



Mount Vernon Advisor
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Dear Neighbors,

September has arrived. As warm weather lingers, it's back to school and back to business in Fairfax County. Since January, our office has been engaged with you in the community. To provide some perspective, here are estimates of the calls, meetings, and events our office has been involved in:

- 3,081 fielded phone calls
- Attended more than 250 meetings
- Nearly 100 constituent meetings

Hosted events

- Annual Town Hall meeting
- 2 Board, Authorities and Commissions (BAC) overviews
- Doughnuts and coffee with Mount Vernon Police
- 2 Legislators Roundtables
- Zika Town Hall
- Deer Management Forum
- Pokémon GO at the Workhouse

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Going forward, we will provide you with a monthly tally to keep you abreast of the scope and volume of things that come into our office.

I held a community discussion with Police Chief Edwin Roessler on September 19, from 7:00-8:30 pm, at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Approximately 60 residents attended for dialogue and engagement. This was an opportunity for the community to hear more about the ad hoc police practices review commission and their recommendations regarding use of force, citizen oversight, diversity & vetting, mental health, and communication and the Board's implementation of those recommendations to date. The Board of Supervisors, at their September 20th Board meeting, will be considering the establishment of an independent police auditor.

Thanks to Police Chief Roessler, Major Richard Perez, Captain Shawn Martin, other officers' and a host of community residents who participated.

Before the first frost and the autumn leaves appear, I encourage you to get involved with your community! Whether you partake in community showcases and events, attend community meetings and forums, or participate in the vast array of recreational, cultural and historical activities - Mount Vernon has something for everyone! Each and every community resident plays a valuable role in the growth and vitality of Mount Vernon. Here are a few upcoming opportunities for community engagement and interaction in the Mount Vernon District.

- Join the **Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital** as they showcase the best in our community and celebrate the hospital's 40th Anniversary on **Saturday, September 24**, from 11 am-3 pm, rain or shine, at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Food, Fun and Entertainment for all - including LIVE on-stage music and a Kid's Zone with climbing walls, moon bounces and more! Details at <http://www.celebrationmvl.org/> or on Facebook at @mtvernonleechamber.
- Join me and my staff for an **Open House** on **Monday, September 26**, from 5:30-7:30 pm, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon. See the new Mount Vernon District office, community highlights and more! Light refreshments and snacks will be served. [View the invitation here.](#)
- Original Mount Vernon High School (**OMVHS**) **ribbon-cutting ceremony** is slated for Saturday, October 1st at 10:30 am for the opening of the new Teen Recreation Center. Learn more about the project at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/original-mount-vernon-hs/>
- Mark your calendars for **Tour de' Mount Vernon**, encompassing physical activity, scenic routes and history. This first-ever event is planned for **November 2016**.
- Also, don't forget that personal property taxes are due on October 5. For more information, go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta> or contact the Department of Tax Administration at 703-222-6740.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

Stay Connected:

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703-780-7518 (TTY 711) 703-780-1491 (fax)
mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am - 5 pm Thursday: 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Second Saturday Each Month. Lorton Library: 9 am - Noon
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Walk-ins and by appointment

Aircraft Noise Update

To help address growing concerns about aircraft noise from airplanes departing Reagan Washington National



Airport (DCA) off of runway 19 to the south, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) Airport Noise Working Group, on August 11, 2016, approved a recommendation for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to:

"Modify flight paths and make other modifications, including possible waypoint adjustments, along south flow departure routes from Reagan National Airport with the goal of maximizing the time aircraft spend flying directly over the Potomac River and minimizing the time aircraft spend flying over land in communities south of the airport, especially residential neighborhoods, as a way to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise.

The Working Group will continue its dialog with the FAA, the airlines and the Airports Authority on flight paths and other pertinent operating characteristics related to aircraft noise. The Working Group further recommends relocating the turning point for aircraft heading west off the river farther south along the Potomac River to minimize flight over residential areas and at a location where aircraft have reached the highest practical altitudes, consistent with the FAA's study of operational considerations.

The Working Group further recommends that the FAA engage in outreach to communities that could be impacted by modifications in flight paths or procedures resulting from this recommendation."

