



Mount Vernon Advisor
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February 2017



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Dear Neighbors,

February is one of my favorite months as we honor our presidents with Presidents' Day, particularly recognizing our most beloved presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and pay tribute to the historically under-

recognized contributions of African Americans as we celebrate Black History Month.

Two land use cases were decided unanimously at our February 14 Board of Supervisors meeting. Thirty-five years after Fairfax County acquired a failing trailer park, [North Hill](#) is a step closer with the approval of these zoning changes to becoming an affordable, mixed-use community of families, seniors, work-force and market-rate housing. While a key financing hurdle later this year remains, North Hill's 35 acre innovative 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 land use design for a public park, 175 market rate for sale townhomes and 279 affordable and work force apartments (60 dedicated to seniors) have been winning wide praise in and outside our community.

For the **Bock Farm** application, the Board supported my decision to not accept the original proposal and refer the matter back to the Planning Commission, enabling the property owner to modify and more expeditiously and less expensively resubmit a revised application. It is anticipated that the applicant will submit one of the other two options recently presented for either a modified 55+ senior independent living community or family townhomes. Any resubmission would require Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors' public hearings and approval by the Board.

Other **highlights from the Feb. 14, 2017, Board of Supervisors meeting** include:

- [County Executive proposed the FY 2018 budget](#)
- Thanks to Fairfax County staff for participating in the [30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting](#)
- Thanks to Chief Richard Bowers, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Team, and DPWES for their immediate and exemplary response to the [fire event at Covanta's Lorton waste-to-energy facility](#) and their continued efforts to protect our community.

Please join me for the Ides of Bark on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Grist Mill Park. This is the ultimate event for dog lovers! There will be games, prizes, food, vendors and health assessments. You can also register your dog with Fairfax County. View the [flyer here](#). To visit the Ides of Bark webpage, click [here](#). Hope to see you there!

And finally, one of the County's greatest assets and strengths is our diversity where we

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welcome and celebrate one another's differences and backgrounds. Fairfax County has nurtured the [Communities of Trust Committee](#) and other connections to encourage community dialogue and build relationships between all residents. The recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Richmond Highway raid across from Rising Hope Church and Shelter is inconsistent with ICE policies and our values that churches are refuges. According to witnesses, men leaving the church's hypothermia center were questioned and detained. Members of our community should never feel singled out or targeted for where they live, how they look or talk. Congressman Beyer is hosting a "Know Your Rights Forum" on March 13. Join me there if you would like to know more. For more information visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/know-your-rights-tickets-31972672123?aff=erelexpmit>.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

Save The Date:
2017 Ides of Bark
(For Dog Lovers!)
Sunday, March 26, 2017
1:00am-5:00pm EST

<p>Jan. 2017 Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone calls: more than 1,450 • Meetings: attended more than 30 • Hosted meetings: nearly 40 <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p><i>Mount Vernon District Staff</i></p> </div>	<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> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">     </div>
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Bock Farm

On Feb. 14, Supervisor Storck made a decision to withdraw the current proposal before the board. The decision will permit the developer to modify and resubmit the application resulting in potential new public hearings.

Supervisor Storck's motion was a "referral back" to the planning



Bock Farm Community Meeting held in the lecture hall
Walt Whitman Middle School

commission to allow the applicant the opportunity to bring forward an updated proposal. The formal language is below:

Given the needed changes to the development plan, these changes will require a new public hearing before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. This action will not require the applicant to re-start the process but will require them to continue to work with staff and community on refinements to their concepts.

Remove applications PCA B-715, RZ 2015-MV-015 and SE 2015-MV-030 from the Board's current agenda and

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Section 18-204 of the Zoning Ordinance direct the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Zoning to prepare new notices for a new public hearing on an amended application and direct the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Clerk to the Board to prepare new notices for a new public hearing after Planning Commission action.

The motion was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors.

Background Information:

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 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.

The community meeting on Jan. 26 at Walt Whitman Middle School was recorded on Facebook Live and you can view the presentations and question and answer session on Supervisor Storck's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorDanStorck/>

Bock Farm Survey Results, click [here](#).

North Hill



The development plan for North Hill includes workforce and affordable housing that will be spread across five four-story buildings that front Richmond Highway. One of these five buildings will be dedicated for the 60 units of independent senior living. The 175 market-rate townhouses will be built along Dart Drive.

One of the development's focal points will be a public plaza at the corner of Richmond Highway and Dart Drive. It may include benches, plantings, lawn, fitness and other recreational equipment. The plaza also will be an important anchor for the future bus rapid transit station stop. To learn more, click [here](#)

Mount Vernon District 30th Annual Town Meeting



Thank you for attending the 30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Mount Vernon High School. There were over 300 residents in attendance and 63 exhibitors.

