Fairfax County Park Authority**, Animal Shelter, Police, Fire & Rescue, FastTran, **Linwood Gorham, Shirley Short** and the many pet vendors who **made this event a success!** If you missed it, watch the video and **mark your calendars to join us next year!**



## You're Invited!



**Supervisor Dan Storck and the National Park Service** invite you to participate in the **4th Annual Mount Vernon District Environment Expo**: Get Outdoors! Learn and Do! on **Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Attendees will learn about the environmental and climate challenges we face on a daily basis and **actions you can take** to help.

**FREE Family Friendly Festival** including: Exhibitors, Workshops, **Live Music by Billy B the Natural Science Song and Dance Guy**, Live Reptile & Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, **Junior Ranger Program**, Recycle Right, Touch-a-Truck, CCTV Robot Demos, Purple Glass Monster (bring your glass!), **Give-aways** and more! [Learn more...](#)

## Land Use

### Infill Development Task Force

The next meeting of the Infill Development Task Force (IDTF) is planned for **April 21 at**

**6:30 p.m.** Please visit the [Task Force webpage](#) for **future meeting link and agenda**, as well as **responses to questions** raised about zoning at the February task force meeting.

## Cityside Acquired and Converted to All Affordable Housing

In December 2021, **Lincoln Avenue Capital**, a mission driven affordable housing company, acquired the **Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments**, a **569-unit affordable housing property** in the Fairfax section of Alexandria, with financing from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund and Fannie Mae. Rent restrictions are now being imposed on the units for 99 years. This is a big win for our **affordable housing preservation efforts**, and just one more example of **my commitment to leave no one behind** as we revitalize the Richmond Highway Corridor. [Learn more...](#)

## Health, Housing & Human Services



### Mount Vernon District Neighborhood College Certificate Program

The Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' Mount Vernon District Neighborhood College, a **free eight-session certificate program**, is now open for registration. Sponsored by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck, this

unique program is **open to Mount Vernon District residents** interested in learning about Fairfax County and the Mount Vernon District.

Sessions will feature **guest speakers, interactive activities, breakout room discussions, networking opportunities** and information about **advisory boards** and other **volunteer opportunities**. The program is designed to provide each participant with a **valuable and enriching experience**. Classes will be held virtually on consecutive **Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, from **April 21 to June 9** via Zoom.

Registration is closing soon and there are **only 5 more spaces available**, register today. [For more information and to register...](#)

Residents can use Fairfax County's [MyNeighborhood](#) page to **confirm in which magisterial district** they reside. **For more information**, please contact Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700 or [Maria.Franco-Nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Maria.Franco-Nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Board of Supervisors Doubles Affordable Housing Production Goal

On March 22, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors officially **raised the bar** for affordable housing by announcing they were **doubling their goal** from producing a minimum of 5,000 units **by 2034 to creating 10,000 net new units** affordable to households earning up to 60 percent area median income. [Learn more...](#)

## Transportation



### 2022 Paving and Restriping Program

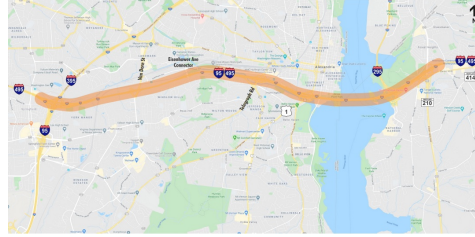
The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)'s **Northern Virginia Paving Program** improves hundreds of miles of roads in Fairfax County every year. VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) use this program as an opportunity to **increase driver, bicyclist and pedestrian safety** with road and crosswalk improvements while minimizing the financial investment in restriping work. The repaving

program can include **limited bike lane, shoulder and crosswalk improvements** with signage and markings. The community is invited to **provide striping-related feedback** by attending a **virtual public meeting on April 19 at 7 p.m.** and/or by **submitting comments online**. [Learn more...](#)

## I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study



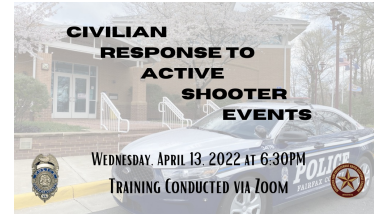
VDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other federal, state and local agencies in Virginia and Maryland, is conducting an **environmental study to potentially extend the express lanes system** on the southern section of I-495 (Capital Beltway), by about 11 miles from the **Springfield interchange** (I-95/I-395/I-495) in Fairfax County, Virginia, **across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge**, to approximately the Maryland 210 interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland. This location was identified in the Commonwealth Transportation Board's adopted **I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan** as an area for additional study. [Learn more...](#)



