

October 2021



## Neighbors,

Fall is in the air and our **6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride** is just around the corner! Join your bike riding friends and neighbors for a **20-mile or a 40-mile ride** through the northern portion of the Mount Vernon District on **Saturday, October 23 at 8:30 a.m.** Starting and ending at **Woodlawn & Pope Leighey House**, we will roll past historic sites like **Fort Hunt Park** and the **Gum Springs Museum** and through communities like **Fort Belvoir** and **Belle View**. NEW this year, riders and volunteers will receive a **voucher to visit George Washington's Mount Vernon**. [Read more and register to ride today...](#)

This month we are celebrating **Hispanic Heritage Month**, which honors the cultures and contributions of both **Hispanic and Latinx Americans**. Based on the recent Census data, Hispanics/Latinx make up more than **17% of the fabric of our nation** and accounts for more than half of the country's population growth. Here in Mount Vernon **13.5% of residents speak Spanish at home**. We **recognize and celebrate these communities** that continue to make **diverse contributions** to the cultural, educational, economic and political viability of our country and county.

This week we celebrated our **2021 Fairfax County Lords and Ladies**. The Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards Program honors two volunteer leaders from each Magisterial District for their **outstanding volunteer service** in their home districts or for an act of heroism. This year's **Lady Fairfax is Lisa Sales**. Lisa is a trailblazer in women's equity, domestic and sexual violence prevention and victim support, and racial equality. Her advocacy efforts include the passage of the **Equal Rights Amendment** in Virginia, representing the Mount Vernon District on the **Women's Commission** and the addition of a **domestic violence shelter** in South County. **Keary Kincannon is this year's Lord Fairfax**. Keary founded **Rising Hope Mission Church** and was a founding pastor of **VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)** a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith, multi-issue, non-partisan citizens' organization dedicated to social justice issues of low/middle-income residents. After **26 years of ministering**, Keary is officially retiring, but he has left an indelible mark on the lives of so many residents and he will **remain an active leader** in our community. [Read more about Lisa and Keary...](#)

We continue to get **good news on the COVID front**, while we still need to be vigilant and get the vaccine. Here in Fairfax Health District, **81% of residents 18 and older have received at least one dose**. Now **Pfizer booster**

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*Lady Fairfax Lisa Sales*



**shots are readily available** for those who qualify.

**Early voting is already happening** throughout the County, including at the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center**, [click here](#) for dates and times. I know there is still much **confusion about what sites are open** on different days and times, so I strongly encourage you to **check the website link** before you leave home. I also encourage everyone to **get out and vote! Election day is Tuesday, November 2.**



*Lord Fairfax Keary Kincannon*

Respectfully yours in public service,

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



*Introducing the Storck's latest delivery -  
**Adelaide Kathrine Storck**, born  
Spetember 28 in Lincoln, NE.*

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## Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- [Farmers Markets](#)
  - [Quantico Noise Advisories](#)
  - Oct 7: Public Safety Committee Community Input Session - Use of Force Study - 7 p.m.
  - Oct 9: [Stuff the Bus](#) - 10 a.m.
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  - Oct 27: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
  - **Oct 31: Happy Halloween!**
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# Tour de Mount Vernon

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Join me for our **annual community bike ride** on **Saturday October 23, at 8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at **Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House**. The Tour de Mount Vernon brings cyclists on a **fun ride through the northern and central portions** of the Mount Vernon District including a **scenic route through Fort Belvoir**. The route will consist of paved roads, paved trails and will have several challenging sections. **Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police** will be on hand to help with directions and keep everyone safe.

**NEW this year! All riders and volunteers** will receive will receive a voucher for **admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon** good until the end of the year. The 6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon is **dedicated to our friend and inspiration, Dave Evans**. [Learn more and register to ride today...](#)

**We also need volunteers!** [Register here...](#)

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## Teen and Senior Centers Ribbon Cutting

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Ribbon Cutting for the new **Teen and Senior Centers at Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS)** on Wednesday, September 22. Over 100 teens, seniors and those in between joined us for the celebration, remarks and a **tour of the new facilities**. The combined centers serve as a multigenerational facility to accommodate clients of **diverse ages and abilities**. [If you missed it, watch the Channel 16 video...](#)

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## Land Use

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### Fairfax Peak Community Meeting

**Did you miss the September 25 meeting?** Watch the video to learn more!





## FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map: Proposed Upcoming Changes

At the Board's **Land Use Policy Committee** meeting on September 28, we received a presentation about the **upcoming proposed changes to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps**. What does this mean?

