



Mount Vernon Advisor
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Dear Neighbors,

Happy 2017 to the fine residents of the Mount Vernon magisterial district.

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge some of our 2016

accomplishments to include:

- Building a responsive Mount Vernon District Team with new communication tools and increased outreach
- Initiating a Legislative Roundtable with District elected representatives
- Initiating District County Boards, Authorities and Commissions appointees' Guidance and Expectations and an annual meeting
- Approving FY 2017 Balanced Budget, fully funding schools
- Increasing Police communications, transparency and civilian oversight
- Initiating spot improvements for district roads and trails
- Actively engaged thousands of residents with responses within two business days
- Hosting nearly a dozen Mount Vernon District events, most of them new

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Some projects to highlight for 2016 include the Re-Opening of the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) Teen Gymnasium, the Lorton VRE Park-and-Ride Expansion Project, and continued progress on the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Embark projects. Mount Vernon's wonderful parks and historical sites, diversity and culture make it an ideal community to live, play, work and thrive. A personal highlight was the inaugural Tour de Mount Vernon ride. Thanks to everyone who joined me on December 31st for a 50 mile round-trip bike ride along the GWP trail to Mount Vernon Estate and ultimately ending at the Workhouse Arts Center.

Looking ahead to our 2017 Goals, we are working hard to make sure that we accomplish:

- Increasing Connections between you, your community and your local government
- Balancing a low-growth FY2018 Budget
- Public Safety changes implemented and hiring new police officers
- Land Use improvements continuing with major housing, highways and trail projects
- Increasing Health, Human and other County Services availability at area government centers in the district
- An environment that is more protected with less airplane noise
- Hospitality & Tourism initiatives increasing awareness of our scenic beauty, history & livability

Please visit www.FairfaxCounty.gov/MountVernon to learn more about your community and tune into our upcoming Ides of Bark for dog lovers, Walk MVD for nature enthusiasts, Taste of Mount Vernon for foodies, Music Nights for music enthusiasts and more later this year! And **#ConnectMVD** while you're enjoying these events. AND most importantly THIS SATURDAY

Please join me for the 30th annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Mount Vernon High School. It is a great honor and privilege to represent the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Together, let's make 2017 a great one!

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

Save The Date:
2017 Town Meeting
Saturday, February 4, 2017
7:45am-12:00pm EST

<p>2016 Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone calls: more than 6,800• Meetings: attended more than 1,200• Hosted meetings: nearly 500  <p>Mount Vernon District Staff</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Office Hours Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am - 5 pm Thursday: 8:30 am - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Second Saturday Each Month. Lorton Library: 9 am - 11:30 am MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Walk-ins and by appointment</p> <p>  </p>
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DMV Connect



The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is coming to the Mount Vernon District, 2511 Parkers Lane, Room 3, Alexandria, VA 22306.

**Monday, February 6th- Thursday, February 9th
9 AM - 4 PM**

**Monday, May 1st- Thursday, May 4th
9 AM - 4 PM**

DMV Connect is DMV's newest service outreach program. DMV has five Connect teams located throughout the Commonwealth. Services provided will include drivers' licenses, vehicle registrations, vehicle titles, disabled parking placards, identification cards (adult, child, veteran), and much more!

For more details, please see the attached flyer [here](#). You can also visit the DMV website at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_connect.asp

Bock Farm Community Meeting



On January 26, Supervisor Dan Storck hosted a community presentation about the proposed changes being considered for Bock Farm, located at 2405 Parkers Lane. The meeting was held in the Lecture Hall at Walt Whitman Middle School.

The initial Bock Farm application to rezone and develop about 40% of the farm's 11.4 acres, with no zoning changes to the remaining 60%, was considered by area groups during the first half of 2016. A Fairfax County Planning Commission public hearing was held on July 13, 2016 where the application passed unanimously. The Board of Supervisors public hearing was held on Sept 20, 2016, after which Supervisor Storck ultimately deferred a decision on the original application until February 14, 2017, to provide more time to respond to community concerns and consider other options. Since the September meeting, Supervisor Storck has held several meetings with area residents, the Bock family and the developer Joe Francone to answer questions and identify other potential options. Three options are being discussed:

1. Proceed with the original application for senior 55+ age community proposal with four, four-story buildings with 128 units;
2. Senior 55+ age community proposal modified with lower building heights and approximately 5-10 fewer units; or
3. Townhomes with 35-40 units, not age restricted.

While these options are being discussed, no decisions have been made or will be until the Board of Supervisors consideration on **February 14**.

