## **March 2025**



#### Dear Neighbor,

Happy **Women's History Month** and **Irish American Heritage Month**! March is a time to honor the influential women who have **shaped our history** and made **profound contributions** to both our nation and community. It's also a season of new beginnings—longer days, signs of **spring popping** up all around us!

While the **treatment of our federal employees**, contractors and laws is deeply troubling, Team MVD and I continue to serve, **connecting you with resources**, answering your many questions and **supporting all our residents**.

For all you **dog and nature lovers** looking for our **usual spring events - Ides of Bark and Environment Expo**, we are doing something different this year. We invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our new and exciting **Summer Palooza on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** here at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Join us as we kick off summer with a **fun-filled day for kids, environmental enthusiasts, dog lovers, foodies** and more! Enjoy live music, explore local small businesses, and discover a variety of amazing vendors. More details to come!

As I close this letter, the **Hyland/Revere family** invites you to join them in a community celebration of former **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland's** remarkable and consequential life on **Friday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.**, at **Good Shepherd Catholic Church** (8710 Mount Vernon Highway). A brief service will be followed by a reception, where everyone can enjoy food, refreshments, mingle and reminisce.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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



#### **JOIN US ON JUNE 7!**

#### In this Newsletter:

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#### 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)
- Team MVD Resource Guide (English/Spanish)

### **Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Events**

- Things to do this March in Fairfax County
- Channel 16 March Program Guide
- Sherwood Regional Library March Events and Programs
- Mar 18: Board of Supervisors Meeting (Public Comment) 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 18: Public Hearing on the Proposed Revisions to the Workforce Dwelling Unit Administrative Policy Guidelines 4:30 p.m.
- Mar 19: Bridges to Success 10 a.m.
- Mar 19: Virtual Public Meeting for Parks Count! 2026 Parks Needs Assessment 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 21: Lorton Animal Shelter Vaccine and Microchip Clinic 9 a.m.
- Mar 22: Friends of Dyke Marsh Cleanup 10 a.m.
- Mar 22: In-Person Workshop for Parks Count! 2026 Parks Needs Assessment 10 a.m.
- Mar 22: Big Book Sale at Kingstowne Library 10 a.m.
- Mar 22: Personal Safety Lecture at West Springfield District Station 10 a.m.
- Mar 24: DMV Connect at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 26: MVCCA General Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- Mar 29: Free Shredding Event at Christ Church 9 a.m.
- Mar 29: Help Control Invasive Plants at Dyke Marsh 10 a.m.
- Mar 29: Woodlawn Little League 60th Anniversary 10:30 a.m.
- Apr 2: Summer Camp Registration Opens for NCS Therapeutic Recreation Services

# **Celebrating Our Community**

#### **Get Alarmed Initiative**

Team MVD partnered with Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, CERT, Neighborhood and Community Services and United Community to continue our Get Alarmed initiative for our mobile home communities. On February 22, we installed **185 smoke alarms** making **59 homes safer.** This collaborative effort **improves fire safety** and strengthens community resilience, ensuring residents are **better protected** and informed with prevention, safety and resource information.









## **The Cut Butchery Ribbon Cutting**

We celebrated the ribbon cutting of The Cut (2403 Mt Vernon Ave.) on February 21 with the **Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce**. This beautiful new **European-style butcher** shop in Hollin Hall is serving up **farm-to-table beef**, pork, poultry, lamb and **seafood** and even offers a selection of charcuterie, spices, **fresh produce**, wine and cheese.

### F45 Training Grand Opening

Since the opening of **Liberty Market** we have been filling the space with new stores, and I'm pleased to welcome F45 Training (9900 Power House Rd.) to the **Lorton community.** We celebrated the Grand Opening of the **training center** on March 8 with the **Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce**. Each workout class is **45 minutes** with options for **cardio**, **resistance**, **hybrid and recovery**.



