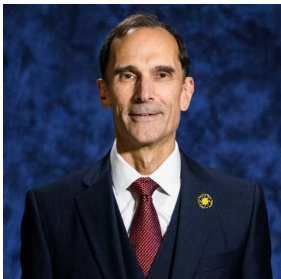
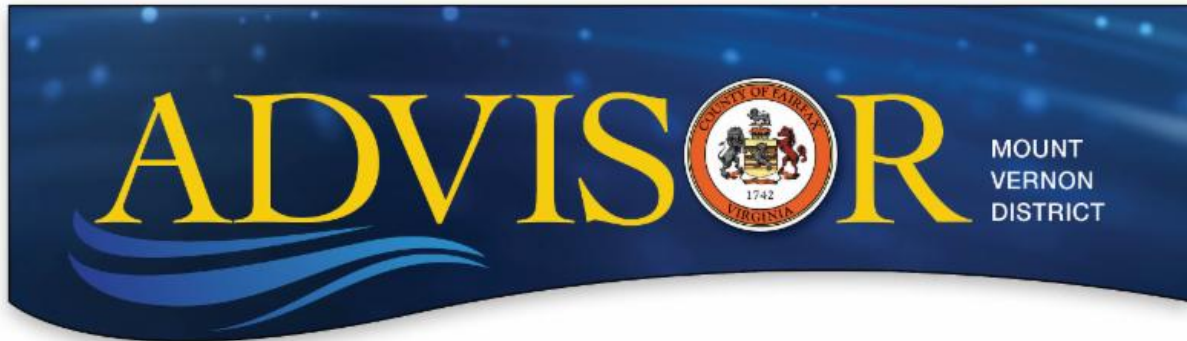


November 2021



Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who turned out to **vote this week**, and in **early voting** over the last six weeks. I truly enjoyed **getting to meet so many of you** at my office's satellite voting location and at the precincts on Tuesday. And, a **huge thank you** to our **election officers, volunteers and party workers**, many of whom showed up almost every day throughout early voting and on election day to **confirm our transparent and democratic process**.

While this election cycle is over, we have **important work** to do before the next election season. As you may know, following the **recent census**, the County AND state are in separate **processes for redistricting**. Our **County Redistricting Committee** has been hard at work since September drawing **proposed redistricting plans**, and the **public has also been submitting their suggestions**. These plans propose **new local election districts** for the [Board of Supervisors](#) and [School Board](#), and after the **new districts are adopted**, they will be in place for the next 10 years. There is a Board of Supervisors **public hearing on Nov. 9** to consider the 64 **proposed redistricting plans**. Read more below.

In preparation for **Veterans Day** next week, my office participated with the **Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (EDA)**, **Fort Belvoir**, and many other partners to host an extremely successful **Veteran's & Military Career Day** on November 4. The free event

featured more than **45 leading companies and organizations** in Northern Virginia, who were **collectively hiring for 7,000+ positions** across multiple sectors. Over **600 veterans and military spouses** participated in person and virtually.

As we head into **Thanksgiving season**, I am thankful for many things, including family, friends and COVID-19 vaccines! If you have not been vaccinated, please consider doing so to **protect your family and friends** during this holiday season. If you are eligible for a **booster shot**, please schedule your appointment today. And, the best news this week – **children 5 – 11 years old are now eligible** to get the vaccine! [Learn more and schedule your child's vaccine today...](#)

This year, I am **especially thankful** that the **year-long struggle that I lead to Save River Farm** has come to a successful conclusion. With the resignation of dissenting American Horticultural Society (AHS) Board members last month, the **hiring of a new Executive Director**, a new **\$1 million gift** and the **reopening of River Farm** this week, **this is a big win!** I am so grateful to all our partners and colleagues - **Senators Scott Surovell and Adam Ebbin, Delegate Paul Krizek, Paul Gilbert - head of NOVA Parks, NVCT's Save River Farm group, Katherine Ward**, many, many community members,

