



Each year for the past 15 years, I have attended 5-10 graduation ceremonies. Sure, some of these are for friends and families, but most are as a representative of our community in recognition of this important right of passage. Graduations serve as a powerful connection between generations, symbolically passing the torch to the next and inspiring both young and old, alike. One speaker I heard this year reminded me that our paths in life are seldom a straight line and it is those zigzags in life that make us stop and

think, recalibrate, and help us try to reach our potential.

As I celebrate my first Father's Day as a **new grandfather** I think of the circle of life, the varied experiences of our family and of the **many life stories** yet to come. I had forgotten the intensity of feelings, concern, and very frequent, **joyful sharing that a first born creates** in new parents' lives. It has been a wonderful reminder of my own early moments as a new parent. We all know **parents are an important part of childhood development** and growth. If does not matter whether those parents are biological, foster or adoptive. Did you know there is a **constant need for more foster parents** in the County? **Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent?** 

When children enter foster care, their **worlds are often turned upside-down** through no fault of their own. To lessen the trauma, it's especially important to keep siblings together, and to find foster homes that are **close to their friends**, **schools**, **and activities** so they can maintain as much normalcy as possible. Currently, there are more than **200 kids in foster care in Fairfax County**. The Department of Family Services' Foster Care and Adoption program offers **temporary foster homes** for these children and services to help their families. Right now, the greatest need is for foster families willing and able to take in **large sibling groups**, **unaccompanied minors**, **teens and medically fragile children**. There is also a need for **families who speak Spanish**. To learn more about becoming a foster parent and the resources available, come to a monthly information meeting or call 703-324-7639 or TTY 703-222-9452. Get more details.

Throughout June, many different activities take place across the County and in the Mount Vernon District. On Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. we will celebrate the completion of the Huntington Levee Project. Please join us for this long-awaited community celebration! The Mount Vernon Nights FREE Summer Concert Series kicks off this Friday night at Grist Mill Park and Saturday night at the Workhouse Arts Center. Chairman Bulova will host a Disability Inclusion Conference on Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Next week, I hope you will take time to vote in the **Democratic primary election on Tuesday**, June 11 at your local voting precinct. All registered voters are encouraged to vote in this **important election for the next Fairfax County Board Chair**. Read more about June activities and events below!

Finally, this June as we **honor our dads and congratulate our grads**, our office would like to pay a special tribute to your favorite dads and grads. Please **send a photo with a caption** for us to share with the community to MtVernon@fairfaxcounty.gov. **Wishing you a happy graduation and Father's Day!** 

Respectfully yours in public service,

Our Stout

Dan Storck Supervisor, Mount Vernon

District

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Welcoming Samuel Steven Storck born May 6 to Ben & Katie Storck, Lincoln, NE

Visit our Website

### **Metro Summer Closure Update**

### **First Week Construction Progress**

In the first days of the **Platform Improvement Project**, Metro employees and contractors have gone straight to work. With **preconstruction staging completed** before the shutdown started, they have been able to move in heavy equipment, begin demolition of station platforms, and **immediately start to repair track infrastructure**.



In addition, Metro's track and structures team is taking advantage of the service outage to **remove old tracks, pour concrete for new grout pads, and install new rail**. These photos show work underway outside **Huntington Station**. See the pictures...

The **cranes, excavators, highrail trucks and jackhammers** are a sight to see at Braddock Road Station where crews are breaking apart old platform tile and **removing the concrete platform edge**. Watch the video...

### **Suggestions, Commendations, Comments**

Customers can contact WMATA by using this direct link. **Customer Relations** can be reached weekdays: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at 202-637-1328.

### Mount Vernon Governmental Center Updates







If you haven't been by the Governmental Center lately, you should **stop by and visit** to see our new enhancements. From natural landscaping, **glass artwork in the lobby**, inviting furniture and our new



"We the People..." artwork, we are trying to make the center a more inviting and welcoming space. This is your governmental center and our mission is to connect with you. We are here to help!

### **Celebrate Fairfax June 7-9**



Northern Virginia's largest **community-wide celebration** will happen at the Fairfax County Government Center. The event includes **nightly fireworks**, eight stages (featuring headline performers **Better Than Ezra** (Friday) and **Smash Mouth** (Saturday), the **Innovation Health Children's Avenue**, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, a **pop-up brew-fest** on Sunday and festival foods. For **complete information**...

