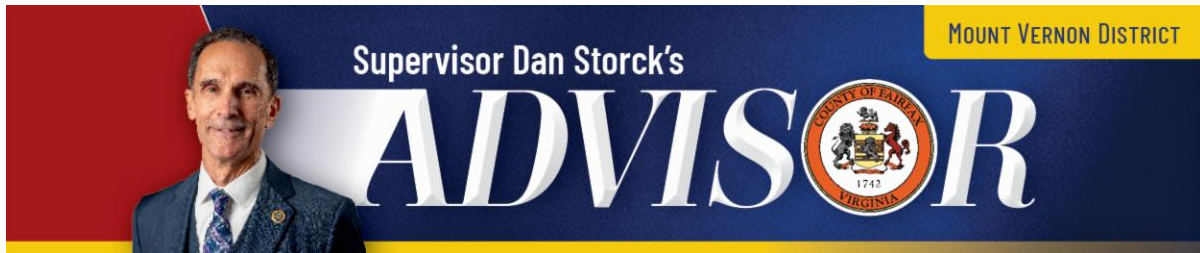


May 2026



Dear Neighbors,

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's almost time for our **2nd Annual SUMMER PALOOZA** on **Saturday, June 6** from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at our office, the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center** (2511 Parkers Lane). This **FREE, family-friendly event** will include **live music** by local band, [Highway Legends](#), free food, a **petting zoo** with animals from Frying Pan Park, **exhibitors** with information about dogs and animals, the environment, County resources, local small businesses and much more. We will also have a **kids zone** with arts activities by the **MVD Arts Advisory Council (MVDAAC)**, bounce houses, lawn games and touch-a-truck opportunities. Come out to meet your neighbors and join the fun as we continue this new local tradition! [Learn more.](#)

After **hundreds of emails**, constituent conversations, a **virtual Budget Town meeting** and three days with more than 200 speakers at our County-wide Budget public hearings, the **Board "marked-up" its proposed FY 2027 Budget** and will be voting today, on May 5, to implement it, **effective July 1**. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. The Board is recommending to **reduce the tax rate by 1/4 cent** which protects our core services and invests in people. Learn more about the budget, [here](#), or in my BOS Brief later this week.

More to Know:

- On Friday, we hosted our **8th Annual Senior Summit** at the Lorton Community Center in partnership with **Neighborhood and Community Services**. Thank you to the hundreds of seniors who attended to learn about the many resources we have here in the County for our older adults. Read more about the event below.
- Join the **MVDAAC** on **Monday, May 11** at 5:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library to continue arts discussions and **get involved in local arts initiatives**. Email mvdaac@gmail.com for details.
- The MVDAAC is collecting **bottle caps** for Summer Palooza arts activities and community art projects. Please consider **saving and dropping off bottle caps** at our office (2511 Parkers Ln) or bringing them to the May

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Bottle Cap Mural at Hollin Meadows

meeting. **Orange, black** and **white** are especially helpful, but all colors are welcome except clear.

This month, we **celebrate moms** and the meaningful, lasting impact they have on our lives. Moms provide **strength, compassion and unconditional love** — not only within our families, but throughout our entire community. To every mom who nurtures, guides and inspires those around them - **THANK YOU!!**

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

Visit our Website

Para **subscribirse para nuestro boletín en español** o si conoce a alguien quien quiera subscribirse, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Diego Rodriguez Cabrera** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: **diego.rodriquezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

We want to hear from you, **your voice is important to us!**
Email mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 780-7518 with questions or concerns. **Learn more about the Mount Vernon District** using the links below.

- [Newcomer Guide \(English\)](#)
- [Newcomer Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events

- [Things to do this May in Fairfax County](#)
- [Sherwood Regional Library May Adult Programs](#)
- [Lorton Library May Youth & Adult Programs](#)
- [Farmers Markets](#)
- May 5: [Board of Supervisors Meeting](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- May 6: [Ventures in Community \(VIC\) Monthly Meeting](#) - 11:30 a.m.
- May 7: [Senior Driving Discussion at Lorton Library](#) - 1 p.m.
- May 9: [Repair Care Free Household Item Repairs at Lorton Library](#) - 10:30 a.m.
- May 9: [Fit-It Clinic at Sherwood Library](#) - 1 p.m.
- May 11: [MVDAAC Community Meeting at Sherwood Library](#) - 5:30 p.m.
- May 12: [Satellite Circuit Court Services at Gerry Hyland Center](#) - 9 a.m.
- May 12: [Gartlan Center Advisory Board Meeting](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- May 12: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- May 14: [CELEBRATE Mount Vernon At Home Event](#) - 1 p.m.
- May 15: [Bike to Work Day](#) - 6:30 a.m.
- May 16: [Stock the Block at Gerry Hyland Gov't Center](#) - 10:30 a.m.