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and especially the five AHS Board members, who just **kept saying "No"** to the sale. This **large grass roots network** was essential to our deeply collaborative effort – **thank you all!**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully yours in public service,



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



***Day of Action Tree Planting** at Creekside Village. Many thanks to the Audubon Naturalist Society for hosting!*

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Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- [Farmers Markets](#)
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 - Nov 17: [Occoquan Dam Siren Testing](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Nov 17: [Fort Hunt Community Coffee](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Nov 17: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
 - Nov 18: [Opportunity Richmond Highway](#) - 7:30 a.m.
 - Nov 18: [Become a Dementia Friend](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Nov 18: [Public Meeting: Safe Streets for All Program](#) - 6:30 p.m.
 - Nov 20: [Martin Luther King Park New Playground Ribbon Cutting](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Nov 25: [Turkey Trot 5K CAN the Bird](#) - 8 a.m.
 - **Nov 25: Happy Thanksgiving!**
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COVID-19

[Now Is the Time To Get Your COVID-19 Booster](#)

Children Ages 5-11 Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) director endorsed CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for **use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine** among children between the ages of 5 and 11. **This means that children ages 5-11 are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.** [Learn more...](#)

**Need a COVID-19 vaccine
but no appointment?
We offer walk-in service**

 #ffxcovid

Location/Hours:

Government Center 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA M & Th: 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. T, W, F, Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Mt. Vernon District Office 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA M & Th: 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. T, W, F: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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**NOTE: This is the County Health Department Office located at the Gerry Hyland Governmental Center.*

6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon

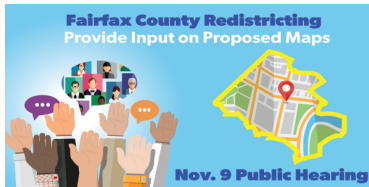


Thanks to **everyone who joined** us to ride and volunteer for the **6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride** on **Saturday October 23!** Our largest ever ride, with over 300 cyclists featured a **fun ride through the northern and central portions** of the Mount Vernon District including a **scenic route through Fort Belvoir**. This year's ride was again dedicated to my **life-long friend Dave Evans**.

Thank you **Fairfax Alliance for Better Cycling - FABB** for being our long-standing partner. **Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House** - for hosting us at your beautiful mansion. My good friends Chairman Jeff McKay, Supervisor Walter Alcorn, Senator Scott Surovell and FDCOT Director Tom Biesiadny for speaking & riding. **La Prima Catering** for the delicious chili, **Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture** for beverage support and **Design Cuisine/DC Rentals** for allowing us to use your event tent! **Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce** for providing for and supporting our rest stop. **Save River Farm**, American Horticultural Society Board Members and **Casey Whitmarsh-State Farm Agent** for cheering on our riders. **Fort Belvoir**, **National Museum of the United States Army**, **George Washington's Mount Vernon** (also providing free admission tickets for the estate) and the **National Park Service** for allowing us to showcase their amazing facilities. **Fairfax County Police Department** and **Volunteer Fairfax** for providing safe intersection support! **Handy Bikes** and **Spokes Etc.** for your bike support.

This event takes a very large team to organize, and **my Team MVD** helps to grow each year. Thank you. And finally, to **all the cyclists** who came out to spend your Saturday together, thank you and **see you next year!**

Proposed Redistricting Plans



The Board of Supervisors will hold a **public hearing on November 9** to consider proposed redistricting plans. These plans **propose new local election districts** for the Board of Supervisors and School Board, and after the new districts are adopted, they will be in place for the **next 10 years**.

There were **64 plans submitted** in total by the **board-appointed committee** established to recommend new maps **and the public**, and these plans may be reviewed through an **online dashboard**.

People without a computer or internet access can **visit a public library branch** to access a computer, or call 703-787-4962, TTY 711, to find other locations, or they may **contact the Office of the Clerk** for the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151 to make arrangements to view the materials. [Learn more...](#)

Land Use

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Community Meeting

A **virtual community meeting was held on October 25**. This meeting was held in English. A meeting in Spanish is coming soon!