# Land Use & Economic Development



### **Propel Your Innovation: Fairfax Founders Fund Applications Open March 17**

Fairfax County announced the next application round for the Fairfax Founders Fund (FFF), a program designed to fuel innovation and business growth, will be open from March 17 through April 21. FFF provides selected early-stage startups with up to \$50,000

**in funding capital** to help start-ups develop their business and prepare for later stage investment. The program seeks **early stage**, **high-growth trajectory companies** who can demonstrate their company has **innovative technology**, a path to commercialization, a **clear market opportunity** and development milestones. Learn more.

#### **Local Business Survey**

Fairfax County values our **local business community**. We invite you to take a **short and confidential survey** to help Fairfax County assess the **impact of federal policies on businesses like yours**. Your

insights are invaluable and help shape informed responses. All feedback is confidential and will only be reported in aggregate. The survey will take only a **few minutes** to complete. **Fairfax County Business Pulse Survey** 

### **From Fed to Founder**

Introducing Fairfax CORE's from Fed to Founder, a brand-new resource hub specifically designed for transitioning federal workers who are considering starting their own businesses. This hub is a comprehensive source for former government employees who want to start or grow their businesses! It will be dynamic and will be continually updated to add opportunities and information that will be interesting and informative to our federal constituents.

# **Transportation**

#### School Bus Safety Program: Rollout of 50 Stop-Arm Safety Cameras

Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools are **enhancing student safety** by installing **stop-arm cameras** on **50 school buses** (during the initial rollout) across the County to catch drivers who are **illegally passing stopped buses**. A **30-day warning period** starts **April 9**, with **\$250 fines** issued for violations **beginning May 12**. Learn more. Watch the video that explains how the cameras work.





#### **NEW Active Transportation Newsletter**

This February Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) launched the inaugural issue of the new Active Transportation Newsletter. This monthly

newsletter will provide updates on the **latest projects**, events and initiatives that make walking, rolling and biking safer, greener and more accessible for everyone. Subscribe now.

# Health, Housing & Human Services



#### Help End Period Poverty - Donate to Our Menstrual Product Drive

Access to menstrual products is a **basic necessity**, yet many individuals in our community struggle to afford them. **Period poverty** causes **unnecessary disruptions** in daily life, school and work. Please join the **Board of Supervisors** and various **County agencies** through **March 31** in supporting our local shelters and nonprofits by donating **new** and **sealed packages** of **tampons**, **pads**, **liners** and **menstrual cups**. Donations can be dropped in the **designated bin** outside my office, 2511 Parkers Lane. Learn more.

### **Celebrate Social Work Month**

March is Social Work Month – a time to **recognize**, **appreciate** and **celebrate** the **important job** of social workers. Department of Family Services' social workers are on the **forefront of pressing issues** facing our nation, including providing services to our **aging population**, treating people affected by an **ongoing opioid addiction crisis** and helping people find **affordable housing** and **adequate health care**. Learn more.



### Public Hearing on the Proposed Revisions to the Workforce Dwelling Unit Administrative Policy Guidelines

On **Tuesday**, **March 18**, **at 4:30 p.m.** the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Board Auditorium to consider **proposed revisions** to the **Workforce Dwelling Unit (WDU) Administrative Guidelines**. The Administrative Guidelines provide information on the implementation of the **County's WDU Policy** and address issues such as the **integration of WDUs within a housing development**; technical requirements; WDU sale, **resale** and **rental requirements** and more. The proposed revisions to the Administrative Guidelines incorporate the **recently adopted WDU Policy changes** and would **replace the current guidelines**. More details are available on the Staff Report for the Proposed Revisions to the WDU Administrative Policy Guidelines. Learn more.



# People Living with Disabilities are at an Increased Risk of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can impact anyone. But the challenges people living with **disabilities** and **experiencing domestic violence** face can be **atypical.** It's important to know the **specific challenges** they face, why it's important to understand their experiences and **ways to help**. Learn more.