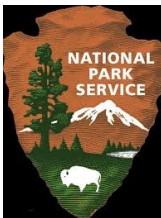
Some properties will be **mapped into the floodplain**; some properties are **already in the floodplain** and will remain there; and some properties will be **mapped out of the floodplain**. County staff are in the process of **generating notification letters** and maps to all **property owners that are affected by this change**, including the properties that will be newly mapped in, as well as the ones that will be mapped out. The notifications are expected to be **mailed in early October 2021**.

You can **view the preliminary maps online** through the [FEMA Map Service Center](#) and [FEMA's Flood Map Changes Viewer](#).

## Inclusive Community Engagement Framework

At the Board's **Land Use Policy Committee** meeting on September 28, we received a presentation on a **new proposed framework for inclusive community engagement**, presented by **Lloyd Tucker**, director of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) and the **Chief Equity Officer, Karla Bruce**. I **definitely support** the effort for more inclusive community engagement. It is a **vitaly important strategy** for continued engagement with communities along the **Richmond Highway Corridor** as the EMBARK Plan develops, and key in ensuring that **no one is left behind**. I especially want to emphasize the importance of **improving language access support**. Every department should have **bilingual engagement/outreach staff/resources** that can support interpretation at **ALL community engagement events**. [Learn more and access the materials...](#)

# Transportation

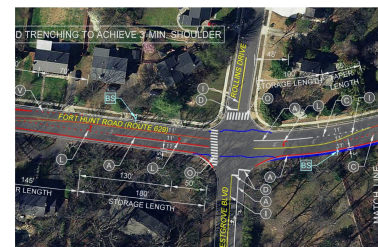


## George Washington Parkway Improvements

The National Park Service (NPS) has begun making **roadway safety improvements** to the southern portion of the GW Parkway. Improvements include **restriping the roadway** between the City of Alexandria and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. In addition, the NPS **will implement a "road diet"** (updating the markings so now there will be two northbound, one southbound and one turn lane) between **Stratford Lane and Tulane Drive**. These updates are based on the **recent safety study** and are expected to improve safety along the roadway. [Read more...](#)

## Westgrove Boulevard and Rollins Drive Improvements

**Roadway improvements** are happening on West Grove Boulevard and Rollins Drive at the **Fort Hunt Road intersection**. The sign crews have **repositioned the stop signs** and **cleared vegetation** that had obstructed visibility.



VDOT is adding **new 4" white lines (skip lines)** along the sides of the roads at the intersection to **create the illusion of a smaller roadway**. This has been shown to create a visual cue which prompts drivers to **slow down and prepare to stop**. This new striping will also happen during the **repaving project for Fort Hunt Road**.

In addition, VDOT will be **increasing the size of the stop signs** on Westgrove to 36" and installing **"Stop Ahead" signs** on Westgrove Boulevard and Rollins Drive. Lastly, **"cross traffic does not stop" signs** will be added under these new larger stop signs.

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## Health, Housing & Human Services

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### Stuff the Bus

The next **Stuff the Bus food drive** will take place on **Saturday, October 9**. Fastran buses will be parked at locations throughout Fairfax County from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** to collect nonperishable food donations for area food pantries. **Two FCFRD Fire Stations** will be drop-off locations!, Locations in our area:

- **Station 9, Mount Vernon**, 2601 Sherwood Hall Lane, Mount Vernon, to benefit [United Community](#).
- **Laurel Hill Elementary School**, 8390 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton, to benefit [LCAC](#).
- **Gerry Hyland Government Center**, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, to benefit [United Community](#).



For those who are unable to donate in person, **monetary donations can be made** by visiting Volunteer Fairfax's [Stuff the Bus Donation Page](#). [Learn more...](#)

### Promoting Positive Mental Health in Our Community

It's always time to **raise awareness**, strengthen the dialogue and remind individuals, friends and families about **resources that are available to help prevent suicide**. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), suicide rates **increased 33 percent** between 1999 and 2019, with a small decline in 2019. Suicide is the **10th leading cause of death** in the United States and is the second leading cause of death for individuals ages 10-34.

