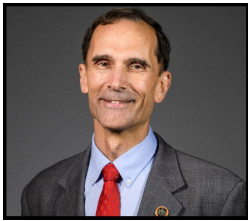
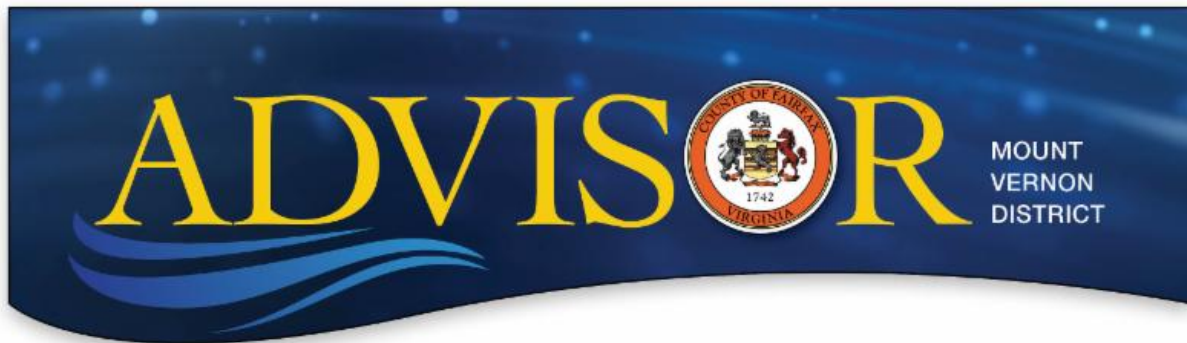


Happy New Year!



As I write this letter, **2018 is swiftly coming to an end** and we are about to **launch into another new year**. Yes, launch. I know this is not a word typically used with regard to starting a new year, but with the **many exciting plans for 2019** in the Mount Vernon District, **TEAM MVD** will be hitting the ground running and rocketing full speed through the next 12 months.

While I am reminded of the many accomplishments in 2018, from approving the **Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment** to set the stage for a greater than **\$1B investment in the Corridor** to **reopening Original Mount Vernon High School** to the community and **launching the Lorton 2040 Visioning process**, I am more excited about what is to come in 2019. **Highlights include:**

- Launch of **Lorton 2040 Visioning Task Force**
- Completion of the **Huntington Levee**
- Completing the **Master Planning for OMVHS** as a community and education hub
- Completing design and beginning Right-of-Way acquisition for the **Richmond Highway widening**
- Phase 2 of **commercial development at Liberty**, with the adaptive reuse of the Lorton Prison
- **Lorton and Silverbrook Road intersection study** to find solutions to improve traffic flow
- Complete planning for the **South County Police Station and Animal Shelter** and the **Lorton Community Center**
- Demolition and start of construction on new **Lorton Volunteer Fire Station**
- Planning for the **CSX/Route 1 replacement bridge**
- Design **trail connections** from Laurel Hill to the Lorton VRE Station and for the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway trail
- Working with **Strategic Economic Development Team** to secure new developments for Richmond Highway Corridor

An additional focus of our office in 2019 will include the **proposal of a strong environmental package** aimed at protecting and enhancing our valuable ecological resources and heritage sites. With **numerous rivers and streams** in the District, as well as **abundant parks and wildlife**, the **care and preservation of our environment** is particularly important to our communities. I will be advocating for the County to take a more **aggressive position on these issues**, including **litter control efforts** such as a plastic bag fee, calling for a **Community Climate Action Plan** and beginning **resiliency planning**, particularly for our shorelines. Look for more on this in the coming weeks.

As always, my office continues to look for **new ways to engage with you**. Our goal remains to **ensure each and every Mount Vernon neighbor** has the opportunity to **reach their full potential**, and that **Mount Vernon businesses continue to thrive**. TEAM MVD is committed to working with you to address your individual concerns, while working proactively to **deliver a better quality of life** for all District residents. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you out and about in 2019!

Finally, **are you passionate about your family, home or community?** If so, I hope you will join us at the **32nd Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2019**, from 7:45 a.m. – noon at Mount Vernon HS to **listen to and question your local leaders**. Keep an eye out for **our annual mailer** to be delivered to your mailbox later

this month with more information!