# Now Hiring! Join the Neighborhood and Community Services, Therapeutic Recreation Team!

# **Public Safety**

#### **New Apparatus at Woodlawn Fire Station 24**

A new tower was placed in service on March 7 at the Woodlawn Fire Station 24. This is an important new addition to our community to help keep us all safer. To operate the tower, it requires staffing of 4 people minimum every day for a 24-hour shift. The vehicle is a 2024 Pierce Velocity 100' Aerial Platform and cost \$1,554,535, including communications equipment.





#### **Protect Your EBT Card from Scams**

Securing your SNAP benefits is not just an extra step – it's a necessity. The Virginia Department of Social Services has launched a new lock/unlock security feature to help protect your SNAP benefits from theft. The ConnectEBT app (available for free on app stores) is the only app that gives you the power to lock your card after each purchase, protecting your funds from scammers and helping to ensure that your benefits are at your fingertips when you need them most. Learn more.

### **No Room for Error: Tips for Year-Round Motorcycle Riding**

**Motorcycles** offer **freedom** and **excitement**, but they also come with **unique responsibilities**. Whether you're riding on two wheels or driving on four, **safety is a shared responsibility**. Crashes often happen when riders push beyond their limits or when drivers fail to see motorcycles. The Fairfax County Police Department encourages all



motorcyclists to stay vigilant and offers tips to help keep everyone safe on the road. Learn more.

## Keep Your Money Safe This Tax Season

Tax season is here and while you may be preparing to **file your returns**, **scammers** are busy trying to **steal your personal information** and **money**. The Fairfax County Police Department urges you to **be aware** of the **various tax scams** circulating this time of year. By understanding what to look for, you can protect yourself from becoming a target.

Tax scams to be aware of:

- The "Too Good to Be True" Deals
- Threatening Calls or Texts
- Suspicious Website Links

Learn more.

# **Parks & Environment**



## Sustain Fairfax - Join the Challenge!

**Are you worried about climate change?** If so, **you're not alone**. In fact, your Fairfax County friends and neighbors are too!

There are **many solutions** to climate change, and everyday actions can make a big difference. Discover easy, everyday actions that make a big impact on the environment and your community with the **Sustain Fairfax Challenge.** The **interactive platform** allows you to **take climate action** and stay accountable by exploring a **curated selection** of **activities** tailored to your **household**. You can **track** 

**your impact** and progress over time, and even find a wealth of **resources** from **rebates** to **how-to guides**. Join the Challenge TODAY!

Listen to the most recent **EnviroPod** episode featuring John Silcox, Public Information Officer from the Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, discussing **Sustain Fairfax.** Listen now.

### Help Shape the Future of Fairfax County Parks

The Fairfax County Park Authority is launching the **Parks Count! 2026 Parks Needs Assessment** to evaluate park and recreation needs across the County. We want to hear from you! Your feedback will help **guide improvements** to **amenities, facilities** and **programs** for the next **five years**. **Residents can participate in the following ways:** 

- Virtual Public Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- In-Person Workshop Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. noon at Franconia Rec Center (featuring hands-on activities, a nature walk and more)
- 2026 Needs Assessment Survey Launching soon, with an online option open to all residents.



Visit the Parks Count! Our Parks, Our Future webpage for the **latest updates**, to **register** for the upcoming events and to learn more about **participating** in the 2026 Needs Assessment survey. For **questions**, contact parkscount@publicinput.com. Learn more.



### **Dogue Creek to Undergo Improvements to Protect and Preserve the Stream Corridor**

As a part of ongoing efforts to **improve** the **water quality** in **Dogue Creek**, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has **purchased three parcels of land** at **8800 Richmond Highway**. The County is funding the land acquisition with a **\$2.8 million** Virginia Community Preparedness Fund (CFPF) **grant** and the Stormwater Service District Fund. This is part of a **multi**-

**decade effort** to **preserve sensitive floodplain** and resource protection area. Learn more and read my quote in the press release.