Meeting topics included:

- **Project updates** about design progress, Richmond Highway design speed, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) status and the project schedule.
- An **overview of the right-of-way acquisition process**, including legal requirements, process considerations, types of right-of-way impacts, ways to check for impacts (including using the [interactive map](#)), the anticipated schedule, and steps in the acquisition & relocation process.

Visit the [project website](#) to learn more and view the **meeting presentation slides**.

Watch the meeting:



Transportation

YOU'RE INPUT NEEDED! Springfield to Quantico Public Transportation Feasibility Study

The **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)** is conducting a feasibility study of **enhanced public transportation services** between the Franconia-Springfield Metro station in Fairfax County and the Quantico Marine Base in Prince William County. Enhanced transit could include options such as **additional express bus services, increased VRE commuter rail expansion, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), or an extension of Metrorail**. On October 18, DRPT released the **Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study Executive Summary** for a 30-day comment period. Please send any comments to drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov by **November 17**. [Learn more...](#)

Proposed Safe Streets for All Program to be Discussed at Two Community Meetings in November

The [ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan](#) team is developing recommendations for a **Fairfax County Safe Streets for All Program**, a comprehensive initiative to address systemic transportation **safety issues for people walking, biking and using other forms of active transportation**. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold **two virtual public meetings** to present the draft recommendations and take questions and comments from attendees. Click [here](#) for some **safety tips** you can use while walking.



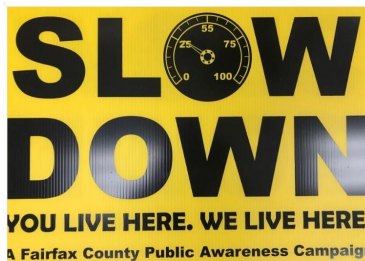
Monday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

- [Attend online](#)
- Dial In: 844-621-3956; Access Code: 2335 968 6742

Thursday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

- [Attend online](#)
- Dial In: 844-621-3956; Access Code: 2349 915 0152

The **deadline for comments is Friday, December 10**. [Learn more...](#)



Slow Down Yard Signs

Our office recently **received new 'slow-down' yard signs**. This is a great way to remind residents that they live here, too. Come by our office and **pick one up** for your yard, **while supplies last**.

Health, Housing & Human Services



Need Help with Heat? Don't Be Left Out in the Cold!

It's hard to believe right now, but **cold weather is coming**. You may be eligible to receive **help with heating costs** through two energy assistance programs that are accepting applications in October and November.

Fuel Assistance

The Fuel Assistance Program helps **eligible households** in meeting their energy needs by **supplementing the cost associated with their primary heat source**. Eligible households must meet income requirements. **Applications for the Fuel Assistance Program are accepted Tuesday, Oct. 12–Friday, November 12**.

Crisis Assistance

The Crisis Assistance Program is designed to **help households overcome energy emergencies** that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has **no heat or is in imminent danger** of being without heat. **Applications for the Crisis Assistance Program are accepted Monday,**

[Learn more about these programs...](#)

ServiceSource Opens New Center in Lorton

I was delighted to join **ServiceSource** at the opening of its **newest Long-Term Community Integration Services (LTCIS)** location in Lorton on Friday, October 22! ServiceSource is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a **mission to facilitate services, resources, and partnerships** to support **people with disabilities and others** they serve, along with their families, their caregivers and community members, in order to build more inclusive communities.



