May 21, 2019



Tuesday morning at the **Board of Supervisors (BOS)** started with several receptions, but one in particular that is near and dear to my heart. **GrandInvolve is a community and school effort** that I got expanded to the Mount Vernon District schools, in partnership with Mount Vernon School Board member and Board Chair, **Karen Corbett Sanders**. This important program brings our **seniors into schools** to work with children who need additional support. The **program continues to grow** as participants learn from each other, young and old, alike.

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GrandInvolve is a non-profit created to increase volunteerism at the County's Title I Schools, as well as to touch the lives of children and senior adults. Today, GrandInvolve has over 160 volunteers helping in 18 schools and was recently honored for receiving the Best Practice Award from the Commonwealth Council on Aging. Looking to the future, GrandInvolve's leadership teams have developed plans to expand to all 50 Title 1 schools in the County by 2024.

Also that morning, we recognized the **50th Anniversary of the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB)**. Providing services for people of all ages who have mental illness, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities is a **critical role for local government** and one **I strongly support**. We have come a long way in these 50 years and certainly have more to do, but as we mark this major milestone, **I thank the CSB** for all it has done to **improve the mental health** of those within our community. If you know someone in need, contact the CSB today!

Following Tuesday's Closed Session, the BOS directed the County Attorney to investigate the actions of American Disposal Services under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. As many of you know, American has failed to meet its contractual obligations to individuals and home owners associations throughout the County. This has resulted in hundreds of complaints for missed trash and recycling pick ups. The motion directs the County Attorney to seek business records or other information to determine whether American violated the law by contracting to provide services, often after under-bidding competitors, and then being unable to deliver what it promised. The Board requested the County Attorney brief the Board on its findings at the June 25, 2019, meeting. The County will continue to monitor missed trash pick-ups by American and other carriers. Missed trash pick-ups can be reported to trashmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-324-5230.

I also **recognized Irma Clifton** for her many years of service as **local Lorton historian**, working to preserve and documenting everything from the D.C. Correctional Facility records, **the suffragists** and the Nike Missile site. In addition, she helped launch the **Workhouse Arts Center**, the Prison Museum and the **Lucy Burns Museum**, both at the Workhouse.

Also at the BOS meeting, I presented a Board Matter to provide **more flexibility** for the **entrepreneurial enterprises** at the **Workhouse Arts Center**. As we continue to explore new opportunities to **activate and develop** the Workhouse site, I proposed a minor variation to consider adding **craft beverage and small-scale production** to the list of permitted uses within the existing or proposed buildings. We will continue to look for **additional opportunities** and you will see more changes like this **coming in the future**.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors May 21, 2019 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.

The Board recognized and designated:



GrandInvolve for being awarded the Best Practice Award by the Commonwealth Council on Aging



Fifth Anniversary of the Communities of Trust



May 2019 Building Safety Month



May 19 - 25, 2019 Emergency Medical



50th Anniversary of the Community Services Board



May 2019 Autism Awareness Month



May 2019 Lyme Disease/Fight the Bite Awareness Month



June 2019 Home Ownership Awareness

Services Week

To view the May 21, 2019 Board Package click here.

Administrative Items

Admin 10: Approved an extension of the review period for the South County Police Station and Animal Shelter. This is an administrative action as more time is needed for a full review of the project. *The full item can be read on pages 58 - 65 of the Board Package.*

The Board authorized public hearings:

- To consider proposed amendments to the **Police Officers Retirement System** regarding spousal options on **June 25**, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
- Changes to small and local sanitary districts for **refuse/recycling** and/or **vacuum leaf collection services** on **June 25, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.** This will impact residents in the **Marthas Road area**, from whom we have received a petition to stop leaf collection services. A survey of the community shows 67% in favor of stopping services. To share your opinion, whether pro or con, testify at the public hearing or submit written testimony.

Action Items

Action 1: Approved the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 contains the proposed uses of funding for programs to be implemented in the fifth year of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2016 - 2020. *The full item can be read on pages 109 - 270 of the Board Package.*

Action 4: Approved the development and implementation of a Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft System Program (UAS) for **6 - 8 drones** to be used for **public safety and training**. *The full item can be read on pages 292 - 357 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Recognition of Irma Clifton

Few people have given so much to **preserve the history of their community** as has **Irma Clifton**. A **Lorton native**, Irma lived until recently in the home her parents purchased in 1944. She attended **Lorton School** and **Mount Vernon High School**, the only high school in the eastern part of Fairfax County at the time. Her many years of sharing information, **especially through her writings**, about the area have **preserved history that otherwise would be lost**. After working for 25 years at the **D.C. Correctional Facility at Lorton**, formerly a Progressive Era Reformatory, and over time home to the imprisoned suffragists, a former Nike missile site, and Laurel Hill, a plantation house built in the 1700s, Irma spent many years working to preserve the history of this unique complex. When the prison closed, Irma was appointed by Supervisor Gerry Hyland to **serve on the committee** charged with **determining how the prison property, now owned by Fairfax County, would be used**. During the prison closing and for many years after, she was **on the scene preserving artifacts** for posterity...

...The citizens of Fairfax County **owe much gratitude to Irma Clifton** for her love of the Lorton area, the prison and suffrage history; as well as her **commitment to preserve this important national history** for future generations. Read the full Board Matter...

Action

Directed a proclamation be signed by the Chair and myself to be presented to Irma Clifton on June 6, 2019 at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Gala where Irma will be honored.

