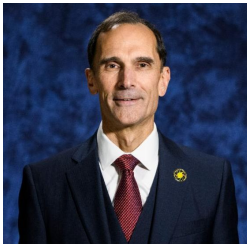


March 10, 2020



At Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's meeting the Board authorized the advertisement of **the FY 2021 County budget**, Capital Improvement Program, and the **real estate tax rates that are proposed to support the Proposed FY 2021 Budget**. The County Executive recommended a **3 cent increase in the current real estate tax rate** of \$1.15 to a rate of \$1.18 per \$100 of assessed value in FY 2021. Please note, this is **NOT the final tax rate**. The BOS has the option to **consider a lower tax rate**, but **cannot go higher** than the advertised \$1.18 per \$100. Of the 3 cent increase, **1 cent will go directly to increase affordable and workforce housing** in the County.

The Board received an update on the **Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)** from County Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu and Director of Epidemiology Dr. Benjamin Schwartz. The presentation emphasized the need for **preventative measures like hand washing and self-quarantining** if you are ill, just like any other influenza illness. It also noted the many resources and plans the County is putting in place to **prevent the spread of COVID-19** and to help if there is a community outbreak. Fairfax County will continue to be a **trusted source for information** throughout this situation, with **regular updates** posted to the [website](#). **Watch the presentation the Board received** for the latest information.

It was my privilege to **recognize Coach Gerry Pannoni and the South County Stallion football team** for winning the State championship and to make several declarations including designating **March as Women's History Month, Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month and Alternative Dispute Resolution Month**.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Storck'.

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

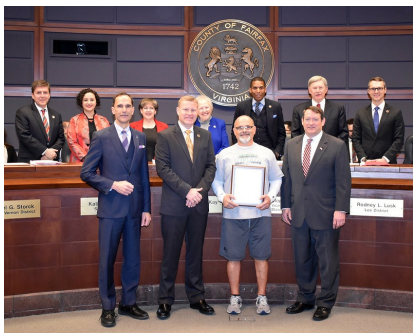
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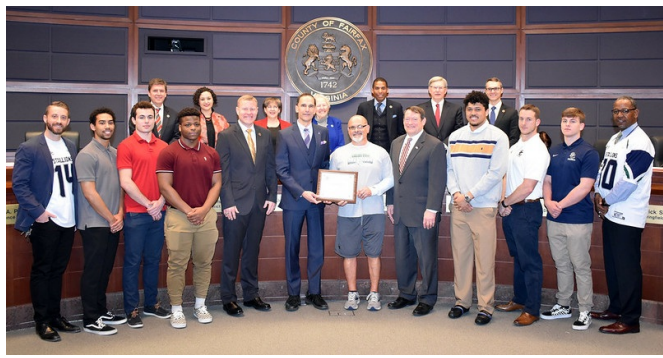
The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors March 10, 2020 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

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**The Board recognized and designated:**



**South County High School Varsity Football Coach Gerry Pannoni for 40 Years of Service**



**South County High School Varsity Football Team for Winning State Championship**



**March 2020 as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month**



**March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Month**



**March 2020 as Women's History Month**

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that **two Virginia residents in two different parts of the state have tested "presumptive positive"** for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These cases mark the fourth and fifth presumptive positive test results in the Commonwealth of Virginia. [See the press release for more information](#)

**Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu and Director of Epidemiology Dr. Benjamin Schwartz** provided an update on coronavirus (COVID-19) to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. Watch the recording below.



The County is **regularly updating and providing reliable information** on [its website](#). You can also **register to receive updates** by texting FFXCOVID to 888777 or [signing up by text/email](#).

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## Administrative Items

**Item 7:** Authorized the **Department of Neighborhood and Community Services** to apply for **grant funding in the amount of \$9,604,696**, to continue to provide services through the **County's Head Start and Early Head Start** programs to **658 children and their families**. *The full item can be read on pages 70 - 76 of the Board Package.*

**Item 8:** Authorized the **Department of Neighborhood and Community Services** to apply for **grant funding in the amount of \$1,024,212**, to provide services through the **County's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership and Expansion** programs to **56 infants and toddlers and their families**. *The full item can be read on pages 77 - 83 of the Board Package.*

**Item 9:** Authorized **advertising the publication** of the **FY 2021 Budget and required tax rates, the FY 2021 Effective Tax Rate increase** and **the advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021-2025** (with future fiscal years to 2030). *The full item can be read on pages 84 - 105 of the Board Package.*

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## Action Items

**Item 5:** Approved the **annual Disease Carrying Insects Program**. *The full item can be read on pages 225 - 279 of the Board Package.*

**Item 6:** Approved the **calendar year 2020 Forest Pest Management Program**. *The full item can be read on pages 280 - 439 of the Board Package.*