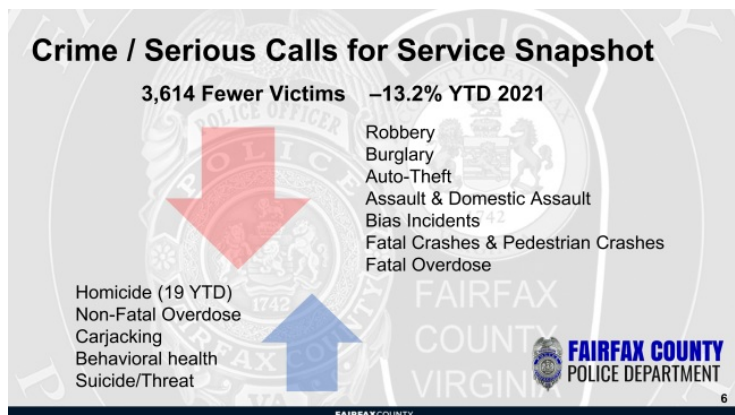
November is National Family Caregivers Month

In November, Fairfax County recognizes the **critical role of family caregivers** as partners in care and acknowledges the importance of providing services to support caregivers of **older adults & adults with disabilities** during a time that can be complicated and stressful. This year’s theme is **“Caregiving Around the Clock.”**

- Family caregiving **spans across all generations** and includes parents, adult children, siblings, partners, spouses, friends, and neighbors who provide care for a loved one.
- Caregivers manage a **wide range of responsibilities**, from household tasks to assisting with personal care, from helping with legal and financial matters to assisting with medical and nursing tasks often with little to no training.
- An estimated **53 million adults** in the United States have provided care to a loved one within the past 12 months.
- In Virginia, 1 in 5 is a family caregiver.
- In Fairfax County, **59 percent of older residents** provide unpaid care at home for a chronically ill, disabled, or aging loved one.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services, honors family caregivers for their dedication, commitment, and compassionate care to their loved ones. Our **Fairfax Area Agency on Aging**, specializing in caring for older adults and adults with disabilities, provides caregivers with **evidence-based programs**, educational webinars, workshops, as well as **resources and services** focused on caregivers’ needs. Learn about [National Family Caregivers Month](#) and [Family Caregiver Support Programs](#).

Public Safety



Fairfax County is the **safest jurisdiction of its size** in the nation. This is in large part due to the **dedication of the men and women** who serve as members of our Police Department.

Unfortunately, across the country, businesses, communities, and other organizations are experiencing **staffing shortages** including in the area of public safety. In Fairfax County, we are **facing**

similar challenges.

Police Chief Davis and our Board do not take these needs lightly and this was **highlighted at our recent Public Safety Committee meeting**. The Chief outlined, with Board support, many **strategic ways to recruit and hire** more officers.

We are **proud of our continued low crime rates**, even as some surrounding jurisdictions are seeing increases. Also, in light of all of the **stresses on our community** relating to COVID-19, this is especially commendable. Statistics show that compared to a year ago, **3,500 fewer people** have been victims of a crime this year. While any victim is too many, context is really critical.

- **Overall, crime is down by 13.2%.**
- While we have sadly seen 19 homicides so far this year, a third have been cases of domestic violence.

What are we doing to proactively recruit and retain officers?

- FCPD is **streamlining recruitment processes** online.
- Chief Davis has added an **Officer Retention Specialist** to engage officers who are considering leaving or retiring.
- FCPD is working to create a **more inclusive culture** amongst officers. For example, Chief Davis's goal is to **increase female recruits to 30% by 2030.**
- Last week the Board passed an ordinance that **allows collective bargaining** in the County. This makes FCPD more competitive for job recruitment.

We invest in our police department every day. Our FCPD budget has increased in step with our overall County budget, including:

- **Mental health diversion programs** to not only keep those with mental illness out of the criminal justice system, but to also make sure officers are not responding to mental health crises that they are not trained to respond to.
- Expanding on a pilot from the spring, **co-responder teams** comprised of **behavioral health clinicians and police officers** will be launched to respond to behavioral health calls to 911. This is an important advancement to **provide the right intervention**, at the right time, by the right professionals in our community to our community.
- To date, there have been over **11,000 transports for services** at the Merrifield Crisis Response Center by law enforcement officers, and over **2,400 diversions** from potential arrest.
- Over **2,000 individuals with behavioral health issues** have been served through Court Services Pre-Trial services since 2017.

