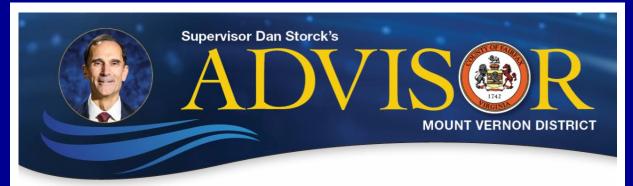
January 2022



Neighbors,

Here we go again...As we enter 2022, we were all hopeful we were putting COVID behind us, getting our vaccines and boosters and moving into a post-COVID world. Unfortunately, new variants are showing us how resilient this virus is and how we are going to have to learn to live with it. There is new information below from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and from our schools and about testing. If you have not yet gotten vaccinated or boosted, I implore you to do so as soon as possible to protect yourself, family, friends and neighbors.

You will soon be receiving my 2022 Annual Advisor in the mail highlighting 2021 results and 2022 projects, goals and events. Please keep an eye out for it and let us know what you think! Our focus for 2022 continues to embody our community's priorities and core values:

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- Leave No One Behind
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- · Protect Our Health and Environment
- Revitalize Our Neighborhoods and Transportation Systems

New in 2022, we will be launching the **In-Fill Development Task Force** to look at ways we can improve **"by-right" in-fill developments** and its effects on our neighborhoods. There is additional information below about my initiative and **how you can get engaged**.

Also, new to **TEAM MVD** this year, I would like to introduce you to **Madeleine "Maddie" Carcamo Reyes**, our new **Office Manager & Community Outreach Coordinator**. Maddie has been living in the Mount Vernon community for the past year and having **grown up in the region**, is very familiar with our **diverse community** and all of the **lovely things that our neighborhoods** have to offer. As a soon to be graduate from **George Mason University** with a degree in **Community Health**, she looks forward to being a vital part of the working force that will **bring our community to new heights**; and to be someone that many can rely on for **assistance in their needs**.



Maddie is **bilingual in Spanish** and enjoys volunteering at her church, baking and hanging out with her friends. **Please stop by our office and say "Hello" to Maddie!**

Finally, are you passionate about your family, home or community? If so, I hope you will join us at the 35th Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 12, from 7:45 a.m. – noon at Mount Vernon High School and live on Channel 16 and Facebook, to hear County and District updates, participate in Q & A's with your local leaders and learn about available County and community services. The highlight of the morning will be a "virtual tour" of the changing Mount Vernon District from Huntington to Lorton! While

we are planning **in-person and virtual options** for the Town Meeting this year, please know we are **monitoring the COVID-19 situation**, taking all CDC recommended safeguards, and will adjust our plans as needed.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, wonderful New Year!

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck

Supervisor, Mount Vernon District Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- Jan 8: General Assembly Delegation's Pre-2022 Session Public Hearing 9 a.m.
- Jan 11: South County Federation Meeting 7 p.m.
- Jan 12: Public Hearing: EQAC Annual Report on the Environment 7:15 p.m.
- Jan 13: CAREGIVER COMPASS: Navigating Alzheimer's, Dementia and Memory Loss-5:30 p.m.
- Jan 18: Zoning Ordinance Community Meetings: Sign Regulations Phase II 12 p.m.
- Jan 18 21: DMV Connect at Mount Vernon Government Center 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 25: Board of Supervisors Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 26: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting 7 p.m.
- Jan 18: Zoning Ordinance Community Meetings: Sign Regulations Phase II 12 p.m.
- Feb 12: 35th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- Quantico Noise Advisories

COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Quarantine and Isolation Update

Following a **review of scientific data** on COVID-19 transmission and the impact of vaccination, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced **updated quarantine and isolation recommendations** on December 27. In alignment with the CDC, the **Fairfax County Health Department** is updating its recommendations as follows:

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

Day 1 to 5:

• Stay home and away from others.

Day 6 to 10:

- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving, you can leave your house. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask to reduce any risk of infecting others.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until 24 hours after your fever resolves.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you have been **boosted OR received your second dose** (and an additional dose if immunocompromised) of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR received your first dose of J&J vaccine within the last two months:

Day 1 to 10:

- Wear a mask around others.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 during this 10-day period, follow the isolation guidance above

If you received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines **more than six months ago** and are **not boosted** OR received one dose of the J&J vaccine more than two months ago and are not boosted OR are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated:

Day 1 to 5:

- Stay home and away from others.
- Test on day 5 if possible. If you test positive for COVID-19, follow the isolation guidance above.

Day 6 to 10:

- Continue to wear a mask around others.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home. If you test positive for COVID-19, follow the isolation guidance above.