**Suicide is preventable** and can affect anyone regardless of race, skin color, age, economic or social status. Services are provided throughout Fairfax County and include **community-focused workshops**, campaigns to raise awareness about mental health and **evidence-based suicide prevention and mental health trainings** for all residents. The [Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia](#) (SPAN) provides information and opportunities for all residents to raise awareness and **share resources** to prevent suicide. [Learn more...](#)

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## Public Safety

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### National Faith and Blue Weekend

National Faith and Blue Weekend is a **powerful initiative** that builds bridges to **more engaged communities**. At the heart of this initiative is the reinforcement of connections between law enforcement professionals and the **communities they serve** through the reach of the houses of worship. There is no resource that can match the depth

of the faith community in facilitating **productive engagement with law enforcement**, which is needed now more than ever.

**You and your families are invited** to support Faith and Blue Weekend at two events this weekend. Join officers of the **Mount Vernon District Police District Station** on **Friday, October 8, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon** in the front lobby for a "Faith & Blue Morning Coffee". **Coffee will be provided**. [Please RSVP](#) to ensure there is enough for everyone, and the officers look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Email [Marvin Goodley](#).

On **Saturday, October 9**, our **Fairfax County Police and Sherriff's Department** will be at Saint Bernadette Church from **9 a.m. -12 noon**. Static Displays, **Motor Squad and Marine Patrol units**, as well as patrol vehicles will be displayed. Sheriff's Deputies and volunteer Reserve Deputies will be on site to **offer child id services**. **Saint Bernadette Church**, 7600 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152. For additional information please [contact Rick Caporali](#), or [visit](#).

### Did You Know?

For information on **Fairfax County Police Department** case follow ups, road closures, weekly crime recaps, **most recent arrests**, and more, visit [www.fcpdnews.wordpress.com](http://www.fcpdnews.wordpress.com).



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## Parks & Environment

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### Energy Efficiency Day October 6

Energy Efficiency Day presents an opportunity to focus on the many benefits of **taking action to save energy**. Many energy and climate experts use the phrase **"efficiency first"** when talking about ways to **make a real difference**, and for good reason. Energy efficiency is fundamental to our **clean energy future** and is critically important to the **reduction of greenhouse gases**. Efficiency measures are often **inexpensive, quick, and easy to implement**. Everyone can embrace energy efficiency. What's more, becoming more energy efficient can **reduce utility costs** for residents and businesses. When we use energy wisely, we can cut back on our overall consumption and **lower our monthly bills**. In fact, reducing energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, **up to \$500 per household** from appliance efficiency standards alone. [Learn more...](#)

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## In the News

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### Board Members Who Backed Sale of River Farm Resign

**Five board members of the American Horticultural Society (AHS)** who backed the sale of historic River Farm, including the board chair, **have resigned**, they announced Thursday. Their departure from the evenly split governing body **leaves only members who have opposed selling the Potomac River property** that once formed part of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. **AHS Board Chair Terry Hayes** and the other departing members said in a statement that they were resigning **"to allow for the institution to forge a new path forward."** [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)



### Welcome to the Mount Vernon District!

While it has been a challenging COVID year, and an **eventful one in Mount Vernon and Lorton**, we have come together as friends and neighbors to **protect and support each other**. Thank you to everyone who has gotten their vaccine – over **80% of Fairfax residents over the age of 18 are vaccinated!** If you are not, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Read more about this year in the **annual Connection Newcomer Guide: Mount Vernon Gazette...**  
[Lorton Connection...](#)

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## Community Champions

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## Meet Sydney Harris

For the last three years, **4th grader Sydney Harris** has made a commitment to **helping feed kids and families** in our community. Syd holds an **annual lemonade stand** to raise funds for LCAC's Fall for LCAC event. Since 2019, Syd has **raised over \$3,300 for LCAC** to purchase meat, fresh produce and other needs for our neighbors. **Thanks Syd for your outstanding commitment to our community!**

## Local Animal Rights Advocate Awarded

**Gina Lynch**, Chairwoman for Fairfax County Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC) and **Mount Vernon representative**, was recognized by the **Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA)** with the **Presidents Award!** This award is presented to a **community member who has made a difference** in the community by **assisting animal control on a local level**. Supervisors in the Animal Protection Police (APP) felt that not only her **20 plus years of dedicated service** to ASAC was worthy of a nomination, but also her **relentless pursuit for justice** in criminal cases against those who abuse animals. Last year she met with Mr. Descano on several occasions and was able to convince him that **animal abuse and cruelty cases needed to be prosecuted** in Fairfax County. **Thank you for your service to animals and their humans in our community, Gina!**



