

July 13, 2021



Tuesday's Board Meeting began with a presentation on the preparations for the **Semiquincentennial Commemoration** being planned for the **250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War and the Independence of the United States of America**. My Board Matter in October 2020 directed the County to launch a Work Group to **begin planning for this milestone** and report back to the Board with their recommendations. The **Work Group report** includes several recommendations that the **Board will act on at the July 27 meeting**. Thank you to **Scott Stroh**, Executive Director at George Mason's Gunston Hall for his **leadership in Chairing the County 250th Work Group**. For more **information about America250**, visit their [new website](#).



The Board took an important step in combating climate change at Tuesday's meeting. We adopted the **updated Operational Energy Strategy** that incorporates the **Joint County/Schools Environmental Task Force (JET)** recommendations and took an additional step to **leadership on climate issues** by adopting the **Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration**. The key JET recommendations, as slightly revised by the Board are:

- Commit to being **energy carbon neutral by 2040** while significantly reducing operational greenhouse gas emissions. **Generate renewable energy in-county**, increase **energy performance standards in existing buildings**, and ensure all **new buildings and major renovations** beginning planning and design in 2021 meet **Net Zero Energy standards**, unless County staff advises the Board prior to the 30% design phase why a project cannot meet the NZE standard.
- Transition County and **school bus fleets and non-bus fleets to electric** (or other non-carbon emitting alternatives) **by 2035**, with the caveat that by 2035, 99% of Connector bus fleet miles traveled will be made with **non-carbon emitting vehicles**. In addition, **no diesel vehicles will be purchased** by the County **after FY 2024**, unless staff informs the Board as to why. For non-bus fleet vehicles that may not have non-carbon emitting alternatives, develop a plan to mitigate vehicle emissions. To further reduce emissions from the transportation sector, **work with local, state and federal governments** to develop a safe, continuous and **interconnected transit system**, improve options for **safe biking and walking**, and encourage alternative transit options for students, workers and residents.
- **Be zero waste by 2030**. Develop sustainable purchasing programs and encourage composting among county government workers and students.
- Develop these goals in tandem with **youth and adult workforce development objectives**, to increase learning resources and green career opportunities for students and working professionals. Develop standardized **green career toolkits and programs** to encourage participation in the energy or environmental sector.

The **Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration**, introduced in my Board Matter, creates the **first ever organized alliance for U.S. counties dedicated to carbon neutrality**. This declaration offers other local governments an opportunity to join Fairfax County in significantly **reducing carbon emissions by transforming government operations**.

Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. My joint Board Matter with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor James Walkinshaw directed County staff to prepare a **Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance** and a **community**

- outreach campaign.**
2. Held a public hearing and approved the demolition of **ablight abatement property** at **2506 Fleming Street** in Mount Vernon area.
 3. Recognized the **South County Girls Varsity Soccer** team for winning the **State Championship**.
 4. Launched a task force to examine **renaming Lee Highway and Lee Jackson Memorial Highway**.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors July 13, 2021 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Nick Rinehart** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the July 13, 2021 Board Package [click here](#).

Action Items

Item 1: Approved amendment of the Board's written Policy governing **participation by electronic communication** of Board Members in public meetings. The amendments to the Policy reflect General Assembly action to amend Virginia Code to allow a **member of a public body to participate remotely** if that member's **family member has a medical condition** that requires the member's care. The amendment also **allows a member to participate remotely for personal reasons** in either **two meetings or 25 percent** of the meetings per year, whichever is greater. *The full item can be read on pages 38 - 46 of the Board Package.*

Item 2: Approved changes to **Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution**, including permitting the County to **give preference** to those products with **certain environmental designations** in evaluation for award. *The full item can be read on pages 47 - 124 of the Board Package.*

Item 3: Adopted the **Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)**. The MOU is necessary to continue the **established policies and procedures** governing the relationship of the BOS and the FCPA. This updated MOU includes **inclusion of One Fairfax**, support and coordination with the **County's Strategic Plan**, and a change in County Liaison to Health and Human Services Deputy County Executive. This agreement **updates the responsibilities of both parties** for the interactive operations of the Park Authority and the County. *The full item can be read on pages 125 - 132 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Established a 30-member task force on Confederate Road Names to **examine renaming Lee Highway (Route 29) and Lee Jackson Memorial Highway (Route 50)**. The task force will meet monthly to discuss **whether the highway names should change** and develop a **list of potential new names** to present to the Board. *The full item can be read on pages 133 - 160 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Adopted an **updated Operational Energy Strategy** (OES) based on the **Joint Environmental Task Force (JET) recommendations**. The primary Board adopted goal is to become **carbon neutral by 2040** in our energy use for **government operations**, including buildings, facilities and transportation. **Targets to achieve that goal** are included in the updated OES:

