

To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From : Dan Storck, Supervisor  
Mount Vernon District

Subject: BOARD MATTERS for April 4, 2017

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

**1. The Ides of Bark – A Howling Success!**

## **1. The Second Ides of Bark – A Howling Success!**

### ***Background***

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, more than three hundred dogs and one thousand of their human companions attended the Second Ides of Bark event at Grist Mill Park in the Mount Vernon District. The Ides of Bark is a dog festival that my predecessor started with hopes that his successor would one day continue the tradition. As someone who appreciates the joy that a dog can bring, and understanding the importance of community gatherings, we celebrated the return of the Ides of Bark.

This year, participants received many treats from local canine businesses, watched demonstrations by the Fairfax County Police Canine Unit, learned pet care and pet CPR from pet technicians, and even had the opportunity to participate in a canine obstacle course. This amazing event could not have happened without the incredible support of the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, Department of Tax Administration, Channel 16, local dog park groups and our wonderful vendors.

Channel 16 Around Fairfax will air Ides of Bark daily at:

- 12:00 am
- 7:30 am
- 12:00 pm
- 7:30 pm

My sincerest appreciation goes out to everyone and I encourage other Board members to do the same in their district.