The process for the FAA to complete the development, test, evaluation, coordination and implementation of a new south flow departure procedure could take between 12-18 months, from the date the FAA initiates the project work. Periodic updates will be provided at the monthly Working Group Meetings and forwarded by our Mount Vernon District representative for inclusion in subsequent newsletters.

The MWAA Airport Noise Working Group also approved a recommendation for MWAA to contract a study to develop new average Day Night Level (DNL) noise contour maps. The last noise study for DCA was completed 15 years ago, well before any other new flight procedures were put into place.

New Noise Contour maps that show noise contours from 65 decibels (dB) to 50 dB in 5 dB increments would be very beneficial and could be completed in 3-4 months' and funded through DCA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funds.

New noise contour maps would:

1. Provide new noise maps based on the new satellite based flight procedures against a fleet mix that has substantially changed since the study was last completed.
2. Enable a comparison between current departure and approach procedures and new procedures being considered for both DCA north and south flow operations.

3. Help determine the optimum flight procedure that minimizes noise exposure to affected communities.

4. Document and help pinpoint noise complaints and locations within and outside of the noise contours, which can be used to determine acceptable noise tolerance levels and,

5. Help FAA make better decisions about flight procedure adjustments that minimize noise exposure.

MWAA is considering the recommendation and will make a decision as to whether it intends to contract the study. For more info:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/mwaa-airport-noise-report.htm>

Mike Rioux

Fairfax County Mount Vernon District Rep to MWAA Airport Noise WG

Help Mike and our efforts to get MWAA and the FAA to reduce aircraft noise and better track violations. We need you to weigh-in. Contact them today!

Absentee Voting Begins September 23



Absentee Voting begins on September 23 in Fairfax County. There are **[19 valid reasons to vote absentee](#)** in Virginia, including having a disability and being a caregiver. Check the Virginia Department of Elections [list](#) to see if you are eligible to vote absentee in Virginia. If you wish to vote by mail, you may [click here](#) to apply for your absentee ballot online. For general information about voting, please [click here](#). See below to view the days and hours in-person absentee voting will be available at the Mount Vernon Government Center Satellite location.

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

Saturday Schedule

(November 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person) October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 9 am to 5 pm

Weekday Schedule

(Monday through Friday) October 17 to November 4
2 pm to 8 pm

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline
- Nov. 1: Deadline to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- Nov. 5: Final Day, In-Person Absentee Voting
- Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

In addition to the Presidential and Congressional elections on November 8, other key questions on the ballot are [Proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments](#), several Fairfax County [Bond Referendums](#), and a question asking voters to decide if Fairfax County should have a [Meals Tax](#) to help support schools and local services. If passed, 70% of Meals Tax revenue would be dedicated to the Fairfax County Public School system, while the remaining 30% would go towards local capital improvements and property tax relief. [More information...](#)

Serve as an Election Officer! Officers are paid \$175 for working a full Election Day, and it's a great opportunity to get involved with core democracy. Learn more and apply to be an Elections Officer at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm

Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy



Applications are now being accepted for the next Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy class that will start soon. If you would like to attend, please go to the County website and fill out the CFRA application: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa/#citizens_fire_rescue

The Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy (CFRA) is designed for adults to learn more about how the fire department is organized and operates. The CFRA is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Classes meet Thursday evenings for nine consecutive weeks, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning September 22, 2016 and ending November 17, 2016. Each session, participants learn about a different aspect of the fire department, ranging from fire suppression, emergency medical services, hiring and training firefighters to special rescue operations. Participants will also spend time at fire stations, training academy, Public Safety Headquarters, and at the 911 dispatch center. For more information please contact Battalion Chief Willie Bailey, willie.bailey@fairfaxcounty.gov or at fire.CFRA@fairfaxcounty.gov



got the dot?
YELLOW DOT PROGRAM
IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

On September 12, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department launched its newest

public safety initiative, the Yellow Dot Program. This free program is designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during the "golden hour" after a vehicle crash or emergency. Participants place a Yellow Dot decal in their vehicle's rear window to alert first responders to check the vehicle's glove compartment for vital medical information. [The fire and rescue blog has the scoop.](#)

Mt. Vernon District Community Resiliency



Calling all community engagers to be part of local disaster recovery. Come together to meet your neighbors and learn about community resiliency through an educational Seminar and hands on Tabletop Exercise. No organization is too small to answer the call.