### **Upcoming Events**

- Summer Library Events
- June Arts Events
- June Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon Community Calendar
- Farmers Markets
- Apr 16-June 14: Solarize Fairfax Program
- June 8: Primary Election Absentee Voting 9 a.m.
- June 8: Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m.
- June 8: Opioid Town Hall Meeting 11 a.m.
- June 8: Caregivers Workshop 11 a.m.
- June 8: Second Saturday Art Walk 6 p.m.
- June 8: Liberty Lorton Movie Night Rio dark
- June 9: Ecology Walk 10 a.m.
- June 11: Primary Elections 6 a.m.
- June 11: South County Federation Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 13: Lorton CDD Landfill Public Hearing 7 p.m.
- June 15: Huntington Levee Ribbon Cutting Celebration 10 a.m.
- June 22: Police Department Community Day 10 a.m.
- June 22: Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) Community Cat Training 10 a.m.
- June 22: Liberty Lorton Movie Night Fantastic Mr. Fox dark
- June 24: DMV2Go at Hollin Hall Senior Center 9 a.m.
- June 25: DMV2Go at Hollin Hall Senior Center 9 a.m.
- June 26: DMV2Go at Sherwood Library 10 a.m.
- June 26: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting 8 p.m.
- July 4: Special Declaration of Independence Reading in Historic Pohick Church noon
- July 4: First Annual ParaFest 2 p.m.

### In the News

'Fairfax Peak' could rise in Lorton under plan to turn landfill into indoor ski slope

Swishing down "Fairfax Peak" could be a reality in the not too distant future if a proposal to turn Fairfax County's landfill in Lorton into the "longest indoor ski slope in North America" comes to fruition.

A company called "Alpine-X" submitted

a public-private partnership proposal to Fairfax County to build a **450,000square-foot snow sports facility**, according to a County news release. Read more on the Prince William Times...





### Huntington Levee project in Fairfax County, Virginia earns Envision Bronze for Sustainable Infrastructure

The Huntington Levee project consists of two main elements: a **levee that runs parallel to Cameron Run** that consists of an **earthen embankment** and a series of **steel-reinforced concrete panels** formed in the shape of an I, known as an I-

wall, as well as a **two-stage pumping station** located at the east end of the levee. Join us Saturday, June 15 for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! Read more about the award winning levee...

### **Democratic Primaries Loom Across Fairfax**

Fairfax County voters during the **June 11 Democratic primary** will select nominees for the **General Assembly, Board of Supervisors and commonwealth's attorney**. County voters, **regardless of party affiliation**, will be able to select the Democratic nominee for Board of Supervisors chairman. Candidates on the ballot will include **Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), School Board member Ryan McElveen, law professor Alicia <b>Plerhoples and developer Timothy Chapman**. The winner will face **Republican Joe Galdo** in the Nov. 5 general election. Read more on Inside Nova...

# Musical Night with 'Little Shop of Horrors' in Lorton

Get ready for "Little Shop of Horrors," the **Broadway** smash sci-fi musical that has delighted audiences for decades is coming to the **Workhouse Arts Center**. "For 'Little Shop of Horrors,' our creative team is taking inspiration from the film and stage versions of the work while embracing the nature of its original small theatre roots," said **Joseph Wallen**, Director, Performing Arts at the Workhouse. Read more in the Connection...





#### **Dolphins Return to the Potomac River**

The Potomac is home to a lot of **cool critters** — the great blue heron, bald eagles, otters, beavers. **But there's another animal we can add to the list: dolphins!**Reports of dolphins in the Potomac stretch way back. One report from the 1880s claims there were **dolphins as far north as Georgetown**. But we're only just starting to learn

about them and that's thanks to the **Potomac-Chesapeake Dolphin Project** (PCDP). Read more...