Respectfully yours in public service,



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



*32nd Annual Town Meeting to be held
Saturday, February 2, 2019!*

Visit our Website

Urban Design Guidelines Workshop

On December 8, the County hosted a very successful workshop to kick-off the **creation of urban design guidelines** for the **Richmond Highway Corridor**. The urban design guidelines will elaborate on design guidance described in the **Embark Comprehensive Plan** to include the overall design, appearance, character and function of streets and **streetscapes, parks, and plazas**; the form of buildings and their relationship to streets and public spaces; and, specific information related to street furnishings and other streetscape details.



Approximately **60 people** attended the workshop and **provided ideas** about the character and appearance of the Richmond Highway Corridor's Community Business Centers (CBCs). The results of this input will be used to better **define the design character** and specific design elements of the CBCs. **Additional opportunities for providing input** on the guidelines will be forthcoming in 2019. Information on the workshop results and community outreach is available on the project's [website](#).

Silverbrook and Lorton Road Intersection Study

The County is conducting a study to identify **intersection improvements** to enhance the intersection operations and increase capacity, specifically through **Silverbrook Road's southbound left-turn movement and Lorton Road's westbound right-turn movement**. In addition, the goal of the study is to address **any safety or operational deficiencies** found through the existing conditions analysis, and address any transportation needs.

FCDOT held a **public meeting** on December 12, to inform residents and invite public feedback. **Public comment can still be provided through Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019.** **View the proposed options** in the presentation below and **take the survey today!**

- [Lorton Road and Silverbrook Road Intersection Meeting Presentation - Dec. 12, 2018](#)
- [FCDOT Survey: Lorton Road and Silverbrook Road Intersection Concepts](#)

In the News

Innovative Ideas Sought to Continue Making



the Workhouse Arts Center a Vibrant Mixed Use Arts Campus

The County and the Workhouse Arts Foundation are looking for **innovative ideas** to continue transforming the historically significant, **50-plus acre Workhouse Arts campus** into the **first mixed-used arts campus in the County**. With this in mind, the County and the

Workhouse recently issued a **request for expressions of interest**, seeking proposed adaptive **re-use concepts** from businesses, nonprofits or individuals.

The two entities are asking for **cultural, educational, residential, commercial** or other uses that complement the Workhouse Arts Center's existing studio, gallery and museum spaces. This could include **food halls, restaurants, craft breweries, craft manufacturing, housing, arts and entertainment venues, business incubators** and possibly other uses. [Read more...](#)

South Alex Groundbreaking

South Alex, a **mixed-use development** planned as part of the redevelopment of the old Penn Daw Shopping Center, held its **official groundbreaking on December 13, 2018**. Representatives from Combined Properties, residents and elected officials attended the ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of **400-apartment complex featuring 44,000 feet of ground-level retail**. An **Aldi grocery store** will anchor the development located at the intersection of Kings Highway and Richmond Highway. [Read more on Covering the Corridor...](#)



Chamber Awards Local Businesses

The **Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce** hosted their annual business awards celebration on December 14, 2018, recognizing people and businesses that have had a **positive impact** on the Mount Vernon and Lee district communities. **Gerry Gordon**, who led Fairfax

County's Economic Development Authority for many years, was presented with the **Chamber's Citizen of the Year Award** in honor of his contribution to the **substantial economic growth** the County has experienced over the past decades. Other local awardees included **Alice's Kids** and the **Fort Hunt Herald**. [Read more and see photos on the Fort Hunt Herald...](#)

2018 Mary Thonen Awards

The Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards recognize local property owners and businesses that go above and beyond to help beautify Richmond Highway by enhancing the curb appeal of their properties. Improvements include sprucing up store fronts, taking extra care of flowers, plants and shrubs, and even maintain public spaces in the immediate vicinity.

Congratulations to this year's winners! [See the list and read more on SFDC's website...](#)



PALS – Police at Lunch in Schools

Last year, the **Mount Vernon District Police Station** launched a new program - PALS. Mount Vernon Police Officers sit down once a week to have **lunch with students** at Riverside and Fort Hunt ES. **Station Captain Matt Owens** reports that, initially, students were

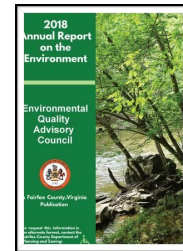
hesitant to talk to the officers. However, with familiarity, the program has become a **huge success** and the students have become much more receptive to the officers' presence, even asking **officers to autograph their lunch napkins!** [Watch NBC4's report...](#)

Upcoming Events

- [January Library Events](#)
- [December & January Lorton Volunteer Fire Department CPR Classes](#)
- Jan 8: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 9: [EQAC Annual Public Hearing](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 9: Comment Deadline: [Lorton & Silverbrook Roads Intersection](#)
- Jan 16: [Public Meeting: Unmanned Aircraft Program](#) - 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 19: [Stuff the Bus](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 23: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) - 8 p.m.
- Jan 24: [Public Meeting to Discuss Clark House for Resident Curator Program](#) - 7 p.m.
- Jan 26: [Scout Tour Saturday](#) - 10 a.m.
- Feb 2: [Mount Vernon Town Meeting](#) - 7:45 a.m.

