

October 19, 2021– 9:30 a.m.
Matters Presented by Board Members

Chairman (At-Large):

1 Presentations Requests

2 *Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Storck* – Request for Staff to Analyze Waiver of Permitting Fees Associated with the Installation of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Vice Chairman (Mason):

None Submitted.

Braddock:

3-4 *Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay and Supervisors Herrity and Storck* - Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption

Dranesville:

None Submitted.

Hunter Mill:

5 Motion for Expedited Processing - ServiceSource, Inc. (SE-2021-HM-00014)

Lee:

6-7 Motion for Concurrent Processing and Scheduling of Board Public Hearing - Amazon Data Services Inc. (RZ 2021-LE-015 and SE 2021-LE-010)

Mount Vernon:

None Submitted.

Providence:

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Sully:

None Submitted.



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Board Matter

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I move to approve, without objection, the proclamation requests listed in this document:

- A recognition of the completion of 13 years of work by the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association and a celebration of the memorial's opening.
- A recognition of the outstanding volunteer work to Fairfax County of Frank and Jane Blechman as they move out west.
- A presentation of the 2021 Environmental Excellence Awards (EEA) highlighting individuals, organizations, and county employees for their outstanding dedication and leadership on the environment.



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Joint Board Matter

**Chairman McKay
Supervisor Storck**

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Energy usage in Fairfax County is changing. As the Fairfax community works collectively towards our ambitious goals for net zero energy and carbon emissions reductions, Fairfax County government should be working to reduce barriers to making the switch to environmentally friendly alternatives.

The auto industry has seen a boom in electric vehicles (EVs). As EVs become more populous, we need to ensure we have the resources and infrastructure available for our community members. Electric vehicles require additional infrastructure built into existing facilities. This can present a major hurdle for residents looking to make a simple switch to a gas-alternative vehicle. Permitting fees can add a financial burden on to well-meaning residents and disincentivize the environmentally sustainable actions we're encouraging our residents to take. The Climate Crisis is now – we do not have time to wait on actions that can improve our carbon emissions and resiliency towards a changing environment.

Therefore, I move that the Department of Land Development Services analyze the waiver of permitting fees associated with the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure. An analysis waiver should include not only commercial properties, but residential as well. Staff should report back to the Board on the feasibility of a waiver of fees no later than February 2022.



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Joint Board Matter

**Supervisor James Walkinshaw
Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay
Supervisor Pat Herrity
Supervisor Dan Storck**

October 19, 2021

Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption

Background

Mr. Chairman, in 2014 the voters of Virginia approved a Constitutional Amendment which exempts from taxation, under certain eligibility requirements, the real property of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, as defined by the Department of Defense. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 58.1, Chapter 32, Article 2.4, Fairfax County began offering this exemption in 2015.

It recently came to my attention that a small group of surviving spouses in Fairfax County were, due to confusion regarding the language of the statute, inadvertently approved for the exemption and have been receiving it for several years. Their deceased veteran spouses died while serving in the armed forces, but do not meet the definition of "killed in action." Some were 9/11 victims and some died while deployed overseas, but were not killed by an enemy in combat. As such, the Department of Taxation was informed by the Commonwealth of Virginia that we may no longer grant the exemption to these individuals.

While this Board has correctly expressed its concern with the imposition of mandatory property tax exemptions on local governments, some of which drain significant resources from our budget and negatively impact public safety, education, and human services, this small group of individuals believed they were eligible for the exemption based on our approval of their applications, have received it for several years, and have planned their finances around its continuance. Furthermore, the Commonwealth is currently undertaking a study to examine the fiscal impact of extending this tax exemption to all those "killed in the line of duty." The results of that study are expected by November 1.

Motion

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors refer this matter to the Legislative Committee and direct Legislative Staff to work with the General Assembly to identify a narrowly crafted solution that will allow us to continue to offer this property tax exemption to the small group of individuals who have received it while reiterating the Board's position that any expansion of local tax exemptions should be a local option, rather than a mandate. I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a report to the Board: (i) summarizing the number of potential surviving spouse families eligible for tax exemption for line of duty deaths and (ii) identify the impacts of extending the real estate tax exemption to line of duty deaths.



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Board Matter
Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn
October 19, 2021

Motion for Expedited Processing
ServiceSource, Inc.
SE-2021-HM-00014

Background:

ServiceSource, Inc submitted an SE application to permit an Adult Day Support Center located at the Ellmore Farmhouse in Frying Pan Farm Park. ServiceSource has been selected by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) for the Resident Curator Program to renovate and retrofit the Ellmore Farmhouse in support of adults with disabilities. The Board of Supervisors approved the Resident Curator lease on May 4, 2021.