### **Lord & Lady Fairfax 2019**

**Bill and Jan Vaughan** were named the Mount Vernon District's **Lord and Lady Fairfax** for their incredible holiday light display that **beautifies our community** each year. For over two decades, Bill and Jan have had the **spectacular Christmas light display** at 1601 Collingwood Road in the Fort Hunt neighborhood. This past holiday season, the Vaughan family won **first prize on ABC's "The Great Christmas Light** 



Fight". The light display is perfectly synchronized to festive holiday music and takes over 300 hours per year to set up. The Vaughan's home is across the street from a nursing home, bringing holiday joy to the elderly, as well as the many families that come from near and far to enjoy the award winning display. Bill worked for Potomac Construction and Renovation. Jan works for VDOT as a Program Manager. They both attended Fort Hunt High School. What started out for the Vaughan family as a holiday hobby, has turned out to be a nationally recognized holiday tradition.

# Mount Vernon Police Station in the Community





Kick off Summer by joining the officers of the Mount Vernon District Station for a family friendly Police Department Community Day on Saturday, June 22, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Enjoy the day by taking this unique opportunity to get a closer look at the police vehicle fleet, as well as police officer tools and uniforms. Attendees will see specialty unit demos, such as the SWAT team, police K9, and motors (the motorcycle unit). To top it all off, the police helicopter will be making a special appearance. The Little Gym of Alexandria will be joining in on the fun with music and games for all to enjoy. To cool off, popsicles will be provided. Questions are encouraged at the event and the officers look forward to seeing everyone to have fun with the community they serve! Any questions can be directed to Community Liaison Officer Katie Treichel at the Mount Vernon District Station at Katie.Treichel@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-360-8400. Event flyer...

### **School News**



### **Apply for PreK and Early Head Start**

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is looking for 3 and 4 year olds to register for pre-K at many schools in Mount Vernon. To qualify, families must be Fairfax County residents, qualify for free and reduced lunch and the students must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 30, 2019. Spaces are available at Mount Vernon Woods, Woodlawn, Bucknell, Belle View and Hybla Valley Elementary Schools. Apply online or get more information by calling 703-208-7900 (for English) or 703-208-7901 (for Spanish).

**School Board Seeking Applicant for FPAC Members from Mount Vernon District and Two At-Large** 

The Fairfax County School Board invites applications from Mount Vernon

**District community** members **interested in serving** on the **Facilities Planning Advisory Council** (FPAC). The School Board is also accepting applications for **two At-Large members**. FPAC **advises and informs** FCPS staff and the School Board in the **development of comprehensive, long-term plans** for facilities.

The Facilities Planning Advisory Council consists of **13 members**, one from each Fairfax County District, three at-large representatives, and one representative from the City of Fairfax, each **appointed for three year terms**. The Board will be appointing three council members for **terms ending June 30, 2022**.

FCPS encourages **individuals with experience** in construction, engineering, architecture, land use planning, development, demographics, government operations and financing to apply. The **deadline to submit an application is June 7**. For more information and to apply...

### **Supporting Our Seniors**

### **AARP Caregiver Workshop**

AARP is pleased to announce a **free caregiver workshop** focused on **building resilience through caregiving challenges**. The agenda includes practical steps in the juggling act of the **modern caregiver and managing stress**. **Pete Shrock**, a nationally known grief and crisis responder, will speak at the event. The workshop will be held on **Saturday**, **June 8, 2019 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at the Hollin Hall Senior Center. This is a free event, and a **complimentary lunch** will be provided. **Register online...** or call 877-926-8300.

### **50+ Podcast Senior Olympics**

On this edition, host Jim Person talks with **Rob Paine and Ken Kozloff** about the **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics**, planned for **Sept. 14-28**, **2019**. Learn about the **games** as well as the critical role that event **volunteers** play. Listen here...



### **Community Information**



### **Calling All Lorton Community Groups!**

The 4th of July Parade is returning to Lorton! The Lorton Volunteer Fire Department presents ParaFest from 2 - 9 p.m. The day will start with a parade down Lorton Station Boulevard ending at the festival in the VRE parking lot and culminating in sky lanterns at the end of the day. Groups who would like to participate should register now! More information and to register...

### **Summer Reading Adventure 2019!**

Fairfax County Public Libraries help make reading fun by providing **tools, access and incentives** during the Summer Reading Adventure. The Summer Reading Adventure



runs **June 13 through August 31** and invites all children and teens—birth through high school—to **read for fun over the summer**. The theme in 2019 is **"It's Showtime at Your Library!"** Sign up begins June 13. Read more...

### **Girls Fire and Rescue Academy Summer Camp**

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp will be held July 11-13. The academy is open to female students who will be freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident.