## Community Information



### Voting in the 2021 Elections

#### What You Need to Know:

- **Any registered** Fairfax County voter **may vote early** at any Fairfax County early voting location.
- **Early in-person absentee voting is available** for the

November 2021 General & Special Elections at the following three locations from September 17 through October 30, including the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

#### Hours at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center:

- **Weekdays:** 12 noon - 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
- **Saturdays** (October 23 and 30 only): 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm
- **Sunday** (October 24 only): 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The **Mount Vernon Governmental Center is not a voting location on Election Day**, Tuesday, November 2. Please report this day to your **regular voting precinct location**.

**COVID protocols** at all voting locations will be the current County Health Guidelines.

**Masks are currently required.** [Read more...](#)

### Updated County App Now Available; Features Push Notifications

New County iPhone and Android apps are now available for you to download and have **County information even closer to your fingertips**. This latest version of the County app includes **push notifications that you can opt in to receive** about topics such as:

- Tax and voting deadlines
- Key news headlines
- Important updates on COVID-19 and other emerging issues

The in-app notifications **do not replace current methods** to be notified about important information, but **offer yet another way** you can stay connected with your County government. [Learn more...](#)

### Sherwood Regional Library is Turning 50!

Library staff and Friends of Sherwood Library **invite the Mount Vernon community** to join us on **Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** We will have events inside the library during that time and outside in the library parking lot. Inside the library we invite people to



participate in a **scavenger hunt**, learn about the history of the library, participate in **papermaking or a children's craft** (while supplies last) and explore our STEM-focused Tech Lab. Outside the library we will be hosting a **children's performer, Groovy Nate** at 11 a.m., our very own **Mount Vernon High School Varsity Singers Choir** at 1 p.m. and a **Mariachi Band** (Mariachi Aguila DC) at 2 p.m.



The poster for the Sherwood Regional Library 50th Anniversary Celebration is set against a green background. At the top left is the library logo with the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. The main title is 'Sherwood Regional Library 50th Anniversary Celebration' with the address 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314. A list of activities includes Papermaking (in TECH LAB upstairs), Scavenger hunt, Crafts (while supplies last), Displays of Sherwood History, Refreshments, and Outdoor Concerts (inside if inclement weather). The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, from 11:00 to 3:00. There are small images of balloons and a person reading.

**Additional parking will be available** adjacent to the library and in the Whitman Middle School parking lot. Please plan to bring your friends and family to **help celebrate this great milestone in the Mount Vernon community!**

## Walt Whitman Middle School Celebrates 60 Years!

I was honored to attend **Walt Whitman's 60th anniversary Celebration** last week. During the ceremony, **T.A. Simmons, Former Creative Writing Teacher 1998-2008**, read a poem of her own composition that I am pleased to share with you!

### A Structure of Hexagonal Strength

Sixty years, six decades... a structure of hexagonal strength.  
Built like bees creating a honeycomb, extending to extra lengths.  
Whitman mirrored the honeycomb, as it prepared for young minds,  
Creating vessels of possibilities that were intricately designed.

[Read the rest of the poem...](#)



## Nominations Open for County Barbara Varon Volunteer Award

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors announces its **annual Barbara Varon Volunteer Award**. This award is given annually to a County resident whose dedication to **improving the community through volunteer service** honors the memory of Barbara Varon, former Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board. The **nomination process has been extended to October 15**.

### Nominees must:

1. Live in Fairfax County.
2. Demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of our community's population.
3. Exhibit patriotism by participating in the electoral process by educating others about all voters' rights and privileges and/or by performing voter registration outreach.