### **Native Seedling Sale**

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting its **Annual Native Seedling Sale Program**! Two packages are available featuring **shrubs** and **trees** that were specially selected because of their **value to wildlife**. They are a bargain at **\$20 per package** (6 seedlings per package). The **first package** includes two of each of the following species: American Beautyberry, Possumhaw Holly and Sweetbay Magnolia. The **second package** includes two each of Black Chokeberry, Smooth Sumac and Eastern Redbud. Learn more.

### **Invasives Yard Watch**

Did you know that **non-native plants** on your property can have a **negative impact** on **wildlife**, **soil** and/or **other plants** in your yard? One such plant is **nandina**, also known as **sacred bamboo** or **heavenly bamboo**. It is a flowering shrub with **brightly colored pink leaves** in the spring, pinkishwhite flowers in early summer and **vibrant red foliage** in the fall. In the **cold months**, nandina stands out in the **muted landscape** with its bright red cluster of berries that last to the end of winter. Read more.



# **In the News**



### Alice's Kids Funds Six Proms for Students Affected by LA Fires, Announced by Steve Carell

Alice's Kids, a Mount Vernon based non-profit and longtime supporter, Steve Carell, announced on March 4 that the charity will pay approximately **\$175,000** for Altadena seniors to attend their school prom. The donation sends more than 800 students to an annual, right-of-passage dance that may have been overlooked after the Eaton Fire raged through the community. Read more from Alice's Kids.

### **Gum Springs Park to Get Splash Pad for Summer Fun**

The Fairfax County Park Authority plans to **replace** the **baby pool** at **Martin Luther King Jr. Park** in Gum Springs with a **splash pad**, just in time for **summer 2025** swim season beginning Memorial Day weekend. Read more from On the MoVe.





## Stunning Stitchery Stars at Woodlawn

Stitchery is both artistry and therapy, say needle arts practitioners, who called themselves "needlers." Diane Clark says that stitching "is **excellent** for one's **mental health**. It's **calming and relaxing**." Dennis Yeatts credits his years of stitching with helping him **recover** from a **serious injury** and his wife's passing. In **eight rooms**, Woodlawn's mansion is displaying **600 stitched pieces** from **33 states** and **three countries** at their annual

needlework show, continuing until March 31. Read more from the Mount Vernon Gazette.

#### Lorton Workhouse CEO Dreams Big

Keith Gordon, head of the Workhouse Arts Center, relished playing sports growing up. He likens them to the arts. "Sports bring different people into a room together — people who have no reason to be together," he says. "Sports are powerful motivators." Arts, music and drama also bring disparate people together, he maintains. While driving by the Workhouse on his way to baseball games with his son, Gordon used to ponder the 55-acre property and its potential. Last summer, he became the



center's **president** and **chief executive officer**. He sees the center as **"a diamond in the rough, a story waiting to be told."** Read more from On the MoVe.

# **Community Information**



#### FREE Drive-Through Shred Event Saturday, March 29, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Christ Church Parking Lot, 7600 Ox Road

The Move With Marion Real Estate Team is partnering with Universal Title and Christ Church to host a **free paper shredding event** with a limit of **4 boxes per car.** The team is **collecting nonperishable food** 

donations for the Rising Hope United Methodist Church food pantry. Learn more.

#### **Woodlawn Little League Opening Ceremony and 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. McNaughton Field Park, 5320 Pole Road

Woodlawn Little League has been rounding the bases for **60 years**! Join them for the **grand opening** of the new **bathrooms and concession stand** as they kick off the 60th year in Mount Vernon community. Learn more.





## **ArtsFairfax Operating Support Grant Applications**

ArtsFairfax Operating Support advances the arts in Fairfax County by **supporting the goals** and **objectives** of arts organizations, helping them maintain and develop their **programs, services** and **facilities**. Operating Support Grants are awarded annually to arts organizations of all disciplines. **Small Organizations** with budgets under \$100,000 are able to request **up to 25%** of general operating expenses up to \$15,000; **Medium/Large Organizations** with budgets over \$100,000 may request **15%** of general operating expenses up to \$60,000. Apply by March 28.