COVID Testing

- The Gerry Hyland Governmental Center (formerly South County) is doing COVID testing for people who are SYMPTOMATIC by appointment only. Call 703-324-7404.
- Neighborhood and Community Services offers free testing for the uninsured. Call 703-535-5568.
- Virginia Department of Health's map of testing sites along Richmond Highway.
- More at rapid home testing kits will be available at Fairfax County libraries, but no date has been announced. Call your local library to check on availability.

Vaccines & Boosters

BOOSTER DOSES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE AGES 16 AND OLDER

PFIZER-BIONTECH AND MODERNA VACCINES

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

- Individuals 18 years and older should get a booster shot six months or more after their initial series. Adults over 18 years may choose which vaccine to receive.
- Individuals 16–17 years should get a booster shot six months or more after their initial series. People 16–17 years old can get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON VACCINES

For individuals who received the COVID-19 vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), a single booster shot is recommended at **two months or more** after receiving the initial vaccination for all persons **18 years of age and older**.

"MIX AND MATCH"

Individuals **over 18 years may choose which vaccine to receive** as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. Deciding which brand to use may depend on which brand is available and an **individual benefit-risk assessment**. Consider talking to a **healthcare provider** if you have concerns about which brand of booster to take.

Schedule your vaccine or booster today...

COVID-19 Prevention

With the emergence of more contagious variants, such as Omicron, and the ongoing surge of COVID-19 cases, it is **important that everyone adheres to the following public health prevention measures** as best as they can to limit the spread of the virus in our community.

- Get vaccinated against COVID-19 if you haven't yet received any vaccination or are only partially vaccinated.
- Get your booster dose if you're age 16 years or older and received your initial mRNA vaccines more than 6 months ago or a Johnson and Johnson vaccine more than 2 months ago.
- Wear a mask in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.
- Stay home when feeling ill.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds.
- · Cover coughs and sneezes.

Resources

- Find vaccine and testing sites...
- If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, please call 703-324-7404. Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions. Both call centers are open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday.
- Email questions or concerns to ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov. This email account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

FCPS COVID Testing Locations... FCPS COVID Updates... Test to Stay Program...

Lidl at Liberty Groundbreaking



Thank you to everyone who joined us on December 17 for the **Lidl at Liberty groundbreaking**. The new 30,000 square-foot store will be located at **9001 White Spruce Way** in Lorton. The adaptive reuse of the **former Lorton Prison** has brought many new opportunities, like this one, to the area. This latest, not only provides a strong and important anchor for **Liberty Market**, but also brings a **local**, **walkable grocery store** to the many surrounding communities of Liberty, Laurel Hill and Spring Hill. Enabling residents to walk or bike to their local store to **purchase healthy**, **sustainable foods** in such a **historic area is a win-win for everyone!** An opening date has not yet been announced.

Land Use

Infill Development Task Force Being Formed

I am initiating an **Infill Development Task Force** (IDTF) to include many **neighborhood representatives**, my office, our state elected representatives, and developers to review and evaluate County and state options for better addressing the **impacts on neighbors and neighborhoods** of "by-right" residential infill redevelopment projects. **"By-right" development** means it is a **permitted use** in a zoning district and as long as the planned

development meets County/state standards, the County does not have the legal right to stop or restrict that property's development.

I have had numerous discussions with County leadership, the County Attorney's office, and the Zoning Administrator about how we can **best manage these types of developments** to support their positive effects while reducing their negative **impacts on our neighborhoods**. This task force provides the best approach for bringing together the key community members and knowledgeable staff for **addressing these generally "by-right" developments.** Its work will be focused on the following areas:

- Notifications to surrounding homes and community;
- Lot sizes and setbacks;
- Building height and the measurement of building height;
- **Stormwater impacts** and management on a lot, in a neighborhood and its aggregate effect on the surrounding area;
- **Tree cover and tree preservation** existing standards, Fairfax County Tree Commission recommendations, State Tree Advisory Group's recommendations to the General Assembly, and other environmental best practices;
- Bonding practices including types, amount and length of time;
- Zoning and historic overlay district (HOD) options; and
- Other considerations and potential solutions.

Read more and learn how to get engaged...

Signs Part II Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Interested in learning more about the current sign regulations and sharing how these regulations should be amended? Join County staff to learn about the regulations and enforcement of complaints, and to provide ideas for the County's review of these regulations. Virtual community information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. More information about the upcoming sign meetings is included on the Sign Regulations Phase II webpage. Please contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314, TTY 711, or by email with any questions, feedback, and requests for reasonable accommodations.

Transportation

Bicycle and Pedestrian Treatments

The Virginia Department of Transportation, the County and I are committed to **improving safety** and mobility for all road users. Safe and comfortable street design for people walking



and bicycling is one of the strategies VDOT is using to achieve these goals. Access to bicycle and pedestrian facilities is an important component of an **efficient**, **multimodal transportation network**. Providing safe and comfortable places to bike and walk **enhances the quality of life and public health**, strengthens communities, increases safety for all road users, reduces congestion, and **benefits the environment**.