In order to be considered, nominees must **perform all of the above activities in a voluntary capacity**. [Learn more and nominate a volunteer today...](#)

## Become a Dementia Friend!

Dementia Friends gives people an **understanding of dementia** and the **small things** you can do that make a difference. **One-hour virtual Dementia Friends Information Sessions** are being offered by Dementia Friendly Fairfax on the **1st Friday** of each month at 1 p.m. and **3rd Thursday** of each month at 10 a.m. [Learn more and register...](#)

## Nominate a Business for Chamber Recognition

You are **invited to nominate** a Chamber business for a **2021 The Best in Business Excellence award**. Businesses will be recognized at the annual Holiday Biz Awards on Friday, December 10, at Mount Vernon Country Club. Awards will be **made in multiple categories**. When making a nomination, think of businesses **giving extra community service** during Covid-19; businesses with a **great reputation for customer service or quality products**. Nominate people and businesses who **make a difference** in our community! Nominations **must be received by October 10**. [Learn more...](#)



## ArtsFairfax Honors Arts Visionaries

This past year, more than ever, it has been the arts that have **sustained, entertained, and helped heal** us through many different challenges. The arts **show how we live and more**







importantly, how we thrive. ArtsFairfax invites the community to celebrate **10 years of recognizing local arts visionaries** during their **Arts Awards on October 15**. Join the celebration honoring the **National Museum of U.S. Army, 1st Stage, Traveling Players Ensemble, Reston Community Town Center**, and artist **Kelli Schollard-Sincock**, at the new Capital One Center. [Learn more...](#)

## Fairfax Water Virtual Customer Focus Groups



**Fairfax Water wants to hear from you!** Fairfax Water is reviewing its **customer service practices** to ensure that it supports customers and the community effectively. As part of this effort, Fairfax Water is **hosting virtual focus groups** with **residential and commercial customers** in our community to understand and explore your experiences with Fairfax Water. [Learn more...](#)

### Residential Customers:

1.5-hour listening session on the evening of **October 14, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom**. If you would like to participate, [please register here...](#)

### Commercial & Non-Residential Customers:

1.5-hour listening session on the morning of **October 14, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am via Zoom**. If you would like to participate, [please register here...](#)



## Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Earns Nationwide Honor

The National Association for County, Community, and Economic Development (NACCED) has **awarded the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)** with its **2021 Community Development**

**Award of Excellence** for the acquisition and initial renovation of the **soon to be renamed Lee District Community Center**. Formerly home to the **Mount Vernon Athletic Club**, the 50,000 square-foot facility is located along the historic Richmond Highway Corridor in the Lee District. [Learn more...](#)

## Expanding Access: All Paths Lead to the Library



Fairfax County Public Library **changes, updates and innovates** offerings and services to bring its **free resources within reach for all community members**. [Learn more...](#)



## Tell It Like It Was!

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS)** announces Annual Conference. Putting off **writing your memoir** because you don't know where to begin? Or, have you unearthed **fascinating stories about your ancestors** you want to share? The MVGS offers guidance on **where to begin telling your story** and the stories of your families at its Annual Conference, **Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** via Zoom. [Learn more...](#)

## A Day of Action

Join **Water Keepers of Little Hunting Creek** on **Saturday, October 16 at 1 p.m.** for a day of **fun, food, give-a-ways and music!** Meet us at **Creekside Village Community Center** (7941 Janna Lee Avenue) to talk to organizations about how they can support you in making your community better! [Learn more...](#)



**Food,  
Music,  
& FUN!**

## A Day of Action

**Saturday, October 16, 2021 | 1pm - 4pm**



## GET YOUR PAPERS READY FOR OUR FUNDRAISING SHRED EVENT!

**When:** Saturday, October 23rd, 2021  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mount Vernon District Station  
2511 Parkers Ln. Alexandria, VA 22306

Suggested donation a minimum of \$5 per bag/box

Secure Onsite Shredding Sponsored by Rover; All shredded items are recycled.

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## Pet Adoption Corner

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First, **Elsa the cat** is still looking for her forever home. Read more about [Elsa](#).



**Meet Simba aka Joanakie!** Simba is a super happy, playful, funny-eared Terrier, **American Staffordshire Mix!** He **arrived to the shelter as a stray**, and the best guess is that he was abandoned by his owner; he was found just running around an apartment complex. So, safe to say **he likes cardio!** He's been **suuuuper nice** while in shelter care!! He **sits nicely** while waiting to be leashed up to go outside, gets **adorably nervous** when he first hears the

outside noises, and he **LOVES getting attention!** Read more about [Simba](#), [other available pets](#) and [steps to adoption](#).