- May 16: [Liberty Market 2nd Annual Community Day](#) - 11 a.m.
- May 16: [Genealogy 101 at Sherwood Library](#) - 1 p.m.
- May 19: [Board of Supervisors Meeting \(Public Comment\)](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- May 19: [Northern Virginia District Six-Year Improvement Program \(SYIP\) Public Meeting](#) - 5 p.m.
- May 27: [MVCCA General Council Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- May 31: [Jigsaw Puzzle Contest at Sherwood Library](#) - 2:30 p.m.
- June 6: [2nd Annual SUMMER PALOOZA](#) - 11 a.m.

Celebrating Our Community

8th Annual Senior Summit

We kicked off **Older Americans Month** by holding our **8th Annual Senior Summit** at the Lorton Community Center on Friday, May 1. This event brought together community members to learn about the **many resources available to older adults** across the County, thank you to everyone that joined us. Special thanks to our exhibitors and speakers: **Chairman Jeff McKay, Jason Kratovil** and **Kathy Richardson**. We also had a great free lunch provided by **Retirement Unlimited, Inc.** And lastly, this event wouldn't be possible without the support and help of **Neighborhood and Community Services**.



Team MVD in the Community



MV Woods Park Ribbon Cutting



MV Farmers Market is NOW OPEN every Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon!



Accotink Odor Control Ribbon Cutting at Noman Cole Water Recycling Facility



Hollin Meadows Bottle Cap Mural and 60th Anniversary Event



Public Safety Cadets Meeting



Vacuum Leaf Collection Awards

Land Use & Economic Development

Support Small Business Week May 3-9

Fairfax County is celebrating Small Business and Economic Development Week from May 3–9, 2026, with a **full lineup of events** designed to support local entrepreneurs, connect business owners with resources and highlight the critical role small businesses play in our economy. Home to **more than 30,000 small businesses**, Fairfax County continues to invest in programs and partnerships that **help entrepreneurs start, grow and succeed**. [Check out all events planned for the week.](#)



Transportation



Bike to Work Day 2026 **Friday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.**

Put a new spin on your commute! Join thousands of others across the DMV for Bike to Work Day and experience the fun of **cruising into work on two wheels**. The Mount Vernon District has **three pit stop locations** for you to

take a break on your way to and from work. [Pre-register](#) to snag a free t-shirt!

- [Sherwood Regional Library](#): 6:30 - 9 a.m.
- [Fort Belvoir](#): 6 - 9 a.m.
- [Workhouse Arts Center](#): 3 - 7 p.m.

Northern Virginia District Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 5 p.m.

Hotel AKA Alexandria, 625 First Street, Alexandria

The **Commonwealth Transportation Board** (CTB) will conduct a **public meeting** in Old Town, Alexandria to give community members the opportunity to **provide comments** on projects and programs to be included in the **FY 2027-2032 SYIP**, including **highway, rail and public transportation initiatives**. These projects and programs represent important improvements and address safety, congestion and preservation of Virginia's transportation network. [Learn more.](#)

Foldable Bike and Scooters on Connector Buses

Did you know that **foldable scooters and foldable bikes** are welcome on Connector buses! It's an **easy, flexible** way to cover that first and last mile—whether you're **heading to work** or out for some fun. [Learn more.](#)



A familiar face, Peyton Smith, with his foldable bike on a Fairfax Connector bus



Community Survey for the Richmond Highway BRT - "The One" Station Artwork

Fairfax County is incorporating artwork into Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - "The One" stations to reflect the **history,**

identity and **character** of the neighborhoods surrounding each station area. The County has worked with **local students and professional artists** to design **three options** for the windscreen area at each of the **nine station locations** along the project corridor, an effort that has become known as **"Community Charm."**