- **Decrease total energy use** from all **existing county facilities by 25% by 2030** and **50% by 2040**, as compared to the FY 2018 baseline.
- **Produce 25% of electricity use** from renewable energy generation by 2030, and **50% by 2040**, using FY 2018 as the baseline.
- Achieve **net-zero energy standards** for all **new buildings and major renovation projects** greater than 10,000 occupied square feet, beginning planning and design in 2021 and beyond.
- **Transition Fairfax Connector's diesel buses**, along with **other county vehicles**, to electric or other non-carbon emitting alternatives **by 2035**. By 2035, 99% of Connector bus fleet miles traveled will be made with non-carbon emitting vehicles.
- **End the purchase of diesel Fairfax Connector buses after FY2024**, unless approved by the Board of Supervisors.

[Learn more...](#)

The full item can be read on pages 161 - 186 of the Board Package.

Supervisor Storck Board Matters

Recognizing South County High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team as Class 6C Virginia State Champions - Joint with Supervisor Pat Herrity

The **South County Girls Soccer team** defeated McLean 2-0 in the state semifinals and found themselves with their **first shot at winning and competing** at the **Class 6C State Championship**. The Stallions had an amazing run this year with **60 goals being scored in just 17 games**, and were **undefeated only conceding 4 goals all season**.

The Stallion girls **balanced a changing schedule** while following COVID guidelines, which created many unforeseen issues. Even with all these challenges, they found themselves on the doorstep of Patriot High School beating them 2-1, and **securing their first ever state championship**. They were led by their **amazing coach and leader Nina Pannoni**, also with the support from their **Captain Danielle Shahin** (who scored the last second goal for the win), and a **very tight knit and dedicated 27 person squad**.

Action

Directed a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, Supervisor Herrity, and myself to be presented to the South County Girls Varsity Soccer team and coaches to take place outside of the board room, to be recognized as the Class 6C Virginia State Champions.

Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

With this Board Matter, I am introducing a **Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration** to commit Fairfax County Government to be **carbon neutral by 2040**, to work with state and federal lawmakers to **advance this goal and to ensure it is implemented equitably**.

Furthermore, the Declaration provides an **opportunity for Fairfax County and other counties across the U.S.** to **announce their support** for significantly reducing carbon emissions by **transforming government operations**. While carbon neutrality alliances have been established for U.S. cities, there is **no organized alliance for counties**. By adopting this commitment today, we can work with and **encourage our fellow local governments** at the regional, state and national levels to **tackle the carbon emissions driving climate change**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

- *Support and signed on to the Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration.*
- *Directed the County Executive to charge the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) with hosting and managing information relevant to the Declaration on their webpage.*

Directing County Staff to Prepare a Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor James Walkinshaw

During the 2020 General Assembly Session, the Board of Supervisors supported HB 534/SB 11, which **authorizes localities to adopt a plastic bag ordinance**.

Fairfax County, alongside the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, led the effort to request guidelines from the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) on how to **effectively develop a County Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance**. Recently, TAX has notified interested parties that it has **developed these draft guidelines** which provide needed clarity. With the guidelines being finalized, now is an **opportune time to begin drafting** a Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance. Time is of the essence as the **Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Dealer Discount** allows dealers the ability to **retain two cents from tax collected** on each disposable plastic bag **until January 1, 2023**, at which point it drops to one cent.

Action

- *Directed County staff to prepare a County Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance for consideration in September 2021, provided that the Virginia Department of Taxation will have finalized their guidelines for such an ordinance by that time.*
- *Directed staff to conduct outreach to other Northern Virginia jurisdictions to let them know we are preparing a draft ordinance and welcome their input in the hopes of having a relatively consistent ordinance across the region.*
- *Directed the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination and the Office of Public Affairs, as appropriate, to develop a public outreach campaign to solicit input and educate local businesses and residents on this ordinance.*

Outstanding Educators - Joint with Supervisor Rodney Lusk

On Wednesday June 9, **FCPS recognized exceptional employees** from across the school division at an FCPS Honors event. **Winners in three of the county-wide categories** recognized **either teach or live in the Lee and Mount Vernon Districts**—including the County's Outstanding Elementary School Teacher, Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher, as well as Outstanding New Principal.