## Public Safety

### Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

While we all hope it never happens, an **active violence event** can take place anywhere in the world. The **community needs to be prepared** with how to respond, and we are here to help with that training. Join an hour and a half lecture on **April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** to learn about **attackers, disaster response**, and how to prepare for and respond to being **trapped in a building** during an active violence event. We will review past events, the **steps law enforcement will take** to assist and limit casualties and be there to answer your questions. This training is **open to anyone in the community**, but some of the material may be disturbing. If you have any questions about the training, **contact MPO Tony Capizzi** at the West Springfield District Station at 703-277-2363. [Meeting link](#): Password: 625231 Or Telephone: 636-651-3141 or 8774029753 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 404496



### Scout Night

Officers from the **West Springfield District Station** will be hosting a Scout Night. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 26**. If your den or troop would like to **visit the police station and speak with officers**, please contact us for available times. We will give a **presentation to the scouts** in our community room, a **video tour of the station**, and then a **hands-on tour of the police car** outside. We are limiting the visits to one den/troop every half hour. We have **5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. slots available**. If your older scouts need specific **requirements for a badge**, please contact us and we can discuss arrangements. Contact either **MPO Robert Urps** at 703-277-2357, or **MPO Tony Capizzi** at 703-277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

**STOP THE BLEED**  
**SAVE A LIFE**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
**12:00PM-1:30PM**

West Springfield District Station  
6140 Rolling Road  
Springfield, VA



# Auto Thefts? Car Break-ins?

## Ten Ways to Reduce Auto Thefts & Break-ins!

- Protect your key fob signal from interception.
- Completely close all windows.
- Remove all valuables. If you can't remove them, lock them in the trunk.
- Install a locking gas cap.
- Install an alarm system with kill switch.
- Install an ignition or fuel cut-off switch.
- Lock doors and pull door handle to make sure it is locked.
- Install a GPS vehicle tracking system.
- Park in well-lit locations. Avoid isolated areas.
- FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FRANCONIA DISTRICT STATION  
6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310  
703-922-0889
- NEVER leave your vehicle running and unattended.

### Monthly Crime Statistic Updates

Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis has begun sharing monthly crime statistics with the Board of Supervisors and I will, in turn, **share these statistics with you**. These numbers are County-wide and **compare 2022 Year-to-Date (YTD) statistics with those of 2021**. Highlights shared by Chief Davis:



- **3% '22 vs. '21 crime increase**
- **6** homicides 2022 v. **3** homicides 2021 with **100% 2022 closure rate**
- Assaults **up 9%**
- Commercial robberies **up 62%**
- Carjackings **down 60%**
- All burglaries **down 17%**
- Sex offenses **down 6%**
- Motor vehicle theft **up 45%**
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts **up 226%**
- Fatal overdoses **flat**
- Non-Fatal overdoses **down 19%**

Chief Davis noted crime is being driven by **commercial robberies, auto theft and theft of motor vehicle parts** (overwhelmingly catalytic converters). In response, Chief Davis has created a **full-time auto theft squad**.

## Parks & Environment

### Mount Vernon Rec Center Renovation and Expansion Project

Many of you are aware of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) plans to **renovate and expand the Mount Vernon Rec Center**, with construction originally scheduled to start last year. Unfortunately, due to **significant supply chain issues and other market factors**, the project cost of the much-needed renovations to the Rec Center has **substantially increased and the project had to be delayed**. This project is a **priority for me** and the FCPA. To keep the project to scale and on time, the FCPA Board considered **five options** ranging from substantially shrinking the project scope to canceling the project altogether. Last month, the FCPA Board made the difficult decision to **temporarily close the facility in early 2023** for the duration of the renovations, estimated to be **no longer than 24 months**. At my request, the FCPA will be hosting a community meeting in early May. The FCPA is committed to **maintaining stability** during this time of transition, and they are doing everything they can to assist in **relocating teams and events** to comparable facilities to minimize impacts. [Read the Park Authority's statement & FAQs...](#)

**For background on the Mount Vernon Rec Center Renovation and Expansion**



## Solarize Fairfax 2022

Once again, it's **Solarize season!** Fairfax County is pleased and proud to participate in the annual Solarize campaign, which brings **residents and businesses bulk discounts on solar systems.** This campaign is offered in partnership with the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC). **If you've been considering solar for your property,** Solarize presents the perfect opportunity to take the next step. This year, the

campaign runs from **April 1 through June 30.** [Learn more...](#)