The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for January 26, 2022 for SE-2021-HM-00014. The applicant has requested an expedited Board of Supervisors public hearing date.

Motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to expedite the scheduling of the Board of Supervisors public hearing for SE-2021-HM-00014 to a date certain of February 8, 2022.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board on the proposed applications and does not relieve the Applicant from compliance with the provisions of applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards in any way.

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Board Matter

October 19th, 2021

Mr. Chairman – Amazon Data Services, Inc. owns approximately 23.59 acres located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Loisdale Road and Newington Road. The property is zoned to the C-3 District, and the Applicant proposes a rezoning to the I-5 District concurrent with a special exception. The applications include the construction of a secure data center with associated supporting structures. The property is planned for industrial use, and the surrounding uses are primarily industrial, including railroad tracks to the east and Interstate 95 to the west.

The rezoning and special exception applications are currently being processed by the Department of Planning and Development and are scheduled for a hearing before the Fairfax County Planning Commission on January 19, 2022.

The Applicant is anxious to establish its use on the property as soon as possible. Therefore, a request has been submitted for concurrent processing and the scheduling of a hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to authorize concurrent processing and schedule a Board hearing for RZ 2021-LE-015 and SE 2021-LE-010.

The Applicant understands that the authorization of concurrent processing and the scheduling of a Board date in no way relieves it of the requirement to comply with all applicable standards of the Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the authorization does not dictate that the pending applications will be approved nor does it prejudice staff's review.



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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay
Recognizing Bob Bermingham**

Members of the Board,

After more than 30 years of service with the Juvenile Justice System in Fairfax County, Bob Bermingham, MPA, will be retiring on November 12th, 2021.

Bob began his career in juvenile justice in 1986 as a childcare specialist in the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. He has worked in both community-based residential programs and as a field probation officer.

During his tenure, Bob held management positions with probation services, served as the County's first Gang Prevention Coordinator, and since 2009, has served as the Court Service Unit Director of the Commonwealth of Virginia's largest Court Service Unit.

Bob has led the 300+ person unit through significant transformation in practices, to include the re-design of juvenile intake services, the implementation of assessment tools at major decision points within the system, enhanced diversion alternatives, and deployment of evidence-based interventions, along with a focus on reducing racial and ethnic disparities and family engagement.

Bob has also played an essential role in the countywide Diversion First initiative, as a member and facilitator of the Leadership Group. He is dedicated to providing

services that build on individual and family strengths to improve outcomes while remaining focused on public safety and promoting equitable and effective justice.

Bob's leadership, guidance, and systemic approach have impacted the lives of many Fairfax County residents and families. He is a true collaborator and has brought both compassion and wit to every endeavor. Bob has served the county with a deep sense of purpose, and he is admired and respected by many. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will leave the County in a better place.

Therefore, we move that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented outside the board room to recognize Bob Bermingham, thanking him for his service and determination to make a positive difference in Fairfax County.



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Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay

First Baptist Church of Merrifield's 151st Anniversary

Members of the Board,

On September 18th 2021, First Baptist celebrated its 151st homecoming anniversary celebration weekend, marking 151 years of providing spiritual leadership, generous community outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship in the Baptist tradition to residents of Fairfax County, and to mark the next step in the church's current and future capital improvements.

The history of First Baptist began in 1871, when the Church members, together with other churches, met in a log cabin between Graham Road and Seven Corners. In 1891, First Baptist Church of Merrifield found their permanent home when a plot of land in Merrifield was purchased by church trustees John E. Coates, Joshua Ball, and Joshua Pearson for the sum of five dollars.

The first church structure was built with lumber transported by horse drawn wagons from the Alexandria docks. Before it was completed, the structure was destroyed by a severe storm. In an extraordinary display of perseverance, the community was able to rebuild the Church in just three additional years.

First Baptist Church of Merrifield is characterized by its impressive leadership and passionate ministry. During the 32-year tenure of Pastor Charles Parker, the Church added a youth department; established a college scholarship fund; added deacons, deaconesses, and completed a new church building. In 1983, Pastor Lenwood

Graham, Sr., led First Baptist Church of Merrifield through a period of expansion as the church increased its membership, became more active in foreign and domestic missionary work, and established the Merrifield Child Development Center.