Take the Survey

Review and rank the artwork options for each station location through an **online survey** available **through May 10.**

- [Richmond Highway BRT Community Charm Station Windscreen Artwork Survey \(English\)](#)
- [Richmond Highway BRT Community Charm Station Windscreen Artwork Survey \(Spanish\)](#)

Health, Housing & Human Services

Neighbors Connect

Looking for a way to give back? Neighbors Connect is looking for **volunteer drivers** to **support older adults** in Northern Virginia. By using your own vehicle, you can help someone get to a **medical appointment, grocery store or community activity**, while also creating meaningful human connection. No prior experience is required. If you're looking for a way to give back locally, this is a simple and impactful opportunity. [Learn more.](#)



Opioid Overdose Awareness: Recognize Signs and Learn How to Help

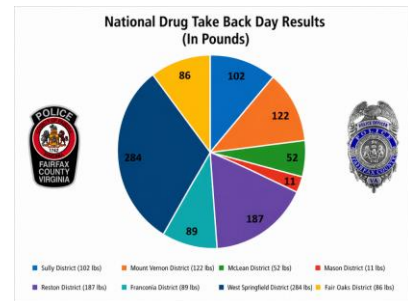
Fentanyl is the **primary opioid responsible for fatal and nonfatal overdoses** in the Fairfax Health District. Since 2024, about **90%** of all opioid overdose deaths have involved fentanyl. **Progress is being made in reducing the number** of fatal opioid overdoses. Community

members are asked to **take action** to help further reduce the national opioid epidemic's impact on the local Fairfax community. Information on local overdose trends is available in the [Fairfax Opioid Overdose Dashboard](#). [Learn more.](#)

Public Safety

30th Annual National Drug Take Back Day Results

This past Saturday, the FCPD district stations partnered with the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** and other Fairfax County agencies for the **30th Annual National Drug Take Back Day**. Together, they collected **933 pounds of expired or unused medications** from community members across Fairfax County. [Learn more.](#)



If you were unable to drop off your expired or unused medications on April 25, the **Mount Vernon and Lorton Police Stations** have **green drop boxes** in the lobby for you to dispose of your medications at any time.

HOW FCPD USES FLOCK LPR

FCPD maintains full and exclusive control of LPR data, using it to solve crimes, locate missing people, and protect the community with strict guardrails and accountability.

PROVEN RESULTS

- Located missing, abducted & endangered persons
- Stolen & crime vehicles recovered
- Wanted suspects apprehended
- Stronger & faster data-informed investigations

WE CONTROL OUR DATA

- FCPD data is only shared with law enforcement
- Searches are user-specific & purposeful
- All use is logged and audited
- Data sharing follows state & county policy

Operating under strict department policy and in full compliance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-5971, all LPR data is retained for 30 days before it is permanently deleted.

FCPD's LPR Technology Leads to the Recovery of 500 Stolen Vehicles

FCPD continues to demonstrate how **technology-driven policing** is enhancing public safety across our community. Through the strategic use of **License Plate Reader (LPR) technology**, officers and analysts have successfully **recovered more than 500 stolen vehicles** since November 2022, returning property to victims while disrupting criminal activity throughout the region. [Learn more.](#)

Parks & Environment

County Nears Completion of Major Streetlight LED Conversion

A major, multiyear project to **convert Fairfax County streetlights to high-efficiency LED fixtures** is nearing the finish line. The project was implemented to deliver significant energy savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to ensure lighting levels to roadways meet current standards.



Dominion Energy installs, owns, operates and maintains about **96% of the 60,000 streetlights** in Fairfax County. Under a coordinated plan with the County that started in 2019, the **LED Conversion Program** is converting more than 56,000 outdated mercury vapor, high-pressure sodium and metal halide fixtures to LEDs.