# Learn About Beavers and Co-Existing With Them on Your Property

Beavers are an established part of **native wildlife** and offer **many benefits**, but may be seen as a nuisance if found on your property. Learn **tips** for **co-exisiting with them** when you find them too close to home. Learn more.



## John Hudson Summer Internship Program Accepting Applications

The **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** established a **summer internship program** for **college students** and recent graduates with **disabilities**. The John Hudson Internship Program provides participants with **on-the-job experience**, **professional development** and **training opportunities** by working in a Fairfax County Government office. Applications are **due April 11**. Learn more.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

#### **AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship**

 Scholarship money available! The AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship, sponsored by AIR Communities in partnership with the National Leased Housing Association, is accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year, through Friday, April 14 at 5 p.m. This scholarship is available to eligible students living in, or coming from, affordable housing who demonstrate both merit and need. Graduating high school seniors and current undergraduates pursuing a degree are encouraged to apply. Learn more,

#### Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship

 Chamber Business Scholarships are intended for students planning to pursue an education in business, whether in the trades or professional services. Applications must be received by Monday, April 28. To be eligible, students must live in Mount Vernon, Franconia, Springfield or Braddock Districts or go to school at one of the high schools in these Districts. Students must complete a written or online application and all information must be provided for the application to be considered. Learn more.

#### Liberty Tree Scholarship Sponsored by the Colonial Mount Vernon Republican Women

The Liberty Tree Scholarship sponsored by the Colonial Mount Vernon Republican Women is a great opportunity for high school seniors in the Mount Vernon District. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a 2025 graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has been accepted at a four-year accredited academic institution and is a resident of the Mount Vernon or Franconia Districts. Applications are due by Monday, April 29 at 11:59 p.m. Learn more.

#### 4 More Things to Know

- 1. Emergency Alert from Virginia Health Officials Investigating Potential Measles Exposure
- 2. Health and Safety Podcast: Pet Preparedness, Fairfax Alerts, Flu and More
- 3. Don't Buy it, Borrow It! Library's Free Resources Support Sustainability
- 4. Northern Virginia Community College: Meeting Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Needs

# **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 County Task Force
- South Fairfax Development Corporation
- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
- Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce
- Fairfax County Public Schools News You Choose
- Ventures in Community (VIC)

# **Pet Adoption Corner**

#### Meet Cali Jingle Bell

Cali is a carefree and **sweet young adult dog** seeking a loving home! She is a big gal weighing in at **74lbs**. She was brought to the shelter as a **stray** when her **family did not come to claim her**. She has been **friendly** with all the shelter staff and volunteers she meets! One of the dog walking volunteers said, "Cali is such a **sweetheart** (and so soft)!! She was a **little scared** walking through the **kennel area**, with all the dogs barking at her, but she loosened up out in the dog run. She found a **jolly ball** and a **tennis ball** and just turned into a big **blockheaded happy puppy**! She knows fetch and is learning to drop the ball for another ball. She's such a **cute**, **sweet**, **high-energy pup**". Cali walks well on a **leash** and enjoys playing with **squeaky toys** and **rope toys**. Because they do not know much about her history of socialization with other dogs, it is **highly** 



**recommend** any **household dogs** be brought to the shelter to **meet Cali** and make sure she is a good fit for your pack. Sound like the sweet and goofy dog you are looking for? **Meet and adopt Cali today!** 

Cali is currently available at the **Lorton Campus.** If you would like to **meet her 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.

# **Important Safety Information**



#### **Code Compliance Corner: Contractor's Offices and Shops**

Fairfax County needs **plumbers, electricians, general contractors, landscapers, arborists** and **similar trades** or **service providers** to ensure that our homes, offices and industrial properties are **well maintained**. These types of service providers are considered "**contractor's offices and shops''** under the Zoning Ordinance. A contractor's office and shop is allowed in the C-8, Commercial District; the I-3, I-4, I-5, and I-6 Industrial Districts; and, in the PTC, Planned Tysons Corner Urban District.