If you were unable to attend, meeting summary information and opinion survey may be picked-up at our office, mailed, emailed or available on our website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>. Please complete the survey by **February 7, 2017**.

Mount Vernon District 30th Annual Town Meeting



Exhibit Hall, Mount Vernon District Town Meeting

Supervisor Storck will host the 30th Annual Mount Vernon District Town Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2017, 7:45 am to 12:00 pm at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309.

Speakers include Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, County Executive Ed Long, Mount Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett-Sanders, and Colonel Angela Holbrook, Garrison Commander, Fort Belvoir.

As part of the town meeting, Supervisor Storck will take guests on a "virtual tour" of the changes in the district over the past year.

The Town Meeting begins with a wide array of displays and exhibits in the school cafeteria at 7:45 a.m., and it is a great opportunity to mingle with other Mount Vernon residents. The Town Meeting program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Mount Vernon District Office at 703-780-7518, TTY 711, or send your questions/comments to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Hope to see you there!

Code Compliance and Outdoor Storage

With the leaves off of the trees, you may start to notice construction materials, appliances, tires, equipment, furniture, tarp and canvas covered items, or other random outdoor storage items on properties near your home.



Article 10-102 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance regulates the **size and location** of outdoor storage. If items are excessive or located improperly on the lot, the Department of Code Compliance can issue a *Notice of Violation* to have items removed. [Learn more...](#)

Supervisor Storck in the Community

Tour de Mount Vernon



Inaugural Tour de Mount Vernon Participants

Thanks to the dozens of cyclists who came out on New Year's Eve for the inaugural "Tour de Mount Vernon" bike ride. The informal bike ride began at Belle Haven Park on the George Washington Parkway (GWP). The 25 mile one-way or 50 mile round-trip ride follows the GWP trail to Mount Vernon Estate and continues on ultimately ending at the Workhouse Arts Center.

Supervisor Storck organized and led the first Tour de Mount Vernon magisterial cross-district spanning bike ride, while highlighting many of our district assets - the GW Parkway, Mount Vernon Estate, Grist Mill, Woodlawn, Fort Belvoir, the Cross County Trail and the Workhouse Arts Center.

Supervisor Storck, a cycling and outdoors enthusiast, was encouraged by the turnout and intends to use this first Tour de Mount Vernon as a learning experience for engaging more of the community and scheduling similar rides in the future.

Stuff the Bus



Supervisor Storck joins organizers of Stuff the Bus initiative on January 14 at Mount Vernon Plaza Shoppers, 7660 Richmond Highway.

Families helping feed families in Mount Vernon!

As holiday decorations come down and cold winter months settle in, many people continue to go hungry in our community. For many local, non-profit food pantries, this is the time of year where there is a substantial decrease in donations. To address this need, you can help "Stuff the Bus" with non-perishable food items from Jan. 14 to Feb. 20, 2017. Canned meats, soups, cereal, granola bars, macaroni and cheese and PB&J are especially appreciated. Fastran buses staffed by MV Transportation personnel will park at a various locations to collect your donations. Donation hours are from 9:30am to 4:30pm. View locations [here](#). Your help in assisting local families throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

This collaborative program, now in its seventh year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local Grocery Stores and non-profits to restock the shelves.

Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary



This year, we will celebrate the [275th Anniversary of Fairfax County](#). A number of exciting events are being planned throughout the year to celebrate this exciting milestone. In particular, please mark your calendars for a June 17th history event on the grounds of the Historic Fairfax Courthouse at Main Street and Rt. 123. Join the conversation and stay connected on Facebook [@Fairfax275](#).

Click [here](#) for a list of upcoming February events.

Watch Fairfax County's 275th Commemoration videos on YouTube:



Fairfax 275 Celebration - Weights and Measures



Fairfax County Virginia - A 275th Anniversary
Timeline

Snow Day Preparedness



Winter weather is here! Last January, our region was blanketed with a blizzard and over 20 inches of snow. With winter comes colder weather and the greater probability of snow. Here is some helpful information if and when we encounter some snow this winter season:

- Find out where the plows are in your neighborhood [here](#).
- Real-time updates on road conditions and traffic incidents [here](#).
- Report a [road problem](#).
- Report a [power outage](#).
- Find out who maintains your road. View the maintenance map [here](#).
- Listen to County Conversation Podcast: [Winter Preparedness Tips](#).
- See the [Fairfax County Winter Weather Guide](#) here.

