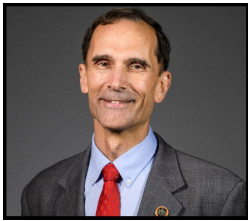
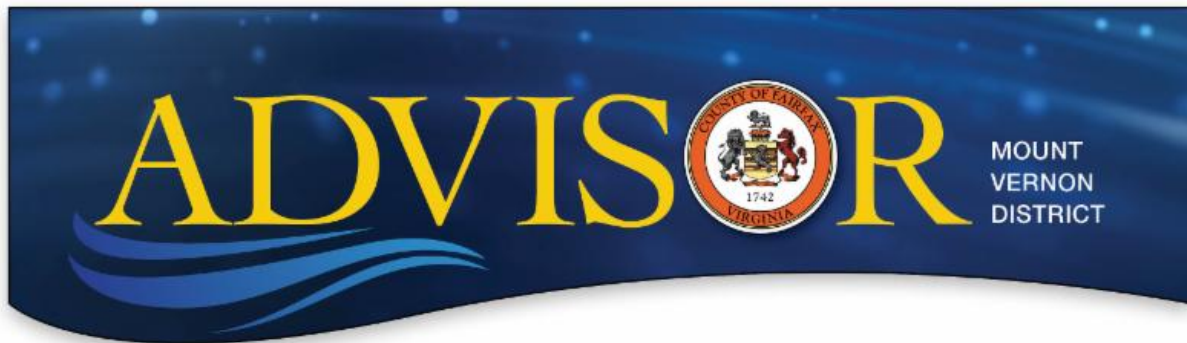


September 2018



Back-to-school time brings both happiness and sadness. Tearful parents taking their **excited freshman** to college. Nervous parents putting their bouncing, or crying, **kindergartners** on the bus for the first time. **High school seniors** reaching for the stars as they dream of new adventures. **Enthusiastic teachers** welcoming their new students to a year of growth and learning. These scenes are playing out across our District as cooler weather and autumn breezes roll in (soon hopefully).

We are fortunate in Fairfax to have **one of the finest school systems** in the nation. Our students and teachers are routinely **recognized for their excellence** in everything from academics to sports, arts to leadership. The Mount Vernon District also has **many capital improvements** underway at our schools to enable students to learn and develop in state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly surroundings. **Here is a tally of what is going on in the Mount Vernon District public schools:**

- Recently completed: Bucknell ES, Stratford Landing ES and Newington Forest ES
- Scheduled to be complete in early 2019: Hollin Meadows ES and Waynewood ES
- Starting construction soon: Belle View ES and Silverbrook ES
- Starting planning stages: West Potomac HS and Washington Mill ES

This represents 38% of the schools in the Mount Vernon District, and a **\$201 million County investment!** I am proud to have had a **key role** in getting these started and/or funded.

Having served our community as your school board member for 12 years prior to becoming your Supervisor, I am very **pleased with the progress** we have made in the last few years in our school system. I am particularly proud that we were able to **fully fund the School Board's budget request** this year to include increased pay and compensation packages for teachers and administrators. This increased funding will **keep qualified teachers** in our school system while encouraging others to join our mission, thereby reducing teacher vacancies. I encourage you to stay involved in your child's school. **Parents make a difference every day** by supporting their children, volunteering, helping with homework and establishing good relationships with educators. And, if you see **Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders** at back to school night, congratulate her on becoming School Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year and for her work to make our **schools better for everyone!** Our close work together on "**Team Mount Vernon**" is delivering excellent results for our community.

Please remember that back-to-school means more traffic with children, teens and young adults are out on our sidewalks, roads and in school crossings. **"Give 'em a brake"** and be safe out there!

Welcome back to our talented administrators, teachers, school bus drivers, crossing guards, School Resource Officers, cafeteria staff, custodians, and most importantly, our exceptional students!

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

Visit our Website



*Your Mount Vernon District staff
welcome FCPS back-to-school!*



*Mount Vernon District Staff: Tae Choi, Donna Slaymaker, Allison Miessler, Christine Morin,
Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer & Abdul Shaban.*

August 2018 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1306
- Meetings: 63
- Hosted meetings: 44

Stay Connected:

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Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

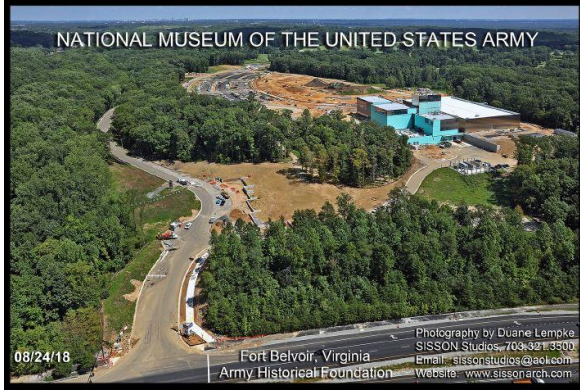
Second Saturday Each Month (except August)

Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

Interesting District Photos



Back-to-school in the Storck family.