There are a **variety of design treatments** that can improve safety and comfort for bicyclists and pedestrians. While some treatments, **such as bicycle lanes**, are becoming more commonplace, **others may be more unfamiliar** to residents. Read more...

Health, Housing & Human Services



If you **see someone who is unsheltered** and at risk of hypothermia, please contact our **non-emergency public safety phone number** at 703-691-2131. For additional information, please visit the Hypothermia Prevention Program website or contact the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness at 703-324-9492, TTY 711, or OPEHGeneralMail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Safety



Red Flag Law/Emergency Substantial Risk Order Information Campaign Kick-off

Virginia's Emergency Substantial Risk Order (ESRO) law, commonly referred to as a "red flag" law, enables the Fairfax County Police Department to investigate and seek a court order to temporarily remove guns from individuals who have been determined an imminent danger to themselves or others. ESROs prevent these individuals from purchasing, possessing or transporting firearms, while providing procedural safeguards to ensure that no firearm is removed without due process.

County and community leaders shared **information and impactful stories** of the ESRO law's use to prevent gun violence and **issued a call-to-action for the community** to contact authorities who can **act quickly to prevent tragedies**. This event served as a kickoff to a sustained County and community messaging campaign. Learn more...

Parks & Environment

Park Authority Purchases Historic Building in Old Colchester Area

On Dec. 3, 2021, the **Fairfax County Park Authority** purchased a historic property that was **built in the mid-18th century** in the Old Colchester area. The property is a **2.26-acre parcel of land** with a home and barn. The home was built in 1750, and it is **listed on the National Register of Historic**



Places. This property is an addition to the **Old Colchester Park and Preserve**, and the Park Authority will continue to **preserve and interpret** its historical significance. Read more...

2021 EQAC Annual Report on the Environment

The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council



(EQAC), an advisory group appointed by the Board of Supervisors, announces an **upcoming public comment meeting on January 12 at 7:15 p.m.** This meeting offers members of the public an opportunity to provide written, verbal, or video testimony on environmental topics of their choosing. The meeting will be held in conference room 9/10 of the Government Center and is open to the public for participation and observation. Pre-recorded video or written testimony is due to the Office of Environmental and Energy

Coordination by 5:00 PM on January 3, 2022. More information on the public comment and how to submit testimony is available online.

The announcement of the public comment meeting coincides with the release of EQAC's 2021 Annual Report on the Environment The report summarizes policies supported by EQAC over the years and includes recommendations for the Board of Supervisors' consideration in 2022.

Plastic Bag Fee in Effect - What You Need to Know!

Fairfax County has implemented a **new five-cent plastic bag fee** on January 1. This fee applies to disposable plastic bags provided to consumers at **grocery stores**, **convenience stores and drug stores**. The purpose of the fee is to curb our collective use of disposable plastic bags, to **reduce the amount of plastic waste in our local waterways** and the damage it causes.



Revenue from this fee will be collected by the Virginia Department of Taxation and will be **disbursed to Fairfax County** monthly. Tax revenue may be used to **support environmental cleanup programs**, pollution and litter mitigation programs, educational programs on environmental waste reduction, and the **provision of reusable bags** to recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program benefits. **Be the solution to plastic pollution**. Bring a reusable bag every time you shop in Fairfax County. Learn more...

Community Champions



Meet history superstar Maura Keaney! Maura was recognized by the Fairfax History Commission with a Distinguished Service Award. Earlier this year in celebration of Juneteenth, we unveiled the Ona Judge Historical Marker adjacent to the Mount Vernon Estate. The marker was one of many Historical Marker nominations Maura's students submitted to Governor Northam's Black History Month Historical Marker contest.

Maura engages her students in a **year-long history scavenger hunt**, encouraging them **"to hunt for history all around us."** Maura has a

true passion for educating and including students in the history of our community, state and nation. Given this **enthusiasm for teaching history**, you might be surprised to find that she is not a 4th grade classroom teacher, but rather was a **School-based Technology Specialist** in Fairfax County Public Schools (she has now transitioned to librarian). This has put her in a unique position to **train budding historians** in using on-line research methods and cross disciplinary boundaries to **explore quantitative analysis** of how we publicly document and celebrate our history. **Thank you for all you do for our students, Maura!**

Community Information

Hours of Operation Changing at I-95 Landfill Complex and I-66 Transfer Station

The new year ushered in **extended operating hours for residents** to drop off their trash, recyclables and various specialty wastes (e.g., used oil, old batteries, scrap metal) at the I-66 Transfer Station and the **I-95 Landfill Complex**. The new hours are in effect **Monday**

through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend hours, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., will remain unchanged at both facilities. Learn more...