## Its Earth Month!

Check out **Clean Fairfax's Earth Month website** to see a **full calendar of activities** and how you can engage, including attending the **Earth Daze Event on April 24!**

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## In the News

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### Community Garden Plots Coming to Lorton

Community organizers and the Fairfax County Park Authority are collaborating to bring a **new community garden to Lorton.** The limited in number of 20-foot-by-30 foot **plots for household or group gardens** will find a home near the **former Nike Missile site** at the intersection of Hooes and Lorton roads. The target date for start-up for the initial garden area is the **2023 growing season,** with possible expansion into a contiguous area depending upon interest. [Learn more and how you can help bring to to fruition in the Connection Newspapers...](#)



### The Nepenthe Gallery Opens In Hollin Hall

On March 10, **Alexandria natives Jim and Carrie Garland** opened Nepenthe Gallery, 7918 Fort Hunt Road, bringing **art from around the world** to the historic Hollin Hall Shopping Center. The gallery is named after the Greek term for **"a place of no sorrow."** Carrie said, "Our family has treasured this term for decades." The Garlands hope their gallery will be a **retreat for people,** as well as a **place for the community to gather.** [Read more in The Zebra...](#)

### Three Firefighters from the Same Station Had Babies in a 24-hour Span

Three firefighters from Fairfax County were close friends after **three years of working and living together** at Station No. 465 on the **Fort Belvoir Army base.** "When you do 48-hour shifts together and live together two days at a time, you get to know each other pretty well," said firefighter Kyle Frederick, 36. They were **all expecting their sons to be born** soon, and they joked at the fire station that they would run into each other at the hospital. **None of them thought it would actually happen.** [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)



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## Community Information

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### Spring Garden Market at River Farm

The American Horticultural Society (AHS) is hosting its annual Plant Sale and Garden Product Market at River Farm





on April 8 & 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds from the Spring Garden Market support the preservation of historic River Farm as the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society and its maintenance as a green space for all to enjoy. [Learn more...](#)

## Northern Virginia Region Named a "2022 Great American Defense Community"

The Northern Virginia region is home to three bases: Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, **Fort Belvoir**, and Marine Corps Base Quantico. In recent years, numerous positions opened in the region for **cyber professionals**. The Community, Military and Federal Facility Partnership of Northern Virginia's Cyber Training & Roadmap was created to address this **workforce need**. The partnership **created programs in local high schools, veteran trainings, and education pathways for cyber jobs**. This Partnership provides an ongoing framework to identify requirements and needs amongst the services to better support partnerships in the region. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission has held **regular listening sessions to address diversity and inclusion** issues in the region. These sessions seek to provide an opportunity for military members and/or family members to **share experiences and perspectives** about diversity, equity, inclusion the DMV region, and then plan for action. [Learn more...](#)



**ARTSFAIRFAX**

## National Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month with ArtsFairfax! This April, more than **20 Fairfax community members** join ArtsFairfax for Poetry Lives Here, a **community service project** by inaugural Fairfax Poet Laureate, Nicole Tong, that showcases the **diverse and compelling work** of contemporary American poets. **Follow along with Ms. Tong** on Twitter [@PoetryLivesHere](#) or visit [ArtsFairfax.org](#). Engage with [@ArtsFairfax](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) with [#NPMArtsFairfax](#) to **share your favorite poet, poem or reader**. [Learn more...](#)

## Raptor Rapture

See live raptors like **owls and hawks** up close, **April 30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon**, at **Belle Haven Park**. This is a great opportunity for youngsters. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh, the National Park Service, **Secret Gardens Birds and Bees** and the **Monarch Teacher Network**. Look for the tents near the restrooms.

## Calling all Housing Professionals: The Time is NOW!

Fairfax County is reaching **new heights** when it comes to affordable housing. With a major infusion of new investments (nearly **\$100 million** in the last fiscal year) and the rapid advancement of **new development and preservation projects** and initiatives, **NOW** is the opportune moment to be a part of something special and to continue your **"groundbreaking" career** with Fairfax County housing. The Fairfax County Department of **Housing and Community Development** is seeking **enthusiastic and driven** housing professionals to fill **key leadership positions** that will guide the preservation and creation of affordable housing in one of the largest, fastest-growing jurisdictions in the Washington D.C. area. If you are seeking to be a part of one of the **nation's leading innovators** among public housing authorities Fairfax County has **opportunities** that you won't want to pass up! [Learn more...](#)