Saving the Environment

Let Your Voice Be Heard at EQAC's Annual Public Hearing



The **County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)** is an **advisory group** that has been appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on **environmental matters**. EQAC provides this advice through its [Annual Report on the Environment](#) and through resolutions and positions. EQAC recommendations typically focus on **improvement of the County's efforts** in environmental protection and enhancement; they also can address legislative issues as well as state, regional, and federal matters. **Environmental issues** considered by EQAC include water quality, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, solid waste, stream valley protection, deer management, light pollution, visual pollution, and the use and preservation of ecological resources.

Each year EQAC holds a [public hearing](#) to obtain **input on issues of environmental concern**. The public is encouraged to attend and share views on the state of the environment and to **identify any environmental issues** applicable to the County. The public also is invited to attend any [EQAC meeting](#) and to submit correspondence for EQAC's consideration at any time.

The annual **EQAC public hearing** will be held on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.** at the [County Government Center](#). Testimony can be in person, written or by video submission. For more information [visit](#).

How the County is Reducing Electricity Costs in County Buildings

Did you know **utilities costs** for the Government Center, Herrity and Pennino buildings exceed **\$2 million annually**? That's over \$100,000 a month for the Government Center and more than \$35,000 a month each for the Herrity and Pennino buildings. Becoming a **more energy-efficient organization** is a **priority** for the Facilities Management Department and the County in general. Not only are **costs and carbon emissions** considerations, but also the responsibility to be a **good corporate citizen**. This summer, the County adopted a **new, broader operational energy strategy** to significantly lower utility bills and carbon emissions. The strategy makes **reducing electricity consumption a top priority**. Electricity accounted for 51 percent of the county's total energy use in 2016 — and it produced 65 percent of carbon emissions. [Learn more](#).

West Springfield Station Neighborhood Watch



The West Springfield District Station Officers routinely conduct **community outreach presentations** to educate community members about **crime prevention techniques**, impressing upon them the importance of a continual liaison with the police department. A core component of crime prevention is the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. Training sessions are **conducted several times** throughout the year. In the West Springfield District, there are over **205 neighborhoods** with a Neighborhood Watch in place. In 2018, over **60 newly trained community members** were added to the program in West Springfield. For more information about Neighborhood Watch, **contact MPO Mike Stewart** with the West Springfield District Station Crime Prevention Office at 703-644-5026. The **West Springfield Station** supports the southern part of the Mount Vernon District.

Supporting Our Seniors

Fairfax 50+ is a **podcast series** featuring discussions on issues, services and activities of interest to residents 50 and over. On a recent edition, host Jim Person talked about **Adult and Community Education Program's winter session** with two veterans of the show, **Karen Stevens and Devaki Das**. Karen is a **Health and Medical program specialist** and Devaki is a program specialist and one of the **ACE culinary teachers**. She is also the **food columnist for the county's Golden Gazette**. [Listen to the podcast here...](#)

To find out more about **ACE courses** or to **register**, go to aceclasses.fcps.edu. You can also call 703-658-1201.

Community Information

Know Someone Who Needs Shelter from the Cold this Winter?



The **Hypothermia Prevention Program** is an integral part of the County's programs to **prevent and end homelessness** that incorporates the collaborative work of area faith communities, civic organizations, businesses and individual volunteers. The program represents a shining example of **collaborative effectiveness** in serving the **critical needs** of those experiencing homelessness when they are in most danger of exposure to cold weather.

Each year, all three County emergency shelters that serve single adults activate a **"no-turn-away" policy** from **December 1-March 31**, known as the **Winter Seasonal program**. "No-turn-away" is also implemented outside of that timeframe based on **temperature and weather conditions**. [Read more...](#)



Do You Know An Outstanding Crossing Guard?

Nominate your favorite and help us **spread the word!** Crossing Guard Appreciation day is **February 13, 2019**, and the **Virginia Safe Routes to School Program** wants to **celebrate crossing guards** who make a difference in Virginia's communities. Crossing guards can include police officers, volunteers or teachers who routinely help students cross the street. [Click here](#) to nominate your school crossing guard by **January 25, 2019**, for the **2018 Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guard Award**.