Construction update at the National Museum of the US Army.

Supervisor Dan Storck (right) with brothers Tom (center) and Mick (left).



Workhouse Arts Foundation Cross County Trail Connection reaches substantial completion.



The Mason Neck Lions Club bench at the Lorton Library/LCAC bus stop Richmond Highway was relocated to the bus stop at Telegraph Rd./Rainwater Place in Lorton.

In the News

U.S. News & World Report Names Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Among Best in Area

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has been ranked the **#7 Best Hospital** in the Washington, DC metropolitan area (out of 57 hospitals) by U.S. News & World Report in 2018-19 rankings. The hospital also ranked **#14 in the state** of Virginia (out of 123 hospitals) and earned **high performing recognition in orthopedics, hip replacement and knee replacement.** [Read more...](#)



Jersey Mike's to Open in Lorton

Lorton residents Tracey and Maurice Jennings will open a **new Jersey Mike's Subs shop** at the Shoppes at Lorton Valley in mid-to- late-September. **As part of their grand-opening**, the shop is establishing a partnership with the LCAC by distributing 10,000 coupons to customers in the community. In the first five days of opening, customers can donate a **minimum of \$2 to receive a free sub. The \$2 will go to LCAC.** [Read more in the Connection...](#) (photo credit: Steve Hibbard, Connection Newspapers)

Votes for Women! Equal Rights Amendment

Push

A **new push for total equality** between the sexes came to the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gum Springs on Sunday, Aug. 26. Actress Alyssa Milano, an advocate for the long-running constitutional amendment called the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**, attended a special screening of the film **"Iron Jawed Angels"** about the suffragette movement.

State Senator Scott Surovell (D-36th) is a Chief Co-Patron of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) passage in Virginia.

Virginia would be the **38th and final state yet to ratify the ERA**, which would put men and women on an equal legal footing in America. [Read more in the Fort Hunt Herald...](#)

(photo credit: Steve Hunt, Fort Hunt Herald)



Riverside Elementary Celebrates 50 Years

At its annual back-to-school event, **Riverside ES celebrated 50 years** of educating young students. The school was **built in 1968 on land once owned by George Washington**, and serves a rich and diverse school community through its mission to promote high academic and social achievement of its **more than 800 students**. During the celebration, **School Board Chair Karen Corbett Sanders** (Mount Vernon) presented **principal Paul**

Basdekis with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. [Read more in the Fort Hunt Herald...](#)

(photo credit: Steve Hunt, Fort Hunt Herald)

Upcoming Events

- Fall: [Community Farmers Markets](#)
- First Saturdays: [Voter Registration & Voter Photo IDs](#) – 10 a.m.
- Sept 6: [DMV2GO at Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) - 9 a.m.
- Sept 8 – 16: [Workhouse Arts Center 10th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- Sept 10: [Medicare 101: Understanding Your Benefits](#) – 7 p.m.
- Sept 11: [South County Federation](#) – 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 12: [How Native Plants Support Wildlife](#) – 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 15: [Document Shredding](#) – 8 a.m.
- Sept 16: [Celebrate Constitution Day](#) – 1 p.m.
- Sept 16: [2018 Congressional Candidate Forum - 11th District](#) – 2 p.m.
- Sept 20: [DMV2GO at Sherwood Regional Library](#) - 9 a.m.
- Sept 20: [REVIVE! Training](#) – 3:30 p.m.
- Sept 22 – 25: [Lord Fairfax Ride](#)
- Sept 26: [Medicare 101: Understanding Your Benefits](#) – 12 p.m.
- Sept 26: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) – 8 p.m.
- Sept 29: [73rd Annual Pohick Church Country Fair](#) – 10 a.m.
- Oct 2: [Community Job & Resource Fair](#) – 10 a.m.

Community Champion



For our **inaugural Mount Vernon District Community Champion**, we are highlighting the **achievements of Matthew Dunne**. Mr. Dunne has lived in the Mount Vernon District since 2004 with his wife and their three children who attend Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). He is a member of the **Fort Hunt Elementary School PTA** and **Carl Sandburg Middle School PTA**, as well as Vice President of Advocacy for the Fairfax County Council PTA. In these roles, Mr. Dunne has led **multiple efforts** to make FCPS a **better place for students to learn**.