## Jobs With Fairfax County - For a Career or Just the Summer

Fairfax County Government has a **number of job openings** whether you are considering a **career in public service** or a **fun summer job** working with kids. [Learn more...](#)

## Nominate Exceptional Volunteers for a Park Service Award

With an **award-winning system of 420 parks**, the Fairfax County Park Authority relies on the support of **thousands of volunteers** to



support its **programs and initiatives**. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to operate this nationally recognized park system without the support of volunteers. The Park Authority is **seeking nominations** of individual volunteers for the **2022 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards or Elly Doyle Youth/Student Awards**. [Learn more...](#)



## Champagne & Chocolates Auction

The **Gunston Hall Docents' Association** cordially invites you to the Champagne & Chocolates Auction, **April 1 - 30**. Due to scheduling constraints and health concerns, this year's **sixth annual fundraiser is an online auction**. All proceeds will be used to fund **research and construction of enslaved quarters** in the East Yard of **Gunston Hall's historic area**. [More information on this project and the auction...](#)

## Metro: Doing Our Part



**RETURNING APRIL 4!!**

## SPRINGFIELD SLUGLINES

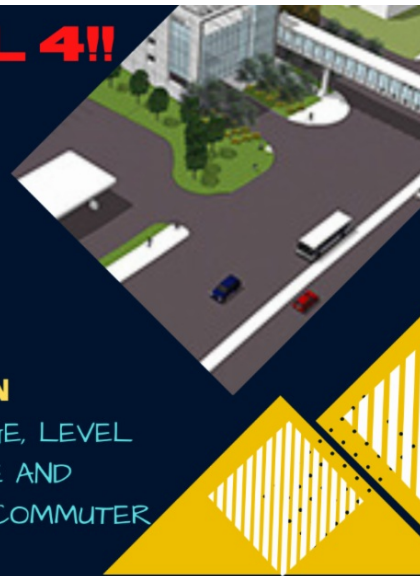
### 18TH TO 23RD/FOGGY BOTTOM

GO TO SPRINGFIELD UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 7047 OLD KEENE MILL RD,  
SPRINGFIELD,

### 14TH/ L'ENFANT/NAVY YARD/UNION STATION

SPRINGFIELD TOWN CENTER FRONTIER GARAGE, LEVEL  
1, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF FRONTIER DRIVE AND  
SPRING MALL DRIVE, ACROSS FROM MACY'S. COMMUTER  
PARKING IS LOCATED ON LEVELS 2, 4, AND 6.

**\*\* FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/SLUGLINESSPRINGFIELD \*\***



## Supporting Our Seniors



### HomeFit Workshop: Modify Your Home for Safety and Comfort

Thursday, April 14 at 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27 at 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

The AARP HomeFit Workshop provides participants with information to help them decide what type of **home modifications** would equip them to **stay in their home** as they age. It also includes **ideas and inspiration** for making those modifications. The goal of the presentation is to educate participants on home updates that can make it **easier for them to go about their daily activities** while staying comfortable, independent, and injury-free

in their home. [More information and to RSVP...](#)

## Knowledge Gives You Power Over Scams

Friday, April 22, Join a Virtual Scam Jam  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

To strike back against scammers, AARP Virginia and Fairfax County's Silver Shield Task Force are working together to **empower consumers to spot and avoid scams**, and to provide support and guidance to victims and their families when fraud happens. We are teaming up for our **5th Annual Scam Jam** to provide you with reliable, up-to-date insights, and connect you to **information and resources** so you can better **protect yourself and loved ones**. With AARP Virginia and the **Silver Shield Task Force** on your side, you'll be better equipped to stay ahead of scammers. Join us and learn more! Register and attend to receive a **complimentary copy of Mensa® AARP® Challenging Brain Twisters: 100 Logic and Number Puzzles**. [More information and to RSVP...](#)

## Insight Memory Care Opportunities

Insight Memory Care Center is a **nonprofit adult day health and resource center** providing specialized care, support, and education for individuals with **Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairments**, their families, caregivers and the community.