Speakers included Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, County Executive Ed Long, Mount Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett-Sanders, and Joe Richard, Director of Public Affairs, Fort Belvoir. Congressman Gerry Connolly and Congressman Don Beyer were guest speakers at the beginning of the program.

As part of the town meeting, Supervisor Storck provided a "virtual tour" of the Mount Vernon District. The three-dimensional flying tour featured current and upcoming changes to the Mount Vernon District over the past year.

If you missed the 30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting - we have you covered! Please check out several great photos from the event on Facebook @SupervisorDanStorck. <https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorDanStorck/>

Click the link below to watch the 2017 Mount Vernon Town Meeting video:
http://www.ebmcdn.net/fairfax/fairfax-county-viewer-cc.php?w=768&h=432&viewnode=mount_ernon_meeting_feb_17

[#ConnectMVD](#)

For more information to include copies of handouts distributed at the meeting, visit our website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/> or call the Mount Vernon District Office at 703-780-7518, TTY 711.

Send you questions/comments to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County Executive Presents Proposed FY 2018 Budget



County Executive Ed Long presented his proposed FY 2018 Budget and FY 2019 Multi-Year Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The proposed General Fund budget is \$4.10 billion, a \$77.2 million (or 1.9 percent) increase over the current FY 2017 budget. If you include other appropriated funds such as federal and state grants, the total budget is \$7.99 billion.

To learn more, visit the Fairfax County website at the link below.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/5-things-to-know-county-executive-proposes-4-10-billion-fy-2018-budget/>

Covanta Fairfax Fire



Fire at Covanta's Waste-to-Energy Facility - Feb. 2

On Thursday evening, Feb. 2, a fire at Covanta's Lorton waste-to-energy facility started as a one alarm fire and progressed throughout the event. Fire investigators determined that the fire originated on the tipping floor and extended to the holding pit of the facility. When contacted by staff, Supervisor Storck immediately went to the site and joined our fire and rescue crews and James Patteson and John Kellas from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. There were no reported civilian or fire fighter injuries.

As of Feb. 14, the fire at Covanta's waste-to-energy facility has been completely extinguished. Environmental monitoring is in progress by an independent testing company.

For updates on the Covanta incinerator fire, please visit the link below.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/.../updates-on-fire-at-waste-to.../>

[Frequently Asked Questions About the Feb. 2, 2017 Covanta Fairfax Fire](#)

[Energy Resource Recovery Facility page](#)

Visit Fairfax County Fire and Rescue on Twitter and Facebook.

<https://twitter.com/ffxfirerescue?lang=en>

https://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountyfirerescue/posts/?ref=page_internal

Provide Your Input Into Our County's Environmental Vision

On June 7, 2016, a process to update the Board of Supervisors Environmental Vision was launched. Following public outreach this past summer, a [draft update](#) of the Board's [Environmental Vision](#) has been produced and now **we need your feedback**.

Please complete an [online survey](#) on or before Monday, March 6. Survey results will be posted [online](#) after March 6.



Learn more: click [here](#), visit the [project's web page](#), or call 703-324-1788, TTY 711.

DMV Connect



The DMV is coming to YOU!

Delegate Paul Krizek (D-Mount Vernon) recently announced a deal to establish Sherwood Hall Library as a regular Mobile DMV location. Every third Wednesday of the month, Sherwood Hall Library

will alternate hosting a DMV office inside the building and mobile van.

For more information, visit [DMV Connect](#) and [DMV 2 GO](#). The two programs will provide full DMV service to the Route 1 area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every third Wednesday of each month, beginning **February 22**.

Mount Vernon - Lee Chamber Breakfast

On February 9, Supervisor Storck attended the [Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce](#) breakfast to take part in a decades-long tradition - the renewal of our community covenant with [Fort Belvoir](#). [#ConnectMVD](#)

The Chamber's February breakfast featured Colonel Angela Holbrook, Commander of Fort Belvoir. Mount Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett-Sanders also participated along with many Chamber and community members.



Community Leaders and area residents attend the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber Breakfast

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](#).

Local upcoming events are:

- [Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tours](#), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton VA 22079, Recurring monthly on the 1st Saturday. Admission is free.
- [Lecture: History of Fairfax County & George Washington's Mount Vernon](#), March 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. Admission is free.
- [Tributes at the Tomb at Mount Vernon](#), 12 p.m. (November-March); 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (April-October), George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121. Admission is free with regular Estate admission.