As of March 2026, **approximately 93%—about 52,100 streetlights** within Dominion Energy’s service area—have been upgraded to LED, with another 2,400 conversions in Dominion’s queue for estimating and construction. Combined with other streetlight conversions within the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) service area, these upgrades have **reduced energy use for streetlight operations by an estimated 56 percent**. [Learn more.](#)



Yard Watch From Fairfax Invasive Removal Alliance

Lesser Celandine is native to Asia, Africa and Europe and was brought to the US in the mid to late 1800’s as an **ornamental plant**. It has since escaped gardens and is an **invasive plant in at least 31 states** in the US. Lesser celandine is one of the first plants to bloom along with the native spring ephemerals. It **spreads quickly** and creates extensive dense mats, **crowding out native plants**.

Here is a [video](#) describing the identification and detrimental effects of lesser celandine. It **prefers moist or wet habitats** and often covers entire streambanks. It spreads both by bulbils present at the base of each leaf and by tubers in the ground. The bulbils detach easily and can be carried by streams. [Learn more about lesser celandine.](#)

Control of lesser celandine is very problematic. **Manual removal** by digging is only possible for a **small clump or two** that shows up in your yard or streambank on a private property. Care must be taken to remove all bulbils and tubers to prevent further spread. **Mowing is not recommended** as tubers could get left behind in the soil and the bulbils can detach and spread. **Chemical treatment is preferred**, however, there is usually only a 2-week window after blooming for herbicide application over a wide area.

In the News

DMV Athletes Compete at World Taekwondo Junior Championships

Two DMV athletes represented **Team USA** at the **2026 World Taekwondo Junior Championships**. **Sophy Cutter** of Alexandria and **Ben Peters** of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, traveled to the competition, held April 12 - 17 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Both athletes earned their Team USA positions by **winning the USA Taekwondo Team Trials** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in January. They train at **Yoo's Martial Arts in Alexandria**;

instructor Jonathan Yoo was also named to the USA Taekwondo national coaching staff for the event. [Read more from Northern Virginia Magazine.](#)



Four Arrested for Distributing Drugs Out of Mount Vernon Motel

Officers arrested four people at the **Red Carpet Inn** (8257 Richmond Hwy) on April 17 after a **three-month investigation** found that they were **distributing narcotics** out of multiple hotel rooms, the Fairfax County Police Department announced Monday. "During the operation, officers recovered an **illegally possessed firearm** ... and over 23 grams of suspected cocaine, 2

grams of fentanyl, 40 Xanax bars and approximately \$1500 in cash," the FCPD said in a press release. [Read more from FFXNow.](#)

Pet Adoption Corner

Meet Gator

Gator is a 4-year-old tan and white pup weighing 49 pounds, with a **friendly and easygoing personality** that makes him a joy to be around. Gator is **confident, social** and **loves spending time with people**, soaking up attention and affection whenever he can! This sweet boy **enjoys walks** and exploring his surroundings. Gator would thrive in a home that can offer him companionship, consistent routine and plenty of opportunities for **gentle exercise and mental enrichment**. With his sweet demeanor and adaptable nature, Gator is ready to become a loyal and loving member of the right family!



Gator is currently available at the **Lorton Campus**. If you would like to **meet him or any of the adoptable pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter**, visit during open hours! For more info on the adoption process, including requirements and fees, [click here.](#)

Pets & Community Meeting Recording

In coordination with our office, **Fairfax County Animal Services** held a Pets & Community Meeting on Wednesday, April 29. The meeting covered **information** about:

- Fairfax County Animal Services & Basic Pet Care
- Common Situations and Shared Spaces

- Animal Noise
- Leash Law 41.1-2-4
- Dangerous Dogs
- Wildlife Response
- Rabies Overview
- Q&A with residents

If you experience/witness a dangerous animal attack, call the 911. To report **non-emergency situations**, call the non-emergency line, [703-691-2131](tel:703-691-2131). FCPD and FCAS are now separate entities but share the same dispatch number and system.

If you were unable to join us for the meeting, please find the **video recording below**.



Off-Leash Dogs & Animal Attack Reporting Guidelines in Fairfax County

Keeping pets and people safe is a **shared responsibility** that takes the entire community. By staying informed, following leash laws and **promptly reporting concerns or incidents**, residents play a critical role in **preventing harm** and supporting a safe, humane environment for both animals and neighbors. [Click here](#) for information about "Off-Leash Dogs & Animal Attack Reporting Guidelines in Fairfax County."