Parks & Environment



**FAIRFAX
RECYCLES DAY**

County Kicking Off America Recycles Day with a Poster Contest

America Recycles Day celebrations have taken place in communities across the country every November 15 since 1994. The goal is to stress the **importance of recycling** by using activities and events to encourage recycling efforts, promote the proper ways to recycle and to **build consumer demand for recycled products**. This year the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is sponsoring an **America Recycles Day Poster Contest** focusing on the **four Rs – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. All entries must be received by **Monday, November 8**.

To wrap up America Recycles Day, at **7 p.m. on November 15** there will be a **live event** on the [Fairfax County Environment Facebook page](#). During **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Ask the Experts**, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about recycling in Fairfax County. Learn more and enter the contest...

10 Best Fall Hiking Spots in Fairfax County

Fall is the perfect time to **get outside people!** There's something about the smell of those **freshly fallen leaves** (you know what I'm talking about) and the **crispness of the air** that just touches the soul when you **get out into nature** and start moving around. The American Hiking Society has deemed **November 17 as National Take A Hike Day**, and with winter fast approaching we all need to take advantage of opportunities to get outside and enjoy great outdoors. Some of the **best fall hikes** in Northern Virginia are located in Fairfax County, so grab your gear, get your hiking shoes ready, sweaters on, and let's go! [Read more...](#)

In the News

Levee in Low-lying Fairfax County Neighborhood Aims to Weather Flooding

The prospect of heavy rains, **wind and tidal flooding poses less** of a threat than it used to in the **Huntington neighborhood**. On Friday morning, the **\$40 million levee**, built by Fairfax County in 2019, was **doing what it should**, resulting in neighbors **enjoying fitness and dog walks**, rather than hurriedly placing sandbags near their homes — albeit with the worst of the storm still to come. The levee **protects about 160 homes** that were built before modern zoning regulations. [Read more on WTOP...](#)



River Farm Survived a 'Near-death Experience'

River Farm just survived a “near-death experience.” Now the **stewards of the historic Fairfax County property** are ready to pick up the pieces. That was the message from the **new leaders of the American Horticultural Society** during a gathering of supporters and **public officials Monday**, as the nonprofit reaffirmed its commitment to **protecting the property** from redevelopment following a yearlong tussle over River Farm’s future. [Read more in the Washington Business Journal...](#)

Community Information

Community Blood Supply in Northern Virginia Critically Low

Every two seconds...**someone in the United States needs blood**. Community blood supply in Northern Virginia is critically low. Without an increase in donors, the ongoing challenge of an **insufficient blood supply will impact** the treatment and care for **patients and residents**. INOVA urgently need your help communicating the critical, immediate need for blood donation. **Giving blood takes less than an hour, saving three lives**. [Learn more...](#)



Arcadia Farm Offers Internships for High School Students

Under the program through **Arcadia Farm** based on the historic grounds of **Woodlawn Estate**, high school student **interns commit 80 hours** to learn **gardening, communication, and leadership skills** through hands-on experience at the farm, as well as at **partner gardens** on the Richmond Highway corridor. Called **Live, Eat, Grow Route 1**, it is a **cost-saving option** taught to high school students to create a **nutritious and sustainable future**. [Learn more...](#)

Opportunity Richmond Highway

Join the **Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation** and the **Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce** for Opportunity Richmond Highway on **November 18**. This joint meeting will highlight **new economic development** on Richmond Highway and provide **updates from important industries** for what they anticipate in 2022. Fairfax County **Department of Planning and Development** will show projects in the pipeline for Richmond Highway. **Inova Health Systems** will provide an overview of new investments in Mount Vernon Hospital, Potomac Yards and Springfield. A **panel of industry insiders** will provide updates on their economic sector. [Learn more and register today...](#)





Family PASS

Family Preservation and Strengthening Services helps working **families who are at risk of homelessness** in Fairfax County. With intensive case management and **comprehensive support services** they provide families a path to **economic self-sufficiency**. To learn more, visit their website and contact them today...

