



Mount Vernon Advisor



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Mount Vernon District's Newsletter, the Mount Vernon Advisor. I am truly thankful and humbled by the opportunity to continue my public service as your new Mount Vernon District Supervisor. I am also thankful for Gerry's almost 40 years of community service and the indelible improvements that he has brought to Mount Vernon. My office staff and I have hit the ground running working to make Mount Vernon an even better place to live! My priorities for this first year are to better fund and support our schools, quicken the pace of Richmond Highway's revitalization, increase jobs and economic opportunities, improve our roads and provide more transit options, ensure our public safety, expand and update our parks and improve our environment and so much more.

My team and I have collaborated to develop standards to be the most responsive, transparent and informative office we can be. These include responding to your communications within a day, advising you of the person working to address your issue or concern and resolving it as soon as possible. My very first [Board Matter](#) was about improving community engagement by:

- Expand the county's News Center with more information that is easily accessible and customizable
- Provide audio and video streaming of Board of Supervisors committee meetings
- Pushing for legislation that allows for videoconferencing of Board, Authority and Committee meetings
- Posting meeting agendas, handouts and materials sooner for the public to see and weigh in on

My office is always available as your first phone call to access county services or to answer your questions about local government. Soon, I will hire a new Communications Director and Staff Aide to help me engage with you and be more responsive.

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck
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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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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. - Noon
MV Dist. Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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January 12th – First Meeting of the 2016 Board of Supervisors

2016 Lines of Business

Fairfax County is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of its nearly 400 Lines of Business (LOBs) as a part of the multi-year planning initiative. The first phase of this process will culminate in the Winter/Spring of 2016 with discussion by the Board and the community about the priorities of the County in the context of the LOBs. See the [September 11, 2015 LOBs Presentation to the Board](#).

Additional Lines of Business Resource Documents: [LOBs Documents](#) / [Citizen's Guide](#) / [Memorandum / Revenue Book](#) If you have a key word or phrase, you can enter it to search all of the 2016 LOBs documents.

SAVE THE DATE
for
Mount Vernon's 29th Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, February 27, 2016
7:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Walt Whitman Intermediate School

Help Feed Fairfax Families By Stuffing the Bus

Shelves are full at holidays, but after the New Year “giving fatigue” sets in and most pantries’ supply run dangerously low. To help fill the need, Fairfax County runs “Stuff the Bus”, a food pantry giving program that partners with nonprofits, grocery stores and MV transportation to restock depleted shelves.

Stuff the Bus runs from Martin Luther King weekend through Presidents Day at fourteen local grocery stores, including Giant, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, and Walmart. Volunteers for local nonprofit food pantries will be on hand at each store to collect donated food from local shoppers. The food is then placed in an MV Transportation FASTER bus, and when it’s full, the bus delivers the food to the food pantry. In 2015 more than 30,000 meals worth of food was collected and distributed through the food pantry network.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus/>

Transportation: Get Ready for the Snow

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for removing snow and ice from the thousands of miles of public roads (interstate, primary and secondary) in Fairfax County.

Clearing is done on a priority basis, with interstates and high volume roads cleared first. Public roadways can typically be identified by a route number sign posted at street intersections. Once the most heavily traveled roads and emergency routes are adequately clear, snow crews move to less-traveled roads and subdivisions.

VDOTplows.org shows the status of plowing in northern Virginia neighborhoods. Once it snows more than two inches, Fairfax residents can enter their address and a color-coded map shows whether plowing is underway, completed or not yet started in their neighborhood.

- See the status of plowing in northern Virginia neighborhoods: www.vdotplows.org
- Report unplowed roads to novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov or 1-800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623)
- Get more snow information at www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow
- For real-time traffic updates and road conditions, call 511, follow [@511northernva](https://twitter.com/511northernva), use the [511app](#) or visit www.511virginia.org;
- Visit www.VirginiaDOT.org for news and road conditions.

Election Officers Needed!

Fairfax County needs Election Officers for upcoming elections. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. You may choose to accept the \$175 stipend for a full day, or volunteer your time.

View the “Being an Election Officer” Video on YouTube and listen to the “Need for Election Officers” Podcast on [SoundCloud](#)

For more information, visit the Office of Elections website or call 703-324-4735, TTY 711.