Mr. Dunne's **advocacy began** during the **FCPS FY 2017 budget discussions** which proposed the elimination of language immersion programs, 4th grade strings programs, some middle and high school sports programs, as well as the institution of new student fees. [Read more...](#)

To **nominate a future Community Champion**, [visit](#) to complete a nomination form.

Mount Vernon Police Station Officers in Our Community



Captain Matt Owens welcomes students to the first day of school at Riverside ES.



Lieutenant Camille Neville visits Fort Hunt ES on the first day of school.



PFC Monica Meeks greets students at Riverside ES.



Mount Vernon Officers participate in Gum Springs back-to-school event.

Saving the Environment

Plastic Free Challenge

18 billion pounds of plastic ends up in the ocean each year (Source - [National Geographic, July 11, 2018](#)) But, you can make a difference. Please join in protecting our waterways and wildlife by supporting the [2018 Plastic Free Challenge](#). Through this **regional campaign**, residents will get tips for a variety of ways to **reduce plastic**, like taking reusable bags to the store or carrying a metal straw.

With tons of plastic being produced and used every year, the **impact of plastic pollution** on our planet is **growing exponentially**. Plastic debris ranges in size from large containers to microscopic pellets, and this pollution is impacting our lands, coasts, streams, rivers, and oceans.

Be Part of the Solution

While **eliminating single-use plastics** from our daily lives can seem like an overwhelming task, even a few simple changes can make a big difference. The Plastic Free Challenge, from **August 20 to October 19**, offers encouragement and useful tips for practical alternatives to commonly used plastic items. **Weekly challenges** and **prize drawings** will help connect participants and make the challenge



fun.

Participating in the Plastic Free Challenge Is Easy!

1. [Sign up](#) for the Plastic Free Challenge.
2. **E-mail** the attached invitation to your colleagues/neighbors.
3. **Post** the attached flyer around your building and/or neighborhood.
4. [Create a team](#) and work together to reduce your plastic footprint.
5. **Follow** the Plastic Free Challenge on social media **#PlasticFreeDMV**

New Mount Vernon District Website Features

New this month! Current and historic videos of the Mount Vernon District have been added to our website. Here is a sample of what you will find on the [video page](#):

- [2018 Mount Vernon District Town Meeting](#)
- [Embark Richmond Highway Fly Through](#)
- [Beginning from a White Oak Tree](#)
- [Gum Springs Museum](#)
- [Lorton Nike Missile Base](#)

Upcoming November 6 General Elections

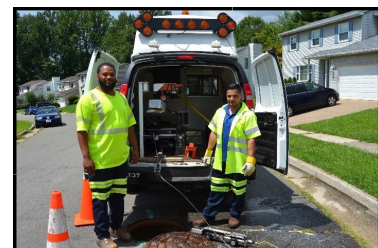
What You Need to Know about Absentee Voting in Fairfax

- [What's on My Ballot?](#) (November information TBA)
- [Voter Photo ID Requirements](#)
- [Upcoming Voter Photo ID Opportunities](#)
- [Additional Information for College Students](#) (Video)
- **September 21**: In-Person Absentee Voting scheduled to begin at the **Fairfax County Government Center Office of Elections**, Conference Rooms 2/3
- **October 15**: Voter Registration Deadline (In-Person/By Mail) 5:00 p.m.; Online: 11:59 p.m.
- **October 30**: Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, 5:00 p.m.
- **November 3**: Deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting, 5:00 p.m.
- **November 6**: Absentee Ballot return deadline, 7:00 p.m.

[Read more...](#)

Wastewater Crews Demonstrate Commitment and Dedication to Residents

The next time you see a **Fairfax County truck** in your neighborhood, it may be one of the **Wastewater Closed Circuit Television** (CCTV crews) who are part of a **robust preventative maintenance program**. These crew members monitor the county's system of wastewater sewers by using specialized CCTV equipment. Their goal is to **inspect 200 miles** of pipe each year.



It's their job to **report problems** as soon they are found. If they spot a problem, they immediately send a report to wastewater management using a computerized defect coding system and a **repair crew is dispatched** to the location.

CCTV crew members **frequently interact with residents** who are interested or have questions about what they are doing in their street. The crews take the time to **explain their work** and how they protect valuable county infrastructure and public health.