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## COVID-19

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[Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Doses Widely Available in Fairfax Health District](#)

[Health Department to Deploy Mobile COVID-19 Testing Lab](#)

[QR Codes Now Available to Digitally Verify COVID-19 Vaccination Status](#)

[Health Department to Expedite Communications for Students Awaiting COVID 19 Contact Interviews](#)

### Vaccine QR Code

As requests for **proof of COVID-19 vaccination** by businesses and employers increases, the Virginia Department of Health [has announced](#) that **QR (quick response) codes are now available**. Virginia is now the fifth U.S. state to adopt the [SMART Health](#) format for QR codes, empowering individuals with trustworthy and **verifiable copies of their vaccination records** in digital or paper form. **Visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov)** to obtain your free vaccination record with QR code, which can then be saved to a **phone gallery, printed on paper, or stored in a compatible account**.

### Lorton Mobile COVID Testing Site

**Food Lion**, 7760 Gunston Plaza, Lorton

- Tuesday, **October 12**
- Tuesday, **October 26**

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Vaccine Outreach Opportunities



**Businesses and community event organizers** can request to host a **vaccination team** to provide **COVID-19 vaccines or education/outreach services** so that people can learn more about the vaccines. Requests will be reviewed and matched with an **outreach or nursing team** from the Fairfax County Health Department. Contact the Health Department at 703-267-3511.

## Donations of Face Masks Accepted at Local Police Stations

**Masks are one of the best ways** our community can help to fight the spread of COVID-19, **especially kids who are not eligible for vaccinations** yet. Since the start of the pandemic, we have **collected and distributed more than 80,000 masks** to Fairfax County residents to help stop the spread.

This time, we are **asking for your help to collect kids' masks!** Our goal is to collect **10,000 masks in October** for our younger residents (toddler and youth) who are not vaccinated. The biggest need right now is **small masks** for toddlers and **youth size masks** for school-aged kids. We have requests from our non-profits that we cannot fill because we don't have enough masks. You can help by donating **either homemade face coverings or store-bought masks**. All masks must be new and unused.

### Donation drop off location:

Fairfax County is currently accepting donations at **all local police stations**. By Monday, October 4, there will be a **donation bin** in each district station specifically for collecting masks.

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

**Location/Hours:**

<b>Government Center</b> 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.	<b>Mt. Vernon District Office</b> 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.*

## Important Safety Information

### Parking on the Grass

The Zoning Ordinance **prohibits parking on the grass** on some residential lots. In the R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning Districts, on lots that are 36,000 square feet or less in size and developed with a **single family detached dwelling**, vehicles in the front yard **must be parked on the driveway or other surfaced area**, which includes asphalt, poured or precast concrete, brick, stone, gravel, or any other impervious surface, or grasscrete or other similar pervious surface. However, there is an **exception that allows temporary parking** on a unsurfaced area in the front yard for a period **not to exceed 48 hours** for loading, unloading, cleaning, or repair of vehicles or trailers.

[Learn about your zoning district...](#)

[Learn more about the ordinance...](#)

[File a complaint...](#)

### Other Important Safety Topics

- [Develop A Home Escape Plan In Case Of Fire](#)
- [OEM October Newsletter](#)



# 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.*

## September 2021 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1381
- Meetings: 289

## 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

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## Boards, Authorities and Commissions

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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.

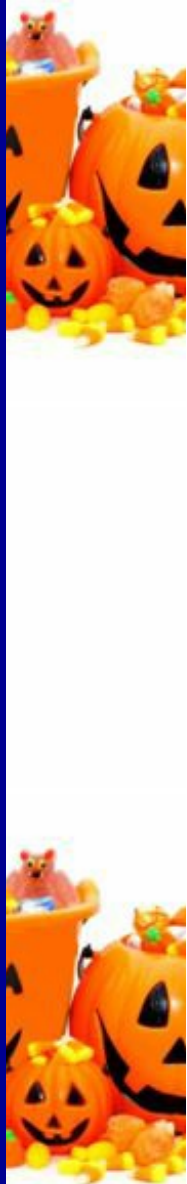
### Athletic Council (alternate)

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Council will assist the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Park Authority, School Board, the Planning Commission, commissions, and authorities of Fairfax County on the allocation, use, and management and future planning of County athletic resources.

### Community Action Advisory Board

Advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the needs, concerns and aspirations of limited-income persons; and recommends policies that promote meaningful change.

### Commission for Women



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

### **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
- Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission for Women
- Consumer Protection Commission (4 openings)
- Economic Development Authority (EDA)
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Health Systems Agency Board (Consumer)
- History Commission (Historian)
- Human Rights Commission
- 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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