Click [here](#) for a list of February events. View historic maps and photos [here](#).

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqlgQ-NZcnE>

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
- **A. Heath Onthank Award Selection Committee**
To grant recognition for accomplishment of outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in County by merit system employees.
- **Childcare Advisory Council**
To advise the Board and the Office for Children on programs and policies related to child care.
- **Human Services**
To review human services needs and assess the effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to develop a more effective and efficient human services delivery system.

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](#).



The Board of Supervisors recognized Troy Marshall and Joe Kelly for their contributions to Fairfax County.

JOIN CONGRESSMAN DON BEYER FOR
A FORUM ON YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

MONDAY, MARCH 13 7:00-9:00PM
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
7836 FORDSON ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22306



Your civil rights: What are they? How do you exercise them? How do you protect them? What should you do if they've been violated?

Join Congressman Don Beyer on March 13th at 7PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church (7836 Fordson Road Alexandria, VA 22306) to learn more about your civil rights, protecting them, and protecting your neighbor's rights. View the flyer in English and Spanish [here](#).

Space is limited and registration is available on a first come, first served basis. To register, click [here](#) or contact Jocelyn Garay at 703-658-5403 or Jocelyn.Garay@mail.house.gov.

Real Estate Tax

Historical Highway



Learn more about what your real estate tax dollars pay for with this [new tool](#):

Real estate taxes account for almost 65 percent of the county's General Fund budget. That equals \$2.6 billion of the almost \$4.1 billion our current FY 2017 General Fund budget (adopted by the Board of Supervisors last year). The rest of the [General Fund Revenue](#) comes from the Personal Property (car) Tax, business taxes, sales tax, fees, etc.

This educational tool helps illustrate where tax dollars go to meet the [priorities set by the Board of Supervisors](#) and the community for county programs and services. Certain fees, including those for community centers, solid waste fees and service district fees, are not included in this simulation tool since they do not impact all taxpayers. Find out more [here](#)

Enjoy taking this online visual history map tour, which takes you to 48 historical highway markers in Fairfax County. The local story map includes each historical marker's name and text, a map of it's location, and images related to the maker. To view a full sized image, place your cursor over the image and select the double arrow in the upper right corner of the image. You can navigate by using the arrows to the left and right of the image or by clicking on any thumbnail image. There are several nearby markers, to include many in the Mount Vernon district. A few of them are the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS), Bethlehem Baptist Church, Hybla Valley Airport, Shiloh Baptist Church, Franconia, Carrolltown, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and more!

Once you've explored the vicinity of these nearby history gems online, you are encouraged to visit them in person! [View Map...](#)

Presenting:
Inova ACTIVE



A new community group for active people aged 60 and over

February Presentation



Hearts, Chocolate & You

Join us for fun, food and fellowship:

Chocolate Making! Decorate your own treats to take home; with the Inova Mount Vernon Food Services team

Hospital cardiologist, **Jason Morda, MD**, will lead the group in a discussion entitled: **"How to Keep a Heart Active"**

Wednesday, February 22

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
Engl Conference Center, 2nd Floor
2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

What is Inova ACTIVE?

ACTIVE means **Adult Community That Is Very Energetic**

Be part of this new monthly age 60+ community group who meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch and hear from medical professionals and community members, to help you stay energetic and active!

Cost: \$5

(cash or check only – payable at the door)

To Register:

Go to: www.aarp.org/ACTIVE
or call: 1-877-926-8300

Space is limited to the first 50 respondents; call today!



The Ides of Bark!
 Here's the ultimate event for you and your four-footed friend!

Sunday, March 26, 2017
 1-5 p.m.
 Admission is FREE!
 Grist Mill Park
 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria

**Games • Prizes • Food
 Fun • Vendors
 Health Assessments**

Demonstrations by the
Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit

Register your dog with Fairfax County.
 Fee is \$10 (Cash or check). Owners must show proof of a current rabies shot.



Supported by Mount Vernon District Supervisor
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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks
 Inclusion and ADA Support 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354.



Workhouse Arts Center

Collectors Showcase Art Lottery 2017



March 4 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join in the fun on March 4, 2017 for a thrilling art lottery event at the Workhouse Arts Center. The Collectors Showcase features an impressive range of artwork in different media and styles. Donated works include



paintings, drawings, photographs, wood, ceramics, and glass. There are pieces available for all tastes and decorating styles.

The evening also includes delicious appetizers; beer, wine, and cocktails; and live musical entertainment.

Find out more:

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