2021 Outstanding Elementary School Teacher

David L. Worst

Physical Education Teacher
Rose Hill Elementary School, Region 3

2021 Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher

Amelia Kirsten Carr

Kindergarten Teacher
Bucknell Elementary School, Region 3

2021 Outstanding New Principal

Alfonso G. Smith

Lewis High School, Region 3

[Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Public Hearings

Yoshi Holdings LLC (PCA 74-8-126)

Approved amendment of the Proffers and Conceptual Development Plan for RZ 74-8-126 (Concurrent with RZ 74-8-125) for **approximately 2.65 acres** of land zoned PDH-3 located on the **east side of Hooes Rd. and south side of Southern Oaks Pl. in Lorton**. The zoning change is from a previously approved density of 2.5 dwelling units per acre to a density of 2.26 dwelling units per acre to permit the **development of 6 single family detached dwellings**.

Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance for 2506 Fleming Street

Approved a **Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance** in accordance with Virginia Code. The Blight Abatement Case concerns a **blighted, single family structure and other related structures** located at 2506 Fleming Street, on approximately a 10,712 square foot parcel of land. The blight abatement plan **proposes to demolish the structures, clear the lot, and collect costs of blight abatement**, including County overhead, from the property owner.

Continuation of the Fairfax County Park Authority for a period of 30 years, until October 28, 2051

Reauthorized the continuation of the Park Authority for a period of 30 years, until October 28, 2051. On **October 28, 1991**, the Board adopted an **amendment to amend and reenact** Section III of the Ordinance which **created the Fairfax County Park Authority** to continue in existence **until October 28, 2021**. In order to continue the Park Authority in existence beyond that time, an ordinance needs to be adopted.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to New Chapter 112.1 Re: Special Permit Fees and Other Minor Revisions

Approved special permit fees of **\$435 for an Increase in Flagpole Height**; and a special permit fee of **\$910 for Accessory Structures** on Through Lots, Increase in the Cumulative Square Footage of Freestanding Accessory Structures, and an Increase in the Height of a Freestanding Accessory Structure.

With the adoption of the **new and modernized Zoning Ordinance**, four special permit application types, including **one for an increase in flagpole height**, were created. Because **specific application fees were not established** for these special permit types, they are subject to the **general fee of \$16,375 for special permit uses**. Therefore, this **amendment was needed to establish application fees** commensurate with the fees of other similar types of special permit applications.

Upcoming Land Use Cases

Board of Supervisors

July 27

- Decision Only: **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions.**
- **South County SSPA Nomination: 2550 Huntington Avenue (PA-2021-00007)** - Expedited Track, remove or modify limitations on residential development on site 2550 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria Tax Map #: 0831 01 0034D, 0034E, 0034F.
- **South County SSPA Nomination: 2806 Popkins Lane (PA-2021-00006)** - Expedited Track, evaluate plan option for residential use at 5-8 du/ac 2806 Popkins Lane, Alexandria Tax Map #: 0931 01 0007.

Planning Commission

July 21: RZ 2021-MV-004 **Marie J & Paul L Charles.** NON-EXEMPT: RZ From R-2 to R-3 to **allow two single-family detached units East side of Lukens Lane and North side of Old Mill Rd**, Tax Map #: 1101 01 0037B.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Deferred to Sept 9 (from July 28): **The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints**, amend SP 81-V-066 previously approved for place of worship to **modify site conditions, 2000 George Washington Memorial Parkway, Mount Vernon.**

District Information & Upcoming Events

COMMUNITIES OF TRUST

PRESENTS:

MEET THE CHIEF

IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

<https://communitiesoftrust.eventbrite.com>




Communities of Trust is hosting Fairfax County's **newly appointed Police Chief, Kevin Davis**, in meeting with **interested community members** to discuss his **plans for the department** and **keeping Fairfax County one of the safest places to live**. He looks forward to hearing your thoughts and answering any questions.