Today, First Baptist Church of Merrifield is led by the Reverend Dr. Paul A. Sheppard, offering worship services every Sunday and Bible study classes and other ministries during the week. Rev. Sheppard is rooted in the Merrifield community, with his grandfather having been part of the first class of Luther Jackson High School.

Pastor Sheppard has continued to position First Baptist Church of Merrifield as a vital part of the community, partnering with surrounding neighbors both before and during COVID-19. The Church has partnered with the Greater Merrifield Business Association and the Merrifield community to hold Merrifield festivals, free food, gift card giveaways, and seminars on anxiety and grief, among other outreach efforts. First Baptist is a valued and longtime beacon of the Merrifield community.

Therefore, we move, without objection, that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented outside the board room to recognize and honor First Baptist Church of Merrifield's 151st anniversary, faith-based leadership, and to share our appreciation for their continued contributions to the greater Merrifield and Fairfax County communities.



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Joint Board Matter with Supervisors Gross and Storck
Plant NOVA Trees Campaign

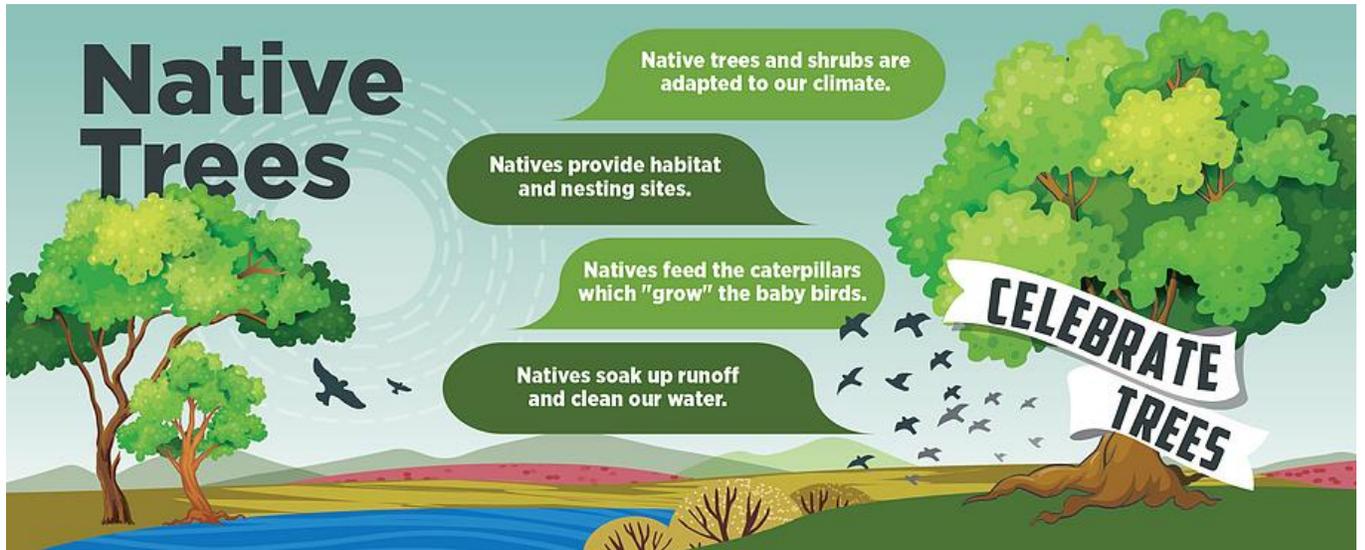
Members of the Board,

Plant NOVA Trees is a new and focused drive by the Plant NOVA Natives campaign to increase the native tree canopy in Northern Virginia. This initiative launched in September 2021, will continue through the Fall of 2026, and is supported by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

“A native tree is one that evolved within a given local ecosystem and therefore participates fully in its intricate plant/animal/fungal interactions.” With the growth in our region, we have also witnessed the decline of the local tree canopy. Expanding and replanting our tree canopy in developed areas has many benefits, including reducing the urban heat island effect, improving water quality, and making the land more hospitable to wildlife by providing food and shelter.

There are numerous ways that we can help get the word out about native trees and the importance of planting them, and I hope we embrace this campaign as our own. If our County is to meet its stormwater and climate goals, everyone needs to work together on this as on other issues. The campaign’s success rests on the action of the millions of individuals who make up our Northern Virginia community. Additional information can be accessed directly at: www.PlantNOVATrees.org.

Therefore, we move that the Office of Public Affairs help support the outreach efforts of the Plant NOVA Trees campaign and develop a communications strategy to include social media, the sharing of Plant NOVA Trees information and content, and encourage all residents to consider participating by planting native trees.