Scout Tour Saturdays!

The **Mount Vernon District Police Station** will host a **Scout Tour Saturday on January 26th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** by appointment only. It is a **first come, first served basis** so make sure to **reserve your spot**. This program is for all **Boy and Girl Scout troops** that would like a **short presentation** about the Police Department and a **group tour of the police station**. To schedule a tour for your scout troop [email APO Carol Might](mailto:Carol.Might@MVD.org). If you miss this Scout Saturday, **another will be held next quarter**.



Calling All Artists!

TEAM MVD is looking for **creative ways to enhance the entrance** to our office and the Mount Vernon District Police Station. We invite all **community members to connect** with us to learn more about what we are interested in **creating in the space** and to submit artistic proposals. Funding for the chosen idea may be provided. For more information, email [Donna Slaymaker](mailto:Donna.Slaymaker@MVD.org) or call 703-780-7518.



Are You Eligible for Medicaid? You Might Be Now

Good news! Virginia has **expanded the list** of those who are **eligible for Medicaid** and applications are now being accepted for coverage, which will **go into effect Jan. 1, 2019**. Even if you were not previously eligible for Medicaid, you may now be able to enroll if you meet the **revised program requirements**. According

to the Commonwealth Institute's latest projections as of January 2018, **an additional 28,000 individuals** in the County may be eligible for Medicaid. [Read more in this NewsCenter story...](#)

VIC Announces Essay Contest

"What would our world look like if we never had a Dr. Martin Luther King?" is the title of an **essay contest for Mt Vernon District HS students** (public, private, parochial, or home schooled), sponsored by Ventures in Community (VIC), a group of about 60 faith communities and nonprofits in the Route 1 Corridor area. **Essays of 500 words** must be **submitted by Friday January 11, 2019** to venturesincommunity@gmail.com, subject line titled "MLK Essay."

The **top three winners** will receive **prize money** (\$250 for first place, \$150 for second, and \$100 for third) and will **read their essays** at VIC's annual Martin Luther King Holiday Observance at 1 p.m., Saturday January 19 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Rd. The **winners will be announced Wednesday, January 16**. A committee appointed by the VIC steering committee will select the winning essays. For questions, [contact](#).

Public Meeting to Discuss Clark House for Resident Curator Program

The Fairfax County Park Authority is hosting a **public information meeting on Thursday, January 24th at 7 p.m.** at the Laurel Hill Golf Club to provide an overview of the County Resident Curator Program (RCP) administered by the Park Authority, and to discuss the use of the **historic Hannah P. Clark (Enyedi) house**, at 10605 Furnace Road, Lorton, as a Resident Curator Property. The meeting will provide an opportunity for **public questions and comments**. [Read more...](#)



Mulch Unavailable at I-95 Landfill Complex

Due to a repair project that began December 12, 2018, **mulch will be unavailable** at the I-95 landfill complex until **mid-March 2019**. Other mulch locations are listed [here](#).

Important Safety Messages

Record Rainfall Challenges Construction Sites; Hotline Available to Report Problems



As you may know, **2018 set record annual rain totals** for the Washington metro area – breaking the record set in 1889. All this rain **wreaks havoc on the many construction sites** in the area.

As a result, the County received more than **twice as many complaints** about erosion and sediment control problems on construction sites in the first ten months of 2018 than were received in all of 2017.

Currently, more than **1,500 construction sites are active** in the County, each of them **monitored by inspectors** from the Site Development and Inspections Division (SDID) of Land Development Services (LDS). When construction disturbs the ground, it is **much more susceptible to eroding**. Rainfall events can loosen soil and carry it with the rainfall runoff to adjacent properties or streams. [Read more...](#)



Safely Dispose of Unused Medications

Starting next week, the **Mount Vernon District Governmental Center** will become home to a **permanent Drug Take Back Box**. This program will now allow **any citizen** to safely and **anonymously dispose** of prescription medications at **any time and at no cost**. Please consider safely disposing of all unused medications to **keep them away from our children and out of our water supply!**

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff: Abdul Shaban, Anna Smith, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Donna Slaymaker, Camela Speer & Sally Kidalov.

December 2018 Activities:

- Phone calls: 899
- Meetings: 64
- Hosted meetings: 26

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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)
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.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. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:



Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

This Board is responsible for ensuring and overseeing the establishment and operation of local mental health, intellectual disabilities, and substance abuse programs.

Health Systems Agency Board

The purpose of this Board is to improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services.

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](#).

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