Don't forget about the **Snow Day Camp for Kids** program through the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Snow Day Camp program runs from November 1 until March 31. There are four RECenter locations in the County (Lee District, Audrey Moore, Oak Marr, and Spring Hill). Kids ages 6-10 can enjoy sports, arts and crafts and swimming from 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Snow Day Camp is \$65 a day per child. Now it's easier for parents to not miss work and still get quality care for their kids. Learn more information on the initiative [here](#), or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/snowdaycamp.htm

[Snow Day Camp](#)

Legislative Town Halls

Due to the Presidential Inauguration, the Legislative Town Halls have been moved to Saturday, February 11.

Mount Vernon Legislative Town Hall - Saturday, FEBRUARY 11, 9:00am-11:00am
Walt Whitman Middle School

2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306 ([Map](#))

Hosted by: **Senator Adam Ebbin, Senator Scott Surovell, and Delegate Paul Krizek**

Lee District Legislative Town Hall - Saturday, FEBRUARY 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Hayfield Elementary School

7633 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315 ([Map](#))

Hosted by: **Senator George Barker, Senator Scott Surovell, and Delegate Mark Sickles**

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:

- **Advisory Social Services Board**
Monitor the formulation and implementation of social welfare programs
- **Athletic Council**
Advise the Board on allocation, use, management and future planning of County athletic resources
- **Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee**
Reviews nominee applications and selects the recipient of the Award
- **Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving**
To inform the Board appropriately about drinking and driving related conditions which impact public safety and mobility
- **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

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, or learn more on the county website [here](#).

Land Use Community Council

Chairman Bulova Seeks Applicants for New Land Use Community Council

Beginning in February, Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, will be convening a Community Council tasked with identifying ways to enhance and improve community engagement during the process of planning and land development in Fairfax County. Council meetings will begin with a review of planning and zoning as it evolved from the early years of the county to the present. It will conclude with the adoption of a slate of recommendations for how the County can best involve interested and/or affected residents

when land use changes are being considered.

The Community Council will meet on approximately four or five Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. No previous experience with land use issues is required. Individuals with a background in communications or interest in community issues are also welcome. Chairman Bulova is looking for one or two individuals from each district. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Supervisor Storck's office at 703-780-7518 or reply by email to Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The new [Customer Information Center \(CIC\)](#) on the first floor of the Herrity Building opened last fall with the purpose of streamlining the customer experience with easier, faster navigation and providing people with consistent guidance on our land use processes. The Development Services Customer Information Center provides a centralized location for customers to meet with Department of Planning and Zoning and Land Development Services staff members who can help them navigate the county's land development process.

If you need help navigating the land use development process at Fairfax County, please do not hesitate to contact the CIC. The Engineer of the Day and two Planner of the Days are available to answer your questions on a first come, first served basis.

12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 111
Fairfax, VA 22035
Hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

Next CERT Training Class Announced



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), is a FREE training program that prepares residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community.

CERT BASIC TRAINING CLASS (121) at the Fire and Rescue Academy

March 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2017. Mondays and Wednesdays.

This training class follows the FEMA curriculum, and is tailored to local disasters and hazards. Educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Emphasis on hands-on skill development and Fairfax County protocols and procedures. Instructor will provide syllabus with class schedule at first session. This training does not require any special physical strength or agility. You must attend all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

Learn more:

<https://ffxfireandrescue.wordpress.com/2017/01/12/next-community-emergency-response-team-training-class-announced/>



GrandInvolve-- Changing the World --One Child at a Time

We Need You! Join us in GrandInvolve- a program which facilitates volunteer opportunities in Fairfax County's Title I schools. GrandInvolve recruits 50+ adult volunteers who are interested in mentoring, providing reading and math tutoring, as well as assisting in the classroom. We are currently seeking a core group of community volunteers for the GrandInvolve Steering Committee in the Mount Vernon District. Tasks include developing timelines, establishing goals and objectives, networking in the community, and developing community partnerships.

Interested? Please Contact: GrandInvolve@gmail.com or Allison.Miessler@fairfaxcounty.gov
Listen to [GrandInvolve Podcast](#).



Fairfax County Podcasts

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/podcasts

Workhouse Arts Center

[Cabaret Series: And The Award Goes To...](#)
February 18 @ 8:00 pm
[W-16, Vulcan Muse](#), 9518 Workhouse Way
Lorton, VA, 22079 + [Google Map](#)





Workhouse Cabaret Series And The Award Goes To... It's almost time to hand out those coveted gold statuettes to the stars of Hollywood! This month, our cabaret becomes a virtual awards show ceremony! Our vocalists will perform the best music from the movies, to include award-winning songs, those that were nominated plus audience favorites that didn't get the recognition they deserved! In the spirit of the upcoming awards, our vocalists will present and accept our own version of the trophy...[Find out more:](#)

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