Calling Young Entrepreneurs!

Observe the opportunity for children to **launch their very own startup business!** Kids develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy, and then **open for customers at our one-day marketplace.**

Acton Academy, in coordination with Fort Hunt Business Community, will host **15 booths at the 1st annual event** at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., on **Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** (inside). [Apply to participate...](#)

Diwali Celebrations Start November 4

Every year, **Indian communities all over the world** celebrate Diwali, the **Festival of Lights**. Diwali is a five-day festival, celebrated by **Hindus, Sikhs and Jains** that symbolizes the **triumph of light over darkness**, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair. The festival is also a time for **reflection and renewed focus on positivity** and the celebration of life. [Read more in multiple languages...](#)



Public Feedback Sought on Lee Highway, Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway Names

The **County Confederate Names Task Force** has been meeting regularly since August to discuss whether the **two roadways, named after Confederate generals**, should keep their names, or be renamed. Chaired by Evelyn S. Spain, the task force includes **residents, civic organizations, homeowner associations, faith groups, historical groups and the business community**. Meeting dates, video of previous held electronic meetings and a complete list of task force members are available [online](#).

You can share your thoughts on this topic with the task force through **Friday, November 12**, in the following ways:

- **Taking a survey online now.** Printed copies are available at Fairfax County libraries and **Supervisor district offices**.
- Emailing comments to DOTConfederateNamesTaskForce@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Mailing comments to Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033.
- Calling Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

[Learn more...](#)



17th Annual Fairfax County History Conference: WE Are Fairfax County!

The 17th Annual Fairfax County History Conference: **"WE Are Fairfax County!"** will be held virtually on **Saturday, November 6**. This theme this will carry through the next 3 Annual Conferences as we chronologically explore the **Peoples who have lived here and called Fairfax County "Home."** Our 2021 Conference will be **Part 1: Our Native American, Enslaved and Free African American**

Peoples. The Conference will be **completely livestreamed** on [Fairfax County Channel 16](#) and on [Facebook](#). The program will run **9:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., including videos** provided during the lunch hour. **Featured speakers** include: Rose Powhatan, (Pamunkey/Tauxenent), Native American Historian & Lecturer; and Ron Chase, Director, Gum Springs Historical Society. [Learn more...](#)

Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society Author

Discussion

The Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society invites you to join them on **Tuesday, November 9 from 7-9 p.m.** at the **Gum Springs Community Center**, 8100 Fordson Rd. The Society is hosting **author Mary V. Thompson** as she talks about her book, **"The Only Unavoidable Subject of Regret": George Washington, Slavery, and the Enslaved Community at Mount Vernon**. Thompson examines George and Martha Washington as slaveholders and offers the **first comprehensive account** of those who served in bondage at Mount Vernon. While **books will not be available for purchase at the event**, Ms. Thompson will be available to **sign any books you bring with you**. [Learn more...](#)



November is Adoption Awareness Month

Join us in **celebrating our adoptive families** and all those who support them! Today, nearly **200 Fairfax County children** are in foster care. The **Department of Family Services' Foster Care and Adoption Program** offers temporary foster homes for these children, and services to help their families. When a child cannot return home safely, we **seek to find relatives** who want to care for the child, and are legally eligible to do so. If a relative is not identified, or is unable to care for the child, we **seek a permanent home through adoption**. Interested in adoption? [Learn more...](#)

Free Medicare 101 Training Sessions Presented by VICAP Available Through November

Online Medicare 101 training is for **individuals and their care partners** who will soon be **eligible for Medicare or have Medicare** and would like to learn more about it. **Registration is required**. Zoom login/phone call-in information will be sent to all registered participants a day before the event. [Learn more and register...](#)



Shark Tank Technology Challenge Open to All High School Students

Calling all high school students! The **Fairfax Area 50+ Technology Committee** has announced this year's **Shark Tank Technology Challenge** with a focus on **new or improved existing technology** that will have a positive impact in the lives of older adults, adults with disabilities, wounded warriors, or caregivers. Students are encouraged to consider **projects that offer assistance** in the following areas:

- Active free time activities.
- Participation in the arts.
- Caregiving.