Together we can build a more resilient community!

Admission is FREE! Dinner included!

Seminar: October 13, 2016
6:00—8:30pm

Exercise: November 3, 2016
6:00—8:30pm

Bethlehem Baptist Church
7836 Fordson Rd,
Alexandria, VA 22306

Register now :
mtvernonresiliency.eventbrite.com



For more information contact
Maria Bernadzikowski
at 703-246-3553 or
emergency@volunteerfairfax.org



Funding for this program is provided by a United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Urban Areas Security Initiative grant to better enhance community resiliency.

National Emergency Preparedness Month

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month. Serving as a call to action to prepare now and throughout the year for the types of emergencies that could affect us where

DON'T WAIT.

COMMUNICATE.

**MAKE YOUR
EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2016

we live, work and visit.

The theme for this year's National Preparedness Month is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

Don't hesitate to get started. Make a plan with your family and friends for how you will stay safe and communicate in the event of an emergency or disaster. Download the "Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids" at <http://bit.ly/1cCG7mD>

For more information:
www.ready.gov/September

Get the Social Media Tool Kit in Spanish:

<https://www.ready.gov/es/septiembre>

Weekly preparedness [video](#)

Stay Connected:

Emergency Information

- Fairfax County on YouTube: www.youtube.com/fairfaxcountygov
- Fairfax County on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fairfaxcounty
- Fairfax County on Twitter: www.twitter.com/fairfaxcounty
- Emergency Information Blog: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog
- Fairfax County Government Radio: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/radio
- Fairfax County Emergency Alerts: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts

9/11 Heroes Run/Walk 5k



Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2nd Annual [9/11 Heroes Run - Alexandria VA](#) on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at 9:00 am (opening ceremony at 8:30 am) at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428

Fort Hunt Rd. We had 1,067 registered runners and 893 who ran the 5K! That's 63 more registered than last year and about 50 more than ran last year. I finished fourth in my age group - and will start training - setting a new goal to perhaps medal in next year's competition. We look forward to next year's 9/11 Heroes Run!

The Travis Manion Foundation is named for Travis Manion, a Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant who grew up until age ten in the Mount Vernon/Fort Hunt/Alexandria area, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, was known for his leadership, character and courage and lived by the motto, "If Not Me, Then Who ...". Travis was killed in Iraq in 2007, while bravely assisting two of his fellow Marines to safety during an ambush.

Race Director, Jim O'Farrell, and his team of volunteers spend countless hours to pull this community event together. Special thanks to him and the many runners, walkers, volunteers, sponsors and spectators! [#911HeroesRun](#) The Mission of the 9/11 Heroes Run Alexandria is to "execute an annual community event that brings together the Fort Hunt neighborhoods to remember and honor those who serve and protect."

- www.travismanion.org
- alexandria@911heroesrun.org
- Alexandria Heroes Run Facebook page:
http://www.travismanion.org/tmf_911run_race/911-heroes-run-alexandria/
- To register, sponsor, and/or volunteer:
http://www.travismanion.org/tmf_911run_race/911-heroes-run-alexandria/
- Jim O'Farrell, Race Director - 571-283-1871, jofarrell@amsgcorp.net
- See the video from the 1st Annual Alexandria 9/11 Heroes Run:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+y4Ztn5RRrCM>



Hundreds gear-up for this year's Alexandria 9/11 Heroes Run.



Supervisor Storck and Senator Scott Surovell



Team Mount Vernon crosses the finish line!



Team Mount Vernon at the 9/11 Heroes Run post-race program.

Back to School Hair Cutz



On August 30, it was a pleasure to attend the public safety hair cutz event as kids got ready to return to school in Fairfax County! Many thanks to the [Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department](#) and all others who contributed to this terrific event at the Gum Springs Community Center.

Back to School Nights are in full swing and provide families an opportunity to meet the teachers, review the syllabus, and discover the 2016-2017 school-year

programs and schedule.