The three-day program full of **fun-filled experiences**, physical training, classes, Fire/EMS simulations, plus an opportunity to **visit a Fire and Rescue Station** to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT. **The program is free**. Applications must be received by **close of business on Friday, June 14**. For more information, and to register, **visit...** 

## **New County GIS System Provides Better Access** for Residents

Did you know that Land Development Services (LDS) recently **upgraded its online** Geographic Information Systems (GIS)? The public can now file a complaint and identify on the map the **exact location of the complaint**. This will ensure that LDS staff can **respond quickly and** 



**efficiently**. A Site Construction Complaint Report web map shows all complaints submitted during the past 30 days. The public can use this map to **track the status and resolution** of all site construction complaints. The **construction phone hotline** will still be available for filing complaints and those complaints will be viewable in the map. Call the construction hotline at 703-324-7470 or file online. Online complaints will be **addressed the next regularly scheduled business day**. More information...



# **Chamber of Commerce Awards Student Scholarships**

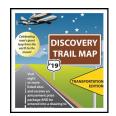
Nine scholarships were awarded to local high school students by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce at a reception Wednesday, May 22, hosted by The Fairfax Retirement Community.

The **2019 Distinguished Business Scholarship** recipients are **Grant Holder**, South County High School; **Kate Lachman**, Lee High School; **Sean Murphy**, West

Potomac High School; **Connor Breen**, Gonzaga College High School; **Kathleen Nguyen**, Mount Vernon High School; **Divya Sethi**, South County High School. **Covanta Fairfax Inc.** awarded scholarships to **Tara Vasanth**, Hayfield High School, and **Hana Chong**, South County High School. **Claudia Klinck**, Bishop Ireton High School, is the **Ourisman Scholar for 2019**. Read more...

# **2019 Discovery Trail Map Commemorates Transportation History; Discover Parks and Win**

Blastoff for fun with this year's Fairfax County Park Authority
Discovery Trail Map – Transportation Edition celebrating the 50th
anniversary of man's giant leap from the Earth to the moon! This
year's free summer activity highlights 12 distinctive parks and their
connection to transportation throughout history. Bonus activities
include "moon walks" and other celestial programs at several Fairfa



include "moon walks" and other celestial programs at several Fairfax County parks. The promotion runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Read more...

#### Street Cleaning on Richmond Highway

The **Department of Public Waste and Environmental Services** (DPWES) regularly **maintains the Richmond Highway Corridor**. Here are highlights from May.

- 3 streetlights reported out and replaced during inspection
- 3.3 tons of debris removed via sidewalk sweeping
- 132,378 square feet of landscape area maintained



### **Best Practices for Grant Writing Success**

Fairfax County recently held a **Best Practices for Grant Writing Success seminar** to strengthen participants ability to



craft a winning grant proposal, provide insight into different types of funding opportunities, and share resources for grant writing and nonprofit capacity building. The informational packets provided at the Workshop are now available in each of the District Supervisor's offices. If you would like to learn more about successful grant writing, stop by to pick up a copy!

### 3-D Printing Available at Local Libraries





### **Saving the Environment**

### **NVSWCD Residential Technical Assistance**

It isn't surprising that the **record-breaking rainfall** that fell across our area led to a record-breaking number of requests from **County residents and communities** to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

(NVSWCD) for **technical assistance**. In March 2019 alone, NVSWCD had **85 requests** for technical assistance – almost four per business day. A large percentage of these calls or emails began with an **immediately ask for a site visit**. While NVSWCD **would like to be able to accommodate** each and every request for a site visit, the high demand is **overwhelming available staff resources**. Currently, the wait is **approximately 10 weeks** before a team member can visit a property. As a result, NVSWCD is piloting a **"Conservation Specialist of** 



the Day" (CSOD). If you have a question or concern, the best place to start is with the many resources available on the agency's website. If you do not find what you are looking for on this website, then email NVSWCD with your address, description of concerns, and attach clear photos or videos of issues. This will get your issue into the NVSWCD database and allow for better assessment and diagnosis of the issue.