Mount Vernon at Home Seeks New Executive Director

Mount Vernon at Home, **serving seniors** in the Mount Vernon area, is searching for a new Executive Director. The **ideal candidate** would have a range of **executive experience** (including personnel, finances, office systems, etc.) and ideally have **experience** in a management position with a non-profit. Experience in **senior care** and management and/or



health care would also be a plus but is not necessary. As a **small organization**, this is a **hands-on position** with daily management tasks and member support as well as development, outreach and marketing.

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone looking for a **second career** or who wants to be a **part of a local organization** with an exciting mission and appreciative members. Applicants should **submit a letter of interest, resume and references**. The Search Committee is chaired by **Board President Paula Lettice**. She can be reached at pglettice@gmail.com.

General Assembly Delegation's Pre-2022 Session Public Hearing

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly will hold a public hearing regarding the upcoming 2022 session on Saturday, January 8, at 9 a.m. in the board room of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax with parking available in front of the Government Center Building. Fairfax County is assisting with the logistics of the delegation's event. Fairfax County residents who want to sign up in advance to speak at the hearing should register online using this form or contact the Department of Clerk Services at 703-324-3151, TTY 711, by noon on Thursday, January 6.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at **George Mason University** (OLLI Mason) offers a **robust level of class offerings** and recruits a wonderful set of **teachers from all walks of life**, including George Mason University, OLLI membership and outside experts. In 2021, OLLI continued to program and deliver over **500 classes** and over **20 clubs** continued to meet online, giving members the ability to **stay**

connected. Read more...

CAREGIVER COMPASS: Navigating Alzheimer's, Dementia and Memory Loss

Thursday, January 13 | 5:30 p.m.

Join this virtual community forum to learn about **Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss**. Invite a friend who has been affected by the disease. **Share your thoughts** about how we can help people in your community. **Please register** to receive the Zoom link. Call 800.272.3900 or click to register.

Impact a Child's Life--Join Volunteer & Partner Services

Looking for **volunteer opportunities or community service** in Fairfax County? The Department of Family Services' Volunteer & Partner Services Program **connects volunteers** and donors to **local families with children who are at risk of abuse and neglect**. Check out the video below to learn more on**how you can impact a child's life** for the better.



Real Talk Teen Leadership Workshop

Leadership Fairfax hosting Teen Leadership Workshop on Saturday and Sunday, January 22-23, for rising Juniors and Seniors to learn communication strategies, practice networking and create awesome résumés. Over the course of two days, and featuring multiple dynamic



workshops, teens will learn more about themselves and theirleadership styles, and understand how to better collaborate with others to engage in their communities and achieve results. Leadership Fairfax is excited to launch this two day workshop for Fairfax youth. It's time for some Real Talk.

Real Talk Teen Leadership Workshop is available on a **first come, first served basis**. Learn more and register...



Winter Reading Challenge

The library's winter reading challenge for **all ages** is **January 1-31**. Create an account, **participate in fun reading activities** and celebrate your accomplishments for completing the Winter Reading Challenge. Learn more and

register...

And, Library Board announces no more fines...

Take a Sneak Peek at the New Online FCPA Camp Guide

Last year more than 95% of Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in-person camps filled up and had wait lists. With lower camp sizes still in place, plan now to guarantee a spot in your child's favorite spring break or summer camp. Although registration for spring break and summer camps does not open until January 11, you can browse



the FCPA Spring and Summer Day Camps 2022 Guide now with your children, mark the camps you want, and **be ready when registration begins**. Find camps for all your children in one place this summer! Learn more...

Important Safety Information

Cleaning Up: Snow/Ice Shoveling Tips

With the winter weather advisory now cancelled, the **countywide cleanup begins** after this latest storm **dropped a a lot of snow** in our neighborhoods, which is now refreezing overnight. Ice pick, anyone? Learn more...



Did you know? Scattering **used coffee grounds** instead of salt and sand is a great way to fight slippery roads AND cut food waste! The coffee grounds have abrasive properties suitable for **fighting frozen streets**, and it also **improves soil quality** after the ice has melted. Unlike road salt, it **protects dogs' paws** and needs no collection after use! Less strain on the environment and **preserves natural resources**.

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff (L to R): Nick Rinehart, Volunteer Shirley Short, Peyton Smith, Alex Kramer, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer and Christine Morin (Madeleine Carcamo Reyes not pictured).

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

December 2021 Activities:

Phone calls: 670Meetings: 233

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.

Wetlands Board (Lorton/Mason Neck area resident needed)

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 December 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 mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the brochure for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on theCounty website. You can also **check out the County's Volunteer Management System for information** on these and **other volunteer opportunities near you**.

Visit our website

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