July 15: Gum Springs Community Center

In-Person: <http://bit.ly/mtc0715>

Zoom: <http://bit.ly/mtczoom0715>



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zMOD Community Outreach

Interested in learning more about the **new Zoning Ordinance**? Join DPD staff for a series of **lunch and learn sessions and a community meeting** on a variety of topics, including navigating the new Ordinance, **accessory living units, and home-based businesses**. The meeting information is listed below and on our [zMOD Outreach Page](#).

Community Meeting - zMOD Overview and Navigating the New ZO

July 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

[Virtual - GoToMeeting](#)

Call In Number: 1 866 899 4679

Access Code: 714-776-749

Lunch and Learn - Accessory Living Units

July 21, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

[Virtual - GoToMeeting](#)

Call In Number: 1 866 899 4679

Access Code: 290-975-077

Lunch and Learn - Home Based Businesses

July 28, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

[Virtual - GoToMeeting](#)

Call In Number: 1 877 309 2073

Access Code: 327-204-557

Lunch and Learn - Accessory Structures and Other Residential Changes

September 8, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

TBD

Lunch and Learn - Commercial and Industrial Changes

September 15, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

TBD

National Night Out Is Back! Register Your Community's Event

National Night Out (NNO) will be Tuesday, August 3. The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) strongly supports NNO as an opportunity to **improve police and community communication**. Whether it's a simple ice cream party, or an all-out festival, NNO is an opportunity to **gather with your neighbors**, get better acquainted, and talk about issues of common concern.

What is National Night Out?

- Annual neighborhood-based **crime and drug prevention** event
- Opportunity to show **neighborhood spirit** and strengthen partnerships with local police
- Demonstrates neighborhood commitment to **fight crime**
- Observed in **thousands of communities** in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world

[Register your community's event today!](#)

Please note, if you register using a different link, FCPD will not receive notice of your event.

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 for an upcoming session...](#)

Long-Term Care: Understanding Options and Advocacy

Research has shown that at some point in their caregiving journey, a family caregiver will face the decision of **whether to place a loved one in a long-term care facility**. This panel conversation on **July 30 at 2 p.m.** will provide information about the **different options and resources** to inform yourself before making the decision, and how to **advocate for your loved one** while they are in a long-term care facility.

The panel includes **Kristen Lucia**, Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
Denise Pitts, Attorney, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.
Tavna Limage, Fairfax Assistant Program Manager, Adult Protective Services
Allison Fitch, Fairfax Adult Protective Services Financial Exploitation Coordinator

[Online Registration — Free Virtual Panel Discussions for Family Caregivers of Older Adults](#)

Fall Internship Opportunity

The **Mount Vernon District Office** of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for **interns for the fall**. Supervisor Dan Storck is looking for **enthusiastic, hard-working, reliable, college-level** student interns interested in government and communications. Interns will gain **first-hand work experience in local government** in Virginia's largest jurisdiction. They **must also reside in the Mount Vernon magisterial district**.

Interns assist staff aides with **constituent service work** such as drafting letters and articles, answering phone calls, issue research, social media, and other tasks as needs arise. There are **opportunities to network** with other employees at meetings and events, and **learn more about your community**. Full or part-time internships with some scheduling flexibility are available. **Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter** to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov by July 30, 2021. For all correspondence related to this internship opportunity, please use the **subject line "Internship Application."**



You're Invited!

Join SFDC **Saturday, August 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** for our first annual Summer Picnic at **Original Mount Vernon High School** featuring the Original Moonlighters Band. There will be **live music, food trucks, local vendors, and more!** All you need is a blanket or chair and we'll provide the rest!

This event is **free to attend!** [Please register for tickets...](#)

COVID-19 Updates

[Funding Available for Tenants and Landlords Through Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)

[Game. Set. Vax.](#) Summer anthem rap video from MC Bugg-Z

[Fairfax Water can help with bill payments](#)

Video: [Should I worry about the Delta variant?](#)

Video: [Will the COVID-19 vaccine cause heart inflammation?](#)

HEAT STROKE

Know the Signs



How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Using wet towels, douse with cool (but never, ever cold) water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet, or after hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic immediately.

By the Numbers



3°

This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to set in

50%

Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke



60

Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimate to temperature changes



101°

Dog's normal body temperature



15

Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke



109°

At this body temperature, a dog's organs begin to fail

6°

Average temperature difference between white cars (cooler) and black cars after an hour in the sun



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