County of Fairfax, Virginia

**Supervisor Pat Herrity
Jointly with Supervisor Storck and Supervisor Gross
Board Matter
October 19, 2021
Fairfax County Recycles Day and Solid Waste Management Program
Recognition as Sustainability Partner in the VEEP**

Background: America Recycles Day takes place each year in November and is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Nationally, thousands of organizations, including our neighboring jurisdictions, hold events to educate people about recycling resources in their community. This year there will be multiple ways for residents to engage in America Recycles Day as we encourage everyone to increase their recycling at home, at school, in the office and in the community. Similar to last year's very successful webinar on recycling, this year our Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) will host a Facebook Live event featuring a panel of recycling experts. More details on this event and other in-person events will be publicized soon.

In addition, SWMP will be holding a recycling poster design contest, inviting the public to create a poster that celebrates the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The winning design may be used on their website, or possibly even as a wrap on a collection truck. Designs can be made by hand or digitally, but all art should be original. Originals may be drawn on paper that is letter-size or larger (ledger-size, or 11x17 is best). Digital versions should be high resolution so that they can be enlarged. Entries can be submitted electronically or brought to the Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) office at the Fairfax County Government Center – 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Ste 458, Fairfax, VA 22035. Entries should be submitted by Monday, November 8, 2021. Questions concerning the contest should be directed to the SWMP Outreach and Engagement Team at 703-324-5230, TTY 711, or by emailing to recycling@fairfaxcounty.gov.

In celebrating Recycles Day, we cannot overlook the leadership and success of our Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) in promoting environmental sustainability. SWMP recently received a letter and certificate from the Virginia

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Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approving its acceptance as a Virginia Environmental Excellence Program Sustainability Partner (VEEP SP) for calendar year 2022. The DEQ recognizes organizations making environmental sustainability part of their culture through leadership, innovation, and continual improvement. The approval was granted based on several significant environmental achievements the SWMP has made, including its strategic partnership with Prince William and Arlington counties and the City of Alexandria to recover and recycle glass, and its work with a gas engine plant to generate electricity for sale back to the grid from the I-95 Landfill Complex, which produced enough energy in 2020 to power 1,800 households.

By declaring a “Fairfax County Recycles Day,” we can build on this success and continue to highlight the benefits of recycling as well as help our residents recycle more.

Motion: Therefore Mr. Chairman, I move that we declare November 15th, Fairfax County Recycles Day, in alignment with the national initiative to better promote our local efforts to recycle and ask OPA to publicize. Furthermore, I move that we prepare a proclamation recognizing Fairfax County Recycles Day and the SWMP’s acceptance as a Virginia Environmental Excellence Program Sustainability Partner (VEEP SP) for calendar year 2022. This proclamation should be presented to the Director of the Solid Waste Division and members of the recycling team at our November 9th Board meeting.



County of Fairfax, Virginia

**Supervisor Pat Herrity
Board Matter
October 19, 2021**

Waiving Disposal Fees for Sanitary District Customers During the Labor Shortage

Background: We do not have many Sanitary Districts in Springfield District; however, like many other Board members, my office has received calls and e-mails from constituents regarding the missed or extremely delayed pickup of yard waste by the county's Dept. of Solid Waste. The Board discussed this in depth during the public hearings at its October 5 meeting and as a result of Supervisor Lusk's Board matter. I acknowledge our staff are doing the best that it can given the labor shortage happening here and elsewhere in the nation. We are fortunate they have been able to continue to collect recyclables, a service that has been eliminated in other jurisdictions across the country.

Since the meeting, a citizen contacted my office with a suggestion worth consideration—waiving disposal fees for Sanitary District customers who opt to bring their refuse and yard waste to the I-95 Landfill and I-66 Transfer Station themselves. This waiver would only be in place until the labor shortage and associated service delays are resolved. A resident could prove their inclusion in a sanitary district by showing their real estate tax bill or showing on their device that the address shown on their ID is in a district as verified on the map on DPW's website, or other means that staff determine are acceptable.

Staff could also determine whether to limit the fee waiver to a certain amount of bags or specific gallon container—generally what would be picked up weekly.

Motion: Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board direct Solid Waste staff to consider the pros and cons of a program that would waive disposal fees for constituents within our Sanitary Districts who opt to bring their own yard waste and/or refuse to our transfer station and landfill during this labor shortage and report back to the Board for consideration in a timely manner.

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