Workhouse Campus Proffer Flexibility

In 2002, as part of a land exchange with the federal government, Fairfax County acquired the property known today as the **Workhouse Arts Center**, a 50+ acre portion of the **former Lorton Reformatory complex**. In 2004, the Board approved a rezoning

of the site to the PDC District with proffers submitted by the Lorton Arts Foundation (LAF) to **create an arts center with additional leisure and entertainment uses** that were intended to encourage the **adaptive reuse of the historic site**.

The mix of uses currently permitted at the Workhouse Campus by the proffers include: museum/cultural center (including gallery and exhibitions), theater, music barn, performing arts/event center, office, residential-multifamily, eating establishments (currently defined as restaurants), commercial recreation, ballfield, school of special education, retail and other accessory uses. Read more...

Actions

- Concurred in the filing of a minor variation request to consider adding craft beverage and small-scale production to the list of permitted uses within the existing or proposed buildings on County-owned property.
- Directed the County Executive, or his designee, to execute the minor variation statement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the property owner.
- Directed and direct the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, or his designee, to serve as the agent of the Board of Supervisors, and the Co-Applicant, as may be needed, to assist the Workhouse Arts Foundation (WAF) during the processing of the minor variation request.

Lorton Community Center Project Staff Designee Clarification

The **Lorton Community Center** was approved as part of the Human Services and Community Development Bond Referendum in November 2016. The proposed facility includes space for the **Lorton Senior Center** currently operating in leased space and the **Lorton Community Action Center** (LCAC). The site for the Lorton Community Center has been identified adjacent to the **Lorton Community Library** at 9518 Richmond Highway. The facility will provide a **broad array of services**, programs and activities for **individuals of all ages and abilities** throughout the community and **complement the services** provided by the Lorton Community Library...

....My Board Matter also designated **specific individuals to act as agents** on the Board's behalf for all actions associated with these applications. County staff changes require the Board Matter to be revised to **designate Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Neighborhood and Community Services staff** for the Lorton Community Center project act on behalf of the Board as its representative agent. Read the full Board Matter...

Action

Directed that Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Neighborhood Community Service staff be designated to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors as its representative agent for the Lorton Community Center project.

District Information & Upcoming Events

Metrorail Stations South of National Airport Closing Saturday for the Summer

Starting Saturday, May 25, the six **Blue and Yellow line stations south** of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport will be closed for **full platform reconstruction** and major station improvements. To expedite construction and minimize customer inconvenience, the following stations will **remain closed through September 8, 2019**. Read about travel options, transit incentives and sign up for updates...

31st Annual Clean the Bay Day

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 9 a.m. - noon Various Locations

Each year, on the first Saturday of June, **thousands of Virginians** simultaneously descend on the **rivers, streams, and beaches** of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to **remove harmful litter and debris**. Thirty-one years strong, **Clean the Bay Day** is a true Virginian tradition and an annual opportunity for families, military installations, businesses, clubs, civic or church groups to **give back to local waterways**. Read more...

Opioid Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr, Woodbridge

Congressman Gerry Connolly presents an Opioid Town Hall Meeting with several

subject matter experts. Read more ...

Help Make Funding Decisions for Local Nonprofits and Communitybased Organizations

The Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Selection committee is recruiting members for its next cycle. As you probably know, the CCFP is a competitive funding process for human services programs developed and administered by nonprofits and community-based organizations. The selection committee, known as the SAC, reviews and evaluated the proposals and makes recommendations for funding. Read more...

TEAM MVD is Looking for Summer Interns!

Are you, or do you know a **college student**, looking for a summer internship in **local government**? Join our dynamic TEAM MVD **working for the residents** of the Mount Vernon District. Get an **up-close look** at how local government works, learn about constituent issues and how to resolve them, all while gaining **valuable real-world work experience**. If you would like to be considered, please **send your resume** and a **cover letter** outlining your interests to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov by May 30.

Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study - Extended to June 3 - ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK IS ESSENTIAL!

Fairfax County Department of Transportation has launched a **second online survey** to discuss the long-term study on **future improvements for the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield parkways**. The study, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Transportation, will determine what improvements should be incorporated into the **County's Transportation Plan** and what improvements are put into place along the corridor through 2040 and beyond.

Public input plays a key role at every stage of the study. Last November, more than 200 people attended meetings to learn about the study and provide feedback on their ideas for the future of the Parkways. **Over 15,000 people responded to an online survey**, and as a result, **one future strategy – tolling on the parkways – was eliminated** from consideration because of the overwhelming response against tolls. Take the survey...

Events:

- May Library Events
- May Arts Events
- Farmers Markets
- Apr 16-June 14: Solarize Fairfax Program
- May 23: DMV2Go at Sherwood Library 10 a.m.
- May 28: DMV2Go at Hollin Hall Senior Center 9 a.m.
- May 29: Faith Community Summit on Dementia Resources 9 a.m.
- June 1: 31st Annual Clean the Bay Day 9 a.m.
- June 1: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service 10 a.m.
- June 1: Piano Lab Community Concert 11 a.m.
- June 2: FACS Sustainability Awards and Showcase 3 p.m.
- June 3: Community Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness Network 7 p.m.
- June 8: Opioid Town Hall Meeting 11 a.m.
- June 8: Caregivers Workshop 11 a.m.
- June 9: Ecology Walk 10 a.m.





The Arc.

SAVE THE DATE

DISABILITY INCLUSION CONFERENCE

Booths, panel discussions, breakout sessions and more at the Fairfax County Government Center

8:30am - 1:00pm

Hosted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and The Arc of Northern Virginia

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