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## Consideration Items

**Item 1:** Approved the **resolution and bylaws** stating the purposes, membership and procedures of the **Young Adults Advisory Council**. *The full item can be read on pages 440 - 449 of the Board Package.*

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## Board Matters

### Ides of Bark Festival at Grist Mill Park

On **Sunday, March 29, 2020**, the Mount Vernon District and the Fairfax County Park Authority are hosting the **annual Ides of Bark Dog Festival from 1:00 – 4:00 pm** at Grist Mill Park. This year, participants will receive many treats from **local canine businesses**, watch demonstrations by the **Fairfax County Police Canine Unit**, learn **pet care and pet CPR** from pet technicians, and even have the opportunity to participate in a **canine obstacle course**. We have a **special guest host this year, 98.7 WMZQ**, who will play music and give out prizes to make for a really great day with our **furry, four legged friends**.

This **amazing community event** could not happen without the **incredible support** of the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire Department, local animal organizations and our wonderful vendors. **My sincerest appreciation** goes out to each of these groups and **I invite everyone to join us on March 29!** [View the flyer...](#)

**Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise and promote the Ides of Bark.*

## **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay**

As the Board is aware, construction on the **Country's first memorial dedicated to the courage of suffragists** and the Suffragist Movement is underway at Occoquan Regional Park...

...Previously, our **Board contributed \$200,000** as part of the FY 2018 Third Quarter Review. Although staff is still developing the **FY 2020 Third Quarter package**, which will come to the Board for advertisement on March 24, and which we'll discuss at an upcoming Budget Committee meeting on March 31, I wanted to **raise this funding concern** with the Board now and ensure staff is aware of the **need for additional funding** for this important memorial. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

**Action**

*Requested \$600,000 for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial be placed on the Board's Consideration Items list for potential Third Quarter funding.*

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## **Upcoming Land Use Cases**

### **Board of Supervisors Public Hearings**

**Mar. 24: McDonald's USA**, LLC PCA 87-V -064-03 & SEA 94-V -030. Amend proffers and conditions associated with RZ 87-V-064, request to **renovate and modernize an existing restaurant** with a drive through on **Richmond Highway in Lorton**.

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## **District Information & Upcoming Events**

**South County Site Specific Plan Amendment Task Force Meeting #1**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon Governmental Center**

Kick off meeting with **overview of all Mount Vernon nominations**. [Read more...](#)

**Community Conversation About the Proposed Fairfax County Strategic Plan**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7 p.m.**  
**Gum Springs Community Center**

**The County is proposing its first-ever countywide strategic plan** and we want to hear from you. **Join us to share your comments and ideas** about the proposed plan to help further **shape and identify the future of the County** together. [Read more...](#)

**Paul Springs Branch @ Sherwood Hall Stream Restoration Community Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.**  
**Whitman Middle School**

The community is invited to **learn about this stream restoration project**. [Read more...](#)

### **Census 2020**

Countdown to the **April 1 Census Day 2020!** Check your mail everyday for **your Census invitation!** It should arrive anytime after March 12. [Read more...](#)

### **Events:**

- Mar 14: [Child Safety Seat Inspections](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 14: [Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale](#) - 10 a.m.
- Mar 17: [SCSSPA Task Force Meeting #1](#) - 7 p.m.

- Mar 18: [DMV2GO at Sherwood Library](#) - 10 a.m.
- Mar 21: [Secure Document Shredding - Gerry Hyland Center](#) - 7 a.m.
- Mar 21: [Community Walk & Talk](#) - 9 a.m.
- Mar 21: [Staying Home: Making Smart Choices for Easy Living](#) - 9 a.m.
- Mar 21: [2020 Teen Job Fair - Mount Vernon](#) - 10 a.m.
- Mar 24: [Proposed County Strategic Plan Community Conversation](#) - 7 p.m.
- Mar 25: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) -7 p.m.
- Mar 26: [Paul Springs Stream Restoration Community Meeting](#) - 7 p.m.
- Mar 27: [FREE Tax Relief Workshops for Older Adults & People with Disabilities](#) - 10 a.m.
- Mar 29: [Ides of Bark Dog Festival](#) - 1 p.m.
- Mar 30: [DMV2GO at Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) - 9 a.m.

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## Application for the 2020 Student Representative to the School Board

Each year, in accordance with FCPS Policy 1802, **FCPS students have the opportunity to apply for the position of the student representative** to the School Board. The student representative is not a member of the School Board but **serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity, representing the interests of the students** of Fairfax County Public Schools. Students who are **currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 are eligible to apply**, and they do not need to be current members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC). **Applications are due March 24, 2020.** The application and related details can be found at [on the website](#).

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