- **Mind and Body Workshop**, early stage couples engagement program
- **Classes for Caregivers**, education programs for care partners, family, and friends
- **Memory Cafe**, for families to come together for activities and fun
- [Dementia Friendly Fairfax](#)

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# Important Safety Information

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## Code Compliance - Fences

Whether for privacy or the security of children and pets, **fences are common** on residential properties. **Fence height is regulated** by the Zoning Ordinance, and will depend on the characteristics of the lot. Regulations applicable to the **most common fence height complaints**:

- On a property **less than two acres** in size, fence height in the front yard is limited to **four feet**, and in the side and rear yards it is limited to **seven feet**.
- On a **corner lot**, each yard between the streets and the dwelling is a front yard, where height is limited to **four feet**. The height may be further limited at the intersection of these yards to allow for sight distance.
- Increases in fence height can be sought with **approval of a special permit** by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- [More information...](#)

Department of Code Compliance (DCC) **accepts complaints and concerns** about potential violations on the DCC website or by telephone during regular business hours, at 703-324-1300. [For more information...](#)

[April Office of Emergency Management Newsletter](#)

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# COVID-19

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## Omicron BA.2 Sub-Variant

BA.2, an Omicron sub-variant that has undergone **several genetic changes** from the original Omicron virus, has been **identified in Fairfax County** COVID-19 patients, as well as in other areas across the state, the U.S. and globally. BA.2 is now estimated to be responsible for about one in three COVID-19 infections in the country and **one in five COVID-19 infections in Virginia**. While BA.2 appears to be **more contagious and can spread faster**, it is not known to make people sicker. [Learn more...](#)

**COVID-19 Vaccinations and Tests Remain Free for all County Residents**

Federal dollars that reimburse funds covering **COVID-19 vaccinations and testing for uninsured individuals** is concluding this week. While Congress may consider extending funding, free testing for the uninsured ended in March, and free vaccinations are scheduled to end tomorrow, April 5, for this same group. **At this time, the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) will continue to provide vaccinations for all at no charge at county-operated clinics, including pop-up clinics, held throughout the community.** [Learn more...](#)

## 2nd Booster Recommended

The FDA authorized, and the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** recommended, a **second booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine** for three groups of individuals:

- Persons who are aged **50 years and older**.
- Persons who are aged **18-49 years who received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen** COVID-19 vaccine as both their primary series dose and booster dose.
- Persons aged 12 years and older whose **immune system is moderately or severely impaired** based on disease or medications they are taking.
- [More information...](#)

## Fairfax County Health Department Website Data Dashboard Update

The Fairfax County Health Department announced that it has updated its **COVID-19 data dashboard**. The changes follow recent updates made by the **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)** and the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** to their dashboards. Updates to the Health Department's dashboard mirror VDH and CDC updates, which now places an **emphasis on outbreaks in high-risk settings** and removes data that are no longer being comprehensively collected.

## How to Beat Pandemic Fatigue and Build Resiliency During Challenging Times

**Pandemic Fatigue is More than 'Everyday Stress'**. The constant worry, stress and uncertainty that comes with the pandemic can result in **loss of sleep** or compound existing sleep problems. These sleep issues can have a **negative impact on mental health**. Other unhealthy habits from extended at-home time – including **binge eating, less exercise and other poor behaviors** – also impact mental health. [Learn more...](#)

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## Team MVD

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Mount Vernon District Staff (clockwise): Christine Morin, Volunteer Shirley Short, Maddie Carcamo Reyes, Supervisor Dan Storck, Alex Kramer, Nick Rinehart, Peyton Smith and Camela Speer.

**Whether you need** a notary, a "Slow Down" sign, Mosquito Dunks, or you would like to reserve meeting space in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center -- **my office offers all this at no cost to you.** Have road maintenance requests, zoning questions, environmental concerns, or need COVID-19 vaccine information? **Stop by the Mount Vernon District Office** anytime during our office hours, call or email us. **We are here to help!**

#### March 2022 Activities:

- Phone calls: 937
- Meetings: 299

#### Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center  
2511 Parkers Lane  
Mount Vernon, VA 22306  
703-780-7518 (TTY 711) 703-780-1491 (fax)  
[mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto: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)  
MV District Office: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Walk-ins and by appointment



#### Update from Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders

Check out my partner on the corridor **School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders' latest newsletter** for an update on Fairfax County Public Schools. This latest newsletter outlines great opportunities for students through **Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes** that study the technical parts of jobs. This **prepares students** for follow-on schooling and/or employment. CTE gives students a look at **many career fields.**

## 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.

There are **several At-Large positions** available as of December 2021 on County BACs.

- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board
- Architectural Review Board (Related Professional Group Rep)
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Alternate & Design Professional)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate
- Consumer Protection Commission (2 openings)
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (Business Community Rep)
- Police Civilian Review Panel

[Learn more about any of 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 [mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov). For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the [County website](#). You can also **check out the County's Volunteer Management System for information** on these and **other volunteer opportunities near you.**

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