FCPS Back-to-School Nights 2016-17: [Region 3](#) or [Region 4](#)

Check out Fairfax County Public School's new website: <https://www.fcps.edu/>

Mount Vernon/Lee Showcase

Celebration!
Mount Vernon and Lee celebrating the 40th Anniversary
of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

SEPTEMBER 24
11 am to 3 pm

**Music - Food
Community Showcase**

MOUNT VERNON * LEE
Chamber
OF COMMERCE
Connecting Business and Community

40
1976 - 2016
Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

ExpressLanes
Andrews
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
SOUTHERN
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Wolf Trap First Time Camping Trip for Kids - Oct 7 and 8



Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts is sponsoring a campout for 5th & 6th grade boys and girls, within Fairfax County and yonder. Friday is a Teacher Workday, so students can spend their days off in the great outdoors learning camping essentials and participating in activities to include archery, fly fishing, hiking, tent pitching, bird watching, learning fire safety skills, outdoor cooking, performing camp fire skits, roasting s'mores

and more!

For more information or to register for this fun enrichment program, please visit <http://fowt.info/campers> Email: firsttimecampers@gmail.com

Representative past participating schools and organizations include the Mount Vernon district. [View the flyer here.](#)

Switch to Paper Bags for Yard Waste this Fall



“Using plastic bags for collecting yard waste is no longer a sustainable approach. We simply cannot afford to use plastic if we want to protect our planet.”



CHRISTINE MCCOY
Recycling Outreach and Education



Plastic Is Not Fantastic!

**You are cordially invited to the Opening Ceremony for the
Original Mount Vernon High School Reuse Project
Phase 1: Re-opening of the Teen Center Gymnasium**



**Saturday, October 1st at 10:30 a.m.
8333 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309**

GAME ON!



For reasonable ADA accommodations or to request this information in an alternate format, contact Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 703-324-5800. For more information please call Heather Diez at 703-324-5813 or <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/original-mount-vernon-hs/>



Serve Your Community! Vacancies on Boards, Authorities and Commissions

The Board of Supervisors has several boards, authorities, commissions, and committees that provide an excellent opportunity for civic education and engagement. Each Board member has a representative on the committees. Current vacancies for the Mount Vernon District are:

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board
- Airports Advisory Committee
- Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee
- Child Care Advisory Council
- Community Action Advisory Board

- Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving
- Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees

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 Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs.

Metro SafeTrack Update

SafeTrack Surge #9 is Underway, Impacting Orange Line Customers for 42 Days



Beginning Thursday, Sept. 15, through Wednesday, Oct. 26, Metrorail's Orange Line trains will continuously single track between Vienna and West Falls Church Metrorail Stations during weekdays and complete station shut-downs will affect travelers during weekends. This is the longest of all Metro SafeTrack Surges. Residents, visitors and others who travel via Metrorail and on any of the major corridors within Fairfax County including I-66, I-495, Dulles Toll Road, and I-95,

will be impacted by the track work. To continue to reduce the potential for gridlock, Fairfax County is urging commuters to telework and use flexible work schedules whenever possible, and encouraging the use of alternate ways to commute that do not involve driving alone.

Additional information can be found [online](#), visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/safetrack and a [YouTube video](#) can also be viewed to learn more.

Pokémon GO at the Workhouse

The Pokémon Go event at the [Workhouse Arts Center](#) on August 31 was a wonderful community event. Special thanks to the Workhouse, Fairfax County Police Department and [Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department](#) for their support.

Pokémon enthusiasts toured the Workhouse Art Galleries, learned Pokémon Trainers safety tips, and enjoyed free ice cream. This was a collaborative effort with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and Workhouse Arts Center. Congratulations to our raffle winners!



Event Highlights:

- Fairfax County Police provided Pokémon Trainers safety tips at the Crime Prevention Tent
- Fairfax County Fire Department was on site with a ladder and fire truck!

- Toured 12 art galleries at the Workhouse Arts Center, visited with local artists, and viewed the exciting new exhibit "Clay International" in building W-16

For more information, see the [Workhouse Events Calendar](#) or [view the flyer](#). Learn more about the Mount Vernon District here. Watch the Pokémon GO [safety video](#), created by the FCPD. Like Supervisor Storck on Facebook: [Click Here](#)



Pokémon GO participants search for Pokémon stickers!



Supervisor Storck and his staff help support Pokémon safety trainers tips at the Workhouse.

**2016 Workhouse Arts Center Gala
October 1**

<http://www.workhousearts.org/gala/>