#### **Sustainable Communities June Newsletter**

The **Department of Public Works and Environmental Services** (DPWES) Sustainable Communities Newsletter is chocked full of **great community environmental information**. This latest edition includes:

- An EnviroPod discussing water quality, litter, aging infrastructure, and the department's role in creating economic vitality.
- Second Sustainability Project to Use Recycled Glass Underway
- Noman Cole Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff Clean Their Creek
- I-95 Landfill Complex is Spring Migrant Hotspot for Birders
- Public Works Staff Volunteer at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- Many other interesting stories

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### **Team MVD**



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

#### May 2019 Activities:

Phone calls: 1673Meetings: 117

### **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)

Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Walk-ins and by appointment

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. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

#### Athletic Council and Athletic Council (alternate)

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Council will assist the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Park Authority, School Board, the Planning Commission, commissions, and authorities of Fairfax County on the allocation, use, and management and future planning of County athletic resources.

#### **Community Action Advisory Board**

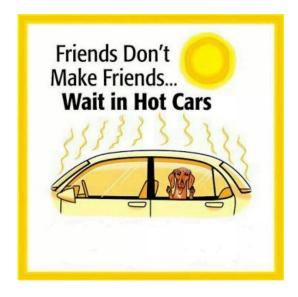
This Board acts as an advisory body to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Director of Family Services regarding programs, projects and resources concerning the low-income populations of the county.

There are also several **At-Large positions available** as of May 1, 2019 on County BACs.

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Engineer/Architect Rep)
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board (two open)
- Architectural Review Board (Related Professional Group)
- Athletic Council (Women's Sports Alternate Rep)
- Athletic Council (Diversity-At-Large)
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Design Professional)
- Civil Service Commission
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- History Commission (Architect Rep 1 position & Historian 3 positions)
- Human Rights Commission
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Road Viewer Board
- Tenant Landlord Commission (3 openings Citizen Member, Condo Owner, Landlord Member & Tenant Member)

Click here to learn more about 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 Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the brochure for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the County website.



You are cordially invited to the



# **Huntington Levee**

# **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services cordially invite you to a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the Huntington Levee. County officials will deliver brief remarks on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will be held inside the new pumping station. Access to the site is available through the service entrance located at the intersection of Arlington Terrace and Mount Vernon Drive. (Use 2040 Arlington Terrace, Alexandria for driving directions.) Limited parking is available.

### Saturday June 15, 2019 10 AM at Huntington Park

For information about the ceremony or to RSVP, please contact public information officer, Matthew Kaiser at

703-324-8455 | mkaise@fairfaxcounty.gov



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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/huntington-levee



### FREE!

# Mount Vernon Nights

### Friday Evenings • Saturday Evenings



Sincerely, Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District Supervisor







### **Grist Mill Park**

4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria

Fridays • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### JUNE

- West Potomac High School Jazz Band (Youth Jazz Band)
- 14 DuPont Brass (Soul)
- 21 Russkie Musikanti (Russian)
- 28 Empty Bottle String Band (Old-time, String Band)

#### JULY

- 5 Ellis Dyson & The Shambles (Gypsy Swing)
- 12 The 19th Street Band (Country Rock)
- 19 Shenandoah Run (Folk)
- 26 The Alexandria Singers (Pop Chorus)

### AUGUST

- 2 Blue Highway (Bluegrass)
- 9 The Get Right Band (Funk Rock, Reggae)
- 16 One Nite Stand (R&B)
- 23 Lena Seikaly Quartet (Jazz)
- 30 Mars Rodeo (Rock)

#### **Workhouse Arts Center**

9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton

Saturdays • 7 - 8 p.m.

#### JUNE

- 8 South County High School Jazz Band (Youth Jazz Band)
- 15 The United States Navy Sea Chanters (Chorale)
- 22 Groove Train (70's Disco Band)
- 29 Workhouse Fireworks (for details, visit workhousearts.org)

#### JULY

- 6 The Tom Cunningham Orchestra (Big Band)
- 13 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)
- 20 Thrillbillys (Roots Rock)
- 27 Fayces U Know (R&B)

#### **AUGUST**

- Workhouse Mural Project and Festival (for details, visit workhousearts.org)
- 10 Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (Folk Jazz)
- 17 Hooray for Bollywood (Indian Bollywood Dance)
- 24 Roy Bookbinder (Acoustic Blues)
- 31 The Slocan Ramblers (Bluegrass)

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Concerts are canceled due to inclement weather.
Call (703) 324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the showtime for updates.







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