Connect With Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff (back row left to right): Volunteer Shirley Short, Supervisor Dan Storck, Ebadullah Ebadi, Christine Morin, Diego Rodriguez Cabrera (front row left to right) Cynthia Rosales, Cassidy Donaghy

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

Stop by and **visit the information tables** outside my office for **everything happening in the District.** From flyers for upcoming events, bike route maps, newspapers and much more, this center is **free** and **available 24/7!**

April 2026 Activities:

- Phone calls: 673
- Meetings: 261

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

MV Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lorton Office Hours

Staffed by appointment only.

- Call [703-780-7518](tel:703-780-7518) in advance to make an appointment at this location.

Second Saturday Each Month (Except July)

Lorton Library: 9 - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment



Update from Mount Vernon School Board Member Mateo Dunne

Please read my partner on the corridor **School Board Member (SBM) Mateo Dunne's** [latest newsletter](#) for an update on Fairfax County Public Schools.

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. **Open Mount Vernon District positions:**

Affordable Housing Advisory Council

Recognizing that housing is foundational for all, the purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, consistent with the One Fairfax initiative, regarding the implementation and achievement of the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan, County resource requirements identified in the annual Budget Guidance, any additional adopted affordable housing development or preservation guidance, as well as recommendations on overarching policies and programs that synthesize County efforts related to both housing affordability and homelessness.

Child Care Advisory Council

To advise the Board and the Office for Children on programs and policies related to child care.

Commission for Women

To promote the full equality of women and girls in Fairfax County.

Health Systems Agency Board

To improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services. Must be a healthcare provider.

Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

In accordance with Va. Code Sec. 51.5-47 to provide input to state and local agencies on service needs and priorities of persons with physical and sensory disabilities, to provide information and resource referral to local governments regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, and to provide such other assistance and advice to local governments as may be requested.

Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees

To be responsible for the general administration and proper operation of the Police Officers Retirement System.

[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 the [County website](#). You can

also check out the [County's Volunteer Management System](#) for information on these and other volunteer opportunities near you.

Community Links

Below are community links to **local groups, organizations, school news and more**. Click the links to **learn more** and sign up for their **newsletters**.

- [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations](#)
- [South County Federation](#)
- [South Fairfax Development Corporation](#)
- [South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Potomac Banks - Explore Fairfax South](#)
- [Fairfax County Public Schools News You Choose](#)
- [Ventures in Community \(VIC\)](#)
- [Workhouse Arts Center](#)

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Key Contacts

Adult Protective Services
(703) 324-7450, TTY 703-449-1186
Aging, Disability & Caregiver Resource Line
(703) 324-7948, TTY 711
Child Protective Services (24/7)
(703) 324-7400, TTY 703-222-9452
Domestic & Sexual Violence (24/7)
(703) 360-7273, TTY 711
Emergency & Basic Needs
(703) 222-0880, TTY 711
Emergency Mental Health (24/7)
(703) 573-5679, TTY 711
Fairfax County Emergency Information Line
(703) 817-7771, TTY 711
Fairfax Water Emergency Line

Fire Code-Related Questions
(703) 246-4849, TTY 711
Fraud Hotline
(703) 787-3243
Police Non-Emergency Line
(703) 691-2131
Roads: VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation)
1 (800) FOR-ROAD or 1 (800) 367-7623, TTY 711
Suicide Prevention (24/7)
Call: (703) 527-4077
Text: "CONNECT" to 85511
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board 24/7 Lines
Emergency Services: (703) 573-5679
Fairfax Detoxification Center: (703) 502-7000

(703) 698-5613

**Fairfax County Public Schools Family
Information - English Phone Line**

(703) 204-3941

Fairfax County Animal Shelter

(703) 324-0299

Fairfax County Public Library

(703) 324-3100, TTY 711

Office of Elections

(703) 222-0776, TTY 711

Fairfax County Health Department

(703) 246-2411, TTY 711

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck's 2nd Annual

SUMMER PALOOZA

Saturday
June 6

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane

FREE!

Petting Zoo Dog Friendly Exhibitors
Live Music Kids Zone Made in Fairfax
Environment Fun Food Bounce Houses
Touch-A-Truck

**COME OUT FOR A DAY OF FUN IN
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Visit our website

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