Students can submit an **innovative or creative project** as individual or a team. The deadline to submit the **initial proposal is Dec. 6**. Final proposals are **due February 22, 2022**. The Shark Tank event will be held in April 2022. The winning projects will receive a cash prize.

Help Provide Coats to Kids in Need

Each year, Firefighter & Friends to the Rescue and the **Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department** provide hundreds of **winter coats to children in need** in our community. I was pleased to join **Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders** for this year's distribution. Donations to cover the cost of coats will be **accepted until January** and no donation is too small. Just \$45 provides one brand-new coat and pair of shoes for a child in need. **Every dollar goes directly to Operation Warm**. Thank you **Battalion Chief Willie Bailey** for leading this important community outreach and keeping our kids warm for decades! [Donate today!](#)



Fairfax County Recognizes Leaders in Exceptional Design

This year's **James M. Scott Exceptional Design Awards** recipients are being recognized for their commitment to **design excellence** that enhances the experience for people visiting each site. The winners represent works of



architecture that combine green building practices with **outstanding site design and landscaping**.

The **honor award** went to **Shalom Baranes Associates for The Boro**, owned by Kettler and The Meridian Group. The awards jury liked the **mixed-use property** because it centered **pedestrian space** as a key part of the overall project.

The **merit award** went to the **BKV Group for the Woodlawn Fire Station 24 Replacement**. The awards jury felt the contemporary design of the fire station was well-integrated into the neighborhood. [Read more...](#)

Mount Vernon District Resident Services

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 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursdays until 7:30 p.m. and second Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., or call us 703-780-7518. **We are here to help!**

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff (L to R): Camela Speer, Volunteer Shirley Short, Christine Morin, Carmen Alfaro-Morawski, Supervisor Dan Storck, Peyton Smith, Alex Kramer and Nick Rinehart.

October 2021 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1471
- Meetings: 325

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

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

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.

A. Heath Onthank Award Selection Committee

To grant recognition for accomplishment of outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in County by merit system employees.

Commission for Women

To promote the full equality of women and girls in Fairfax County.

Human Services Council

To review human services needs and assess the effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to report annually on the conditions and effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to develop a more effective and efficient human services delivery system; to enhance coordination of services among human services providers, both public and private; to recommend annual service delivery goals, objectives, and priorities for human services organization, with consideration of the requirements of non-county funding sources; to develop and oversee a five-year long range comprehensive human services plan which establishes goals, objectives and priorities; to educate the community, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors, on human services, to review and transmit to the Board of Supervisors a program-oriented budget for human services; and to review the annual Capital Improvement Plan and provide appropriate comments to the Board of Supervisors.

Wetlands Board

The board shall preserve and prevent the despoliation and destruction of wetlands within its jurisdiction while accommodating necessary economic development in a manner consistent with wetlands preservation. The objectives and procedures of the Fairfax County Wetlands Board (the Board or the Wetlands Board) are those set forth in Title 28.2, Chapter 13 of the Code of Virginia, (Virginia State Wetlands Act) and in Chapter 116 of the Code of Fairfax County (Wetlands Zoning Ordinance).

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

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Design Professional)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate
- Civil Service Commission
- Consumer Protection Commission (4 openings)
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Health Systems Agency Board (Consumer)
- History Commission (Historian)
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Road Viewer Board
- Tenant Landlord Commission (2 openings - Citizen Member & Landlord Member)
- Tysons Transportation Service District Advisory Board (Commercial or Retail Ownership)

[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 [Carmen Alfaro-Morawski](#). 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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