Recycling and Trash Events

The 2016 shredding event schedule was announced today.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/news/residential-document-shredding-event-schedule-announced.htm>

The 2016 schedule of business hazardous waste disposal events is available, too.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/news/fairfax-county-expands-program.htm>

This link has information about household hazardous waste disposal for both residents and businesses.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/we-want-your-household-hazardous-waste/>

Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill

On a crisp morning on December 7, 2015, members from the community, County, businesses, and over 100 others came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill culminating over fourteen years of planning. This property was once the 18th century home of William Lindsey, later became the D.C. Department of Corrections facility at Lorton, and will now transform into a 21st century community with shopping and dining options, as well as new residential development that includes single family homes, townhouses, and apartments. Liberty Crest will acknowledge the site's past while making the community a sought after place to live for its bucolic setting, park amenities, nearby schools and access to the arts

at the
Workhouse Arts
Center, as well
as restaurants
and other amenities within walking distance.

The community has an opportunity to provide feedback on types of commercial development on the site via a survey until January 21. I encourage everyone to please take a few moments to help shape this project:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/libertycrest>

For more information, visit

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/final-piece-of-the-puzzle-from-lorton-prison-to-laurel-hill/>



Congressman Gerry Connolly and Supervisor Dan Storck at the Liberty Crest Groundbreaking

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Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill Groundbreaking

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New Noise Ordinance Takes Effect February 17th

There's a new noise ordinance on the books that will silence things like loud late night parties and early morning leaf blowing. The regulations will become law on Feb. 17, 2016.

While the code is new, the regulation of noise isn't. We had very similar rules in place before, but they had to be rewritten as a result of a Virginia Supreme Court decision. The rules also follow the principle that noise should be limited at night but allowed during the day.

The new law prohibits noises during specific hours, including:

- Using a loudspeaker or amplifier between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- Making noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home with the doors and windows closed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, or between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a federal holiday.
- Operating power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers: (a) between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. when operating the equipment within 100 yards of a dwelling; or (b) between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. when operating the equipment 100 yards or more from a dwelling; or (c) between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. for golf course maintenance when operating the equipment 50 yards or more from a dwelling; or (d) between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. for golf course maintenance when operating the equipment less than 50 yards from a dwelling. However, on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Collecting trash or recycling within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Loading or unloading trucks outside within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Using dog parks Monday through Friday before 7 a.m. or after dusk or before 8 a.m. or after dusk on Saturday, Sunday or the day before a federal holiday.
- Barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. when it can be heard inside a home with its doors and windows closed, or if these sounds can be heard 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. for more than five minutes consecutively or non-consecutively during a 10-minute period.
- Noise from athletic fields is permitted between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, or between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Friday, Saturday or the day before a Federal holiday. However, loudspeaker use remains prohibited between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The new noise law also sets maximum decibel levels for residential, mixed use, commercial and industrial areas.

Some noises are excluded from regulation, including generators used in emergencies, snow removal, cars on the road, Metro trains and police or fire sirens.

For complaints, here's who to contact:

- During daytime hours (Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 9:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.), you should contact the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711.
- At night, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

To enforce the law, the county may seek civil and criminal penalties against violators, as well as court orders to prohibit current and future noise. Civil penalties start at \$250, rising to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Criminal convictions would be a misdemeanor.

Why Is There a New Ordinance?

We undertook an overhaul of noise rules due to a Virginia Supreme Court ruling. The court ruled against the City of Virginia Beach's nuisance noise provisions. Their rules based enforcement on a subjective, "reasonable person" standard, instead of decibel measurements. Because Fairfax, along with other Virginia governments, used similar criteria, the county rewrote its law.

For more information or details on the new rules, visit the [Department of Planning and Zoning's Noise Ordinance Amendment web pages](#) or call 703-324-1314, TTY 711.

NewsCenter

The Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs recently created and launched a new news site — NewsCenter — to serve as the primary hub for community focused, relevant and actionable news and information. NewsCenter <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news>

I want YOU for a Board, Authority or Commission!

Help serve your community by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve the Mount Vernon District and Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

- [A. Heath Onthank Award Selection Committee](#)
- [Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation](#)
- [Child Care Advisory Council](#)
- [Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board](#) – Must be a Single Family Home Builder
- [Fairfax Area Disability Services Board](#)
- [Library Board](#)

To submit your resume for consideration:

- Fax to 703-780-1491 OR
- E-mail to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov OR
- Mail to 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon, VA 22306-3273

Please be certain that your resume contains your street address, work and home telephone numbers, and an E-mail address, if available.

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