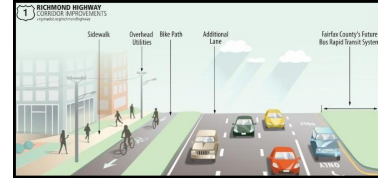
This is not where they stop. Each technician has **printed information** readily available that is given to a resident when crews see a concern in the system that may have an impact on the resident's sewer line. This level of effort shows residents that the County is working to **protect public health**, wastewater infrastructure and to help residents **prevent damage** to their property.

More about Wastewater Management is [here](#).

Community Information

Update on Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements

The **VDOT Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements team** is currently working to finalize major project design features, incorporating feedback from the public information meetings held last year and earlier this year. The most recent developments include plans to move forward with **traditional intersection designs** at the intersections of Sacramento Drive/Cooper Road and Buckman Road/Mount Vernon Highway. The final design plans will be presented for **public comment at a public hearing early next year**. [Read more...](#)



Community Job Fair and Resource Fair October 2

Looking for work? A change in jobs? Something part time? Apprenticeship? Decided to get back in the workforce?

Or, looking for new employees or apprentices?

Come to the Community Job and Resource Fair on **Tuesday, October 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at the South County Government Center. Click the image to the left for more information.

Embark Housing Advisory Group

The Embark Housing Advisory Group, **created by Supervisors Storck and McKay**, will **develop recommendations** for the Comprehensive Plan, the preservation policy, and resources needed **to preserve and develop new housing units** in the Richmond Highway area, with an eye toward models that can be replicated countywide while considering commercial revitalization as a factor. The group's meetings are open to the public. **For information** and meeting schedule [visit](#).

Personal Property Taxes on Vehicles Due October 5

All vehicles are subject to a **local annual property tax**. For more information regarding vehicle assessments, please refer to our vehicle values [page](#).

Vehicles entering Fairfax County, whether newly purchased or moved in, **must be registered** with Fairfax County **within 60 days** of such event. You may register using our [registration tool](#), by phone at 703-222-8234 [711 TTY], or in person at the [Government Center](#).

[Read more...](#)

2018 Congressional Candidate Forums

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will be hosting the 2018

Congressional Candidate Forums. The two forums relevant to Mount Vernon voters are:

- [District 11](#): Sunday, September 16 at 2 p.m. at the Sherwood Community Center
- [District 8](#): Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church



For additional information [visit](#).

Important Safety Messages

Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.



National Preparedness Month, recognized each September, is a great reminder of how everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. National Preparedness Month will focus on planning, with an overarching theme: **Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.** Throughout September, the Office of Emergency Management will help Fairfax County become ready and resilient. These steps will help guide you in making your emergency plan, making an emergency kit, getting important information and getting involved in your community.

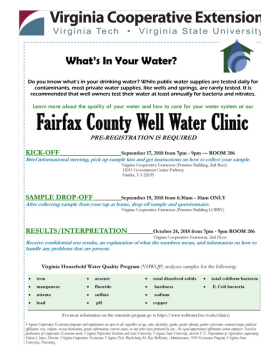
1. **Make and Practice Your Plan** so your family knows what to do when an emergency or disaster strikes. Print out your plan and keep a copy in your emergency kits. Practice your plan by doing a family drill.
2. **Learn Life Saving Skills** such as ways to mitigate your home against disaster damage, how to shut off your utilities or even take a CPR or Stop the Bleed class in case you need to be the help, until help arrives.
3. **Check Your Insurance Coverage** by calling your insurance company and asking for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough coverage. Keep in mind, flood and earthquake insurance are separate policies and they take 30 days to take effect.
4. **Save For an Emergency** and put all your important documents together in your go bag because once a disaster or emergency is over, it will help speed up the recovery process.

Stay connect with The Office of Emergency Management throughout the year by subscribing to the **Fairfax Alert's** monthly [newsletter](#) (option when setting up subscriptions) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).

For more information, [visit](#).

Virginia Household Water Quality Program Fairfax 2018

Do you know what's in your **drinking water**? While public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants, most private water supplies, like **wells and springs**, are rarely tested. It is recommended that **well owners test their water** at least annually for bacteria and nitrates. Learn more about the quality of your water and how to care for your water system at our **Fairfax County Well Water Clinic**. Click the image to the right for registration information.



Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

Architectural Review Board

The purpose of the Architectural Review Board shall be to administer the provisions of Part 2 of Article 7 (Historic Overlay Districts), of the Zoning Ordinance and to advise and assist the Board of Supervisors in its efforts to preserve and protect historic, architectural, and archaeological resources in the County.



Health Systems Agency Board

To improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services.

Transportation Advisory Committee

To advise the Board and provide information and comments on major transportation issues faced by the County.

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 Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the county website [here](#).



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