Contractor's offices and shops are also **subject to the general standards** for all **commercial** and **industrial use**, as well as **additional use-specific standards**. For example, outdoor storage of commercial equipment, vehicles, materials and supplies is a common feature of this use and is regulated as follows.

- In the I-3 and I-4 Districts, outdoor storage may not exceed 2,000 square feet in area;
- In the C-8 District, outdoor storage may not exceed 1,000 square feet in area; and
- In **all districts** where the use is permitted, **outdoor storage** cannot be located in **any front yard**, and must be contained within an area enclosed by a solid fence or wall of at least six feet in height.

If the contractor only needs a space to **store their vehicles** and **equipment**, and there are **no onsite business functions**, the use is likely considered a **storage yard** rather than a **contractor's office and shop**. Storage yards are permitted in the I-3, I-4, I-5, and I-6 Districts.

It is important to remember that establishing a use **requires County approval** of a **nonresidential use permit** (certificate of occupancy), site plan and/or construction permits. Plan ahead. Learn more.

**DCC is here to help** – if you have questions, want to **make a report** or if you are the **subject of enforcement**, you can report problems online, learn about what happens during an investigation, reach DCC via email, phone (703-324-1300 / TTY 711) or **visit in person** at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 1016, Fairfax.

### **Emergency Preparedness on a Budget: 5 Low-Cost Ways to Build Your Supplies Kit**

Emergencies can happen anytime, and a **basic emergency kit** can make all the **difference**. Fortunately, you don't need to spend much to prepare. By using what you already have, **gathering free supplies** and **planning ahead**, you can build a kit over time to **keep you** and your **loved ones healthy and safe**. Learn more.

# **Team MVD**



Mount Vernon District Staff (front row left to right): Cassidy Donaghy, Camela Speer, Maddie Alvarado, (back row left to right) Diego Rodriguez Cabrera, Peyton Smith, Supervisor Dan Storck, Christine Morin and Volunteer Shirley Short

**Whether you need** a free notary, voter information, Mosquito Dunks or you would like to reserve meeting space in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center -- **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!** 

#### February 2025 Activities:

- Phone calls: 984
- Meetings: 352

#### **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**

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

# Second Saturday Each Month (Except August)

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

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

To act 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.

#### 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.

#### Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Citizen Advisory Council

To advise and cooperate with the court upon all matters affecting the working of the law and other laws relating to children, their care and protection and to domestic relations.

Wetlands Board

The board shall preserve and prevent the despoliation and destruction of wetlands within its jurisdiction while accommodating necessary economic development in a manner consistent with wetlands preservation. The objectives and procedures of the Fairfax County Wetlands Board (the Board or the Wetlands Board) are those set forth in Title 28.2, Chapter 13 of the Code of Virginia, (Virginia State Wetlands Act) and in Chapter 116 of the Code of Fairfax County (Wetlands Zoning Ordinance).

There are several **At-Large positions** available as of February 2025 on County BACs.

- A. Heath Onthank Memorial Award Selection Committee
- Advisory Social Services Board
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Representative)
- Airports Advisory Committee
- Architectural Review Board
- Athletic Council (Diversity-At-Large Principal & Women's Sports Alternate Representative)
- Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee
- Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals (Alternates & Design Professionals)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate
- Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, Board of Directors
- Council for Economic Opportunity (CEO)
- Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee
- Child Care Advisory Council
- Civil Service Commission
- Consumer Protection Commission
- Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Environmental Quality Advisory Council
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Health Systems Agency Board
- History Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Industrial Development Authority
- Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Small Business Commission
- Young Adults Advisory Committee
- Veterans and Military Families Commission

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.

# **Quick Links**

About Supervisor Storck District Staff District Accomplishments District Representatives Boards, Authorities and Commissions Mount Vernon Advisor Archives Emergency Management Preparedness District Videos

# **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** (703) 698-5613 **Fairfax County Public Schools Family Information - English Phone Line** (703) 204-3941 **Fairfax County Animal Shelter** (703) 324-0299

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